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NEWSLETTER

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

Bienvenido a todos and welcome to the August, 2019 edition. Issue No.145

Welcome to the August edition of the newsletter. Although the Costa is experiencing a massive influx of tourists and holiday-makers, many expats choose this month to return to their native land and escape the August heat. During July, we experienced **three heatwaves within 15 days** and daily highs now within the 30's are common, leading to saturation of the hospital emergency centres. **Melanomas** are on the increase in the UK, largely due to the popularity of continental holidays and ignorance of the damaging power of the sun. There are still too many people who are trying to 'rush a tan' ending up looking like a cherry, with their skin badly damaged by sunburn. Use plenty of high-factor protection, particularly for the children and reapply regularly.

Summer is a good time to witness the **shooting stars** here. Some of the best displays can be from the Delta Acuáridas, in the constellation of Aquarius, and the Lágrimas de San Lorenzo, which is expected to extend from mid-July to around August 12. The best viewings will be well away from artificial light and at about 3 or 4am. The Tears of Saint Lorenzo meteor showers are at their peak during the period August 11 to 13, with around 100 meteors an hour.

The **Brexit and political shambles** in the UK continues. The only mildly comforting bit of news was during July when Alberto Costa, a Conservative MP who is

fighting to secure post-Brexit rights for EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU, led a delegation to meet the EU's chief negotiator, Michel Barnier. Costa said: "He made very clear that the European commission has at its very top of the political agenda the protection of citizens' rights and it will continue to do everything it can to protect the rights of those 5 million citizens even in the absence of a withdrawal agreement."

In Spain the political uncertainty continues at the time of writing. If the Socialists cannot form a government by the last weekend in July, another General Election will have to be called, the fourth in four years! More inside.

There are now two **new traffic radars/cameras** on the N-332 in Torre Vieja. One is opposite the salt works and the other is just past the roundabout at Punta Prima. I'm not sure if either are



operational yet.

Thanks to Sue & Andy R, Bjorn & Inga & Gerry O, for the kind donations.

Angela's Cartoon will be back next month.

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Although the Socialists, PSOE, were the most voted-for party in this year's general election, they fell well short of an overall majority to rule in congress. They require a number of opposition parties to either abstain or vote with them, so that



their leader, Pedro Sanchez, photo, can become president and form a government. If he fails to secure the investiture vote, he will be forced to call a new general election in 43 days. **This would be the fourth national election in four years!** This reflects a new political fragmentation in a country accustomed to decades of two-party dominance by the PSOE and the

Popular Party (PP). Many fear that the personal ambition of Sanchez will force him to to a 'deal with the devil' i.e. the far-left, the Catalan separatists and Basque nationalist parties.

The far-left Unidas Podemos party want five ministries in the new government, if Sanchez wants their support.

Spanish Property Insight reports that May wasn't a good month for Spain's leading coastal destinations the Costa Blanca and the Costa del Sol. **Sales were down 12%** in Alicante province, home to the Costa Blanca, and by the same amount in Malaga province, home to the Costa del Sol. In the Canaries home sales were down 15% in Las Palmas, where sales have been declining relentlessly for months. If sales are declining in these areas it suggests that foreign demand for Spanish property is cooling down. Year to date, it's a similar story with carnage in the Canaries, declines in foreign investor favourites Alicante, Malaga, and the Balearics, and reasonable growth elsewhere, especially in Catalonia. These numbers suggest a possible trend towards lower growth in foreign demand for homes and holiday homes on the Spanish costas, unless there is a big switch in demand moving from re-sales to new developments off-plan that won't show up in the figures for months to come. (It will be interesting to see what the trend will be in say the remaining months before Christmas. The Brexit shambles and a weak sterling/euro rate has to be having an effect on the main foreign buyers, the British - Mick)

The number of new home sales in Spain was unchanged in a year at 8,305, whilst re-sales were up just 1% to 39,253.

According to the new food report from the Ministry of Agriculture for 2018, **beer consumption in Spain FELL** last year, for the first time in 10 years. 830 million litres were purchased, 1.6% less than 2017. We spent a billion euros on beer! The Spanish regions that drink the most beer: - Murcia: 25.14 litres per person - Andalusia: 22.57 - Valencia: 20.83 - Castilla la Mancha: 20.51 - Balearic Islands: 19.93 And the region that drinks the least: - Galicia: 11.24.

Following my piece last month on the **Brown Recluse** spider in Spain, I was surprised to see that a US golf professional, John Daly, was bitten by one while holidaying in the UK. The severe complications developed when he returned to the US, requiring emergency resuscitation and surgery. I was very surprised to learn that there are at least 11 spiders in the UK capable of giving a bite of varying intensity.

Another unwelcome guest in the UK from Mother Nature is the **processionary caterpillar**. Although we are used to tracking and destroying them here in Spain, they are now also a threat in Germany and France. There are also reports of this dangerous and toxic pest in South London and the south east of England, Windsor Great Park also has had an infestation of them. In the UK they are called the Oak Processionary.



The above shows people bathing in the **Torry salt lake**.

This is prohibited as people are only allowed on the side of the lake to view or take photos. The company who operates the facility has now appointed a security guard to patrol the area to warn would-be bathers of the restrictions and had out information leaflets. The leaflets are printed in four languages - soon to include Russian due to the abundance of these tourists in the water there. Fines of between **€60 and €600** are payable by offenders. Both the banks and the water there are part of an industrial activity. Also the crystals that form can be very sharp; one bather suffered cuts. At one stage 300 people were counted in the area, a local commenting that a busload of Japanese tourists arrived on one occasion. One Nordic visitor who regularly bathed in the supposedly therapeutic water for years expressed disappointment at the new regulations, "We knew nothing, for years we have come to float in the water and have never been told that it was not permissible."

Illegal street traders have become an utter nuisance on the Cabo Roig strip. Legitimate businesses are demanding a greater police presence in the area to deter the 'fake-goods' traders. The cost of renting a commercial space of 100 square metres of pavement space on the Cabo Roig Strip is more than 25,000 euros annually! Drug sales are also an issue there.

On parenting toddlers: "A two-year-old is kind of like having a blender, but you don't have a top for it."

Jerry Seinfeld

The Nigerians are at it again! This time not promising you an inheritance, but conning ladies in a romantic sting. The Nigerians identified older women, usually over 50-year-old, mainly on the internet social websites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Police captured two Nigerian men in Alicante, a third is believed to have escaped. The two are believed to have scammed as much as €500,000 from 15 older women. The theft took place over several months. The crooks pretended that they were white men in either the military or NGO's. They used fake passports or identity cards, such as



the one below. After the initial contact the men would use "chivalrous and gallant language" to ensnare the affections of the ladies. If the claimed to be

working for an NGO, they said they needed money to pay the customs and cross the border as they were carrying a suitcase of gold. If they claimed to be in the military, they said the money was needed to pay their ranked superior for leave.

One of the women sent €175,000 in several instalments through bank transfers. Another sent €18,000, all her savings. Many of the older victims lived in very humble living conditions.

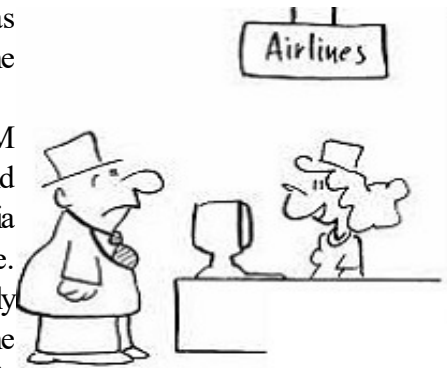
In the two buildings in Alicante where the arrests took place, the police found several laptops, a number of smartphones, 9,000 euros in cash, several precision scales and drugs: hashish and marijuana.

Another Scam: Sweden is launching a national Crypto Currency, but its not **Kryptonex**. The true aim of Kryptonex Research Group is to make you deposit money with a non-regulated broker. The reason is obvious, people who run this scam are getting paid by this 'broker' for referring new depositing clients. I have seen their (very impressive) marketing spiel on Facebook. The story about Kryptonex is completely made up. They even go to the lengths to make a fake 'Coindesk' news page to make it look real. Their fake page is called Coinvest. More or less all text and links on the fake website will direct you straight back to the Kryptonex scam website in order to try and make you "invest" money.

Blown it!

With hindsight, I should have updated my Facebook status as: "I've just blown the head gasket on my 1999 Ford Escort" rather than: "I've just buggered a 14 year-old escort." The police still haven't seen the funny side, my laptop has been confiscated, and my wife has left me.

Hey Dude, where's my luggage? Well, it does happen! On Sat' June 29, 160 travellers arrived on a flight from Warsaw to Alicante. After waiting for three hours in baggage reclaim, it finally dawned on them that their baggage was lost! It seems the passengers travelled by KLM to Amsterdam and then by Transavia to Alicante. Unfortunately only one person on the complaints desk in Alicante to deal with 160 very irate



"So we lost your luggage — You still have your health, don't you?"

people. But it gets even better! Among the baggage-deprived passengers there was a large contingent of Japanese athletes. Unfortunately none of them could speak any Spanish or English and the group became, according to the Spanish media, remarkably irritable! By Sunday afternoon the luggage had still not found its way to Alicante but was believed to have been located 'in another city' hopefully not Tripoli! The travellers reported that the airport authorities in Warsaw were much more helpful than those in Alicante. I assume and hope they got their luggage in time for the return journey!



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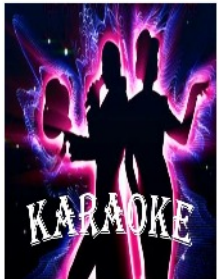
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Two young British lads, aged 21 and 22, **died while**



taking a selfie at Punta Prima. They reportedly fell down a 12-metre cliff there onto the concrete base. One died at the scene while the other died later after being taken by helicopter to Alicante General Hospital. The accident occurred at around 7:30pm on July 3rd. 49 people have died from selfie-related deaths around the world since 2014. The average age of the victim was 22 and 75% were men.

A 66-year-old Russian man was knocked down and killed while **cycling on the N-332** in Torrevieja. Unfortunately the



driver of the car, a 33-year-old British man, left the accident scene, reporting shortly afterwards to the Policia Local in Rojales. The driver was not detained but is charged with reckless homicide and

abandoning the scene of an accident.

The **los Locos beach in Torrevieja** is to receive 300,000 cubic metres of sand over the next 10 years in a project to maintain the beach there. The introduction of the new sand will begin in 2020 with 30,000 cubic metres. The council will also spend four million euros in repairing and renewing the beach promenade there which has been badly damaged. The project was originally planned in 2011! No rush then!

While the traffic on the N-332 continues to be horrendous through Torrevieja (43,000 vehicles a day!) - largely due to the inability of the local council and others to get their act together for several years - the council have now generously awarded themselves a **10% increase**. Councillors who now head departments will receive a payment of €3,500 per month. The ruling PP will also appoint 19 advisors, all of whom will be paid. The two heads of the opposition parties, PSOE & Vox, will each receive a payment of €3,100 monthly. The opposition parties will all also receive a lump sum monthly to distribute according to their own wishes. Various attendance allowances are also payable to councillors. These range between €175 to €250 per attendance. Now there will be lots and lots of meetings but this does not mean that they can't and will still fuck things up! The councillors who head departments will also receive a credit card for 'entertainment' and other 'necessary' expenditure.

In the **Orihuela municipality**, the position is a little different. Although the PP were the most voted-for party, unlike in Torrevieja they do not have an overall majority. Accordingly, if they want any of the councillors or their advisors to be paid they will need the support of one of the opposition parties. This is unlikely to be achieved unless some councillors from the opposition receive head of department jobs in the new municipal government, i.e. You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours!

A **70-year-old man drowned** at the La Glea beach in Campoamor on Sunday, July 7 at 14:50. Attempts to resuscitate him failed. This was the first of what will be a number of drownings of older folks off our coast this summer. Whether the causes are strong currents such as rip-tides, shock from cold water or just exhaustion, the results are unfortunately all too common.

After two years of processing, the PP Mayor of Pilar de Horadada, has suspended the application for the construction of a **mosque** for the Muslim community in the municipality. The mayor gave the reason as "municipal services can be put to work looking for a global solution in which the Muslim community and the rest of neighbours live' i.e. shelved! We experienced two very light showers during the second week of July.

Unfortunately the light rain also brought what the Spanish call '**African dust**'. Water vapour accumulating in the lower parts of the atmosphere is condensed in the form of drops that blend with the Saharan desert dust in suspension dropping with the fine rain. Unfortunately the dust covered cars, washing lines and anything in the open. Over the two days car washes made a fortune!

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for most of a day during mid-July after two children, aged seven and ten, were bitten by an unidentified fish while

paddling in the ocean. See photo.

The Hospital de Sant Joan in Alicante has opened a new facility there to cater for patients with eating disorders. 40% of the patient intake in the specialist facility are minors and the the younger age of patients with serious problems of **anorexia** has been alarming. Equally shocking was the recent admission of an 11-year-old with the condition.

Two earthquakes were recorded in our area over three days in July. A small quake of magnitude 1.8 was recorded in the area of Los Montesinos on July 11 at 23:41. A much stronger **quake** of around 3.2 shook Jacarilla at 23:12 on July 13. Quakes of a magnitude of less than 2 are not usually noticed by humans although animals are more susceptible.

Do not tie your dogs to walls/railings when you shop in supermarkets. Some dogs are taken by dog-fighting gangs to be used for training their fighting dogs. More aggressive dogs are taken for profit, as an aggressive dog on the black market can cost 600 euros, but owners and organizers can be paid up to 3,000 euros following a profitable fight.

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Footwear: If you are driving wearing flip-flops, stilettos, barefoot or other footwear deemed unsuitable by the policed, you risk a €200 fine and two points on your licence.

Playing Loud Music: Driving with the volume up so high that you might not be aware of sirens could also earn you a fine. So too is driving with music blasting out when in an urban area or close to a hospital, possibly a school as well.

Eating, drinking or lighting a cigarette: These also carry a penalty as you are risking distraction. You could be fined €200 and receive 2 points on your licence. Tossing a cigarette butt out a vehicle's window is illegal, punishable with a minimum €200 fine and the loss of four points off one's driver's license.

Hanging your arm out of the window: Driving with your arm hanging out of the window, gesticulating out the window without cause or even sticking your elbow out could result in a fine of up to €80!

No shirt!: Driving without a shirt on could also result in a fine of €200. This is because in the case of an accident injury could be sustained through skin contact with the airbag or seat belt, for example.

Sat-Nav: Having a sat-nav attached to the interior of your windscreen could be considered a distraction if it affects visibility of the road ahead. Keep it off the windscreen or face a fine.

Unjustified use of the horn: This might surprise regular drivers in Spain, but beeping the horn without good reason can apparently land you with a fine of €80. Justified use of the horn includes alerting someone to avoid an accident. It isn't considered justified to beep at your neighbour to attract his attention so you can wave at him. Nor is it justified to sound the horn if the driver in front is slow pulling away on a green light - but tell that to every single Spanish driver!

Drive through a traffic light on amber: The guidelines state that if you can come to a stop in time on an amber light without risking someone running into the back of you, then you should stop, or face a €80 fine.

Feet on the dashboard: The driver could be liable for a fine even if the front seat passenger sits back with their feet on the dashboard.

Others: Pets must be properly secured and any objects should be secured so that they don't move in case of a sudden stop.

When at a petrol station: Smoking, talking on a mobile phone, leaving the lights or the radio on while filling up could also land you in trouble with the fuzz!

I can't forget the poverty days of my youth. I never had any shoes.
My father used to black my feet and lace my toes up.

Les Dawson





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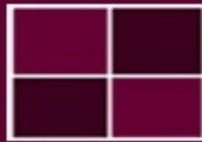
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Morecambe and Wise

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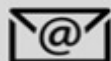
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For free advice and guidance regarding a return to the UK please don't hesitate to contact David at Advocacy Costa Blanca on 0034 602465565.

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I once spent a year in Philadelphia. I think it was on a Sunday. W.C.Fields



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Jeff Murdock, *Coupling*



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An Oldie but still a Goldie!

An American tourist went into a restaurant in a Spanish provincial city for dinner and asked to be served the specialty of the house. When the dish arrived, he asked What kind of meat it contained. "Sir, these are the cojones," the waiter replied. "The what, you say?" exclaimed the tourist. "They are testicles of the bull killed in the ring today," explained the waiter. "They are the delicacy of our country." The tourist gulped, but tasted the dish anyway and found it delicious. Returning the following evening, he asked for the same dish. After he finished the meal, the tourist commented to the waiter: "Today's cojones are much smaller than the ones I had yesterday."

"True, sir," said the waiter, "You see, the bull, he does not always lose."



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Torre vieja City Hall Asks For Help!

Torre vieja Town Hall has introduced an initiative to reduce illegal and careless dumping of rubbish, garden or otherwise. Although citizens are invited to telephone the local police when they witness these offences, by the time the police arrive, the offenders are usually gone. Torre vieja now have an email address - porunatorreviejalimpia@gmail.com - and a telephone number - 966 702 390 - and are encouraging people to report the offenders, preferably backed up with a photo, showing car registration number if possible. Debris and plant remains from Torre vieja are often deposited in Los Montesinos, Rojas and Orihuela Costa. Carmen Gómez, the councillor responsible for urban cleanliness, stressed, 'We will never reveal who has reported it, because it may be a neighbour,but the offender will never know who took the photo and made the complaint.' Fines for the offenders range from 100 to €750. (Now don't blame me if you get beaten-up by an irate landscape gardener!) The City Hall has now announced a shock cleaning program until the end of August, costing €117,000 per month.



The Dream Scene - a Selfie!

The Dream Scene began distribution in March 2007. It started as a four-page monthly purely for the Dream Hills urbanisation only, but within a matter of a few months it became popular with people from outside this immediate area and the circulation was expanded further afield. It is now a 40-page newsletter of which 1,200 copies are printed and distributed each month. About another 150 are sent out by email and the website www.dreamhills.orihuela-costa.eu (controlled by Stefan Pokroppa). He also kindly publishes the archives, which are viewed by an unknown number. I calculate that on average, each printed copy is read by at least two people, as they are passed around.

The Dream Scene is run as a hobby - albeit a time-consuming one - and is not a business. It is the adverts that pay for the printing, which costs a minimum of €500 per month, and ads are essential to its survival and distribution.

The advertising rate are minimal and have **not changed since March 2007** - most of the ads cost €5 a month (some €3!) with a full page at €20. Charity adverts included pay little or nothing. The plan is to break-even at best and fortunately many subscribers are very kind with their donations. I do turn away some adverts for a number of reasons.

I thought about putting the newsletter just online, but I know that this would not suit many readers, and would by its nature be less effective for the advertisers.

It is important that the advertisers see that their products, skills or services promoted to as wide an audience as possible. The monthly printed edition is now circulated to selected outlets in Via Park V, Via Park III, lower Los Altos, Los Balcones, Punta Marina, La Florida (if there are any spare copies), Los Montesinos, Entre Naranjas, San Miguel (Help Vega Baja), & Help at Home at Cabo Roig and Playa Flamenca. There are also a number of home deliveries locally, which I try to keep to a minimum. I could easily increase the circulation by as much as 50%, but this would mean a significant increase in the cost of adverts: small can be beautiful!

The great majority of advertisers pay their bills. Sometimes bars/cafes will close down without notice and that may result in the loss of a month or two's payment. But then this is nothing compared to what the bar/cafe owner may be losing on closure, so one can empathise.

The largest single debt the newsletter has ever carried was for €360, which has now been paid in full.

Special thanks to The Dream Scene Team: Tid who checks the final copy every month and sees me appear occasionally from the spare room (office!); Cartoonist Angela, Sue who chases up payment and changes to many of the local adverts; Media Costa Blanca for the printing, Alby, Dave, John & Alan, who help deliver, and of course the advertisers and subscribers.

The Dilemma!

Two guys in their mid-twenties are sitting at a bar having a beer. One of the guys says to his friend "Man, you really look tired." His mate says, "Well, I'm exhausted. My girlfriend wants sex all the time, three, four, even six times a night, every night. She wakes me up at all hours. I just don't know what to do."

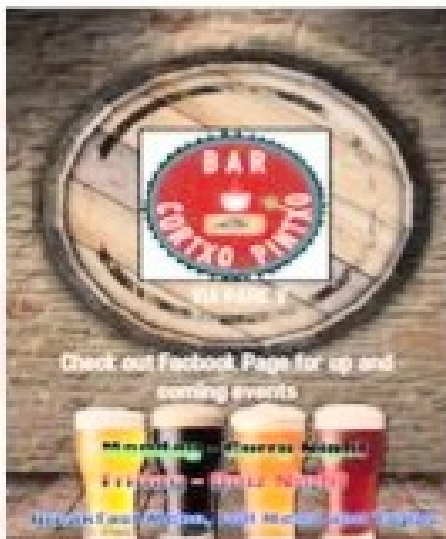
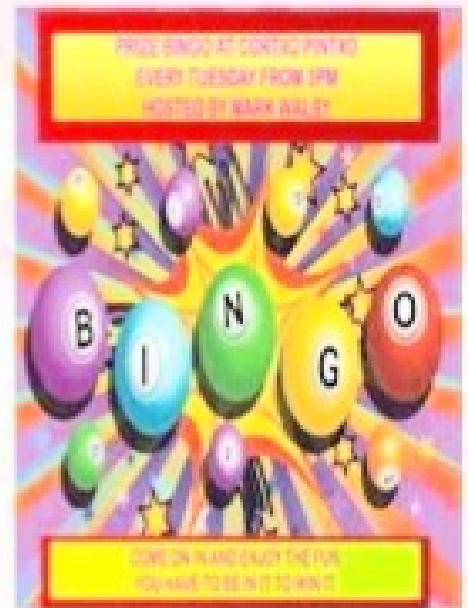
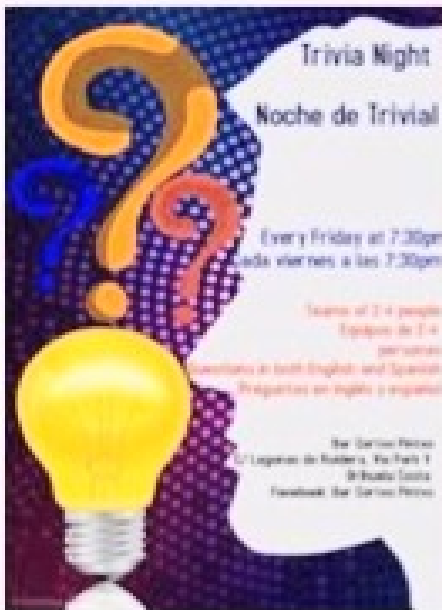
A fellow about 70, sitting a couple of stools down overheard the conversation. He looked over at the two young men... and with the wisdom of years says... "Marry her. That'll put a stop to that nonsense."



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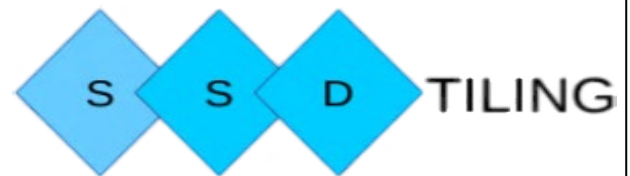
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Then the Roof Fell In!

Take a look at this! Now I know there are undoubtedly people reading this who may have put one of the inflatable type of small swimming pools on their flat roof. A French couple, an 80-year-old man and a 66-year-old woman in Mutxamel, Alicante, were enjoying a blissful cooling down in their inflatable pool. The pool was located on top of their garage, which had been adapted to house the pool.

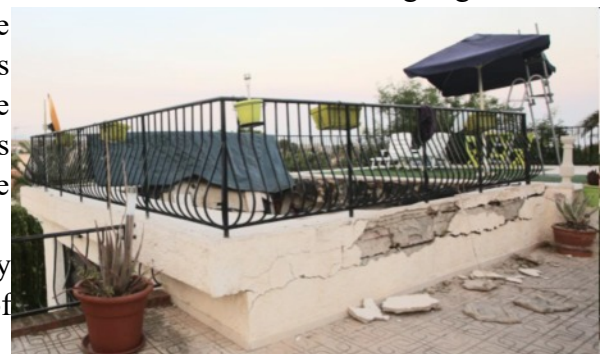


Unfortunately, the weight of the water caused the garage roof to collapse bringing with it the water, the roof debris and both bathers. Note how the force of the water and debris blew the garage door off. The woman, had the more serious injuries

and was taken to the Hospital General Universitario de Alicante, while the man was taken to the University Hospital of San Juan. These photos were taken by Pilar Cortés and appeared in Informacion. None of the injuries were said to be life-threatening.

The more sensible of you will be aware that water is very, very heavy and most roofs are not strong enough to take several cubic metres of water.

Some people have put a jacuzzi on their roof. I would even be wary of that. Although the amount of water in a jacuzzi is small, jacuzzies have motors and these and the structure of the installation will vibrate. Over a period this will surely damage or weaken any roof..... and you might end up with a real water bed!



Mortgages - Monthly Latest.

Average mortgage has an interest rate of 2.59% (same as last month).

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The average mortgage duration is 24 years.

56.8% have variable interest rates.

43.2% have fixed interest rates (+6.7% vs last year).

The average rate for variable rate mortgages is 2.3%, 5.1% less than 1 year ago,

The average rate for fixed-rate mortgages is 3.09%, 1.8% less than 1 year ago,

The average amount issued per mortgage is €124,700: a increase of 3.9% vs last year.

29,032 mortgages were issued -0.1% vs last year.

3.6 € Bn of mortgages issued for housing in April 2019, +0.6% vs last year.

Mortgage calculator and plenty of relevant information at this site:

<https://howtobuyinspain.com/en/spanish-mortgage-calculator/>

**Just Saying!**

1,500: Number of private jet flights in and out of Davos for the 2019 World Economic Forum, which had a special focus on climate change.

1.6: Metric tons of carbon dioxide saved per year by giving up one London-New York flight.

5 million: Barrels of oil consumed by the aviation industry per day.

58: Metric tons of carbon dioxide saved per year by not having a child.

2.4: Metric tons of carbon dioxide saved per year by not having a car.

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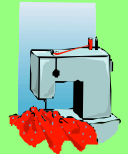
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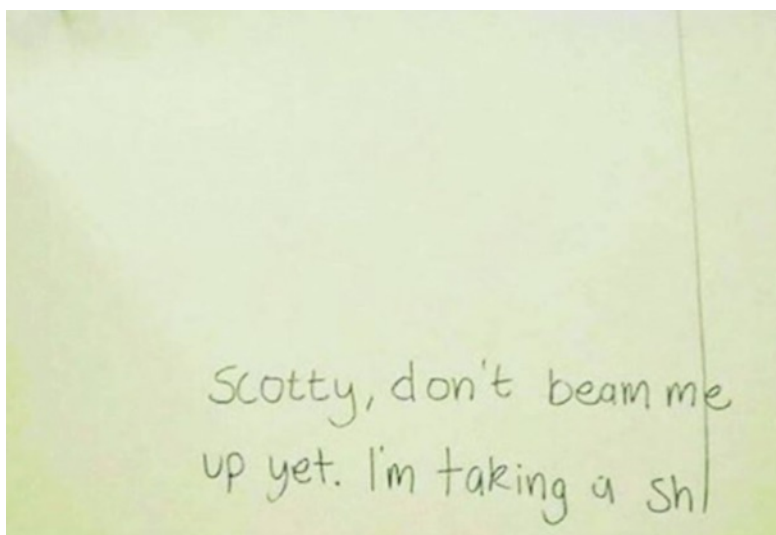
QUIZ NIGHT - THURSDAYS
AT 8pm
With "Our Einstein."








Seen in a toilet cubicle.



What!

Max was talking to Louie. 'Did you know that I'm am one of eighteen children?'

Louie said, 'No, I didn't. Why do you think your parents had so many children?'

Max replies, 'The problem was that my mum was hard of hearing. When mum and dad went to bed each night, dad would ask, 'Do you want to go to sleep, or what?'

And mum would say, 'What?'

Don't Pee in the Pool!

It's recently been reported that scientists have managed to create a test to measure how much urine is in a swimming pool. It seems that peeing in the pool has become commonplace, and even high-profile swimmers have admitted to doing it during rigorous training sessions, arguing that the chlorine "kills it". Not only is this untrue, but the chemical reaction that occurs between your pee and the chlorine creates a chemical that has been linked to asthma and other respiratory issues.

Nitrogen trichloride, also known as trichloramine, is made when the urea in your pee reacts with chlorine – the disinfectant widely used in swimming pool water. Nitrogen trichloride is largely made by accident in pools these days, but this compound was originally made for interest in 1812 by Pierre Louis DuLong.

DuLong made the chemical by bubbling chlorine gas through a solution of ammonium chloride. But, despite his success, DuLong's joy at having made it was probably short-lived – he hadn't counted on the fact that it would be explosive – the chemical exploded without warning and cost him an eye and a finger. It's extremely sensitive and will explode even under gentle shock or when exposed to sunlight.

Scientists Sir Humphry Davy and Michael Faraday also fell victim to the substance when they repeated DuLong's work shortly after. An explosion also caused Davy to lose the use of an eye temporarily



and Faraday did permanent damage to his fingers.

Luckily for professional swimmers, only pure nitrogen trichloride is explosive, and so the fact that it is mixed with water and other substances in a swimming pool should be reassuring. However, research suggests that nitrogen trichloride, among other products formed when you pee in chlorinated water, such as chloramine and dichloramine, is linked to eye and upper airway irritation.

It's rather ironic that the chlorine that is used to kill bacteria and protect the health of swimmers, is linked to the creation of toxic chemicals. But also that the aroma that people associate with a clean pool, is actually the stench of nitrogen trichloride and an indicator of plenty of pee.



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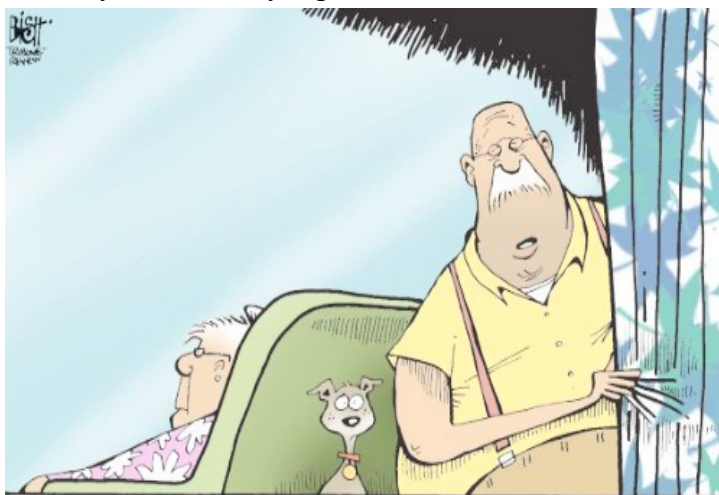
What Is the Ideal Temperature for Air-conditioning According to Science?

There is little doubt that when it comes to adjusting or regulating air-conditioning, what is required differs greatly between males and females. Anybody who has ever worked in a large office will know this.

According to the Instituto Nacional de Seguridad e Higiene en el Trabajo, office temperatures should range between 23 and 25 degrees in summer and the humidity should not be lower than 50%. Few men will wear shorts to work in Spain, whereas the ladies will usually wear light clothing and bare legs. (I had a chuckle when I saw that the Spanish don't use the expression 'bare legs' but 'las piernas al aire' - 'legs in the air!')

Several universities in both the US of A and Canada believe that a temperature of 25 degrees makes us happier and keeps people more positive.

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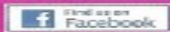
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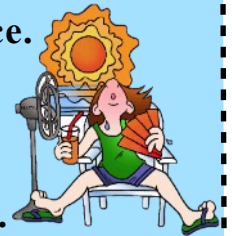
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HELP Vega Baja Connections Team expanding.....

Following a recent committee meeting HELP Vega Baja (registered charity) have announced that they are expanding the number of trained Listeners they have in their Connections Team in order to cope with the increased demand for the service.



The Connections Team offers a 24-hour confidential, emotional support helpline on 965 021 552 and has proved to be a much-needed support for people who are struggling emotionally, since the service was introduced in July 2018. Calls to the team of trained Listeners cover a variety of issues including grief, depression, addiction, suicide to name just a few. With the backing of the charity that has been supporting people for over 35 years in the Vega Baja area, callers to the service receive emotional support and where necessary, practical support is often available through the charity.

Michele Masson, Help's President told us "our Listeners are working incredibly hard and it is becoming very apparent that we need to bring in new Listeners to the team in order to cope with the number of calls we receive. Anyone who would like to know more about the role should contact our charity secretary, Richard

Garland on 966 723 733 or email us direct at office@helpvegabaja.com The Connection Team volunteers, once trained, will join the rota to ensure that we are available when people need us – often at their darkest moments. It is an extremely rewarding role and one that requires a special individual who can show empathy, is non-judgmental and can also be a team player. We need both male and female Listeners of all ages who are prepared to make a commitment to the service.

The charity has invested in an extensive training package for all volunteers which will provide them with the listening skills required for the calls that they may receive whilst on duty. Volunteers will be given a mobile phone in order that they may take calls privately in their own environment. Ongoing mentoring and support will also be provided. The next training course will be held in August or September, one day per week over 4 weeks (Saturdays) in our San Miguel Centre. Final dates will be agreed once we are aware of number of candidates interested in the role. I would also like to remind people that if they are going through a difficult time, please do not struggle alone. Call the helpline on 965 021 552"

For more information on any of the services offered by HELP Vega Baja visit their website at www.helpvegabaja.com or their Facebook page.

Alternatively, email the San Miguel Centre on office@helpvegabaja.com

MACKLIN'S AMIGOS, BASKING IN GLORY!



The Sample.

A 65-year-old man was requested by his doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, "Take this jar home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow." The next day the 65-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day. The doctor asked, what happened and the man explained. "Well, doc, it's like this—first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Doris, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezin' it between her knees, but still nothing." The doctor was shocked! "You asked your neighbour?" The old man replied, "Yep, none of us could get the jar open."

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South Facing Terrace, Opposite Mercadona in Los Balcones

Well, as anticipated, the heatwaves have appeared to have brought a lot of the ‘heroes’ of this column to the surface.

Arriving on a flight from Bogota to Barcelona-El Prat Airport, the National Police were alerted to the appearance of a Columbian citizen who appeared to be wearing a wig, vastly out of proportion to his skull, see photo. When they looked



under the wig they found half a kilo of cocaine pasted to the mans skull. Depending on the quality of the drug, this would have fetched €30,000 on the streets. But you would think that this guy would have checked himself in the mirror before he left for the airport.

After earning promotion to the Spanish fourth division, the football club formerly known as Mostoles Balompie



got a complete rebrand from president Javi Poves and was renamed **Flat Earth FC**. Poves, photo, confirmed in a video statement that the change was intended to support one of the dumbest fringe beliefs: “We are a professional football club in the Spanish fourth tier and we are

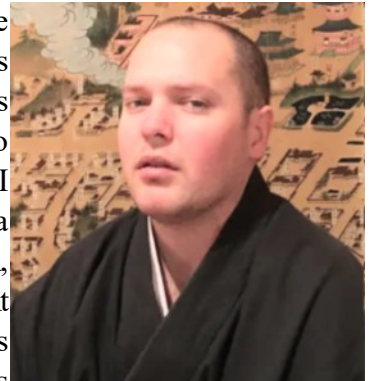
born to unite the voices of millions of flat earth movement followers and all those people who are looking for answers.”He said, “creating a club dedicated to the flat earth movement is the best way to have a constant presence in the media.” Yea, but what happens when they kick the ball off the edge of the world?

I suppose we are all used to taking online reviews with a pinch of salt. I recently visited a restaurant lauded by Trip Advisor as the No. 1 restaurant in La Zenia and was bitterly disappointed. So, the city of Vienna, Austria is taking aim at online travel reviews. In a new campaign called “**Unrating Vienna,**” the city’s tourist board is highlighting terrible but humorous reviews in an effort to convince prospective visitors to come see and judge the city for themselves. The counterintuitive campaign uses real reviews tourists have posted online to show the absurdity of some of the assessments, like a one-star review for the Leopold Art Museum, which says the “paintings are disgusting.” Given the fact that the museum contains key works of globally acknowledged Austrian masters like Egon Schiele and Gustav Klimt, the harsh

summary is laughable.

Online travel reviews have become an important part of tourist culture. But they do sometimes cause trouble. Last year in Japan, a **Zen monk** in an ancient Buddhist temple at Mount Kōya made news for his virulent (and viral) responses to tourist reviews on Booking.com of the World Heritage site where he resides. The Sekishoin Shukubo guesthouse lets visitors stay at the temple and experience conditions similar to those of the monks. However, after some visitors complained about the plain food and ungracious hosting, perhaps hoping for a not-so-authentic Zen experience, Daniel Kimura, photo, an official Shingon priest who was born in the United States but has lived in Japan for about 15 years, chided them online. In the Zen tradition, teachers offer harsh lessons, and Buddhist lore is replete

with stories of teachers beating students with sticks until they’re dazed into enlightenment! Kimura, I remind you, a monk, took a similar approach, responding to a complaint about the food with this statement, “Yeah, it’s



Japanese monastic cuisine you uneducated fuck. If you are that interested in a monk’s life then you should shave your head and be one.” “Some tourists”, he added, “come here expecting some six-star hotel and that’s totally wrong”.

Certainly not idiotic but a little frightening. Tiffani O’Brien **fell asleep** during her 90-minute trip aboard an Air Canada flight from Quebec to Toronto. But when she woke up, her nightmare began. She found herself alone in the plane in pitch-black darkness. She managed to text one of her friends before her battery died. She managed to find a torch and when she opened the door to the aircraft the drop to the ground was too far to the tarmac, so she kept flashing the torch to the side of the aircraft. Eventually her rescuer came, a man in a luggage cart!

In fact, there have been several instances of sleeping passengers getting left behind on planes in past years. In 2010, a British law professor flying on Air Canada’s regional discount carrier, Air Canada Jazz, was awakened by a mechanic after the plane was taken to a hangar at Vancouver International Airport. Hmmmm? Seems to be a thing with Canadian airports!

So remember, not only do **they NOT clean the seat-trays on aircraft**, if you fall asleep, they just may just not notice you!

My Grandma is always saying ‘Boys will be boys!’ She’s obviously never been to Thailand.

Alicante Province is one of the hot-spots in Spain for human trafficking. Luis Jiménez De Mingo, the head of the Central Anti-trafficking Brigade, shed some light on this major problem. He outlines five cases of human trafficking: Sexual exploitation, theft, forced marriages, forced labour and begging. Romania and Nigeria are the countries which supply the largest number of traffickers and victims. Romanian criminal organizations are the worst trafficking offenders in Spain, he says. They carry out robberies, forced marriages, crimes against sexual exploitation, begging and forced labour in the fields. The Nigerian Mafia, he explained, are more focused on sexual exploitation. Women are lured to Spain with promises of hotel and other work and then forced into prostitution,



often intimidating them with voodoo and threatening to harm their families if they do not repay the travelling

debt.

One of the problems in investigating these cases is the reluctance of the victims to testify against their exploiters. Even so, the National Police have conducted 98 operations against trafficking in the province during the last three years. Of these, 86 were for sexual exploitation.

The police now have a strategy of blocking accounts, intervening goods, closing clubs and seizing vehicles before any arrests. This avoids the disappearance of money and allows the dismantling of the trafficking network. Luis stressed the importance of police cooperation at an international level, with Europol and Interpol, to ensure the chopping off of the criminal organization in the country of origin, in addition to the arrests which can be carried out in Spain.

Summer is obviously the peak time for fiestas in Spain. The world knows about the Pamplona Bull Run, but there are many other fiestas celebrating the unusual and plain weirdness.

One of the most unusual is Fiesta de Santa Marta de Ribarteme, (the patron saint of resurrection), held on July 29. This takes place in the small town of As Neves (The Snows) in Galicia, close to the border with Portugal. In late July every year, thousands of people visit



of people visit the town to witness and take part in the pilgrimage. People who have passed-through a near death experience during the previous 12 months, either carry a coffin or are carried in a coffin by family and friends. As in many pilgrimages, there is a mix of solemnity and celebration.

In the town of Castrillo de Murcia, near Burgos, for more than four centuries the townsfolk have been celebrating Corpus Christi in the most unusual way. Here, men dressed in yellow and red costumes represent the devil and they

leap over babies of less than a year old, to rid them of 'original sin'. The baby jumping part of the festivities is the culmination of celebrations but the fiesta also involves the 'devils' running through the streets while youths of the town shout insults at them, while the 'devils' chase and try to whip them.

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Moors & Christians Fiesta - Orihuela City.

As always, this fiesta in the city of Orihuela was most impressive. Superb costumes, pageantry, fun and all that goes with it. The photo on the extreme right is taken from one of the many annual fiestas the city hall organises for the tens of thousands of tax-paying residents of the Orihuela Costa. Muchas gracias por nada!



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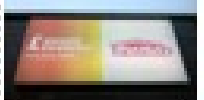
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Shirley, *Shirley Valentine*

Lime Bar Fishing SUNBATHING Club

At the end of June the knockout finalists were decided. 3 Rods and Fagin fished off on the Mercadona Drain. 3 Rods had caught several small fish but Fagin had 1 "big" one so it was touch and go, with 3 Rods sweating a bit until he managed to land his own biggy thus going on to beat Fagin. The Cheshire Cat and the Ghost fished off at Pedrera lake. There were a few calls of "don't be an idiot, that's the Cat's favourite spot". As with most venues over here, you can catch loads 1 day and then nothing the next. We sat 5 metres apart in a productive corner of the lake so we could see who was catching what. The Cat stuck to his tried and tested method of method feeder and pellet. I fished a short pole and paste. We stopped for lunch when the Cat cooked up the bacon butties (this is how fishing should be), and they tasted gorgeous. As the smell wafted over the bay, Sweeney and Fagin were on the opposite bank drooling. By lunch time I was 9 to 1 up, so the Cat had to pull his finger out. Unfortunately, his trusty method feeder didn't work on this occasion and I went on to win.

3 Rods is away for summer so he and Ghost will fish the final before the October meeting.

At the end of June (on the hottest day) several of the club cleared the pegs at Bigastro so that it would be available for our monthly match. We cleared 12 pegs on the near bank then went across to the far bank and cut out 8 bays to fish into. We couldn't manage all 12 as we were hanging out! After setting up our gear and wetting a line it was time for

Fagin's burger brunch. He had catered for 12 so those that did turn up had to eat the extra burgers.....mmmmm!

My dogs loved the ones we couldn't eat.



At the July monthly meeting, we had another 2 idiots join the club taking us up to our maximum of 20. Welcome to



Nigel Todd and Chris Ball, both youngsters which will bring the average age back down to 70! We now have a few members without fitting nicknames, so any suggestions will be considered!! Big Fish Chris (BFC) has already earned his nickname, he is the chap that had the 2 x huge fish from Bigastro in May. Well, in one day at the end of June from the same peg, he had another pair of whoppers. This time they weighed 17 & 18 pounds. See photo. As he joined the club after this catch, he will have to do it all again to top the biggest carp board. Anti-social Baz, not wanting to be left out, has added his own "edition" of biggest carp to the bottom of the list. "Biggest Mirror" = 6 lbs for Baz.

As we had cleared 12 Bigastro pegs the week before, it was decided to fish the monthly match there. It was another hot day but we had 12 anglers on the bank including 3 of our new lads. Conditions looked good, but the match day daemons were there again. If only a few anglers fish Bigastro, you seem to catch loads. If the bank is full, the fish seem to sense it and hide in their favourite lairs and are very difficult to

catch (unless you are lucky to be drawn on top of them). Even BFC who was fishing within yards of where he has been catching the whoppers only had 1 fish for 0.5 kilo. Welcome to the club Chris!

As it turned out, pegs 1, 2, 3 & 12, were the only ones to catch more than 1 fish. We had 5 blanks (including me) and 3 single fish caught in between them..... We were all using proven tactics but the fish just said - NO!

Just John (peg 3) ran away with the match with a weight of 8 kilos, Sweeney (Peg 2) was 2nd with 4.9 kilos and 3rd was the Cat (peg 8) with 1 fish for 1.3 kilos. 2 new lads, Nigel (peg 1) and Shaun (peg 12) did well, both catching 3 fish for 1.5 & 2.5 kilos respectively. Now you know how difficult it can be to fish over here.....

Sweeney & I had a practice day at the Pedrera (the same corner that I had fished the Cat) where Sweeney had loads and I struggled (same venue, different day). The tourist season must be in full swing now as the water level in this reservoir had dropped 3.5 feet in just 2 weeks. Considering the vast surface area, this is a colossal amount of water!

A lot of the club are away this month and too hot for some others, therefore not a lot to report.

Happy sunbathing.

Next meeting bun fight is at The Lime Bar @ 17.00 Mon 5th August.

Fishy Fingers!
The Ghost

- Dad, what's the whale's blow-hole for?

- I'll tell you what it's not for, son. And when I do, you'll understand why I can never go back to Sea World.

Chris and Peter Griffin, *Family Guy*

Aussie Weather Forecasting.

In Central Australia near Tennant Creek, Jonny Jimba Jamba asked his dad, "Hey, Dad, is it going to be a cold winter?" Well, he had inherited the job as tribal weather forecaster when his dad died, and this was his first request! "Err, it could be a cold one, get some firewood" he replied. Two days later, Cathy Jabanara asked him, "Is it going to be a cold winter?" He thought about this and felt pressure because he really had no idea. He learned nothing from his father. He had a bob each way, "Yes, it will be cold, get firewood"

And in the next weeks he was asked this very question many times, and decided to see how the white fellas forecasted, he called the Bureau of Meteorology. "Good morning, Bureau of Meteorology here, what can I do for you?"

Well, I'll talk like a white fella..... "I say old chap, can you advise me if it will be a cold winter?"

"Yes, for sure" replied the BOM man.

"How do you know?"

"Well", the BOM man replied, "All of our satellites are looking down, and all they see is aboriginals collecting firewood."

COSY CORNER GOLF REPORT

The Cosy Corner golf society had their first outing at Vistabella on Wednesday 3rd July on a gloriously sunny day. On a beautifully prepared course Pete Blundell triumphed with 35 points, winning himself a meal for 2 at Cosy Corner, with Eddie McGrath coming a very close second on 34 points, Mike Heighway winning the closest the pin prize. All enjoyed a tasty meal back at the bar and well deserved fluid refreshment.

Our next event is on Wednesday 7th August at Roda. Posters are up at Cosy Corner or contact Clinton Sprague direct on (0034) 711 002 856. Spaces are still available.



(Other golf reports not received in time for publication.)

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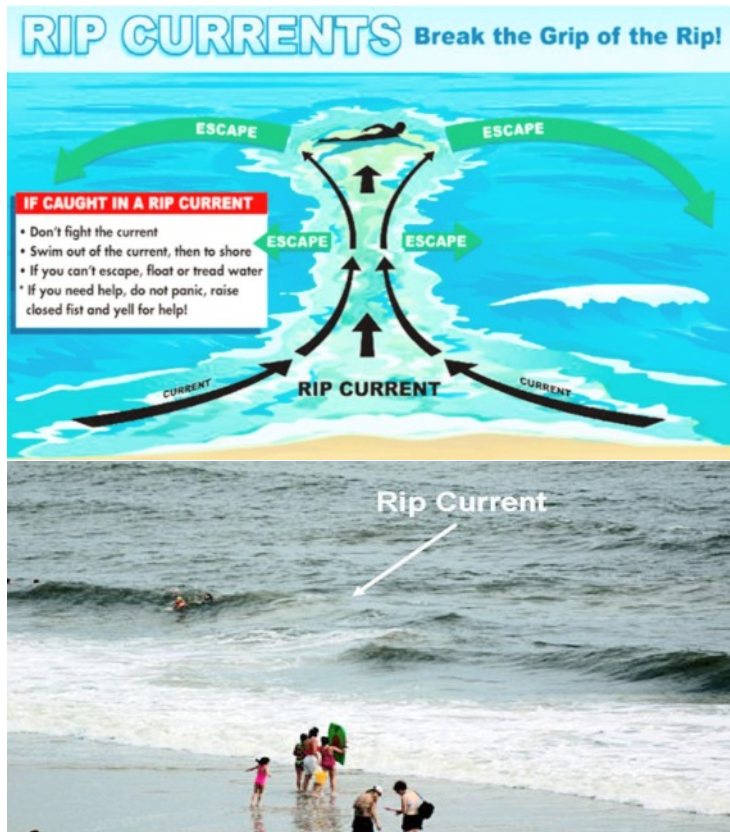


Neil, Ade & Mark

My folks were English. They were too poor to be British. I still have a bit of British in me.

In fact, my blood type is solid marmalade. (Bob Hope)

Rip currents or rip tides are common off parts of Orihuela Costa. If you are caught in one and swim against the current you will be exhausted. Swim with the current and then swim to the side.



Prescriptions Are Now Needed on Certain Kinds of Common Medication.

It is common practice in Spain for people suffering headaches or other minor complaints to purchase medications such as Ibuprofen and Paracetamol over the counter at their local pharmacy. But this is about to become far more difficult due to decisions made by the Spanish Society of Community Pharmacies.

The sale of these products without prescription has been reported as a possible breach of the Law for Guarantees and the Rational Use of Medications due to the “judicial uncertainty” surrounding the practice, and as a result a prescription will be needed to acquire Paracetamol, Ibuprofeno and Omeprazol in future. The restriction applies to boxes of Ibuprofeno 600 mg and Paracetamol 1-gram pills, as well as to Omeprazol and some anti-histamine syrups. However, Ibuprofeno 400 mg and Paracetamol 500 and 650 mg pills are not affected, at least for the time being. In theory this restriction came into force in February of this year, but it is now to be applied rigidly, and dispensing chemists found to be failing to abide by the rules will be subject to fines of between 3,000 and 6,000 euros.

The following is a good information site for tourist info' in the Torrevieja area. It is available in English and a number of other languages.
<http://turismodeorrevieja.com/movil3/indexEN.htm>

Airport Bus Timetable.

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

Torrevieja 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

Airport toTorrevieja: 8:00 - 10:00 - 11:00* - 12:00 - 13:00* - 14:00 - 16:00 - 17:00* - 18:00 - 19:00* - 20:00 - 22:00 (I hear that the summer timings are now year round.)

(*) - From 1st April to 31th 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.

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

This helpful and informative internet link was submitted by the late Lee Bell.

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

Red Days Valencian Community - 2019

These are the holidays: January 1 (New Year); March 19 (San José);April 19 (Good Friday); April 22 (Easter Monday);May 1 (Labour Fiesta) June 24 (San Juan); August 15 (Assumption of the Virgin); October 9 (Day of the Valencian Community); October 12 (National Holiday); November 1 (All Saints' Day); December 6 (Constitution Day); December 25 (Christmas).

And don't forget your local municipality will also have at least an extra two days of holidays, dependent on the local patron saint days, although most stores will ignore these.

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The Compensation.

A man woke up in the Torrevieja Hospital bandaged from head to foot. The doctor came in and said: "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now, you probably don't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the N-332. You're going to be okay, you'll walk again and everything, but your manhood was severed in the accident, and we couldn't find it."

The man groaned, but the doctor continued: "You've got €9000 in insurance compensation coming and we now have the technology to build a new one. They work great, but don't come cheap. It's €1000 an inch." The man perked up. "So," the doctor told him, "you must decide how many inches you want. This is something you should discuss with your wife. If you had a five inch before and get a nine now she might be put out. If you had a nine inch before and decide to only invest in a five, she might be disappointed. It's important that she plays a role in helping you make a decision."

The man agreed to talk it over.

The doctor returned the next day. "So, have you spoken with your wife?"

"Yes, I have." the man informed him. "We're getting granite counter tops."



'I'm really proud of you! This time tomorrow, you have been on your diet a whole week.'

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