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WELCOME TO THE JUNE ISSUE
COVERING CATALUNYA & COSTA AZAHAR.

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The reason for this month's name's also doubtful:
Choose the one you please from those I offer.
I sing the truth: but some will say I lied,
Believing no deity was ever seen by mortal.
There is a god in us: when he stirs we kindle:
That impulse sows the seeds of inspiration.
I've a special right to see the faces of the gods,
Being a bard, or by singing of sacred things.
There's a dense grove of trees, a place masked
From every sound, except the trickle of water.
There I considered the origin of the month
Just begun, and was thinking about its name....

The Roman poet Ovid provides two etymologies for June's name in his poem concerning the months entitled the Fasti (see above). The first is that the month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter and equivalent to the Greek goddess Hera. Whilst the second is that the name comes from the Latin word iuniores, meaning "younger ones," as opposed to maiores ("elders") for which the preceding month May is named.

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June's birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone (gemstone), and the Alexandrite. The meaning is health & longevity. Its birth flower is the rose.

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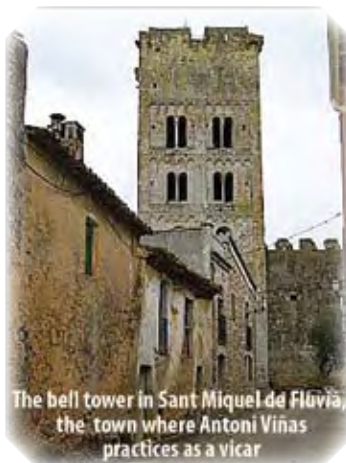
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The bell tower in Sant Miquel de Fluvià, the town where Antoni Viñas practices as a vicar

Idlerly vicar strips off and flagellates himself in church

CHURCHGOERS who are concerned for their elderly vicar's health say it is time he hung up his cassock – that's when he is not stripping it off in front of the congregation.

Antoni Viñas, vicar of the parish church in Sant Miquel de Fluvià (Girona) was said to have presented his sermon in swimming trunks and sandals on Sunday and attempted to flagellate himself. He called it a symbolic act of repentance. Although disturbed by his bizarre actions in church, the congregation say they admire him and that he is 'a good man and very intelligent'. They claim he is ill and depressed, as well as being very elderly. "One day he stripped down to just his trousers and started to flagellate himself. He hadn't eaten the night before nor that morning. He's not healthy, and he's suffering from depression," reveals Montse, who runs the Can Nofre bakery in the town. "He should retire so he can rest and be cared for by the nuns in a home." Montse says Antoni, who is 78 this year, recently spent two days in hospital, but tried to discharge himself because he said 'Jesus had presented himself' to him. He also has trouble

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'Express Fine Law'. Rubalcaba said the new law was easier and simpler and more just than before and he talked of the discounts available for prompt payment several times. He said the plan was to reduce the time between the infraction and the payment of the fine, which is now between five months and two years, and to reach the 25% of drivers who have not been paying their fines by using longwinded administrative tricks. If you pay your fine within 15 days you can get a 50% discount, provided you undertake to make no appeal. The main points of the new law are as follows.

- 1- The withdrawal of the driver's licence, which currently takes place in serious and very serious infractions, will be cancelled. Under the old law some 100,000 licences were withdrawn every year.
- 2- The amount charged in fines will be made the same across the country, with a very serious infraction priced at 500 €, a serious infraction priced at 200 €, and the least serious infraction priced at 100 €.
- 3- Prison sentences will expire after four years have passed, and all the money collected in fines will be ring-fenced to be spent on road safety.
- 4- The number of offences which result in points being taken from a drivers licence is reduced from 27 to 20 as experience has shown that it makes no sense to have so many ways to lose points.

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- 2- Having an unreadable number plate will not lose any points but is a serious fine
- 3- Parking in spaces reserved for disabled drivers will also be a serious fine
- 4- Allowing a person without a licence to drive your vehicle will not lose points but is a serious fine
- 5- For driving without lights and reflective elements in bicycles is the lowest fine and loses no points.

The Interior Minister said that the Guardia Civil will not impound the bikes of cyclists who don't wear a helmet in town.

Although the new law comes into effect on May 25 the new computer systems which will handle the fines will not be operational until November 25. From that date onwards you will be able to be informed of your fine by email or SMS message, and instead of being published in the provincial bulletins the fines will be published instead on a webpage. This is the third revision of the Ley de Tráfico approved by the Zapatero Government, and Rubalcaba said there will be no more changes. The Ministry of the Interior is to send a letter to the 25 million Spanish drivers to inform them of the changes with a leaflet which contains the main details.

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moving, she said. A few members of the congregation, who do not usually go to mass, walked out in disgust the last time Antoni stripped off and began to beat himself up – unaware that he was mentally ill. Antoni was born in Girona in 1932 and worked as a missionary in Guatemala before returning to Spain.

Another reform simplifies the Traffic Law in Spain. Spain's new traffic law comes into effect on May 25th, after being approved at the end of last year, and on Monday the Minister for the Interior, Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba, warned that life will be much more complicated for those drivers who do not pay their fines. Some parts of the Spanish media are referring to the new law as the

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David Cameron talks to Zapatero on the phone about the economy. BRITISH prime minister David Cameron spoke to José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero by telephone yesterday to discuss the European economy. Cameron received a telegram from Zapatero shortly after Gordon Brown's resignation, congratulating him on his new post. During their 'warm and cordial' telephone conversation, they are said to have examined various possible measures for reducing their respective state deficits and helping Europe drag itself out of the recession. Zapatero has already announced drastic cuts this week, which include the abolition of the 2,500-euro 'baby cheque', a five-per-cent reduction in civil servants' salaries, and a cut in state pensions. These measures are expected to save 5,000 million euros by the end of 2010 and a further 10,000 million in 2011. Cameron also revealed to Zapatero that the new British coalition government intends to make public spending cuts this year to the tune of 7,000 million euros. They both commented on the great relationship between Spain and the UK, which they hope to see go from strength to strength, and agreed to continue to support mutual investments between the two countries. One of the UK's greatest investments in Spain, the two heads of state agreed, is tourism.

Man who shot burglar in self-defence to pay 300,000 euros' compensation A MAN who shot dead a burglar in his home has been ordered

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by the court to pay 300,000 euros in compensation to the deceased's family. The prosecution service called for a seven-year jail sentence for Joaquín R.S., a builder by trade, whilst the two surviving burglars only face a year each in prison. A court heard that the accused was at his second home in Arganda del Rey (Madrid) when he heard intruders smashing the lock on the front door. Fearing for his life, he fired shots in the direction of the noise. Ramón Jiménez Bruno died instantly when he was hit by a bullet. Following a DNA test to prove they were related, the six children of the deceased have been awarded 50,000 euros each in compensation, payable by Joaquín R.S. Joaquín, who has been in custody since the incident in May 2009, will now not have to go to prison. After the verdict, he said he felt 'calm' about the situation.



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I'd like to explain how my most recent duty with detainees passed. As I told you, they are 24-hour duties which start at 12.01 at night and finish at 12.00 the following night. There is an agreement between the Bar Association and the law enforcement agencies in which the latter are obliged to avoid calling the lawyers from 10.00 at night until 6 in the morning except in cases of extreme urgency that require immediate attention, the Catalan police (Mossos d'Esquadra) tend to comply with the agreement but on the contrary, the local police force almost never do.

Well, returning to my last duty, which was, by the way, Friday the 30th of April, I have to say that I had a quiet night without any calls, and the day passed in the following way:

08.00: I received the first call from the Catalan Police station and was asked to later assist 5 detainees at 5pm who were in the cells. There was a drug trafficking case (hashish and cocaine), one detainee for domestic violence, two more for shoplifting in a supermarket and a last case of robbery with assault, all the offences being quite habitual. I made a note of the appointment and went to the office.

09.25: I was called by the police court and they told me a fast-track trial had been set up at 10am for drunk driving. So, without wasting time, I went to the court. Once there, the official who deals with the lawyers gave me a copy of the police statement and indicated who would be my first client of the day. It was a 47-year-old man who the previous day had been to the house of some friends for dinner, had 3 or 4 glasses of wine with the meal and a whiskey afterwards, plus 3 martinis which he added to our conversation. Well, when he was going home at about 11.30 pm, he encountered a police patrol and after taking a breathalyser test gave a result of 0.70, in this case was an offence. After having studied the statement, I told him that the established legal procedure had been followed

and that our chances of obtaining an acquittal were slim so I advised him that the best thing to do would be to admit the facts and make a deal with the public prosecutor. He agreed with my suggestion and, seeing as it was the first time he had committed an offence, the prosecutor applied the minimum sentence,

that is, a fine of 5€ per day for six months, confiscation of driving licence for one year and a day and thirty-one days community work. Since he had admitted to the facts a reduction of one third was applied. After appearing before the judge the agreement was validated and my client handed in his licence. The process had lasted two and a half hours.

13.00: I assisted two people charged with an offence of concealing property, whom had not been detained. The examining magistrate questioned them and afterwards told them that whilst the proceedings lasted they had to put in an appearance on the 1st and 15th of each month.

15.00: I went to the cafeteria to have a sandwich and a coffee and to put in order the morning's statements. 17.00: As agreed previously, I presented myself at the Catalan Police station. First of all I assisted a young man of 23 who had been detained for drug trafficking. He had been caught with 15 cocaine joints and 7 pieces of hashish, prepared and ready for sale. Besides that, 480€ in small wrinkled notes had been found concealed in a bandage around his arm. I advised him not to make a statement to the police but only before a judicial authority. Following my advice, he refused to make a statement and the officers left the room so we could speak in private.

The lad was frankly worried, he told me he had no work, neither did he study, that the situation at home was very complicated, both parents were unemployed...there were problems in paying the rent and unpaid bills were accumulating. Between sobs he said that he was a habitual drug user and that he and his girlfriend consumed a minimum of 2 grams daily and financed the doses with the money obtained from selling... he was desperate because he also owed money to his supplier and didn't know how he was going to pay, especially now that the merchandise and the money had been seized. He confessed to me that perhaps prison was his only salvation. I listened to him without interrupting and waited for him to calm down...

(I will continue the account in my next article....)

by David Piqué

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Marketing director for beleaguered giant oil company BP announced a new "Harvest Your Own Oil" program for US consumers. Newly employed, Mr. Matthews stated that the problem with deep sea oil has previously been that it is "deep down in the sea," but that thanks to BP's recent technological advances, "that is no longer the case." "Now," he said, "we have lots of surface oil that anyone with two, or even one hand, can harvest themselves." Matthews explained that American consumers are always enthused with "do-it-yourself" projects and other harvesting programs such as "pick-your-own" fruits and vegetables. "Now," he said, "the American consumer can harvest his or her own crude oil."

For just a few dollars a gallon, people can come out with bleach bottles or milk cartons or whatever, and get their own crude. For everyone who has been asking how to help with cleaning up the Gulf oil spill, Mathews explained that this program will do that too. Volunteerism and self sufficiency at the same time. When asked by this reporter if the program "Would be killing two birds with one stone?" Matthews twisted his face in a very uncharitable expression and said "No, not at all, poor choice of words."

A more detailed explanation of the program will be available from corporate shortly and will be released to all news media.



Ex Prime Minister Gordon Brown has been found hiding in a cupboard near the Cabinet Office at No.10 Downing Street.

The discovery was made by cleaning staff shortly after Prime Minister Cameron's historic first Cabinet Meeting of the Liberal-Tory coalition.

Brown is reportedly in a dishevelled state and it was revealed he has been living in the cupboard for the past 48 hours. He has drilled a small hole into the adjoining wall of the Cabinet Office and it seems was able to overhear the full proceedings. Officials at No. 10 are deciding how he can be removed, the difficulty being he is claiming Security of Tenure under the 1976 Housing Act.

A spokesperson for No.10 said "We are unsure of his motives. Brown is being somewhat uncommunicative. There are fist marks on the cupboard walls and we are particularly concerned about his toilet arrangements."



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CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

A busy month for work is in store, dear Capricorn, but your social life is not suffering. New and exciting energy is brought to your domestic life this month. There may be a scurry of activity in your home and with your family in June, or opportunities to move or expand that seem to come out of the blue.



AQUARIUS Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A feel-good month is in your forecast. You are feeling especially enthusiastic, creative, and generous. A new friend may be part of the picture. New insights and developments in learning areas, studies, with siblings, or in activity surrounding the communications industry can be had in June.



PISCES Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

Excitement is likely to revolve around finances and possessions for you this month. There might be a sudden change in financial position, even a windfall or significant gift, a sudden urge to spend or invest money, a new money-making idea or project that seems to come out of nowhere, or new insights into money, money-making ability, or self-worth.



ARIES Mar. 21 - Apr. 20

Your love life is certainly exciting this month, dear Aries, and you're feeling especially amorous and affectionate, ready to go out on a limb for love. Your confidence runs high in general, and the desire to break free from restricting or limiting circumstances is strong.



TAURUS Apr. 21 - May 21

Your romantic life picks up pace this month, dear Taurus, although it's not without its fair share of drama. Some adjustments and changes are necessary in order to bring harmony back to this area of your life. June is a good money month for you.



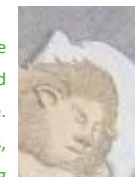
GEMINI May 22 - Jun. 22

Socially, June brings excitement and opportunity, dear Gemini. Meeting new people, sudden new friendships, and, for some of you, partnership opportunities are themes this month. Experimentation is especially important to you, as you are feeling adventurous and courageous.



CANCER Jun. 23 - Jul. 22

Finances are strong for you this month, dear Cancer, and many of you will be enjoying gifts and bonuses. The first three weeks of the month find you more introspective than usual. Many of you are putting a lot of energy into studies and projects. Sudden or unexpected career opportunities are likely in June.



LEO Jul. 23 - Aug. 23

Love is exciting and perhaps a little exotic for you this month. Certainly, you are experiencing inner stirrings that prompt you to explore on a romantic level, whether that means spicing up an existing relationship, taking it to a whole new level, or meeting a romantic partner for singles.



VIRGO Aug. 24 - Sep. 23

Work matters are in the forefront for you in June. You're especially busy and often turned to for advice and requests. You face any problem with energy, confidence, and courage, but can be a little impatient if things aren't moving fast enough. Sudden developments in the financial or emotional support you receive are likely now, and they seem promising.



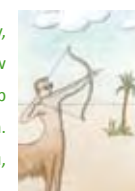
LIBRA Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Sudden opportunities with or through a partner arise this month, dear Libra. A surprising circumstance or sudden change of attitude can occur and jolt you out of your usual routine when it comes to relationships. Domestic matters require special attention in the last week of June.



SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Opportunities and new insights come in the areas of work and health this month, dear Scorpio. Some of you will become especially excited and hopeful about a new health and wellness program and this lifts your spirits to new heights, giving you a sense of having a new lease on life.



SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21

An exciting and uplifting month is in store for you, dear Sagittarius. Your creative juices are flowing and you are feeling especially demonstrative, confident, and adventurous. Romance and partnership are strong, and your personal magnetism gets a pleasing boost.



Sand flies



Leishmaniasis

We are all too aware of the reality that there has been a lot of rain these past few months. This will mean that there should be lots of wildflowers blooming this Spring, unfortunately they are not the only benefactors of the abundant water. This will be a record year for lots of other organisms in the countryside, many of them less desirable like mosquitoes to name but one. This is a warning about external parasites including of course fleas, ticks, and sand flies, as well as the internal parasites that may accompany them. There will also be an increase in the populations of leeches around lakes, rivers, and reservoirs. It's also time to think once again about the Procession Caterpillar and the danger to us and our animals it represents. Animal owners and carers should be aware of this reality and institute the necessary control and preventative measures best suited to their particular pets and their environment. If you have any doubts or questions as to how best to proceed you should consult your Veterinarian for guidance in your particular case.

Leishmaniasis is an important disease and the parasite is transmitted by blood-sucking sand flies with approximately two million new cases every year and one tenth of the world's population at risk of infection. When the sandfly

bites the parasite is passed on to the dog. It attacks the immune system which leaves the dog unable to fight infections and disease's as well as a healthy one. The maximum risk of infection in our part of Spain is between May – September. At the moment there is no cure for canine leishmaniasis as the parasite continues to live in the bone marrow but there are drugs available to manage the disease. The main drugs used in Spain are Glucantime, Alopurinol and Levamisol.

Glucantime – An injection given into a muscle in the back leg – Kills the parasite

Alopurinol – Tablet – Given to protect the kidneys

Levamisol – Tablet – Antiparasite and increases the dogs defence's

There are ways to protect your dog although none are 100% effective. A Scalibor collar seems to be the most effective, they are still active when wet and also control tick and fleas. Care should be taken when fitting a new collar as some dogs can have a reaction to them.

Symptoms of leishmaniasis can include – severe weight loss, lethargy, depression, hair loss, lesions, dermatitis, distended stomach, nose bleeds.



Dog Roots

known as the Yangtze River in China some 16,000 years ago. A recent study has revealed this fact, the existence of only one place of origin but not just one wild ancestor, according to a joint study carried out by a team of Chinese and Swedish scientists. This study was based upon an analysis of DNA from dogs all over the world. The first dogs of eastern Asia ended up in the stomachs of their owners. One of the principal authors of the study, Peter Savolainen from the Stockholm Institute of Technology, believes that the dog was first started on the road to domestication from several hundred wolves. This implies that they played an important part in the culture of human beings. In a previous study, published in Science in 2002, the research carried out by Carles Vilà, put forth the idea that humans used dogs to hunt. This serves as the explanation as to why they migrated together some 13,000 years ago from Asia to America. According to P. Savolainen, in his paper published in Molecular Biology and Evolution, surprisingly concluded that the first dogs found in eastern Asia ended up in the stomachs of their owners, unlike their European descendants that were used as guards or for shepherding

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Sisi female 1.5 years strong character

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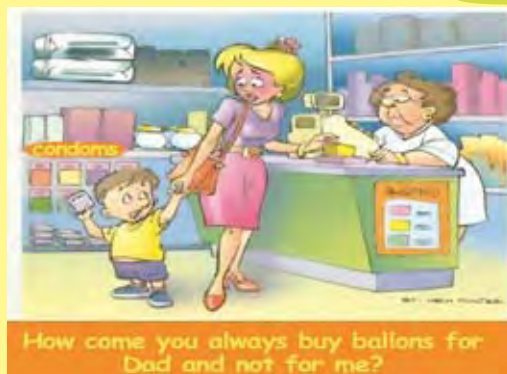
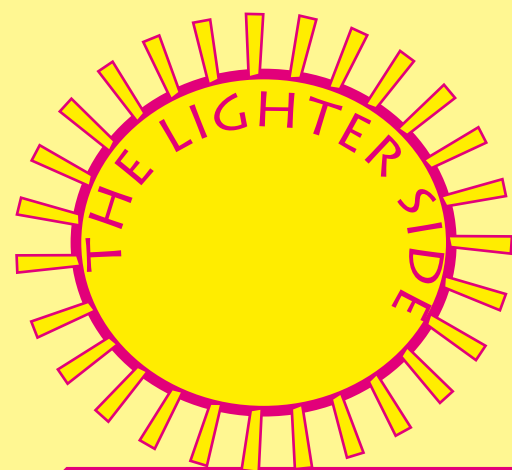
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ADVICE FROM A RETIRED HUSBAND:

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is Jim. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Terri. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Terri to get a full-time job along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work.

Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner.. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner.

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed. Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points.

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the lawn. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while.. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Terri. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

Signed,
Jim

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Jim died suddenly on February 7 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Calloway extra-long 50-inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his rear end, with barely 5 inches of grip showing, and a sledge hammer laying nearby. His wife Terri was arrested and charged with murder. The all-woman jury took only 10 minutes to find her Not Guilty, accepting her defense that Jim, somehow without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club.



LIFE LESSONS

Lesson 4

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing.

A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, 'Can I also sit like you and do nothing?'

The eagle answered: 'Sure, why not.' So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Moral of the story:

To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Signs You Drink Too Much Coffee

- You answer the door before people knock.
- Juan Valdez named his donkey after you.
- You ski uphill.
- You grind your coffee beans in your mouth.
- You haven't blinked since the last lunar eclipse.
- You lick your coffee pot clean.
- You're the employee of the month at the local coffee house and you don't even work there.
- Your eyes stay open when you sneeze.
- You chew on other people's fingernails.
- Your T-shirt says, "Decaffeinated coffee is the devil's blend."
- You can type sixty words per minute ... with your feet.
- You can jump-start your car without cables.
- Cocaine is a downer.
- You don't need a hammer to pound nails.
- Your only source of nutrition comes from "Sweet & Low."
- You don't sweat, you percolate.
- You buy 1/2 & 1/2 by the barrel.
- You've worn out the handle on your favourite mug.
- You go to AA meetings just for the free coffee.
- You walk twenty miles on your treadmill before you realize it's not plugged in.
- You forget to unwrap candy bars before eating them.
- Charles Manson thinks you need to calm down.
- You've built a miniature city out of little plastic stirrers.
- People get dizzy just watching you.
- You've worn the finish off your coffee table.
- The Taster's Choice couple wants to adopt you.
- Starbucks owns the mortgage on your house.
- Your taste buds are so numb you could drink your lava lamp.
- Instant coffee takes too long.
- When someone says, "How are you?", you say, "Good to the last drop."
- You want to be cremated just so you can spend the rest of eternity in a coffee can.
- Your birthday is a national holiday in Brazil.
- You're offended when people use the word "brew" to mean beer.
- You have a picture of your coffee mug on your coffee mug.
- You can thread a sewing machine, while it's running.
- You can outlast the Energizer bunny.
- You short out motion detectors.
- You don't even wait for the water to boil anymore.
- Your nervous twitch registers on the Richter scale.
- You think being called a "drip" is a compliment.
- You don't tan, you roast.
- You can't even remember your second cup.
- You help your dog chase its tail.



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The night of June 23rd, or Sant Joan as it is known in Spain, is a huge celebration, without a doubt one of the most traditional and popular days. Since ancient times, just at the arrival of the summer solstice on the evening of June 21st, people have welcomed in the warmer weather with celebrations of fire, the ritual flames consuming all as a sign of rebirth and renewed life.

Father's Day in UK 20TH JUNE 2010

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Football mania seems to have gripped our nation. Something called the 'World Cup' is happening in South Africa and it's very important. So important in fact that we are all expected to wear special underpants with the England logo on, as if that is going to make any difference to the team's performance. There is an assumption, of course, that we all give a damn. Football was banned at my secondary school. Anyone caught at a match, or playing it, would be flogged. Going further back to junior school days I was taken on a trip to a Schoolboy International at Wembley. This was the proper Wembley, not the one we have now where the grass has to be rolled up like a Cyril Lord carpet after ever game. You may think such awesome surroundings would have a lasting effect on a small lad. Alas all I enjoyed was the Community singing before the match and the marching band during the interval, or should that be half-time?

When you weigh it up the whole ritual of football is a bit strange. Thousands of people, mainly men, gather around a field whilst a bunch of beautifully coiffured individuals with their underpants showing run round a after a ball pausing only occasionally to give their fellow players a girly hug & a peck on the cheek. After the match they all go and sit in a big bath together and play hide the soap. Any hint of injury or a bit of pain during the match and they are writhing a round in simulated agony whilst a man in black shorts who, I'm informed, is fatherless, blows a whistle and waves bits of coloured cardboard. The unfortunate individual is then carted off having damaged his delicate ankle, or worse still, with something called groin strain, whatever that is. Now I once met a bunch of male ballet dancers who were rehearsing at our local theatre. I appreciate that ballet is not recognised



as the most masculine of occupations. These guys had foot and leg injuries which were not only painful but would have had your average International football player in cotton wool for months. Undaunted, agony or not, these dancers went on stage night after night giving an A1 performance because that was what they were paid to do. I rest my case.

Then there are the spectators, or fans. They come in all shapes and sizes, usually extra large because of the pies they consume. Quite often they are in various states of inebriation including, apparently, our local Number 1 one fan, Delia Smith. She has been witnessed coming onto the ground yelling "Let's be havin' you" one suspects somewhat worse for the cooking sherry. Not a good example to the young. Football players are also renowned for not being the brightest of individuals. I appreciate this is probably a bit unfair, but a fair indicator is their taste in female companions. Most famous is the woman who is deluded enough to think she can sing, but bright enough to attach herself to one David Beckham who is, apparently, a God and a rich one at that. David was heard one day celebrating with shouts of "45 days, 45 days!" Posh, the 'singer', asks him why he's celebrating and David replies, "Well Victoria, I've done this jigsaw in only 45 days." "Is that good then David?" asks Posh. "You bet", said the jubilant David, "It says 3 to 6 years on the box."

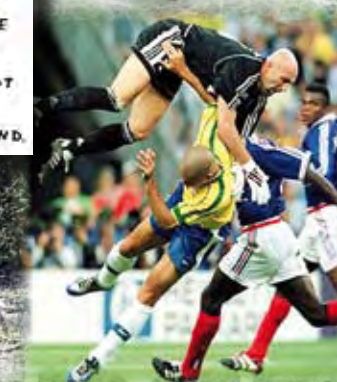
As you head for the other side of the world to be fleeced, mugged, overcharged for accommodation which is a hundred miles away from where you want to be clutching an overpriced counterfeit ticket I can only say that you brought it upon yourself. © Mike Stevens 2010

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According to the The Encyclopedia of British Football: "Many players used to buy their boots on the small side and stand in a hot bath allowing them to expand, the aim being to mould the boot to suit the size of their feet."



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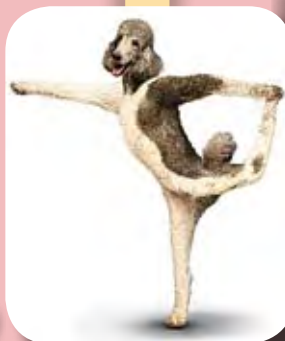


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YOGA FOR ALL



Finally, it's beach weather again, yet we face that unwelcome moment when it's time to reveal our winter weary bodies to the sun. A few days of yoga and detoxification can really make a big difference. So how does yoga help?

When the mind, body and spirit have been purified through the various practices of yoga, the overall result is an increase in the flow of prana (energy) through the whole body, improving our capacity to work, think, digest, taste, feel, and experience life. And not only do these practices make us feel more alive, they also foster our spiritual development, inner awareness and equanimity. Purification (saucha) is a central aim of all the yogic practices, and is the first principle of self-discipline (niyama) in Patanjali's eight-limbed approach. The yogis

have discovered that impurities in our internal body adversely affect our state of mind, and prevent the attainment of real enjoyment of life. Through the yogic practices of asana (yoga poses), pranayama (breath work), tapas (self discipline), and shatkarma (cleansing of the body), the body and the mind become cleansed and our enjoyment of life is accelerated. The physical postures of

yoga purify the body through movements that increase and improve the flow of blood, oxygen and prana (life force energy) in the tissues, muscles and organs. The yoga poses squeeze and massage the muscles and organs to move out old stagnant blood and bring in fresh blood full of nutrients and oxygen. In the more dynamic postures, heat is created and sweat is produced to facilitate the release of toxins through the pores of the skin.

The breathing techniques of pranayama purify the mind and body through the balance and cultivation of energy throughout the whole body. Different pranayamas have different actions on the body and thus different purifying effects. Kapalabhati (breath of fire) is warming and energizing, purifying the body through the creation of heat and the movement of energy. Nadi Sodhana

(alternate nostril breath) is calming and cleansing, purifying the body through reducing stress and removing blockages in the nadis (energy channels).

The self-discipline of Tapas purifies the mind and spirit through the "burning up" of the desires in our mind. Basically, Tapas is engaging the will to do some action you do not want to do or not doing some action



you want to do (Cutting down on cigarettes for example). This creates a conflict between our will and the desire of our mind producing an internal "fire" which illuminates and burns up our mental and physical impurities.

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THE HISTORY OF FLAMING JUNE AS PICTURED ON THE FRONT COVER



You can see the original here in the photograph of Leighton's studio taken in 1895, and the reproduction in which it is now framed in the Museo de Arte de Ponce.

Flaming June was painted c.1895 and first exhibited at the Royal Academy in London. It was not sold however, and, as Leighton died the following year, it came to reside with his family. By the 1930s when Victorian art was out of fashion, and Leighton's work could be had for £200, Flaming June ended up in a hairdresser's salon in Albemarle Street, Mayfair. There were surely other owners, but eventually the painting was so unappreciated that it was walled-up, hidden behind paneling in a house on Clapham Common, S. London. This wasn't known until 1962 when, during demolition work, the painting was uncovered.

The revelation however, was not to be the painting's salvation. The demolition contractors were clearly modernists and naturally thought nothing of the artwork, so they sold the piece for the value in its frame. This was not an unreasonable notion as Victorian subjects were not only unfashionable by this time, but distinctly passé. Yet the frame was of Leighton's distinctive tabernacle style strongly influenced by Renaissance altarpieces and Greek architecture. A Polish frame-maker in Clapham concurred and priced the painting at £50 and the frame at £60. At this point the original frame appears to have been lost. As for the painting, £50 proved too expensive for at least

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one potential buyer, who saw Flaming June in a shop window without its frame with a £50 price tag on it - and didn't buy it. "I was 15," he said, "and I didn't have fifty pounds". That young man was Andrew Lloyd-Webber, now one of the world's leading collectors of Victorian art. The painting finally arrived for sale in London's West End. The interest in historically correct framing and the centenary exhibition of Lord Leighton's work at the Royal Academy prompted a reproduction of the original frame to be made by Arnold Wiggins & Sons. Information from the Wiggins Picture Frame Archive and drawings

and casts made from Leighton's original frames made it possible for an accurate reproduction to be made.

The painting fell to the Victorian picture-dealer Jeremy Maas, who tried to persuade every museum director in England to buy it - without success. Mr. Maas eventually sold it to the Governor of Puerto Rico, Luis A. Ferre, who presided over a most astonishing increase in the picture's value.

Sotheby's and Christie's visited Puerto Rico every year for two decades, lavishing lunches and dinners on Mr. Ferre and trying, and failing, to persuade him to sell. Of course, by now, in 1996 to be precise, Lord Lloyd-Webber had managed to scrape together his fifty pounds. He offered six million for it. He sent letters of appeal. Nor was his offer the only one. It is wanted by Isabel Goldsmith, John Schaeffer and Jerry Davis, the big hitters in this market; and wanted by every art collector who sees this as the most luscious Victorian painting.

Charming, smiling, Don Luis resisted more than 50 offers and kept the picture for 40 years until his death three years ago at the age of 99. He left a large art collection, much of it hanging in the Museo de Arte in Ponce, but his trophy is Flaming June.



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- 2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 450g (1lb) fresh cherries, pitted and halved
- 175g (6oz) grated carrots
- 3 spring onions, thinly sliced
- 5 tablespoons flaked almonds
- 12 lettuce leaves

Instructions

- Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a large frying pan over medium high heat. Add ginger and chicken and saute until cooked through, about 7 to 10 minutes. Set aside.
- In a large bowl, whisk together the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil, vinegar, teriyaki sauce and honey until mixed together. Add chicken mixture, cherries, carrot, spring onion and almonds, toss together.
- To serve: spoon 1/12 of the chicken / cherry mixture onto the centre of each lettuce leaf, roll up leaf around filling and serve.

Fresh Cherry Pie Filling

- 2 cups fresh pitted cherries
- 1/2 cup water
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- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

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- 1 cup of Milk.
- 1 can Cherry pie filling.

Preparation:

- Mix the sour cream and brown sugar; set aside.
- In a separate bowl, combine the pancake mix, egg and milk.
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Phew, turbulent times indeed! Cancelled flights, volcanic clouds, rollercoaster financial markets and volatile exchange rates... Cameron and Clegg usher in a worrying New Era of austerity and public spending control.

Back in Spain and in the face of growing international fears for the country's financial stability, president Zapatero —apparently persuaded by a phone call from Obama— drops his 'no reduction in social policies' mantra and announces a 5% civil service pay cut, a public sector salary/pension freeze and other drastic cost-saving plans. Meanwhile, in Barcelona, fellow socialist and Generalitat President José Montilla reveals matching cuts, plus some extra measures that will affect anyone planning to buy or sell a property in Catalonia. Here's a look at what's in store:

Higher IVA tax in July

The *Impuesto sobre Valor Añadido* is the Spanish equivalent of the UK's Value Added Tax. It is applied at three rates: 4%, 7% and 16%.

Last year the Spanish government announced plans to increase the 7% and 16% rate to 8% and 18% respectively (the extra-reduced 4% rate remains unchanged) to bring IVA more in line with VAT tax in other European countries.

This comes into effect in July 2010.

On new-build properties IVA is currently charged at 7%, which will rise to 8% in July. So for example, on a new build apartment costing 100.000 euros, purchase costs will rise by 1.000 euros.



The decision to increase the tax this July was based on predictions that Spain would be halfway out of recession by then. But despite a few encouraging signs many fear that a hike in IVA rates will have a drastic effect on consumer spending.

Resale properties: planned increase in ITP tax

In Catalonia, the Generalitat apparently plans to increase the *Impuesto sobre Transmisiones Patrimoniales* from 7% to 8%. This is the tax buyers pay when they purchase a resale property.

While this does not mean a huge increase in the total cost of buying a property it will hardly help the market, which is finally beginning to show signs of recovery. Another tax the Generalitat may increase is the *Impuesto sobre Actos Jurídicos Documentados* (IAJD), which would raise mortgage set-up costs.

So if you have found a property you really like, don't delay

and buy it!

If you are transferring pounds to euros or vice versa, bear in mind that the exchange rate is extremely volatile. On the Monday after the UK election the exchange variation throughout the day could have made a difference of a few thousand euros on a 200.000 euro purchase.

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Cédulas for rural properties: no change in sight

Six months on from the sudden restriction on issuing habitation certificates for rural dwellings and despite rumours of high-level meetings behind the scenes, little seems to have changed.

Some sellers have apparently managed to sell by 'rectifying' the land registry description at the moment of sale, so the property is no longer described as a dwelling but as 'a building', thus removing the need for the *cédula*. But it remains to be seen if the banks will finance such properties...

Spanish rural homeowners in the Terres de l'Ebre area are now waking up to the fact that their rural houses are affected too. Some can no longer pay the mortgages granted before this ruling made their homes unsaleable.

Surely it is time local authorities, banks, notaries and land registries found an answer to this? Perhaps Obama should have another word with Zapatero...

In the mean time, if you have a *cédula* story please post it on Greg's blog at <http://ceduladehabitabilidad.wordpress.com>, particularly if you have managed to get a *cédula* for a rural dwelling.

And a little good news...

The Spanish government has reduced IVA on certain types of refurbishment work for primary homes owned by residents of Spain. Generally speaking, this means IVA will be applied at the 7% reduced rate (8% as from July) as opposed to the general rate of 16% (18% from July).

Eligible work includes:

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- Some structural extension work.
- Renovation of facades, internal patios and light/ventilation shafts.
- Refurbishment to improve disabled access.
- Improvements to windows and doors, electrical/plumbing installations, fire protection, energy efficiency and insulation.

So far I haven't been able to find an English-language information source about how to get the reduced rate applied — I will try to find out for next month's issue.

Remember that for this type of work the Generalitat has grants available too, apparently the application deadline is mid-June 2010. If you feel you could benefit, call the Generalitat's 012 information line; they have English-speaking operators.

Local market trends

Economic gloom and doom aside, things are surprisingly brisk in certain areas and price ranges, with predominantly Spanish/Catalan, French and Dutch buyers. I am seeing a good level of interest for houses on the Tres Cales estate up to 250.000 euros and strong demand for anything under 200k.

Barcelona residents are still buying cheaper village houses within a 2-hour drive of the Catalan capital; price cap is around 140.000 euros. Others want *fincas* with renovated houses, but usually require a mortgage, so a *cédula* de habitabilidad is generally needed. Price limit around 200.000 euros.

As always, comments welcome and please contact me if I can help you in any way!

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He has lived in Catalonia since 1986.

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2) Grants for books. - this application has to be in by the end of September. Note: there are usually discounts for books for members of AMPA, the Parents Association.

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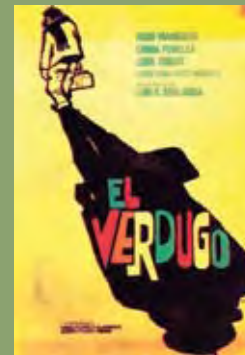
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Olives & popcorn



Welcome to Olives & Popcorn, your monthly guide to great Spanish based films that in my opinion should not be ignored. Any comments are welcome. Also if you want to know more about a particular film and how to get a copy again get in touch via my email below. This month I will go back through the mists of time to present one of Spain's golden oldies from 1963, and was voted as one of the best Spanish films of all time... *El Verdugo* (The Executioner, English title: *Not on your Life*) The story starts with the main character (an old executioner in Spain in the early 60's) approaching retirement age. As his profession is quite rare, he (a very gentle and nice man, caring, and proud of traditions) begins to worry about who might take his place when he retires. He has a daughter, but, unfortunately, she seems doomed to perpetual "spinsterhood": as soon as any prospective groom learns about her dad and her dad's "trade", he runs away from her, scared. However, a new character enters: the local undertaker, a young handsome man who has exactly the same problem... No girl wants him given his profession. So, you have the woman whom almost nobody would marry and the man whom almost nobody would marry. Obviously, they are meant for

each other. But here the old executioner has something to say: He does not object to her daughter marrying the young undertaker; he seems a decent man, but only on condition that if the groom agrees to take the executioner's job when he retires. And, anyway, as the old executioner says to the worried young man.... "Don't worry, they sentence people, but, in the last moment, they pardon them.

Overview: *El Verdugo* was the eighth feature film written and directed by Luis García Berlanga in collaboration with his longtime associate, Rafael Azcona. The story pivots upon the fate of a pleasant, if somewhat timid, young undertaker whose dream is to go to Germany and become a mechanic. This dream is thwarted when he happens to meet the executioner in a prison where both of them are plying their trade. In spite of the aversion that the young man (and everyone else) feels for the executioner, he not only ends up marrying the executioner's daughter, but even takes over his father-in-law's business. *El Verdugo* is a farce or domestic comedy filled with macabre touches and scenes of black humour in which the taboos associated with death are transgressed. Even the actual mode of execution is the subject of morbid jokes as the executioner, who garrots his victims, measures the neck size of his future son-in-law. The film is punctuated with these bits of gallows humor as well as with comic reversals that take the audience by surprise. A fine example of this occurs at the end of the movie when the young executioner is carried kicking and screaming like the victim into the prison where he will perform his first execution. Berlanga's irreverent treatment of death is symptomatic of a tendency found in all of his movies, to send up pomposity and pretensions, and to deflate generally accepted values and beliefs. In one sense, the film is about two outcasts, the undertaker and the executioner's daughter, both of whom are avoided by everyone. When they join together, it is with the hope of having a better life, but as Berlanga demonstrates, these hopes cannot be realized. Like other protagonists in Berlanga's film, the undertaker becomes caught up in a destiny which he

did not choose. He is a victim of innocent concessions made along the way that ultimately lead him to be sentenced to his fate of becoming the executioner. He is the true victim, the one who is strangled in a web of circumstances beyond his control, caught up in the system of justice and retribution that is all encompassing. In the context of Franco's Spain, the ideological dimensions of this message are that as the executioner tells his son-in-law, where there's a law, someone has to pleasantly or not enforce it.

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CHALLENGES OF GARDENING IN CATALUNYA

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So this year's squash etc will have to feed on a hole filled with a mix of home made compost and composted chicken, sheep and goat manures soaked in a comfrey tea. If you are living inland especially in a river valley the ingredients should be available and unlike us who have to flood our allotment weekly from an Arab style channelled watering system, continuous water can be available from a pump from the river or shallow well.

This month we make a 180 degree switch from productive "gardening in the sky" along the coast to gardening on the riverbank inland. At the time of reading the March edition of "The Olive Press" we were preparing part of our mountainside allotment for planting pumpkin, squash and courgette seeds. When Dick read the advert for Riverside Lodge he remembered the trick of Norfolk champion marrow and pumpkin growers burying a pike caught in the fen drains under a layer of horse manure and soil to provide all the nutrients required for giant veg. His immediate thoughts were why not a giant catfish instead of a pike especially as the River Authorities would like some of the illegally introduced catfish removed from the Ebro. With thoughts of a giant pumpkin he set off for two days fishing with Mary and Mike at the Riverside Lodge. Unfortunately the only catfish hooked broke the line but a sizeable native carp – returned to the river to get bigger, made up for the disappointment.

Also unlike the rocky valley sides the now largely abandoned Ebro valley floor is a sandy loam, rather easier to work for growing flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables than the hard red clay we started with. The only real constraint being the cold winter months and frosts from the riverside mist and the hottest days of summer. But if plantings are restricted to frost and drought resistant plants much can be achieved and recognise for example, that broad beans will be best planted in the autumn rather than the spring.

As a result of the good cooking and fishing and a request from local readers of "The Olive Press" Dick is returning to inland gardening country early in July and will be giving a talk and question and answer session at 15.00 on Tuesday 6th July at the Riverside Lodge. More details from Mary on 605 422 890 and Dick plan's to bring some comfrey plants for local vegetable growers.

If any club or group on the coast would like the same during the morning or afternoon of Thursday 8th July contact Dick on yourgardeninspain@hotmail.com.

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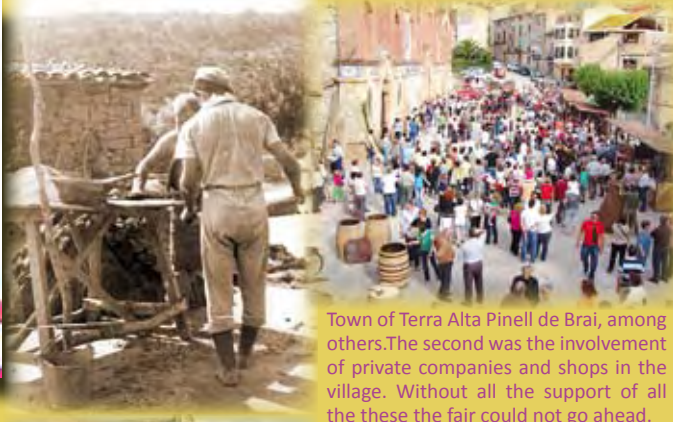
PinellArt, a craft fair which takes place in El Pinell de Brai, is in its third year. The aim is to demonstrate the variety of handmade crafts that are in the Lands of the Ebro and Catalunya. It is growing year after year by increasing the number of activities and demonstrations in order to include all the family.

History

The Fair's organization, made up by the Townhall of El Pinell de Brai and the PinellArt. The first thing was to name the Fair and as a result it was decided to call it PinellArt, unanimously voted by all members. Next was to design the logo that would give identity to the Fair, work that was entrusted to the craftsmen of the village, and it focused on a graphic image of PinellArt profile of a floating staircase located in the cellar Cooperative Pinell. Many activities would also be carried out in and around the Cooperative.

The Association, in PinellArt, wish to show many trades and handicrafts many of which are rarely used in present times from the village, from Terres de l'Ebre and from the whole Catalan territory.

The next aim was to find different lines of funding the first of them through several administrations: Crafts of Catalonia, Department of Culture and Media, Tarragona, County Council and



Town of Terra Alta Pinell de Brai, among others. The second was the involvement of private companies and shops in the village. Without all the support of all these the fair could not go ahead.



Next local craftsmen began to contact potential craftsmen from other towns who could best represent the trades of selected monographs, and become the showcase of PinellArt.



In addition there are leisure and cultural activities that complement the exhibition including: music performances, performances in the open ... and the logistics of hosting and maintenance of the artisans and the collaborators of the fair.

With great enthusiasm and involvement, from not just members of the Board, but also of the council and the entire village, dedication to collaborate and promote any act or event that could give the little town of 1,100 inhabitants, more life and identity, our first Craft Fair PinellArt.

We hope this project will consolidate and endure over time, with the same enthusiasm and respect for nature with which it has engendered.

Information: Ajuntament del Pinell de Brai, 43594 El Pinell de Brai (Catalunya)

Tel. 977 426 344 / 977 426231

ajpinelldebrai@altanet.org

www.pinellart.cat



CELLER DEL PINELL / THE CATHEDRAL OF WINE.

The municipality of El Pinell de Brai, situated in the region of Terra Alta, hides an exquisite architectural treasure: a wine cellar built at the turn of the last century amidst the surge of farming cooperatives. Many were built in Catalonia. But without a doubt no other achieved the magnificence which is to be reflected in the majestic cooperative wine cellar of El Pinell de Brai. This building is the pinnacle of farming work achieved by the architect from Tarragona, Cesar Martinell in 1919. Martinell designed not only the building itself but also the spaces to develop the production process, the machinery distribution, the fermentation processes, the design of liquid containers and the isolation systems.

The design of the building takes its inspiration from the traditional construction techniques of Catalonia. Martinell used profusely the Catalan "totxo" (brick) around the windows, columns and ceramics for decoration.

The ceramic designs, made by Xavier Nogués, represent scenes of traditional treatment of grapes and wine production.

On the 7th February 2002 this building became part of the architectural heritage, in the category of historical artistic monument.

Guided tour with tasting.

The visit consists of a guided tour which lasts approximately 45 minutes, in which the architectural structure, history of the building and other processes of wine and oil production are explained from the beginning to date. At the end of the tour you are offered a taste of red and white wine, vermouth, mistela, oil and vinegar from the cellar.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday from 11:00 to 13:00 and from 15:30 to 18:30 Sundays from 11:00 to 14:00

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GREECE ANNOUNCES NATIONAL HOLIDAY AFTER GETTING MASSIVE BAILOUT FROM EU-UK!



Declaring it a "Zorba the Greek" moment, tens of thousands of Greek citizens poured out into the streets to celebrate the announcement that a last minute financial reprieve granted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), would enable them to continue their proliferate life style whilst others toiled.

If appears that the Greeks, not known to raise a sweat in labour, but known to perspire heavily after Ouzo bouts and frenzied folk dancing, saw their ironic prophesy come true after they announced "The Rich Must Pay" when it became known that years of cooking the government's books and massive giveaways had finally come to an end and bills were due.

According to IMF officials, Britain's share of the bailout will amount to €900M a year for the foreseeable future as Britain is on the hook for 5% of the IMF's 30Billion Euros funding for "The Greek Connection."

The low interest 'loan', was issued without collateral as there are no assets worth bothering with in Greece since Socialists sold off all assets a long time ago, it is said to be only a temporary reprieve with '10's of BILLIONS' more needed over the next three years.

Hearing the good news, thousands of Greeks poured out of their homes, denuded the remaining Fig trees of their leaves, slaughtered the remaining lambs, and kicked off a massive street party with free government bought stocks of Ouzo and a complimentary Greek Salad.

Posters of Anthony Quinn as "Zorba" appeared magically around the island, as Greeks embraced Zorba's devil may care attitude of living for the moment.

The government, in order to placate 89% of the populace, who work in the public sector, announced 12% raises, a shorter work week, extended vacations to 4 months, and a Costa Rican Health Care plan since the Greeks refused to go to America for treatment after Obama adopted European Health Care Standards.

George Soros, the left leaning financial manipulator who broke the bank in 1992, said " Brits will just have to 'get off their arse, work longer, harder and forego retirement in the near run!"

Soros is said to be in line to profit big time from the bailout, as he 'went short' years ago on Greek Bonds, and is a big supporter of the theory that "Only when you have nothing, can you be truly happy." Of course Soros is only talking about people other than himself.

CHERYL COLE TO POST BAIL IN BROTHER'S ARMED ROBBERY ARREST

I blame the Tories!!



Tyneside - (Smoking Barrel Stuff): Oops! That squeaky clean glamorous sheen of stardom is beginning to look a bit tarnished.

This morning singer Cheryl Cole's errant

brother was arrested in a dawn raid on armed robbery charges.

Andrew Tweedy is among five busted following an armed attack on a post office in Longbenton, North Tyneside.

A sawn-off shotgun and a machete were involved as thousands of pounds were snatched by the masked raiders.

Tweedy is being held at a Newcastle police station where worried men in suits are poised to hand over wads of readies if and when Tweedy makes police bail.

The twentynine year-old is no stranger when it comes to the long arm of the law.

He spent his sister's wedding day to Chelsea footballer Ashley Cole behind bars and has a reported bit of previous for drink and drug-related crimes.

Sources close to the Tweedy family say Cheryl and her mum Joan are gobsmacked with shock.

SPECIAL ESCORT GROUP GOES AWOL!

The New British Prime Minister, David Cameron was sensationally left unprotected after the Special Escort Group visited "Rambo's Kebabs" on Bayliss Road in Waterloo for a celebratory snack having got rid of Gordon Brown & his annoying habit of trying to tell them the quickest way to get everywhere.

As Maggie from the control room of the Secret Police station on Lambeth Road tried desperately to contact them they were shoving doner kebabs down their necks & swigging Dr.Pepper!



"Let's have mixed meat and chips this time"

David & Sam Cameron were said to be fuming after being left to make their own way to Buckingham Palace & Downing Street where they became a mobile tourist attraction in the rush hour traffic. If anyone spots any white BMW motorcycles with a registration plate ending in SEG, please contact the missing persons unit at New Scotland Yard & ask for Superintendent Brian Panzer who's waiting for your call as his Knighthood is riding on it!

FA CUP STOLEN BY PIKEYS

Metropolitan Police Detectives are speaking to a number of people following the disappearance of the famous old FA Cup trophy from victorious Chelsea FC's Park Lane Hotel.



Having earlier defeated

Portsmouth 1-0 in the showcase Wembley Cup Final, the Chelsea team and club officials went to the hotel for a celebration dinner, leaving the trophy in the hotel safe.

Which proved to be not very safe at all.

It is believed that Didier Drogba, scorer of the winning goal and winner of the Man Of The Match award was the first member of the party to discover the loss. Rushing upstairs, Drogba alerted club Captain John Terry, and star left back Ashley Cole, who were "chatting with" some French woman and a hair stylist in a private suite and the alarm was raised.

Strangely, one of the first witnesses on the scene was Manchester United captain Rio Ferdinand. Eyewitnesses report that Ferdinand was jumping up and down in a state of high agitation, pointing towards Hyde Park Corner and shouting that it was the 'Pikeys' who had stolen the trophy.

Police immediately launched a hunt for some 'Pikeys' but only succeeded in detaining a Brazilian scaffolder based in Leytonstone, and a hopelessly inebriated woman of no fixed abode.

At the time of writing, the FA Cup has not yet been recovered, and one Met Detective told us off the record that by now the 'Pikeys' will have probably melted it down and moulded it into 'lucky' timbles which will be sold door to door by a pair of wizened old hags.

A laughing Rio Ferdinand insisted to us that: "It was the 'Pikeys' what done it!"

The original FA Cup was stolen from a Birmingham shop window in a smash and grab raid. And melted down for scrap. Probably by 'Pikeys.'

A spokesman stressed that Ian Lavender, 'Pikey' out of Dad's Army was not involved. More as we get it.



KEVIN KEEGAN WITHDRAWS FROM ENGLAND WORLD CUP SQUAD

Bewildered England football fans were left scratching their heads yet again this morning following the announcement that now veteran striker Kevin Keegan has ruled himself out of the England World Cup squad.

The devastating news broke this morning, as Keegan was released from hospital with his head in crutches. From what we have managed to glean, Keegan was changing a lightbulb at his

home last night when he slipped off a chair and fractured his perm in several places.

Keegan was rushed to North Tyneside General Hospital on the Costa Del Sol and prodded with biros by several doctors and a porter before it was announced that the damage was even worse than initial fears suggested.

Apart from a fractured perm, Keegan suffered some serious collateral split-end injuries and a partial follicle seizure. On the plus side, his PH balance was said to be stable but that in itself won't be enough for the former Newcastle United and Manchester City coach to get his mojo back.

A devastated King Kev told me:

"It's not on lads. I'm really sorry. I'm especially gutted for the fans, but I would like it - nay LOVE IT - if our lads can go out there and win it for the whole country, and especially the north-east. That would be great for the north-east that would, and England. Pass us me hairbrush Jonty will ya?"

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Hope this never happens to you. But if it does, give us a call

This month here are some tips on how to speed up Windows Vista, Please use with caution!
How to speed up Windows Vista?

Windows runs pretty well on its own, but there are many things you can do to increase performance.
I would recommend you make backups before making major changes to your system.

Enhance SATA Disk Performance and speed up Windows Vista

This guide will help you improve the performance of your SATA hard drive by enhancing write caching.

If you are not sure whether or not you have an SATA drive in your computer, please check with your manufacturer.
A quick warning: If you turn this setting on and your computer is not connected to a battery backup, losing power increases your risk of data loss or corruption. If you are using a laptop, the chances of this are unlikely as you have a battery in the laptop that will act as a power source if there is electrical shortage.

1. Click on the Start Button and type in Device Manager in the search box
 2. Hit Enter
 3. Click on the + Next to Disk Drives
 4. Right click on your hard drive and select Properties
 5. Select the Policies tab and check Enable advanced performance
 6. Now click OK and close Device Manager
- Speed up Your External Hard Drives to speed up Windows Vista

The default setting in Windows Vista disables write caching for external drives. This is done so that you can eject the drive at any time without data loss. If you are willing to eject your drive each time, you can increase the performance of your external hard drives.

To turn write caching back on and activate advanced performance, do the following:

1. Click on the Start Button and type in Device Manager in the search box and hit enter
2. Click on the + Next to Disk Drives
3. Right click on your external hard drive and select Properties
4. Select the Policies tab and select Optimize for performance
5. Check Enable write caching on the disk and Enable advanced performance
6. Click OK and reboot your computer

Move Page File to Different Physical Drive and speed up Windows Vista

If you have more than one physical drive in your computer, this guide is for you. The page file can take a considerable toll on your system drive; by moving the page file to a separate drive, you can increase overall performance. Learn how to move the Windows Vista page file to another drive in this guide.

1. Press Start, right click on Computer, and select Properties
2. In the left-hand pane, select Advanced System Settings
3. Click the Advanced tab and under Performance, select Settings...
4. Click the Advanced tab and under Virtual Memory, select Change...
5. Uncheck "Automatically Manage Paging File Size for All Drives"
6. Select the different physical drive that you want your paging file to now be stored on (e.g. D) and select System managed size and press Set. (make sure this is the first partition on the second drive)
7. Select the drive that contains your paging file (usually C), select the Custom Size option, set the original and maximum size, and press Set Your page file will now need to rebuild on the new drive - this may temporarily slow performance.

Note: The reason for keeping around 1GB on the OS drive is because Windows Vista still needs some pagefile space there.

Rebuild the Page File to speed up Windows Vista

Windows Vista creates a pagefile, which essentially acts as RAM on your hard drive. This page file speeds up access to commonly used programs and becomes fragmented over time. Rebuilding the pagefile eliminates fragmentation; learn how to rebuild the pagefile in this guide.

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2. In the left-hand pane, select Advanced System Settings
3. Click the Advanced tab and under Performance, select Settings...
4. Click the Advanced tab and under Virtual Memory, select Change...
5. Uncheck Automatically Manage Paging File Size for All Drives
6. Select the drive that contains your paging file (usually C) and select the Custom size option
7. Edit the minimum and maximum page file size to 0 and press set
8. Now restart your computer
9. Now follow steps 1-5 and replace step 6 with System managed size and press Set
10. Press OK to save and after a brief period of sluggishness, while the computer rebuilds the page file, you should notice improved speeds.

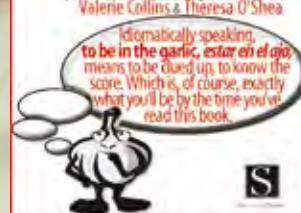
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Ch - che. From 1803 to 1994 treated as separate letter in the Real Academia dictionary and still part of the *abecedario* that children chant when they're learning their A,B,C, Ch's. Some of the most evocative, onomatopoeic words in Spanish contain at least one or more of this delicious sound: think of Chupa-chups, *chucherías* (sweeties), *chiringuito* (beach bar), *chachi* (cute, neat), *chirimiri* (drizzle), *cachivache* (knick-knack, piece of junk).

LL - elle. Along with ch, ll (pronounced more or less as 'el-ye' was also treated as a separate letter of the alphabet in the dictionary from 1803 to 1994. It still represents a separate sound (as in *calle*, *Sevilla*, *paella*, *llamar*) and is pronounced like an l but with the central part of the tongue humped up against the centre of the palate. Can't manage it? Not to worry: neither can most Spanish speakers. While upheld as the standard by the Real Academia, the palatal l sound is notoriously unstable, with pronunciation varying from one country and region to another, from y (yamar), to j (jamar) to zh or sh (shamar). The ll is also a letter/sound in its own right in Catalan, characteristically at the beginning of words as in *llet* (leche), *Llafranch* (where Tom Sharpe lives) or the double whammy Ramón Llull, the famous 13th-century philosopher from Mallorca.

Ñ - enye. A unique Spanish letter and cultural icon - as Spanish as paella, Rioja, Don Quixote and - especially - mañana. The n with a squiggle (tilde) on top developed in the Middle Ages from a double n to represent the new 'ny' sound that had developed in the spoken language. Thus *sennor* became *señor* and *sennora*, *señora*. In Portuguese this sound was represented by 'nh' and in Catalan by 'ny'. Our old Simon & Schuster (bilingual) dictionary has just 44 entries for words beginning with the letter, the



most difficult of which to pronounce is *ñoño* or *ñoña*, meaning dimwit or stupid.

RR - erre. Unlike the other two digraphs, ll and ch, rr (pronounced erre) is not considered a letter in its own right. Like the r in the initial position (*rosa*, *roca*, *receta*), it is pronounced with a rolling trill. That's the theory at any rate. To avoid sounding like a lisping English person (the Scottish have no problems), put the flap of your tongue against the roof of your mouth, think of cats purring, and hope for the best. And, if it helps, try visualising your tongue flapping around in a strong wind. Should you manage to get the hang of trilling, you can drive yourself crazy with this *trabalenguas*:

Erre con erre cigarro

Erre con erre barril

Rápido corren los autos

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How to Solve Sudoku Puzzles

Sudoku doesn't require any special math skills or calculations. It is a simple and fun game of logic -- all that's needed is brains and concentration.

1. Fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear in each row.
 2. Fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear in each column.
 3. Fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear in each 3x3 box.
 4. A complete Sudoku puzzle contains the numbers 1 through 9 in every row, column, and 3x3 box.
- This month, one with difficult classification as hard.

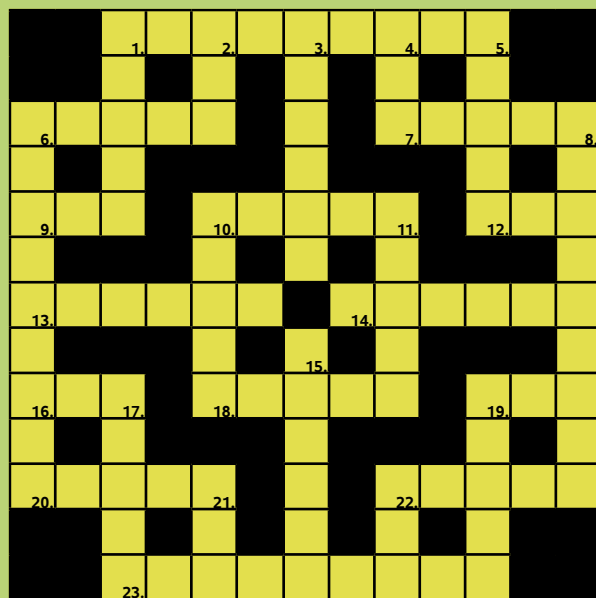


Can you spot the 10 faces?

ACROSS

1. clear / not cloudy
6. codo (e)
7. he chooses
9. salt
10. serious
12. alp
13. villain
14. coal
16. perro (E)
18. nervio (E)
19. saco (E)
20. to leave
22. bays
23. stars

SPANGLISH?-ANSWERS NEXT MONTH



DOWN

1. weak
 2. coser (E)
 3. to enter
 4. bird or train
 5. olive
 6. salads
 8. spinaches
 10. ingle (E)
 11. euforia (E)
 15. crear (E)
 17. knock
 19. rooms
 21. putrir (E)
 22. cabbage
- by Sarah
(E=translate to english otherwise to spanish)

ANSWERS TO THE MAY ISSUE OF SPANGLISH

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|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| ACROSS: | 6. cara | 12. divagar | 21. arca | 4. brava | 9. audacia | 16. calles |
| | 7. bazo | 17. antes | 22. almond | 5. organo | 13. sandia | 18. sazón |
| 1. verano | 10. elige | 19. pasta | 23. flores | 1. volver | 6. chin | 14. otro |
| 3. abrazo | 11. again | 20. ooze | | 2. norte | 8. ojal | 15. asta |

Agents d'acollida (welcoming services) When:

This facilitation & information service for people moving to the area is available with two drop-in sessions, from 2-3pm on Mondays & 6-7pm on Wednesdays. **Where:** Sala de exposició, Casa de Cultura, at the corner of C/ Colom & Cami de les Comes, El Perelló (the first floor, underneath the library) **How:** To meet at other times leave a message for Taru Burstall at the Perelló Ajuntament on 977 490 007 or email her at perelloyes@gmail.com.

Anyone who would like to be included on an email list to receive information about events, cultural activities etc, happening in the El Perelló area, please contact her via email too. People from other townships can ring their local Ajuntament to find out about the available agent d'acollida service for their area.

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• **MASONIC GROUP** | Logia de San Jorge A new English speaking lodge of Freemasons approved by GLE, has been established in this area. If you would like more information please telephone Edward Ward on 977416476 (Tarragona area) or Les Beech on 678357713 (Castellon area). logiadesanjorge@yahoo.co.uk

• **Cof E CHURCH SERVICES** | The services are on the 2nd Sunday (13 June) St Christopher's Anglican Church in

WHAT'S ON

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