

THE DREAM SCENE

NEWSLETTER

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

Bienvenido a todos and welcome to the September, 2018 edition. Issue No.135



Phew! What a month! The roasting temperatures and extremely high humidity was difficult enough to endure, but matters were made significantly worse for tourists, holiday-makers and any residents who endured air travel during the month of August.

The air traffic controllers were the first to kick-off, bringing the usual unreliability, chaos and cancellations. Then the taxi drivers decided to blockade many Spanish airports with improvised stoppages exceeding 30 hours at a time. For a business that relies heavily on the tourist trade, they showed scant regard for the chaos they caused at train stations and airports to the tired and frustrated travellers loaded with suitcases.

Then the airlines developed some more 'killer-punches' to the travellers, with Vueling and Ryanair being the main offenders.

Vueling, particularly at Barcelona's El Prat airport, was one of the worst offenders in Europe when it came to delays. Vueling ranks 44th out of the 46 European airlines in terms of punctuality. In July alone, 41% of its flights were delayed, with a minimum waiting period of 61 minutes!

But then Ryanair piled more misery on top of the misfortunate travellers, with a succession of strikes and industrial action by cabin crew staff and then the pilots!

And now Ryanair have announced that from November, they will only permit cases in the cabin for

those who pay a **£6 priority boarding fee**. Other passengers will now have to pay **£8 online to check a small sub-10kg** wheeled case into the hold. Just one small bag, to fit under the seat in front, will be freely permitted. Such largesse!

On Monday, August 13, a **powerful earthquake** registering 4.3 on the Richter scale was detected with its epicentre in Albaterra (11 kilometres deep), Alicante. This was the most powerful earthquake registered in the province during the last 58 years.

On March 21, 1829, the Vega Baja area experienced a major earthquake with the magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter scale. As a result Guardamar, Torrevieja and Almoradi were devastated with the loss of 386 lives and almost 3,000 homes destroyed.

Although the Vega Baja area sits on a major fault line, the province of Alicante has no emergency plans prepared in case of earthquakes despite it being mandatory!

Many don't understand the meaning of the **Richter scale**. They believe that a magnitude of 2 is twice as powerful that a scale of 1. This is untrue. The scale is not a number scale but a logarithmic scale. So, a magnitude of 2 is 10 times more powerful than a 1. Also, each whole number increase means 32 times more energy is released. Sleep well!

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SUNDAYS 21:00

Alan Warden



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Dire Straits, Santana, Thin Lizzy, G'n'R,
Status Quo, Gary Moore, Pink Floyd, Etc, etc,etc.**

GET UP AND DANCE!

The new left-wing government in Spain is beginning to flex its muscles with predictable results. PM Pedro Sánchez, photo, has embarked on replacing the hierarchy of NGOs with his political cronies. Over 20 patrons of the PSOE have received plum jobs, one being the new head of Red Electric with a salary in excess of €300,000. But Sanchez now has to pay back the nationalist parties for their support of the no-confidence vote that placed him in power.



The **Basque Country is being rewarded** with massive funding and the gradual return of ETA terrorist prisoners to prisons in the Basque region.

The **nationalists in Catalonia have been rewarded** with another massive increase in funding and have gained back full control of their spending and governance in the region. In a recent visit to the region by the PM and King Felipe, the king was greeted by a banner showing an upside-down image of the royal, see photo. But it must be remembered that neither the nationalists nor the socialists want the monarchy!

Meanwhile, the socialist bastion of **Andalucia is furious at Sanchez for his 'Open Arms' policy** towards the Africa migrants. Being the closest to the North African coast, their 'reception areas' are now being swamped with migrants.

The government have now ordered the **removal of the dictator Franco's remains** from the Valley of the Fallen near Madrid.

There are also indications that Spain's foreign policies may be facing some changes. Socialist Party Foreign Minister Josep Borrell says the days of hard-line policies and sanctions are over as **Spain does a U-turn on Cuba and Venezuela** in favour of dialogue. This is just pandering to a bunch of extreme and brutal regimes. Nothing admirable in that.

There are 252 **radical Islamist prisoners** in Spanish prisons. Although eight prisons have developed a program of deradicalization of fanatical Islamists, only 23 prisoners have attended the course. Of these a dozen have agreed to confess crimes to the Prosecutor's Office seeking to improve their life in prison and shorten the prison sentence. However, none of the 252 are repentant and have not backtracked or apologised for their ideology of hatred. Of these, one group of 134 were convicted of belonging to an armed jihadist group; a second group of 35 are indoctrinators who carry out "pressure and coercion activities." A third group of 83 prisoners despise and act against any non-radical Muslims. The lack of translators are in a critical shortage in the penitentiary institutions. Maghrebi inmates have stopped speaking Spanish and choose dialects or languages such as Berber tamazirt to preserve secrecy.

The **red weevil has already devoured 60% of the Canary Palms** in the Murcia region and it is now accepted that it is now impossible to eradicate these weevils and therefore one have to live with the situation. Since the plaque was detected in 2005, there has been little coordination nationally. Slow and inadequate responses in the regions has not solved the problem. This does not bode well for any other unpleasant 'environmental surprises' in the future.

Información in Alicante reports that 'The **Valencia Generalitat will buy 160 homes** for social rental and at a subsidised price' up to €90,000 and the flats have to be less than ten years old – prioritising areas in Alicante, Elche and Torreveja.

El Mundo reports that **Bank Santander** will modify its situation in Spain if the socialist government in Madrid impose another tax on banks – saying that 'probably' their headquarters will remain in Spain but with a different legal structure. The bank warns it is possible that they would be unable to keep all their affiliates and as a consequence loose world influence.

Taxi drivers in Madrid and Barcelona have decided to call off their strike, but warn that this is just "a truce." The decision was made late on Wednesday, August 1, following a meeting between national and regional authorities in connection with an ongoing conflict over ride-hailing companies, which the taxi sectors views as unfair competition. The meeting ended with a proposal by the Spanish government to let regional authorities decide whether they want to take over responsibility for issuing VTC (chauffeuré vehicle) licenses, which companies like Uber and Cabify operate under. "This is a technical stop, a truce; if we have to return to the streets in September or October, we will," said Julio Sanz, head of the Antaxi association. Three drivers have been arrested on charges of violence after more than 60 attacks on Uber.

Jellyfish closed most of the beaches in Málaga on August 1. Although they are a major problem on the Costa del Sol, infestation in the Costa Blanca is fortunately not common. The appearance of the Portuguese Man-of-War, off our coast early this summer was unusual. However, the nearby Costa Calida closed some beaches during August due to an abundance of jellyfish.

Breaking News: Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore.. A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot dead by the woman's husband.

- What was it Father Jack used to say about the needy? He had a term for them.
- Shower of bastards.

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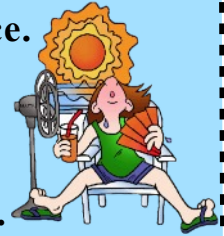


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7th Annual Dream Hills II Fiesta

On a lovely summer's evening, the 7th Annual Dream Hills II Fiesta took place on August 18th 2017.

Tables, chairs and parasols started appearing late afternoon and over 150 people attended the event. A party atmosphere was soon evident, with much table sharing of soft drinks, beers and of course wine.

The Hog Roast, provided by Dave and the Paella provided by Lina were both delicious.



Many thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes including JJ's Café Bar, Digger and past winners at the darts and quiz nights. And thanks too to Reg Groves and Dave Knight for erecting the pagoda and banner. A lot of the tables won a prize, and some were even lucky enough to win more!!

The artistes, Tony Jones and Jacuzzi entertained us brilliantly throughout the evening. The music and dancing stopped just before midnight, but many people lingered on and chatted for another hour, as it was such a pleasant evening.

Our 2018 Fiesta was a huge success and a great time was had by all !!

This year's event was a sell-out, so look out for the posters next summer and buy your tickets early.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

There are more photos on the Dream Hills 2 Facebook page. If you have any comments, please leave them on the Dream Hills 2 Facebook page or email me at janordave@talktalk.net



What's Up, Doc?

When the surgeon came to see his young female patient on the day after her operation, she was slightly embarrassed. So the doctor she asked "What's wrong?"

"Well this is a bit embarrassing for me, but just how long will it be before I can resume my normal sex life.

"Uh" stammered the doctor, as he thought pensively.

"Uh, I hadn't really thought about it" replied the stunned surgeon. "You're the first patient to ever ask me that after a tonsillectomy."

What's Up? continued

The tense situation in Catalonia has delayed the arrival of the **seasonal police reinforcements in holiday areas** such as Benidorm. To date there appear to have been no major upsets in tourist areas, other than the continuing nuisance of the illegal street traders in many coastal spots.

Spain's tax authority has accepted footballer **Cristiano Ronaldo deal** of payment of a €19 million fine and a two-year-jail term - which will not be served. These two-year jail terms are a joke really and loved by crooked politicians.

Yet another example of the **nonsense of jail sentencing** arose last month in Benidorm. Here two Spanish men, aged 48 & 51, were arrested for robbing from six slot machines in six different hotels in this popular tourist mecca. They forced the coin boxes of the machines but were identified by security cameras. Nothing very unusual in this you might say, however these two crooks had 93 previous police records! And guess what they will be back again doing shortly?

A man has been arrested by the National Police in Valencia after being caught visiting a hospital there with a **bag containing a revolver, a machete and a knife**. The 58-year-old was charged as an alleged perpetrator of a crime of possession of weapons, which included a machete of 16.5 centimetres and a knife of 9.5, plus some latex type gloves. The man was previously known to the police.

One in three cases in the Málaga courts is suspended. In the social jurisdiction cases, half of these are suspended due to the witnesses not turning up!

There are **10,000 'floor clause' mortgage cases** still awaiting adjudication in the province of Alicante. At present there are only three judges handling these. A fourth one is promised.

Mercadona plans to **replace plastic bags** in its supermarkets throughout 2019 with paper or recycled plastic types, i.e. more plastic bags @ 10 cents each!

The Interior Minister, Fernando Grande-Marlaska, has affirmed that the system of reception of immigrants in Spain **"is not collapsed"** despite chaos and massive overcrowding in the reception centres. According to the minister, his department is doing a "very detailed" study to replace the current razor concertinas of the border fences of Ceuta and Melilla in North Africa by equally "safe" but "less bloody" means, a change that will be made "immediately", although he has not specified deadlines.

Dive! Dive! Dive!

Walking into his favourite bar, Willie said to the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one. I just had another fight with the little woman."

"Oh yeah?" said Harry. "And how did this one end?"

"When it was over," Willie replied, "she came to me on her hands and knees."

"Really? Now that's a switch! What did she say?"

She said, "Come out from under that bed, you little chickenshit."

The mayoress of Barcelona, Ada Colau, has been coming in for a lot of criticism lately. One of her many problems, or challenges as politicians like to call them, is her tolerance of the *manteros* - illegal street vendors.

Several of them recently **beat up an American tourist**

(photo). Rather than banning the illegal vendors outright, Mayoress Colau maintains a policy of tolerance to the peddlers and their counterfeit goods, which have blighted much of the city and its port area. There



were 70,000 fines for illegal sales in the city last year, with few if any of the fines being paid! Colau has called for 'more reflection.' Lack of action by her has been condemned by business associations, trade unions and the public. Even the separatist politicians who ushered her into power, are now openly criticising her, with Jaume Ciuirana of PDECat stating "Colau is sinking Barcelona with his performance as mayor, it's not politics, it's incompetence and frivolity."

Videos of the assault can be seen here - <https://twitter.com/AKur0mu/status/1025041109519687681> & twitter.com/i/status/1025048595299487745

More than 50 sellers of the **"top blanket" (manteros)** have occupied the **Aguamarina promenade** in Orihuela Costa every night preventing the normal movement of pedestrians and turning trade away from adjacent businesses. After weeks of ignoring or neglecting the problem by the local council, extra police hours are only now being approved to chase the illegal traders off, who can be aggressive and intimidating.

An average of **240 migrants a day** are arriving on the southern coastline of Spain from North Africa. In the four month period up to mid-August, a total of 21,723 migrants have arrived by sea, usually in small boats which are dangerously packed. Organised gangs are charging as little as \$18 a head for the dangerous passage.

Meanwhile, the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla in North Africa are being virtually **invaded by hundreds of young African males**. During one violent assault on the security fence at Ceuta, more than 600 broke through through. 22 members of the Guardia Civil were injured in the assault as they were attacked with quicklime, battery acid, urine and excrement.

Police estimate that there are about **50,000 sub-Saharan** who are already crowded into the north of Morocco ready to cross the Strait of Gibraltar.

Reception area in African enclaves and on the mainland of Spain are already hopelessly overcrowded.

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3rd TONY BRAIN 31pts

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2nd BRENDA FOLLEY 32 pts
3rd ALAN THORPE 28pts

NEAREST THE PIN

HOLE 3 JOHN MCGREGOR
HOLE 9 MATT DAVIES
HOLE 12 IAN GRANT
HOLE 15 JOHN WALLS
HOLE 18 IAN GRANT

Another good day's golf, returning to the Lime Bar for presentation of prizes and refreshments.

Many thanks to the Lime Bar staff and the ladies for the football draw.

Apologies for no photo this month.

EDDIE ALLAN



Did you win?

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Michael Parkinson

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Although the beach bars (*chiringuitos*) are **finally open on the Orihuela Costa**, there remains the investigation into alleged irregularities of the previous contract. The Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office has requested a three-and-a-half-year prison sentence for the ex-councillor of Orihuela Martina Scheurer (Los Verdes) (photo) for her involvement in the alleged fixation of the contract to manage the beach bars in 2014, which was awarded to the company *Chiringuitos del Sol*.



Although *Chiringuitos del Sol* have also won the new contract fairly and squarely, a representative of the company, Thomas Herteux, has also been accused of the crime of administrative prevarication, which carries a prison sentence of one year and nine months.

Although I personally find the whole issue boring now, one anomaly which remains unexplained is why did the company only pay €363,000 for the previous contract four years ago but paid €891,178 for the new four year concession?

The Orihuela town council are to place **2,000 ashtrays** on the beaches in an effort to keep our lovely beaches even cleaner. The receptacles (photo) can also be used for chewing gum etc. Apparently it takes 10 years for a cigarette but to break down.



Still with the Orihuela city council, they have been **fined €3,000** by the Autonomous Police for holding a concert without the correct licence. The concert headlining *Loquillo*, a Spanish RocknRoll singer, was held at the Los Huertos Fairgrounds. The original fine was €6,000, which was reduced....because they are the council! They plan to appeal saying that they don't have to give themselves permission! However, you try and have some live music in your bar and see what happens!

More than **2,700 tourists** have visited the salt works of Torrevieja in just 15 days. The new tour appears to be quite popular.

A gang of ten people who were based in Torrevieja have been arrested by the police. They specialised in breaking into houses, with three women gaining access to houses using a screwdriver and tools made from plastic bottles and cans to open the doors. Meanwhile the men kept watch in a number of vehicles outside the relevant buildings. Investigations began last April after a robbery in Cartagena, but the gang of Croatian nationality operated nationally breaking into houses in Alicante (Elda), Murcia, Almería and Valladolid. Seven gang members were arrested in Torrevieja, while three others were arrested in downtown Malaga, just after they had committed another

Unlucky or what! A young couple and their soon-to-be in-laws were stuck in a lift in the council offices in San Miguel de Salinas just one minute before they were due to be wed. The couple together with two sets of parents were stuck in the lift for almost an hour before they were released.

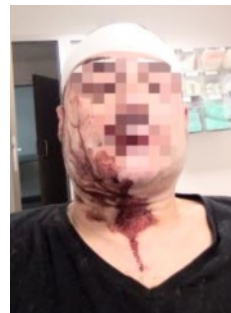


Fortunately they are all still friends! Photo shows the pregnant bride and the husband, who was scarcely dressed for the occasion!

Alingui's new restaurant in Los Balcones is nearing completion. The new build is very impressive, however adequate parking remains a problem in the area.

The massive accommodation structure close to the restaurant still remains unoccupied after 10 years. Originally planned as retirement accommodation, a very brief attempt was made to re-launch it as a centre for the recuperation of stroke victims, which quickly came to nothing. It's such a massive waste of something which could be of great benefit in assisting a number of critical accommodation issues in the region.

McDonalds have opened a new fast food outlet at opposite De Bassus in Los Dolses.



This security guard was beaten up by a **drunken neighbour** with a baseball bat in an unnamed urbanisation of 90 bungalows in Torrevieja. The assaulted, JS, belongs to the company Segurisa, and the aggression has been perpetrated while providing surveillance service in the urbanization.

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British Expats in EU Launch Brexit Legal Dispute

British expats living in Spain, France and Italy launched a legal challenge on Tuesday, August 14, against the 2016 referendum, arguing Leave campaign broke electoral laws, therefore making the Brexit vote unconstitutional.

The legal challenge was presented by pro-EU advocacy group "UK in EU Challenge", which represents Britons living in France, Italy and Spain.

The group submitted on Tuesday a judicial review against Prime Minister Theresa May at London's High Court, arguing that the recent Electoral Commission findings on BeLeave and Vote Leave mean that the UK referendum to leave the EU was not a legal, fair or free vote.

In a statement on its website, UK in EU Challenge wrote "recent revelations show beyond reasonable doubt that the Leave campaign cheated in the Brexit referendum".

"The Electoral Commission found "beyond reasonable doubt" that Vote Leave, the official campaign, cheated on its spending limit by almost £700,000 (6 percent).

"In a general election, local authority election or local authority referendum the courts can declare the vote null and void if there has been cheating of exactly this type," the website reads.

The British government is resisting the group's legal action on the grounds that it is "out of time" and that a similar appeal has already been dismissed

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The Killing Heat!

Two 40-year-olds left their dogs locked in the trunk of a car in the Valencian town of Gandía while they went to buy some cigarettes and drink a few beers.

When the owners returned they found that the four dogs had all died asphyxiated by a heat stroke. The four dogs that died of suffocation were an adult rottweiler, who "practically occupied the entire trunk", two pit bull puppies and one adolescent hound, according to police. According to police sources, the owners of the dogs said that they had left them in the vehicle for only 30 or 40 minutes to "buy tobacco and have a few beers" and when they arrived back they could not revive them.

The police called a veterinarian, who came to the scene and certified the deaths, while the owners, in addition to the proceedings for animal abuse, face a fine that can range between 6,000 and 18,000 euros.



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The Second Opinion

The doctor had to tell the husband that his wife would have to be admitted to a psychiatric hospital. 'I'm afraid her mind's completely gone,' he said.

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Oy Vey!

Gladys Dunn started reading some books about Judaism and decided that she wanted to start going to shul (synagogue). There was one near her house so she went early one Sabbath morning.

The shul itself was beautiful and the people seemed friendly but the Rabbi's sermon seemed to go on and on.

Worse, it wasn't very interesting. Glancing around, she saw many in the congregation nodding off. Finally it was over.

After the service, she turned to a still sleepy-looking woman next to her, extended her hand and said, "I'm Gladys Dunn." She replied, "You and me both!"

Snakes Alive!

It must have been a bit of a surprise to find a metre-long snake in your car! Not sure how it was discovered in the first place, but this guy found the reptile snuggled up in the engine of his car in the town

of Ibi, just north of the city of Alicante. Both the Guardia Civil and the Policia Local attended, with a member of the former pulling the snake out of the engine by hand! This guy is nails! The snake was returned safely and undamaged to another location.....maybe somewhere close to you!

Birdnapper Arrested.

A 43-year-old man was arrested in Elche for stealing a parrot and then demanding €100 from the owner as a ransom.

The thief/kidnapper climbed a fence and an inner wall before breaking into the dwelling where the parrot (raza barraquera), was caged. The parrot is valued at €500. Plain-clothes policemen were there when the ransom was paid over and the parrot recovered. The thief was well know to the police having multiple previous robberies with force. Hopefully both the parrot and the thief are now back in the cages, where they belong.



*Special message for Bobby in J.J.'S -
'Look out, Bobby, there are villains about!'*



Tommy

Tommy walks into school 20 minutes late. "Sorry I'm late," he says, "but I didn't get my fucking breakfast." "How dare you use language like that!" says the teacher, "stand in the corner!" She then carries on with the geography lesson. "Who can tell me where the Canadian border is?" she asks. No one in the class answers. Tommy puts his hand up. The teacher ignores him and continues to ask. Still no one answers so reluctantly she says to Tommy "OK then, where is the Canadian border?" Tommy replies "He's in bed with my Mom, that's why I didn't get any fucking breakfast!"

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An elderly retired couple escaped from a nursing home to attend the largest metal festival in the world, the Wacken Open Air, which celebrated its 29th edition last week in the town of Wacken, Schelwig-Holstein, Germany.

The staff of the nursing home gave alarm to the police when they noticed that two of their residents had disappeared. The Police launched the search operation and found the retired couple at 3 am on the Friday morning at the Wacken Open Air music festival, popularly known as the 'Mecca of Metal'. According to information revealed by the police, the elders were reluctant to leave the party, so they had to send them to the residence by taxi, escorted by a police car.

The festival, which took place from August 1 to 4, hosted about 75,000 people who gathered to enjoy the music of Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Danzig, Judas Priest, Hatebreed, In Flames, Running Wild, In Extremo and Eskimo Callboy. Mind you, the nursing home sounds a bit like Colditz!





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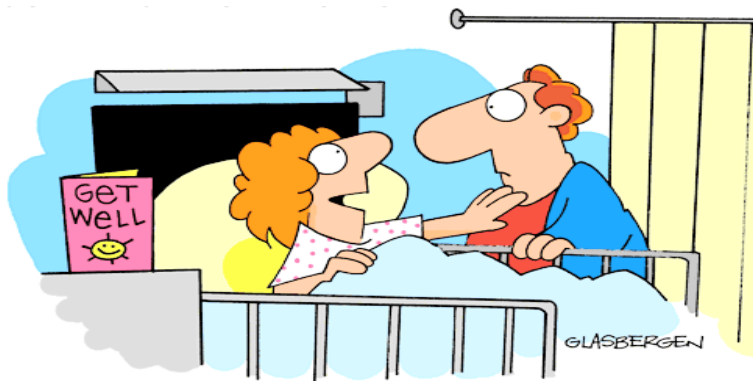


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The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging pockets. Finally, after many glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls."

The blonde continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he had said.

After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

Mel B.

PHOENIX GOLF REPORT

– SUNDAY 19th AUGUST 2018

The Society played at Villamartin Golf Course this Sunday gone and it was found to be perfect for playing, but it did get a lot warmer during the day.

The Course was in very good condition and everyone enjoyed them selves.

Mick Currie paid us his usual yearly visit and also enjoyed his game – BUT did not win anything! Ha! Ha!

Nearest the Pin No.9	IAN GRANT
“ No.13	JOHN NICHOLL
“ No.17	DAVE CAHILL

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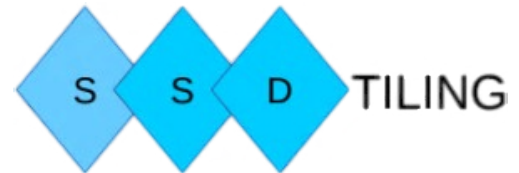
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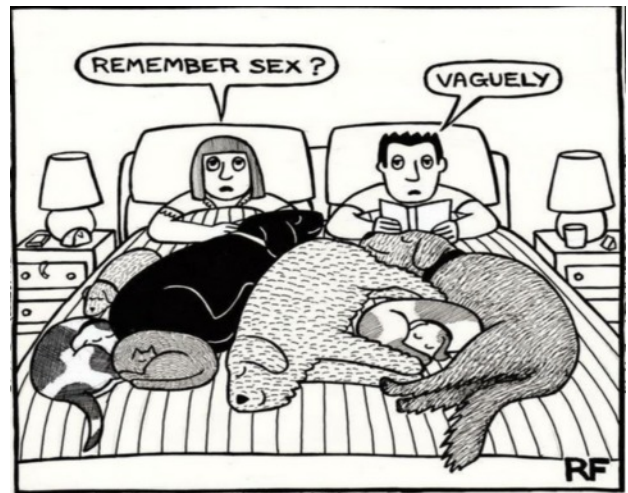
A good example of this was a story which appeared in El Pais regarding Susana Meseguer, photo, in the village of Vilafamés in Castellón, Valencia.

Susana lost her job in May this year and decided to act as an unofficial tour guide in her attractive home town of Vilafamés, signing up to the online platform GuruWalk, which brings together tourists and tour guides all over the world. Susana worked for tips only and never made more than €60 in one month. The local council and the tourist office knew what she was doing, and the person in charge of the tourist office had even sent her groups when they couldn't leave their post.

But the 'jobs-worths' in the Valencia regional government got wind of what Meseguer was doing and on July 19 sent her a letter reminding her that tour guides in the region need authorization, and that she didn't have it. They warned her that she had to cease the activity or face a possible fine of between €100,000 and €600,000.

Susana, who is a mine of interesting local information, has now stopped her tours and plans a new and exciting venture involving electric bikes and GPS's.

But this is just another example of the rife protectionism endemic in the country. The taxi and pharmacy businesses are also good examples of this, while anyone who has attempted to start a new legal business will only be too aware of the local bureaucracies and associated costs and restrictions.



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Wanted Killer and Rapist Who Fled Spain Is Captured in Senegal

Guillermo Fernández Bueno, 41 (photo), was serving a 36-year sentence for two rapes and one murder with unusual violence committed during a one-month period.

After serving 11 years of his sentence in 2012 he was allowed temporary prison leaves (called third degree semi-freedom in Spain), enjoying over 40 of them since then. He would have been released in six years time anyway, after serving just 22 years in total.



It was during these prison leaves that he married a prison visitor and social educator, 43-year old Elena Ruiz Sancho.

Bueno walked out of Dueso Prison in Cantabria on July 15 on a one-week prison leave, but never returned. Even though Bueno cleared out his cell before walking out for the last time and taking most of his belongings with him, the none-too-sharp prison officials did not 'smell a rat.'

Elena, had a white Volkswagen van, which she used to sell furniture made in India at the Spanish flea markets.

Together they crossed, Spain and went through the Straits of Gibraltar to Morocco. From there they crossed Morocco and then Mauritania finally being stopped and arrested at the Senegal border with Gambia. They had hoped to reach Guinea and had travelled 4,485 km in the

van in just seven days. Bueno was found hiding in the rear of the van with a passport of another male who looked like him and now faces extradition. His legal wife, Elena, is not facing any charges as the crime of concealment does not apply to kinship in Spain. The police sent details of her passport through a number of countries, which hastened his arrest. If Bueno does not accept extradition, he faces the rest of his life in a Senegalese prison, which should be interesting.

For most of society these men are monsters who should be locked up for life, but some people see them as attractive. Why do these women, such as Elena, fall in love with men who have raped, killed women or committed other atrocious acts? "Women who end up with rapists and / or murderers abound more than one thinks," explains psychiatrist Pablo Malo. "Female psychology has that dark side, " concludes Dr. Pablo Malo, who cannot understand Elena's behaviour.

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It can be quite disappointing at times to look at the so called developed countries in the world and see how odd some of their established practices and codes are. Spain's 'quaint' legal system with its 'aforados' is one; you can go and fight for your country abroad, but if you return to many states in the US of A, you may not, depending on your age, buy a beer. But the story below from Japan really surprised me.

A Japanese Medical University Lowered Women's Test Scores Because It Was a "Necessary Evil"!

Tokyo Medical University for years doctored the test scores of female applicants to admit fewer women because school officials believed that once women got married and had children they would be unable to fulfil their emergency shifts at hospitals.

Japanese media reports said today (Aug. 2) that the university had since 2011 been altering the test scores of females to make them lower after it recorded a growing number of women getting accepted to the school. The test scores were rigged so that no more than 30% of the successful candidates would be women.

In this year's entrance exam, only 30 women were accepted, compared to 141 men, the Asahi newspaper reported.

An unnamed official of Tokyo Medical University told the Yomiuri newspaper (link in Japanese) that the practice had been conducted at the school with "quiet consent," and that it was seen as a "necessary evil" because of worries that women will drop out of the workforce once they become pregnant. The Nikkei newspaper cited an unnamed source as saying that the school wanted to ensure it could have sufficient doctors working at its affiliated hospital. An unnamed source told the Asahi newspaper that the worries were also linked to a continuing shortage of doctors in Japan.

A university spokesperson told Japanese media that the school was conducting an internal investigation into the allegations and that it would release the results of the probe at a suitable time.

According to Japanese media reports citing the education ministry, universities are allowed to set their own gender ratio if they make such quotas public when taking in new students. Tokyo Medical University's conduct was problematic as it did not announce such quotas, said a ministry official.

Tokyo Medical University last month was found to have inflated the test scores of the son of an education ministry bureaucrat in order to admit him. The bureaucrat in question, and two former high-ranking school officials, were indicted on bribery charges.



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Kathleen Dehmow (Schunk) was born on March 19, 1938 to Joseph and Gertrude Schunk of Wabasso.

She married Dennis Dehmow at St. Anne's in Wabasso in 1957 and had two children Gina and Jay.

In 1962 she became pregnant by her husband's brother Lyle Dehmow and moved to California.

She abandoned her children, Gina and Jay who were then raised by her parents in Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schunk.

She passed away on May 31, 2018 in Springfield and will now face judgement. She will not be missed by Gina and Jay, and they understand that this world is a better place without her.



Sometimes relatives and friends will put the best possible face on a person in an obituary and overlook whatever the misdeeds or characteristics of the deceased individual that might be unpleasant or even downright nasty.

But then again there are times when the survivors have to enlighten us how this person really was, as the above obituary illustrates, which appeared in the Redwood Falls Gazette in the US during early June this year.

Thankfully, for our amusement and enlightenment, scathing and truthful obituaries are not uncommon. For example, Marianne Theresa Johnson-Reddick's daughter outlined many of her mother's sins in a 2013 death notice.

"Marianne Theresa Johnson-Reddick born Jan 4, 1935 and died alone on Sept. 30, 2013," the obituary read. "She is survived by her 6 of 8 children whom she spent her lifetime torturing in every way possible ... Everyone she met, adult or child was tortured by her cruelty and exposure to violence, criminal activity, vulgarity, and hatred of the gentle or kind human spirit." According to her daughter, Johnson-Reddick beat her children during hours-long tantrums, routinely hurled whatever was in reach at them, and also encouraged them to steal from neighbours, beat each other and sleep silently on the kitchen floor while she worked as an escort. On weekend nights, she would go out on the town, drugging the younger children so they wouldn't cause trouble and forcing the older ones to subsist on dog food. "For myself, it took her death to no longer fear her sudden and unexpected rants of abuse," she wrote.

"Even though I am older, happier and much gentler, I've never felt a greater sense of peace or relief than the day my brother called me singing 'Ding, dong, the witch is dead.' "

The family of Leslie Ray "Popeye" Charping, of Galveston, Tex., was similarly elated at his passing last year and maintained no enduring concerns about speaking ill of the dead. According to CNN, they posted a scathing obituary on the Carnes Funeral Home website, shortly before cremating Charping. "Leslie's hobbies included being abusive to his family, expediting trips to heaven for the beloved family pets and fishing ... With Leslie's

passing he will be missed only for what he never did; being a loving husband, father and good friend."

"Leslie's life served no other obvious purpose, he did not contribute to society or serve his community and he possessed no redeeming qualities besides quick whited [sic] sarcasm which was amusing during his sober days," said the obituary, which apparently crashed the Carnes Funeral Home website. "He leaves behind 2 relieved children; a son Leslie Roy Charping and daughter, Shiela Smith along with six grandchildren and countless other victims including an ex-wife, relatives, friends, neighbors, doctors, nurses and random strangers," the obit continues. Charping had several convictions in Harris County over the years: assault in 1979; assaulting a family member by pouring hot liquid on his wife in 2008; and a violating of restraining order in 2009, when he threatened to kill a female relative. His obituary said he would receive no funeral. Instead, he was to be cremated and the ashes kept in a barn until the wood shavings for family's pet donkey stall ran out. Classic!

One of my favourites is Christopher Hitchens's obit' for the American evangelist Jerry Falwell - "If you gave [Jerry] Falwell an enema, he could be buried in a matchbox ... The empty life of this ugly little charlatan proves only one thing: that you can get away with the most extraordinary offences to morality and to truth in this country if you'll just get yourself called Reverend. Who would, even at your network (Fox?), have invited on such a little toad to tell us that the attacks of September 11th were the result of our sinfulness and were God's punishment if they hadn't got some kind of clerical qualification. People like that should be out in the street, shouting and hollering with a cardboard sign and selling pencils from a cup."

But, as the Washington Post reported, obituary confessions are, of course, not always so morbid.

For example, in 2012, Val Patterson, a scientist from Salt Lake City admitted in his mostly lighthearted obituary that he didn't have a doctorate in engineering — and that he hadn't even graduated from college:

"What happened was that the day I went to pay off my college student loan at the U of U, the girl working there put my receipt into the wrong stack, and two weeks later, a PhD diploma came in the mail. I didn't even graduate, I only had about 3 years of college credit. In fact, I never did even learn what the letters "PhD" even stood for.

For all of the Electronic Engineers I have worked with, I'm sorry, but you have to admit my designs always worked very well, and were well engineered, and I always made you laugh at work."

Finally, ponder on the engraving on a tombstone, somewhere in the US, "God may Thou have as much joy in accepting my wife as I have by sending her to You".

- I know a good way to decide if we're too drunk to drive - if I can drive that remote-control car, I'm okay.

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Maybe it's because of the silly season or maybe it has been the hot and humid weather throughout Europe, but the idiots seem to have been just dropping out of the sky lately, and literally in the first story.

Two Spanish Eurofighters and two French Mirage 2000 jets were taking part in a regular training exercise in an area



southeast of Estonia, when one of the Spanish fighters released an air-to-air missile against one of the French planes. Fortunately the missile never reached the aircraft and is now probably

a novelty sculpture in some Estonian farmyard. The planes returned safely to the Siauliai Air Base, located in Lithuania. Next a real Spanish idiot. A woman was swimming in the sea at San Javier, Murcia, when she pretended to be drowning! Two lifeguards, a rescue waterbike and a quad rushed to her assistance. She said 'it was only a joke.' Luckily for her, she will not face criminal charges but will have to pay the cost of the rescue effort.

Fans of the Tour de France may have noticed that during one stage of the race, protesting farmers tried to halt the race with bales of hay.



Unfortunately efforts by the police to clear the route and move the farmers descended into farce when the French police used pepper spray on the farmers which also unfortunately tear-gassed some of the cyclists! After a 15 minute-long interruption caused by protesters, the race was back on with Welshman Geraint Thomas winning the overall competition.

Next to socialist Venezuela where President Nicolas Maduro said the country would print new banknotes with five fewer zeros, as inflation is expected to reach 1 million percent this year. Maduro said the plan would lead to "great revolutionary changes in the economy." Such lunacy requires no further explanation.

Now to Sheffield in the UK, where topiarist Keith Tyssen has maintained his "privet lady" hedge at his Sheffield home since 2000, photo.



Ken is having to make regular repairs to his hedge due to drunk people pretending to have sex with it. "They're climbing on top of

her and pulling her legs apart - you know, it's disgusting," he said. "I just peered out at about 04:30 in the morning and there was a guy on top of her and going through the motions of having sex with her," he said. He added: "It's not always a guy actually, sometimes it's women who climb on her." I have no other knowledge concerning the sexual proclivities of Sheffield adults, but they might need some help!

A car was parked on Calle Bigastro connecting to the Los Naufragos beach in Torrevieja, when at 1pm the car freewheeled into the sea as the handbrake was not applied. See photo. Surprisingly and unfortunately, this is a relative common



occurrence every year. In this year alone, a vehicle, in this case with driver and occupants, ended up on the shore of the beach of La Mata, after reversing dozens of metres and becoming embedded in the sand in an area of hammocks and umbrellas on June 21. Another was semi-submerged in the beach of Los Locos!

Jeremy Hunt, the UK's new Foreign Secretary, has had the stupidity baton passed onto him from the former incompetent one, Boris Johnson. When introducing his wife to the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, he initially referred to her as Japanese, whereas in fact she is Chinese. Bet both Wang Yi and Hunt's wife were very impressed.

Granny Jean, photo, is a 68-year-old Houston woman who was taking out her trash at 5:15pm on Tuesday, August 7. To her surprise a man on a bicycle approached her - but the man had his todger out and was 'jerking-off.'



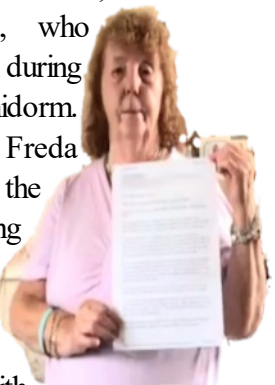
Granny Jean, rushed into her house shouting to the man not to go near her door as she 'would shoot him.' She locked her front door but the man kept coming, if you pardon the expression. As he tried



to open her front door, Granny Jean got a pistol and shot the man in the chest through the door. The trick-cyclist, photo, jumped back on his bike, pedaled a few few feet and collapsed. The Washington Post reports that the man survived and is recovering. He is known to the police as he was arrested a few weeks previously for running down a street naked.

Finally to 81-year-old Freda Jackson, a British tourist from Lancashire, who booked a holiday through Cooks during May for her and her friend to Benidorm.

The joint holiday cost £1,133. Freda had a number of complaints about the holiday, the more serious one being that there were 'too many Spaniards!' Oh dear! Who would have thought that? I always thought Benidorm was packed with piss-head Brit's and Irish. Freda, photo, managed to get an offer of more than £800 compensation from Cooks and, I dare say, a lot of unwelcome publicity as well.



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Coastal Property Prices on the Increase!

A report published by Cinco Dias advises that Malaga and Alicante are the two provinces in Spain where the demand for property is the most popular (excluding capitals) with five (Malaga) and four (Alicante) municipalities in each dominating. They also advise that prices are continuing to rise on the coast this year and will continue to do so again next year. This is good news after years of stagnation and minimal rises. The Canarian area of Maspalomas was the tenth most popular area with buyers.

The most popular areas in Malaga for buyers are Fuengirola, Mijas, Estepona, Benalmadena and Torremolinos. In Alicante they are Orihuela, Torrevecija, Denia and Santa Pola.

From May 2017 to May 2018 the average increase in valuations in all 10 municipalities was 5.6%. However, the increase in valuations or selling prices varies widely, with Orihuela, Maspalomas and Estepona probably ending the year with increased revaluations of their homes of 9%, in Fuengirola and Benalmadena they foresee increases of 3% and in Santa Pola of just 2%.

An analysis of data collected by TINSA (leader in valuations and appraisals) revealed that in 104 of the 147 coastal locations throughout Spain, the average price of housing had increased.

The greatest increases were recorded in Sanxenxo, on the

Galician coast, (24.9%), Sóller (Mallorca), where houses are revalued at 21% per year and the town of Arrecife, in Lanzarote, where prices recorded a rebound of 17.8%. Also significant were the price increases of other municipalities such as Santa Margalida (Mallorca), which recorded increases of 17.7%; or the cases of the Huelva town of Cartaya, Orihuela Costa and Calpe in Alicante with increases of 17.1%, 16.7% and 16.5%, respectively.

However, it is not good news everywhere. Tinsa has detected that the biggest falls occurred in Calongue (Girona), surprisingly Mojácar (Almería) and Sada (A Coruña), with decreases of 11.2%, 8.3% and 7.2%, respectively. The Tinsa report concludes, "There are two markets where the recovery of the housing market is a fact: large cities such as Madrid and Barcelona and the most emblematic tourist spots on the coast, especially the two archipelagos, where prices have risen above 10% since it started this year."

There has been a dramatic increase in the construction of new homes here in Orihuela Costa. Although most of the plots for these new dwellings are quite small, some of the prices are ridiculously high. The sheer volume of these new builds continues to grow with scores of cranes now peppered around the horizon. One would hope that this is not another property bubbly about to burst!

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When we go fishing you never know what we are going to catch, hopefully a monster carp, a hard fighting barbel or a massive bag full of smaller fish. But, you have to be prepared for the unexpected terrapin or possibly even an "alien". The full moon and the hot weather combined last month to produce a couple of weirdoes.

After cutting out the pegs on the Eden in July the water was too low to fish, but a few weeks later someone opened the sluice gate, so Sweeney and I gave it a go. This is where the 1st weirdo came from as he had several blue-legged crabs. At one stage, he had 2 on at the same time, one on the hook and another one clinging to his swim feeder. See photo.

Literally a couple of days later, new boy Pete was fishing Pedrera and landed a right concoction. Not sure what it is, but it looks a bit like a koi carp that has swum into the dam wall! See photo.

The monthly meeting was yet another quickie where all we had to decide was where to fish the next match. To 3 Rods' frustration the El Bosquet complex was picked (he wanted to fish Bigastro as we have had some good catches there), but democracy rules!

On match day it was forecast for showers and lightning, but we went ahead anyway as the weather on the Costa Blanca is so localised it can pour down half a mile away and you can be in glorious sunshine. That's exactly what happened, the clouds were black over the Elche hills but we were dry all day.

We drew pegs from 11 to 24 (the oblong and the back canal). After reading that the "professionals" had bags of over 50 kilos a couple of days earlier, we thought our luck was in..... To be fair, we had no blanks which is a bonus for us, but the winning weight was only 9 kilos. This went to the other new boy

Gary, 1st match and 1st 20 points from peg 19 that is notorious for snags where he also lost 11 fish. Good job too otherwise he would have beaten the rest of us on his own! The next points went to pegs on the oblong; Sweeney in peg 13 with 8 kgs (19 pts), Ghost in peg 14 with 5.7 kgs (17 pts) and "beat me Phil" beat me again from peg 16 with 6.7 kgs (18 pts). I'm really looking forward to the knockout final!

3 Rods, "beat me Phil" and the Sweeney are way out in front in the points league (69 to 75 points). We have 1 match to go and the chasing pack is competing for the remaining 3 spots in the summer final. It could be close.

Some late news. Another one of our "old farts" is in hospital – Grumpy Bob this time.

He has been poorly for several months but he is now in Torre hospital for various scans and tests. He has been prodded, poked and legally assaulted in numerous ways. He hasn't lost his faculties though and is still the same old grumbling Grumpy. At least he has something to complain about now. Poor nurses!

Next meeting bun fight is at The Lime Bar @ 17.00 Mon 3rd September.

Fishy Fingers!

The Ghost

Late News: Tax Increases.

It has already been widely publicised that the new socialist government in Madrid are about to introduce a number of additional taxes. Although we can expect significant increases in the price of diesel fuel, a new Penis Tax will also be introduced.

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Please do not ask for an extension!

The Veteran.

My college assignment was to speak to a veteran about World War II. Since my uncle had served in Europe after D-Day, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?"

Uncle Jim got very quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."



New Universal Healthcare Law July 27 2018 - Some FAQs

Locally, there has been a lot of bullshit talked about the new changes in obtaining SIP cards. In our region, Valencia, (and in many others as well) the comprehensive instructions to the municipalities has not filtered down yet.

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Spain has issued some helpful information. I have an **abridged** version below, you can read the full version which includes specific details for Andalusia here -

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.es/faq/new-universal-healthcare-law-july-27-2018-faqs/>

We are receiving many questions about the new royal decree which was only published in the State Bulletin on the 30th of July 2018. Citizens should be aware that the various autonomous regions as well as the INSS (social security) are making preparations to put out their internal instructions to be able to implement this new law. You do have to consider that this is a huge undertaking and not something that they can do overnight. Please be patient as residents have already been visiting their health centres in their hundreds. In some cases resulting in that the staff have not been able to continue with their normal workload.

Q) Is this new law in force at present?

A) Yes the law has been in force since July 31st 2018.

Q) Will everyone who is a resident now receive full NHS care paid for by public funds?

A) No they will not. The following are some of those that

need not apply (anew). Those who are entitled to an S1 will continue to use that method. Those who are self employed or in employment will already be covered. Any other resident whose country or employer have the obligation to provide this care.

Q) Does the new law include prescription charges and reductions?

A) Yes it does, including reductions where applicable.

Q) What about Valencia, Murcia and the other provinces?

A) Valencia regional Health Department has said that it is waiting for full instructions so that they can implement the law. Though a national law, the State has asked each CCAA region to deal with the due process.

Q) Will this law also provide this healthcare for those with private health insurance?

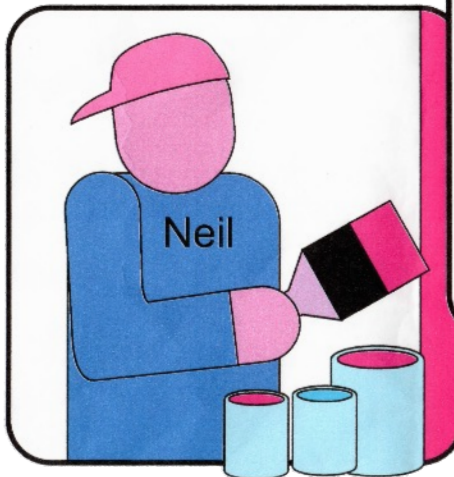
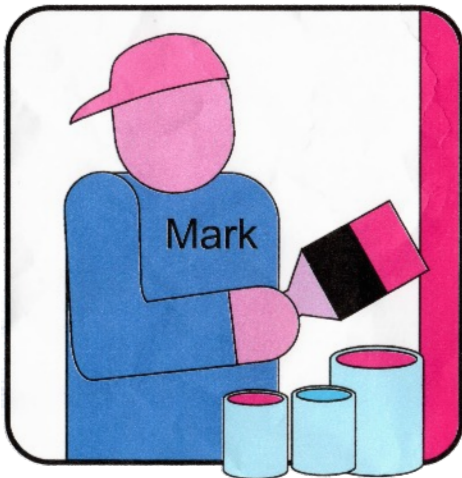
A) The law makes it quite clear that this is for all residents in Spain.

Q) Our insurance cover is due to run out, should we not renew and wait for healthcare from public funds?

A) It would be irresponsible for CAB to tell anyone that they should be without healthcare cover. We still do not know when the INSS will implement the law. Would some companies provide healthcare on a quarterly basis for example? Also please check your policy as although first contracted at another date, health insurance policy renewals often run from January-December.

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Pandering to the Terrorists?

The new socialist Spanish government has begun to ease the dispersion policy long applied to the jailed members of the now-disbanded Basque terror group ETA. Two former ETA members, Olga Sanz Martín and her partner Javier Moreno Ramajo, are being transferred from their current prison in Villabona, in Asturias, to Basauri in the Basque Country. Both are serving sentences for attempting to assassinate Juan María Atutxa, a former chief of home affairs for the Basque government, and Carlos Iturgaiz, former president of the Popular Party (PP) in the Basque Country. The government of Pedro Sánchez has also announced that more ETA convicts will be brought to prisons closer to home by the end of the summer.

ETA's legacy has left more than 850 people dead in its 59-year wake, with thousands severely injured, widespread kidnappings, extortion and torture. There is



an attempt by their followers to legitimise the jailed as heroes and freedom fighters. Witness the photo above of supporters of the jailed terrorists parading through the beach areas of the Basque Country, campaigning for the repatriation of the terrorist. Be rest assured that many Spaniards would like to reposition those flags in the campaigners more vulnerable body parts.

Efforts by the terrorist group to justify their inheritance of violence by the bombing of Guernica in the Basque Country by the Germans during the Spanish Civil War is nonsense.

ETA atrocities killed four to five times more victims than the civil war bombing raid.



A chronology of the ETA attacks up to April 2011, including the above one at Vic, can be seen here. It is truly shocking.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ETA_attacks

- (Through a megaphone) Attention, beach-goers, due to the sunset, you must get out in five minutes, or else we will turn the waves off!
- Oh, my God! Is he serious?
- Lifeguard and Blonde locally.

Airport Bus Timetable.

This service will provide eight return trips between Alicante-Elche Airport and Torreveja central bus depot. It will operate every day of the year and without any stops.

Torreveja to Airport: 7:00 - 9:00 - 10:00* - 11:00 - 12:00* - 13:00 - 15:00 - 16:00* - 17:00 - 18:00* - 19:00 - 21:00

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(* - From 1st April to 31st October

Price: €6.92. Children under 4 years travel for free but ID may be requested.

Pensioners can get a 30% discount but only if they are registered as permanent residents in the Valencian Community.

You may need to show proof of age ID plus Residencia, NIE or DNI. A bit of a palaver really.

Prior booking is not required. Sometimes the bus fills up quickly with people and you have to wait more than 2 hours for the next bus.

Red Days in the Valencian Community 2018.

January 1 and 6, March 19 and 30, April 2, May 1, August 15, October 9, October 12, November 1, 6, 8 and December 25th

Applying Online for A Padron Appointment In Orihuela.

Many of us who have been over here for some years will only be too aware of the many, many hours of seemingly endless queues while waiting to register for Padron, Residencia, SUMA - in fact most things. The bureaucracy in Spain teaches us all patience.

Fortunately the local council have come up with a very welcome efficiency, where one can now register online for an appointment.

On this website you can choose day, date and time for your appointment, subject of course to availability.

The web address is located below and is, helpfully, also available in the English language.

When you first try to access the site, you may get a warning saying that this particular website does not have a security certificate. I just ignored it.

Aside from the appointments facility, the website also contains information relating to participation, transparency etc. <https://orihuela.governalia.es/en/>

Lee's Event's List

Sad to report that Lee Bell, who provided this very helpful link, passed away suddenly during August. Those of us who knew him will greatly miss his many kindnesses, wit and humour.

This helpful and informative internet link will remain in this publication as Lee's Event's List.

<https://www.eurotourguide.com/en/events-calendar/2245/>

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Also, Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm in La Casita.
Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.



"Male, 38, still living with his parents. They asked us to keep him overnight, so they could change the locks."

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