

THE DREAM SCENE



Newsletter

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Bienvenido a todos and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, or at least a peaceful one.

Well, I always seem to start with the weather and 2011 has certainly been a warm one. Records, which first began in 1961, indicate that 2011 has been the hottest year to date. The average temperature for the year until November 30 was 16.7° Centigrade, 0.3 degrees above the previous hottest year of 2006. This is 1.49 degrees above the normal average, which takes as a point of reference the period from 1971 to 2000. The AEMET meteorological agency described 2011 as 'very hot to extremely hot' for practically all of Spain. The hottest day this year was in Andalucía on August 19 when Morón de la Frontera, Sevilla, reached 42.5 degrees, while the coldest day in Spain this year was January 23 in Molina de Aragón, Guadalajara, when the temperature dropped to -13.6 degrees Centigrade. The year has also been drier than normal, with rainfall 7% below average.

The 'macropuente' bank holidays took place on the 6th and 8th of December. Both holidays/National Fiestas, Constitution Day and *Inmaculada* have been estimated to cost the country around 1.2 billion € 70% of Spaniards have said that they would like to see fiesta days moved to be next to the weekend, to stop the practice of taking a 'puente' or bridge, when workers take the working day between the weekend and the fiesta day off. Other Spaniards take advantage of the system and are expected to take the whole week off. Workers in Spain get 22 days off a year, plus 14 fiestas, and each fiesta is estimated to cost the Spanish economy 216 million €. The new government have said that they are going to move the Red Days (Bank Holidays) in the week to Fridays to avoid 'puentes' in the future. I am not sure when they are going to start the change but will keep you informed.

Following reports in the Sunday Times and the Daily Telegraph of British Foreign Office contingency plans to evacuate British ex-pats from Spain and Portugal, a British Embassy spokesman in Madrid has commented... "All British Embassies regularly update contingency planning for all sorts of scenarios, including natural disasters and internal political unrest. There is no Spain (or Portugal) contingency plan for a euro-based evacuation, nor do we have any intention of preparing one. It is fanciful to imagine that a major evacuation of British nationals would either be necessary or feasible."

A record sized newsletter this month for reasons which would only bore you. However included in this issue is another informative and enjoyable travel article by Patricia Cartwright; some information on the Inheritance Tax together with the usual irreverent humour and many photos.

Many thanks to Terry & Judy and Pat & Laurie for the donations towards costs and also grateful thanks to Alan and Bill & Kath for walking our 'African Mouse Hound' while we are unable to. Finally congratulations to Butterflies, who appear to have surpassed their own records in fund raising. Lately they raised €361 for the British Legion and €449 for Breast Cancer.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. Mick & Tid

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What's Up?

As one would expect, the financial crisis has dominated the media coverage in Spain. The outlook for the Spanish economy still appears fairly grim. Spain's Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA), the country's second largest Bank by assets, has reported how it is expecting to see a continued stubborn growth for the domestic economy during Q4 of 2011, with the likelihood of falling into a renewed economic slump in 2012. The increasing problem of Spanish unemployment and the lack of demand of Spanish goods from overseas, makes it more than likely that the country will slip into a further, deeper recession. Other factors which suggest this as being a possibility are the weakening demand on local products, the tension in global markets, low investor confidence and the growing size of eurozone debts, all of which would lessen Spain's chances of achieving growth and reviving its economy.

Another favourite of the press last month was the allegedly dubious financial dealings of the Duke of Palma, which is reported on in page 6 of this newsletter.

After some 15 and a half years in power in Gibraltar, 55-year-old Peter Caruana, of the GSD, has been defeated by his 39-year-old challenger, Fabián Picardo, and his coalition of Socialists and Liberals.

The new Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, has announced that he will freeze public-sector jobs, move all public holidays to Mondays, stop early retirements and cut the deficit by 16.5 billion euros as part of his grand plan to move Spain out of its deep economic crisis. The only increase in spending, he said, would be in pensions, which will be brought up to date with the consumer price index from January 1. Rajoy also pledged not to raise taxes at the current time. But he said he would change the manner in which small businesses and the self-employed pay IVA (VAT). (At present companies are obliged to pay the IVA to the Hacienda before they receive payment from their customers! More companies will also be eligible for lower corporate tax rates.

The Valencia Parliament has run out of money. The obligation from Madrid on the regions to pay the outstanding debt with suppliers has left the regional chamber with no money to pay the December extra month for the deputies or the wages for the civil servants. As little as two months ago the Valencia parliament seemed to be stable, despite the enormous spending seen in the region over recent years, but now earlier surpluses have run out. To pay December's wages some 1.6 million € has to be found.

ABC newspaper notes that the Guardia Civil has issued a warning about the increase in the number of Jihadist web-sites based in Spain.

Brussels has fined Spain for failing to pass on the payments granted to them for those affected by the cucumber e.coli crisis. Brussels says that those farmers affected should have been paid between August and October, but by the middle of October only 44% of the compensation had been paid out, while in the rest of the EU

79% had been paid. The fine will vary according to the date the payments are finally made and ranges between 5% and 50% of the aid awarded. So I wonder where the remainder of the compensation ended up?

The BBVA is to make the mortgage conditions for 45,000 of its clients more flexible. It is reported to be considering allowing the putting-off of two monthly payments, postpone as much as 30% of the capital at the end of the term or to increase the payment time to 40 years. It says that 87% of its clients are meeting their payments, despite the crisis.

Car sales in Spain have fallen by 18.8% this year to November compared to last. The sector considers the year to be a loss, given the worst sales figures since 1993. The industry says the outlook for 2012 is not good either.

The Spanish Ministry of Health has completed a report on homeopathy which concludes that this type of treatment just generates a placebo effect.

•Wendy from Los Altos was livid when her husband refused to go shopping with her. 'For goodness sake,' she cried, 'the neighbours will soon be talking about us just like they did with poor Mr and Mrs Dawkins along the road. The only time they went out together was when their gas oven exploded!'

•A man was walking through a hotel lobby when he accidentally bumped into a woman, his elbow hitting her in the right breast.

'Ma'am,' he apologised, 'if your heart is as soft as your breast, I know you'll forgive me.'

'Sir,' she replied, 'if your dick is as hard as your elbow, I'm in room 219.'

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An Alicante taxi driver is recovering at home from the traumatic ordeal she suffered after two passengers who she had picked up in Alicante City kept her at the wheel of her vehicle. She drove for 200 kilometres before she managed to escape. The two passengers were arrested by the police - a 34 year old man and an underage youth, who were armed with a jamón serrano knife, an axe and a harpoon! They stole her takings and forced her to reveal her PIN number and to pull over at a cash machine where they withdrew 600 € from her bank account. Named by Diario Información as Yolanda, a taxi driver with eight years' experience, she was forced to continue driving for three hours while her passengers sat smoking cannabis joints in the back. She had managed to activate her distress alarm and the vehicle was tracked by its GPS system until it was intercepted in El Campello by the Civil Guard, where the taxi driver braked to a sudden stop and managed to escape the vehicle unharmed.

National Police in Madrid have arrested a 37-year-old Spanish man in connection with the theft of more than 3,000 supermarket trolleys from different commercial centres across the capital. It's estimated that number of trolleys would get some 290,000 € as scrap.

Three thieves were arrested by police while ransacking an orange grove in nearby Rojales in broad daylight. They had collected over 300 kilos of oranges. A fourth suspect escaped.

A Spanish driving school has been forced to withdraw all-in tariffs which discriminated on grounds of sex and which was aimed at 18 to 22 year olds. The 18 schools in Zaragoza offered courses at 665 € for men and 850 € for women, justifying the difference with the claim that women need more classes, and it has gone unnoticed since June until now. The assumption is illegal under equality law according to the acting Secretary of State for Equality, who said it was sexist, discriminatory and illegal. But the President of the Zaragoza association of driving schools told El País that the difference was because women needed more classes, generally 50% more to pass their test, and noted that the price was only 30% more expensive. However Spain's traffic authority, DGT, notes that they do not generally separate their traffic statistics between the sexes. However they note 79% of traffic fines go to men, while men only hold 60% of the total number of driving licences in Spain. Women have fewer accidents and fewer fines at the wheel.

Last week, a 29-year-old Argentinean waiter had his hand chopped off by a knife during a robbery in the pizza restaurant where he worked. His hand has now been reattached but it takes time to ascertain whether the graft is successful.

The Wages of Sin?

A priest, who had led a very sheltered life in a monastery, was strolling down the street when a woman in a tight, short skirt suddenly popped-out of an alley way.

'Fancy a quickie for ten euros?'

The priest said 'I have no idea what you mean. Leave me alone, please.' And he continued on his way.

A little further down the street he was accosted by another woman in a shop doorway. 'Fancy a quickie for ten euros?'

'I don't know what you mean' said the priest and continued on his way.

Puzzled by these encounters, he decided to drive to the convent and call on the Mother Superior. 'Tell me,' said the priest, 'what's a quickie?'

The Mother Superior said: 'Ten euros. The same as in town.'

Around 300 Chinese marched in Madrid on Nov 28, to demand permission from the Mayor, Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón, to sell alcohol in their food shops. The crowd marched to the doors of the City Hall. They say they want to sell wine and beer, 'as convenience stores do'. It's the

first time the Chinese have taken to the streets of Madrid, except as part of New Year celebrations. Under Madrid regulations a second licence is needed to sell alcohol. There are more than 3,000 Chinese establishments in Madrid and only 25% have

been granted the second licence. Those doing so without a licence face a 30,000 € fine.

The ex Socialist Mayor of Valverde de Camino in Huelva, Miguel Ángel Domínguez, who allegedly used the municipal VISA credit card to pay €3,685 at a brothel in Sevilla when he was still Mayor, has presented his resignation as the Provincial Delegate for Public Works and Housing for the Junta de Andalucía, as well as the other positions assigned to him in the PSOE.

A gang of seven Moroccans have been arrested for a string of robberies in the Vega Baja, mainly from countryside properties in outlying areas of Orihuela. They have been charged with 13 aggravated burglaries, but are believed to be responsible for at least 80 in the area. The suspects' ages range from 25 to 35.

Idiot of the Month Award?

As a dog owner, I know that the problem of dog fouling is a very hot topic in Spain, but it seems nowhere so more than in Málaga. The Socialist opposition grouping at Málaga City Hall want the microchip which all dogs carry by law to include the animal's DNA, to allow its owner to be identified and fined if their pet fouls the city's pavements. The proposal announced by Socialist councillor Begoña Medina has been slammed as 'ludicrous' by the Partido Popular Mayor of Málaga, Francisco de la Torre. He said it has already been rejected as too costly and inappropriate in these times of recession by other Town Halls in the country which were considering adopting the measure. A viability study carried out in Hernani, in the Basque Country, puts the cost of a single DNA analysis at between 30 and 75 € which the Mayor told Diario Sur would have to be paid out to analyse every 'object' of this type which was found on the public way. De la Torre prefers education as the best way of keeping the streets clean of dog mess and indicated that he personally congratulates every dog owner he sees picking up after their pet.

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The following short article appeared in *The Economist* in November 2011.

The Future's rubbish.

Back in 1984 *The Economist* conducted an unusual survey for its Christmas issue. We invited four former finance ministers, four chairmen of big multinational companies, four Oxford University students and four London dustmen to offer their predictions on the economy over the next ten years. A decade later we checked the accuracy of their forecasts, and marked their performance. The dustmen scored joint top, along with the company bosses. On the price of oil, the binmen demonstrated more foresight than any other group.

Strangely, since then the world's banks and news organisations have not rushed to rummage through dustmen's economic forecasts. Until now. In October *The World in 2012* put three questions on the year ahead to five London dustmen (our careful sample took in Mile End, Chelsea and Earl's Court). And we put the same questions to businesspeople around the world through *The Economist/FT* Global Business Barometer.

The dustmen and the global executives have similar views on global growth: 58% of businesspeople and 80% of binmen expect it to be between 2.5% and 5%. One in three executives and one in five dustmen think it will be a recession-flirting 0-2.5%.

The prospects of the world economy will depend in part on the price of oil. Roughly two-thirds of both groups reckon it will be somewhere between \$90 and \$120 a barrel. But about a third of the executives think it will be cheaper, at \$60-90. And 40% of the dustmen predict it will be \$120-plus (remember, they have a particularly distinguished forecasting record when it comes to oil).

Finally, as America's presidential-election campaign heats up, we wanted to know whether Barack Obama could feel safe in his job. More than half of the executives expect Mr Obama to win a second term whereas four out of five dustmen think he will be booted out of the White House. Of course, that may turn out to be garbage.

Alexandra Fattal: researcher, *The World in 2012*

Incognito

A Scotsman is sitting in a bar in Cuba and is minding his business when a man with a large black beard walks in. The man goes to the bar and orders a shot of whisky. The bartender serves him, the man drinks the whisky then starts walking out the door.

The bartender says, "Hey aren't you going to pay for that?"

The man says, "Excuse me, Castro's Army."

The bartender says, "Alright then" and the man leaves.

A few minutes later another man with a large black beard walks in. The man goes to the bar and orders a shot of whisky. The bartender serves him, the man drinks the whisky then starts walking out the door.

The bartender says, "Hey aren't you going to pay for that?"

The man says, "Excuse me, Castro's Army." The bartender says "Alright then" and the man leaves.

The Scotsman gets an idea and walks up to the bar and orders a shot of whisky. He drinks the whisky then starts walking out the door. The bartender says, "Hey aren't you going to pay for that?"

The Scotsman says, "Excuse me, Castro's Army." The bartender says, "Hey where is your big black beard?" The Scotsman thinks quickly. He lifts his kilt and says, "Secret Service!"

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Shrinks.

A man thought he was a dog, so he went to see a psychiatrist. 'It's terrible,' said the man, 'I walk around on all fours, I keep barking in the middle of the night and I can't go past a lamp-post any more.'

'OK,' said the psychiatrist. 'Get on the couch.'
 The man replied: 'I'm not allowed on the couch.'

A man went to a psychiatrist complaining that he was obsessed with sex.

The psychiatrist showed him a photo of a cow and asked him what first came to mind.

'A couple making love,' said the man.

Then the 'shrink' showed him a photo of a car.

'And this?' said the psychiatrist.

'A man and a woman making love,' he replied.

Finally he is shown a photo of a pot of yoghurt.

'A man and a woman making love,' he replies.

'Well,' says the 'shrink', 'I have to say, you do seem obsessed with sex.'

'Me?' said the patient, 'You're the one who keeps showing me the dirty pictures!'



Okay! I know what you are thinking! That picture of sartorial elegance on the left should be on the cover of Vogue Magazine.

Well, it is actually a photo of The Phoenix Golf Society taken on President's Day this year. The President of the Society for 2011 was David Wightman, who is standing seventh from the right. (Mindful of the company, you will note that Dave has his wallet gripped firmly in his left hand!)

The Phoenix Golf Society is a very active and friendly society and welcomes new members. Why not check-out the 'Golf notice board' at the Phoenix in Via Park V.

The photo on the right is to introduce two unpaid volunteers who have transformed the image and content of the 'green' areas around the pool areas and beyond in Dream Hills. Terry - on the left, and John - on the right, have recently been joined by Steve, who was unfortunately 'down with the dreaded lurgy' when the photo was taken. There are also a number of other volunteers who give their time and effort to improving the 'green' areas between the old and new phases - George, David, Ron and others.



And these two lovely ladies on the left are Pam and Chris, who run the Book Swap from La Casita every Thursday morning from 10.00 am 'til noon. This photo was taken at the enjoyable Book Swap Annual Christmas Party which took place in mid-December.



On the left: a breezy day in December on one of the petanca courts and above; a section of the Petanca Club dinner at Galadriel in Via Park V last May.



(Although the Dream Scene is printed in black, the original is prepared in full colour. If you would like a colour copy of this page in PDF, just email me.)

The Dodgy Duke.

The newspapers are also having a 'field day' reporting about alleged corruption in the royal family. This time it is the son-in-law of King Juan Carlos II, Iñaki Urdangarin, the Duke of Palma. Daily revelations concerning the business activities of Iñaki Urdangarin (see photo below), show that the scope of the alleged wrongdoing is even greater than originally thought.

Besides making profits of up to 170 percent above the real costs of the events, his Nóos Institute - supposedly a non-profit group - organized for the Balearic and Valencian governments between 2004 and 2006, Urdangarin and his associate Diego Torres also diverted 500,000 euros to an opaque London-based firm that they had previously acquired through a foundation.

Over seven years, Nóos and its affiliates made nine million euros from private firms, and another seven million from regional governments, for services that authorities believe were non-existent or grossly overcharged. Later, that money was diverted to companies controlled by Urdangarin and Torres, who is already facing charges of misappropriation of public funds. There are also allegations that companies under their control, diverted money through a children's charity. Questions are also now being asked as to how their companies only paid 3% tax on an income of €3,200,000?



The growing case against Urdangarin is an offshoot of a wider corruption case known as Palma Arena, for which the then-regional premier, Jaume Matas of the Popular Party, is also awaiting trial. The story is all the more remarkable because it is the first time that a member of the Spanish royal family has been involved in such a public scandal. The family of Juan Carlos I has always been largely left alone by the Spanish press, partly in recognition of his role in defending democracy during the failed coup of 23 February, 1981.

But in a context of economic crisis and growing social unrest, it seems that even the royals are not safe from scrutiny. In an early attempt at damage control, the royal family had a special envoy investigate Urdangarin's business dealings in 2006, and ultimately recommend that he leave the country for a while. That was the real reason for the sudden move of Urdangarin, his wife the Infanta Cristina and their four children to Washington, where the former handball Olympic champion was given a post at Telefónica International. But in the end, attorneys investigating the Palma Arena case noticed the suspect public contracts and launched an investigation that will certainly end with Urdangarin's arraignment.

Urdangarin, once viewed as the ideal husband for a princess - his father was a banker, his mother an aristocrat, and he himself a successful sportsman - has suddenly become a pariah. It is a hard fall for a man who retired from competition at the age of 32, still at the top of his game. But Urdangarin, who always had an eye for business, got a master's degree from Madrid's prestigious business school Esade, where he took a course with an instructor named Diego Torres, who would eventually become his partner. Together, they created a non-profit organisation called Nóos Institute for Strategic Studies in Sponsorship and Patronage, a "think-tank" that embarked on a mission to find regular sponsors for its sports, tourism and health events in the private and public sectors. At one of these sessions, they recommended that companies pay them an annual fee of 25,000 euros for the privilege of "ownership" of one of the "values" that Nóos disseminated, and for company training.

The Wax Museum in Madrid has already 'jumped the gun' and removed the duke from the 'royal' section of the exhibition and moved him to the sports' section. There is also the issue of the duke's wife, the daughter of the king - the Infanta Cristina. She has held executive positions in a number of Urdangarin's allegedly 'dodgy' companies. No doubt she was drawing a salary from these. More details as they become public.

The Euro

Baldrick: "What I want to know sir, is before there was a Euro there were lots of different types of money that different people used. And now there's only one type of money that the foreign people use. And what I want to know is, how did we get from one state of affairs to the other state of affairs?"

Blackadder: "Baldrick. Do you mean, how did the Euro start?" Baldrick: "Yes sir."

Blackadder: "Well, you see Baldrick, back in the 1980's there were many different countries all running their own finances and using different types of money. On one side you had the major economies of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, and on the other, the weaker nations of Spain, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Portugal. They got together and decided that it would be much easier for everyone if they could all use the same money, have one Central Bank, and belong to one large club where everyone would be happy. This meant that there could never be a situation whereby financial meltdown would lead to social unrest, wars and crises." Baldrick: "But this is sort of a crisis, isn't it sir?"

Blackadder: "That's right Baldrick. You see, there was only one slight flaw with the plan."

Baldrick: "What was that then, sir?"

Blackadder: "It was bollocks!"

PHOENIX GOLF SOCIETY

We toasted the sad demise of our member Arthur Clarke on the 1st tee at Villamartin on a nippy Sunday morning.

The final of the match play was won by Graham Mitchell over Mick Slater. The overall winner was Richard Hirst with 36 points, with Mike Heighway taking the Gold, next year's captain Pete Brain, the Silver, and Dave Wightman the Bronze.

The best guest was Pat Heaney with Graham Mitchell taking the nearest the pin on the 6th. Dave Wightman on the 9th, Mick Slater on the 13th, Ken Sutton on the 17th and Mike Heighway with nearest the pin in 2.

The Must Try Harder Award once again went to Les Roundthwaite and we hope to see everyone at next week's society dinner at the Phoenix.

John Bradbeer



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you help me with this?'

'I could,' replied his grandfa-
ther, 'but it wouldn't be right,
would it?'

'I don't suppose it would Grand-
pa,' said the boy, 'but have a
shot at it anyway.'

Poor Rodney!

I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and a radio.

My mother had morning sickness after I was born.

I remember the time I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger
to my father. He said he wanted more proof.

My father carries around the picture of the kid who came with the wallet.

Once I was lost. I saw a policeman and asked him to help me find my
parents. I said to him, 'Do you think we'll ever find them?'
He said, 'I don't know, kid - there are so many places they can hide.'

Rodney Dangerfield



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"It was like breaking the record three days in a row," said the director of the National Transplants Organization (ONT), Rafael Matesanz after a frantic 72 hours witnessed 94 transplants take place in 42 hospitals across 14 of Spain's 17 regions and neighbouring Portugal. In total, 93 patients received new organs from 39 donors, with one undergoing a double lung and heart transplant. The operations were coordinated on November 23, 24 and 25, smashing the previous record for this kind of intervention of 32 in a single day.

Among the procedures were 53 kidney transplants, 23 liver, eight lung (four of them double-lung and one double lung and heart), six of hearts, three of a bowel and pancreas, and one intestinal replacement. Two of the recipients were in the extreme urgency category, "which means if they had not received an organ they could have died within 24 to 48 hours," explained the Health Ministry in a statement.

A manual written by the ONT's good practices commission "has been translated into every language in the world and everybody has copied it," added the ONT director. Even the general staff of the Spanish Air Force was called upon for assistance on six occasions during the period, either to transfer organs or to open military airports to the ONT. "The nurses, who coordinate the entire process, put in double and triple shifts," said Matesanz. (12 flights in all were used from 10 airport - one international, two military and seven civilian.) Among the donors were two non-Spanish nationals, and only two had been the victims of road traffic accidents. In 1992, the number of donors from road and other accidents was up 42 percent, a figure that Matesanz said would fall to "three or four percent" this year as road safety improves.

The overall panorama for donations is also falling. Last year, Spain had the highest number of donors per capita in the world but the total figure - 32 per million inhabitants, which is double the EU average - had fallen from a peak of 34 per million inhabitants. However, Matesanz is optimistic that the ONT can continue in a similar vein of success: "A while ago it looked as though this year we would increase our activity by eight percent, but with the latest data I think we could reach 10 percent." This seems an incredibly low figure to me. I wonder if it is correct?

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The above photo shows Stefan Pokroppa of Dream Hills interviewing the Mayor of Los Montesinos in December. Stefan organised the first Christmas Market for the town and it was a great success.



The above is a picture from The Children's Parade during the Inmaculada fiesta in December in Torrevieja. The parade thrilled thousands of youngsters with Disney characters, Sponge Bob, Three Little Pigs, the Smurfs, Spiderman, Superman and many others. Catwoman attracted a lot of attentionfrom the men! Tinkerbell above, looks frozen!

The Lodger

Last year in France, Jacques went to his local priest and confessed: 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. During the Second World War, I hid a Jewish man in my attic.'

'Mon Ami,' said the priest, 'that is not a sin but an act of great kindness.'

'But I made him agree to pay me 30 francs for every week he stayed.'

'That's not particularly charitable,' said the priest, 'but you did it in a good cause.'

'Thank you, Father,' said Jacques, 'that's a great relief to me. I have just one more question.'

'What's that?'

'Do I have to tell him the war is over?'





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No vocation!

Paddy wants to become a priest, so the bishop decides to test his knowledge of the Bible.

'1st, who was born in a stable?' 'Red Rum' replies Paddy.

'2nd, Do you know anything about Damascus?' 'It kills 99% of all known germs.' says Paddy.

'3rd, What happened when the disciples went to Mount Olive?'

'Not sure about that' says Paddy! 'Did Popeye kick the shite out of them!!!?'

Crime does pay!!

A man who killed his wife in 2005 has been collecting the widower's pension in Girona. The man who remains in prison is never the less collecting 590 € a month, and has so far received a total of 40,000 € from the state. He killed his wife in Sils, Girona, in 2005, and Llorenç Morell has been collecting the pension from the day after. Now the brothers of the victim are taking legal action over the situation, and the pension came to light following investigations opened by the Girona Court. The family of the victim are also claiming 85,000 € in compensation. 'When we tried to find out Morell's assets, they told us about him collecting the pension for the woman he killed'.

A second case has also come to light in Laguna de Duero in Valladolid. Here a man who murdered his wife and young son, gets 800 euros a month as a widower, and since last March he has also been getting retirement checks from when he worked as a public high school teacher, as did his wife. In all, Pisonero Domínguez receives around 2,400 euros from the state every month. Since 2009, the former math teacher is on day release, meaning he only has to go to prison to sleep. Additionally, he gets an entire week off once a month. The double murderer leaves the penitentiary at 7am and does not return until 9pm. He drives around on a powerful motorcycle or else in a black Volkswagen Passat Coupé, and is allowed to attend computer classes in the morning and afternoon. These benefits were granted by a judge despite opposition by prison officials.

Quick News

Last month Banco Sabadell acquired Banco CAM for one euro. The Bank of Spain injected an additional €2.2 billion capital into the bank. Since taking CAM over Sabadell has reported that the losses are likely to be treble that amount.

Telefonica now controls less than 50 percent of the Spanish broadband market after losing three points of the market share in the past year. The company is also at risk of falling below a 40 percent market share in mobile services after losing 71,000 clients in October and 78,000 in September, despite applying discounts. Telefonica just don't care about the Spanish market!

Portugal has announced that it will charge patients who use the emergency service at hospitals the sum of 20 €. The Government wants to collect 100 million € from the charge in 2012.

Harsher conditions from the banks have resulted in Sacyr losing 940 million with its disinvestment from Repsol. The constructor's adventure in the petrol chemical company has ended badly. They initially paid 6.525 billion € for 20.01% of Repsol in 2006, but have lost 90% of that value since then. (Sacyr are building Corvera airport and may now have liquidity problems.)

Cataluña has announced new taxes for visitors to the region and will now charge them as much as 3 € per night in a hotel. A charge will also be levied, between 1 € and 3€ on apartments, rural accommodation and cruises depending on the category of the service. A ten day maximum will be placed on the new charge. Also a new 1€ prescription charge is to be introduced to all health service users in the region.

My husband said to me last night. 'Look at this love, I've had this since we got married 20 years ago and it still fits me.' I replied 'Of course it does you fat bast*rd, it's a scarf!'



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The EU and how the bailout works ...

It is a slow day in a little Greek Village. The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit. On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the village, stops at the local hotel and lays a €100 note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night.

The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the €100 note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the €100 note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the €100 note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel.

The guy at the Farmers' Co-op takes the €100 note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the taverna.

The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit.

The hooker then rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the €100 note.

The hotel proprietor then places the €100 note back on the counter so the rich traveller will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveller comes down the stairs, picks up the €100 note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything. However, the whole village is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is how the bailout package works.

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Tourist Season

*In Alaska's National Forests, a tourists guide was giving a talk to a group of tourists about hiking in grizzly bear territory: "Most bear encounters occur when hikers, being extra quiet along the trails in hopes of viewing wildlife, accidentally stumble into bears. The resulting surprise can be catastrophic." To avoid this, he suggested that each hiker wear tiny bells on their clothing to warn the bears of their presence. "Also," he said further, "be especially cautious when you see signs of bears in the area, especially when you see bear droppings."

One tourist asked, "How do you identify bear droppings?"

"Oh that's easy," the guide explained, "it's the ones with all the tiny bells in them!"

*A pair of tourists were out in the fields when they discovered an abandoned well near an old farm house. Of course they're curious so they drop a small stone into the well, but they never hear it hit bottom. They search and find a larger rock and drop it into the well but once again hear nothing. They decide they need something larger and search the farm yard for a larger object. After much struggle, they manage to drag a large wooden railroad sleeper to the edge of the well and drop it over the edge.

After several seconds, a goat tears across the yard and without any hesitation, dives head first into the open hole. The two tourists stand in amazement. About then a farmer appears and tells them he is looking for a lost goat. The tourists tell the farmer about the goat diving into the well.

"That couldn't be my goat", the farmer replies, "My goat was grazing in the field roped to a railroad sleeper!"

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Perrera Municipal de Torrevieja by Tid

Pet abandonment is a common occurrence in Spain. We see and hear about sad and often cruel cases daily. Sad to say many dogs, puppies, cat and kittens, and a variety of other pets, will have been bought for Christmas and once the novelty has worn off, no doubt dumped before Easter.

Recently I read an article in the Euro News about a rescue centre in Torrevieja that I didn't know existed. It seems it is near the Habaneras and the local police station, in the Toretta area of Torrevieja. It is called **Perrera Municipal de Torrevieja**. It seems that someone has used the 'old grey matter' and set it up on a Facebook page. Details of a variety of pets have been posted and already there have been 1,500 hits to the site and more than 20 adoptions have taken place.

Now some of you may feel that at this stage in your life you can't cope with a pet. I was one of them, but this little dog aged about four years

arrived in our lives and taking him in was the best thing we ever did here. He is a joy, a great companion, a great guard dog and so loyal. Next time you are online search 'Perrera Municipal de Torrevieja' and maybe you might find a friend who not only needs you but who will enrich your life!



What you see on the left is a dog-washing machine. No! Not the man on the phone! This box shaped machine was invented by a Spanish gentleman from Barcelona called Angel Segura. Angel, who designs and manufactures car-washing machines, also has seven dogs and two cats. Washing these animals used to devastate his bathroom and, 'necessity being the mother of invention' he designed and manufactured this special booth to do the job. The product has been very successful, 70% of the booths being exported outside Spain, mainly to Japan. The booths, which are coin operated, sell for around €19,000 each. The full cycle washes the dog or cat in around three minutes and a gentle drying program takes about 25 minutes. The machines usually charge €10 for a small dog and €15 for a large one. And no, this is not an April Fool joke! See more at <http://lavakan.es/en/home/IN/index.html>

Jewish Humour

#An Oriental man was sitting in a Chinese restaurant when a Jewish man suddenly came up and tipped a bowl of fried rice over his head.

'That's for Pearl Harbour,' said the Jew.

'But I'm Chinese!' cried the man.

The Jew was unrepentant. 'Chinese, Siamese, Japanese, you're all the same!'

At this, the Chinaman picked up his plate of sweet and sour chicken and threw it over the Jew.

'That's for sinking the Titanic,' shouted the Chinaman.

'But the Titanic was sunk by an iceberg....'

'Goldberg, Greenberg, iceberg.....'

#An Englishman, a Scotsman and a Jew had a five-course meal in a swanky London restaurant. At the end, the waiter presented them with a bill for £500.

'I'll pay that,' said the Scotsman.

On the following day, the front page of the newspaper carried the headline:

JEWISH VENTRILOQUIST FOUND DEAD IN ALLEY.

#What's the difference between a Catholic wife and a Jewish wife?

- A Catholic wife has real orgasms and fake jewellery.

‘La Peregrina’

I thought that for this month I might vary the history article slightly and cover the story of ‘La Peregrina’, a fabulous pearl with a fascinating history. The text of the following story is by M.P. of Typically Spanish.

Elizabeth Taylor’s jewellery was recently auctioned by Christie’s of New York, setting new world auction records with all the pieces on sale going for far in excess of their estimated value. One of the highlights was a pearl, diamond and ruby necklace designed by Cartier as a setting for ‘La Peregrina’ (The Incomparable), one of the most famous pearls in the world, which Richard Burton bought for Elizabeth Taylor for the sum of 37,000 dollars in 1969. The necklace sold for 11.8 million dollars at Christie’s.

La Peregrina weighs the equivalent of 50 carats and is one of the largest natural pearls in the world. It was first discovered in the Gulf of Panama in the mid-1500s by a slave who was given his freedom in return. It then began its journey across the world, giving it its name of ‘The Pilgrim’ or ‘The Wanderer’.

The pear-shaped pearl first went to King Felipe II of Spain, who gave it as a gift to his wife, the Tudor queen, Mary I of England. Mary is seen wearing the pearl as a pendant in her portrait by the Dutch artist Hans Eworth which hangs in the National Portrait Gallery (see right). After her death, it returned to Spain and remained in the hands of the Spanish crown for more than 200 years. The pearl was worn by a number of Spanish queen consorts over the years, including Margarita de Austria, wife to Felipe III, Isabel de Borbón, who married his son Felipe IV, and María Luisa de Orleans, queen consort to Carlos II of Spain. Portraits of royal figures wearing the pearl were painted by Velázquez and other noted artists, and there is also one of Felipe III wearing it as an ornament in his hat.



The jewel remained in Spain until the early 19th Century when José I of Spain, the brother of Napoleon Bonaparte who governed Spain during the French occupation, sacked the Spanish crown’s jewels from the Palacio de Madrid on taking over the throne in 1808 and had them sent to his consort, Julia Clary, in Paris. When Joseph Bonaparte fled Spain in 1814, he took the famous pearl with him to the United States, but brought it back to Europe when he returned. It was still amongst his possessions when he died in 1844.

La Peregrina went to Joseph’s nephew, Charles Louis Bonaparte, the future Napoleon III, who in financial straits during his exile in England, sold the pearl to Lord James Hamilton, the 2nd Marquis of Abercorn, shortly before he was created a duke. Hamilton had the pearl set on a necklace and gave it to his wife.

Despite being temporarily lost from its setting on two occasions, once in a sofa in Windsor Castle, the pearl remained in the hands of the Hamiltons until 1914 when it was sold to a London jeweller. The firm offered the piece to Alfonso XIII of Spain who, unable to make such a heavy investment, declined the offer and La Peregrina was sold at auction to an American multi-millionaire in 1914. It crossed the Atlantic yet again.

Described by Elizabeth Taylor as, ‘the most perfect pearl in the world’, the jewel eventually became the actress’s property when Richard Burton bought it for her as a gift during their first marriage, outbidding a member of the Spanish royal family, Alfonso de Borbón y Dampierre, in the 1969 auction. In her book, ‘My Love Affair with Jewellery’, Taylor writes of her panic when the pearl went missing shortly after receiving the gift. It was at this time suspended on a delicate chain and the actress suddenly noticed that it had gone missing in the couple’s hotel suite in Las Vegas. She finally discovered it inside the mouth of one of her puppies, which she found chewing on the pearl. Fortunately there was no damage, but it took Taylor a week to summon up the courage to tell her husband what had happened.



The Hans Eworth portrait of Mary Tudor wearing the famous pearl was offered for auction at Sotheby’s three years after Burton bought the gift for his wife and there is an interesting note on the NPG website about how it came to be added to the gallery’s collection. The small oil was purchased, ‘with help from the Art Fund, the Pilgrim Trust, HM Government, Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, 1972.’



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Belt-tightening on large projects in Valencia

The new President of the Valencia regional government, Alberto Fabra, is reorganizing large events in the area, many of which have proved an economic fiasco. Spokesman, Lola Johnson, announced the plan which will see the sale of the 22.3% the Generalitat owns in Terra Mítica.

The Benidorm attractions park was the jewel in the crown of the Generalitat when Eduardo Zaplana was President, costing €377 million, 100 million € more than forecast. The new sale, if it proceeds, will see the clearing of a €45 million debt, a fraction of the original investment. The main investors in the park were the Bancaja and CAM savings banks, now both absorbed or purchased by other entities.

Another expensive adventure has been Formula One. Despite there being a perfectly good track at Cheste, Francisco Camps did a deal with Bernie Ecclestone in 2007 for the construction of an urban circuit in the port. That cost the regional government €211 million. Valmor, which commercially manages the race, has so far only amassed losses and although the exact debt run up is not known it is estimated to be above 15 million €. The Generalitat now says it will save five million a year in relation to the IVA and a million more under a new management system.

In early December, the Mayor of Valencia, Rita Barberá, was in London to see Valencia play Chelsea (Valencia got hammered) in the Champions League, and used the occasion to have dinner with Ecclestone. She is reported to have asked him to get involved in more projects in Valencia, and they also discussed the Valencia race. Some time ago the Formula One boss noted that the two Grand Prix races held in Spain were a problem and he admitted that Spain is unlikely to continue to host two races.

The Ciudad de la Luz (City of Light, a massive film studio - see below) is expected to have cost some 300 million € when it is completed. The debt accumulated so far is something over €30 million. Once completed the Generalitat will recover the investment with a canon/levy charged on the company which takes it over, that is provided that one comes forward. Only one film was produced there in 2010 and only one also in 2011.

And finally the Solar de las Torres project (reported in the DS last month) where the Generalitat paid 15 million € for the architect designs from Santiago Calatrava. Their construction has now been ruled out and the land is for sale, but with no interest as yet. The real shame is that no one is being held responsible for this debacle.



Part of Ciudad de la Luz

Baggage charges - Ryanair and Easyjet

Ryanair has announced the introduction of an increase in the cost applied to checking in hold luggage in the peak holiday periods of June to September and over Christmas.

This will take effect on any flights booked with the airline on or after the 15th of December, with the cost for each piece of luggage being checked into the hold of the aircraft increasing by 5 Euros, from the 15 Euro charge currently to 20 Euros.

However, when the hold-luggage has not been reserved and paid for in advance - including instances when check-in staff have deemed cabin baggage to be too large or too heavy to be allowed on the flight - the charge will increase from 35 Euros to 60 Euros.

The airline also announced that it will increase the penalty charge for those who have forgotten to, or been unable to print off their flight confirmation / boarding passes at home from 40 Euros to 60 Euros as from January the 15th of this year.

The cost of checking a single piece of luggage into the hold in advance has also increased from £15 to £25 each way.

The charge for a second bag has also been placed at a much higher charge of £45.

Ryanair have always maintained that their charges are fair and encourage passengers to travel 'within the rules' and that the excess charges only apply to those who do not follow them. As 70% of all passengers agree to these rules and abide by them, the vast majority of passengers are therefore not penalised.

Carrying the agreed amount of hand luggage is all well and good, however, not only is the number of luggage items, the total weight and the total volume advised by Ryanair less generous than other airlines, it is also enforced more rigorously.

Ryanair permit just one piece of luggage per person, inclusive of shopping bags, carrier bags, handbags and laptop cases. All extra items must be either consolidated into one bag (along as the consolidated bag remains within the size & weight allowances) or be checked into the hold at extra cost. Other airlines are known to take a much more tolerant approach to item number and in any case, have much higher weight and volume allowances.

By comparison Ryanair allow a hand luggage weight of 10kg and Volume of 44 litres, compared to Easyjet not having a weight limit and a volume of 63 litres.

Easyjet also charge £30 per 20kg of checked luggage compared to Ryanair's £25 for 15kg.

However, Easyjet's 'Penalty' for excess items is just £25 if paid at check in, rising to £40 if paid at the boarding gate.

There can be little doubt that Ryanair is indeed one of the consistently cheapest airlines flying in and out of Spain - providing you are fully aware of all limiting factors and able to abide by them. If not, they can easily work out to be one of the most expensive.

(Source: Tumbit.com)

BARCELONA by Patricia Cartwright.

In September 2011 we made our second visit to Barcelona. We had visited previously in 2001 and still found a vibrant, noisy, busy city where all life can be found.

Barcelona is the second largest city in Spain and the capital of Catalonia, with a population 1,621,537, most of whom understand, speak and read both Spanish and Catalan. Originally founded as a Roman city, Barcelona gradually became an important cultural centre and major tourist destination. It is famous on several accounts, as a port, as a city of art, for the 1992 Olympics and its two football teams, one of which is rather successful. There is a rich cultural heritage and the city is especially renowned for the architectural works of Antoni Gaudi several of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Travelling to Barcelona is easily accomplished whether by air, rail or car. We flew in from UK to the nearest airport, El Prat with Easy Jet. Air travel from Alicante is available with both Spanair and Vueling. Their web sites quote fares for around 100-110 euros return per person at sensible times of the day. The number 46 bus gets you from the airport to the city centre for less than 2 euros in about 35 minutes. The metro leaves from Terminal 2. It's worth buying a 10 journey metro ticket (8 euros in 2011) to use during the rest of the trip.

It is also feasible to use RENFE from Alicante to Barcelona-Sants, again for around 100 euros per person return. The journey takes between 4 and 5 hours. Sants Station is central and on the metro, giving easy access to hotels etc.

As we flew into Barcelona from Liverpool we decided to hire a car and drive the 620km down to Dream Hills. This was a 6 hour, but easy, drive, hugging the east coast on one side and with spectacular scenery along much of the inland side. It is mostly a toll motorway (so fast and fluid, unlike UK motorways) and well signposted with decent "pit-stops".

Barcelona is a big city but has an excellent clean and efficient metro system. I guess the inevitable pickpockets and fraudsters are there, as they are in any city, but you just need to be vigilant and hang on tight to your bag or wallet. We enjoy discovering somewhere new on foot and although some of the sites can be a couple of miles apart, the grid system makes map reading fairly easy. For those less mobile, there are options of the metro, service buses, taxis and the ubiquitous Hop On/Off buses which leave from Plaza Catalonia. Tickets for the bus tours can be booked in advance on the internet, bought in hotels and tourist offices and at the bus stops. One day tickets start at about 17 euros and a two day ticket from 22 euros.

The buses take in all the major sites and offer a commentary in English. There are three different routes and the **tickets are valid on all of them.**

The major attractions include art, architecture, churches, sport, food, drink and shopping. Barcelona is the home city of **Antonin**



Gaudi (1852-1926). In 1883 Gaudí was asked to project manage the building of a new Cathedral (see left) to be called the Basilica and Expiatory Temple of the Holy Family, usually known as the "**Sagrada Família**". The finishing touches are even now still in progress but this beautiful church was consecrated in November 2010. It has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and should not be missed. I queue for very little, but the 20 minute wait and the 13 euro entrance fee (including an audio guide) were worth every cent and every minute's wait. If you want to get in free, mass is held every morning at 9am, for which of course there is no charge and depending on your beliefs may be a rewarding experience.

Gaudi architecture and design is to be found all over Barcelona. His two houses, **La Pedrera** and **Casa Battlo**, both on Passeig de Gracia are both World Heritage sites. Entry to each costs about 18 euros per person and includes an audio guide

in English. **Parc Guell**, situated on a hill overlooking the city is free to enter and more Gaudi designs can be seen in the buildings and statuary. It's too far realistically to walk from the centre but the park is on the tourist bus routes and about a 15 minute walk (uphill and with street escalators) from Vallcarca metro station.

The main hub of Barcelona is Plaza Catalonia from which runs the famous avenue "**La Rambla**" down to the Port area. This beautiful tree lined avenue (see photo on right) is alive with tourists, street artists, cafes and shops. Roads off it to the North lead into the **Gothic Quarter**, a maze of pedestrian alleyways, squares and the old cathedral with its medieval cloisters. The Roman walls of an earlier age can be seen lining the streets between the Gothic Cathedral and the Port.



The city is full of art galleries and museums. For 20th century art lovers the

highlights would include the **Picasso Museum** and the **Joan Miro Foundation**. The Picasso Museum is situated in the Gothic Quarter, on Calle Montcada, about 500 m from La Rambla and accessible from Jaume 1 metro station.. The Miro Foundation is situated on Montjuic and provides an amazing insight into the work of this surrealist artist. Montjuic is accessible on public service buses, tourist buses and by cable car from Port Vell, Entry to both the Picasso and the Miro exhibitions is 10 euros per person. For those preferring a more general insight into Spanish and European art, **The National Museum of Art of Catalonia** is also on Montjuic. (Continued on next page.)

Hear, Hear!

A guy walks into work, and both of his ears are all bandaged up. The boss says, 'What happened to your ears?'

He says, 'Yesterday I was ironing a shirt when the phone rang and I accidentally answered the iron!'

The boss says, 'Well, that explains one ear, but what happened to the other ear?'

He says, 'Well, I had to call the doctor!'

I'm sure sport in Barcelona needs no introduction! **FC Barcelona's Nou Camp** (see photo) is on the Tourist Bus itineraries and open most days of the year. I limited my other half to a (very) quick look – he'll need to go back with our sons or his mates to get longer! However, audio-guided tours are available almost every day of the year and cost about 25 euros. The tour begins at the visiting team changing room followed by a walk through the tunnel into the ground itself. Once there, you will be able to walk on the hallowed turf, sit on the team bench and contemplate the Nou Camp's magnificence!! The tour also includes a visit to the Chapel (for divine inspiration?), the TV Room, the Press Room, the Fundacio Zone and the Presidential Box. Last but not least, you will be offered the option to lift the European Champions Cup with your own hands.



The other major stadium is of course the **Olympic Stadium of Barcelona**, also situated on the Montjuic mountain and accessible as for the Miro Foundation. It was originally built in 1927 for the 1929 International Exhibition and Barcelona's bid for the 1936 Summer Olympics which, in the end, were awarded to Berlin. It was finally used as the main stadium for the 1992 Summer Olympics after being renovated in 1989. It can accommodate 65 000 people and until 2009 was the home of Barcelona's second football team, Espanyol. They now play at a new stadium out towards El Prat airport.

Barcelona is also a major European commercial port and sporting marina. The Port Vell area houses the Maremagnum (a commercial mall), a multiplex cinema, Europe's largest aquarium, containing 8,000 fish and 11 sharks contained in 22 basins filled with 6 million litres of sea water. There are numerous bars, restaurants and cafes in the port area. Tapas can be enjoyed on a floating bar and seafood dishes and paella are among the expected specialities along the harbour-side restaurants.

The *transbordador* cable car up to the Montjuic leaves from Port Vell. Access is via a lift up to the cable car station and, if you have a head for heights, you will be rewarded with some stunning views of Barcelona. The journey to Montjuic lasts approximately seven minutes and the car moves continuously throughout the trip. The return trip costs €12.50 and €9.00 one way, with children under 6 years old free.

This is not the only cable car however. On Montjuic itself is the Teleferico de Montjuic. It is a shorter ride in a four person car, taking passengers from the *estació funicular* on Avenida Miramar, which is half way up Montjuic and dropping them at the beautiful Montjuic Castle from where stunning views of the city can be gained.

Accommodation can be expensive in Barcelona, although there are always deals to be had, especially on the internet. We hit lucky by booking through air-miles (now sadly defunct) and stayed at the excellent HCC Open hotel for 3000 points, all earned on the Tesco loyalty card! Much of the less expensive accommodation does not include breakfast and most of the central 3 star hotels didn't have a restaurant. I would imagine staying anywhere on or near La Rambla might be exceedingly noisy too! There are some very swish 5 star hotels at relatively good prices at the weekends but they tend to be well out of town and so the cost of getting into the centre offsets the saving on the hotel. Guest houses and apartments are also available. I would recommend a good internet search or contacting the tourist information offices to get the best deals.

I hope you enjoy seeing this fabulous city as much as we did.

Pat & Adrian Cartwright

Inheritance Tax - the latest.

The European Commission has once again swooped on Spain and it's legal and procedural practices and determined that it is acting in a discriminatory fashion towards non-residents.

In this particular case the commission was investigating the matter of Inheritance Tax and gift tax rules, and considered that the current regulations constitute 'an obstacle to the free movement of persons and capital in breach of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union', and as a result made the decision to refer Spain to the EU Court of Justice for discriminatory tax rules that require non-residents to pay higher taxes.

Inheritance Tax and gift tax in Spain is regulated by both the Central and Regional Governments, and rules instituted by the latter are applicable only to resident individuals and lead (in practice) to a substantially lower tax burden for resident taxpayers.

Those who are not resident in Spain are subject to this tax with regard to any assets which are located in Spain or rights which may be exercised in Spain and are ruled only by state law. Contrary to autonomous communities' legislation, state law does not grant certain tax benefits, leading to higher taxation for non-resident individuals.

If the EU Court of Justice rules that this practice is discriminatory, Spain would be obliged to modify them and non-residents would be entitled to a refund of the excessive tax paid, which can be substantial.

Out for a drive.

A State Trooper pulled a car over on a quiet country road and walked up to the driver. 'Excuse me ma'am,' he said, 'but is there any explanation for your erratic driving? You were weaving all over the road.'

'Thank goodness you're here, officer,' she gasped. 'I almost had an accident. I looked up and there was a tree right in front of me. I swerved to the left and there was another tree. So I swerved to the right and there was another tree! It was the most terrifying experience.'

Calmly the officer reached through the side window to the rear-view mirror and said: 'Ma'am, there was no tree. It was your air freshener.'

A very old man was driving on the motorway when his wife called him on his mobile phone. 'John,' she cried, 'I've just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the motorway, so please be careful.' 'Bloody hell!,' screamed John. 'I know. It's not just one car, it's hundreds of them!'

Local Bits & Pieces

Christmas has been very quiet here on the Costa with few exceptions. The local council have placed illuminated lighting at the entrance to some roads and urbanisations, including Dream Hills; and this, together with the illuminations people have placed outside their houses, has certainly helped to increase the seasonal atmosphere. Congratulations to the council for the street dec's. The previous administration could never 'rise to the occasion' and it is good to see some effort being spent on our Costa.

Spain has fallen back into recession again with many trading outlets closing their doors permanently. Just before Christmas, the butcher's shop next to Lidl's on Calle Mosca also closed down.

Torre Vieja Hospital launched a new service whereby you can check-up on your hospital appointments and other medical matters using your mobile and SMS messages. I managed to check my appointment on the system but not my wife's. Other people have also told me that they cannot get it to work satisfactorily either. Once the service has been improved I will print a 'How to' guide in the newsletter.

Around mid-month, a Spanish lady from Dream Hills was walking her two small dogs by the pumping station between the old and new phases. Suddenly one of her dogs was attacked by two rottweilers. Only one of the dangerous dogs was muzzled and both were running free - the law being broken in two instances. The unmuzzled dog then killed the little dog, a Yorkie' type breed. Dave the handyman bravely hit the killer dog over the head and back with a shovel several times but the aggressive dog did not let go until the little dog was dead. The two big dogs then ran off. It now seems that both dogs were also involved in another incident that morning and may have been involved in another incident previously. The matter was immediately reported to the police and the two dogs are now being held 'for observation' by a veterinarian. The dogs have been denounced. If you are willing to help with more *denuncias*, please contact Dave the handyman. There are reports that the rottweilers owner is not the least bit contrite and believes that he will get both his dogs back. The owner of the poor little Yorkie' is obviously heartbroken.

A 35-year-old North African waiter stabbed two customers several times in an unprovoked attack in a Turkish Kebab House in Calle Ramón y Cajal, Torre Vieja, on Dec 2. (Just keep an eye on those tips!)

Other bits

. Over the next five years around 150 Repsol petrol stations in Spain will also contain a Burger King outlet. The US\$50 million investment is expected to create about 1,500 jobsand possibly several thousand cardiac arrests!

Despite the rumours, the new Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, has stated that the new Ministry of Health have no plans to change the anti-smoking legislation introduced by the Socialists a year ago.

Unions sources say that the Government is to freeze the minimum wage for 2012 at €641 per month. The minimum wage in Spain is one of the lowest in Europe, higher only than that in Portugal.

Meanwhile, events surrounding the 'dodgy duke' have prompted the House of Bourbon to be more transparent about their finances. The cost of the Spanish Royal Family for 2011 was €8.43 million. The King gets an annual wage of €140,519 together with representation expenses of €152,233. The Prince of Asturias - Prince Felipe - gets half this amount, and the Royal ladies, the Queen, Princess of Asturias and the Infantas Doña Elena and Doña Cristina only get representation costs in proportion to activities each year. The total budget of 2011 for those costs had a limit of €375,000.

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The Glasgow Brothel

The madam opened the brothel door in Glasgow and saw a rather dignified, well-dressed, good-looking man in his late forties or early fifties.

"May I help you sir?" she asked.

"I want to see Valerie," the man replied.

"Sir, Valerie is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else", said the madam.

"No, I must see Valerie," he replied.

Just then, Valerie appeared and announced to the man she charged £5000 a visit. Without hesitation, the man pulled out five thousand pounds and gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, the man calmly left.

The next night, the man appeared again, once more demanding to see Valerie.

Valerie explained that no one had ever come back two nights in a row, as she was so expensive. There were no discounts. The price was still £5000.

Again, the man pulled out the money, gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, he left.

The following night the man was there yet again. Everyone was astounded that he had come for a third consecutive night, but he paid Valerie and they went upstairs.

After their session, Valerie said to the man, "No one has ever been with me three nights in a row. Where are you from?"

The man replied, "Edinburgh."

"Really", she said. "I have family in Edinburgh."

"I know," the man said. "Your sister died, and I'm her solicitor. I was instructed to deliver your £15,000 inheritance in person..."

The moral of the story is that three things in life are certain-----

1. Death
2. Taxes
3. Being screwed by a lawyer.

(Dave Purdy & others)

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10.00 – 12.00 – 14.00 – 16.00 – 18.00 – 20.00 Hrs

Last word on Christmas?

I was brought up by atheists and as a kid I used to tell my parents about Christmas; I really wanted to celebrate Christmas. They'd look at me and say: 'Old man breaks into the house, creeps into your bedroom and empties his sack? You're not having Christmas.'
 Shappi Khorsandi

I was coming out of my off-licence with four crates of lager and two crates of wine, and a bottle of brandy, and a bottle of vodka, and I said to the guy: 'Christmas is really about the children, isn't it?'
 Barry Cryer

I don't know what to get my nephew for Christmas. Last year his parents gave him a gun. I wonder what the little orphan wants this year.
 Alan Young

One Christmas, my grandfather gave me a box of broken glass. He gave my brother a box of Band Aids. Then he said, 'Now, you two share.'
 Steven Wright

My mother-in-law has come round to our house at Christmas seven years running. This year we're having a change. We're going to let her in.
 Les Dawson

Women do not consider the following to be gifts: diet books, cooking utensils, cleaning products, petrol for the car, anything from the Pound Shop. Jeff Green

How is the Italian version of Christmas different? - One Mary, one Joseph, one Jesus and 33 wise guys.

'Mummy, mummy, can I have a dog for Christmas?'
 'No, sweetheart; you can have turkey like the rest of us.'

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