

# THE DREAM SCENE

## Newsletter

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Bienvenido to all and to Pat in Ireland - *Céad Míle Fáilte!*

July has certainly been a scorcher with temperatures in the shade peaking around the mid-30's. Although fires are rarely a problem in this area to date, 15 houses in the La Rioja urbanisation - Villamartin - had to be evacuated while the firefighters dealt with a fire in a *barranco* (ravine). Closer to home, Galadriel's in Via Park 3 had, unfortunately, a bad fire recently, caused by an electrical problem with a fryer, which badly damaged the kitchen. Fortunately no one was hurt. The neighbouring traders all joined in to help but special praise must go to Kiko, a fireman who lives opposite the bistro, who rushed in to cover and move the burning fryer. Kath and Rik should have their excellent eatery back in full swing in a couple of weeks. Do pop in and wish them well.

Now comes the other bad news that Dave and Ann from the Pasty Shack are closing on August 13. Dave & Ann, who have supported the Dream Scene since its inception, are professional caterers and have always put quality first. Anything you had at their diner said quality, from the humble sausage to Dave's own delicious New York Cheesecake and the paellas and various meats which he cooked on-site. They will be remaining in Spain to concentrate on other opportunities, so I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in the future.

The hot weather has also meant that the pools are now coming under greater pressure again. But what is baffling is that the pool-maintenance company in Dream Hills, who were due to be sacked last year because of their abysmal performance, are still being paid and are still not performing. In mid-July the water in the top pool turned green. The pool-people were called, said they had no chemicals on site and closed the pool for a day. They did not even check the pool filters which contained slugs, cockroaches etc. It takes more than eight to ten minutes to clean a pool and someone needs to get a firm grip on this situation! We do not want a repeat of last year's problems.

Congratulations to Ann & Phil Ball of Dream Hills 2 who held a charity event for the AECC in July which raised €37.

The Spanish air-traffic controllers have been carrying-out an unofficial work-to-rule which has resulted in many delays and cancellations. On any day there can be as many as a third of the controllers off sick. 66% of those ill and off work, even those that are taking sedation, are now being forced to return to work. Full strikes are now being planned. The government is organising crash training courses in the vital skills for selected members of the military, which is scarcely reassuring. Problems have been compounded by the French air-traffic controllers playing-up as well. Remember there is a General Strike scheduled for September 29 and once the holidays are over there will be further disruptions.

With the increase in population in our area, mainly transient, vandalism is also on the increase, hopefully temporarily. Dave, our hardworking handyman has informed me that a number of young trees around the pools have been pulled out by the roots and some cacti and an ornamental clay pot were destroyed close to the new phase. Then at 5 AM on the 30th, two nude Irishmen climbed over the fence and threw a mattress into the lower pool - surreal! Also toilet-rolls are being stolen from the La Casita toilet - 30 toilet rolls used in one week? Lets hope this is all a bit of mid-summer madness which will evaporate when all the 'grockles' go home.

If visiting, please take great care with your exposure to the very strong sun this month, and be very careful in the sea. I hope you enjoy this month's Dream Scene, 12 pages of 'guff' sprinkled with a multitude of cliches!

All the best for now and take care of yourselves. Mick, Editor.

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### Angela's Cartoon



'Why do you keep asking her the time?'

# What's Up?

Aside from Spain's victory in the World Cup, another issue to dominate the Spanish newspapers has been the decision of the Constitutional Court, after four years deliberation, not to refer to Cataluña as a nation in the Statutes. The President of Cataluña, José Montilla, said that he would withdraw support for the ruling PSOE in Congress, which would mean that the Socialists would no longer have a majority. PM Zapatero immediately held talks with Montilla and 'poured oil on troubled waters,' no doubt by way of promises and extra funding. The PM's meeting with the President of Cataluña was very timely as on Thursday July 30, the government only managed to get their labour reform legislation through thanks to the abstention of the Catalan and Basque nationalists. Cataluña already receives a disproportionate amount of funding from the ruling PSOE government. The Catalans have, on July 28, voted to ban bullfighting in the province, which will take effect in 2012. This should start another string of appeals to the Constitutional Court as many politicians believe that the bullfight is an integral part of the Spanish culture.

Eleven people, including the Provincial President for Alicante and three Orihuela PP councillors, were questioned in mid-July in relation to alleged corruption concerning the waste management contract which effects 27 municipalities in the Vega Baja area. All were released without bail. Two businessmen were arrested, a father and son, and had to pay bail of 300,000€ and 100,000€. The contract, awarded in 2008, is worth 190 million € over 20 years.

The first group of twenty Cuban political prisoners to be released by the Castro regime following the intervention of the Catholic Church and the Spanish Foreign Minister, Miguel Ángel Moratinos, are now in Madrid. The Spanish Foreign Minister paid 40 million to Castro following the release of the first political prisoners. Unfortunately the refugees have now been placed in a desolate hostel at around €16 per night. Still, it has to be better than a Cuban prison!

20% of the public works due to be carried out by the Ministry for Development will be either delayed between one or four years or halted completely as the minister of the department, José Blanco, looks to save 3.2 billion €

The compensation schemes for depositors in failed Spanish banks are actually more generous than that of UK banks. To date, in an attempt to avert catastrophic financial chain reactions, most countries have compensated depositors fully, even though they are not obliged to do so; for example, when the Icelandic banks failed, Britain compensated UK depositors 100pc, but had no legal obligation to do so. Now the European Commission has proposed a new law whereby people holding accounts at banks that fail would have their savings of up to €100,000 (£84,000) returned within a week.

The Spanish banks have come out well after the recent European Banking Stress Test. Unsurprisingly five savings-banks, none from around our area, failed the tests. It has now emerged that a number of German banks withheld data on their sovereign debt levels from the tests rendering their results useless.

The Minister for Development, José Blanco, is reported to be considering closing unprofitable railway lines across the country. The cabinet has approved new criteria under which a line could be kept open as being 'in the public interest'. The minister has left the door open for new competitors against the state run RENFE from 2013.

The Government, supported by the opposition, have decided to slash the grants available for wind and solar power projects by €1.3 billion.

Ryanair is to cancel seven of its nine routes from the UK to San Javier, Murcia Airport - 76 flights a week. Ryanair is furious at the region's business inflexibility, particularly that of the Murcia Tourist Board, and its handing €3 million to the small regional airline Air Nostrum, which mainly operates domestic flights from Madrid. Ryanair sees the grant as throwing good money after bad. Air Nostrum's traffic, despite the massive cash injection, has seen its traffic decline by 23% during the last year. Monarch Airlines have now pulled out completely from San Javier, preferring Alicante.

The Spanish Airport Authority, AENA, has announced that it is to soundproof an additional 1,400 new houses close to the expanding Alicante airport. They have already soundproofed 693 homes for 29 million €. Now if I have got my maths right, this equates to around €41,847 to soundproof each home! Then again maybe the houses are being soundproofed with gold leaf.

Aqualandia are expected to rent the troubled theme park Terra Mítica for the next ten years, with an option to buy. Aqualandia will keep the current staff and managers and will pay 1.8 million € a year, which is the same amount that Terra Mítica is currently paying in interest on its loans. There is an additional rental linked to visitor numbers and the income at the park. The option to buy is set at 75 million, which is the global debt of the company.

Most of you will be aware that the IVA/VAT rates increased here in July. There have been complaints from consumers that their utility bills, such as telephone, electricity etc are already showing the increased rate of 18% IVA for services consumed in May and June. However the law obliges the companies to charge the higher rate from the date of the bill, independent of the dates of consumption.

A report from the World Bank has highlighted how difficult it is to open a business here, compared to other OECD countries. Spain gets the lowest number of points in the study which notes that it takes foreign companies 61 days to open a subsidiary here, whereas in other countries it is 21. In Spain it takes about 47 days to set up a company, while the OECD average is just 13. Other problems highlighted included the difficulty in opening a bank account and in obtaining municipal permissions.

Although packed with tourists, 19 municipalities in Almería are without drinking water. The Health Department of the Junta de Andalucía called for calm following the reports that the water was radioactive, and also had a high sulphates and sodium content; the Mayor of Albox advised people not to drink or cook with the tap water. Keep an eye out for a big green angry man!

'Did you hear about the dyslexic insomniac agnostic?  
He'd lie in bed all night wondering whether there really was a dog.'

Spain has been revealed as the second country where most irregularities take place in the use of EU agricultural grants. The EU estimates that of the 125 million € found to be spent fraudulently across the continent, 27 million € was in Spain. Italy however was worse at 54 million €

The recession has also hit the oldest profession. One of the newspapers reported that an Ecuadorian prostitute who works in Madrid, has said that she has reduced her prices and is working more now. 'I've cut my prices in half', she said, '15 € for 15 minutes of pleasure'. My friend Beauregard commented, 'How can you make it last 15 minutes?'

Several arrests were made after police discovered 11,100 kilos of hashish hidden in a cargo of frozen sardines which arrived at the southern Port of Algeciras. That's 11 tons of the stuff stuffed into several thousand sardine tins!

A beach near Cádiz was closed temporarily in mid-July after a Blue Shark was sighted near the beach. Unfortunately it is the abundance of sharks on dry land which pose the greatest threat to humans in Spain.

The actor Sean Connery and his wife have been indicted in a Marbella corruption scandal called the 'Goldfinger' case. In essence Connery sold his property there, a beachfront mansion called 'Malibu' to developers. The 1986 urban plan approved the building of five detached properties on the plot. After the mansion was sold in 1999, it was demolished and 72 luxury flats were built on the plot instead. Around 23 people are believed to be implicated in the case including town planners, four lawyers, and the ex Mayor of Marbella, Julián Muñoz and the ex Municipal Real Estate Assessor, Juan Antonio Roca both of whom are already being held in prison and are facing a mountain of other related charges. Among the allegations are town planning crimes, the misuse of public funds, bribery, fraud, crimes against the Hacienda and money laundering. The Connerys, whose company was described as opaque by the courts, may face fiscal fraud/tax evasion charges in relation to 1.64 million €

Alan Sugar, the British businessman, has now come under investigation for the allegedly fraudulent purchase of part of the Byblos Hotel in Mijas in the Costa del Sol. Amount of between 1.5 and 3 million € are being mentioned.

A 39-year-old German, M. Arndt, who was infatuated with an actress, Sara Casanovas, and stalked her for 18 months, has been sentenced to eight years in jail for the attempted murder of the 26-year-old Galician actress. He fired a crossbow bolt at her head outside a Madrid theatre in June 2009; she instinctively turned her head and the bolt went through her companion's clothing. The prosecution had asked for a 12 year sentence.

Fines issued by the Guardia Civil Trafico in Madrid fell by 90% in June compared to last year. Across the country the figure was 70%. This is because of the 'dropped ballpoint-pen strike' by the police, following the cuts to government workers' salary. Whereas 188,000 fines were issued in June last year, this year June's figure was only 58,000. In an effort to combat this unofficial strike, the Trafico Guardias have been promised a €50 monthly bonus based on the number of tickets they issue! So if the Guardia issues you a speeding ticket he will gain two points towards the bonus; four points for writing a ticket for too many passengers and all alcohol-related infractions will get them nine points.

Filling your car tank with petrol or diesel will cost you about 10 € more than a year ago. Over the past 12 months diesel has risen in price by 19% and petrol by 13%.

Just in case you didn't know, bonfires are prohibited in Spain during the summer unless proper authorisation has been obtained. (Similarly, do not even attempt to light a barbecue on open land.) In Catral, a 70-year-old started a bonfire in his garden which quickly spread to his neighbour's property. The neighbours, a married retired couple aged 65 and 70, had to flee their property without saving any possessions or the four cars (!) outside. Firefighters from three towns and a fire-fighting helicopter were unable to save the property or the cars. The 70-year-old now faces a massive liability claim together with bills from the various fire-fighting bodies.

During the first six months of this year, the City of Alicante has been spending a fortune on the repairs caused by vandalism to bins and graffiti. 562 damaged bins were fixed and repainted and 12 containers which were set on fire were fixed, €90,000 being spent on these repairs. A further €120,000 was spent on removing more than 4,100 graffiti outrages. According to the cleaning company the damage is caused mostly at weekends, fiestas, carnivals and during the World Cup.

The 'mad medicos' are at it again. A 27-year-old went to the Virgen de la Paloma Hospital in Madrid to have his foreskin removed but the urologist gave him a vasectomy instead! The doctor was sentenced to a year in prison and banned from practising for a further year. (First offences involving a sentence of less than two years are rarely served in Spain!)

I have often commented on the excruciating slowness of the Spanish justice system. Now the exasperated National Police and Guardia Civil have highlighted that tons of drugs held by the Police are still awaiting destruction orders and have demanded that the 4,500 judges involved 'pull their finger out' and issue destruction orders immediately. In certain areas, such as Andalucia, police are guarding large bails of drugs in abandoned houses as they have no space available in the police stations. The police are very concerned that the large caches of drugs are proving tempting targets to criminal gangs and to corrupt policemen. Two years ago, 154 kilos of cocaine and heroin vanished from the cells of the main police station in Sevilla, and four years ago 20 kilos of cocaine went missing from a Valencia police station.

### Jock's Treat?

Did you hear about the thoughtful Scotsman who was heading out to the pub?

He turned to his wee wife before leaving and said, 'Margaret - put your hat and coat on lassie.'

She replied, 'Awe Jock that's nice - are you taking me to the pub with you?'

"Nah," Jock replied, 'I'm switching the central heating off while I'm oot.' (Pat Chambers)

### Vignettes: The Spanish Flag and National Anthem.



During the recent World Cup, the coast - indeed the country - has been covered in a swathe of Spanish flags. Once their own national team was knocked-out of the competition, many resident Europeans supported Spain and displayed Spanish flags to support their adoptive country. Few know much about the actual flag - other than it is very colourful! - so I will attempt to give you a brief introduction here to the Spanish Flag and the Spanish National Anthem. Those of you who receive your Dream Scene by email will be able to see the flag and detail in glorious 'Micknicolour', while those of you who get a printed copy of the newsletter will be able to enjoy the images in glorious black & white!

The red and golden-yellow colors of Spain's flag were first used as long ago as the late 1700s by the King of Spain as he tried to easily differentiate his ships from those of other countries. They were the original colours found within the coat-of-arms of both the Castile and Aragon regions of the country, the regions first united by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

The flag used today in Spain was officially adopted on 19 December 1981. Previous to this, there had been an eagle on the flag, but in 1981 the eagle was removed, leaving the current red/yellow/red triband with crowned arms. The crown stands for the Constitutional monarchy and the columns symbolize the geographic position of Spain: the mythical Pillars of Hercules represent Gibraltar and Ceuta on either side of the Strait of Gibraltar. They display a motto in Latin, "*PLUS ULTRA*," meaning "More Beyond" thanks to Columbus and the Conquistadores. Sitting on top of the pillars are two crowns: one is the Imperial crown and the other is the Royal crown. The four quadrants signify the four kingdoms which came together to form a unified Spain. Castile is represented by a castle, León represented by a lion, Aragon represented by vertical red and yellow stripes, and Navarre represented by linked chains. There is also the Kingdom of Granada represented by a pomegranate fruit at the bottom and an impaled fleur de lys in the centre which represents the ruling House of Borbón, the House of the current monarch.

According to Ancient and Heraldic traditions, much symbolism is associated with colours - the central yellow band being a symbol of generosity and both red bands signifying hardiness, bravery, strength & valour. The Spanish coat of arms is on the hoist side (left half) of the central yellow band.

The Spanish national anthem is called *La Marcha Real*, The Royal March. It is one of the oldest anthems in the world and it is believed to have started as a military march - March of the Grenadiers - in 1761 and was adapted as a national anthem by Charles III in 1770. During the Second Spanish Republic (1931–1939) it was replaced by *El Himno de Riego*. However, at the conclusion of the Spanish Civil War, Franco restored *La Marcha Real* as the country's national anthem, under its old title of *La Marcha Granadera*, and banned *El Himno de Riego*. (There was a diplomatic spat during the Davis Cup finals held in Australia in 2003, when the Republican anthem was played in error.) As the harmonization of *Marcha Real* was written by Bartolomé Pérez Casas in early 1900s and the copyright rights had no yet expired, the Government bought them from the Pérez Casas inheritors in 1997 for €781,316 to avoid future legal problems. Until they expire, the copyright belongs to the Spanish Ministry of Culture, but the vultures at the various performing right's societies attracted a lot of criticism by charging copyright fees! This has resulted in many different harmonizations being played to avoid the payment of these fees.

*La Marcha Real* is also interesting in that it is one of the few national anthems without official lyrics. Lyrics have been written and put forward on a number of occasions in the past, including a version in recent years, but they have all been abandoned in acrimony. So now you know!

#### A shot in the dark!

An Irishman was walking home late at night and sees a woman lurking in the shadows.

'Twenty euros,' she whispers.

Paddy had never had a hooker before, but decides -- what the hell, it's only twenty euros. So they hide in the bushes.

They're going at it for a couple of minutes when all of a sudden, a light flashes on them. It's a police officer.

'What's going on here, people?' asks the officer. 'I'm making love to me wife,' the Irishman answers, sounding annoyed.

'Oh, I'm so sorry,' says the cop, 'I didn't know.'

'Well, neither did I,' says Paddy, 'til ya shoined dat light in her face!!!'

(Pete Dudman)

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One day as she arrived at the mine with their lunch, she saw that there had been a terrible cave-in.

Tearfully and fearing the worst, Snow White began calling out, hoping against hope that the dwarfs had somehow survived.

'Hello...Hello!' she shouted. 'Can anyone hear me? Hello!' For a long while, there was no answer.

Losing hope, Snow White again shouted, 'Hello! Is anyone down there?'

Just as she was about to give up all hope, she heard a faint voice from deep within the mine,

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Snow White fell to her knees and prayed, 'Oh, thank you, God! At least Dopey is still alive.' (Peter Fraser)

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'Oh, sister,' said the young nun dreamily, 'I've been saved.'

'Saved ... and how did that come about?' asked the old nun.

'Well, when Father John was soaking in the bath, he asked me to wash him and while I was washing him he guided my hand towards his unmentionables where he said the Lord keeps the key to heaven!' 'Did he now?' said the old nun evenly.

Sister Magdalene continued, 'and Father John said that if the key to heaven fits my lock, the portals of heaven would be opened to me and I would be assured salvation and eternal peace and then Father John guided his key to heaven into my lock.'

'Is that a fact?' said the old nun even more evenly.

'At first it hurt but Father John said the pathway to salvation was often painful and that the Glory Of God would soon swell my heart with ecstasy. And it did, it felt so good being saved.'

'That wicked old bastard!' said the old nun. 'He told me it was 'Gabriel's Horn' and I've been blowing it for 40 years!'

Doña Anna's

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## Out & About

Well July was certainly a very busy month. The World Cup Finals kept the bars busy, with Gordon winning the World Cup draw in the Phoenix, Val winning the one in All Bar Sue's and Stuart in the Lime Bar. (I am not sure who won in Stallion's.)

There was also a three-day Summer Festival at Entre Naranjos, off the Orihuela Road, which was organised by the Town Hall. It seemed to have been successful but I could not stay long as it was far too hot despite consuming copious amounts of cold *cerveza*! Hopefully next year it will attract more visitors. Like all urbanisations, Entre Naranjos has a handful who will get on and make things happen, whilst others will just 'sit on the fence' and whinge.

The Fiestas in Torrevieja appear to be lasting the whole of July and August. We have already had the Habeneras Festival on the beach with an audience of around 6,000. Then there was the Fiesta Virgen del Carmen on the 16th which culminated in a grand fireworks display in the late evening. The fireworks, which could be viewed from Via Park 3 & 5, were truly impressive and seemed to go on for ages. There were thousands on the beach at Torry enjoying the spectacle.

Torrevieja have a full schedule of events for August, see <http://www.torrevejacultural.com/programacion/index.html> There are exhibitions, movies, paella competitions with tasting's, workshops, big bands, domino & darts' championships, classical music, kiddy attractions, concerts, exhibitions, music festival, bingo and much, much more. I notice that on August 16, there is Solemn Mass followed by a procession, Foam Party and Mobile Disco - talk about going from the sublime to the ridiculous.

July also saw the Moors & Christians Pageants at Guardamar and Orihuela. I covered this pageant in greater detail last year. We really could do with a proper fiesta for the Orihuela Costa. I know that on August 28, at Campoamor beach, there will be a Bikini Bash, which is an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for bikinis on the beach. This is sponsored by the Town Hall; now I have nothing against 'mammary glands' I have been fairly attached to them since my youngest days! But surely we are now also capable of supporting (pardon the pun) something cultural, say a three-day flamenco dance festival or similar.

On the 22nd, Ann and Phil Ball organised a fund-raising tea party for the AECC Conquer Cancer Charity in their home in Dream Hills 2.. Although there was a tombola (I won four prizes!), the main event for me was the large display of freshly made cakes, and they were just superb. There were cheese scones, fruit scones with jam and fresh cream, blueberry muffins, gooseberry tarts, chocolate cakes, a Weetabix fruit cake and many more delicious goodies. The event raised an admirable €337 plus for the charity.

Mid-month, there was a Christmas Party (Yes!) at The Phoenix. It was very surreal to see several people dressed as Santa in the heat, I thought maybe that they had stopped adding water to the alcohol! There was an artificial snow-machine to help with the atmosphere and Christmas music from Gordon, but when the real Santa appeared later, I thought he was the scrawniest Santa I had ever seen, certainly not raised on reindeer fat! Richard & Donna have told me that after First Choice closes down, they will stock in their bar some basic staples such as bread, milk, tea, coffee etc., together with some frozen goods.

Work on the mega shopping-complex planned for La Zenia has ground to a halt. The recession has meant that the commercial owners are waiting for some large superstores to commit to taking space before proceeding further. With unemployment still on the rise despite the influx of tourists, it is a brave entrepreneur who would start a business now.

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Cowboy thinks and then says, "Well, I was runnin' some cattle in the Dakotas and came across a motorcycle gang threatening a young woman. I jumped off my horse and ran to the biggest biker with the most tattoos and punched him in the side of his head, kicked him in the crotch and pulled-off his nose ring and threw it on the ground. I then told them to back off or I would kick the crap out of them." St. Peter, "I am impressed. When did this happen?"

"Oh....a couple of minutes ago!"

An explorer comes across a pygmy standing by a dead elephant. 'Did you kill this beast?' asks the explorer. 'Yes,' replies the pygmy.'

'What did you use?' asks the explorer.

'A big club,' he replied.

'It must have been enormous,' says the explorer.

'Oh, it is,' said the pygmy, 'there's about 400 of us.'

### Review - De Bassus - Certveceria Bavaria

I touched on the de Bassus beer cellar last month. This is located in the La Zenia/Los Dolses area, directly across the roundabout from Lidl's and Mercadona.

The de Bassus family started brewing in 1550 in Sandersdorf Castle, Bavaria, and continues to do so today. It is interesting to note that it was at this castle that Baron De Bassus resided when the Bavarian authorities broke into his home in the 1700's and confiscated a large cache of "Original Documents" of the Illuminati. However, it is not the esoteric history of secret societies that concern us here but rather the arrival of the newest and largest 'boozier' on the Costa and a boozier it certainly is with a welcoming ten-foot stein of beer on top of the building!

This Cerveceria Bavaria is situated mainly on the ground floor so technically it can hardly be called a beer cellar. There are lots of long tables both inside and outside the building, all of which are waiter or waitress served, the waitresses dressed in Bavarian costume. There are also some smaller tables inside, with high stools, if you prefer your drinking and eating to be more intimate. There is an open kitchen, a micro-brewery and a special room with glass walls specifically to keep the 'ankle-biters' quiet for a couple of minutes! The decor is all new, spartan and certainly fit for purpose with the most appropriate chandeliers you are ever likely to see. There are outside drinking/dining areas at the front and back of the building and a mezzanine floor.

We visited de Bassus on two occasions. The first visit was just a recce and the first thing I noticed was that everybody was drinking cloudy beer. Now cloudy beer to those of us who are west of the Siegfried Line is just not on. It's a bit like having a full vegetarian breakfast - unnatural! You just try serving cloudy lager in the Lime Bar, All Bar Sue's or any local bar and there would be a riot. (Ten years ago Young's Brewery in the UK experimented with the sale of unfiltered beer, but it never caught on.) But there they all were, everybody happily quaffing cloudy unfiltered beer! I asked the waiter if I could be provided with a clear beer. This obviously stumped him so he had to call another waiter. After three attempts I was defeated and had to settle for a large glass of .....cloudy beer shandy!

On our second lunchtime visit we decided to order some food. Unfortunately we were too early for the half-chickens - which looked very good - and settled instead for the meatloaf salad. Well, what they call meatloaf had the looks and taste of a pink kitchen sponge and I have seen it used on occasions as bait by carp fisherman. I saw other tables happily tucking into large plates of German wurst which looked like salvers of intestines. No condiments were served with the meals. But don't let this put you off, there are plenty of 'normal' foods on offer. Our meatloaf salads, which came with a fried egg (!) cost €6.80 each, coffee, water and very tasty pretzels were just one euro each, and a half litre of the unfiltered beer - looks like piss but tastes ok - cost €2.70. By the way the beer is called de Bassus Hell. The prosecution rests, Your Honour!

Despite the above it is certainly worth a visit. It is still drawing good crowds and it would be an interesting venue if they had some reasonable entertainment there.

I take back all I said last month about the Wok Grand Mundo on the outskirts of Pilar de Horadada. They have again 'raised the bar' when it comes to buffets. Go there for a Sunday lunchtime. Plan to arrive around 1.15 pm, which is just before the Spanish pile in - they are like locusts! - and you will not be disappointed. The range and quality of food on offer surpasses any other buffet. Although the house wines are fairly cheap, beer is expensive but the buffet is only €9.95 for adults, €6.95 for children with under 3's free. Remember Sunday is the best day to go. Next month I hope to include reviews on two excellent restaurants who 'deliver the goods!' - Frissan, the award winning restaurant in San Miguel de Salinas and the Punjabi Palace in Los Montesinos.

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Religious wars - you're basically killing each other to see who's got the better imaginary friend.  
- Richard Jeni

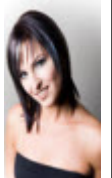
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### If Spain wins.....

The Spanish victory in the World Cup means that certain companies here who linked promotions to a Spanish win now have to pay up; but already there have been complaints to consumers' organisations as some firms have not paid up.

Toshiba is reported to be refusing to refund the price of its laptop computers and televisions purchased in its promotion '*Si La Roja gana, tú ganas*', to users who failed to register on their webpage before June 17. The consumer organisation FACUA has pointed out to Toshiba that the registration requirement was not mentioned in the advertising. FACUA thinks that Toshiba should pay up and Toshiba have now finally agreed to refund all the claimants.

Electrical shop Media Markt has also upset many with the small print in its offer to return the cost on televisions purchased between June 4 and 7. The promotion '*Si España lo gana todo, tú lo ganas todo*', had the small print requirement for Spain to win all her matches.

PC City faces paying 10 € for every goal Spain scored to every client who purchased an LED TV 32" or greater. They must be happy that the score lines were generally 1-0.

Carrefour will lose a million € in a promotion '*Locos por el Mundial*' which handed out 100 € vouchers with purchases of 15 € or more between May 13 and June 8.

Domestic appliance company Milar had offered 12 fridge models for free if Spain won the final, and if the client predicted the result correctly.

The Tom Tom navigation company has also said it will return the cost of its GPS systems purchased between certain dates with a Spain win. The company must have done it sums as it ran the same promotion in a host of other countries including Germany, Brazil, France, Holland, Italy, Mexico, Portugal and the U.K.

The Magic Costa Blanca hotel chain promised to pay all its guests 200 euro if Spain did not win the World Cup. Bet there were some nervous moments there!

The Banesto bank offered a deposit at the start of the tournament at 3% interest, saying they would increase the interest to 4% if Spain won the World Cup. The company now reportedly faces a 10 million € bill for this promo. (Seems a bit high to me.) The bank had also given two million to sponsor the tournament.

### La Ley de Costas

The *Ley de Costas* (Coastal Law), although introduced in 1988, it was not put into effect until 2004. To date it has the cause of much heartbreak, litigation and complaints, with the lawyers getting rich on what has been called a Pandora's Box of problems. The law declared that entire Spanish coastline, generally a 100m distance back from the waterline, belonged to the public. When introduced in 1988, the *Ley de Costas*, or Coastal Law, nationalised the entire Spanish coastline at a stroke, expropriating hundreds of thousands of properties without compensation.

The law also said that those who had a home legally built in this area would be allowed to continue to use the property for 60 years, but the owners would not be allowed to sell it. When the period is over the property would be owned by the State, which would then demolish it, with the idea being to clear the coastline of buildings. The law also stated that if your property was built legally prior to 1988, then the law would not be applied retrospectively. You may have already noticed that the Neptune restaurant in Punta Prima is closed down. This has already become a local casualty of the Law.

The enforcement of the law has resulted in a flood of complaints from Brussels, notably from the tough cookie UKIP Euro MP, Marta Andreasen, who has rushed to defend the rights of her constituents who find their properties declared practically worthless overnight. (Some call her a crusading whistle-blower, others a political prostitute. Her speeches on 'youtube' are worth checking out, just search using her name.) The Catalans, Canarians and Galicians have all lobbied for various amendments to the law, proposing that at least some coastal developments receive approval or authorisation. One PP spokesman has pointed out that it has been in the 20 years since the law was introduced that the worst damage has been done to the 8,000 kilometres (92%) of the Spanish coastline and has failed to protect the environment.

Despite the total failure of the law to protect the coastal environment, the Greens/environmentalists state that the law should not be diluted or repealed, saying that the coastline has been public since the 1200's. More info at <http://www.spanishpropertyinsight.com/buff/spain/faq/ley-de-costas-coastal-law/>

### Confession?

An Alabama preacher said to his congregation, 'Someone in this congregation has spread a rumour that I belong to the Ku Klux Klan. This is a horrible lie and one which a Christian community cannot tolerate. I am embarrassed and do not intend to accept this. Now, I want the party who did this to stand and ask forgiveness from God and this Christian Family.'

No one moved. The preacher continued, 'Do you have the nerve to face me and admit this is a falsehood? Remember, you will be forgiven and in your heart you will feel glory. Now stand and confess your transgression.' Again all was quiet.

Then slowly, a drop-dead gorgeous blonde with a body that would stop traffic rose from the third pew. Her head was bowed and her voice quivered as she spoke, 'Reverend there has been a terrible misunderstanding. I never said you were a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I simply told a couple of my friends that you were a wizard under the sheets.'

The preacher fell to his knees, his wife fainted, and the Congregation roared. (Pete Dudman)

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### The History of Spain, Part 16. The Conquistadores.

So who were the Conquistadores (conquerors) who braved arid deserts and endless plains, steaming jungle swamps and precipitous mountain ranges. Originally many came from minor nobility, *segundones* - second sons who were deprived of inheritance or *hidalgos* - landless or lesser untitled noblemen, who had the right to wear arms and were exempted from paying tax as compensation for being on-call for military service. Work or manual labour was not seen as an option by these gentlemen and it was the promise of fortunes to be found in the New World which spurred them on. The rest were mostly labourers, artisans, seamen and soldiers of limited means and of course a sprinkling of priests. Memories of the *Reconquista* against the Moors were still strong and the Spanish saw themselves as crusading heroes engaged in an expansionist campaign of *reconquista* against the Amerindians. 'God, Gold and Glory!' was the call, but not necessary in that order.

The Spanish Crown was entitled to a fifth - *quinto real* - of all the treasure and precious metals obtained abroad. By 1514 any gold that was in Haiti or Cuba had been shipped back to Spain, about 30 tons from Haiti alone. The depletion of the precious metal deposits forced the settlers to turn to commercial farming, particularly sugar cane.

Francisco Hernández de Córdoba is credited with being the first Spaniard to discover the Yucatán peninsula. Together with 100 disaffected settlers from Cuba, they fought their way through the peninsula in 1517 to become the first Europeans to meet with the Central American natives, the once great Mayans. The contacts were hostile and many Spaniards were wounded or killed, de Córdoba being badly wounded and returning to die in Cuba the same year.

This inspired a *hidalgo* named Hernán Cortés, to lead an expedition from Cuba to the Yucatán in February 1519 with eleven ships, 700 men, 32 horses and a handful of cannon. Shortly after landing, Cortés defeated a local tribe and was given 20 young indigenous women as a prize which he duly converted and kept one as a mistress and translator. Known as *La Malinche*, she became a very valuable interpreter and counsellor. Through her help, Cortés learned about the wealthy Aztec Empire and its riches. (Women played a significant part in the Spanish conquests and not just as translators or bedmates. Every army from the early Spanish conquests through to the Mexican Revolution were accompanied by a cohort of women who lugged the grinding stones (*metates*) to make tortillas. Without such women, the conquistadors learned, expeditions starved.) When Cortés reached what he named Vera Cruz in what we now call Mexico, he ordered all the ships scuttled so there was no chance of retreat and marched towards Tenochtitlan, the capital city of the Aztecs.

On the march, Cortés made alliances with several native tribes who hated the Aztecs and swelled his army by a further 200,000. Together with 3,000 natives, he marched to Cholula and massacred several thousands of the unarmed nobility there and partially burned the city, purely to make an example to would-be treacherous natives. Cortés then marched on Tenochtitlan which he eventually took despite massive bloodshed on both sides. The Aztec treasure, which included rooms of solid gold and jade carvings, stunned the conquistadors and provided them with wealth beyond their dreams.

Just as de Córdoba had inspired Cortés, Francisco Pizarro was now inspired by Cortés's exploits. With a much smaller army, just 180 men and 27 horses, Pizarro advanced from Panama into Andean South America and overthrew the mighty Inca Empire of about six million people. Pizarro captured the Inca ruler, Atahualpa, through deception. Pizarro then promised to free the leader of the Incas if his subjects filled a room, 22 feet by 17 feet, with gold. After the ransom was received, Pizarro had the Inca ruler baptized and then garrotted! Pizarro himself came to a sticky-end when a group of rival Spaniards stabbed him to death in the Peruvian city he founded, Lima. Although Pizarro was 70-years-old, he managed to kill three of his attackers before succumbing.

There were of course many more conquistadors. One, Francisco de Orellana, crossed the Andes from Peru, built a few rafts, and floated 5,000 kilometres down the Amazon. Out of 300 who started the expedition only 44 survived. (It is interesting to note that Cortés, Pizarro and Orellana were cousins, and hailed, as many *conquistadores* did, from Extramadura.) Another, Francisco Coronado, who lured by rumours of a wealthy civilisation in North America, marched from Mexico as far north as the Grand Canyon. Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River in 1541 and Cabeza de Vaca, possibly the toughest nut of them all. He trudged thousands of kilometres around North America and then went to Brazil and walked through the jungle to Paraguay. His story makes harrowing reading.

The precious metals which were looted or mined from South America and returned to Spain, (not counting the unknown quantities that were smuggled), rose rapidly from about 1 million pesos in the five-year period from 1526 to 1530 to 5 million from 1541 to 1554 and then to the peak of more than 35 million during the period from 1591 to 1595. Very little of this American treasure seems to have been invested in economic production. Most of it was used for display by the court and ruling circles, to pay for Spanish imports, for the Spanish armies abroad, and to satisfy the government's German, Italian, and Dutch creditors, who charged outrageous rates of interest. Thus Spain, with all the treasure of the New World at its command, managed its wealth badly and remained a poor country.

The effects of conquest on the indigenous populations of Central and South America was of course devastating. Three civilisations, the Mayans, the Aztecs and the Incas were virtually wiped out by war, disease and famine. One study estimates that the native population of central Mexico fell from about 25.2 million in 1518 to 2.65 million in 1568. The conquistador turned Dominican friar, named Las Casas, campaigned on behalf of the Indians, denouncing Spanish cruelty in the New World. Although some improvements were achieved, the Spanish Crown was acutely aware that if it allowed the native peoples to be freed from economic domination by the Spanish settlers, the new colonies would face bankruptcy and the crown would lose a major source of its revenue and could no longer defend its empire. Ultimately, the material interests of the Crown and the settlers would remain closely intertwined, to the detriment of the indigenous populations.

### More advice from Maypole

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In an ideal world investing in such as a balanced managed or managed fund with a wide spread of investments would be logical as in most funds some of your money is invested in a wide range of asset classes. The problem is we don't live in an ideal world and often gains in one area are negated by losses in other areas. A typical managed fund may consist of investments in Gilt Edged Securities, Corporate Bonds, Commercial Property, UK Equities and Overseas equities. Some may even be held in cash just for good measure! If we look at these different asset classes, their risk, their potential and their recent performance and volatility, this will give us an idea as to how important it is to regularly review your investments and have the flexibility to move money into other areas as and when the need or opportunity arises.

**Cash:** in theory at least, the safest investment with very minimal risk of capital loss. It should be borne in mind however that interest rates will usually not keep pace with inflation, so in real terms your cash will devalue. Also you need to make sure that you take heed of any guarantees such as the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and invest in institutions supported and only up to the limit covered.

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Two little old ladies were attending a rather long church service. One leaned over to the other and said 'My bum is going to sleep.' 'I know,' replied her companion, 'I heard it snore three times!!' (Pete Dudman)



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**Your mobile phone**

Take great care who you give your mobile phone number to, particularly for competitions, games and promotions. The Federation of Independent Users & Consumers has said that complaints have increased five-fold in the early part of this year. Many of the complaints involve the mobile number being added, without request, to a list for automatic messages, which are then charged to the users' bill, with numbers also being passed on to marketing organisations.

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