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NEWSLETTER



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Bienvenido a todos and welcome to the November 2022 edition. Issue No.181

• Spanish authorities have finally decided to **stop requiring** visitors from non-EU countries such as the UK and the US to provide proof of Covid-19 vaccination, testing or recovery to enter the country.

• The 33 kilometres that separate Torrevieja and Orihuela by the CV-95 has 15 roundabouts to avoid intersections at the same level and improve safety. Described by one business leader in Torrevieja as 'a goat track,' the Minister of Public Works has now announced that a **six-kilometre stretch** will be widened.

The problem is which section are they going to widen? Originally, the plan was to widen the road near the Torremendo turnoff, but the reality is the busiest section is in the Los Balcones area where passing traffic can be up to 20,000 vehicles a day! €50,000 has already been spent on the evaluation of the project, so let's hope they get it right first time!

• A resident of Dream Hills, Jackie, was walking up the main road towards Via Park V, when another lady ran across the road, **assaulted her** and knocked her to the ground, grabbing Jackie's purse and phone. The mugger was

chased off by neighbours, some capturing an image of her on a mobile. Jackie suffered a broken wrist and severe bruising. The culprit was identified by the police and arrested. She is well known to the police. Now this mugging place at 1pm on a Monday afternoon!

Thankfully, Jackie is back in fighting form, now with an arm covered in plaster!

• I see that the Aldi supermarket close to the N332 bridge is having a sizeable **second building** built next to the existing one. It is a two-storey construction, with just parking spaces on the ground floor. Don't know what will be on the first floor?

• **Thank you** to all who have renewed their e-mail subscription and a special thanks to the following for their generous donations - Arnold A, May B, Graham J, Peter H, Michael W, Sallianne B, Andy M, Andrew M, Angela N, Clive M, Keith D., Paul D, Glenda C, Mick & Beth H, Les B, Kathryn J and Dave P. Several donated early in the year and were 'mentioned in dispatches' then. If I forgot anyone, apologies.

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After more than 200 days of the war in Ukraine, the **Ukrainian citizens** displaced from their country form, due to their high number, the **second group of foreign population in the city of Torrevieja**. Their numbers are only surpassed by the British and are now surpassing the number of registered Russians: more than one thousand three hundred new Ukrainian neighbours have settled in Torrevieja in recent months. (More on this in page 13.)

The **Local Police of Torrevieja** has 51 agents less than those corresponding to it by population. The "official" organization chart includes a total of 187 troops, but the actual staff is made up of 120 base agents and 17 command officers. In total 136 troops. In response to the recommendation of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP) that speaks of two agents for every thousand inhabitants, Torrevieja, whose municipality is close to 90,000 inhabitants although the real population throughout the year exceeds 100,000, should count as a figure ideal with at least 200 agents. Of the 120 base agents, 75 are permanent and 45 interim then cannot carry a weapon or perform certain services. In total, of the 120 base agents, only 87 are, distributed in three daily shifts, on active duty on the street. When I read this I had to laugh at the pitiful numbers of local police throughout Orihuela Costa.



There used to be a rule of thumb in the old BBC radio newsroom that, in terms of foreign newsworthiness, 60,000 dead in floods in China equalled 90 dead in a hotel fire in Italy, equalled 2 Brits slightly injured in a car crash in Brittany.

(Jeremy Paxman)

More Concrete! The Orihuela City Council has processed a specific modification of the General Urban Development Plan (PGOU) to reclassify a non-developable land into a developable one; the E-3 "El Barranco" sector in Orihuela Costa, which it submits to public information for 45 days, through its electronic headquarters, so that responses can be submitted. It is an area of 33,304 square meters that the promoter intends to be used for tertiary use in the surroundings of the La Zenia shopping centre. Specifically, the project, with a building area two storey's high, is located between Pimienta and Clavo streets, the Villamartín road and the Los Dolses urbanisation. It is being justified as "the need for commercial uses on the coast due to the high population density."

From March to December 2019, with 58 sessions, a trial was held into the irregularities from 2000 to 2008, covering the award of the garbage and street cleaning contract for the municipality of Orihuela.

Called the Brugal Case, there were 34 defendants which included two former Orihuela mayors, José Manuel Medina and Mónica Lorente, together with eight councillors in Orihuela. The charges were for fraud, prevarication, bribery, prohibited negotiations with officials, influence peddling, disclosure of privileged information, electoral crime, illicit association, coercion, and extortion. The prosecution was looking for sentences from eight months to 38 years in prison. Briefly: in a stunning move, the court in Elche declared that the main evidence on which the charges was based - telephone recordings, house searches, police surveillance and even some documents - violated the rights of the accused! They all walked free!

After three years, the Supreme Court has now agreed to review the case. They will either agree with the annulment or give the go-ahead to reopen the case presented by the prosecutors. I do so hope it is the latter.

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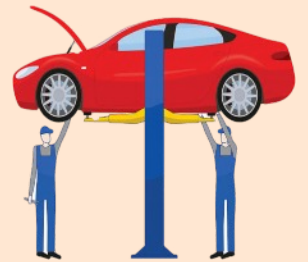
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A new gas pipeline for Spain & EU.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said Spain, France and Portugal had now agreed to build an energy pipeline linking the Iberian peninsula to the rest of Europe, reviving a project long-resisted by Paris.

The new project, which Sanchez dubbed a Green Energy Corridor, would replace an earlier plan dubbed MidCat that emerged a decade ago but was dropped in 2019 over regulatory and funding issues.

But, with Russia withholding gas deliveries to most of Europe in reaction to sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine, there has been a resurgence of interest in a link to bring in much-needed supplies from Spain to the rest of the continent. With energy prices soaring, Madrid pushed hard for the revival of the project, with the full backing of Berlin (which pissed Macron right off), which has seen Russian gas deliveries via a key pipeline shut off for the indefinite future. “We have agreed to... a new project to be called the Green Energy Corridor to link the Iberian Peninsula to France and therefore to the European energy market between Barcelona and Marseille,” Sanchez explained on his arrival for an EU summit on the energy crisis.

Sánchez said that the pipeline would move hydrogen and gas “during a transition period needed by the European energy market.” Spain currently has six liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals for processing gas that arrives by sea which could help the EU boost imports with a better link.

But it only has two low-capacity links to France’s gas network, which has connections to the rest of Europe.

Spain's competition watchdog, CNMC, said it had opened an investigation into popular hotel reservation website **Booking.com for possible anticompetitive practices**. Founded in 1996 and headquartered in the Netherlands, Booking.com has been the target of several “unfair competition” investigations in recent years, especially in the European Union. But don’t hold your breath, the CNMC has 18

months to reach a final decision on whether the company has violated competition rules in Spain.

The **trial of Brazilian superstar Neymar** has opened in Barcelona, following a years-long legal saga over his 2013 transfer from the Brazilian club Santos, with the 30-year-old star in the dock as well as his parents*, whose company manages his affairs.

All three are facing charges of business corruption. Investigators began probing the transaction after a 2015 complaint filed by DIS, a Brazilian company that owned 40% of the player’s sporting rights when he was at Santos.

Barcelona said the transfer cost €57.1 million, but prosecutors believe it cost at least €83 million. The club said it paid €40 million to N&N, a company owned by the Neymar family, and €17.1 million to Santos, of which €6.8 million was given to DIS. But DIS alleges that Neymar, Barcelona and the Brazilian club colluded to mask the true cost of the deal. DIS is seeking to recover €35 million. And then the Hacienda will be looking for their slice!

*Neymar is not the first major footballer to put his parents in financial management roles.

Lionel Messi choose his father to manage his financial affairs, unwisely. On 6 July 2016, Messi and his father were both found guilty of tax fraud and were handed suspended 21-month prison sentences and respectively ordered to pay €1.7 million and €1.4 million in fines. Messi also then paid an additional €5.1 million in tax arrears. Gee, thanks Dad!



My wife is such a bad cook, if we leave dental floss in the kitchen the cockroaches hang themselves.

Marbella are tightening their **controls on electric scooter drivers**. They will now need to wear helmets and get third-party insurance if they wish to continue riding them. Currently, the scooters are following the guidelines of the Directorate General for Traffic (DGT), which means riders cannot exceed a 25km/h limit, or ride on the pavement. Controls will no doubt spread to other municipalities, but probably only after there has been a number of serious accidents.

The number of **violent robberies** reported to police in **Marbella** in the first half of 2022 is almost double that of three years ago, new data has revealed. Statistics from Spain's Interior Ministry show that there were 90% more 'robberies using violence' between January and June than there were during the same period in 2019. Home burglaries are also up by 12% - 306 houses broken into during the first six months of this year. Unfortunately neither Torrevieja nor Orihuela are very helpful in supplying the public with similar crime measurement figures.

30 months on from the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the unwanted landmark of **10,000 coronavirus deaths** has been reached in the Valencian Community. Figures released during early October by the Ministry of Health broke down the fatalities to 5,000 in Valencia Province; 3,819 in Alicante Province, and 1,181 in Castellon Province.

Former US President Donald Trump showed his support for **Spain's far-right Vox party** on October 9, in a video shown at a rally in Madrid that also featured messages by the leading stars of Europe's populist right, such as Italy's Giorgia Meloni and Hungary's Viktor Orban. In a recording that lasted barely 40 seconds while Trump was on a plane, the former president thanked Spain's far-right Vox party and its leader Santiago Abascal for what he called the 'great job' they do. 'We have to make sure that we protect our borders and do lots of very good conservative things,' Trump said.

Vox became Spain's third-largest party in the Spanish Congress after a 2019 election that led to the current national coalition of the PSOE socialists and left-wing parties, some decidedly 'looney'.

Vox's messages include zero tolerance for Catalan independence, disdain for gender equality, bitter criticism of unauthorised immigration from Africa, and embracing both the 'Reconquista' of medieval Spain from Islam as well as the legacy of Francisco Franco's 20th-century dictatorship.

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"Sorry", said the genie, "I am not allowed to grant that wish"

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"You crafty bastard" said the genie.



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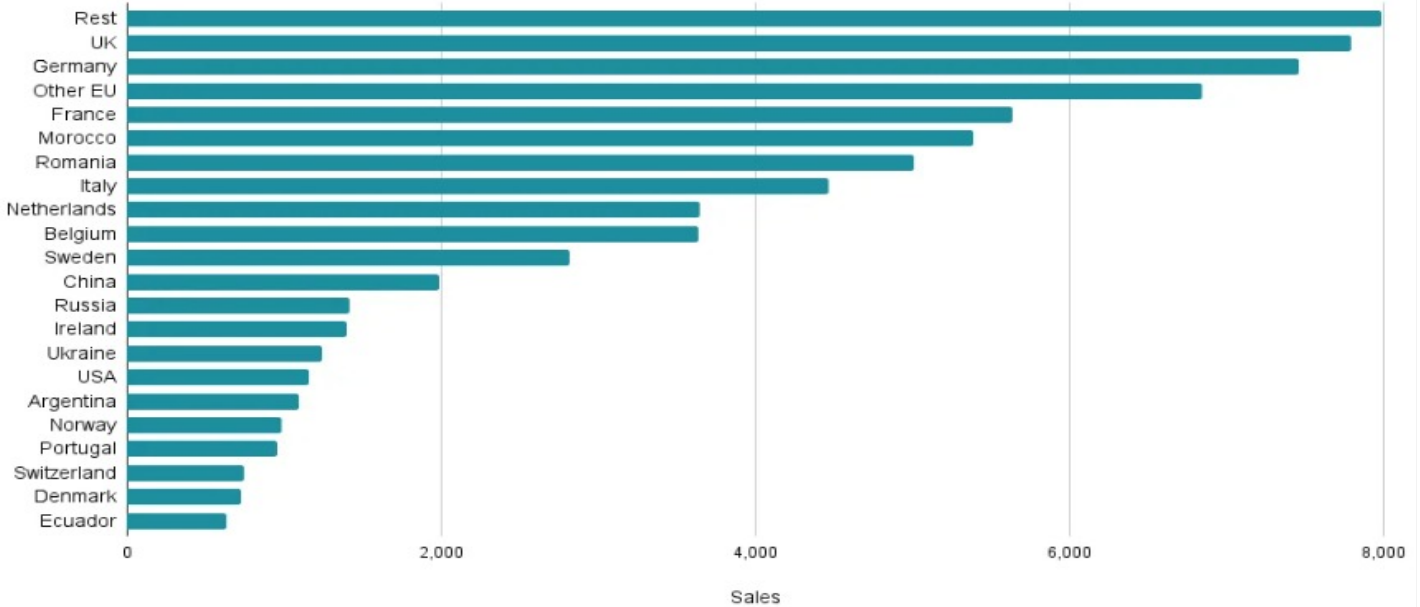
Phil Collins grossly underestimating what can be achieved in the time it takes
your girlfriend's mother to walk to the corner shop.....and back!

The number of Spanish property sales involving a foreign buyer in the first half of 2022 hit an all-time high. There were 72,987 Spanish home sales involving a foreign buyer in the first half of the year, up 53% compared to the same period last year. That is the highest level of foreign investment in Spanish property on record, at least since the notaries started publishing such figures going back to 2007.

In this case a picture (or a graph) is worth a thousand words, so I include some images from the excellent spanishpropertyinsight.com

FOREIGN DEMAND FOR SPANISH PROPERTY: NATIONAL MARKETS H1-2022

www.spanishpropertyinsight.com, Source: Notaries

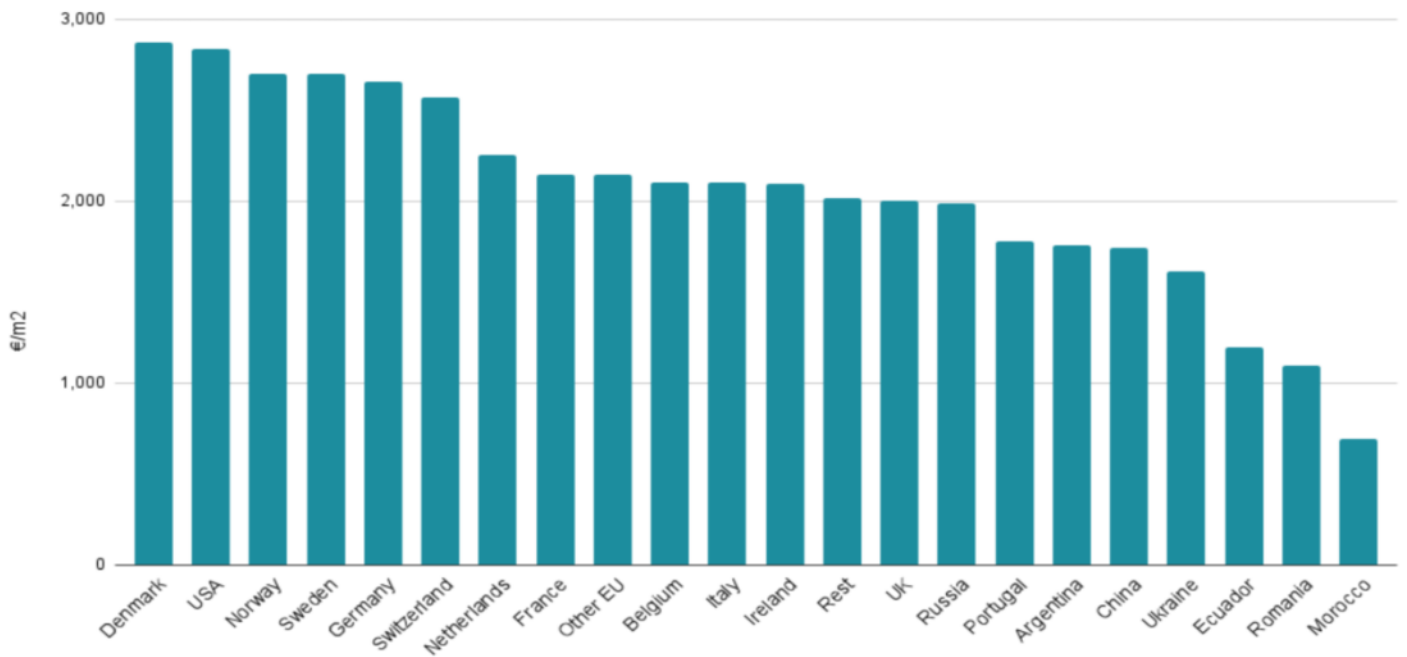


From the above, you will see that the Brit's are still the main foreign buyers, with the Germans snapping at their heels.

Below you will see who tends to spend the most on their properties. It is calculated per square metre.

FOREIGN DEMAND FOR SPANISH PROPERTY: SPEND BY NATIONALITY H1-2022

www.spanishpropertyinsight.com, Source: Notaries



In terms of market increase by country growth during the first half of 2022, the Netherlands led with a growth of more than 120%, with the Norwegian market growing by lightly less and Ireland coming third with an increase of more than 105%.

The Valencian Community was the most popular region, followed by Andalusia and Catalonia.



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THE RUSSIANS AND UKRAINIANS IN TORREVIEJA (AND ORIHUELA COSTA?)

Locally, the two communities of Ukrainians and Russians coexisted almost synergistically in many economic and even cultural activities. The coincidences were often used for mutual benefit by both communities. However, the Russian annexation of the Crimea and Donbass regions together with the Russian invasion of the Ukraine destroyed any tolerance and cooperation that existed before.

There have been a number of incidents between both communities, including a demonstration of 300 Ukrainians outside of the Annual Russian Film Festival in Torry this summer and a couple of minor punch-ups in the town's bars.

The local Russian population are trying to 'keep their heads down' and avoid any controversy. Many still have family in Russia and fear anything that might harm them. Although many feel that they may have avoided Putin's Draft, they have realised that they may not be able to return to their own countries in the

near or medium future.

Those who have returned or are returning for personal or business interests, have been stung by exorbitant airfare increases. At the beginning of this year, a round trip to Moscow would have cost €300. Two ticket for Alicante- Istanbul- Moscow would now cost €4,000 and rising! A ticket from Moscow to Yerevan in Armenia will cost around €2,000





With Christmas not so far away, we are gathering prizes for our Grand Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at a "Christmas Market" on the 3rd of December. This will be held at our San Miguel Centre. Supporters, volunteers and friends of the charity have once again been extremely generous and we have some fabulous prizes - Air fryer, ham, Christmas hamper, chocolate hamper, bottles of bubbly and a huge number of other prizes.

We are selling raffle tickets through the HELP San Miguel Centre, The Expat Centre at Doña Pepe, and our volunteers will also be offering tickets to friends and family (please note all volunteers of HELP Vega Baja will have ID badge).

Raffle tickets cost just 1 euro each. For more information on the raffle or if you would like to offer a prize or sell tickets on your premises on our behalf, please do get in touch. Contact Laura or Michele on 966 723 733 or email office@helpvegabaja.com

Fundraising events such as the Christmas Market & raffle are extremely important to the charity and the funds raised go a long way to ensuring that we can continue supporting people, often at very difficult times in their lives both in a practical or emotional way".

To find out more about local charity HELP Vega Baja and how you can become involved, contact their San Miguel Centre in Calle Lope de Vega, visit their website at www.helpvegabaja.com or their Facebook page - Asociación HELP Vega Baja.

Some Kodak Moments!

A Lawyer, representing a Wealthy Art Collector called and said, "Paul, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The Art Collector replied, "I've had an awful day, Let's hear the good news first."

The Lawyer said, "Well, I met with your wife today and she informed me that she invested \$1,500 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum return of \$15-20 million. And I think she could be right." Paul replied enthusiastically, "Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman, I have always appreciated her good eye! You've just made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news. "What is it ?"

The Lawyer replied, "The pictures are of you with your secretary."

TAXATION CHANGES IN SPAIN

Spain's coalition government between the PSOE socialists and left-wing Podemos party unveiled its budget plans for 2023 during October, that include increased social and defence spending and raises for civil servants and pensioners.

The government said that 6 out of every 10 euros in the proposed budget would go towards social spending. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez tweeted that the amount is the most allocated for that purpose in Spain's history. Sánchez said the deal demonstrated the stability of his coalition government. It will be the current government's final budget before the country's next general election, that must be held no later than 10 December 2023.

Sánchez tweeted that the coalition government had approved a budget 'that protects the middle and working classes, advances social justice and guarantees the economic prosperity of Spain'. The proposal could undergo changes before receiving parliamentary approval.

The budget includes previously announced tax increases for high earners and breaks for people with lower incomes.* It also includes increased benefits for the long-term unemployed and a monthly €100 subsidy for parents with children under age 3.

Presenting the package after the weekly cabinet meeting on Tuesday, October 4, Finance Minister María Jesús Montero said that 'the primary objective was to accompany Spanish society to get through the enormous uncertainty provoked by Russia's war'.

The government proposal would increase spending on primary medical care and mental health by 6.7%, adding another €673 million. It would increase spending on education by 7% to €5.4 billion.

The government also plans to step up defence spending by 25%, to €12 billion, to help Spain reach by 2029 the NATO member goal of devoting 2% of GDP to national defence.

The government plans to adjust pensions in line with inflation, increasing them by 8.5% next year, and to raise the wages of civil servants by

2.5%. Its budget would boost spending on research and development by 23%, to €16 billion.

Finance Minister Montero said an emergency measure that provided free commuter train services** would remain in place throughout next year instead of expiring in December, as previously announced.

Spain's economy is expected to grow by 4.4% this year and 2.1% in 2023. The country's unemployment rate, now at 12.5%, has fallen sharply in recent years.

*The government plans to reduce the income tax on annual salaries of up to €21,000. The budget minister said this will benefit some 50% of the workforce given that the average annual salary in Spain is €21,000.

The government also plans to increase the income tax rate from 26% to 27% for people earning more than €200,000. The tax for incomes above €300,000 will go up to 28%, an increase of 2%. Residents whose wealth exceeds €3 million will be subject to a new asset tax during the next two years, 2023 and 2024. People with holdings of €3-5 million will be taxed 1.7% and those whose personal worth is €5-10 million will be taxed 2.1%. Individuals with fortunes above €10 million will pay 3.5%.

** Several train services (not all!) are free of charge but users have to pay a €10 deposit when buying a ticket (or multiple-journey ticket) for the first time. In the initial plan, train users had to use the ticket at least 16 times (commuter) between September and December. If they comply with this measure, they will get a refund back at the end of the year.

The governing parties also agreed to reduce the sales tax on feminine hygiene products from 10% to 4%.

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THE BADGE!

An undercover cop called at my farm in Caerphilly yesterday evening...

"I need to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs", he said.

"By all means officer, just don't go in that field over there", I replied.

The cop exploded, saying "Do you know who the **** I am?! I have the authority of the government with me!", he shouted before pulling a badge out of his back pocket,

"Do you see this ***** badge?! This badge means I can do what I want and I'll go wherever the **** I want, have I made myself clear?!"

I nodded politely, apologised, and went about my work. A short while later, I hear loud screams, looked up and saw the cop running for his life being chased by my angry bull. With each step, the bull was gaining ground and he seemed sure to be gored before he reached safety. The officer looked terrified and continued to run for his life.

I threw down my tools, immediately ran to the edge of the fence and shouted at the top of my lungs,

"Your badge, show him your ***** badge!"

Maybe not so adorable!

Little Billy and Lucy are only 12 years old,
But they know they are in love.

One day they decide that they want to get married. Billy goes to Lucy's father to ask him for her hand: Billy bravely walks up to him and says. "Mr. Smith, me and Lucy are in love. I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing. Mr. Smith replies.... "Well Billy, you're only 12. Where will you two live?" Without even taking a moment to think about it, Billy replies.... "In Lucy's room. It's bigger than mine. We can both fit there nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr. Smith says with a huge grin.... "Okay, then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Lucy."

Again, Billy instantly replies.... "Our pocket money, Lucy gets five dollars a week and I get 8 dollars' that's about 52 dollars a month. So that should do us just fine."

Mr. Smith is impressed Billy has put so much thought into this.... "Well Billy, It seems like you have everything worked out. I just have one more question. What will you do if the two of you should have little children of your own?"

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As millions of Spaniards struggle with rising energy, food and fuel prices among other spiraling living costs, the Spanish government has given the green light to splurge €1.23 million of taxpayers' money on mobile phones, tablets and laptops for its 350 MPs.

The 825 next-generation mobile phones include 550 iPhones and 275 Samsung devices with internal storage of up to 512GB and 6-inch OLED screens, all of which will be insured and include technical assistance as part of the deal. Although it has not been officially confirmed, the Apple devices are likely to be iPhone 13s, which currently have a high street value of between €900 and €1,800 in Spain.

Lower House employees, parliamentary advisors and other civil servants working in El Congreso de los Diputados (the Spanish Parliament) are also set to receive a free mobile.

Members of Parliament belonging to centre-right party Ciudadanos will not accept the free mobiles, according to their leader Inés Arrimadas.

"It's madness that in the midst of the crisis Spain is undergoing, the Spanish Parliament will spend more than a million euros to give all MPs the most expensive mobile phones on the market," Arrimadas tweeted.

When 350 Members of the Spanish Parliament received free mobiles, tablets and home internet in 2016, only five of them turned down the handout.



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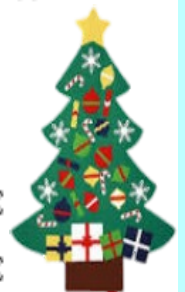
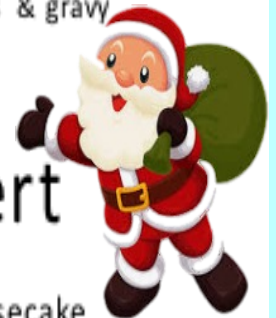
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So, is it because the province is being governed by the right-of-centre PP against the government of the region, Valencia, run by a left-wing coalition?

But then residents in Murcia, another PP ruled area, received twice as much as Alicante.

Or maybe it is because the expat community in Alicante being one of the largest in Spain, giving the Spanish political establishment the idea that we are all loaded with dosh and impervious to the effects of inflation on food, energy and fuel prices.

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4.- Cáceres	805,72	30.- Castellón	292,61
5.- Almería	776,6	31.- Segovia	291,74
6.- Ourense	639,39	32.- Zaragoza	285,11
7.- Lugo	608,66	33.- Pontevedra	264,64
8.- Zamora	571,73	34.- Badajoz	243,91
9.- Melilla	543,86	35.- Sevilla	241,79
10.- Cantabria	507,45	36.- Granada	232,55
11.- Asturias	418,29	37.- La Rioja	225,72
12.- A Coruña	389,62	38.- Ávila	221,86
13.- Guadalajara	388,43	39.- Córdoba	218,08
14.- Teruel	384,68	40.- Sta. Cruz de Tenerife	205,36
15.- Burgos	382,48	41.- Salamanca	197,1
16.- Huelva	366,35	42.- Madrid	192,83
17.- València	362,77	43.- Toledo	186,41
18.- Ciudad real	362,65	44.- Lleida	185,08
19.- Cuenca	358,39	45.- Vizcaya	175,99
20.- Álava	350,77	46.- Navarra	157,5
21.- Ceuta	350,26	47.- Illes Balears	152,2
22.- León	345,45	48.- Girona	145,42
23.- Guipuzcoa	341,28	49.- Las Palmas	144,07
24.- Valladolid	337,73	50.- Málaga	131,94
25.- Barcelona	329,85	51.- Jaén	110,96
26.- Cádiz	322,97	52.- Alicante	84,46

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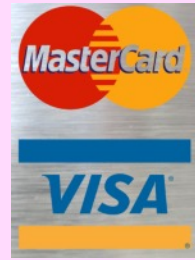
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Catalonia's Separatist Parliament Speaker & Corruption Charges

Although Parliament in the UK may, at the moment, appear like a 'Ship of Fools,' never underestimate the power of Spanish politics to take your breath away.

The decision by the assembly's governing table to temporarily suspend Laura Borràs as both speaker and a lawmaker in the Catalan parliament has fuelled tensions in coalition which governs the region.

It was backed by all the parties with representation on the table, except for her "Together for Catalonia" (JxC) party.

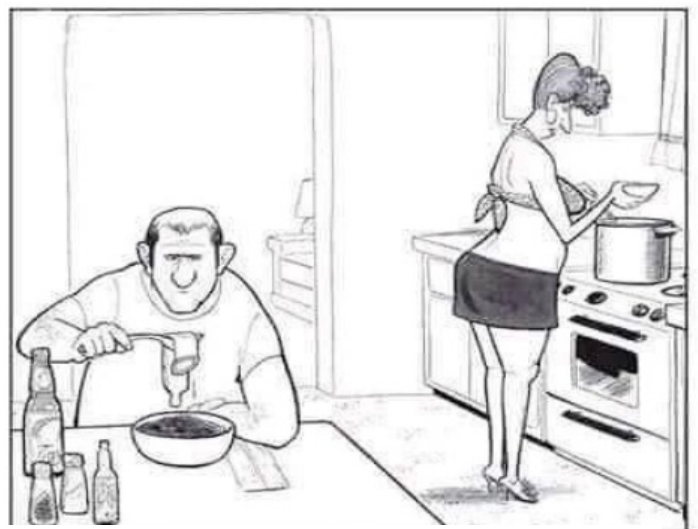
Borràs is accused of awarding contracts worth around €300,000 (\$295,000) to a colleague when she headed the Catalan Institute of Letters, a regional body charged with promoting Catalan language and literature.

A top court in Catalonia on Tuesday ordered her to stand trial for malfeasance and forgery.

Public prosecutors are calling for her to be sentenced to **six years in jail** and to be banned from holding public office for 21 years. Borràs denies the allegations, arguing they are part of

the "judicial persecution" of Catalan separatists. Borràs belongs to the same party as former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont, who fled to Belgium after Catalonia's failed 2017 independence bid to avoid arrest.

The separatists, you will recall, hived off millions of euros to fund their illegal independence referendum during 2017.



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Your Mobile Phone Contract in Spain

If you live in Spain and have a phone contract with a Spanish operator, you might have received an email or text message in recent weeks telling you that your conditions are about to change in accordance with a new law.

The Spanish government's General Telecommunications Law 11/2022, is set to come into effect from November, and all the major phone operators in Spain, including O2, Movistar, Vodafone, Jazztel, and Orange, are finalising the changes and informing their customers ahead of implementing them on October 29th and 30th.

The law is, broadly speaking, bolstered regulation of the telecommunications sector, but part of the text focuses on mobile phone contracts.

The most significant change is that phone contracts **will now be capped at a maximum duration of 24 months.**

As such, if you are with a provider that offers permanent contracts, that will now be limited to 24 months. If you are with a non-permanent provider, nothing really changes besides perhaps some minor adjustments to your privacy and data protection rights.

And in what will be music to the ears of many customers, the law also includes the possibility of terminating the contract without penalty when it runs out.

Orange and Jazztel customers must give two days' notice to unsubscribe from their contract.

For Orange prepaid customers, contracts will be valid for 6 months from the time the first call is made or from the last top-up, and will be automatically extended for periods of 6 months with each top-up. Both operators will extend the contracts for another 24 months if the customers do not opt out, and Jazztel customers who had indefinite contracts will now have those set to two years, as per the new legislation.

The new legislation won't really affect **O2 customers** except that its indefinite contracts are now to be capped at 24 months.

For Movistar users, the updated conditions will come into effect from October 29th, and the company informed customers that although Movistar doesn't have permanent contracts, the changes will affect those who got their phones as part of Movistar's €0 per month deal.

I would worship the ground you walk on, if you only lived in a better neighbourhood.

Billy Wilder

A brief history of chocolate – and some of its surprising health benefits²⁹

Chocolate in all its forms is something that I, along with many others like to indulge in on an almost daily basis. But chocolate as it's enjoyed today is quite different from when it first arrived in Europe from South America around the 16th century.

To the indigenous Aztec people, cocoa was consumed as a drink and held great cultural and medicinal significance. It was almost viewed as a panacea that could cure various ailments, including fever, diarrhoea, fatigue, angina and tooth decay. The Aztec belief that cocoa was a divine elixir was probably due to the notion that it was a gift from Quetzalcoatl, the Aztec god of wind and wisdom. Perhaps this is why Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus named the plant *Theobroma cacao*, from the ancient Greek words “theos” meaning god and “broma” meaning food – “food of the gods”.

It's more likely though that the reason for any potential benefits is due to the high concentration of polyphenols found in natural cocoa – known as cocoa flavanols. Polyphenols are antioxidant compounds in fruit and vegetables that protect the body from free radicals, which in excess have been linked to various diseases. So while cocoa may not be the cure-all it was once believed to be, research shows it's more than just a guilty pleasure.

The person thought to be responsible for beginning the integration of cocoa into Europe was Hernan Cortes, a Spanish conquistador (soldier and explorer) following his return from the “New World”.

In 1518, Cortes and his men arrived in what is now Mexico and headed towards the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan. During their time in Mexico, the Spaniards tasted a bitter drink known as “chikolatl”. The drink contained roasted cocoa beans that were crushed, then boiled in water with spices and chilli.

The first exposure to the drink was not a favourable experience for the Spaniards – deeming it too bitter and almost unpalatable. But having seen Montezuma II, king of the Aztecs, consume the drink around 50 times a day, Cortes was interested in the potential of cocoa and sought to bring it back to Spain following his conquest.

Once in Europe cocoa beans were crushed and mixed with honey and sugar, becoming a popular drink among the elite. Eventually, in the 19th century, the first chocolate bar was made by Joseph Fry and Sons, creating what we know as chocolate today.

While cocoa beans in their natural form contain a high amount of antioxidant compounds, the processes involved in turning beans into a bar reduces the cocoa flavanol content, lowering the antioxidant properties of the cocoa. Indeed, research shows that natural cocoa powder contains almost ten times more flavanols than cocoa that has been through this process.

As for chocolate bars, dark chocolate almost always contains a higher concentration of flavanols than milk chocolate. For example, a 25g serving of high percentage (more than 75%) dark chocolate can contain more than 80mg cocoa flavanols compared with around 10mg or lower per 25g for a milk chocolate bar.

Research has found that dark chocolate and cocoa products containing at least 200mg of cocoa flavanols can improve blood vessels elasticity, which helps with blood flow. And regularly consuming cocoa flavanols – even doses of 80mg a day – improves blood vessels' ability to dilate or expand, which helps the body regulate blood pressure and blood flow to organs.

This is thought to be because cocoa flavanols increase the concentration of bioactive nitric oxide. This is a molecule involved in the widening of blood vessels that also has anti-inflammatory properties and reduces the formation of blood clots, all of which can have beneficial effects on blood pressure.

Cocoa flavanols can also increase blood flow to the brain, which may improve cognitive performance. And they may help to reduce cognitive decline by protecting the brain from free radical damage.

Alongside cardiovascular and cognitive benefits, cocoa flavanols may also help improve muscle recovery following strenuous exercise, thanks to their potent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory benefits. A recent study found that a single high dose of 1245mg cocoa flavanols (15g of a high flavanol cocoa powder) slightly improved muscle recovery.

So next time you are in the mood for some chocolate, perhaps select a high percentage dark variety or a natural cocoa powder for any potential health benefits.

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National holidays left in Spain in 2022

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The Khmer Rouge trial ended after 16 years. It cost over \$330 million and led to the conviction of only three members of a regime that **killed 1.7 million Cambodians**. If you really think the Putin, Assad and similar will ever face justice, don't waste your time!

A man in Saudi Arabia claims to have married 53 times in 43 years, in a bid to find "peace and stability". Abu Abdullah, 63, told Gulf News that he first tied the knot at 20, but that "problems" in the marriage had spurred him to wed again three years later. While most of his wives since then have been from Saudi Arabia – and one of his marriages **lasted just one night** – he has also married foreigners while travelling for business. "I used to stay [abroad] for three to four months," he explained. "So I married to protect myself from vice."

Nearly **400 men called Nigel** gathered at a pub in Worcestershire last week, to celebrate their increasingly out-of-style name. Entertainment was provided by two DJs, an MC, a comedian, a busker and a group of Morris dancers, all called Nigel; and attendees, who were asked to show ID, signed their names in "The Book of Nigel" before leaving. Nigel Smith, who organised the event at The Fleece Inn, said it was a "great feeling, all of us getting together and celebrating our Nigel-ness".

Passengers on a recent American Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Dallas were left perplexed when the **plane's intercom system was hijacked** and used to broadcast strange sex noises. Emerson Collins, who was on the flight, said the sound was "somewhere between an orgasm and vomiting", and that it persisted for the whole flight. In a video that went viral, a flight attendant can be heard apologising for the "irritating sound". "It is an odd anomaly and none of us are enjoying it," she adds.

A scandal erupted **at a fishing tournament** in Lake Erie, Ohio, last month. At the event, fishermen compete to see who can achieve the best weight for a bucket of five walleye; the prize is nearly \$30,000. Suspicions were aroused when Jacob Runyan and Chase Cominsky's bucket weighed in at more than

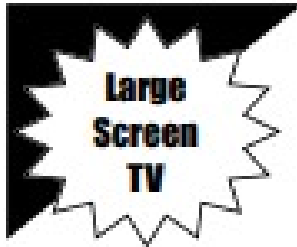
15kg, much more than expected, putting them in pole position. Director Jason Fischer cut open



the fish and found that they were stuffed with lead weights and fish fillets, see photo. Amid shouts of "Call the cops!" and "Check every fish!", the pair were disqualified – and told to flee for their own safety. The two anglers, Jacob Runyan, 42, of Broadview Heights, Ohio, and Chase Cominski, 35, of Hermitage, Pennsylvania, **were indicted on October 12** in Cleveland, on felony charges of cheating, attempted grand theft, possessing criminal tools and misdemeanor charges of unlawfully owning wild animals (?).

One of the affidavits disclosed that Runyan and Cominski were investigated by Rossford police in northwest Ohio in April after being accused of cheating in a different walleye tournament. According to a Rossford police report, an assistant Wood County prosecutor concluded that although the men may have cheated, there was not enough evidence to charge them. (I wonder what they really get up to at the Lime Bar Fishing Club?)

The crash-detection system on **Apple's new iPhone** is designed to detect if the owner has been in a car crash, and alert emergency services. But it turns out it can be triggered by more benign activities. Since its launch in the US last month, 911 operators have had a spate of calls telling them that "the owner of this phone has been in a severe car crash" and were directed to local amusement parks. When police arrived, they found no crash, just lots of people on a roller-coaster. The sensors are probably being set off by the rapid accelerations and decelerations. Other false positives have been caused by people bowling. (Mind you, I knew a chap whose farts could disrupt a pacemaker!)



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On the first day of my flying lessons, I looked down nervously and asked my copilot, "What are all these buttons for?" He said, "Those are to keep your shirt closed."

Eels are the elite fish!

Spanish police have arrested 29 people after seizing 180kg of critically endangered young European eels with a value on the hidden market of €270,000 (£237,000). The Guardia Civil said the operation, in collaboration with Europol, had also led to 20 arrests elsewhere in Europe.

The elvers, or glass eels (photo) – prized as a



delicacy in Spain and parts of east Asia – were found after officers carried out almost 3,000 checks and inspections in ports, airports and other transport hubs.

According to the Guardia Civil, eel smuggling has risen since Covid flight restrictions were eased.

“Criminal organisations have gone back to illegally exporting elvers that are camouflaged in hand luggage using special cases that contain bags injected with oxygen,” they said. “We’ve also tracked down shell companies specifically set up to ship elvers hidden in refrigerated food. We would remind people that the export of elvers is strictly prohibited.”

The Guardia Civil said eel smuggling had become a lucrative enterprise for highly organised gangs of international criminals who constantly update their routes and methods to evade the police.

So, you might think that eel smuggling is ‘small potatoes’ compared to drug or tobacco smuggling but in February 2020, a seafood salesman, Gilbert Khoo, 66, was caught trying to smuggle 200 kilos of elvers at Heathrow. He had been transporting elvers from London to Hong Kong hidden beneath other fish between 2015 and 2017. Estimated total value of the eels he smuggled during that period was £53 million!



Small Victories?

A married couple were in a terrible accident where the man's face was severely burned.

The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from his body because he was too skinny. So, the wife offered to donate some of her own skin.

However, the only skin on her body that the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from her buttocks.

The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and they requested that the doctor also honour their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter.

After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the man's new face. He looked more handsome than he ever had before! All his friends and relatives just went on and on about his baby face!

One day, he was alone with his wife, and he was overcome with emotion at her sacrifice. He said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me.

How can I possibly repay you?"

My darling," she replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

A long, long time ago, Britain and France were at war. During one battle, the French captured an English colonel. They took him to their headquarters and the French general began to question him. Finally, as an after thought, the French general asked, "Why do you English officers all wear red coats? Don't you know the red material makes you easy targets for us to shoot at?" In his bland English way, the officer informed the general that the reason English officers wear red coats is so that if they are shot, the blood won't show, and the men they are leading won't panic. And that is why, from that day to this, all French Army officers wear brown trousers.

A Cautionary Tale with a Moral [or Two] by Jenny R.

5th October 2022 at Alicante airport. In the queue for security with the usual melee expected and the only places where men clutch their trousers up and hobble. What is it with the removal of belts; some sort of perversion by security?

Two little rotund, Spanish, middle-aged gentlemen behind me, chattering absentmindedly in the queue who I had already told that was my tray the first one tried to use.

Collecting my trays and lifting my computer bag out I discovered under it an identity card and two dog eared calling cards which I gave to the man watching the screen saying these are not mine. To my astonishment the first Spanish man starts squealing something and as I picked up my bag which was not closed, and to my consternation and eye roll, there were two more dog-eared calling cards or similar on top. He squealed even louder and we, my husband and I, were surrounded by a gang of security men and then two Guardia Civil who took my passport and credit cards and then my husband's [and him this time] passport and disappeared in a room with them and then with a whoop, another of the gang spotted a bulge in my husband's trousers; his wallet. He was rather unwell so he sat down. His wallet too was inspected.

With no Spanish trying to say that we had given the flipping cards back to the security man, cut no chase with the Guardia and the screen watcher had gone mute! Not allowed to leave and then tried telling the Guardia to use some intelligence and look at the screen to see if it revealed anything which he did not like, he then decided to check, and pushed me away. I pointed to my arm and said "No, no push!" Next the exasperated Guardia makes some phone calls and two plain clothed policemen turn up and took over. "English?" He asks. Yes. He understood a little English and understood, took our passports again and photographed them. He then said you can go as he does not want to take matters any further. "Take what matters any further" I demanded, thinking of the card owner's stupidity? Just

"go, go" he says. Go, go. "Do you mean Vamoose?" I ask. Adios Amigos. Maybe a bit more Spanish than that might help.

Good job they don't do joined-up writing as they would have discovered our Bank account had been locked until we proved we were not money laundering by producing evidence of our incomes. We have now done this. We are non-residents and have been told all banks, despite being with ours for 18 years, need this. We had been in with passports, NIE numbers, health-card, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses and then told our account was locked. Immediately thereafter got an 'investment of the week' email from the Bank!!

BTW, direct debits are not affected as long as you have money in the Bank. Difficult one this as we drew out a lot just before we left the Bank to tide us over, so account does not have enough to cover the direct debits coming up and you cannot PUT ANY money into cover them. Bank now have required proof of our income but account hasn't been opened yet. The moral is, stand next to an English-speaking person with the trays and always have a bag that closes. As we left 3 small cards were still showing up on the security screen which remained static for most of the time. I think what happened was the Spanish chap had put the 3 cards in my tray and the other two had been catapulted into my open bag from something on the top of his tray which was facing my open bag's way, as the security machine groaned and shuddered to a sudden stop.

Another time, again at Alicante, I had bought some pretty pink, fluffy handcuffs as a jokey gift for friends which were in an Ale Hop bag and unintentionally ended up in the hand luggage. Security did not like those and they were confiscated. Not sure what they thought I was planning on the flight.

The best one though is reserved for a friend, Richard, who does not know how he did it, but it is obviously possible and a bit worrying as he wandered round the airport a while. Just before stamping of passports at Alicante, he managed to go through security twice!



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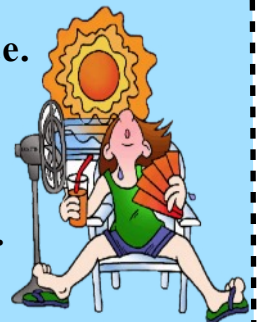


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Lime Bar Fishing SUNBATHING Club

The summer final was held after the last report went to print. The finalists were The Cheshire Cat (with a maximum league score of 80 points), Ghost, Old Bill, 3 Rods, BFC & Fagash.

Unfortunately, it was held at Bigastro where everybody struggled for fish.

At the 1st drop in, I lowered my bread into the far bank and a fish took it on the drop. I thought I was in for a cracking day as my 1st fish was in the net within 1 minute! Guess what? For the next 6 hours, I didn't have another bite! Everybody else was struggling but BFC landed a couple of small carp early on to put him in the lead. The fishing was that bad that 3 Rods resorted to bleak snatching. After lunch, Old Bill started catching small carp and it was nip & tuck who would win between him and BFC. Just before the final whistle, Old Bill landed a biggy to take the Summer Shield with 8 x carp for 7.83 kilos. BFC was runner up with 5 x carp for 5 kilos. Fagash who just scraped into the final was 3rd with 4 x carp for 2.13 kilos.

The AGM went well with the Cat volunteering to take over as chairman, while everybody else took a step backwards. Fagash forgot the meeting started at 17.00 & turned up 30 minutes late. In his absence he "volunteered" to stay on as treasurer, but got a bit confused when he gave the account balance... he had found an extra €200 from somewhere! Now that is the kind of moneyman we could all do with! After a bit of flack, he was more than happy to relieve us of our subs.

I missed the monthly match so Sweeney's report is below.

The first match of the winter series is also for the "Rod & Reel" trophy and it was held at El Bosquet. Despite the very heavy rain in our area the previous day, the venue was bone dry.

With the sun shining and the water looking good, a good day was in prospect. The pegs booked (1 to 16) were on 2 stretches, 1 x narrow & 1 x wide canal. The 1st fish of the day (and the biggest – 2.8 kg) fell to the "Old Bill" within 2 minutes of the start (peg 13). 1 minute later, Sweeney (in the next peg 12) landed his biggest of the day. Not far behind, the "Cat" on peg 14 (the other side of "Old Bill") started landing fish (later on he also landed a biggy of 2.67 kg).

Pegs 12, 13 & 14 were obviously in form. The "red ground bait hand grenades" to the far bank continued to produce throughout the match, and although there were some quiet spells, the final results proved their worth.

Meanwhile the members on pegs 1 to 7 found that the carp were in less than obliging mood.

"Dodger" on peg 7 had 1 x good bass of 1 kilo. "Fagash" had a very quiet day, until after lunch when he ended up catching 7 kilos of carp in the last 1.5 hours. BFC on peg 4, seemed to have a magic touch for mullet (including some big ones), which along with a few small carp gave him 1st place with 18.4 kilos.

2nd place went to "Old Bill" with 16 kilos and 3rd to the "Cat" with 12 kilos. Same old faces!

Overall, it was not a bad day with no blanks, the Rod & Reel trophy going to "BFC" and under the new rules, "Old Bill" is the 1st on the largest carp board for the 2nd year running.

The old farts match will be reported on next month.

The next ~~meeting~~ bun fight is at The Lime Bar on Tuesday 1st November.

Stay safe

Fishy fingers!

The Ghost

One day, when Snow White returned home from shopping she found her house burnt down.

'Oh, no!' she wailed, where are my seven dwarfs?' She began to walk through the charred rooms calling their names when she heard a voice cry, 'England for the World Cup.'

'Oh thank goodness' she exclaimed, 'at least Dopey's still alive.'

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NABBED!

Whereas it could be argued that the Spanish legal/judicial system is badly in need of a major overhaul, experiencing a couple of decades of living in Spain, I have noticed that the police intelligence gathering and record-keeping is admirable. So if you have 'blotted your copybook' in Spain and been arrested, there is probably a record of it somewhere which can be retrieved easily, as 32-year-old Jamielee Fielding from Livingston has found out, photo.

Jamielee was fined 420 euros for a drunk and disorderly charge in 2021 but didn't bother paying it, returning to Scotland no doubt chuckling to herself thinking she 'had beaten the rap!' However, when she returned to Tenerife on holiday during August

this year on a family holiday, she was hauled up before a judge who refused her offer to pay up and instead ordered her to serve four months behind bars.

But it now transpires that Jamielee is in an advanced state of pregnancy, and now the mother-to-be is understandably terrified at the prospect of giving birth in a Spanish prison. Her local MP in the UK, Hannah Bardell, is calling for an investigation by the Foreign Office into the way British citizens are treated by the Spanish authorities.

I have often said it is very difficult to go to jail in Spain. If one is found guilty and it is a first offence with a sentence of two years or less, it is usually not served. This is why there are so many dodgy individuals still walking the streets here. Jamielee's first offence was being drunk & disorderly, but her second offence was in not paying the fine.

The trouble with women is that they never put the toilet seat back up.

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An old man was sitting on a train.....across from a blonde wearing a tiny mini skirt. Despite his efforts, he was unable to stop staring at the top of her thighs. To his delight, he realized she was going commando!

She saw him staring and inquired, "Are you looking at my vagina?"

"Yes, I'm sorry," he replied and promised to avert his eyes.

"It's all right," she replied, "It's very talented, watch this, I'll make it blow a kiss to you."

Sure enough the vagina blew him a kiss. The old man was completely astounded and asked what else it could do.

"I can also make it wink," she replied.

The old man stared in amazement as the vagina winked at him.

"Come and sit next to me," she said, patting the seat.

He moved over and she asked, "Would you like to stick a couple of fingers in?"

Stunned, he stammered, "You you're kidding me, you mean it can whistle, too?"



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