

# THE DREAM SCENE

## NEWSLETTER

*Helping to keep expat's informed.....and smiling.*

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*Bienvenido a todos* and welcome to the November edition.

Autumn has now began and it is noticeably cooler in the evenings. The Spanish stopped wearing shorts a month ago, but some of us diehards will hold out for another couple of weeks!

Once again the rapidity of seasonal change here is surprising. We have enjoyed a beautifully warm September and it was not until Thursday, October 13, that the heavens opened with some very heavy rainfall and lots of very impressive lightening. The clouds have now returned with a vengeance although some days have still been very warm and sunny. Let's hope it will be a mild winter again.

To mark the end of the summer the Spanish Lifeguards Federation reported that 57 people drowned in Spain during August, which is traditionally the worst month of the year as a large proportion of the population heads for the Costas. The coastal regions of Andalucía and Valencia had the most drowning that month with 11 each. This statistic is still too high as most of the fatalities were caused by carelessness and foolishness.

The rapid decline in the value of sterling, particularly against the euro, is beginning to have an impact, particularly with British expats whose income/pensions are in sterling. From a high of almost 1.43 euros to the £ in November 2015 to today's rate of around 1.12, some belts will have to be tightened and of course some expats will have to move back to the UK, as many did some years ago when the rate bottomed. Granted, if you sell your property in Spain now you will get an excellent conversion rate to repatriate your proceeds. However, the sinking £ is now making property purchases in Spain to look more expensive, particularly when you add on the usual extra 12% in transaction costs. Plus, post Brexit, any tax equality between EU residents and Spanish residents may well disappear. This will be a big deal if you are renting out your property. Again, most of you will also be aware that Inheritance & Gift taxes are much more penal on those who are not members of the EU. Unfortunately, many are predicting that sterling is bound to go even lower. According to *The Economist*: *The cause of sterling's fall is the realisation that Theresa May's government is moving towards a "hard" Brexit, which involves Britain leaving the European Union's customs union and its single market. It is also driven by the fear that Britain is turning into a xenophobic, interventionist and unpredictable place, with calls to clamp down on foreign workers and foreign capital. For a country that is used to attracting swathes of investment from abroad because of its membership of the single market and stable political climate, this is a huge shift.*

John Kerr would like to thank everybody for their wonderful support following Maggie's tragic departure. He advises that donations in her memory totalled €550, which has been donated to a Crohn's Disease charity.

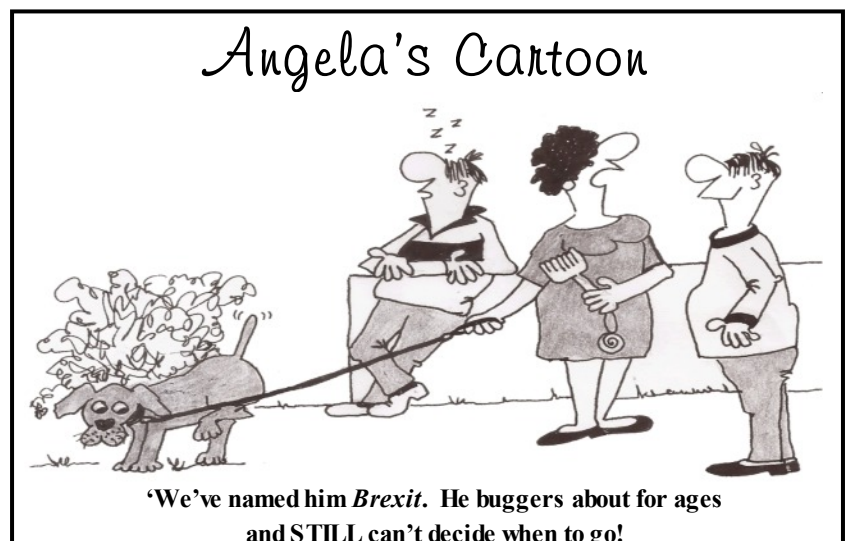
Nov 1 is a 'Red Day' - Fiesta de todos los Santos - All Saints Day.

Wishing you all a wonderful month, and hopefully, see you all soon. *Mick & Tid.*

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<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-the-fda-manipulates-the-media/>

But this is not just in the US. A recent survey of clinical trials in China has revealed fraudulent practice on a massive scale, according to a government investigation. China's food and drug regulator recently carried out a one-year review of clinical trials, concluding that more than 80% of clinical data is "fabricated," state media reported.

...there is a penis museum in Iceland? This museum first opened in 1997 with just 63 specimens. This has now swollen (if you pardon the expression) to around 286 specimens, mainly that of whales but also include some from elephants, horses and around 33 foreign mammals. Although they only possess one human example, four more are promised. Costing around US\$13 to enter, they expect more than 50,000 visitors this year. No need to rush Mabel, it's open all year. You can read more here -

<https://www.1843magazine.com/culture/the-daily/icelands-penis-museum-pulls-it-off>

...in Abu Dhabi, if your car looks dirty, it can be towed away and you can be fined the equivalent of US\$816! If the cars are "disfiguring the public appearance" they can be towed away and a fine paid for their return.

... Chuck Berry, the father of Rock & Roll, has announced his first album in 38 years on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Dedicated to his wife of 68 years, Toddy, Chuck said, "My darlin' I'm growing old! I've worked on this record for a long time. Now I can hang up my shoes!" Calling him one of the genre's founding fathers is even more prescient when noting the fact that the Rolling Stones formed when Mick Jagger saw Keith Richards holding one of Berry's records at a rail station in Kent, England. There's no release date for the LP (mostly new songs) quite yet, just a promise that it's coming in 2017. Rock on, Chuck!

Spain's Socialist will allow their rivals, the PP, to form a minority government. They have so far vetoed attempts by Mariano Rajoy—leader of the conservative People's Party—to form a minority administration. This will be done by abstaining in the inauguration vote rather than actually voting to support their rivals. This will end 10 months of political deadlock and should for the present prevent a third general election in a year. However, as this will be a PP minority government, the opposition, if united, will still be able to block anything the PP wishes to introduce. This is scarcely stability.

Pedro Sánchez, leader of the Socialist Party (PSOE), stepped down after a bitter internal power struggle in the official socialist party. There was no way Sánchez was going to abstain or support the PP even if it caused another general election.

After six years at the tail end of the Eurozone ranking of **house price changes**, Spain has now been above average for two years. Average Spanish house prices rose 3.8% year-on-year in Q2, compared to a Eurozone average of 2.9%, and EU average of 4%, show the latest figures from Eurostat, the EU statistics agency (based on official figures from each country). Looking at the latest figures, how do Spanish house price changes compare to other European countries? Well, according to Eurostat (based on official sources in each country), house price rose the most in Hungary (+10.3%), Latvia (+10.3%), Austria (+9%), the UK (+8.8%), and Sweden (+8.7%). At the other end of the scale house prices fell 1.4% in Italy and 8.9% in Cyprus.

The OCU consumers association has exposed the differences in the price of face cream: the cheapest was 3€ and the most expensive was 225 €. The OCU analysed 17 creams of different brands and the winner was...Cien from Lidl for the second year.

Spanish pensioners are the most reticent when travelling abroad compared to pensioners in other EU countries, and they spend less. 94% of Spanish pensioners chose a national destination in 2014, with an average daily spend of 29.7 € (9.4 € lower than the EU average).

Diario de Ibiza reported that 'the Government is to establish in Ibiza a new home assistance service for dependent people'; the Balears councillor for Social Services has had to turn to a private company to establish a service following the apathy of the Town Halls.

The Treasury is to investigate the 30,000 tax payers who were granted a fiscal amnesty in 2012 granted by PM Mariano Rajoy. This allowed a payment of only 10% when hidden wealth was revealed without further sanctions – but now new assets abroad are to be investigated as a total amount of 40 billion € was discovered .

Nearly 42% of the unemployed in Spain are paid nothing.

El Mundo notes for the first time in Spain a temporary worker has obtained the same redundancy pay as a fixed employee. After the European Justice ruling against redundancy discrimination, the Madrid High Court of Justice as ordered the Defence Ministry to pay all those made redundant the compensation of 20 days per year worked.

Italy has rescued nearly 11,000 immigrants in only 48 hours during October.

El País reports Spain is the second largest arms exporter in the world and one of the EU countries with the most restrictions on the use of weapons. I find the statistic about being the second largest arms exporter a bit unbelievable.

Some 8,000 Spaniards have a gun licence. Not very many really.

There has been a dramatic fall in attendance at cultural events; theatre visitors are down by 30%; the public attending concerts also down by 30% and the people now spending money on music has fallen by 48% since the start of the crisis. An increase in the relevant IVA rate is partly responsible.

Paid paternity leave in Spain is to be increased to 16 weeks, to give men equality with women.

*Das Kapital will not even pay for the cigars*

*I smoked writing it.*

*Karl Marx*



The above is a photo from the Moors & Christians Fiesta in Calpe. How come the Moors always seem to have a better time?

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A former chairman of the Alicante Port Authority and provincial president of the PP in Alicante, José Joaquín Ripoll Serrano denied in court that he received a backhander of two apartments to favour the granting of the rubbish contract. However, he was unable to explain how he paid for the properties.

The Annual Conservative Conference in the UK was the usual flag-waving jingoistic nonsense backed up by ocean loads of wishful thinking. PM May now wants British youngsters to be employed before foreigners, effectively restricting their employment. (Yea, my hoodie mates Darren and Jethro in Manchester have been dying to get into the pharmaceutical industry for years but have been kept out by those tricky Jamaicans and Dutch.) She talks about a global Britain but wants immigrants to be restricted to 100,000 annually and businesses to provide lists of their foreign workers. One chief executive of a FTSE 100 company, whose workforce includes thousands of EU citizens, said it was "bizarre". So what will be next? Maybe all foreigners will soon have to wear badges or armbands and unruly, troublesome or difficult ones locked away in specially designed prisons, just for foreigners. And you know where this is heading!

The snail's pace of Spanish justice is all too evident in Malaga. It is taking three years for cases of domestic violence to come to court. Cases brought in 2014 will not be heard until 2017!

A 33-year-old man was arrested in Orihuela and charged with attempted murder, abuse and damage. It is alleged that he cut the brake cables on his ex-wife's car and had also been stalking her. In another pending case of domestic violence in Elche, a car mechanic was arrested for putting an explosive device in the headrest of his partner's car.

La Opinion de Málaga headlined that 'most abusers of domestic violence are acquitted because the victim is too scared to declare'. Only 22% of the 911 cases for domestic violence held in this particular province ended with a guilty/positive sentence.

The EU is investigating the embezzlement of €4.6 million on contracts for Canal de Isabel II (the Madrid water supply company).

Spain's Supreme Court has fixed a date for a hearing that will see Rita Barberá, the former Popular Party (PP) mayor of Valencia, questioned as an official suspect in a corruption case.

Judge Cándido Conde Pumpido revealed in a statement that Rita Barberá – one of the PP's longest-serving officials, and who ran Spain's third-largest city between 1991 and 2015 – has been called to appear on November 21. She now faces the possibility of being stripped of senatorial immunity from prosecution.

El País report justice has punished the imprudent greed in the Madrid Arena. The Madrid Provincial Court ordered four years in prison for the businessman Miguel Ángel Flores, who obtained an economic benefit by risking safety during the Halloween fiesta on November 1 2012. Five people died and 29 were injured. According to the sentence ticket sales far exceeded the official capacity of the venue. More details on this on page 33.

The town council in Torrevieja have come to an agreement with the local police following several years of conflict. The new agreement allows local police officers and some council officials to work seven days on and seven days off. Police absenteeism has been a major problem in the city but surely this is not the solution? It actually lowers the daily police establishment.

The Junta de Andalucía has approved a 35-hour working week for public employees. This follows a compromise reached last June with the three main trade unions there - CCOO, UGT and CSIF.

One in three workers earns a wage below the minimum wage. In fact it is 35% of the workforce, which equates to 5.5 million workers who obtain below the Inter-professional Minimum Wage (SMI in Spanish) which is currently €655.20 a month with 14 payments in a year, one extra for August and one for December.

Diario de Ibiza headlined that 'Santa Eulària is to prohibit tourism rentals in flats in residential zones'. The mayor considers home rentals are 'the biggest threat against the current tourism model and coexistence'.

Strong stuff, but the island is coming under considerable pressure due to its lack of resources, particularly water. The hotel lobby there is also quite strong and places lots of pressure on the local politicians.

The Spanish DGT traffic authority is proving unable to collect traffic fines and has reached a total of 460 million € outstanding. The auditor criticised a year ago that the rules of public accounting were not being followed. During 2015 the DGT collected 384 million € for traffic fines.

The National Court has decided to reopen the investigation into the selling of CAM shares. The original investigation was dropped but shareholders have managed to get the case reopened. If miss selling is proven, then there probably will be refunds.

Información in Alicante headlined 'residents of Alicante province have in their bank accounts 18.4 billion € earning no interest on their deposit accounts'.

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### Lime Bar Golf Society, Los Altos, Orihuela Costa.

The Lime Bar Golf Society held their monthly match on the 12th October 2016 at Vistabella Golf Course.

On a fine and cooler morning 35 members teed off. The course was in good condition and the members enjoyed a pleasant round of golf which resulted in being a high scoring round.

The competition was played in the Stableford format and the scores recorded are as follows:-

Nearest the pin on the 4th hole was Ian Grant

Nearest the pin on the 8th hole in was Ian Johnstone

Nearest the pin par 4 in two on the 13th hole was Mike Heighway

Nearest the pin on the 15th hole was Ian Grant

Nearest the pin par 5 in three on the 17th hole was Dave Railton

Best guest was John Burke with a score of 35 points

#### **Silver Class:**

In 3rd place was Norman Dobson with a score of 33 points

In 2nd place was George Rushton with a score of 33 points (on count-back)

In 1st place was Dave Railton with a score of 37 points

#### **Gold Class:**

In 3rd place was Tan Spence with a score of 38 points

In 2nd place was Ian Grant with a score of 39 points

In 1st place was Pete Gillespie with a score of 41 points

A very good day in pleasant company which was celebrated at the Lime Bar (19th Hole) with the presentation followed by drinks and refreshments. Thanks to the Committee for organising the event; also to the Lime Bar staff for arranging the meal and Baz for selling the football draw.







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'Every time I sneeze, I have an orgasm,' said the girl to her doctor.  
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An attempt by the town council in Torrevieja to take over the lucrative rubbish collection service in the municipality has failed. Lots of consultations were held with staff, *basura* workers etc., but when it was found that the equipment required to operate such a service would cost more than €20 million, the proposal was shelved. Although the current coalition council are an improvement over the PP regime of Mateo - particularly in terms of debt reduction et., there is still too much 'wishful thinking' and 'fine words' need to be converted into 'fine deeds.' Although we should be thankful that we are spared the lunacies of the far-Left now evident in the cities of Barcelona and Madrid. On the Spanish Day - *Dia de la Hispanidad* - on October 12, instead of flying the Spanish flag, Mayor Carmena flew the flag of the Zulu Nation. Cuckoo!

The Tourism Foundation in Benidorm has 'thrown in the towel' in its efforts to attract cruise ships. Regular meetings with the cruise ship operators proved fruitless. The city now plans to focus its efforts on creating excursions to attract passengers who disembark at Alicante. Whereas Ibiza seems to have cornered the *club & drug* market, I suppose Benidorm could promote a *pisshead & karaoke* theme.

Police from a specialist crime unit in Alicante arrested a 61-year-old British citizen in Orihuela Costa (photo - Informacion). He is believed to have sexually assaulted his nine-year-old daughter and her 11-year-old friend in the past. He is facing a raft of charges which include sexual assault on a minor, child pornography and witness intimidation. The courts in Nottingham want him back where he is facing 39 years in prison. So take note! It's not just the Costa del Sol that attracts these demons.

Family physicians in Alicante say that they are spending 25% of their consultations dealing with anxiety and depression cases. "What we see mostly are disorders of adaptive nature, in which the sociocultural context influences and this has generally become much worse in recent years," says Aurelio Duque, president of the Valencian Society of Family and Community Medicine. Job loss, sometimes housing problems including eviction, reliving at home with parents or trying to get by with a small pension are many of the contributing factors. "People are desperate and it shows in the activity of our consultations," Duque said. The doctors have called for greater use of support groups and activities which can reduce the consumption of drugs.

Citizens living in the east and south of Spain pay the most for water compared to the northwest and centre where the bills are easier to pay, according to a survey from the Consumers and Users Organisation (OCU), which reflects a 35.2% difference between the price in Murcia ( 510 € a year) and Palencia (145 € a year). Studying water bills from 53 cities the OCU has highlighted the large difference in the five most expensive cities - for an average annual consumption of 175 cubic metres are Murcia (2.92€/m<sup>3</sup>), Barcelona (2.87€/m<sup>3</sup> and 502 € a year), Alicante (2.55€/m<sup>3</sup> and 446€ a year, and Cádiz (2.45 €/m<sup>3</sup> or 429 € a year).

A 12-year-old boy in Torrevieja mistakenly opened an AdWords account when trying to create a profile on YouTube to upload their own music videos and generating some income. Together with a 15-year-old friend, they believed that they would make enough money on YouTube 'to buy a mansion and lots of things.' However, instead of making a fortune they received a bill from Google Ireland for €100,000!

During early August this year, the child's family started to receive regular charges from Google, which started at €50 and then rose to €18,000 in one week.

Surprisingly the boy's parents did nothing until another bill from Google for €78,000 arrived in late September. They then went to a lawyer for advice.

Google generously cancelled the bill for the €100,000 due they say to their 'child protection policies and age restrictions.'

A 30-year-old water pipe burst near a hotel in the Costa del Sol resort of Benalmadena on October 4. The water plume reached five stories high and the hotel had to be evacuated.

Despite the violence of the blast of the high pressure water, no one was injured. The dining area and several rooms in the hotel were flooded. You can see a video of the event here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huh-3Qk6aec>

Prosecutors in Torrevieja are looking for an 18-year sentence for a 49-year-old Spanish man who stabbed to death his 10-year-old stepson in May 2015. 18 years is scarcely enough for the death of a child who was stabbed 18 times. The prosecution is also looking for compensation from the murderer of €52,724 for the mother and €38,345 for the father. The man has a history of violence against four former partners.



The body of a 3.5-kilo baby was found in a rubbish bin in Pilar de la Horadada. A Moroccan was rummaging through trash when he discovered the body wrapped in a blanket. Police have identified and detained a woman who lives just 50 metres from the bin and who has two children. Everything indicates that the baby was born hours earlier.

The library in Orihuela Costa is so small that when I visited it recently there was a sign on the door that said: 'The book is out.'

I am currently researching two articles for next month's issue, which will hopefully be useful to some.

One will offer some guidance on Spanish funerals and cremations and how to avoid being ripped off.

The second will try and explain when and how to buy the cheapest airline tickets.

Don't miss them!



### British Buyers Lead.

British citizens are saving the Spanish real estate sector as the foreign nationality which buys the most property in Spain. The studies division of Bankia shows 21.3% of all the international purchasers of property in Spain are British in 2015.

France (8.75%), Germany (7.3%), Belgium (6.3%), Sweden (5.9%) and Russia (3.9%) and in Russia's case the percentage in 2014 was 7.3% and in 2013 it was 8.7%, showing a clear slowdown in the Russian market.

In 2015 the British purchased 9,959 properties, a yearly increase of 43.6%. 38% were concentrated in the provinces of Málaga and Alicante; in fact the Valencia Community and Andalucía lead the regional rankings with 3,000 sales. However the biggest concentration of the British is in Murcia where 9% of the properties are in the hands of the British.

Regarding house price increases in the first half of this year, according to the latest from the Appraisal Society shows the Baleares saw the highest growth of 2.8%, Madrid 2.7%, Cataluña 2.6%, Canaries 2%, and Baleares 1.8%.

House prices fell by 1.6% in Extremadura, 1.5% in Aragón and 1.3% in Cantabria.

The real estate consultancy CBRE notes in 2015, 60% of the total investment came from abroad, and so far this year 6.4 billion € has been invested in real estate, of which some 3.8 billion € came from abroad.

In its latest economic bulletin, the Bank of Spain underlined the weight of export non-touristic services directed to the United Kingdom were 39% of the total which is higher than the weight of British tourism in Spain.

The British economy represents 21% of the tourism income and sends the most visitors with more than 12.4 million this year to August (up 13%) and 23.6% of all the tourists welcomed in Spain.

The provision for the three months of summer is more than 25 million tourists with an estimated spend of more than 25.6 billion €. (TS)

### British Expats & Right to Vote in UK Elections.

The UK Minister for the Constitution, Chris Skidmore, announced a policy statement which sets out how the government will remove the current 15-year time limit on British citizens who live abroad registering as overseas electors.

The changes would give all eligible British citizens who have lived in the UK a lifelong right to vote in parliamentary elections. It would mean all eligible overseas electors are able to register to vote quickly and easily, while maintaining the integrity of the electoral register and guarding against fraud.

Chris Skidmore, Minister for the Constitution, said:

“This statement shows how we will introduce ‘votes for life’, scrapping the 15-year rule. British citizens who move abroad remain a part of our democracy and it is important they have the ability to participate. Following the British people’s decision to leave the EU, we now need to strengthen ties with countries around the world and show the UK is an outward-facing nation.

Our expat community has an important role to play in helping Britain expand international trade, especially given two-thirds of expats live outside the EU.

“Expats retain strong links with the United Kingdom: they may have family here, and indeed they may plan to return here in the future. Modern technology and cheaper air travel has transformed the ability of expats to keep in touch with their home country.”

This proposed policy is the latest in a series of measures to make it easier for overseas voters to take part in British democracy. During the last Parliament, the government introduced online voter registration, making it quick, easy and secure to register anywhere in the world. The government also took steps to extend the electoral timetable for postal ballots to be issued earlier to ensure that as many electors as possible can participate in their democracy.

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## Jessie's Bar Golf Society, Los Balcones

The La Peraleja Golf Course was the venue for the September society day.

This turned out to be ideal weather for a nice days Golf, although there were conflicting messages re the state of the fairways. all agreed however how good the Greens where.

This was a Texas Scramble format which consisted of 4 teams of 4

The winning team

Adrian Whitaker, Ian Grant. Mike Keveren, Mick Slater.

Winners of the nearest to Pins as follows

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After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was knocked-down and killed by an ambulance.

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But other than food, the charity also needs disposable razors, shaving foam, soaps, shampoo & shower gel, - even half bottles are welcome. The homeless are encouraged to keep clean and to shower in the Reach Out premises. Winter shoes, such as trainers etc are now urgently required, particularly sizes of 40 upwards.

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## Vet Dumps His Own Live Dog in Container!

A 57-year-old vet from Segovia has been handed down a four-and-a-half month prison sentence for leaving his wounded dog inside a corpse container at a pig farm. He has also been barred from the profession for 18 months.

A Segovia court has ordered him to pay €854.78 in damages to the Segovia Association for Animal Defense, which brought the complaint against him. Canelo was run over in December 2012 in Fuentemilanos, a small community close to Segovia, and sustained "serious injuries" according to the ruling.

The vet, who has not been named, decided to place the animal inside a bag, which he tied shut with a piece of rope and dumped in a container used for dead animals on a pig farm located in a rural area known as Campillo de Torremilanos.

A criminal tribunal found that this "increased and prolonged the animal's suffering."

An animal breeder found the wounded dog hours later and called the local police. Canelo was taken to a veterinary clinic in Segovia, where the animal was only partially conscious, with multiple bruising, hypothermia and dehydration. His left eye was partially out of its socket

But the animal recovered, and the association has since found a new home for him.

Association spokespeople called the incident "horrifying" and noted that "with the

new changes introduced into the law, right now the sentence would have been tougher."

The animal rights group also asked for legislation to expressly acknowledge that animals are "sentient beings," as other European Union countries do.

Under Spanish legislation, individuals sentenced to less than two years in prison are unlikely serve time in jail unless they have a previous record. (El Pais) (Comment: So just an 18-month ban for a man whose professions is supposed to be dedicated to caring for animals and this is how he looks after his own dog! Now this guy will probably move from the Segovia area and open a new practice elsewhere. Let's hope it is not in the lucrative Costas!)





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The riot began at around 20:30 when inmates seized fire extinguishers and hoses and used these items against the officers to force their way out. As a result, five of the officers suffered injuries, including upper extremity fractures and dislocations. An alert was immediately raised with support and ambulances rushing to the scene. The end result is that 67 of the 130 immigrant inmates escaped.

During the course of the night 28 escapees were rounded up, mainly in the Cartagena and Alcantarilla areas, a lot of whom were found hiding in fields leaving almost 40 still at large. All security services combined efforts to locate and capture those missing, which resulted in many roadblocks around the area and surrounding regions.

Then on Tuesday October 18, a group of 39 illegal immigrants attempted to escape from the Aluche detention center in Madrid on Tuesday night, retreating to the rooftop to demand their release. After 12 hours of negotiations with the Spanish National Police – a tense stand-off conducted in driving rain – the migrants began coming down on Wednesday morning. The migrants had no weapons and that there were no reports of injuries; 38 of the 39 men are Algerian.



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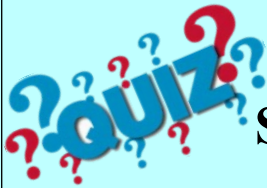
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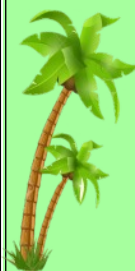
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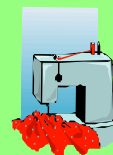
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### Helping Business.

La Opinión de Málaga headlines 'the Junta will permit discotheques to extend to terraces & bars'. The decree being planned has been drawn up in collaboration with businessmen, neighbours and consumers and will also allow live music in bars and restaurants.

### The Phoenix Golf Society.

Played at Mar Menor Golf course on 16th October 2016.

The course, as usual, was in very good condition and the day was enjoyed by everyone. Young Charlie Hurst thought he had won a "Nearest the Pin" but was beaten by Dave Cahill. Hard Luck Charlie – maybe next time, eh?

Nearest the Pin No.2	Ken Sutton
“ “ No.8	Mike Heighway
“ “ No.14	Dave Cahill
“ “ No.17	“ “

Overall winner was Pat Brenham with 38 points.

We all retired to the Phoenix Bar where we had a very nice meal as usual – many thanks Donna & Kay.



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The Chinese team beat the French and Americans at the Chateau du Galoupet, one of the country's biggest wine estates.

A total of 21 teams took part, during the fourth world blind tasting championships held by

the French specialist magazine La Revue du vin de France. Belgium, the runner-up last year, came fourth while former champion Spain were placed a distant tenth.

The teams from around the world had to identify the wines' countries of origin, the grape varieties used in them, their appellations and their vintages.

"Remaining humble even in victory, the astounding Chinese team conceded that in blind tasting 50% is knowledge and 50% is luck," the organisers said.

Next year's championships will be held in Burgundy in the famed Cote d'Or wine-growing region. (The Guardian)



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### Is There Anybody There?

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'Well, i get up in the morning, have something to eat, do a bit of bonking, take a nap, have something to eagt, do a bit more bonking, go for a walk, eat, bonk, eat again and then go to bed,' he said.

'But, Alf, you were never like that down here,' said Flo, quite amazed.

'No, but I wasn't a rabbit then.'

## BOT'S AND BITERS!

### A Chatty Robot In Your Car?

You might not be able to have a robot drive your car just yet, but at least you can get one to keep you company as you drive. Toyota announced on Oct' 3rd that it will be launching a tiny robot in 2017 called Kirobo Mini, that can fit in a car's cupholder and hold a conversation with drivers to keep them alert on long drives.

Kirobo is about 10 cm (4 inches) tall when sat in a cupholder, and apparently can maintain eye contact and gesticulate as it chats in "casual conversation" with a driver, according to a release from Toyota. The release also says that the robot is a "cuddly companion always on hand for heart-touching communication," even though it appears to be made out of a not-very-cuddly plastic and unlikely to be able to move you with its oratory skills.

The robot has a built-in camera that allows it to track people's faces, as well as their emotions, apparently adjusting the way that it talks to you depending on its mood.



Kirobo is intended to keep drivers engaged on long car journeys, and according to Toyota, it will be able to grow with its user, learning what they like and dislike. It'll even be able to provide feedback on a driver's ability behind the wheel ("That was a long drive. Good job."), which certainly won't get annoying to hear from a 4-inch toy robot after a gruelling cross-country road trip. It would be interesting to see how Softbank's Pepper robot, which apparently can also read humans' emotions, would hold up in a conversation with Kirobo.

Toyota has said that it's investing \$1 billion in robotics and self-driving cars over the next few years, aiming to improve humanity's quality of life and provide assistance for moving us around as we age. While Kirobo isn't exactly C-3PO, it certainly shows how the company is considering novel applications for robotics and artificial intelligence in cars.

In 2013, the robot's bigger brother, also called Kirobo, spent a year and a half on the International Space Station to help researchers figure out how robots and humans can potentially coexist in the cramped confines of space vehicles. According to Toyota, when Kirobo landed back on Earth, its first words were: "From up above, the Earth glowed like a blue LED."

Kirobo will cost about ¥39,800 (\$393) when it goes on sale in Japan early next year at select car dealerships across the country. There's also a ¥300 (\$3) monthly service fee for using Kirobo's dedicated companion app. Toyota said it is not clear if or when drivers in other countries will be able to pick up one of the bots. (Qz.com)

Very cute, but would you want to pay for another back-seat driver?

### Bathers Bitten in Benidorm!

You may recall that we reported on some shark sightings off our local coasts during late summer.

Fortunately no one was attacked or bitten.

But then in September, bathers off the Levante beach in Benidorm and in front of the Manila café area were being bitten by shoals of small fish.

As I write this it seems that this has been happening for some weeks.



Scores of people,

mainly elderly, have been bitten, with around 30 cases being reported daily. The town council and first aid officials were being very tight-lipped about the number of incidents (reminds me of the Piranha & Jaws movies!) so as not to raise a panic, but the reporter from *Informacion*, who took the above photo, reported that in just the 30 minutes he was on the beach, five people had to be attended to for bites!

Most of the people bitten so far have been elderly and Spanish, the warm weather encouraging more bathing. Also, most of those bitten have small cuts, warts, varicose veins or skin abrasions. One bather from Galicia had a mole on his skin and got three bites and had to retire. He now goes back in the water but has put neoprene plasters on the mole and wounds.

No one is sure at this stage if the fish are one of the many invasive species to be found in the Med'. The Coastal Ecology are investigating.

Another consideration is that in this particular area of the beach people have been feeding the fish with bread etc for some time. Some say that the fish here have now lost their fear of people and if they can see something with a bit of soft skin, blood, dried or otherwise, they see it as food. It would be interesting if some of these fish would find their way to one of the local nudist beaches. That should produce some remarkable 'Kodak moments.'

*I remember the time I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. He asked for more proof.*

*Rodney Dangerfield*

### Tight as.....

A man arrived in heaven and had to answer a few questions before he was allowed to stay. 'Have you ever done anything good in your life?' asked the angel. 'Well, um.....I once gave a blind beggar 5p.'

'Anything else?' 'I put 15p in the charity box when they were collecting for the local hospital.'

At this the angel turned to the gatekeeper and said, 'Give him his 20p back and tell him to f\*ck off and go to hell.'

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**Texting!**

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One afternoon the wife went out to meet a friend for coffee. She decided to send her husband a romantic text message and she wrote: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you."

The husband texted back to her: "I'm on the toilet. Please advise."

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### Former Corvera Airport Management Has Until 5th November to Pay Back 182 Million Euros.

The government of Murcia acted as guarantor on a bank loan to Aeromur (the former Corvera Airport management company) in 2010. There is little news regarding the 'putting out to tender' of the new management contract at the unopened Region of Murcia International Airport in Corvera, and the regional government remains cagey on the issue of possible opening dates due to the complexity of the processes which must be followed before any formal commitments are given; but behind the scenes the process of setting the facility on a stable financial footing is gradually being implemented.

The next crucial date is 5th November, which is the deadline for the former management company Aeromur to pay back to the regional government the sum of 182 million euros. This was the loan capital extended to Aeromur for which the government acted as guarantor in 2010, and when the guarantee was executed in December 2013 the Region of Murcia therefore shouldered the burden of the debt. This has been one of the many financial 'own goals' which the previous president of the region, Ramon Luis Valcárcel Siso, was responsible for. Ramon has since been rewarded with a vice presidency in the European Parliament.

Since then, though, the courts have ruled that the Aeromur consortium is obliged to repay the government, although payments in instalments will be accepted if appropriate guarantees are provided.

Should repayment not be forthcoming, the Hacienda department of the government will be forced to embargo assets belonging to Aeromur in an effort to secure the full amount, but this will be a difficult task because the consortium which is led by construction giant Sacyr owns little in its own name. The company line has always been that the only asset on the books was the management contract at Corvera, which was first rescinded in September 2013 and then definitively ended at the end of the following year.

It has taken the regional government three years of legal proceedings to reach this point, with Aeromur insisting that the Region of Murcia not only owns the airport but in addition intends to receive the money invested in building it. In the meantime, the accrued interest on the loan amounts to approximately 24 million euros, although the capital has been partially paid off by the use of money from Spain's regional liquidity fund (FLA).

The upshot of all this is that Aeromur may or may not settle its debt with the Murcia government over the course of the next few weeks, but the matter of resolving the management contract which was agreed by the two parties remains pending and a recalculation of the figures will be involved at that stage.

More importantly to most observers, while the government hopes to receive total or partial payment by 5th November, news regarding the long-awaited opening of Murcia's new airport remains distinctly thin on the ground.

Source: La Opinión & Murcia Today

# The Cupcakery by Anneka

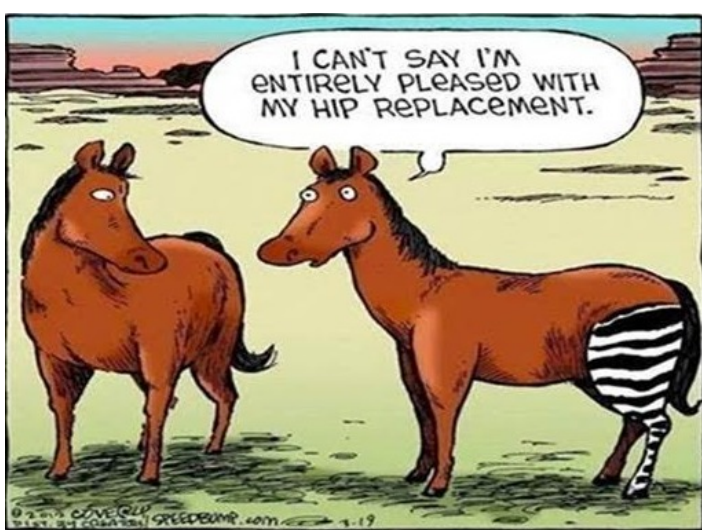
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No. 46!

A party of six people sat down in a Chinese restaurant and ordered a variety of dishes.

While they were helping themselves, one of the diners became aware of a pair of eyes looking at him from the plate beneath a pile of bean sprouts. Then the eyes seemed to vanish before returning again moments later. Unnerved, he called over a waiter.

'Excuse me, waiter,' he said, 'but I think there's a pair of eyes that keep looking at me from that plate of food. You can't see them at the moment but they'll be back very soon.'

'Don't worry, sir,' said the waiter. 'That's the Peking duck.'



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A man walked into a fish and chip shop and said: 'I'll have fish and chips twice.'

The guy behind the counter said: 'I heard you the first time!'

### The White Whale.

One of the great extravagances of the former mayor of Torreveja, Mateo, has been the International

Auditorium, which can be viewed from the N332. Completed in 2011 and costing €43 million, has attracted

very little in the way of events and shows - just around a handful a year. Containing a symphony hall and an auditorium, the latter was supposed to cater for up to 210 musical students. However, it was pointed out by reporters that the relevant conservatory couldn't accommodate a piano! So now the classrooms and equipment are just gathering dust as a student has not set foot in the conservatory since 2011. But if you are interested, you can hire the dressing rooms there for €50....or the whole building for €4,000 for a day!







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### Arkwright's Nails.

Mr. Arkwright, a manufacturer of nails in remote Lancashire, decides its time to expand the company. After a call to Saachi and Saachi he is promised a fantastic ad campaign which will be shown after The X-Factor on Saturday evening.

Anxiously waiting for his ad to come up he sits proudly in his favourite chair with a whisky and a cigar. The ad comes up and shows the Romans nailing Jesus to a cross, with a caption: "Arkwright's Nails".

Public reaction to the new ad was very hostile, and being a religious sort he was also very unhappy. He called up Saachi and Saachi on the Monday morning to complain about the blasphemous ad. The ad men tell him they will have a brand new commercial on the following Sunday which should be more acceptable.

Next Sunday Arkwright is back in his chair in front of the TV, once again with a dram and cigar waiting nervously for the new ad.

Then up comes the ad. It shows Jesus legging it down the hill with the caption "Should have used Arkwright's Nails".

*I have two abiding passions. One is my model railway, the other - women. But at the age of 89, I find I am getting a little too old for model railways.*

*Pierre Montoux*

### The Sample.

A man went to the doctor's with a bad wrist and after a quick examination, he was transferred to the accident and emergency unit at the local hospital. Immediately on getting there, the nurse asked him for a urine sample which he thought was a vderly odd thing to ask for, considering it was his wrist that hurt. However, nurse insisted, so he did as she wished. Fifteen minutes later, he was ushered in to see the doctor who told him he had dislocated his wrist. 'Don't tell me you learnt that from the urine sample,' laughed the man.

'Oh, yes, we did,' insisted the doctor, 'there has been such great developments in medicine and we now have a fool-proof way of diagnosing many complaints just by taking a urine sample.'

After the man was patched up, he left for home. A follow-up appointment was made to see him in six weeks' time, when he had to bring along another sample. On the day of his next visit, the man decided to test just how good the new method was so he peed in the jar, got his wife and daughter to do the same, as well as the cat, and also jerked-off into it. This tiome, the analysis took much longer, but eventually he got in to see the doctor.

'Well? Whaat's the verdict?' he asked.

The doctor looked at him very seriously and replied, 'Your wrist is much better, but your wife has VD, your daughter is pregnant, the cat has fleas and, if you don't stop wanking, your wrist will just get worse.'

### The New Appendage.

A young man who was engaged to a beautiful girl goes to a plastic surgeon because he's got a very small penis. The surgeon tells him he could be helped but it would mean implanting part of a baby elephant's trunk. The man agrees and the operation is a great success.

A few days later, he decides to celebrate and takes out his fiancée for a romantic meal.

While sitting at the table holding hands, his new appendage suddenly flies out of his trousers, grabs a bread roll and disappears.

'Wow, that's a good trick!' says the girl, duly impressed.

'Do it again.'

But the young man, with a pained look on his face, replies, 'I'm not sure if my arse could stand another bread roll.'



### Idiot of the Month Quickies.

A 43-year-old Senegalese and a 57-year-old Spanish chap attempted to cash a \$850,000 forged cheque in a bank in Alicante. They also had another forged cheque for €1,200,000 which they probably would have attempted to cash later. But just how stupid can you get? (Mind you, I knew a bank teller, who once cashed a dog-licence!) The two would-be millionaires were held in the bank's secure entrance system until the police arrived.

A woman in Burgassot, Valencia, tried to kill her dog (photo), with antidepressants because 'it bothered her.' The woman then 'repented' and took the unconscious dog to a vet, who managed to revive the dog, photo. The dog is now in care and hopefully the silly woman is back on antidepressants.



A 33-year-old man has been arrested by the Policía Nacional in Granada after returning to the city's bus station to recover a suitcase containing 120 grams of hashish which he had left there. Incredibly, it appears that the man, who is well known to the police for various drug related incidents in the past, forgot his case while leaving the bus station, and only returned for it a few days later when he realized that it also contained his passport. In the meantime, the police had already taken possession of the case and were awaiting his arrival, and when he presented himself at the bus station he was asked to produce identification. Since this obliged him to open the suitcase it meant that the two packages of hashish, each containing 60 grams, were on full view to the officers present, and the forgetful, and yes dumb, passenger was arrested immediately. Rule No.1 for drug dealers: Never get high on your own stash!

'We WILL make Brexit a success!' That was what Andrew RT Donkey Davis, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, (photo here), was supposed to tell party conference in Birmingham. Unfortunately, he misread his autocue – and instead shouted, with full-throated gusto, 'We WILL make breakfast a success!'



Muhammadu Buhari, the Nigerian president, said his wife "belonged in the kitchen" after she accused him of being out of touch with his government and threatened to drop her political support. (After surviving Boko Haram, millions in Nigeria now face a new threat: starvation. More than 3 million people are displaced and isolated & are facing one of the world's biggest humanitarian disasters. Every day, more children are dying because there isn't enough food. Curable illnesses are killing others. Even polio has returned.)



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### **Brexit.**

Prime minister Theresa May said at the Conservative Party's annual conference that the UK will trigger Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty by the end of next March, that is just before April Fool's Day! How appropriate. The UK will then have to leave the EU by March 2019. More on this next month as there is really nothing positive to report at this stage.

### **Hands Off the Rock!**

Spain's Foreign Minister, José Manuel García-Margallo, is convinced that Gibraltar authorities will start negotiating a joint sovereignty agreement with Spain in March of next year, when Britain begins its formal exit from the European Union.

The minister made this assertion in early October, after hearing Gibraltar Chief Minister Fabian Picardo say that Spain will "never get its hands" on the British Overseas Territory, 'not in four or four thousand years'. The Spanish minister predicted that the Spanish flag could go up within the next four years. "They will



understand that the sooner a solution is found, the better," he said. Under the previous Socialist Party administration, Spain softened its stance, discussing other issues without bringing up sovereignty, while agreeing to give Gibraltar a voice in any talks with Britain over its status. But the conservative Popular Party government of Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has taken a harder line regarding its claim on the territory.

But the UK government has made clear that it will not negotiate over sovereignty as long as Gibraltar's people want to remain British. Euro Conservative MP Julie Girling responded to the Spanish Foreign Minister by saying "We will tell you where you can stick your Spanish flag."



Take a look at this bevy of lovely ladies (& gent) on loan from the Playboy Club. This is just part of the 'full house' which attend Macklin's weekly class in Popular Advanced Numerology, at 2pm every Saturday. These are among those responsible for raising food and toiletries for the Reach Out Charity in Torrevieja, see the appeal in page 13. We still urgently need tins of precooked foods such as meatballs, tuna, sardines, etc., and winter shoes - trainers etc, sizes 40 to 46. Used shoes are fine (but not rubbish) as some of these people have no shoes. Please bag shoes. There are special collection boxes in Macklin's Welcome Inn and Domino's. Please help.

### **Hooked!**

Two Kerry men went into a bar in Galway. One asked the barman: 'Is the fishing good around here?' 'Certainly,' said the barman. 'The fish are thick in the water. You don't even need to put the rod in - you just reach in and pull them out! Big salmon! On your way home tonight, get your friend to hold you over the bridge by your legs and trust me, you'll be able to pull the salmon out of the water.'

The two agreed: 'Yes, we'll try that when we get to the bridge.' So on their way home they came to a bridge and one held the other upside down by his legs, waiting for the salmon. After three minutes, the guy who was hanging down suddenly shouted: 'Quick! Pull me up!' His friend shouted back: 'Have you caught a salmon?'

'No - there's a train coming!'

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## 32 Lime Bar Sunbathers Expedition to Embulse De Argos ( September ).

Having agreed to dispense with the convoy system of travel, ( some get lost after 10km ) 7 of the finest set off early on the 20<sup>th</sup>. John and myself arrived at the lakeside at 8:15, without the use of either Sat Nag to find 7 carloads of Spanish anglers already in situ.

Geordies red Ferrari arrived shortly after, followed by Trevor and Steve in " The Fish Mobile ". Michael and Davey were not too far behind, despite having taken yet another scenic route. They assured us it had been well worth the extra few kilometres.

As with every pond, puddle, pool and lake in Spain the level of water had fallen by approx 4-5 meters since our earlier visit in June. We could walk on what we had previously fished.

Undaunted, the party split into two groups, John, Geordie and myself to the top end of the match stretch, the others to a previously productive area. Most had a reasonably successful day, with Common Carp a few Mirrors and Barbel. From start to finish we were all plagued by an over abundance of Wasps !!!!

At the end of play having heard the call of the " Wild Pint " disaster struck ! Whilst trundling his gear back to the car Geordie went " Base over Apex " on the rocky beach, landing heavily on his left hand, like the trooper he is he soldiered on.

We all met at the hotel about 5pm and after a couple of " aperitifs ", went up for a shower and change into less malodorous clothes, to find that not only Geordie and Davey had flower petals on their beds (not pushed together this time) but each room had them, John and myself also had tea/ coffee making facilities : Up market or what ?? Also complimentary drinks !! (2 small bottles of Sidra ) This was new.

Having had the benefit of half Spanish half English menu, all enjoyed their evening meals. Daveys " Primero of Pasta " could have fed a family !!! An early start to the day gave everyone the incentive to retire gracefully and reasonably early in preparation for a 7am breakfast.

On Wednesday an enthusiastic party assembled for breakfast, only to be informed that Geordie had decided to go home, following a pain filled sleepless night. He obviously needed medical attention

for his wrist, which we later found out had been fractured.

Breakfast demolished by 7:30, Geordie away to face Mary's wrath. The rest of us were at the lakeside by 8am. Half of us did well half not so, Daveys 7:65lb Carp was the catch of the day (a big fish for the Argos) Trevor claiming half share as he was sure that Davey hooked the fish in an area he had ground baited as part of his swim !! there was some sympathy, but not a lot !!

During the afternoon John and I had seen an upturned fishing broly, being floated across the lake by quite a stiff breeze, closely followed by its owner tracking its progress, from the lakeside. Sods law it was destined for the farthest away bank, but Samaritan Michael undertook a Safari to retrieve it, and duly received 10 euro reward (later converted into Estrella.

Pre dinner conversation also revealed that Steve having had rather a quiet day, had reported to fishing with his landing net and was claiming an extra 6 successes !! There must be a rule about this.

The evening meal menu produced only pleasant surprises with Daveys " Primero of spaghetti and Grouper " yet again being of king sized proportion, he did his best !!

Once again, No debauched evening. Early to bed, early to rise, and after another quick breakfast and everything packed, off to the lake to an area across the dam wall.

All 6 fished in close proximity, but we had made a poor choice. The session up to lunch time when we hit the road, produced 7 small Carp and Steve's " Better fish ".

Despite blows to morale at losing our trips organiser (and the necessity to find someone to tuck Davey in at night) We all enjoyed another Argos trip.

Your roving reporter, Sweeney.



Todd Quaich ( Old Farts ) Match.

### Mail Order.

Two Irish guys are looking through a mail order catalogue. Paddy says "Look at these gorgeous women! The prices are reasonable too."

Mick agrees "I'm ordering one right now"

3 weeks later Paddy says to Mick "Has your woman turned up yet?"

"No" said Mick "but it shouldn't be long now though. Her clothes arrived yesterday!!

(Moira)



Mel, Keith Jack and Geordie cleared pegs 6 to 24 at the Eden. Geordie even turning up with his arm in plaster ( Other Clubs take Note !!! ) Geordie has also found a novel way of nobbling his competitors !! While clearing the swims, he hit Mel on the back of his head with the butt end of his "Chopper" "No damage was done to either the Chopper or Mels head !!! Later however Geordie decided to have a go at Mels legs with the sharp end .

We fished our Monthly match at the Eden, (Won by Geordie,) Well done to all those that took part as it was hard going, the "Blue Crabs" kept most anglers busy.

One of our own had a slight mishap before even getting to the bank, he slipped on the floor at home, crashing into his Trophy cabinet, We believe he was trying to make an "Exhibition of himself. So pleased that no harm came to him.

Our Todd Quaich ( Old Farts ) Match took place at El Bosquet on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Due to rather heavy rain the night before, the back stretch was unfishable. Twelve members turned up to fish, six of 70 and over and the rest of us under that age, They say with age comes experience, well that we can say its a fact !!! The 70's and over weighing in 20:03 kg and us ( The Youngsters ) weighing in a total amount of 9:86kg. Lesson learnt, the victors and the wannabes met at the Lime bar to toast each other and all of the banter of the day got drowned in the finest of beer and Cava !!! On behalf of all members of The Lime Bar Fishing Club ( The Friendly Club ) We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mel for all the hard work he has done for the club, above and beyond his duties as Club Secretary. We would say sit back and put your feet up, but you will do that on the bank !!!

The next meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November @17:00 hrs

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## The Madrid Halloween Disaster.

Madrid's Provincial Court has found event promoter Miguel Ángel Flores guilty on five counts of negligent homicide over a 2012 tragedy in which five young women were crushed to death during a Halloween night concert at the Madrid Arena.

The women were killed after a flare was set off during US DJ Steve Aoki's Halloween Night concert inside the arena. The commotion caused a stampede that left many concert-goers trapped inside a narrow passageway.



Flores, who was also found guilty on 29 counts of causing harm through serious negligence, headed up the firm Diviertt, which was in charge of promoting the event at Madrid Arena. The company sold 17,000

tickets for the event although the venue's capacity was just 10,620.

This overcrowding was the main cause of the tragedy, investigators found. Lax security and the blocking off of five of eight access points to the main stage also contributed, according to police.

Victims Cristina Arce and Katia Esteban were killed on the night of the tragedy, while Rocío Oña, Belén Langdon and Teresa Alonso died shortly after in hospital. All were aged between 17 and 20.

Fourteen other defendants were handed sentences ranging from 30 months to three years over the incident, which attracted huge media attention in Spain.

Among those given jail terms are Francisco del Amo, the coordinator of operations and projects at Madridec, the municipal company responsible for managing Madrid

Arena, who was sentenced to three years, and Carlos Manzanares of Kontrol 35, the firm charged with overseeing security at the venue. Manzanares was handed a sentence of two-and-a-half years.



However, police chief Emilio Monteagudo, and Simón and Carlos Viñals, the two doctors present at Madrid Arena on the night, were found not guilty of any wrongdoing.

As part of a ruling that comes after a lengthy trial, the court also said the families of the victims will receive compensation of around €350,000 each.

The Madrid Arena case caused enormous damage to the reputation of the city's Popular Party mayor at the time, Ana Botella, while Pedro Calvo, charged with economic affairs on the city council, resigned from his post after being officially questioned in the case.

However, no city officials were made to stand trial.

(El Pais, J. A. AUNIÓN, George Mills)

Comment: Okay, it has effectively taken four years for a decision here. A small number of people have been served with custodial sentences (remember a first sentence of two years or under is rarely served in Spain) but at least it serves an example to others who might put profit before safety. Still, it is a small price to pay for the lives of five young women. And how come the local town hall, who would have a big supervisory obligation for these types of events, got off 'scot-free'?

If you visit a club or disco this Halloween, be in no doubt that popular venues will have exceeded their legal number, so please take care.

## FDA Approves the First ‘Artificial Pancreas’ for Diabetes.

A device that makes type-1 diabetes care much easier gets the green light

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first artificial pancreas device for people with type 1 diabetes in the United States. The device monitors a person’s blood sugar levels and automatically provides insulin if needed.

The pancreas provides insulin naturally to the body to regulate blood sugar levels, but for people with diabetes, this process does not work correctly. Instead, people with diabetes must continuously monitor their blood sugar levels and give themselves insulin when needed. On Wednesday, the FDA approved a Medtronic device called the MiniMed 670G, which measures a person’s blood sugar levels every five minutes and provides more insulin or withholds it.

The device is approved for people ages 14 and older with type 1 diabetes and is attached to a person’s body. People using the device will still have to manually request more insulin after they eat.

As TIME has previously reported, other companies and researchers are working on different versions of the artificial or bionic pancreas. For some, a device that requires no input from a person whatsoever is the ultimate goal. A small research group behind the company Beta Bionics has a similar device to Medtronic and is building a version that monitors blood sugar levels and releases insulin to bring the sugar down or another hormone called glucagon to bring it back up.

Medtronic is studying whether the device could work for people younger than 14. The device does carry risks, like the possibility of developing hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia and skin irritation. While the device is being approved for use in people 14 years of age and older with type 1 diabetes, Medtronic is currently performing clinical studies to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the device in diabetic children 7-13 years old.

There is a more detailed article here -

[http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/UCM522974.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/UCM522974.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### Pat & Mick Go Hunting.

Two Irish blokes flew to Canada on a hunting trip. They chartered a small plane to take them into the Rockies for a week hunting moose. They managed to bag six. As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the little plane could take only four moose. The two lads objected strongly. "Last year we shot six. The pilot let us take them all and he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. The plane took off. However, while attempting to cross some mountains, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down.

Somehow, surrounded by the moose bodies, only Pat and Mick survived the crash.

After climbing out of the wreckage, Pat asked Mick, "Any idea where we are?"

Mick replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."

## Watch out for.....

Samsung toploading washing machines. Consumers are advised that certain toploading washing machines made between March 2011 and April 2016 are prone to, well, blow up! The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is advising consumers “to exercise caution when using their appliances, and adds it is working with Samsung to devise a “remedy for affected consumers.” The CPSC received 21 reports from consumers claiming their Samsung washing machines had “exploded or blown apart.” Neither Samsung nor the CPSC has specified the cause of the explosions. Jason Lichtman, the lawyer representing the aggrieved Samsung customers, told ABC News he believes a support rod inside the machines sometimes becomes unfastened during the spin cycle, causing the machine to “blow apart” - photo.



CPSC is advising consumers to only use the delicate cycle when washing bedding, water-resistant and bulky items. The lower spin speed in the delicate cycle lessens the risk of impact injuries or property damage due to the washing machine becoming dislodged.

It seems that 95 of them have also blown up and caught fire in Australia.

The news comes just as Samsung struggles to manage a massive recall of its new Galaxy Note 7 smartphones,



photo, which had been exploding due to faulty batteries. So I'm wondering, are some of the

Samsung engineers on the ‘wacky’ or just incompetent?

Certainly their quality control leaves much to be desired. Saying that, we have at least four Samsung appliances in our house, all of which appear to be operating satisfactorily..... so far!

Spaniards Víctor de Tena and Francesc Bonet came up with the idea to create Napflix, an online channel that provides very boring video content, ideal to bring on a nap.

"We all know the feeling of insomnia. Your body wants to sleep but your mind is still awake and active. So how can we steady up our mind," the creators explain on the channel, launched this week.

"Napflix is a video platform where you can find the most silent and sleepy content selection to relax your brain and easily fall asleep".

The content includes a two-hour lectures from a physics professor at Yale explaining the complexities of Einstein, or if you fear that might be too stimulating for the brain, how about 54 minutes watching chickens turn on a rotisserie?

"There's a lot of videos on youtube that we were able to put on our channel that will really help people to sleep," De Tena told Cadena Ser. "For example a game of cricket really is very boring," he explained.

Controversially no doubt, the channel also includes some sporting events, a clip of the Tour de France in 1992, an entire baseball match, and a ski-jumping competition.

"We choose the content based on how boring it is, or for the elevator music that sometimes goes with it," De Tena explained.

Curling also makes an appearance, as does the Pétanque PPF Tour, complete with French commentary and for those die-hard insomniacs, a four hour clip of the World Chess Championship match in Chennai, 2013.

For those who can't think of anything duller than a spot of high culture, there is a recording of the San Francisco Opera production of Aida or choose Swan Lake at the Kirov Theatre in Leningrad to help you snooze.

Film buffs are challenged to keep their eyes open through *Code Name K.O.Z* voted "the worst film voted by IMDb Users" or the 2011 American "experimental epic drama" *The Tree of Life*.

Napflix also offers more obviously soothing content, such as waves lapping on a tropical beach, cars driving through the rain on a highway, a crackling fireplace or an eight hour film showing a candle burning down.

"We're taking siesta to the next level," said De Tena.

(TheLocal)

What a wonderful idea. I have to admit that televised darts, snooker, tennis and The X Factor do it for me.

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Drug kingpin, Amado Carrillo Fuentes, has died from nine hours of liposuction and plastic surgery or, as it's known in Beverly Hills, natural causes. Bill Maher.

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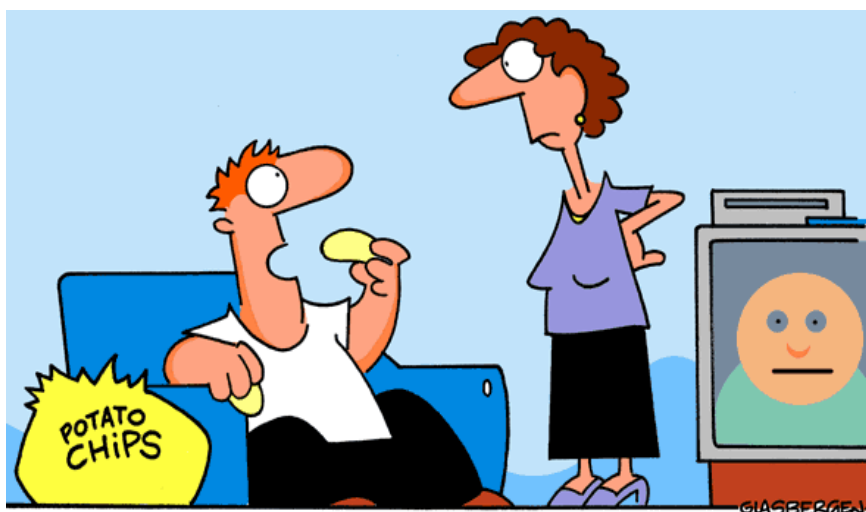
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