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NEWSLETTER

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Bienvenido a todos and welcome to the August edition.

July in Spain was generally a sweltering month with little respite from the heat, day or night. Lately, each day has had highs of between 35 and 39° in the shade. This July is reportedly, the hottest on record. The Spanish National Meteorological Agency reports that Spain has gone through more than 80 heat waves during the last 40 years, the worse one on record taking place during July and August 2003. The current heat wave can lead to heat stroke, fainting, sun burns, and existing diseases that can get worse, especially for those who have difficulty in breathing normally. Many small children get skin rashes caused by blocked sweat glands. Adults suffer from water retention, especially in the legs, while the loss of sodium and water from excessive sweating can lead to painful cramps. Spending a long time in hot temperatures, especially when standing course the heat can also effect one's irritability and triggers more aggressive behaviour, according to research by Department. affects ones attitudes. A Murcia analysed data from the Psychiatric Hospital over nine years, and The results were surprising: on breezy days there was a spike in psychiatric increased when humidity rose above 60% grew when temperatures surpassed 30°C. indicate that increased temperatures and aggressive behaviour. So do be careful



So what is a picture of a beautiful bonny baby doing here? Well, this little beauty was found after being dumped in an underground rubbish bin in Madrid some days ago. The baby, named Marco by hospital workers, is now doing well with a foster family. You can read the full disturbing report on page 8 of this issue.

The British Foreign Office and some British holiday companies have launched a campaign on the social networks to collect photos which reflect a positive holiday image in Spain. Last year, hooligans on holiday in Ibiza and Magaluf with their drink and drug excesses resulted in scores of cases needing hospital treatment, 170 detentions, 13 cases of rape and sexual abuse, and 546 lost or stolen passports. The emergency document to replace a lost passport costs €136.30! The idea of promoting 'positive holidays' is to make young British tourists aware of the problems unruly and drunken behaviour can lead to and to promote, on the social networks, a positive image centred on Ibiza and Magaluf. Under the title 'Take Your Pic' British youngsters are invited to share photographs on Twitter and Tumblr showing a happy holiday with the #holidaywin or #holidayfail. An example of #holidaywin is a man swimming underwater or a group of friends enjoying a meal and #holidayfail of a tourist in hospital.

Saturday August 15 is a national 'Red Day' in Spain, the Feast of the Assumption.

Thank you to Barry & Carol for their generous donation - once again!

Hope you have an enjoyable month and looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Mick & Tid.

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Angela's Cartoon



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Emo Philips

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Did you know that

...there is a relationship between eye colour and alcohol dependency? People with blue eyes appear to be more prone to alcoholism, much more so than people with dark brown eyes. The study, by geneticists at the University of Vermont, revealed that European Americans with light eye colours, including blue and green and gray, had higher incidences of alcohol dependency than those with dark brown eyes, and that blue eyes were most strongly associated with the condition. The data showed that people with blue eyes were also more likely to have genes associated with alcohol dependence. This isn't completely surprising, in light of previous research indicating that eye colour can be associated with all sorts of specific health conditions. Geneticists have also known for a while that many people of Asian descent have a hard time holding their liquor (compared to those with European ancestry) because their bodies make an atypical version of the enzyme aldehyde dehydrogenase, which metabolizes alcohol.

Check out the following links for more details -

<http://qz.com/442844/this-one-eye-color-is-associated-with-higher-rates-of-alcohol-dependence/>

<http://www.medicaldaily.com/eye-color-explained-5-surprising-things-your-baby-blues-say-about-your-health-and-310792>

...mosquito biting activity increases 500-fold during a full moon phase; that will be around August 14 this month. This is from National Geographic who also state that biting mosquitos (only the females bite) tend to prefer blonde women, particularly if they have smelly feet!

...researchers from Harvard University have found that funeral directors may be at a higher risk of suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a deadly neurodegenerative disease. The analysis showed that men in those occupations which had a high probability of high exposure to formaldehyde (which is used extensively in funeral homes) were three times more likely to die from ALS. You can read the full article here -

<http://qz.com/454459/funeral-directors-could-be-at-a-greater-risk-of-dying-from-als/>

The biggest mistake I ever made at the Monte Carlo Rally was to let my wife go shopping by herself.

Mario Andretti

What's Up?

Following the regional and municipal elections in most of Spain during May, the absence of clear majorities has led to much frenetic activity as the various parties scurry about trying to make pacts and coalitions at both regional and municipal levels. Politics makes strange bedfellows and it will be interesting to see the groupings after August when most areas will be presenting their various coalitions so that they can then wield power.

With regional elections scheduled for Catalonia in September and national elections probably later in the year, the leaders of the pro-sovereignty bloc that hopes to win the Catalan regional election on September 27, warned that they are ready to declare independence immediately after the ballot if Madrid tries to place any legal hurdles in their way. Regional premier Artur Mas, who is leading the secession drive, had originally talked about a six-to-eight-month period before declaring independence following his bloc's hypothetical victory in the regional election. Although voters are officially just electing the next Catalan premier, Mas and his team are presenting it as a de facto referendum on independence. A bid to hold a real referendum last year was blocked by the central government. Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said there would be no Catalan independence no matter what nationalist leaders are promising. The leader of the PSOE opposition supports him on this, but Mas and bloc seem determined to go down a road which, following a declaration of independence, will undoubtedly lead to grief, prolonged litigation, possibly some jail time and probably a few broken heads as well. A recent survey revealed that the majority of Catalans want to remain with Spain and not go down the 'independence route.'

The new mayor of Barcelona, leftist Ada Colau, has had the bust of the previous king, Carlos I, removed from the Barcelona City Hall. As a populist gesture - something which is very common with the new left - claiming the King abdicated in 2014 and his bust was now an anomaly.

Which leads nicely if briefly into the training fund scam in Andalusia, oft reported in these columns. Following an internal investigation, the socialist Junta de Andalucía has stated that €72 million has been defrauded in the training course scam. Now this was an investigation by the incumbent socialists. The opposition, which includes the United Left, say that they are going to hold their own investigation. The PP have already stated that the fraud was so widespread that the true figure could be three billions! But in reality, the fraud could be as large as €1.6 billion. The unions, lawyers, politicians, insurance companies and many others enjoyed a major diversion of funds which was destined to assist the destitute unemployed. But it begs the question, what has been happening in the other regions in relation to these funds which flowed freely and without control?

Six banks now control three quarters of the Spanish savings; it follows the disappearance of the savings banks. Santander alone has a 32% of total bank saving deposits. On March 31 Santander, BBVA, Caixabank, Bankia, Popular and Sabadell held 72.1% of the total deposits, ten points higher than the end of 2009. Less competition is obviously bad for the consumer. Banks in Spain have a well deserved dreadful reputation. From miss selling to abusive mortgage clauses and ludicrous charges, the consumer is badly served. With the consolidation of the banking sector and the resultant closure of many branches, a visit to the bank these days means queues, delays and bureaucratic fumbling which does nothing for your blood pressure or patience.

At the end of every party, there is always a girl crying.

Peter Kay

PM Mariano Rajoy has told the Governor of the Bank of Spain, Luis Linde, to shut up taking about pensions and stop questioning their viability. Rajoy has also brought forward the tax cuts that were to be introduced next year, to this year. He said that it is not electioneering. Of course not! However final approval is down to the individual regions as 50% of this tax goes to the regions. So it would be a very brave, even foolhardy regional government who would not approve the cuts, which amount to €1.5 billion in all. The average reduction in the tax payable is expected to be around €1 each month per taxpayer.

A former prime minister of Qatar has agreed to purchase a 10% stake in the El Corte Inglés department chain in a transaction that opens Spain's biggest retailer up to foreign investment. Sheik Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al Thani will become a board member and major stockholder in the Spanish corporation after agreeing to purchase €1 billion in treasury shares from the company - a move that values the group at €10 billion.

There was an unusual yet very tragic accident in a little bay in Gran Canaria near Santa Lucía de Tirajana in mid-July. In this a 31-year-old Russian lady was skin-diving just 15 metres off the shoreline when a passing windsurfer's board hit the woman and severed her head. After an investigation, the Guardia Civil decided that it was an accident and the 41-year-old Swiss windsurfer will not be charged with any crimes. The location of the accident was in a bay and not a beach so the windsurfer was not breaking any laws or rules. However the unfortunate Russian lady should have had a small buoy attached to a rope to indicate her position and that she was diving. After 26 years of watersports on the local shores, this was the first serious accident or incident.

A 23-year-old London lady died while bungee jumping off a bridge in Lanjarón, Granada. She hit her head against the wall of a metal bridge. It is possible that the bungee cord was the incorrect length. The Guardia are investigating.

Información in Alicante has reported that the previous president of the Comunidad de Valencia - the Regional Government - José Luis Olivás, has been detained with two others, Baldó and Ferri (two previous directors of Bancaja), for diverting €15 million to Andorra and Switzerland.

Also breaking in the Púnica Case, it is alleged that a builder, David Marjaliza, paid a bribe of €10 million in €500 notes to help finance the PP campaign in the last general election.

The European Commission considers the geographic restrictions imposed by six United States giant cinema companies and Sky TV could impede consumers in other countries from obtaining their 'pay for view' services, which in this case is limited to the United Kingdom and Ireland. Because of these limitations Sky has blocked potential clients in other countries from accessing the United States majors, Disney, NBC Universal, Paramount, Sony Twentieth Century Fox and Warner Bros which are exclusively supplied to Sky and British television. Brussels distrusts this practice. 'European consumers want the 'pay TV' channels to choose from, independent of where in Europe they live or are travelling' says the Commission Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. Brussels also has under the magnifying glass the other European Pay TV channels, among them Distribuidora de Televisión Digital (Old Digital Plus) who Telefonica acquired recently. When telephonically acquired Digital Plus this year, there were outstanding bills and commitments totalling €1.17 billion, tucked away in drawers at Digital Plus offices.

⁴What's Up? continued

The ITV (MOT) testing station in Ibiza has accumulated seven month of delay and is already booking appointments for January 2016.

Police in the resort of Pineda del Mar, just north of Barcelona, closed the town's four beaches in early July one evening after lifeguards spotted four small blue sharks, each about two metres in length, basking in shallow waters. The sharks, which usually inhabit more tropical waters, are generally not dangerous to humans; that is of course until they bite you!

But three beaches in Almeria had a menace of a different sort. More than 100 people in Almeria were rushed to hospital for an allergic reaction to toxic algae. Sunbathers were forced to go to hospital after coming into contact with the poisonous micro-algae on beaches in Cuevas de Almanzora and Vera. Two beaches were closed in Cuevas de Almanzora and one in Vera following the outbreak of 'algal bloom' in the waters off of the beaches. Those affected were treated for severe chest infections and skin irritations.

Drug seizures, and large ones at that, are still common in the south of Spain. Hardly a day goes by without hearing of a large stash being located and seized by the police. But I fear they are facing a tidal wave of illegal drug trafficking, particularly areas closest to North Africa. This came to light recently when it was revealed that every few months a crashed and abandoned helicopter is found in Andalucía. The crashed 'copters are never claimed and some are worth around half a million euros! This photo shows one that was abandoned in Almeria. The Guardia Civil has said normally there are two pilots which have gained their experience in the

Soviet military republics, where they have learnt how to fly by night. The bodies of a 40-year-old Albanian and his co-pilot, a 32-year-old man from Cádiz, were



discovered earlier this year in the Sierra de Málaga, with the crashed 'copter and 900 kilos of hashish. Drones are also in use. Drones were first used for drug trafficking over the Mexican – United States border, but in Spain the Guardia Civil have already found drones floating in the sea with two kilos of cargo. 'But for this to work the new drones have to be more powerful as now a 30 kilo bale of drugs is far too heavy', explained Lieutenant Coronel López. 'Sometimes they steal small planes, used for fumigating crops for example, which give free access across Andalucía'.

The nonpayment of community debt (urbanisation fees) in the Valencia reached a state average of 3.15% amounting to 1,854.71 million euros, compared with 1,798 million in 2013. The Community posted the sixth largest increase in defaults on property urb' fees, behind Castilla-La Mancha (8.82%), Murcia (8.6%), Aragon (5.98%), Canary Islands (5.76%) and Cantabria (5.5%).

Unpaid community fees in Spain now total €1.854 billion! This is up 3% on last year.

30 psychiatric workers staged a protest outside Fontcalent Prison, Alicante, in early July. Staff claim that there have been more than a dozen attacks on them so far this year, the latest being where one of the staff received a broken nose and a damaged ear when opening a cell door. Staff believe that a reduction in the amount of medication supplied to inmates has resulted in an increase in the number and severity of attacks.

Several tons of cocaine and millions of euro were recently recovered from a major drug trafficking network. The operation has ended with seventy-nine detentions in Spanish territory, and other countries after two years of investigations. The leader of the network was found in a luxury property in Madrid with 773,000 € in cash. The operation was carried out by the National Police with the Spanish Navy and Tax Office, in collaboration with the Police in Portugal, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Australia, the United Kingdom and Germany.



The Tax Office and the Guardia Civil made the discovery of 48 tons of hashish on its way into

Spain - see photo, at Algeciras port in the south of Spain, hidden in two lorries. So far this year, interventions in this region by the Tax Office and Guardia Civil totals 160 tons of hashish and 950 kilos of cocaine.

The National Commission for Markets and Competitiveness has fined Repsol €2.6 million for price fixing with four companies. The petrochemical company will appeal as they consider the sanction to be 'unjust, disproportionate and lacking fundamentally'.

The National Police director, Ignacio Cosidó, has said that the police have detained 201 people for corruption in the first five months of this year. This is already more than in the whole of last year. The Police have also opened 22 other investigations for bribery, misuse of public funds and influence peddling. Regarding Jihadist terrorism, Cosidó said so far this year the National Police has opened a total of 11 anti-Jihadist operations with 25 detained, of which three operations and 11 arrests were in Cataluña, where currently the National Police maintain open nine corruption investigations. The Police chief described political corruption as 'particularly complex' because to demonstrate a bribe or illegal financing is 'judicially and politically complex' as there generally is no paper trail to follow, but the Police success in these matters is now over 50%.

Yet another corrupt scam has been unveiled in Spain. This time in relation to the granting of nautical qualifications. 22 people have been detained and 851 are under investigation in 31 provinces for falsifying nautical training certificates. Falsified documents have been impounded which licensed navigation for up to 150 nautical miles and managing leisure craft up to 24metres in length. The operation, called Operation Sextante, started last October when the Guardia Civil were informed about a person linked to the nautical world who was providing titles such as skipper for yachts, leisure craft and basic navigation qualifications, including licences for manning boats always with a money and without taking place. The confirmed that their services as



different classes of previous payment of any examination Guardia Civil people were offering yacht captains and

were sailing in Spanish waters without any training. Implicated in the fraud were the Concierges of Agriculture, Fish and Alimentation in the autonomous regions of Andalucía, Cataluña, Valencia, Murcia, Basque Country, Asturias and Galicia, as well as the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla, the Harbour Master, the Spanish Federation of Motor boating, the Spanish Sailing Federation and the Andalucía Sailing Federation. After paying a large sum of money in advance they would receive a sealed envelope with the falsified title and corresponding documents as if having attended and passed the examination.

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*I got into the ring with Muhammad Ali once and I had him worried for a while.
He thought he'd killed me.
Tommy Cooper*

The use of drones to assist lifeguards is now being piloted in a number of Spanish beaches nationally. After some training of the lifeguards, the drones will be operating in Cabopino (Marbella), Ribadesella (Asturias), Isla (Cantabria), Benalmádena (Málaga) and a beach in nearby Cartagena. It seems that, in an emergency, a drone can arrive above a distressed bather and drop a lifebelt in a third of the time it takes the lifeguard to arrive.



Although we are now experiencing some delays in hospital and consultant appointments locally, matters are much better than in a number of other regions. Diario Sur in Málaga headlined that 'Chronic patients are waiting more than a year for specialist consultation'. The Andalucía Health Authority limits waiting time to 60 days but only for the first appointment.

The local authorities have installed two showers on the Playa Postiguet in Alicante. Although most beaches will have foot-washing showers, the addition of proper fresh water showering facilities is an excellent idea. To date the new showers have been a great hit with the public, despite a shower costing €4 for ten minutes. But I suppose you could shower a whole family (or the whole of the scruffy Man U Supporters Club) in that time!

30,000 cubic metres of sand has been added to the beaches in Pilar de la Horadada to replace the damage caused by the storms in late March. This resulted in around 1,100 lorry trips with enough sand to fill around 12,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools. The sand was dredged up from the entrance to the port.

Two British women, aged 29 & 24, have been arrested for supplying nitrous oxide (laughing gas) to tourists on Benidorm beaches. The ladies handed out balloons filled with the gas and charged €5 a pop. Police state that nitrous oxide is a powerful depressant of the central nervous system, its effects being very similar to that produced by the inhalation of glue.

Six illegal builds are to be knocked down on the Isle of Tabarca this September. See photo. Although declared illegal builds in 2003, tenants remained in the dwellings until January 2013. The properties have now been vandalised and under new legislation the owners are due to receive compensation totalling €1.2 million, but, the authorities have no money! No doubt you will ask as to why anybody who builds a property totally illegally, callously and close to the coast should be compensated? If you walk by the sea from Mar Azul towards Torry, you will see dozens of large houses built close to the sea without any approval, keeping the public from accessing the sea. A crime!



Who says men don't remember? ®

A couple were Christmas shopping in a packed shopping-centre when the husband wandered off and was nowhere to be seen. The lady was quite upset as they had a lot to do so she decided to call him on the mobile and find out where he was.

When he answered he said in a quiet voice, 'Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago, where you fell in love with that diamond necklace which we couldn't afford and I told you that I would get it for you one day?'

The wife choked up and started to cry and said 'Yes, I do remember that shop.'

He replied, 'Well, I'm in the pub next door.'

Moira.

Can Men Achieve Sartorial Elegance In the Summer?

Probably not. Whereas the ladies can look cool and sexy with an outfit that would fit into a matchbox, summer attire for the blokes usually looks like they are wearing the salvaged remnants that were left over after a jumble sale or what refugees leave behind at the border fence.

Informacion came out with a tongue-in-cheek article concerning dressing like a gentleman for the season; it was basically a series of 'don't wears'. Maybe you can add your choice to it.

Firstly they say don't wear short sleeve shirts, particularly those with large floral or psychedelically coloured designs. I agree about the gaudy colours, but surely short sleeves are *de rigueur*? Long sleeves in this brutal weather is just dumb, unless of course they meant us to wear T-shirts or just vests!



Which brings me on nicely to their next 'don't' - visibly hairy bodies. Okay look, you might be proud of your hirsute shoulders and chest, but seeing what looks like the horsehair-filling to an old mattress bursting out of your vest or T-shirt, would put anyone off their *gazpacho* or *sangria*. So shave it or cover it! I have to agree with this. Looking like a hairy grizzly bear at the pool or beach is only attractive to other grizzly bears. Break out the hair-removal productsor sandpaper! The newspaper also advises, 'A man must never show more cleavage than his female partner.' So, open shirts and medallions are out!

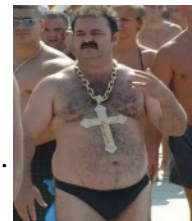
Next it is the 'Capri pants' or what Spanish call *Pantalones pirata* (pirate pants). I have to agree with these 'I can't make my mind up pants.' They show a lack of decision making - "Shall I wear shorts or long trousers? Oh, I can't make my mind up so I will wear something in between!" To me three-quarter length trousers are just not sensible or masculine. They belong in the same daft category as alcohol-free lager or a meatless dinner!



Finally it is 'sandals.' Let's be honest, men's feet NEVER look good in sandals (or as we used to refer to them in school as - 'Jesus boots', which really upset the Christian Brothers). Most men's feet are an example of what happens when nature gets lazy. De just ugly!! But it must be said that many women also fall into this category. Unless you have slim, elegant, hairless feet with trimmed nails, forget it! And guys, if you must wear sandals, for the love of God and all that is right with the world, never ever, ever, ever, wear socks with sandals! Only idiots from Mayo, Dundee and Llanelli are allowed to.

As an afterthought, I have to add one of my own - Speedos! Guys! You might think they look great on you but no one really needs to see the outline of all the veins on your *todger*. Puts me off my cornetto too.

You probably think you look like this →

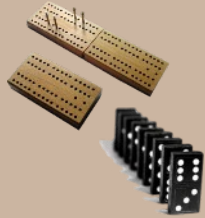


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Dumped Baby Rescued.

Police are investigating whether the mother who recently abandoned her baby in a Madrid bin dumped another child two years ago.

The mother was arrested after a baby was discovered hidden in a backpack in an underground rubbish container near Madrid on July 15th. Now, police are investigating what happened to another baby, a little girl reportedly born to the woman in 2013, according to Spanish newspaper ABC.

After the medical notes on the baby's birth, there are no other records for the child, a police source has said.

Catalina A. M, 37, and her husband, both of Colombian origin, have three other children, aged four, five and 11 years old. She was arrested in Madrid on July 16th after being identified by the Spanish Civil Guard as the mother of the two-week old infant abandoned in the bin.

The baby was discovered by 29-year-old Rafael Diéguez while he was walking his two dogs early on Wednesday morning when he heard what sounded like an animal inside an underground rubbish bin. "It sounded like the meow of a cat. There was a cat nearby and I thought another one could have slipped inside," Diéguez told Spanish daily ABC. He called over a friend of his to help fish the animal out. But when they lifted the lid, they got a shock.

"When we opened the lid, we were stunned. It sounded like the cries of a baby," Diéguez said. "And then there was silence. Alarmed, I called the police." Civil Guard officers arrived, saving the baby from the bin and whisking him to hospital.

Madrid officials said at a press conference that it was the baby bottle found with the infant that led them to the mother. The bottle had been issued by the Alcalá de Henares hospital and officers were able to search through a list of women who had recently given birth there. They matched the baby's blood type, A positive, to a birth on June 30th, according to newspaper El Pais.

The mother told officers that she abandoned the baby out of desperation and because she did not have enough resources to support another child. She is now charged with attempted murder.

The Weight Loss Program.

A guy calls a company and orders their 5-day, 10 lb. weight loss program.

The next day, there's a knock on the door and there stands before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe dressed in nothing but a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign around her neck.

She introduces herself as a representative of the weight loss company. The sign reads, 'If you can catch me, you can have me.'

Without a second thought, he takes off after her. A few miles later huffing and puffing, he finally gives up. The same girl shows up for the next four days and the same thing happens. On the fifth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 10 lbs., as promised.

He calls the company and orders their 5-day/20 pound program.

The next day there's a knock at the door and there stands the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life. She is wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, 'If you catch me you can have me.'

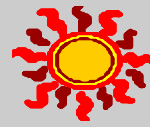
Well, he's out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and he does his best, but no such luck. So for the next four days, the same routine happens with him gradually getting in better and better shape. Much to his delight on the fifth day when he weighs himself, he discovers that he has lost another 20 lbs., as promised.

He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order the 7-day / 50 pound program. 'Are you sure?' asks the representative on the phone. 'This is our most rigorous program.' 'Absolutely,' he replies, 'I haven't felt this good in years.'

The next day there's a knock at the door; and when he opens it he finds a huge muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, 'If I catch you, your ass is mine.'

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On Yer Bike!

A man in northern Spain has been fined €1000 for cycling under the influence of alcohol. The man was stopped by traffic police in the town of Ortigueira, on the north-western coast of Spain on May 30th.

At around 6pm, the man was stopped and, when breathalyzed, was found to have an alcohol level of way over 0.25 milligrams per litre.

The alcohol limit for drivers in Spain is 0.5 milligrams per litre in their blood and 0.25 milligrams per litre in their breath.

When first breathalyzed, the cyclist had a blood alcohol level of 0.50 milligrams per litre, which rose to 0.65 when a second test was carried out 20 minutes later, according to Galician newspaper La Voz de Galicia.

He is one of the first to be fined so much under tougher traffic restrictions introduced in March 2015, which saw the penalty for drunk driving increased from €500 to €1000.

A Spanish man was fined recently for biting his fingernails at the wheel, while another was fined for allowing one of his back seat passengers to pretend to be superman. Now what the hell was going on there?



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British & Irish Weather.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Eamon Martin of Ireland and The European Commission for Political Correctness announced today that the climate in the UK & Ireland should no longer be referred to as English or Irish Weather. Rather than offend a sizeable portion of the population, it will now be referred to as: 'Muslim Weather.'

(Partly Sunni, but mostly Shi'ite)

Pete Dudman

The Fuzz! Just Who Are They?

There are three main branches of police in Spain: the Civil Guard and the National Police, both of which come under one Directorate General under the jurisdiction of the Interior Ministry, and the Municipal Police. In addition, there are regional police forces in some autonomous communities, for example, the Ertzaintza in the Basque Country, and the Mossos d'Esquadra in Cataluña. Other regions have units of the National Police attached to them.

The **Civil Guard (Guardia Civil)**, founded in 1844 during the reign of Isabell II, is an Armed Institution – and is often referred to as such, el Instituto Armado – of a military nature which forms part of the Spanish state's security forces. Its fundamental mission is to guarantee public safety and protect the free exercising of their rights and freedom for all Spaniards.

The force comes under the jurisdiction of the Interior Ministry for matters, pay, and equipment, the Defence promotions and military nature. Its role of policing has now



operational assignments and under Ministry for missions of a rural areas extended to

include control of firearms and explosives, traffic policing on inter-urban roads, the protection of Spain's borders (including ports, airports, coastline and land borders), protection of communication routes, inter-urban prisoner transport and enforcing environmental and conservation laws.

The **National Police (Cuerpo Nacional de Policía)** was created in 1986, with the amalgamation of the plainclothes Higher Police Corps (Cuerpo Superior de Policía) and the uniformed service, the National Police Corps (Cuerpo de Policía Nacional). It is an armed civil force, and comes under the jurisdiction of the Interior Ministry.

The force is responsible for security in urban areas and also has responsibility for national security, terrorism, investigations, and immigration. It is responsible for issuing National Identity Cards (DNI) and for liaison with law agencies in other countries. It is responsible for and drug offences. The National Police operates in all the capitals of Spain's provinces and other large towns, with crime control in smaller centres of population being the responsibility of the Civil Guard.



for national criminal judicial matters is responsible for Identity Cards passports, and enforcement

The **Municipal Police, or Local Police, (Policía Municipal)** is an armed force which comes under the jurisdiction of the Town Hall in each municipality. They have responsibility for traffic control and offences, enforcement of local ordinances, and minor crimes.



Essex Blonde.

A trucker in Essex stops for a red light, where a blonde jumps out of her car and knocks on his door. "Hi, my name is Heather and you are losing some of your load", she warns him breathlessly. The trucker ignores her and continues down the street. When he stops at the next red light, the girl again catches up, jumps out of her car, runs up and knocks on the door. As if they've never spoken, the blonde says brightly: "Hi, my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!" Shaking his head, the trucker ignores her and continues down the street. At the third red light, all out of breath the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, and knocks on the window again. "Hi, my name is Heather", she repeats, "and you are losing some of your load!"

When the light turns green, the trucker revs up and races to the next light. When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of the truck, and runs back to the blonde. He knocks on her window and as she lowers it, he says: "Hi, my name is Jack and I'm driving an effing gritter!"

Citizen Security Law or 'Gag' Laws?

Spain brought in its new public security law on Wednesday limiting freedom of speech and curbing the right to peacefully protest with the introduction of fines ranging between €100 and €600,000.

1) Fines for protesting: Under the new law, anyone who organizes or takes part in an "unauthorized protest" could be fined between €30,000 and €600,000 if the protest takes part near institutions such as the Spanish parliament.

2) Disrupting public events: Disrupting events such as public speeches, sports events or religious ceremonies could face fines of between €600 and €300,000.

3) Botellón: The Spanish tradition of getting together with mates for outdoor drinking sessions looks to be officially over – drinking in public will be hit with fines of €600 under the new law. And teenagers won't escape – Parents will be held responsible for the escape payment of their offsprings' fines.

4) Social media activism: Using Twitter, Facebook or Instagram to call on people to protest will be fined under the new law, an attempt to put paid to the spontaneous protests that have proved very powerful in building the *indignado* movement.

5) Photographing police: People will be fined for taking unauthorized photographs of the police, a measure introduced with the argument that being publically identified could put officers and their families in danger.

6) Smoking cannabis: It puts an end to the laissez faire attitude that has seen Spain become a nation with one of the largest potsmoking populations in Europe. But from now on lighting up a joint in bars or on public transport could result in a fine of between €600 and €30,000.

7) Leaving furniture in the street: It is a tradition that has existed in Spain long before the current recycling trend but from now on dumping unwanted furniture in the street could come with a penalty. Those caught obstructing streets with old furniture, cars or other unwanted items will be fined.

8) Trying to stop an eviction: People trying to stop an eviction from taking place could be fined between €600 and €300,000. The number of evictions in Spain has skyrocketed since the beginning of the economic crisis. New Barcelona mayor, Ada Colau (pictured above) has been a famous anti-eviction activist.

9) Not having your ID: Spaniards who are asked to show their ID card and do not have it on their person could be in trouble under the new law. If they cannot immediately locate it at home and have failed to report it missing, they are liable to be fined.

10) Disrespecting a police officer: Showing a "lack of respect" to those in uniform or failing to assist security forces in the prevention of public disturbances could result in an individual fine of between €600 and €30,000.



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"Can you describe what happened?"

"Yes, I was walking along the footpath in the park near the trees when a man jumped out of the bushes and dragged me in there, removed my underwear then he dropped his pants to his knees and had his way with me".

"Could you give me a description of him?"

"Yes, he was wearing white shoes, long white trousers, a white shirt and he had these two big long pads from his feet up to and over his knees, one on each leg".

"Sounds to me like he was a cricketer, most probably a batsman", said the Sergeant.

"Yes", said the lady, "He was an English Cricketer".

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The golf society's venue for the 8th July 2015 was held at Campoamor Golf Course.

Twenty members teed off on a very warm and sunny morning. For the majority of the players this was their first visit to the course and will not be the last. The course was magnificent condition and played very well, with the greens being fast and true. The competition was in the Stableford format and the scores recorded are as follows.

Nearest the pin in 3 on the 1st hole (par 5) was Mike Heighway.

Nearest the pin on the 6th hole (par 3) was Steve Cottle.

Nearest the pin in 2 on the 11th hole (par 4) was Digger.

Nearest the pin on the 12th hole (par 3) was John MacGregor.

Nearest the pin on the 15th hole (par 3) was Bob Adair.

Nearest the pin on the 17th hole (par 3) was Les Henderson.

Bronze Class in 2nd place was Colin Clarke with 27 points.

Bronze Class in 1st place was Barry Shawyer with 30 points

Silver Class 2nd place was Steve Cottle with a score of 30 points.

Silver Class 1st place was Les Thwaites with a score of 37 points.

Gold Class 2nd place was Ken Farrow with a score of 27 points

Gold Class 1st place was Les Henderson with a score of 32 points.

Best guest with 27 points was Eddie Allen.

A very good day of golf in pleasant company, with thanks to the committee for organising the event and the bar staff for providing the meal, also to the ladies selling the football draw.

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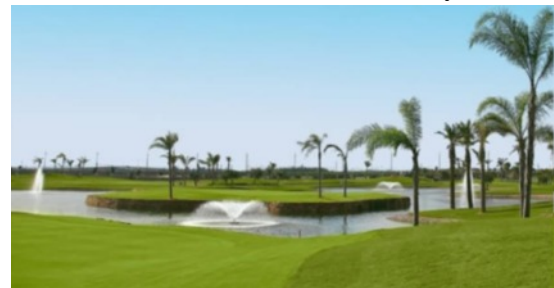
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Cheap Divorce in Spain - Recent Changes.

Following recent changes to the Voluntary Jurisdiction Act, a married couple who wish to divorce, can now, under certain circumstances, get the divorce registered by a notary for just €95. Previously, it necessitated sitting before the courts incurring costs of, at a minimum, around €80. From July 23rd this year, notaries have approval to process the divorce. (From 2017, notaries will also be able to hold civil marriage ceremonies.)

To take advantage of the 'cheapo' divorce, the following conditions must be evident: the separation must be by mutual agreement and there must be no dependent children or disabled people involved in the process.

This is yet another efficiency introduced by the government to take the pressure off the judges and courts, where civil and indeed criminal cases are hopelessly backed up. You can read more on this here, in Spanish -

http://politica.elpais.com/politica/2015/07/03/actualidad/1435910139_730147.html

Illegal House Builds - Law Change.

There have been thousands of property purchasers in Spain, particularly in the coastal regions, who have purchased property in good faith, only to find out later that the relevant builds were illegal. Duplicious estate agents and contractors together with incompetent lawyers and town halls have forced many expats and Spaniards into a world of expensive litigation, stress and misery. One case that immediately comes to mind is of the Priors, a retired British couple, who had a property built in Andalusia which received permission from the local town hall. However, the regional government later declared that the house was built on non-approved land and had the house bulldozed. Ironically, the adjoining garage was declared legal and the unfortunate couple had to move into it! There followed promises by the local mayor and town hall council that the Priors would be compensated but, as you would expect, these assurances weren't worth a cup of warm spit.

Thankfully, in early July, the reform of the Organic Law of Judicial Power establishes the owners of properties declared illegal by the courts, have to receive compensation before their home is demolished, which would now in any case needs a firm sentence. This measure confirms that the judge or tribunal who orders the demolition must demand, as a previous condition - unless there is a situation of imminent danger which prohibits it - 'present sufficient guarantees to respond with compensation those of good faith'. This change will be added to earlier ones in the Penal Code which will paralyse the demolition of illegal homes in coastal areas until the owners are assured of being paid compensation.

Environmental groups are, as one would expect, most unhappy about this new legislation. As they see it, it's the countryside and coastal regions that have been blighted by illegal builds, and the guilt will now be compensated. This new reform does not refer to or cover illegal extensions, modifications etc., to existing properties.

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Old Soldiers!

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"Wow" says Johnny, "You've got a real bullet?"

So Grandad shows little Johnny the bullet, after carefully inspecting it he turns to the old man and says "Do you have any other memorabilia?"

Grandad smiles and tells him "I've got a revolver."

"A REVOL....."

"SSHhhhh! Johnny, don't let your Grandmother hear." whispers Grandad.

"Sorry Grandad" replies the boy "I was excited. Where do you keep the revolver?"

"In my old artillery box with the grenades." smiles Grandad.

"GREN....." squeals the boy.

"Sshhhush lad," the old man warns, "your grandmother won't be happy about me showing you weapons."

"Can I see the grenades?"

"Yes" answers the old chap, pleased to have his grandson so interested, but still wary of his wife. "I suppose you'll want to see the rifle too."

"A RIFLE!" Breathes the boy, "Oh Grandad, where is the rifle?"

"With the machine gun," confesses the old man.

"A MA... machine gun Grandad?" the boy states incredulously. "Where's the machine gun?"

The old man looks up and replies "In the loft behind the tank..."

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Letters to the Editor.



Hi Mick,

Further to my recent request about British passport renewal, I thought the readers may be interested to know that I completed the form on the Government website and posted it off on the 8 July and had the passport returned by DHL courier yesterday, 21 July, – less than 2 weeks!

The total cost was £102.86 comprised of £83.00 for the passport and £19.86 for the delivery fee. Couldn't have been easier!

Gordon McCadden.

Positive Health Changes on the Way?

Well, lets hope so. The new government regime for the region of Valencia, the PSPV-PSOE with the support of the Podemos and Compromis parties, have been issuing very positive statements about the change they envisage for the regional health service.

Carmen Stack, the Councillor for Universal Health and Public Health for the Valencian region, has stated that the previous policies of the PP were based on business rather than on the health and welfare of the patients. She has promised to remove the co-payment element for medicines for retirees who earn less than €1,000 a month.

The new administration plan on making the regional health service 'a right and a benefit for the welfare of the people. There should be no first or second class citizens, nor nationals or immigrants. Only people.'

Stack also promised to restore free healthcare to illegal immigrants 'and we will meet that,' she said. 'Health knows no borders or residence permits.' Hopefully this will include non pensioner expats who hold *residencia*. They do not deserve a lesser treatment.

The new health program requires an additional €1.2 billion in funding. Other sectors will have to be 'raided' to generate the extra funding. A PP run Madrid government won't give an extra billion to a socialist run region.

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Grexit? Fixed it!

Just about ten years ago, a small town in Spain was twinned with a similar one in Greece and the mayor of the Greek town was invited to visit his Spanish counterpart. When he did, and when he saw the lavish home of the Spanish mayor, he wondered aloud how his host could afford such a place.

"See that bridge over there?" the Spanish mayor asked. "Well, the EU gave us a grant to construct a two-lane bridge, but by building a single lane one with traffic lights at each end, I was then able to buy this place," he said, winking at his Greek peer.

The following year, the Spaniard visited the Greek town. He was astonished at the mayor's mansion: marble floors, a Kallista Archeo copper bathtub, gold taps, Aresline Xten chairs, plasma screens, Sartori silk rugs, a Northland refrigerator, diamond doorknobs... it was simply incredible.

When he asked him how he'd made the money to build and furnish such an amazing house, the Greek mayor said: "See that bridge over there?"

The Spaniard replied: "No."



ITS A BOY" I shouted "A BOY, I DON'T BELIEVE IT, ITS A BOY"

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IDIOT OF THE MONTH AWARD

Evo Morales, the President of Bolivia, featured in this column in the past. Part of the political left axis in South America, which included the now deceased Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Rafael Correa of Ecuador, Morales featured in this column previously for asserting that there was a positive correlation between eating too much chicken and homosexuality. But Evo, who it must be said, has improved the lot of most of the Bolivians during his tenure, was guilty of another enormous blunder during the recent visit of Pope Francis to South America. President Morales presented the Pope with an image of Jesus, not on the Cross but on a 'Hammer & Sickle'!

(See photo.) Pope Francis was naturally taken aback and commented 'This is not right!' And Pope Francis, if you want a suggestion for a dark place where you can hide this monstrous gift, just email me or why not just lift up the back of Evo's jacket.

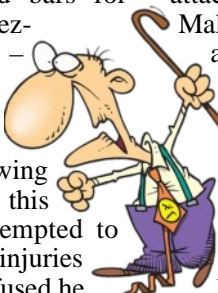


Those of you who have studied Spanish history will be aware of the Carlists. Carlism started as a traditionalist and legitimist political movement in Spain, during the 1800's, seeking the establishment of a separate line of the Bourbon dynasty on the Spanish throne. Three Carlist Wars have led to the death of an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 deaths in Spain. They also formed a fierce and reliable section of Franco's Nationalist army during the Spanish Civil War in the 30's. They are ultra conservative. A Carlist group in the northern Spanish region of Asturias has caused controversy by seemingly calling for beaches to be segregated by sex.

"Catholics, preserve your decency in summer, too: Don't go to mixed beaches!" reads the poster, uploaded by the Traditionalist Group Pedro Menéndez de Avilés to its Facebook page. "The nudity of the bodies and the prevailing hedonism can weaken the devout soul," said a spokesman for the group. But surely what these nut-cases should realise is that segregated beaches will become Gay beaches. So how do you like them apples, Pedro?



And finally, a violent septuagenarian. A 70-year-old man is facing time behind bars for attacking a doctor with a stethoscope in Velez-Malaga. The man - a local from Velez Malaga - attempted to strangle a doctor at Velez Sur clinic after the medic refused to take part in an insurance scam. He was being seen to his stomach following a bar fight. (Obviously a bit of a tough nut this guy.) During his examination he attempted to bribe the doctor so he would report more injuries than there actually were. When the doctor refused he launched his attack and tried to strangle the doctor with his own stethoscope. Can you imagine what this guy would be like if his monthly pension arrived late?



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Just a Bit Odd!

The Catalan town of Badia del Vallès has announced that it is to put contraceptives in pigeon food in an attempt to reduce the growing population of feathered fiends.

Each pigeon will be fed 10 grams of Ovistop, a product made of corn seeds covered in Nicarbazin, which acts as a contraceptive for the birds. "Every morning, three automatic dispensers will scatter the required dosage to the pigeon population," said the town hall.



The pigeons will be put on the birth control pill from July until December, the high breeding season for pigeon. The pill is highly effective by town hall sources, who project that 80% of Badia's pigeon population will have been eliminated within four to five years. One pair of birds can produce 48 pigeons a year, which has led to an overpopulation of the species in the Catalan town.

(Hmmm. I wonder if the stuff would work on Everton and Chelsea supporters.)

Blue Wine?

We are fortunate to live in a country which produces so many beautiful red wines, although good whites are still in a minority.

So I was quite surprised to see that a 'blue' wine was being launched in the Basque area. Following two years of research which combined the efforts of a university and six young Spanish entrepreneurs, a new wine is born. They wanted to bring some innovation to a sector which they say is staid and tired. So they have now launched a blue wine, which is sweeter and easier to drink. It costs €10 a bottle and can only be bought in multiples of 2, 6 or 12. The wine is called Gik.



Naturally the purists are shocked and hate the product because of the additives - anthocyanin, indigo and artificial sweeteners which are added. The wine is called Gik and their website is at <https://gik.blue/>

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How Long Does It Take to Sell a Spanish Property?

Property spends the shortest time on the market in the regions of Madrid, Barcelona, and the province of Malaga (home to Costa del Sol property) – between 6 and 12 months.

At the other end of the scale, vendors need to have the greatest patience in the Northern Spanish regions of Cantabria, Alava, and Segovia, where homes take on average between 18 and 24 months to find a buyer.

Looking at provincial capitals, Madrid has the shortest times on market, with 6.4 months, followed by Barcelona (6.6 months), Zaragoza (6.9 months), Seville (10 months), and Valencia (15.1 months).

Tinsa estimated the average time it takes to sell a property using the stock of homes for sale and the sales rhythm of each province. The time it takes to sell a property in Spain has been getting longer with every passing year of the crisis.

Longer ownership periods are the flip side of the coin. The longer it takes to sell a home, the longer someone owns it. In 2007 the average ownership period was 7 years and 4 months, rising to 11 years and 107 days in 2014.

The time a property spends on the market is a function of supply, demand, and price. In Spain supply has been going up, demand going down, and prices not falling fast enough, which explains why ownership periods have been getting longer.

Part of the blame lies with the mentality of vendors in Spain (not just the Spanish), who hold on to unrealistic price expectations far longer than they should, and often end up poorer for it. (Spanish Property Insight)

Dumb Legislation: Government Policy Makes Solar Power Unattractive In the Land Of Sunshine.

The Spanish Photovoltaic Union (Unef in Spanish) has accused the Spanish government of “deliberately closing all doors to energy self-sufficiency” with the new law currently being prepared by the Ministry of Industry who say it will be passed during this parliamentary term. José Donoso, managing director of Unef, claimed last Friday that Spain is the only country that is preparing legislation to “prevent the development” of energy self-sufficiency.

Unef, acting for 300 companies in the sector, estimates that the changes in legislation being prepared by the government will mean that the average consumer will take 31 years to get back the investment needed to install an energy self-sufficiency system. When it comes to a small company, the threshold for return would be seven and a half years.

The Ministry has presented a draft version of the law it intends to pass to the National Commission for Markets and Competition (CNMC in Spanish), and opened the draft to public consultation.

The proposed changes are highly controversial because of the charge – previously known as “back-up toll” – envisaged for those who intend to connect to mains electricity to sell their surplus back, yet draw power from it when necessary.

The problem is, for example in the case of solar photovoltaics, that the times when electricity is being generated don't tend to coincide with those of highest demand. This, in addition to the lack of suitably competitive storage batteries on the market, makes it necessary for most home owners with solar panels to also have a mains connection.

Donoso criticised the extra charges the Ministry of Industry wants those who connect to the mains to pay. The Ministry's argument is that whoever wants to use the infrastructure should pay for it. If they don't, then other consumers will have to shoulder the cost.

Unef isn't against having to pay, but criticises the way those who opt for self-sufficiency over other sources are penalised with higher costs. “Energy self-sufficiency should be treated like any other means of efficiency,” the association said. However, the Ministry's argument is that “no advantage should be given to those who are self-sufficient over those who aren't”.

The law sets fixed charges depending on the power rating and other variables related to electricity consumption. According to Donoso, the worst part of the future law is that it also charges tax on the electricity produced.

Unef is also against the veto of access to the network of photovoltaic and wind power installations that use batteries. In the long term, when storage battery technology improves, this rule will mean consumers end up disconnecting from the network, Donoso forecasts. This association highlights that the draft version of the law prohibits those who “benefit from reduced and low energy rates from being energy self-sufficient”.

In addition, Donoso is highly critical of the sanctions structure, which includes fines of up to €60 million “for installations that do not fit into the new regulations”, which will have retroactive effects. “This disproportionate amount is double the fine envisaged for nuclear leaks!” However, according to Donoso, “No judge in their right mind would apply it”.

•An old man goes to his doctor complaining that he keeps hearing music every time he puts on his hat. The doctor takes the hat into a back room then brings it out a few moments later and puts it on the old man's head. ‘That's incredible,’ says the old man, ‘I can't hear music anymore. What did you do to the hat?’ ‘It was easy,’ replies the doctor. ‘I just removed the band.’

Lime Bar Fishing Sunbathing Club

This month's bun fight was quite civilised for a change. Mind you, there were a few people away! It only lasted 30 minutes so well done and keep it up Sweeney (BFK). I'm sure I said this last year.....

The Quill & The Shropshire Lad are the 2 finalists in the knock out comp. Well done to you both.

Daffy's better half Diane has hit the big 50. She had a 1960s themed bash at the Courtyard which had rebranded itself as "The Cavern" for the day, complete with a "Beatles" tribute band. Some of the fancy dress was spectacular – if a bit "warm" for July. There were 3 x "Beatles" in full attire and a shed load of hippies (see photo). It was a scorching evening, so later on there were quite a few dead wigs & jackets found lying about. Thank you Daffy & Diane for a great party. Roll on your 60th!



Our Summer Soiree was held at The New Tavern in San Miguel. 4 x busloads filled 2 x big tables. The entertainment was Woody, who as usual had the ladies busy on the dance floor (see photo). By the time the last bus arrived, the first load had finished their meal & were on their second bottle of wine. We had a few guests who



were excellent company but didn't do anything to embarrass themselves...shame! The club clown (Fagin) couldn't make it so the Snake Charmer took on the roll and kept us amused by dancing with Anti Social & the "shorter" women.

Our July match was booked for El Bosquet as the Eden was being heavily fished that week. This is the first time we have used this venue for a match so 5 of us went up to do a recce the week before, we all caught and we all lost a few "good" ones. Snake charmer was over the moon, as he didn't see any terrapins or snakes. They're behind you!

The day of the match was another scorcher; even the hardened sunbathers were under umbrellas. We all turned up early, eager to catch the "good ones" that had got away the week before. As per usual, fishing on the day was not as good as the recce. Only 10 anglers fished the match as some had gone back to UK & some others weren't allowed out to play. The fishing was very patchy and we had 1 dry net.

Late afternoon the big fish started to show. I broke the tip of my pole (ouch!) and "Anti social" Baz lost the top of his rod after already landing a big carp (what a pair of *****s). The Quill, after playing a large fish for several minutes on light tackle, was distracted by Anti Social Baz sniggering over his shoulder "It's not as big as mine!" Unfortunately, the "Quill's" fish slipped the hook.....*#@#*#! Anti Social went on to win with his one carp of 3.18 kilos. 2nd was spitting "Quills" at "Anti Social" with 2 kilos, beating "Just John" into 3rd by just 20 grams.

Next meeting bun fight is at The Lime Bar @ 17.30 Mon 3rd August.

Fishy fingers!

The Ghost.

After marriage, a husband and wife become two sides of a coin.

They can't face each other, but still they stay together.

Sasha Guitry

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. Socrates

More Local News.

On the early hours of July 23rd, eleven migrants, believed to be Algerian and Moroccan, were discovered when they arrived at the nearby coastal area of Cala Ferris (Mar Azul), see photo

Informacion. The migrants arrived in a three metre inflatable with 11 people packed in and crossing all the way from Africa.



This time it is the Lagunas de Rabasa on the outskirts of the City of Alicante. Here some young boys discovered two hold-alls apparently dumped by a small lake (see photo). However, their curiosity was not rewarded when they opened their 'treasure' to find the quartered remains of a human body. The victim, believed to be a foreign male in his 50's also had severe bruises to the skull.



I made my girlfriend's dreams come true and married her in a castle. You wouldn't have thought it though from the miserable look on her face as we were bouncing around!

After seducing Kylie Minogue yesterday I think there are 2 things you all need to know. She really is as sexy as hell and secondly the staff at Madam Tussaud's are miserable bastards with no sense of humour!! Mel Bettell



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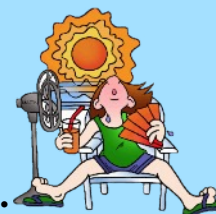


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Sun Tattoos.

Although it is not popular enough yet to be called a 'craze,' it is fair to say that the social networks have been promoting this new type of body art. This is the creation of 'sun tattoos' using fabric, tape or high-protection sunscreen to mask part of the body from the sun, while leaving the remainder of the skin unprotected. It can certainly look very attractive and unusual as the photos on the right show, but one must remember that overexposure to the sun, even for part of your body, can be extremely dangerous. The real danger with these sun tattoos is that people who are holiday for just a week or so, may try and rush to get the design visible, which will involve sunburn to the skin.



Graffiti in Toilets.

In the ladies':

'My husband follows me everywhere.'

Written just below it - 'No, I don't.'

'Friends don't let their friends take home an ugly man.'

In the mens':

Written over the urinal -

'Express lane....five beers or less.'

And 'What are you looking up here for? The joke's in your hand.'



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Little Thelma comes home from first grade and tells her father that they learned about the history of Valentine's Day.

"Since Valentine's Day is for a Christian saint and we're Jewish," she asks, "will God get mad at me for giving someone a valentine? Thelma's father thinks a bit then says "No, I don't think God would get mad. Who do you want to give a valentine to?" "The Isis group," she says. "Why them?" her father asks in shock.

"Well," she says, "I thought that if a little American Jewish girl could have enough love to give them a valentine, they might start to think that maybe we're not all bad, and maybe start loving people a little bit. And if other kids saw what I did and then they sent valentines to them, they'd love everyone a lot. And then they'd start going all over the place telling everyone how much they loved them and how they didn't hate anyone anymore."

Her father's heart swells and he looks at his daughter with newfound pride. "Thelma, that's the most wonderful thing I've ever heard."

"I know," Thelma says, "and once that gets them out in the open, the Marines could blow the shit out of them."

Fancy a Cuppa?

Whereas the Spanish may be in love with their mobile phones, with the British and Irish it is their love for a cup of tea. A caffeine booster and an appetite suppressant, the much loved beverage may now also have added benefits.

A new report accepted for publication in Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition has reported that tea consumption correlates to higher bone mineral density (BMD) in women, and especially premenopausal women. (BMD is a measure of calcium and other minerals in bones, and is a common measure of bone health, an indicator of osteoporosis, and a gauge for the risk of a bone fracture.)

The researchers reviewed epidemiological studies from all over the world, finding a correlation between tea consumption and higher BMD in postmenopausal women in Canada and England, as well as women in Taiwan, Iran, Japan, and Australia. The study in England, for example, found that the postmenopausal women consuming tea had approximately 5% higher BMD at all three bone sites measured than those who were not tea drinkers. It also found that there was no difference in BMD rates for those who consumed one to three cups versus four or more cups each day, and that adding milk to the tea did not change the correlation.



But tough luck, guys, it seems that male tea-drinkers do not enjoy the same results.

The authors' hypothesis is that tea's bone-building characteristics come from its compounds found in plants called flavonoids. Some flavonoids mimic estrogen, a key component in good bone health whose natural production drops during menopause. Flavonoids, therefore, might fill in for estrogen, performing roles like inhibiting osteoclasts, the cells that break down bones and can contribute to osteoporosis.

There is no doubt that more research is needed to confirm this but drinking a cup of tea with two or three spoons of sugar in it will surely do you no good!

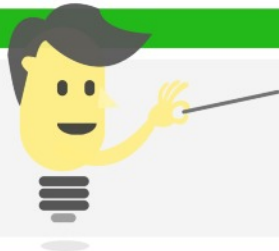
You can read more on this early research here-
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A woman arrested for shoplifting had a whole salami in her knickers. When asked why, she said it was because she was missing her Italian boyfriend.

Reuters News Agency.

Some Of These May Effect You.

IKEA Chests.

Ikea has issued a safety warning for 27 million products after two children, one two-years old and the other just 23-months, were killed in the U.S. when bedroom furniture fell on top of them.

The Swedish manufacturer, which has almost 300 stores worldwide in 27 countries, has offered customers a kit to fix cupboards and dressers over a certain height to the wall. Over seven million Malm chests (photo) have been sold.



The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warns customers "should immediately stop using all Ikea children's chests and dressers taller than 23.5 inches and adult chests and dressers taller than 29.5in, unless they are securely anchored to the wall."

The company is offering customers a free wall kit to attach chests and dressers over a certain height. It has also reminded consumers to always affix taller items to the walls.

In January of this year the company recalled 169,000 crib mattresses because of safety fears.

Radars, Speed Traps and Traffic Cameras.

Okay, we all hate them, but the Spanish Traffic Authority are most accommodating. They outline in their website where these dastardly devices are placed, so at least you can be prepared. Just go to <http://www.dgt.es/es/el-traffic/control-de-velocidad/index-radares.shtml>

then click on what and where you want to search for; i.e. radar or camera and then province, then click on the highway or road you will be travelling.

Do You Need To Update Your Spanish Will Before August 17, 2015?

If you completed your will many years ago, the answer is probably yes. On August 17 this year, European Regulation 650/2012 will apply. This means that the applicable law relating to succession and inheritance, will be the law of the country where the deceased has his/her habitual residence at the time of death. (It is important to mention at this stage that the new regulation does not refer to any Spanish inheritance tax payable. That is a separate issue.)

The issue is this: If say you have the old style Spanish will, your descendants have the right to about 2/3 of the estate. So, if you become a widow or widower, that useless son or daughter of yours who has been spending the last ten years smoking Moroccan Gold in either Amsterdam or Kirby, could be in for a bit of a windfall. That is of course if they can pay the relevant Spanish inheritance tax - which is probably unlikely. The state would then absorb the asset.

So, check out your will and elect to have, if it suits you, the will changed so that the law of your original home country applies to the succession. This will require a new will, including visit to notary etc. I don't believe codicils apply in Spain. I can personally recommend Sol Med Solicitors (Alwyn) on page 12. They offer a very reasonably priced and efficient service.

I just don't buy temporary insanity as a murder defence. Breaking into someone's home and ironing all their clothes - that's temporary insanity. Sue Kilinsky

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Reporter and Mae West

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Mae West, to a heckler

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The father, surprised, answers, "Well, son, a woman goes through three phases. In her 20s, a woman's breasts are like melons, round and firm.

In her 30s and 40s, they are like pears, still nice, hanging a bit.

After 50, they are like onions."

"Onions?" the son asks. "Yes. You see them and they make you cry."

This infuriated his wife and daughter. The daughter asks, "Mom, how many different kinds of willies are there?"

The mother smiles and says, "Well, dear, a man goes through three phases also. In his 20s, his willy is like an oak tree, mighty and hard.

In his 30s and 40s, it's like a birch, flexible but reliable.

After his 50s, it's like a Christmas tree."

"A Christmas tree?" the daughter asks.

"Yes, dead from the root up and the balls are just for decoration."

JJ Baker

Naomi - she's amazing - over 20 years in the fashion business and all the pressure and fame hasn't changed her a bit - she's remained a total bitch.

Sacha Baron Cohen

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