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Dismissed

Police chief sacked



Mayor Antonio Moreno Ferrer



By Sally Underwood

The chief of Local Police for Velez-Málaga has been dismissed following a vote of no confidence by councillors.

Esteban Torres Garcia has had to take responsibility for the actions of his officers in an incident early in February.

Leading councillor and spokesman for the Partido Popular (PP), Francisco Delgado Bonilla, was involved in a car accident in the early hours of the morning.

Following the collision, the driver of the other car in-

involved was breathalysed but Delgado Bonilla was not.

The other driver was then found to be over the drink drive limit.

When the incident became public, an investigation was started into why officers had not tested Delgado Bonilla.

The report, published earlier this week, concluded the behaviour of the officers was 'correct, faultless, adjusted to law and congruent.'

The officers on patrol maintained that the politician did not show any signs of being under the influence of alcohol

and was not therefore tested.

But a number of councillors, including the mayor of Velez-Málaga, Antonio Moreno Ferrer, from the PSOE, claim the decision not to test Delgado Bonilla damaged the integrity of the police-councillor relationship.

This amounted to a loss of confidence on the part of the ruling coalition in Garcia, he said, and the chief of police has now been removed from office.

But the decision has angered the leadership of the PP who claim Garcia's dismissal

"is due to a campaign of political revenge against the politician and the PP."

Garcia will be replaced by the area's most senior police officer, Andres Montoya de Hombre.

Farm massacre

A FARM in Torrox has lost 21 goats and sheep after a pack of dogs attacked the animals. The attack, which is the second of its type to take place in Axarquía in the last three months, occurred on a farm between Gui and Barranco Manzano. The farm's owner, Francisco Bueno, estimate that the damage totals around €4,000.

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LOCAL NEWS

Wear and tear

THE beaches of Velez-Malaga, Torre del Mar and Motril came in for the worst battering during a spell of inclement weather over the weekend, with some sections now lacking sand and others suffering damage to walkways and beach bars. The clean-up operation has begun, with plans in place to finish the job by Easter week.

Official business

FRIGILIANA has a new mayor, with the socialist Alejandro Hererro replacing the right wing Popular Party's Jose Antonio Gonzalez Conejero, after a motion of censure was presented by Herrero's PSOE party with the support of three councillors who participated in the last elections under the PA (Andalucian Party) acronym.

Smoke alarm

A MARRIED couple from Triana were taken to Velez-Malaga Hospital having inhaled smoke from their portable coal heater. Firefighters, environmental protection officers, Local and National Police all attended the scene after the pair alerted the 112 emergency phone line, and according to firefighters, they were probably poisoned by carbon monoxide.

Dogs slaughter goats and sheep



By Sally Underwood

A FARM in Torrox has lost 21 goats and sheep after a pack of dogs attacked the animals.

The attack, which is the second of its type to take place in Axarquia in the last three months, occurred on a farm between Gui and Barranco Manzano. The farm's owner, Francisco Bueno, estimate

that the damage totals around €4,000.

Commenting, Mr Bueno said there were two attacks, one on Friday morning and another on Saturday. He explained, "when I arrived on Saturday at four in the morning I caught the dogs inside the farm attacking the goats. Thanks to the fact that I started to shout I frightened them away. If instead of arriving at four I had arrived at six in the morning they

would have killed all the animals."

The police are investigating and Mr Bueno insists the dogs are not a wild pack. He said, "they have owners, but they leave them loose and at night they leave where they live and provoke situations like this, causing enormous damage."

Mr Bueno has now moved his flock to avoid further incidents.

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Dogs die in workshop blaze

THREE dogs have died in a blaze at a carpentry workshop in Arriate. The shop was entirely overtaken by the inferno and firefighters battled to rescue the dogs, saving two but losing three.

The fire was reported on emergency line 112 shortly before midnight. Those calling emergency services reported seeing high flames coming from the workshop in

Camino Parchite. Firefighters, the Guardia Civil, Local Police and members of the Public Health Emergency Enterprise, were shortly on the scene. No people were injured but the workshop was destroyed in the blaze.

Spat over council funds

VELEZ-MALAGA'S opposition party, Partido Popular (PP), has questioned the tripartite government's payments of €11.8 million, claiming that funds were not allocated correctly.

They added that the council was

guilty of 'bad management and disorder in their accounts, with 4,600 extrajudicial bills accumulating without budgetary appropriation, which adds €11.8 million.'

The Partido Popular also claimed the government had doubled the average time in which bills were paid to suppliers from 52 days in 2015 to 106 at present.

Dolphin dies

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD female dolphin was rescued by biologists after becoming stranded on Torrox's El Morche beach, but later died.

Local residents alerted the Guardia Civil to the distressed animal. Scientists from the Aula del Mar marine biology museum were then contacted. Following its rescue, the animal was checked over and found to have parasites in its tail and a wound to its jaw.

Drug ring smashed

THE National Police have busted a family gang dedicated to drug trafficking and dismantled their extensive marihuana plantation

Officers arrested six people, five women and a man, between the ages of 28 and 53 years-old. Those involved were detained for their alleged involvement in drug trafficking, electric power fraud and belonging to a criminal organisation.

Town budget fits the bill

TORRE DEL MAR is set to benefit from an investment of almost €2.7 million, allowing construction to begin on a new National Police station.

The contract for construction has now been signed and a plot of 6,700 square metres has been chosen, of which the building will take up 2,600 square metres.

Torre del Mar's police have been using the lower section only of the current police building for around 30 years. This new building will be specially constructed to suit police

needs and improve security.

The Secretary of State for Education, Jose Antonio Nieto, explained, "it will be a new model of a police station, which will improve service to the public and the work that is carried out. The construction period is 20 months." He added there will be separate spaces for helping the public, for police and for civil servants. The building's second floor will house areas for management and administration, while the lower ground floor will offer a car park, prison area and storage.

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Postscript to ponder

8 billion

The estimated amount in euros that political corruption has cost Spain since the country became a democracy in 1978, with 175 official cases recorded.

Clean-up time!

SPAIN has been sent a final warning to comply with EU air pollution standards. If it does not show how it intends to comply with EU law within two months, a court hearing with the power to impose heavy fines could begin later this year. There are three 'air quality zones' that exceed the NO2 limits in the country, one in Madrid and two in Barcelona.

Poor air quality is believed to be the cause of an estimated 30,000 deaths a year in Spain alone. The UK has been issued a final warning for 16 air quality zones exceeding the pollution limits, including London, Birmingham and Leeds.

Ghostly fear

A COUNCILLOR claims a ghost is living in a Granada council building. A supporting photograph taken by a civic worker at the Vegas de Genil council building has been widely circulated on the internet. The councillor told the *Ideal* newspaper: "It was unusually cold in the office. I put on my coat and went to the bathroom. That's when I heard strange rustling sounds down the hallway."

Slave saved from service

THREE people suspected of subjecting a young Moroccan woman to slave-like conditions of domestic servitude have been arrested in Navarre.

The victim was handed to a family in Holland who are accused of exploiting her by making her work long hours for miniscule pay, with Spanish police describing her employment as "almost feudal."

The woman had no rights or permits and was forced to give most of her small income to her father.

When police in Holland became aware of the woman's situation they alerted colleagues in Spain with a joint operation resulting in the arrests of three Moroccans in Navarre. Dutch police believe the Netherlands-based family had also exploited two other women.



Postcard from

PAMPLONA



THE eight-day festival of Saint Fermin is held every July and is famous the world over. While not all will know why it is globally famed from such a bare description, many will have heard of the events which annually put the courage, or in some cases the drunk-en bravado, of mostly young men to the test.

The event is the running of the bulls, or encierro in Spanish. Six young bulls are released from a coral, accompanied by six bullocks and three more behind them. The last three aim to ensure there are no reluctant stragglers. Ahead of them are hundreds of mainly men, who basically act as their quarry.

The bulls are set off on a route of city streets that culminates in the bullring, with the near three minutes it takes them to get there fraught for the men running... and dodging... in front. Injuries are common but not all are caused by the bulls. Records kept since 1910 show only 15 people have been killed in that time, usually by goring. Nowadays around 200 medics are on duty each day.

If you fancy testing your courage against rampaging bulls with sharp horns then put any one of the eight days from 7 July in your diary!

Baby boom

A 64-YEAR-OLD who underwent in vitro fertilisation in the United States has given birth to twins by caesarean section in the northern city of Burgos. She also gave birth to a daughter six years ago via the same method, but the Junta de Castilla y Leon placed the girl into the care of a relative in 2014 after social workers reported issues with her personal hygiene, clothing and absenteeism from school.

Porno sting

SPAIN'S National Police force has arrested 22 people and is investigating another 10 for distributing photographs and videos of child pornography. One of the detainees has also been accused of abusing his children, aged eight and 13, one with a mental disorder. Two others arrested are also suspected of grooming children on the Internet. They deceived the victims by posing as teenage girls and took photographs of them naked, with which they subsequently blackmailed them.

Banking scandal

THREE Bank of Spain officials are stepping down after learning that they are under investigation by the High Court as part of a probe into the Bankia flotation fiasco of 2011. The bank's Director General of Supervision, Mariano Herrera Garcia-Canturri, his deputy Pedro Comin Rodriguez and Pedro Gonzalez Gonzalez, who headed an inspection unit at the lender, are all to leave their posts, the bank has announced.

Birthdays

• **Linda Nolan, Singer, February 23, 58**
Irish singer who, along with her five sisters, formed girl group The Nolans whose most famous hit song was I'm in the Mood for Dancing. She has also had a successful career in the theatre having starred in productions such as Blood Brothers and Prisoner Cell Block: The Musical.

• **Floyd Mayweather Jr, Boxer, February 24, 40**

American boxer who was undefeated in his professional career winning 15 world titles. In 2016, ESPN hailed him as the greatest boxer of the last 25 years. In 2012 and 2013 he came top of both lists by Forbes and Sports Illustrated, and in Forbes' 2014 and 2015 list, as the highest paid athlete in the world.

• **Ed Balls, Politician, February 25, 50**
British former Labour MP and Shadow Chancellor who lost his 'safe' seat at last year's General Election. He is now on the Board of Directors at Norwich City FC as Chairman. Married to fellow politician Yvette Cooper they were the first married couple to both be Cabinet members at the same time.

• **Michael Bolton, Singer, February 26, 64**
American singer/songwriter who is best known for his hit ballads such as Time, Love and Tenderness, How am I Supposed to Live Without You? and Soul Provider in the late 80's, early 90's. Prior to this he was the lead singer with the hard rock/heavy metal band Blackjack who once toured as a support act with Ozzy Osbourne.

• **Paul Hollywood, Chef/TV Presenter, March 1, 51**

English chef and baker who is one of the judges on the hit TV show The Great British Bake Off. He has also presented his own cookery shows Paul Hollywood's Bread and Paul Hollywood's Pies and Puds. He has written and published cook books including How to Bake, 100 Great Breads and The Weekend Baker.



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Drive safely

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We all think that we are good drivers, but one has to think about the other person and not be tempted to get involved in trying to stop the idiot behind you from overtaking.

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BLAST: Occurred in the bar's kitchen.

Survivors of explosion to sue

By Sally Underwood

AROUND 30 people who were affected by an explosion at last year's Vélez-Málaga feria intend to launch a criminal suit against the owner of a bar.

The explosion, which injured around 90 people, occurred in the kitchen of the establishment.

A scientific report was compiled by police and a Court of First Instance determined that the explosion was the result of minor negligence, but was not intentional.

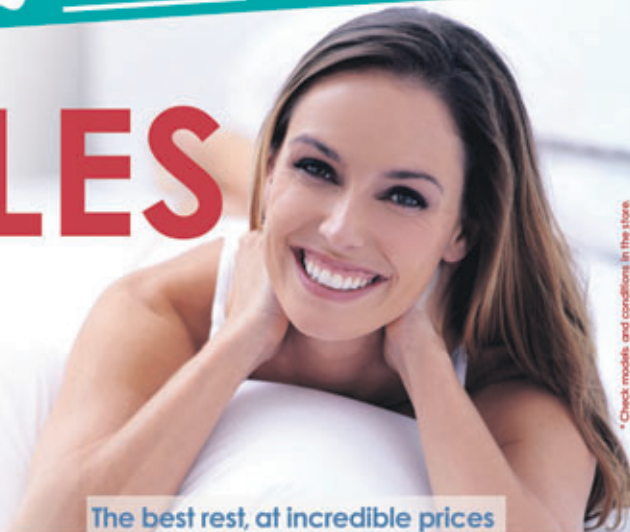
The group, represented by Marta Romero, believe the incident was instead the result of gross negligence, and that the bar's owner should be criminally prosecuted.

Ms Romero said she believes the police's scientific report showed that the bar had an industrial kitchen without the proper licences.



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NEWS EXTRA

Bike boy

ALMUÑECAR police have recovered a motorcycle that went missing in November, arresting a young man who was also found to be in possession of a 9cm knife and two fake €50 bank notes.

Guitar guru

THE 22-year-old guitarist Alvaro Perez wowed the crowd as he performed his flamenco show Sounds of my Guitar in Almuñecar, with the young virtuoso having performed professionally since he was 15.

No danger

LOCAL firefighters have been praised after they sprang into action to quickly extinguish a fire which reduced four electricity meters in the La Najarra urbanisation to ashes.



SIGNING THE MANIFESTO: In protest of the planned mussel farms.

Musselling in on unpopular scheme

By Matt Ford

TRINIDAD HERRERA, mayor of Almuñecar, together with representatives from all municipal political parties plus a number of local business owners, associations, federations and clubs has signed a manifesto in protest of the planned mussel farms.

As recently revealed by the *Euro Weekly News*, the Junta de Andalucía is planning to cultivate mussels off Punta de la Mona, but the scheme has been met with derision amid fears that local tourism would

take a massive hit.

The manifesto is the latest move by the coalition as it intends to ward off the threat, with spokesman Manuel Schrave explaining that its contents aim to "raise awareness among public bodies and civilians of the potential damage to the tourist industry and seabed that these installations would bring about.

"The proposed farm would be located directly between two protected zones in one of the richest areas for marine flora and fauna in Mediterranean Andalucía with the greatest concentration of threatened species."

Expansion request for children's centre

ALMUÑECAR'S mayor, Trinidad Herrera had asked the Andalusian Government to authorise the expansion of the Children's Centre Los Marinos. The town council are seeking an expansion to increase the school's capacity by 20 students.

The request was made by Ms Herrera to the Andalusian Government's Delegate for Education, German Gonzalez, as he visited the centre,

together with General Director of Innovation, Pedro Benzal.

The mayor asked for the creation of new places or, to move one of the classrooms of the Children's Centre Al Andalus to the Children's Centre Los Marinos.

The Delegate for Education has undertaken to make the necessary arrangements so that a higher number of students can enjoy the new facilities at Centre Los Marinos.

Hit and run arrest

A MOROCCAN man who was believed to have fled Spain in 2005 has now been arrested in connection with the death of a Guardia Civil officer in Almuñecar on the N-340 in March 2005.

It is alleged that this individual was one of two who were in a car which was being chased by Guardia Civil officers and that the driver deliberately swerved and hit Officer Peso who was part of a road block further down the road.

DNA evidence collected from the abandoned car which was found soon after in La Herradura helped to identify the two men, one of whom was arrested in Spain in 2015.

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Couples win tourism competition

By Sally Underwood

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The lucky couples were picked from a ballot of 300 entrants held by the Commonwealth of Costa del Sol Axarquía Municipalities. They will be treated to a weekend for two with bed and breakfast in the Nerja area.

Among the winners are couples from Madrid, Salamanca, Ciudad Real and Alhaurin el Grande. Patricia

Gutierrez, Nerja's councillor for Tourism, explained, "all of them will be able to experience first-hand those experiences that we enjoy living in Nerja. They will see the richness of our cultural heritage, our natural surroundings

with enviable beaches and a mountain range where you can carry out multiple adventures, and of course, the leisure activities we have every day of the year as well as the gastronomy offered by our

catering establishments."

Participating in the event are venues Hotel Balcón de Europa, Plaza Cavana, Nerja Club Hotel, Rosas de Capistrano, Marinas de Nerja, MB Boutique, Jimesol, Toboso Apartments, Parador de

Nerja and Villa Flamenca.

Commenting on the campaign, President of the Commonwealth of Municipalities of Costa del Sol, Gregorio Campos, said, "our purpose is that Axarquía-Costa del Sol is known all over the

world. We must be a favourite among visitors when considering a vacation". He added he thought the contest would make the winners "come again and that they will recommend it as a destination to friends and family."

Three language centres to open

ALMUÑECAR is set to have three new bilingual schools: Virgen de la Antigua, La Santa Cruz and Río Verde.

This news was announced by the Andalusian government's Director General of Innovation and the Delegate for Education in their recent visit to the city.

These three new centres will be part of the 17 set to open over the course of this parliament in the province, as part of the Provincial Network of Plurilingualism

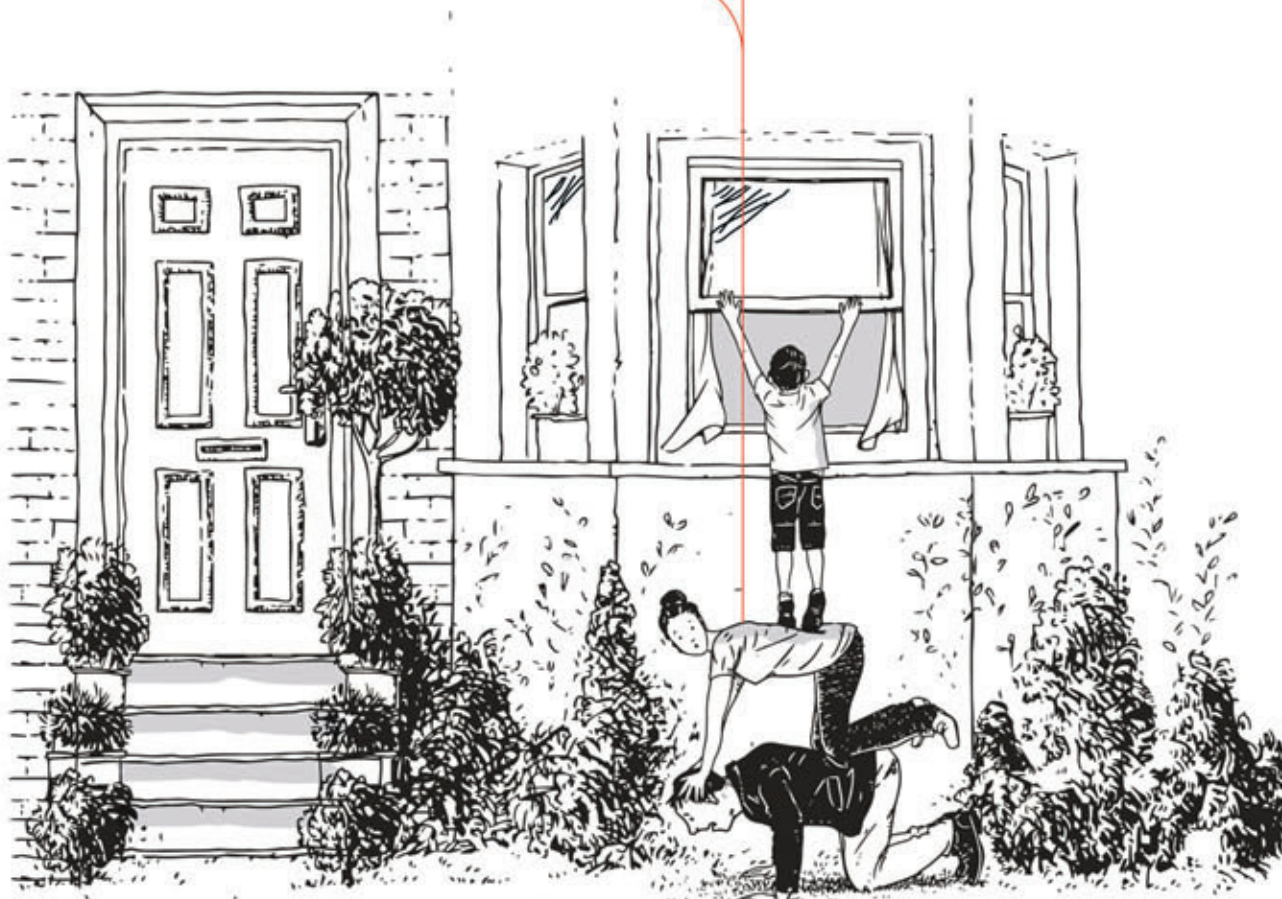
The city's new schools will open between 2017 and 2018. The area already has bilingual schools, San Miguel and the IES Al Andalus, as well as Las Gaviotas Public School in La Herradura.

The Provincial Network of Plurilingualism is a project that already reaches 137 public centres and offers lessons taught in foreign languages, such as French, German or English.

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Spirited Lords to debate Brexit



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

ALTHOUGH there is regular criticism of the activities of the House of Lords and calls for its abolition, it has to be said that whilst the House of Commons effectively gave Prime Minister Theresa May carte blanche on Article 50 the Lords are looking feistier.

With no majority in 'the other place', the Conservative government has to expect some opposition to the bill concerning Article 50 although Labour leader Lady Smith has gone on record saying that it is highly unlikely that the Lords will try to block a late March trigger.

What does however appear likely is that with 200 peers wanting to speak on the matter that one major area will concern the guarantee of resident status for all those from the European Union who were in the UK prior to the referendum.

If this does go back to the Commons and the amendment is accepted (although the same amendment brought by an MP was rejected previously) then this may bring comfort for British passport holders living in EU member states as they could reasonably anticipate a similar commitment from the EU.

In the same way that you don't expect turkeys to vote for Christmas, many peers fear that if they are too obstructive to the government, action will be taken to dissolve the House and bring in an alternative and this has been inferred in warnings from Conservative ministers.

Threats however have not deterred former Labour minister Lord Hain or the ever present Lord Mandelson from suggesting a more vigorous opposition and the latest former politician Tony Blair has also joined in, saying that it is his "mission" to try to persuade the British people to rise up against the decision to leave the EU.

As Mr Blair certainly divides much of the population, many of whom believe that he took

Britain into Iraq based on falsehoods Brexiteers appear to be pleased that he has joined in as they consider that his comments will have the opposite effect on what he hopes to achieve.

Time will tell whether 'the Ayes have it' when the vote is taken in the Lords at the beginning of March.

TONY BLAIR at the European Parliament.



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Brussels will not surrender

A NUMBER of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from different countries have been vocal in comments to European and British media warning that if Prime Minister May expects to divide and conquer or blackmail a soft exit then she will be disappointed.

From an early stage, Mrs May has warned the EU that if negotiations are difficult and if Britain is being given a difficult time, then she will simply walk away, regardless of whether any agreement is in place and in such a scenario, she has warned that member states will suffer.

These MEPs however have said that there will be a united front and Britain could be surprised at the response from the European Parliament if it tries to threaten or bully it.

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NEWS EXTRA**New mayor**

ALEJANDRO HER-RERO has become Frigiliana's new mayor, following a motion by four PSOE councillors, supported by three councillors from the Andalusian Municipal Group.

Water boost

TORROX COUNCIL has worked with Aqualia to create a new water supply point. The development will see water pressure improve and fewer leaks which will in turn save water.

New spaces

NERJA Council is removing the eight spaces reserved for councillors in the Balcon de Europa Municipal Car Park. The area will instead be used to create new spaces for those with reduced mobility.

Motril teams up with Granada

By Sally Underwood

FLOR ALMON, the mayor of Motril, has taken part in the first forum organised by the councils of Motril and Granada.

The meeting was designed to strengthen relations and establish stronger local economies and culture.

The cities are closer now than ever and intend to continue to grow and strengthen ties that will benefit mutual development. The meeting, which was held in Granada, served to draw up a plan of action and generate a space for debate.

Ms Almon said: "This meeting will benefit the development of the province. The main objective for all is to generate wealth and employment."

Granada's mayor, Francisco Cuenca, described this first forum as 'a historic meeting' in which it is the responsibility of institutions "to create alliances for the development of the province."



JOINING FORCES: Mayor Francisco Cuenca (L) and Mayor Flor Almon (R).

Photo by Camara de Granada/Twitter

Growing brand new businesses

THE empty nursery, El Ingenio in Trapiche, is to be filled following a decision to allow 11 businesses to set up in the space.

Maria Jose Roberto, Velez-Malaga's councillor for Enterprise and Employment, explained, "expectations have been met and the nursery will have 100 per cent occupancy," adding "the selection has given priority to economic viability, the potential for creation of employment and innovative character in the municipality."

The decision was made by representatives of the Confederation of Businessmen of Malaga, the Chamber of Commerce, the Public Foundation Andalusia, the Junta de Andalusia and Ms Jose Roberto. They considered 17 businesses who wanted to occupy the space.

El Ingenio, Trapiche will now house newly created companies on a temporary basis and provide them with the necessary services to succeed.

Of the 11 businesses one creates cosmetic products from avocado oil, one is a beverage manufacturer and one is a photographer.

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Leo en route to his treatment in the USA



LITTLE Leo is on his way to the States! The four-year-old was declared well enough to make the journey to the treatment centre in Oklahoma. Under the guidance of Dr Andrew Chang, Leo will undergo proton therapy. It's the only treatment that will reduce the damage to his brain and hopefully kill off the tumours.

Mum Karen told EWN: "Part of me is feeling nervous and anxious as we are going into the unknown to a country far away, but as the days pass I am more and more positive. We are doing the right thing."

Leo has been given his chance by the surgeons at Alder Hey. One of the best-known children's hospitals in the UK, they were able to remove the cancerous tumours that keep coming back inside his brain.

"I am sure we have made the right decision giving Leo the best chance at having a normal life," says Karen.

She admits the medical team's reports have not been easy to understand and believes what was worrying the surgeons before his operation - nodules near the tumours - have now been cut out.

"From what I understand these nodules have been removed, including the suspicious one that the doctors were worried about. Hopefully I will get confirmation that Leo has a clear scan with nothing suspicious, but I am trying not to get too excited."

Keeping her spirits up over such a long period has not been easy, she admits.

"I was having a couple of down days, everything getting on top of me, living out of a suitcase and trying to organise a million things.

"Maybe it was the depressing English weather, and comments from people who don't mean anything but I'm not going to let them get me down anymore."

Leo is making the trip with his older sister Sofia to try to make the atmosphere around him as normal as possible and make up for the time they've lost together during his prolonged bouts of treatment.

Once in Oklahoma his treatment will start almost immediately, and, the family hope, impact less on him as he tries to recover.

"Seeing Leo go through one of the most aggressive forms of chemotherapy that exists was very difficult, one of the worst things for a parent to witness," says Karen.

"During proton therapy Leo might only have a bit of nausea and a headache during treatment which is a breeze compared to the chemo."

How long it will take before the success of the proton treatment can be gauged, won't be clear for some time.

If young Leo is not too ill, then the family hope they can actually enjoy some aspects of life in the USA.

Says Karen: "We hope that he can actually enjoy his stay in the USA and still have some fun, despite having his treatment."



“His treatment will start almost immediately.”

KAREN'S BROTHER: Giving the thumbs up.



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Phoenix trip to Morocco

THE Phoenix Social Club is planning a weekend in Morocco from May 5-7 with plans to visit Chefchaouen, Fez and Asilah.

On the first day the group will embark on a fast catamaran to Tarifa and on arrival, once border procedures have been completed, will continue on to the picturesque village of Chefchaouen where there will be a brief visit with a local guide. After this it's on to Fez where the group will arrive at the Hotel Sofia.

The second day, after breakfast, there will be a tour of Fez with a local guide including highlights such as Los Zocos: The Mellah, The Doors of the Wall, Dar El Makhzen and Plaza

Neyyarin. There will also be some free time in the afternoon before dinner and overnight at the hotel.

After breakfast, the group will depart on day three heading for the coastal city of Asilah, where on arrival there will be some free time to stroll through the Alcazaba near the sea and wander in its many shops. Then it's on to Tangier where the group will return on the fast catamaran to Tarifa.

The cost of the trip is €225 per person with a €35 single supplement. Included in the price is the coach from Algarrobo, the catamaran, coach in Morocco, half board hotel accommodation, a quarter bottle of wine

and water with dinner. Gratuities are not included and travel insurance is mandatory. There will be pick ups in Algarrobo and Torre del Mar.

For more information on any of the trips or events call Gail on 951 067 723, email phoenixsocialclub@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.phoenixsocialclub.co.uk.

The Phoenix club is a registered charitable organisation which raises funds for three local charities and SSAFA in the UK. It meets every Tuesday between 12pm and 2pm at Bar La Vega in Torre del Mar and you can book or pay from 12.15pm onwards. Do pop in and meet the group.

Lux Mundi Torre del Mar

BOTH centres of Lux Mundi, Fuengirola and Torre del Mar, have organised a five day/four night excursion to Valencia from May 5-12.

Leaving Malaga's Maria Zambrano Station at 4.35pm on the Monday travelling on the AVE the group arrives in Valencia at 9.05pm and will stay at the four-star hotel Eurostars Rey Don Jaime on a bed and breakfast basis.

The hotel is situated near one of the main attractions in Valencia, the City of Arts and Sciences, and the historic centre is within easy reach.

“ The trip will include a visit to Albufera Natural Park and a boat trip on the lake which is the largest in Spain.

On the Tuesday and Thursday there will plenty of time to explore Valencia, to see the cathedral, to visit Oceanographic, the Bioparc and the many museums.

On Wednesday, after breakfast, the group will travel to

the Albufera Natural Park and on arrival will take a boat trip on the lake which is the largest in Spain. This is one of the most important wetland areas in the Iberian Peninsula and rare species of wading birds and a rich variety of wildlife can be seen. Also included is a traditional Valencian paella lunch in a local restaurant.

On Friday there will be more free time in Valencia until the group leaves the hotel at 4pm for the return journey to Malaga on the AVE, arriving back at 9.51pm.

The price per person in a double room is €403 and €455 per person in a single room and a €140 deposit is required. Included in the price is all transfers from local pick up points (in both Fuengirola and Torre del Mar) to and from Malaga station, tourist class on the AVE, transfers to and from Valencia station, four nights b&b in the hotel, the excursion to Albufera and travel insurance.

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Currencies Direct celebrates their 21st anniversary

By Simon Firth

NO matter where you are in the world, reaching the age of 21 means a party is a must!

When you're one of Spain's premier currency transfer providers and you've hit 21, then you can be loud and proud about it.

Currencies Direct hosted their party, alongside their long-time media partners, *EWN*, at Marbella's fantastic Puente Romano Beach Resort & Spa.

The venue was Joe's Bar with oversight on everything from the ambience to the wonderful canapés and drink, in the marvellous hands of Group Corporate Director John Thomson.

The guest list featured friends, family, and treasured and long-time clients and customers of both companies, who came from all over the Costa del Sol.

Their host on a wonderful night of celebration was Currencies Direct Southern Europe director, Peter Loveday and his team.

Peter spoke of the company's rise from

small seeds to an enterprise with 14 offices in Spain, and a product which means "we buy in huge volumes at great rates and we pass these benefits onto our clients."

He generously took time out not only to thank everyone for coming, but also asked everyone to spare a thought for little Leo Bermejo, from Almeria, who has so bravely been battling his cancer.

"So many people in the community have helped this little family. The way people have rallied round to raise money and help Leo is just marvellous," he said.

Leo's brave battle has featured prominently in *EWN* and in our hearts, as he takes his trip to the US, hopefully for the treatment that will rid him once and for all of the cancer that has plagued his young life.

After Peter's generous speech, *EWN*'s managing director Michel Euesden had a surprise in the form of a giant birthday cake - so large it had to be wheeled in - to wish the company many more years of success.

It was accompanied after a chorus of 'Happy Birthday' by a salute from two can-

More pictures of this fantastic event on



MR MAPH: Made it a celebration to remember.



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nons which fired orange confetti and mini-euro notes into the air!

On such a wonderful night, you want your choice of music to make it a celebration to remember.

This was achieved with the stunning vocals of Mr Maph and Simone Lisa.

The couple have been together for more than 30 years providing amazing solo and duet pieces for R&B, Soul, Reggae... you name it and they have it in their marvellous repertoire. From the driving vocals of Ike and Tina Turner's Nutbush City Limits to Bob Marley's greatest, it's all there.

They were supported by Marbella-based entertainer Antony Wolfson and his inimitable take on the Presley greats.

He's a man who is neither a tribute artist nor an impersonator, but a singer who lives and breathes the songs of his great hero Elvis. When you've been praised by the great man's wife, you can't go higher than that.

Topping off the musical offerings were several from Steve Cline, including Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline. The thunderous applause after every act showed just what an ap-

preciative audience was there on the night. This quartet made it a night that will live long in the memory.

In keeping with the business of the hosts on such a wonderful evening, the guests were greeted by two giant balloon structures, one a euro and the other a pound sign.

Guests were generously supplied with money and although it was fake on this occasion, it did mean entitlement to cocktails throughout the evening!

When you've turned 21, you want a night to remember... everyone at Puente Romano joined in the Happy Birthday salute to their hosts, Currencies Direct, taking away memories of a great night on the Costa del Sol... here's to the next 21 years!!!!



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DENMARK**Grammy performance**

DANISH band Lukas Graham performed at the 59th Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, USA, but despite being nominated in three categories, failed to pick up any awards.

Homeless numbers

A COUNT of the homeless people on

Copenhagen's streets revealed that 41 were foreign and just three were Danish. Copenhagen municipality said many of the foreign homeless are in Denmark illegally and so cannot assist them.

Happy 100th

MORE Danes are reaching the ripe old age of 100. Last year saw 1,143 Danes celebrate their 100th birthday with better childhoods and friendlier workplaces believed to be the reason behind why people are living longer.



Photo by Wikimedia

LUKAS GRAHAM: Failed to pick up any awards.

City roadworks

COPENHAGEN seems to be a city of roadworks with figures showing that last year nearly 11,000 digging permits were granted in the city, an increase of 18 per cent on the previous year.

GERMANY**New chancellor**

THE most recent poll has shown that 64 per cent of Germans want a new Chancellor after the election to replace Angela Merkel following 12 years in office.

were booked in hotels and guest houses in the region in 2016.

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Bavaria boost

BAVARIA is enjoying a tourism revival with more tourists than ever. For the first time, 90 million beds

Outback death

AN elderly German couple have died in the Australian outback after becoming disorientated. The couple had been missing for days and were found near Alice Springs as temperatures topped 40 degrees

Fake news

TWO people are being investigated amid claims they made up a story about dozens of Arab men rioting and sexually assaulting women in Frankfurt. Interviews with alleged witnesses led to doubts over what had happened.

FRANCE**Rape riots**

RIOTS broke out in a suburb of Paris following the alleged rape of a black youth with a police baton. President François Hollande has condemned the riots but said justice must be served of what happened.

Skiers killed

FOUR skiers were killed following an avalanche in the town of Albertville in the Alps. The avalanche, some 400m wide, is believed to have been set off by a group of skiers higher up the mountain.

Obesity rates

THE country's childhood obesity rates are stable or declining according to the French Ministry of Health. According to a study, 18.1 per cent of French children were considered overweight, significantly less than the European average.

No hacking

RUSSIA has denied that it was behind media attacks of presidential hopeful Emmanuel Macron. A Kremlin spokesperson said: "We do not have any intention of interfering in the internal affairs of other countries."

NORWAY**More recycling**

A CONSORTIUM of companies are backing research which focuses on the development of new technologies for bio-plastics and recycling of plastics packaging. Currently, over 60 per cent of plastic packaging is recycled in Norway.

Hit and run

A DRIVER has been arrested after hitting a six-year-old girl and then fleeing the scene. She was on her way to school at the time and was taken to hospital for checks.

Drugs ban

NORWEGIAN cross-country skier Therese Johaug, aged 28, has been suspended from the sport for 13 months after testing positive for steroids.

Child welfare

NORWAY'S Child Welfare Service is being criticised for the number of children it puts into care. A total of 1,664 children were taken into care in 2014 and in the last year eight cases have been taken up by the European Court of Human Rights.

BELGIUM**Winning ticket**

A BELGIAN man has scooped €23.5 million on the Euromillions lottery. He is the first major jackpot winner in the country for 2017.

launched a campaign to get more employees to exercise at work and is set to advise companies on the issue and how to get workers more active.

Fighting force

ESTIMATIONS predict that by 2028, Belgium will have lost a quarter of its fighting forces. That's according to the military trade union.

Bad air

AIR quality in Belgium is below par and not what it should be, with levels exceeding the European alert level of 50 microgrammes per cubic metre in some places with Flanders and Antwerp the worst affected.

Active workers

THE Flemish government has

NETHERLANDS**Early spring**

SPRING has sprung early as many parts of the country basked in above average temperatures, just a week after snow. In Maastricht, the temperature reached 17 degrees, compared to the average six degrees for this time of year.

Street harassment

HOLLAND'S Labour party wants to make it a criminal offence to sexually harass women in the street with fines of up to €8,200 for offenders.

Worker arrest

A MAN who spent more than 15 years working in child care has been arrested on charges of possessing child pornography.

Cat's travels

A CAT which went missing from Tilburg in August has reportedly been found in Austria. It was found and taken to a vet who located its owner thanks to its microchip.

SWEDEN**Match fixing**

A SWEDISH football striker is one of three people jailed for match-fixing. The case followed a complaint from the Norwegian Football Association.

Milk study

A SWEDISH study claims that drinking too much milk could shorten your life. Women who drink at least three glasses of milk per day with little fruit and veg, are three times more likely to die earlier than those who drink one glass of milk a day.

Offensive plates

A SWEDISH man has had two of his latest attempts to create his own personalised number plates denied after it was deemed they were offensive when the letter and number combinations were reflected in a mirror.

Horny beer

A NEW beer from a Swedish microbrewery has become an overnight success selling out within a day. It could be due to its unusual name; Katol, which roughly translates as 'horny beer.'

Booze ban at Lloyds of London

By John Smith

BACK to the coffee house is the instruction that Lloyds of London has effectively given to its 800 strong staff as it has banned the drinking of alcohol between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Originally set up in Edward Lloyd's coffee house in the 17th century, it became the world's largest insurer and some of the deals were struck over fairly boozy lunches, but the organisation now intends to ensure that its

£2.1 billion (€2.47 billion)

is the profit that Lloyds of London declared for the 2015 accounting year and it is on course to exceed this when 2016 profits are announced later this year.

staff are not influenced by the 'demon drink.'

One of the reasons for the decision is because in a survey of internal grievance and disciplinary cases, a high percentage were fuelled

by or related to alcohol and the employer now wants to ensure that its policies are in accord with other industries.

Certainly at one time every senior employee of the Royal Mail, apart

from being a member of the Territorial Army), had their own drinks cupboard in their rooms which ranged from antique wood to metal lockers in their rooms, but that was stopped many years ago.

Ironically and perhaps irritatingly for Lloyds' staff, independent brokers and underwriters who work in the same building will not be subject to the ban.

The organisation is also gearing up for Brexit and has already announced that it will be moving some of its staff to new offices in Europe.

£5 update

AFTER saying that it has treated the 100,000 signature petition calling for the withdrawal of the new £5 note due to use of tallow with "utmost seriousness," the Bank of England has announced that it will continue to issue that note regardless.

In addition, having already spent £24 million (€28.25 million) on production, it will also go ahead with the release of the equally 'tainted' new £10 bank note in September of this year.

The bank argues that only a very small amount of tallow is used in the process of production, which is a bit like arguing that there is only a bit of pig in crackling!

Quote of the Week

Good for jobs and businesses in Europe and Canada. Voted in favour of CETA." Jyrki Katainen, European Commission vice-president for jobs, growth, investment and competitiveness on trade deal with Canada.



Opel and Vauxhall sale



Photo by Vauxhall

GENERAL MOTORS: The Astra in production.

By John Smith

GENERAL MOTORS (GM) which owns the Opel and Vauxhall car brands has indicated that despite both companies turning in regular losses over the years, there is a possibility that a French group may be interested in taking them over.

The PSA Group, makers of Citroen and Peugeot cars works with GM on a number of projects in Europe and is currently the third largest manufacturer in Europe, behind Renault-Nissan

which has recently recorded increased sales and Volkswagen.

Vauxhall currently employs 4,500 staff in the UK, but unions estimate that a further 30,000 people worked in occupations connected with Vauxhall and its vehicles.

The French company is partly owned by the state, but also has investment from the Peugeot family as well as a Chinese vehicle manufacturer and if a sale was to be agreed, the new company would become Europe's number two producers of vehicles.

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Going Greek

WHILST the International Monetary Fund warns about the continued fragility of the Greek economy and invites the European Union to give more financial assistance, creditors have previously indicated that nothing is likely to be available to assist Greece until 2018.

Bank rate

THE chairperson of the US Federal Reserve Janet Yellen has indicated to Congress that it would probably be sound economic sense to increase the base rate of interest in the USA in the not too distant future following a December 2016 increase.

Alleged fraud

ACCUSATIONS of corruption will not disappear as far as the ruling Partido Popular of re-elected Mariano Rajoy is concerned as the president of Murcia has been accused of alleged fraud and bribery, whilst the former mayor of Cartagena has been accused of using public funds to underwrite a digital newspaper which promoted her in a positive light.

Increasing price of milk

AFTER the publicised shortage of vegetables in the UK and bacon in the US, the next possible consumer problem could be with milk and yoghurt according to French global company Danone.

There isn't likely to be a shortage of the dairy

product, but prices of milk have risen by 9 per cent in the last year which means that the owner of the Activia and Actimel brands will be keeping a close watch on the escalating price of the 'white stuff.'

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Ethical Co-op Bank may be sold or split up

By John Smith

IT has been announced that the self-proclaimed ethical bank owned by the Co-op which was founded in 1872 as the Loan and Deposit Department of the Co-operative Wholesale Society has been put up for sale by the Board of the Co-op.

In reality however this is not strictly true as following the huge scandal concerning former chairman, the 'crystal Methodist' Paul Flowers and the discovery of a £1.5 billion (€1.75 billion) hole in its finances, the parents raised the funds needed by selling 80 per cent of the equity to mainly American hedge funds.

What is actually being sold therefore is the remaining 20 per cent of the business and there are suggestions that it might appeal to the TSB which is owned by Spanish bank Sabadell, fellow Spanish group Santander or Virgin Money.

Hedge funds invest in weak businesses in order to see a relatively quick growth and return and therefore they will be looking to either walk away with a decent profit or perhaps release their investment to



CO-OP BANK: Has been put up for sale by the Board.

place elsewhere.

A complete sale is not the only option as in theory, the bank could be floated on the stock exchange or broken into parcels and sold to different

financial groups, but a number of politicians including former Finance Minister Sir Vince Cable are worried by the possible sale.

According to the Liberal Democrat

grandee who lost his seat in parliament in the 2015 election, Britain, unlike the USA and so many other countries in Europe does not have a large number of small local banks but

effectively the entire high street banking system is run by a few conglomerates which have gobbled up any 'lame ducks.'

Sir Vince's opinion is shared by a number of MPs who fear that the options for consumers in particular could be restricted even further if the Co-op Bank is taken over by one of the 'big boys,' as it still has four million account holders who would be treated as a commodity.

Having disposed of a number of 'bad loans' and introduced cost savings, the Co-op group has still 'written down' the book value of its 20 per cent shareholding on more than one occasion and it seems likely that the entire bank is worth less than £1 billion (€1.17 billion).

With the recent acceptance by Lloyds Banking Group that there were irregularities at HBOS prior to its takeover, repeated accusations against HSBC and now lawsuits from a number of former and often bankrupted clients of RBS, the need for an ethical bank is possibly greater than ever which is why the possible disappearance of the Co-op is under the microscope.

Champagne prices may rise

By John Smith

IT appears that the price of 'premium' Champagne in Britain is likely to jump due to Brexit and UK tax, but it is still possible to purchase a bottle of supermarket Champagne for less than £10 (€11.70) and with continued price wars this should continue.

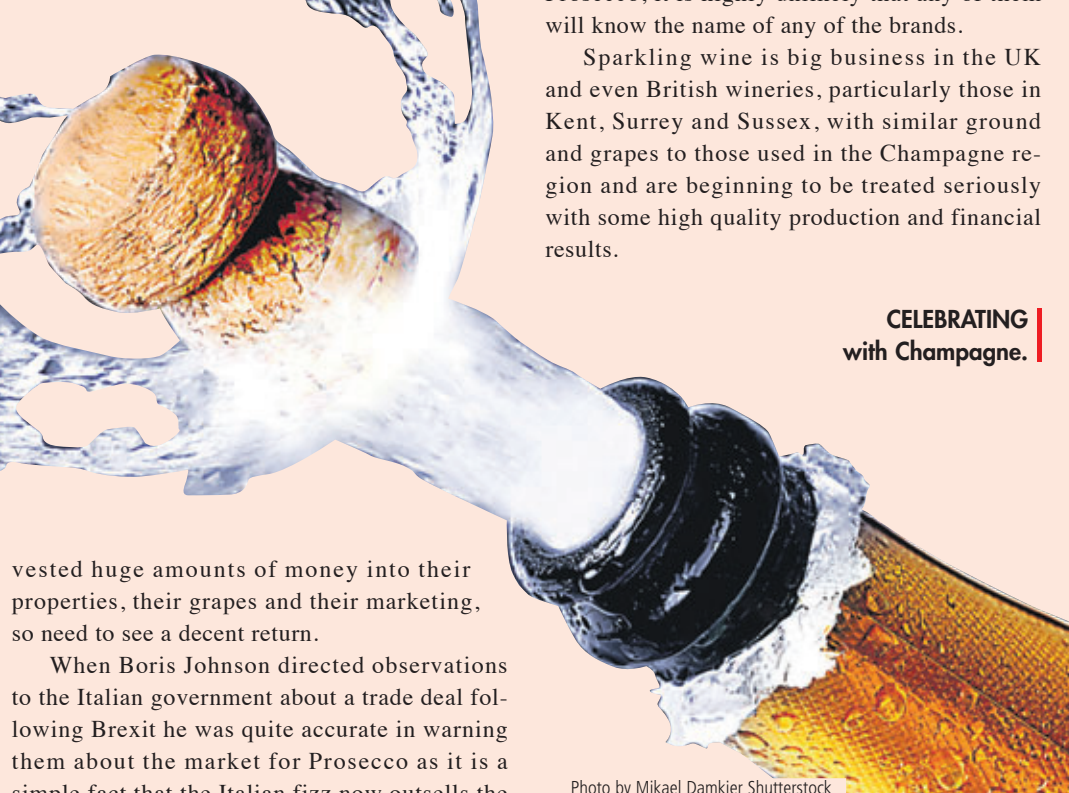
“ Champagne brands invest huge amounts of money in marketing.

Whilst many will turn their noses up at the Champagne from Aldi or Lidl, it should be remembered that to be called Champagne it has to go through all of the requirements of its much more expensive premium brothers and sisters which begs the question as to why prices vary so much.

At the end of the day, the long established Champagne brands such as Krug, Moët, Bollinger and Taittinger are names that everyone knows and are therefore associated with quality. If you are holding a social function, you are far more likely to serve one of those brands rather

than a Tesco best buy.

The Champagne brands capitalise on this 'snobbery' and charge accordingly and there is no doubt that they have in-



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with Champagne.

vested huge amounts of money into their properties, their grapes and their marketing, so need to see a decent return.

When Boris Johnson directed observations to the Italian government about a trade deal following Brexit he was quite accurate in warning them about the market for Prosecco as it is a simple fact that the Italian fizz now outsells the

French 'original' by a factor of four to one and it is still relatively inexpensive.

It is considered (rightly or wrongly) to be a cut above Cava from Spain and Sekt from Germany and whilst ladies who lunch now ask for Prosecco, it is highly unlikely that any of them will know the name of any of the brands.

Sparkling wine is big business in the UK and even British wineries, particularly those in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, with similar ground and grapes to those used in the Champagne region and are beginning to be treated seriously with some high quality production and financial results.

Charging costs

A CAFÉ in Vienna has decided to 'call time' on nuisance customers who come in for a cup of coffee and then spend hours occupying a seat and what is worse recharging their phones or running their laptops at the café owner's expense.

“ It costs less than €1 a year to charge a phone.

Whilst this may appear to be a reasonable decision with anti-social customers hogging seats, the argument about the cost of electricity isn't so strong as research suggests it costs less than €1 a year to charge a phone.

Some café owners have taken to disguising electric points and only let regular customers know where they are.

Former Bank of Spain Governor to be quizzed over Bankia Group

Spanish pensions

By John Smith

THE farrago which saw the public flotation of the Bankia Group and then the huge loss of value of shares following the revelation of the misleading financial prospectus and the government bail-out continues to rumble on.

The Spanish government invested more than €22 billion in saving the group and although it is beginning to see some positive results, Bankia is still having to compensate those persuaded to purchase shares when the bank was first floated.

In the meantime, former Spanish government minister and former Bankia president Rodrigo Rato is still awaiting a verdict following his trial for alleged misuse of Bankia funds which he has always denied.

There is no question that the whole Bankia affair came as a huge embarrassment to the Spanish government and helped in its own way to trigger a major



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FORMER GOVERNOR: Miguel Ángel Fernández Ordóñez.

financial crisis in the country.

Now it has been announced that a number of senior former employees of the Bank of Spain including the former governor Ordóñez as well as others from the watchdog National Commission for

Market Values are to be interviewed by the court in Madrid over their inability to detect the irregularities in the Bank.

No formal charges have been laid against any of those who will be examined and three current Bank of Spain em-

ployees have resigned their positions as they are to be interviewed, but they will all need to explain why they apparently ignored information from a Bank of Spain investigation team which warned that Bankia was not financially sound.

“ The Bankia affair came as a huge embarrassment to the Spanish government.

According to the court, these warnings included unequivocal and strong advice that the listing of the bank on the Spanish stock market should not be allowed and if their warnings had been heeded, investors and tax payers would have been in a much better position, as much of the money invested by the government following the crisis will never be repaid.

AWARE that the Spanish pension pot has been considerably reduced by the current government in order to ‘plug holes’ in state finances, the governor of the Bank of Spain, Luis Maria Linde has come up with a plan.

According to the governor, as people live longer and pension funds are stretched, it would be sensible to increase the retirement age as has been done in the UK which would mean less money spent and more taxes collected.

He would like to see the new retirement age of 67 which is due to be implemented in 2027 brought forward, but this idea has not found favour with the government, although they have no problem in principle if people wish to voluntarily continue to work after they reach 65.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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MANY UK expatriates living in Spain own properties in the UK and have pensions and investments in the UK. They rely on their UK assets to maintain their lifestyles (and those of their families) in Spain. If they can no longer manage their affairs in the UK due to a loss of mental capacity, it can cause many difficulties.

“ You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

The best way to avoid the legal and practical difficulties that can occur with the loss of mental capacity is to plan for it in advance by drawing up a document called a ‘Lasting Power of Attorney’ (‘LPA’).



“ An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity.

What is an LPA?

An LPA is a legal document that enables you to appoint one or more attor-

neys to act for you when you are no longer able to act for yourself.

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

There are two types of LPA: ‘Health and Welfare’ or ‘Property and Financial Affairs’

An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity. It is therefore important to make one while you are in good health.

Why should you get an LPA?

You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

If you lose your mental capacity and do not have an LPA, then your family (or the authorities) will have no choice but to make an application to the Court of Protection to appoint a ‘deputy’ to look after your affairs, which can be time consuming and costly.

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

Unfortunately there is no international type of LPA which is guaranteed to work in both the UK and Spain.

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COULD anyone believe the gall of Tony Blair in last week's rambling tirade against Brexit?

This arrogant war criminal, personally responsible for the destabilising of the Middle East and the deaths of thousands, is a political conman who, through added guile and misinformation, not only opened the doors to millions of immigrants purely to bolster his re-election, but now has the audacity to stand up as bold as brass and virtually call for another referendum!

“ He sees the Brexit situation as just another opportunity.

'The people voted knowing nothing about the consequences,' he spouted. Pretty rich from a man who led us into a con-

flict of which the public, not only had no idea of the outcome, but were even lied to about its true purpose. Blair possesses the one thing that is a basic necessity for all con artists, he is extremely eloquent.

He, like many

successful conmen are akin to market 'mock' auctioneers, who can basically talk the hind leg off a donkey which is why he has amassed millions spouting his diatribes to anyone prepared to line his pockets.

This despicable individual is also the classic opportunist.



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Tony Blair.

All those years ago, realising the Labour party had sunk into an unelectable morass (sound familiar) he gleefully swooped in, renamed it 'New,' and callously used it as a vehicle to ultimately attain the highest office in the land.

He sees the Brexit situation as just another opportunity.

Completely unaware, or simply not giving a damn about the revulsion he attracts, he deviously observes it as a chance to form some kind of new 'movement,' which at some point will be able to 'Rise Up' and challenge the present Labour party. With him at its head of course!

I bet he's even decided on a name for it. Send this revolting intelligence insulter back to whatever cesspit he crawled out of; along with his equally abhorrent, self-gratifying spouse!

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Who wants to be a millionaire? Even lottery winners are victims now

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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NEWS that Britain's youngest Euro-millions winner, Jane Park, had planned to sue lottery bosses for negligence for 'ruining' her life is hardly surprising. 'I thought it would make it 10 times better but it's made it 10 times worse. I wish I had no money most days,' she moaned.

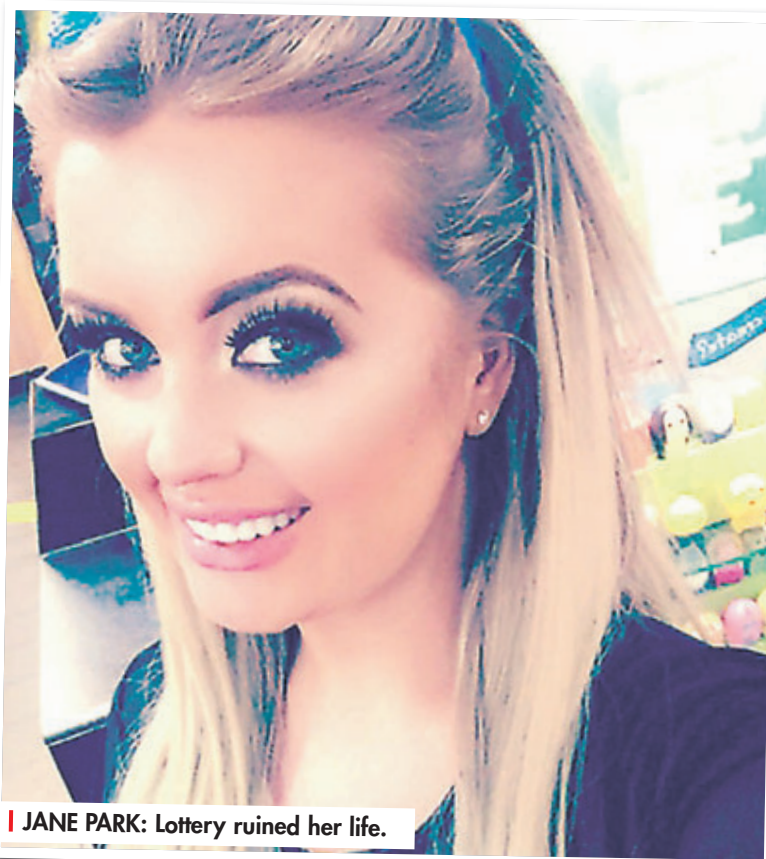
Only 17 when she won £1m with her first-ever ticket in 2013, Jane whinged about being sick of shopping for designer goods and staying in upmarket holiday resorts, struggling to find a boyfriend who's not after her money and being burdened with the stress of being a millionaire.

Poor Jane - how we feel for her pain! Well, she could always have

given it to some deserving cause (like, for example, here in Spain the Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity celebrating its well-earned 25th anniversary this year).

Basically, she should have employed a minder to stop her frittering away her million, but the fact that she didn't is, naturally, someone else's fault. When are we ever going to return to an era when people take personal responsibility for their actions rather than whine: 'I'm the victim here, who can I sue?' But then, people taking responsibility for their actions? What a quaint old-fashioned notion these days...

However, thoroughly inspired by Jane Park's experience, just think what some might still do. Sue secondary schools and/or colleges for allowing them to achieve less than top grades and, consequently, top jobs. Cosmetic



JANE PARK: Lottery ruined her life.

companies for not allowing their 'miracle' creams and potions to make them instantly look decades younger. Supermarkets for allowing them to get not only well and truly plastered but also morbidly obese as a result of their wine and chocolate multi-buy offers. Well, that should all go down, as a certain orange president ensconced in his golden tower might say, 'bigly'!

Finally, to return to the lady in question, I am reminded of an advert from years ago where a little girl utters the immortal words: 'and my mother says that one day I shall grow up to be a right little madam.' 'Nuff said.

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Beginners will soon get the hang of it and if you need an extra hand, there are



CANAL HOLIDAYS: A glorious leisurely alternative to a driving or walking holiday.

several online and paper guides available.

Where are the top destinations for your canal boat holiday? It depends what rocks your boat (and your budget), however, some of our favourites include: the Shropshire Union Canal, in England's West Midlands, meandering through rolling hills, valleys and across deep cuts and magnificent bridges - a testament to the bygone

era of the industrial revolution.

Or opt for the picturesque, wide tree-lined routes of Canal du Midi, France which passes through vineyards and walled cities in easy reach of the canal. Board in the ancient canalside village of Le Somail, near Narbonne. Life slows to a snail's pace and the most taxing decision is whose turn it is to buy the fresh croissants for breakfast.

The Gota Canal, Sweden, offers spectacular scenery and history, connecting a series of lakes across Sweden from Lake Vänern, near Gothenberg, to the Baltic. The canal includes 58 locks along the way.

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11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live	9:10am In Which We Serve	9:00pm The People's Liners: Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets	11:00am The Big Bang Theory	11:05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:30pm Little Paris Kitchen	11:00am Britain's Secret Seas	10:00pm Treasures of Ancient Egypt	11:30am The Big Bang Theory	11:40am Access
1:00pm Football Focus	12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer	11:00pm Captain Cook: The Man Behind the Legend	12:00pm The Simpsons	11:45am Police
2:00pm BBC News	1:00pm Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry	12:00am Top of the Pops	12:30pm The Simpsons	12:15pm Police
2:10pm Weather	2:00pm Waterloo	12:30am Top of the Pops	1:00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	1:15pm Police
2:15pm Bargain Hunt	4:10pm Natural World	1:05am Arena	2:00pm Come Dine with Me	1:15pm Interceptors
3:00pm Six Nations Rugby Union	5:00pm Mastermind	2:35am Country Kings at the BBC	2:30pm Come Dine with Me	2:15pm Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole
5:30pm Final Score	6:00pm Only Connect	3:35am Country Queens at the BBC	3:00pm Come Dine with Me	3:15pm Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole
6:10pm BBC News	6:30pm The House That £100k Built	4:35am Sounds of the 70s	3:30pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:20pm Regional News	7:30pm Flog It!	5:30pm Location, Location, Location	4:00pm Come Dine with Me	5:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:25pm Weather	8:30pm Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands	6:35pm Grand Designs	4:30pm A Place in the Sun	6:15pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
6:30pm Celebrity Mastermind	9:00pm Diana	7:30pm Channel 4 News	5:30pm Location, Location, Location	7:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:00pm Pointless	9:30pm Dad's Army	8:00pm Penelope Keith's Favourite Villages	6:35pm Grand Designs	8:05pm NCIS: Los Angeles
7:45pm Let it Shine	10:00pm My Old Lady	9:00pm Great Canal Journeys	7:30pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm NCIS
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11:30pm Match of the Day	4:15am This is BBC Two		12:35am Surrogates	
12:50am This Country				
1:15am Return From the River Kwai				

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7:00am Breakfast	7:15am Big Dreams	8:00pm Sound of Song	10:30am The Big Bang Theory	7:00am Milkshake!
8:35am Match of the Day	8:15am An Island Parish	8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	11:00am The Big Bang Theory	11:10am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	8:45am Around the World in 80 Gardens	8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	11:30am The Big Bang Theory	11:45am Football on 5
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12:00pm Sunday Politics	10:45am Saturday Kitchen	9:25am Frasier	12:30pm The Simpsons	1:10pm Inside Windsor Castle
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:15pm Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day	10:00am Frasier	1:00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	2:10pm Secrets of the National Trust
2:00pm BBC News	12:45pm Nigelissima	10:30am Sunday Brunch	2:00pm Come Dine with Me	3:10pm No Reservations
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead	1:15pm MOTD2 Extra	1:30pm The Simpsons	2:30pm Come Dine with Me	5:10pm 5 News
2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer	2:00pm Holiday of My Lifetime	2:00pm The Simpsons	3:00pm Come Dine with Me	6:55pm 5 News
3:15pm Flog It!	2:30pm Money for Nothing	3:00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	3:30pm Come Dine with Me	7:00pm The Fifth Element
4:15pm Escape to the Country	3:15pm Wanted Down Under Revisited	4:00pm Location, Location, Location	4:00pm Come Dine with Me	9:15pm The EFL Cup Final
5:00pm Songs of Praise	4:00pm Birds of Paradise	5:00pm Channel 4 News	4:30pm Come Dine with Me	Highlights: Football on 5
5:35pm Shop Well for Less	5:00pm Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Championships	5:30pm 101 Dalmatians	5:30pm Come Dine with Me	10:00pm 5 News
6:35pm BBC News	7:00pm Six Nations Rugby Special	7:30pm The Jump	6:35pm Grand Designs	The latest news coverage.
6:50pm Regional News	8:00pm Dragons' Den	9:00pm Rivers with Jeremy Paxman Ep1	7:30pm Channel 4 News	12:15am The Terminator
6:55pm Weather	9:00pm Dragons' Den	10:00pm Homeland	8:00pm BBC News	Classic sci-fi action thriller.
7:00pm The Big Painting Challenge	10:00pm Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week	11:00pm Gogglebox	9:00pm BBC News	Super Casino
8:00pm Countryfile	11:00pm Life of Crime	12:00am Clear and Present Danger	11:20pm Regional News	Feeling Lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.
9:00pm Call the Midwife	12:35am Women's Six Nations Highlights	2:30am The Last Leg	11:25pm Weather	Secrets of the National Trust
10:00pm SS-GB	1:05am Badlands	3:30am Hoarder SOS	12:00am BBC News	
11:00pm BBC News		4:25am Phil Spencer: Secret Agent	12:30am This is BBC Two	
11:20pm Regional News				
11:25pm Weather				
11:30pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You				

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MONDAY - 27 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:30pm Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones	8:00pm 100 Days	12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen	3:15pm NCIS
4:45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown	4:30pm Africa	8:30pm Reel History of Britain	1:00pm Channel 4 News	4:15pm A Father's Denial
5:30pm Flog It!	5:25pm A Place to Call Home	9:00pm The Big Painting Challenge	1:05pm A New Life in the Sun	6:00pm 5 News
6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	10:00pm Britain's Pompeii	2:05pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Eggheads	11:00pm Dan Cruickshank and the Family	3:10pm Countdown	7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm Regional News	7:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys	12:00am Born Too White	4:00pm Fifteen to One	8:00pm The Cars That Made Britain
8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip	1:00am Oceans	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	9:00pm Ice Chaos: Winter Road Rescue
8:30pm Inside Out	9:00pm University Challenge	2:00am Art of China	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	10:00pm The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant
9:00pm EastEnders	9:30pm Mary Berry Everyday	3:00am The People's Liners: Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets	7:00pm The Simpsons	11:00pm From Paris with Love
9:30pm Panorama	10:00pm Meet the Lords		7:30pm Hollyoaks	12:50pm War
10:00pm Crimewatch	11:00pm Cradle to Grave		8:00pm Channel 4 News	2:30am Super Casino
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm Dispatches	4:10am The Week We Went Wild
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather		9:30pm Food Unwrapped	
11:40pm Weather			10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	
11:45pm Match of the Day 2				



4:00pm The Home Game	4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:10pm The Royal	2:25pm Storage Wars	1:30pm Football
5:00pm Tipping Point	6:00pm Judge Rinder	4:15pm Where the Heart is	2:50pm Hogan's Heroes	2:00pm Boxing
6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	5:20pm In Loving Memory	3:25pm Hogan's Heroes	2:30pm Football's Greatest
7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:30pm You've Been Framed!	5:50pm Doctor at Large	3:55pm Ironside	3:00pm Premier League Legends
7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	6:20pm On the Buses	4:55pm The Professionals	3:30pm Boxing
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	6:55pm Heartbeat	6:00pm The Saint	4:00pm Live EFL Cup Final
8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	7:00pm Storage Wars Texas	7:00pm Storage Wars Texas	5:00pm Football
9:00pm The Kyle Files	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	7:30pm Storage Wars Texas	8:00pm Rugby	5:30pm Live EFL Cup Final
9:30pm Coronation Street	10:00pm Family Guy	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	9:00pm Parking Wars	6:30pm Football
10:00pm Broadchurch	10:30pm The Great Indoors	9:00pm Doc Martin	10:00pm Double Jeopardy	7:00pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
11:00pm The Nightly Show with David Walliams		10:00pm Foyle's War	11:00pm FYI Daily	7:30pm Boxing
		12:00am Prime Suspect 5	11:05pm Double Jeopardy	8:00pm Football
			11:05pm Double Jeopardy	12:00am Boxing
			12:10am Bundesliga	

TUESDAY - 28 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm The Coroner	3:00pm Building Dream Homes	8:00pm 100 Days	12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:30pm Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones	8:30pm Weird Nature	1:00pm Channel 4 News	4:15pm Dear Diary, I Died
4:45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown	4:25pm Africa	9:00pm Planet Earth II	1:05pm A New Life in the Sun	6:00pm 5 News
5:30pm Flog It!	5:25pm A Place to Call Home	10:00pm The Secret Science of Pop	2:05pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	6:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	11:00pm The Richest Songs in the World	3:10pm Countdown	7:00pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Eggheads	12:30am Indian Hill	4:00pm Fifteen to One	7:30pm 5 News
7:30pm Regional News	7:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys	1:30am What a Performance!	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	8:00pm Ice Chaos: Winter Road Rescue
8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip	2:00pm Pioneers of Popular Entertainment	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	9:00pm Inside Windsor Castle
8:30pm EastEnders	9:00pm Further Back in Time for Dinner	3:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	7:00pm The Simpsons	10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
9:00pm Holby City	10:00pm 1066	4:00pm The Zoo	7:30pm Hollyoaks	11:00pm Shannon Matthews: What Happened Next
10:00pm The Replacement	11:00pm Inside No.9	5:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	8:00pm Channel 4 News	12:05am Ian Brady: 50 Years Behind Bars
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight	6:00pm Catastrophe	9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	
11:40pm Weather			11:00pm Catastrophe	
11:45pm Imagine...				



5:00pm Tipping Point	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	2:05pm Heartbeat	3:30pm Hogan's Heroes	12:00pm Football Gold
6:00pm The Chase	4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:10pm The Royal	4:00pm Ironside	12:15pm Football Gold
7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:00pm Judge Rinder	4:15pm Where the Heart is	5:00pm The Professionals	12:30pm Football Gold
7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	5:20pm In Loving Memory	6:05pm The Saint	12:45pm Football Gold
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	5:55pm Doctor at Large	7:05pm Storage Wars Texas	1:00pm Football
8:30pm Britain's Busiest Motorway	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	6:25pm On the Buses	7:35pm Storage Wars Texas	5:00pm Mfn Pre-Game Show
9:00pm Secret Chef	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	6:55pm This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.	8:00pm Pawn Stars	6:00pm Football
10:00pm Play to the Whistle	10:00pm Hell's Kitchen	9:00pm Heartbeat	8:30pm Pawn Stars	6:30pm Boxing
11:00pm The Nightly Show with David Walliams	11:00pm Plebs	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	9:00pm World Superbike Championship Highlights	7:00pm Premier League Review
11:30pm ITV News		11:00pm Wycliffe	10:00pm Benidorm	8:00pm Boxing
		12:10am Prime Suspect	11:00pm Total Recall	8:30pm Football
			12:00am FYI Daily	11:00pm Boxing
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WEDNESDAY - 1 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
12:00pm Heir Hunters	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:00pm 100 Days	1:00pm Channel 4 News	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
12:45pm Dom on the Spot	12:30pm The Daily Politics	8:30pm Reel History of Britain	1:05pm A New Life in the Sun	1:15pm 5 News
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	2:00pm Cash in the Attic	9:00pm Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies	2:05pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	1:15pm The Great British Benefits Handout
2:00pm BBC News	2:30pm Building Dream Homes	10:00pm Roots	3:10pm Countdown	2:15pm Home and Away
2:30pm Regional News	3:00pm Channel Patrol	11:25pm Wild China	4:00pm Fifteen to One	2:45pm Neighbours
2:45pm Doctors	3:30pm Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones	12:25am Alan Yentob gains exclusive access and insight into the creative world of Dame Shirley as she tentatively re-enters the ring to confront her life in song.	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	3:15pm NCIS
3:15pm The Coroner	5:15pm Africa		6:00pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Fatal Honeymoon
4:00pm Escape to the Country	6:15pm Bargain Hunt		7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News
4:45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown	7:00pm Eggheads		7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours
5:30pm Flog It!	7:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip		9:00pm Location, Location, Location	8:00pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	9:00pm The House That £100k Built		10:00pm The Royal House of Windsor	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
7:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook		11:00pm Adults in Crisis	10:00pm Climbing the Property Ladder
8:00pm The One Show	11:00pm Mock the Week		12:00am 999: What's Your Emergency?	11:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm Who Do You Think You Are? The Real Marigold Hotel	11:30pm Newsnight			12:05am Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
11:00pm BBC News	12:10am Weather			
11:30pm Regional News	12:15am Dragons' Den			
11:40pm Weather				
11:45pm Peter Kay's Car Share				
12:15am Film 2017				
12:45am The Big Painting Challenge				

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Are you distracted by modern systems?

AS part of the series, we answer some common driving questions and keep you updated on the latest driving and road news kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



OVERLOAD: Can fatigue a driver.

THERE are many systems now on vehicles that can help make driving safer. Many hide behind names and acronyms that not everyone understands such as ABS, ESP, traction control or blind spot control and whilst these aim to improve safety, they can also increase the level of distraction.

A recent study by RACE and Castrol revealed that the lack of knowledge about the operation of these technologies can have a negative effect on driving, with a reported 6 per cent frightened by these systems, 13 per cent stressed and 25 per cent distracted by them.

As a result, it is necessary to know how they operate to avoid the anxiety caused by the new technology. As a car's cockpit becomes more like that of a complex space shuttle than a classic car with steering wheel and levers, it is important to train yourself on exactly what your vehicle does. Read the manual, search the internet and train yourself on every device on

your vehicle, and do so before you take to the road.

According to studies, ignorance or relying too much on the technology, can directly influence driving. For example, if the system alerts the driver when they are exceeding the speed limit, but the speed control is automatic, the driver can become lazy and forget about the acceleration and take longer than normal to take it off speed control and manually reduce the speed.

The stress caused by new technologies in the vehicle can also affect your psychophysical state. According to Luis Montoro, President of the Spanish Foundation for Road Safety (FES-IVAL), long periods of stress behind the wheel, means the mind cannot rest and consequently, the body will perform negative actions which can affect driving safety.

An overload of data from all the extra dials, controls and equipment, can also fatigue a driver and distract attention from the road.

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Does he need building permit?

Q. More than 10 years ago I applied to my local town hall for a building licence to build my house in the 'campo.' Under the regulations at the time, the minimum area to build was 10,000m² of land and the maximum built-area of the house was 2 per cent of the plot area.

My plot was over 10,000m² and the built area was less than the maximum. The licence was issued, the house was built and a Certificate of

Habitation issued on completion. The house is U-shaped around an open courtyard. Now I want to extend my house by enclosing part of the courtyard. The new enclosed area will take the built-area to the limit of 2 per cent of the plot size, but will not extend beyond the original footprint. Do I need to apply for a building licence for this small extension?

BC (Costa Blanca)

A. Yes. If you build, you need a licence. You need to take your plan to your town hall urbanismo department. Further,

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain



when you are done, you need to change your listing in the Property Registry to show your new covered area.

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The great diesel car scam

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



ONCE again the British public have been stuffed by misinformation from the government. I'm talking about diesel cars. About 15 years ago Gordon Brown offered incentives for people to buy diesel fuelled cars and over the next few years we did ... in fact over eight million were sold. Fuel was cheaper and no-one wanted to buy your second-hand petrol car so their prices dropped.

Now it turns out they were wrong and they want you to pay a surcharge if you want to drive your diesel car into many city centres. So, of course, no-one wants to buy your poison-spewing death machine diesel car! It's absolutely disgusting that folks that bought these cars in good faith are now being punished by the new 'toxic tax.' There is talk about a scrappage scheme to encourage people to dump their diesel cars and buy a petrol car. That is no help whatsoever to the punter who just can't afford a new car. As usual the government has cocked up and you, me and all the other mugs that listened to them are going to have to foot the bill.

On to more serious things. What is the point of garnish? I like veal Milanese with

spaghetti bolognese. A pretty basic, simple dish for a pretty simple person. So why does it turn up with a lettuce leaf and a slice of orange on it? The orange, of course, is slightly cut and twisted to make it look pretty. It does nothing to compliment the meal and immediately gets dumped on to the nearest side plate.

I've had egg and bacon with parsley on the plate! In fact, parsley keeps turning up everywhere. Why? Why use up so much of something nobody wants? I've had food turn up with so much green stuff sprinkled over it, it looks like it was left in the garden and someone has gone past it with a Flymo! I've even had a sprig of parsley on an ice cream dessert. Are you raving bonkers? The only things you can garnish ice cream with is chocolate or fudge sauce or another dollop of ice cream. NOT GREEN STUFF!

I used to go to a great Thai restaurant on the Mijas road, which is closed now, and they used to make amazing things with carrots, like little sculptures of flowers and animals. It was a bit wasted on me because I like carrots and I just ate them only to be informed one day that they were only for decoration and sometimes got moved from plate to plate! That will teach me to think that everything served with my dinner was for me to eat and not to take a bloody photo of! I'm on Talk Radio Europe Friday February 24 at 11.30am.

Email me at mikesenker@gmail.com.



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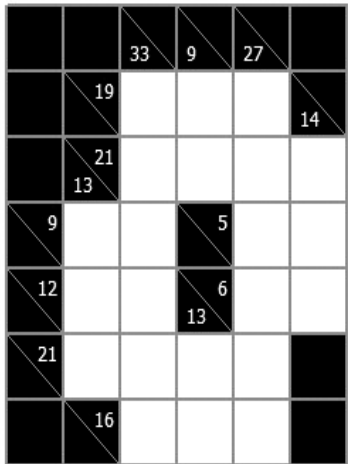
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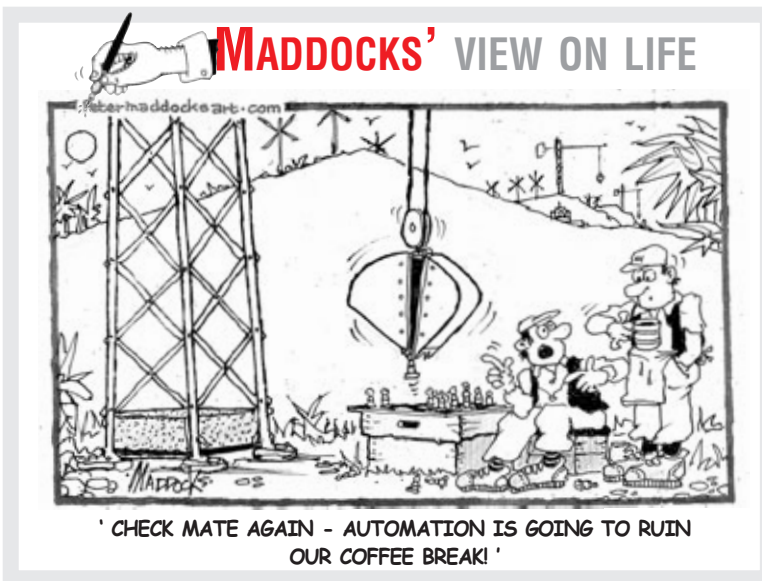
Kakuro

Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

		28	10	33	
21	11	3	2	6	15
19	5	2	8	1	3
12	3	9	15	9	6
11	4	7	19	8	2
23	9	1	2	7	4
15	6	7	2		



Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER (in this case W) and there must be AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



TARGET:

- Average: 12 • Good: 16
- Very good: 24 • Excellent: 31

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

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LA PRIMITIVA

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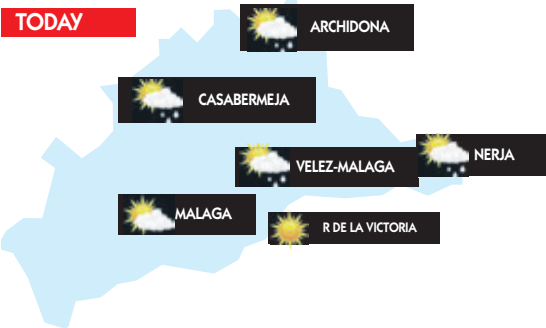
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TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



Alicante

TODAY: Max 21, Min 12 - C

Fri	- 20	11	Cl
Sat	- 19	10	C
Sun	- 19	11	S
Mon	- 21	12	S
Tues	- 19	11	S
Wed	- 18	11	S

Bilbao

TODAY: Max 15, Min 10 - C

Fri	- 12	6	Sh
Sat	- 18	7	C
Sun	- 19	9	C
Mon	- 18	8	Sh
Tues	- 14	6	C
Wed	- 16	7	Sh

Almeria

TODAY: Max 22, Min 12 - Cl

Fri	- 19	12	Sh
Sat	- 19	11	C
Sun	- 20	12	S
Mon	- 21	13	S
Tues	- 21	12	S
Wed	- 19	12	Cl

Madrid

TODAY: Max 20, Min 5 - Cl

Fri	- 18	3	S
Sat	- 17	4	S
Sun	- 18	5	S
Mon	- 17	4	C
Tues	- 16	3	C
Wed	- 16	3	Cl

Barcelona

TODAY: Max 19, Min 9 - S

Fri	- 16	9	Cl
Sat	- 16	8	C
Sun	- 17	8	Cl
Mon	- 18	9	S
Tues	- 15	8	Sh
Wed	- 16	8	C

Malaga

TODAY: Max 21, Min 11 - S

Fri	- 21	11	Cl
Sat	- 18	9	Cl
Sun	- 20	10	Cl
Mon	- 21	11	S
Tues	- 19	10	S
Wed	- 19	9	Cl

Benidorm

TODAY: Max 21, Min 12 - C

Fri	- 19	12	C
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Mallorca

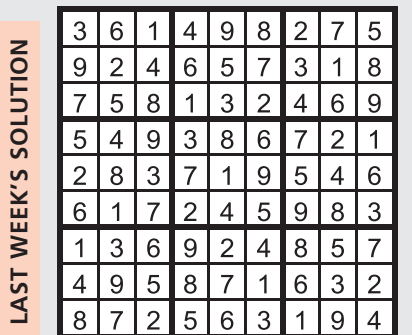
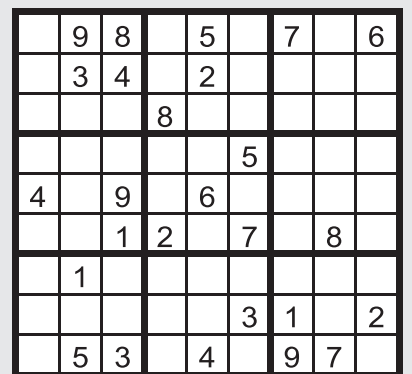
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Sat	- 17	8	S
Sun	- 18	7	C
Mon	- 18	8	C
Tues	- 18	8	Cl
Wed	- 17	7	Cl

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Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.



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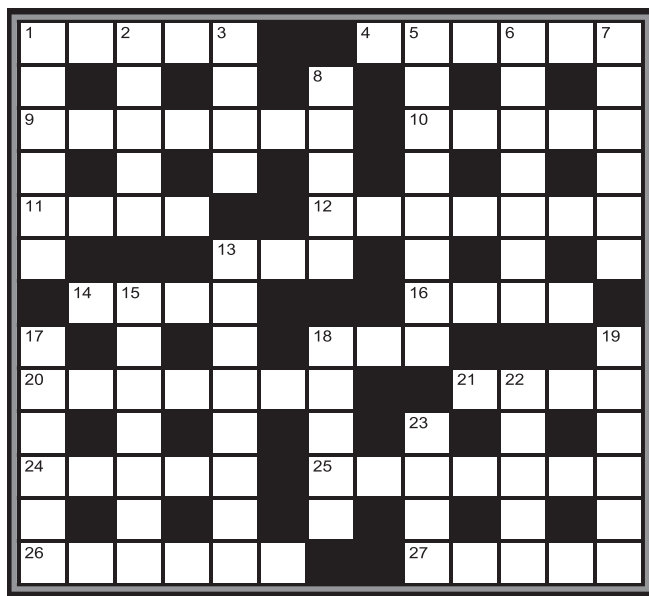
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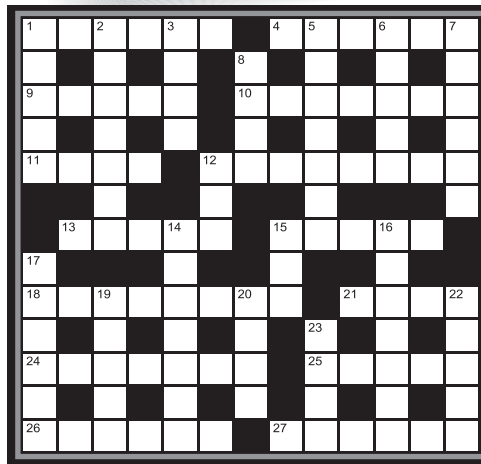
- 1 Good man has help to get sober (5)
- 4 Street telephone line (6)
- 9 Church renews lease for a football team (7)
- 10 Sense some of his mellowness (5)
- 11 Foolish King is with Cinders (4)
- 12 Delight in French song (7)
- 13 Liberal left slum the lot (3)
- 14 Delight some eagle-eyed viewers (4)
- 16 Upset pet's gait (4)
- 18 The dish is from occupied France (3)
- 20 A sabre I broke in a military installation (3,4)
- 21 Call for part of a book (4)
- 24 Enthusiastic approval is lost in a terrible clatter (5)
- 25 I posed a problem being fat (7)
- 26 Substitute a small sorceress (6)
- 27 Wimbledon champion Chris is always on time (5)

Down

- 1 Observe dog being kept safe (6)
- 2 Raves about claims (5)
- 3 Sleep like a tramp in Barbados shack (4)
- 5 Examine luggage to establish legal precedent (4,4)
- 6 Repeat some of the composite rates (7)
- 7 For a change, go late for an Italian ice cream (6)
- 8 Corrupt males in Oregon (5)
- 13 Times can change meaning of words (8)
- 15 Knowledge Garland added for enchantress (7)

- 17 Harbours with own poles (6)
- 18 Bar some flopped albums (5)
- 19 'God without end' admitting church is fake (6)
- 22 Poem for a sailor to remind him of home (5)
- 23 Textbook item contains mention of bird of prey (4)

Quick



Across

- 1 New World vulture (6)
- 4 Writing implement (6)
- 9 Be in accord (5)
- 10 Less rational (7)
- 11 Unforeseen obstacle (4)
- 12 Friendly and pleasant (8)
- 13 Let for money (5)
- 15 Strikingly odd or unusual (5)
- 18 Reticent (8)
- 21 Blemish made by dirt (4)
- 24 Disease (7)
- 25 Accumulate (5)
- 26 Wayward (6)
- 27 Place where bread and cakes are made or sold (6)

Down

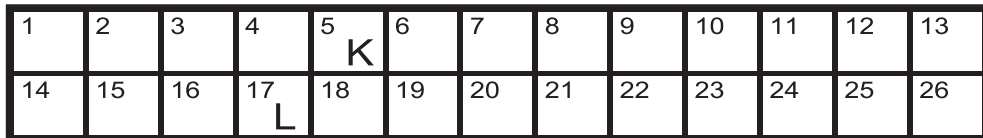
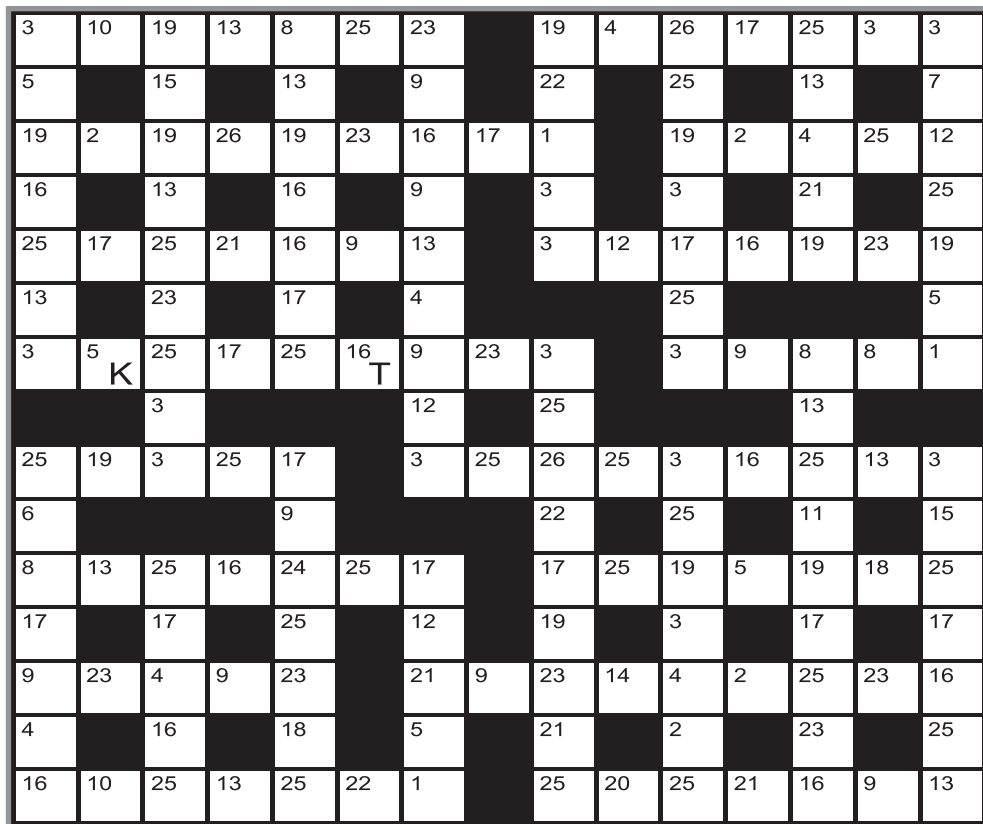
- 2 disorder (5)
- 2 Give a spoken or written account of: (7)
- 3 Kitchen cooker (4)
- 5 Check closely (7)
- 6 Ascend (5)
- 7 Small storeroom for storing foods or wines (6)
- 8 To say again or imitate (4)
- 12 Prosecute at law (3)
- 14 Operating physician (7)
- 15 Take in marriage (3)
- 16 Put back (7)
- 17 Cook in liquid (6)
- 19 Relating to the sun (5)
- 20 Posing no difficulty (4)
- 22 Savoury, appetising (5)
- 23 Spanish sparkling wine (4)

Down

- 1 State of extreme confusion and

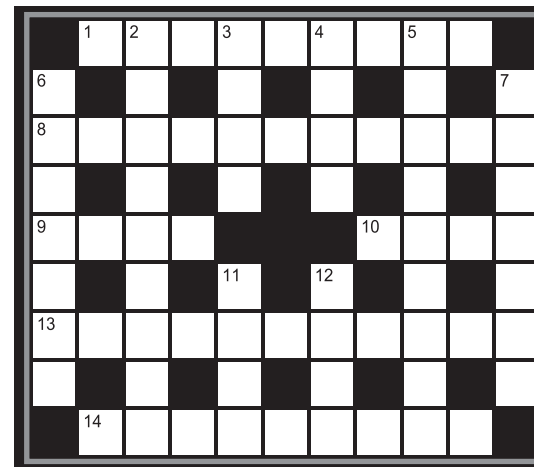
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents K and 17 represents L, so fill in K every time the figure 5 appears and L every time the figure 17 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



English - Spanish

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



Across

- 1 T-shirts (9)
- 8 Boniato (5,6)
- 9 Minutes (of a meeting) (4)
- 10 Cinturón (4)
- 13 Table tennis (5,2,4)
- 14 Scarlet (9)

Down

- 2 Olives (9)
- 3 Dentro de (4)
- 4 Those (4)
- 5 Asombro (9)
- 6 Asphalt (7)
- 7 Cartero (7)
- 11 Island (4)
- 12 Campana (de iglesia, puerta) (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 7 Recall, 8 Attune, 9 Node, 10 Entirely, 11 Abstain, 13 Peace, 15 Brisk, 17 Beating, 20 Lacerate, 21 Ruse, 23 Renege, 24 Scarab.

Down:

- 1 Nero, 2 Lament, 3 Algeria, 4 Paste, 5 Starve, 6 Anglican, 12 Barrages, 14 Reverse, 16 Sweden, 18 Tarzan, 19 Jaded, 22 Span.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Robin, 4 Phobic, 9 Tractor, 10 Nurse, 11 Apex, 12 Edifice, 14 Grab, 16 Acre, 18/13 Rip off, 20 Piccolo, 21 Save, 24 Erode, 25 Trample, 26 Linger, 27 Maybe.

Down:

- 1 Ritual, 2 Brave, 3 Note, 5 Handicap, 6 Barrier, 7 Clever, 8 Brief, 13 Obsolete, 15 Raccoon, 17 Appeal, 18 Route, 19 Recede, 22 Apply, 23 Calm.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Llegar, 4 Eggs, 8 Clear, 9 Ataud, 10 Aconsejar, 13 Leche, 14 Often, 15 Ríos, 16 Tapete.

Down:

- 1 Lock, 2 Ejercicio, 3 Aprender, 5 Guarantee, 6 Seda, 7 Cacerola, 11 Flor, 12 Once.

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Low fare Ryanair played fair

ON the morning of February 15 my friends booked a flight from Malaga to Dublin travelling on February 22. At 5pm they received a call from Ireland to say a close friend had died.

They immediately contacted Ryanair to ask if they could transfer their flight to the following day i.e. February 16. Their request was dealt with at no extra cost. Well done Ryanair. So often they get bad publicity.

*Yvonne Thomas,
Torremolinos*

Brexit confusion

FIRST it was 'Brexit means

Brexit' with no further details. Then it was the boiled egg variety 'soft or hard Brexit.' There were even some references to 'black or white Brexit.' Now it seems it is 'Brexit at any cost.'

One particular commentator here is fond of calling Remain voters 'confused.' There is no confusion among Remain voters. They voted with perfect clarity to remain inside the EU. They would do so again given the opportunity. The confusion is all in the Brexit camp.

Just look at the pledge they made to divert British EU money to the NHS - completely opposed in the Bill before Parliament by the very people who argued FOR it only nine months ago!

Immigration - arguably the biggest issue of all in the referendum - has been shown to be mostly from countries OUTSIDE the EU. In fact, most Brexit voters just want to keep out people from Muslim countries which are not in the EU. How confused is that?

'Brexit at any cost' means exactly that. Cost.

*Brian Eagleson,
Mojacar*

Trump truths

THE only person scowling after that fiasco was Trump seeing his great plan blown out of the water and the

worldwide condemnation that followed.

The would-be terrorists must be rolling all over the desert busting their sides laughing.

Immigration control is vital but it is also such a serious and contentious issue that it needs to be carefully planned and executed.

This was neither. It was clumsy and amateurish. The follow up was equally pathetic. At the moment all we are seeing from Trump's Presidency is disarray and chaos.

Naturally he denies this, claiming that it is a well-oiled machine. And of course, he is the president therefore he must be telling the truth and everyone else is wrong.

Ian Terry

COMMENTS from the Euro Weekly News website

» On Tony Blair

I STILL cannot understand why this man is not in prison for what he has done to the country. He took us into the Iraq war after which the world now suffers from terrorism, and he destroyed Britain with his immigration programme. Anyone who listens to this idiot deserves a good slapping.

Roy Peters

» Mallorca taxi drivers

A GREAT common sense idea, I can't understand why there isn't already a bus service to and from the airport! As is the Spanish mentality, taxi drivers hate competition rather than looking at it as a way of using it to provide a better service to try and entice customers! Spain is way behind on the competition front because their culture, political and otherwise, prefers monopoly, they don't like giving... but they love taking!

Mike in ESP

» Animal rights in Benidorm

I WOULD like to thank your paper for taking the time to cover this story, you have the thanks of all animal lovers and also thanks from the members of Benidorm News & Information Forum on Facebook who expressed their horror at this barbaric incident. Special thank you to Caroline for covering the story.

J. A. Perkins

» Brexit & Blair

WHY wont people just accept that, rightly or wrongly the vote was leave - had the vote been stay then the remainers would be saying 'the people have spoken!' (for what it is worth I think leaving is a mistake).

David Allcock

I THINK the point is that people were wrongly informed and blatantly lied to (£350 million to the nhs) and while I don't like the guy no one else is willing to stand up to the right wing media and say it.

Scott Wilkinson

THERESA MAY has changed her mind. Why can't others - especially when new information becomes available? Blair has rattled those in favour of Leave. Why, because he is listened to by most and Brexit cannot be defended when sensible questions and concerns are raised. Anyone in favour of Remain, are crazy not to support Blair's intervention.

Graham Clark

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LETHAL WEAPON: The deadly hairs of the processionary caterpillar.

Caterpillar curse

“EVERYONE, especially dog owners and parents, should be aware that the hairs on processionary caterpillars carry a deadly poison.

A mere touch by a dog's nose or tongue can have deadly consequences. One of our own dogs was poisoned in this way. With just a little of the poison on her nose, she naturally stretched her tongue to lick it off but this immediately transferred into her mouth. Unless very quick remedial action is taken, serious damage then occurs often causing complete loss of the tongue and possibly death.

The best and vital action to take is to immediately and thoroughly wash the inside and outside of the dog's mouth with running water, taking great care not to touch the dog's mouth or nose with bare hands. It is strongly advised to have a vet repeat the mouth washing and give injections of cortisone or other medicine to counter the poison plus pain killers.

Luckily, our dog responded well and appears normal again. The most important recommendation is to stay well away from pine trees, particularly during the caterpillar season.

Ken Lelliott

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Wean yourself off the addiction

MANY experts now believe sugar is just as deadly an addiction as drink and drugs, with many people consuming far too much.

Whilst it may be easier to lay off the sweets and chocolate, nutritionists say it is the hidden sugar in foods that catch people unaware such as in pre-made pasta sauces and baked beans.

So what can you do to help wean yourself off sugar?

Try and keep your blood sugar balanced and avoid low blood sugar that will make you want to go and get something

sweet for a quick fix, eat smaller amounts more regularly. Don't go longer than three hours without eating, especially women, or your blood sugar levels will drop too low and your body will give you a craving for something sweet.

Weaning yourself off sugar can be easier for some than others. Some may prefer to go cold turkey, others gradually reduce it. First, after removing from the house the obvious sources, such as chocolates and cakes, it is recommended to take out of your diet all the savoury foods

that contain added sugar. Savoury foods such as sauces like Dolmio, which recently changed its packaging to show the sugar content, contain added sugar so look for healthier or home-made versions to remove this added sugar.

Other foods deemed healthier such as yoghurts and cereal bars can also contain high levels of sugar so check the labels.

Next, stop adding sugar to your hot drinks and other foods such as cereal. Checking the package of your cereal will show you there is already sugar in it.

Detoxing from sugar can be difficult

and it is normal to struggle with headaches, cravings, tiredness, spots and an upset stomach, but after the initial first few days your body will start to recalibrate itself. Cutting out sugar can reprogramme your taste buds and can improve your body, mind and mood, helping you to sleep better, have brighter and clearer sight and be less stressed.

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To sleep or not to sleep



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

THIS week we've asked the doctor about something a lot of people complain about, insomnia.

- How many hours of sleep does the average adult really need?

The number of hours of sleep a healthy adult needs varies as it depends on many different factors. Getting at least seven hours of good, uninterrupted sleep is considered to be adequate on average, however some people find six hours to be sufficient and others need more to be able to correctly carry out their daily activities.

- When are sleep problems considered to be insomnia?

A patient is considered to have insomnia when they are regularly unable to fall asleep or suffer from frequent episodes during which they wake up during the night and are unable to get back to sleep and all of this causes them problems and stops them carrying out their normal activities during the day.

- What are the most common causes of insomnia?

There can be many different

reasons behind insomnia. The most frequent cause is emotional stress. There are, however, also many psychiatric problems and hormonal imbalances which also include insomnia as one of their symptoms.

- What can be done to cure it?

The first thing to do is discover and avoid the cause of the insomnia. For example by avoiding stress or by remedying the hormonal imbalance which produces it. Medicines such as muscle relaxants or anti-depressants can help people get to sleep. Sometimes natural remedies alone such as relaxation techniques and exercises and herbal teas can be sufficient to keep it under control.

- Can it be bad for our health?

It can most definitely be very bad for our health, not just because it can affect our normal day-to-day lives and activities, but also because it can be a cardiovascular risk factor.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to: jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com

Museum of Nerja expands exhibition of its famous caves

THE Museum of Nerja is hosting an exhibition on the city's famous caves.

The new exhibition expands on the museum's existing collection on the caves and offers for the first time pieces from the caves' discovery and the process by which it became a tourist attraction, opening on June 20, 1960.

An example of new exhibits includes original identification plates that were used on tours when the attraction initially opened.

A spokesperson from the museum explained, "this piece, which was in the pos-



NEW EXHIBITS: Include a book of signatures.

session of José Torres and has been donated in the name of all the discoverers, joins the hammer with

which they accessed the caves for the first time more than 57 years ago." They added, "the plaque will be-

come part of the permanent exhibition of the Museum and will be shown in the section dedicated to the Caves of Nerja."

The plaque itself, "is a piece of bronze, sized 96 by 45 millimeters, which will be placed next to the hammer and chisel that was used to open the first steps inside the cave in January 1959."

In addition the key of the first gate of the cavity and a book of signatures of important visitors over the year will be on display.

The spokesperson explained, "the relevance of

this donation lies not only in recovering important pieces linked with the history of the caves and the municipality of Nerja but, thanks to this exhibition, many citizens have been encouraged to donate remains linked to the history of the locality."

He urged anyone with any artefacts from the caves to donate them to the Museum of Nerja.

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Tango night comes to town

NERJA is set to host the Social Tango Orchestra on March 17 at the Cultural Centre Villa de Nerja at 9pm.

The company Productions Lastra will present the spectacle, which will include an orchestra and dancers. Seven musicians will make up the orchestra, which features two accordions, three violins, one double bass and a piano. Tango dancers will accompany the music, recreating the atmosphere of the great orchestras of the 40s that filled the dance floors of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Tango Social Orchestra was intended to recreate the imposing format of 'Orquesta Típica' (formations of approximately seven to 12 members), widely used in the decades when the tango was in its heyday.

The project is made up of a group of musicians who are lovers of traditional tango dance. With remarkable rhythmic force and respect for the original melodic lines, this group interprets the most classic tango repertoires of all time. It is a versatile project designed for dance halls, festivals, theatres and auditoriums, offering a unique sound, impossible to achieve in small groups.

Tickets cost €16 and can be purchased at the box office and online at www.mientrada.net.



PROMOTING TRADE: Is one aim of the festival.

Second commercial feria to be held

SHOPS from across Almuñecar will be participating in the town's second 'commercial feria.'

The festival, which takes place from February 25 to 27, coincides with the area's carnival and the Day of Andalucía. Rafael Caballero, councillor for Commerce, explained the event was held, "in order to promote and stimulate trade in the area and to increase commercial

tourism in the locality."

He added, "the initiative coincides with two outstanding events as it is the celebration of the Carnival of Almuñecar and the festive Day of Andalucía."

Some 120 shops are participating in the event, four times the number from last year, and customers who make a purchase at the event will be eligible for entry into a ballot to win a holiday for two.

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IN LAST WEEK'S column I continued reporting on the progress that we were making regarding the regeneration of a client's restaurant.

The menu has now been decided upon and both the owner and his chef are happy with the outcome. We now have to look at creating a different image. No great changes as the client had spent quite a bit of money on reforming in the first place. This is more cosmetic. A lot of effect can be had by changing tableware, table setting and lighting.

At present the restaurant, which is open for lunch and dinner, is clothed up. A standard base cloth with a coloured slip cloth. Slightly old fashioned for a place that is aiming to modernise its image. A look under the cloths however revealed good quality oak effect tables. The crockery that was being used was standard white round plates most of which appeared to have come with the property when the client bought it. Lighting was a bit bright and mostly white but candles in the evening softened the room.

The first decision was to remove the cloths for the lunch time service and replace with place mats and 'table runners.' However in the evening we would revert to table cloths. Considering the decoration of the room which was mainly cream/vanilla colours we chose a contrasting almost chocolate colour base cloth for the evening service with vanilla top cloths. Using the same material as the base cloths we made the table runners.

For the individual place setting I sourced a very attractive matt vinyl table mat in the same colour. This enabled us to use the runners on the square and rectangular tables and the mats on the round tables.

We discussed using serviettes of the same colour the only problem with coloured serviettes is that continual washing makes them fade. So we decided on vanilla serviettes and using brown presentation plates for the evening. Lunchtimes the serviettes will go perfectly on the coloured place mats.

Crockery was the next step. As we had an abundance of white plates it was sensible to continue to use many of those, but we added some different shapes and styles which helped to modernise the presentation and allowed the chef to play around with his food presentation. Nowadays you can get every shape and style imaginable.



Funky shapes and styles make for interesting place settings

Next was lighting. First thing was to put all the lights on dimmers. Then we changed the fixed ceiling lights to pendulum lights with a mixture of cream and brown shades. The effect was stunning. Picking out some of the columns in brown would finish off the effect perfectly. The next week or so it should all come together and the place will be ready to welcome clients old and new.

MY SISTER sent me a picture of a bottle of wine she had just consumed and commented that she 'had never had this before.' It was a Sancerre Red. It's true that it is not very common to see it in the UK or here in Spain. Sancerre is from the Loire and is famous for its Sauvignon Blanc. But it is interesting to know that Sancerre had been producing reds for several hundred years until phylloxera destroyed its vines in 1860.

Up until then it was a favourite served in the royal courts on both sides of the channel. Sancerre uses the popular Pinot Noir for its red wine. It is interesting to note that of the total production of Sancerre 57 per cent is exported of which only 3 per cent is red.

The bigger day-night temperature differences in the Loire compared with Burgundy gives more of a crunchy raspberry- and cranberry-style fruits over cherry, and a spicy, peppery complexity rather than Burgundy's earthy undergrowth.

Better known for their crisp white sauvignon blanc.

The unique soil structure in Sancerre is also key. About 40 per cent of the vineyards lie on the white chalky limestone-clay soils in the west of the region, many on steep hills above Bué and Chavignol, called terres blanches. These are among the best vine-



yards for both Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, along with those on the most easterly slopes around Sancerre which are planted on the flinty silex terroir (about per cent of the appellation), which gives a trademark smoky note and superb minerality and acidity to the wines. The remaining vineyards are on limestone pebbles, or caillottes.

The last few years the weather has been better in the Loire than in wine producing areas of France meaning that Sancerre has been able to come up with some good vintages such as 2014. As I said, I haven't drunk any in years, but I personally found the wine very light and despite its popularity I'm not really a Pinot Noir kind of guy!! But I would be happy to try a bottle again. (Nothing new there I hear you say!!)

LOVE IT OR HATE IT, TripAdvisor, the bible for many a traveller, is here to stay. It comes in for a lot of stick especially from restaurateurs and hoteliers. And yet we all check our rankings and read the comments, smiling when we receive good reviews and scowling when we receive bad or unfair ones. I have had run ins with TripAdvisor especially their aptly named 'Content Integrity' department who, as the name suggests, are responsible for not only what goes into the reviews, but whether said reviews are legitimate and not written by members of staff or friends and family.

I was contacted once about one of my restaurants where they informed me that I was being 'disciplined' - ie being dropped down in the ratings - because they were under the impression that a member of staff or of their family had written a glowing review. This was not the case as it happens, but there was a review from the brother of one of my staff, but he was a regular client and was perfectly qualified to write a review.

Where does one draw the line between a random client and a regular who becomes a 'friend' of the business. Because of the link between TripAdvisor and Facebook if a 'friend' on Facebook writes a review it states that that review was written by a 'friend.' How does that fit into their rules?

Businesses are encouraged to get clients to write reviews for them. Some even offer incentives like complimentary wine or drinks. Is this against the rules or just enthusiastic marketing?

In some cases, penalised businesses are not even aware that rules are being broken, as in the case of a small hotel where an elderly relative of the owners posted reviews after staying at the hotel as guests.

As a result, TripAdvisor dropped the business in the rankings by over 100 places.

There have been cases though where some businesses have written bad reviews about their competitors. This is a despicable act and should be stamped on, but their rulings are a bit wacky! Business owners are often unaware that they should not post reviews about a competitor business, even if they are relaying a genuine experience, good or bad.

The problems arise when those that own or work in a business do not realise how TripAdvisor defines direct competitors. TripAdvisor confirm that this would apply to any type of business in the same sector if that business is within 10 miles of your business. To put that into perspective, an employee, say of the three Michelin star Alain Ducasse restaurant at the Dorchester hotel (in Park Lane, London) is not permitted to write a review of McDonald's in Hackney!!

“ People who love to eat are always the best people. ”
Julia Child.

ONE OF THE STRANGEST projects I undertook many years ago was to put together a Chinese/Japanese restaurant. It was a huge reform of an old villa near Puerto Banus. I designed what I thought was a brilliant table setting consisting of a black base cloth with an orange/rust top cloth with black Chinese style writing. I then finished the setting with black base plates, rust coloured serviettes and black stemmed glasses. It looked fantastic and I showed it

to an old friend, fellow restaurateur and interior design guru and he loved it!!

So armed with my brilliant table setting I proudly presented it to my client who stepped back in

horror. I thought the 'Chinese' writing might have actually meant something rude but it was simpler than that - Black is a very unlucky colour in Chinese culture. Oops!!

Recommended



ON THAT NOTE I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good friends.

Garry Waite is a well-known foodie and restaurateur as well as a Hospitality Management Consultant. If you are contemplating setting up an operation in Spain, or indeed having problems with an existing project contact him on garrywaite@euroweeklynews.com.

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Axarquía: a location to enjoy

By John Smith

AXARQUIA takes its name from the Arabic 'Ash-shar-quiya,' which rather boringly means 'the eastern region' is the smallest region in Andalucía which extends along the coast and inland to the east of Malaga.

This area enjoys a marvellous climate, many beaches, picturesque inland villages, mountains and rivers but development was quite late compared to the rest of the Spanish coast and it is considered to be more peaceful and laid back than its neighbours.

Tourists enjoy driving along what is known as the 'Route of the Sun and Avocado' to drink in the peaceful view of well-tended agricultural land.

Although all parts are attractive and have their positive points, the main towns which attract the most visitors as well as purchasers of both retirement and holiday properties are:

Almuñecar, with its coastal suburb La Herradura, offers sun, sea and antiquity to the discerning visitor and has one of the larger populations in the Axarquía region.

Frigiliana is a typical white walled village which is at the base of a national park and close to the sea but has been voted as one of the most beautiful towns in Spain and whilst not overrun with tourists welcomes foreign investment.

Nerja which offers a combination of antiquity, archi-



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WHITE WALLED: The village of Frigiliana was voted as one of the most beautiful towns in Spain.

ture and beaches with its most popular attraction being the caves, containing paintings which are over 20,000 years old and other pre-historic remains. There are plenty of good restaurants, cafes and bars as well as 16 kilometres of sandy beaches which also welcome the oc-

casional concert.

Rincon de la Victoria, like Nerja offers a wide variety of places of interest, including more prehistoric caves, sandy beaches, good dining, golf and Bezmiliana Castle. The town is famous for its locally caught Anchovies (Boquerones) which can be

obtained at almost any beach restaurant or bar.

Torre del Mar is, as the name suggests, a pleasant sea side town which used to have many defensive towers and is one of the main resorts of Axarquía as well as being the beach resort of Velez-Malaga, capital of the

Axarquía region.

One of the resort's particular features is the esplanade which follows the coast to the Marina of Caleta de Velez which has over 200 berths and offers sailing and a variety of other water-sports.

Torrox, like many other

towns around Spain, divides into two, part inland and part by the sea. Torrox village which is about four kilometres inland is a typical white town built on a steep slope whilst Torrox Costa is a popular coastal strip, with a choice of hotels and accommodation available.

Velez-Malaga, capital of and largest city in Axarquía, is just 50 kilometres from Malaga airport and is of Arab origin. This picturesque old town surrendered to an army of Ferdinand II of Aragon 1487 and with its historic background, relatively compact size and small population, the city is becoming increasingly popular with foreign visitors.

There have been problems with buildings constructed without proper permission but this is very much a thing of the past and there are good lawyers in the area who have knowledge of English and local conditions so any prudent purchaser would be well advised to ensure that they have professional help before committing to buying in this beautiful and expanding area.

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There are, however, some natural, traditional tricks which have been used in Spain for as long as anyone can remember which can help you keep your home fly-free. They are all cheap and simple and take very



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little time to prepare:

1. Aromatic plants

Not only do these come in

useful for warding off mosquitoes, hanging bunches of lavender, basil or citronella in

doorways or windows will also encourage flies to go and knock on someone else's door instead.

2. Bags of water

Ever wondered why you often see transparent plastic bags full of water hung up in Spanish bars or homes? The magnifying effect is said to scare flies away when they see their reflection.

3. Clove and lemon

Another firm favourite with Spanish housewives that also serves as an air freshener. Cut a lemon in half and stick a few cloves into it, then place it wherever you want to banish flies from.

4. Honey trap

Not too pleasant but very effective! Mix some honey, flour and water to form a paste and place dishes of this about the area you want to maintain fly-free. Flies are attracted by the smell of the honey but will get caught by the sticky mixture and be unable to escape.

Longer lasting flower bouquets

By Eleanor Hawkins

THERE'S nothing worse than receiving a beautiful bouquet of flowers then watching it wilt within a couple of days.

Although every bouquet is different and some types of flower last better than others, there are a few basic rules for care and maintenance which will keep them all looking better for longer.

Usually a bouquet which has come from a florist will have been treated to make it last longer, and we can help it along by making sure we don't place it in direct sunlight or draughts and avoid subjecting it to extreme temperatures.

If the stalks need to be cut down, always do so at a 45-degree angle and try to cut them with a knife, under water if at all possible. Leaves should not come into contact with the water inside your vase and it should never be too cold.

Change the water frequently, at least once or twice per day, to keep it spotlessly clean and clean the vase at the same time. Remove any wilted flowers at the same time. There are special products which can be added to the water to kill bacteria and make cut flowers last longer, or try adding a drop or two of white vinegar, gin or lemon juice.

If you are on the giving, rather than receiving end, try to buy flowers first thing in the morning, avoid bouquets which are in the sun and look for the freshest looking blooms. If you want to gift something pretty and long-lasting you could also consider a small decorative plant instead.

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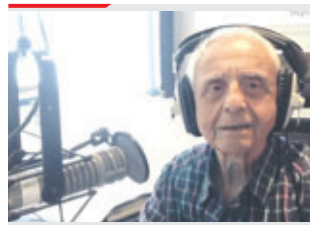
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MANY times I am informed a dog only understands German, French, Spanish, English, etc.

Many owners and some trainers have a misguided perception of what a dog really is and entertain false expectations of their pet. Most think their pet is a small hairy person and assume a dog's level of understanding is equal to their own.

It is vital to keep in mind that dogs do not have the capacity to intercept human language, behaviour or emotions.

Dogs are capable of linking two ideas together, but not actions, which are separated to another time. For example, if a dog makes a mess during your absence there's no point telling it off or getting annoyed; the dog's brain can't link the action. Many say 'He knows he's done wrong.' He doesn't, the brain isn't formulated this way.

A dog's brain is much smaller, in particular the cerebrum - the portion of the brain associated with intellectual function, emotion and personality. Dogs can't understand human language. It's more important to use sound patterns, intonation and facial and body language. A dog wants to please and all learning should be based on a positive reinforcement or re-

ward. Owners should keep in mind a large part of a dog's brain is occupied with sensory activity, particularly the interpretation of scent.

Dog's natural instinct plays a vital role and it's difficult to understand why few dog owners can differentiate between instinct and intelligence. Instinct is an urge from within making a dog act in certain ways and has no connection with intelligence.

Dog's first instinct is to survive. When born a pup squirms until it finds a teat and sucks it. No intelligence or learning by association. Maternal instinct tells the female to clean up the foetal membrane, etc and stir the puppy into action by licking it. She is not taught and hasn't seen another female do this.

Most instincts provide pleasure and as dogs associate actions with pleasure, the instinct grows stronger with usage.

Update from Scooby, Thomas and Jason

REMEMBER the three pure white German Shepherds? Scooby aged eight years, Thomas aged four years, Jason aged three years? They are now living in Denmark and being cared for once again by our housesitter Bragi from Iceland.

They go for daily walks on the beach, and are very well behaved until one of them sees something interesting in the distance. Then they all sprint off to discover what's new on their patch.

Bragi's latest update for us began to describe their personalities, all very distinct. Jason is happy in himself and very friendly to new people. Scooby gets a little scared of loud noises, so one has to be sensitive to what is going on around him. And Thomas is just a little shy at first, and nervous of

strangers. But Bragi tells me that he remembered him from the first housesit assignment and they are the best of friends now. But all three are real scamps, and Bragi has to remember to keep his food completely out of reach. Or, the tykes will demolish every last morsel before Bragi has even had a taste of his own dinner! What cheeky characters!

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
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**Clarkson
Quote of the Week****“** *The Caterham may only have 250bhp, but you have to remember it weighs about the same as a J-cloth.* **”**

Some might say...

**Motoring shorts**

The return of Top Gear

TOP GEAR returns to BBC Two for the second season in its controversially revamped formula. The first new episode will be broadcast on March 5 featuring a spanking new line-up minus one Chris Evans.

The marmite radio presenter, who fronted the first season without Clarkson and co, quit after appalling feedback from viewers last year. The 2017 version will feature Matt LeBlanc, an unexpected hit from season one, motoring journalist Chris Harris, and TV presenter Rory Reid.

A BBC trailer for the new show featured helicopters and rocket launchers, suggesting the Beeb is pulling out all the stops to challenge Clarkson, May and Hammond and their Grand Tour.

The Gand Tour is currently available on Amazon Prime. The former Top Gear trio has also launched a new motoring platform DriveTribe which is set to compete with the BBC online as well as on the small screen.

Farewell to the underdog

**“** A rare breed of modern car that instantly becomes collectable. **”****FORD GT: Boasts a hand-crafted 550bhp V8 engine and six-speed manual transmission.**

A FORD GT once owned by Jenson Button is going on sale at an auction where it is expected to fetch more than €300,000. Built in 2005 the VIP Ford boasts a hand-crafted 550bhp V8 engine with a quad camera and six-speed manual transmission.

It can easily hit 200mph plus and reaches 60mph from a standstill in just three and a half seconds. Benson, awarded an MBE for his services to the sport, raced the car from 2006 to 2011.

Even today it has less than 9,000 miles on the clock.

The Ford will be sold by Silverstone Auctions who described it as that 'rare breed of modern cars

that instantly become collectable.' It goes on sale at the track's famous Race Retro rally from February 24-26.

The Warwickshire show will see a terrific selection of classics, including a TS14 raced in 1972 and a Bentley Speed 8 worth over €10 million.

It's unknown if Button himself will be in attendance. The 27-year-old announced his retirement from Formula One racing in 2016, but remains an ambassador for McLaren until at least 2018. He won the 2009 Championship with Brawn GP and won 15 races out of 305 with 50 podium finishes.

Lexus GS300h: the refined hybrid

THE Lexus brand has a strong following with both private buyers and business users, and the latest GS300h explains why.

Beautifully styled and extremely refined to drive, the GS300h has a clue in its name - the 'h' is for hybrid. It uses petrol engines boosted by electric motors to deliver good fuel economy, low road tax and more attractive benefit-in-kind rates for the busi-

ness user.

There are two engines in the range, the 300h and 450h. Both are mated to electric motors. There are four trim levels: Executive Edition, Luxury, F Sport and Premier.

Rivals in the sector include BMW 5 Series and Audi A6, but the Lexus offers a formidable alternative, scoring highly for classy styling, green credentials, lower tax-

es and, it can be argued, more brand exclusivity.

Prices start at €41,890 (£34,995) for the GS300h Executive Edition, which was my recent test model. The 0-100 kph time is nine seconds, top speed of 191 kph. And for such a large powerful car, the fuel figure of 22.7 kpl (64.2 mpg) combined is impressive.

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Classic Car Club of Andalucia



Sherry Tour success

THE Big CCCA Event in February was, without doubt, its 2017 Sherry Tour.

The four-day event ran a full entry of 27 cars, which started from Venta Los Almendros, on the Ronda road, and finished near Algeciras.

The event was considered a huge success, enjoyed by marvellous people who are CCCA members.

This is what Club members Andrew and Simon had to say about it: "Yet again the CCCA came up trumps, this time with a four-day tour to the sherry triangle of southern Spain.

"Professionally organised by Ian and Carol Giles, the detailed roadbook took us into the hills around Ronda then across some superb scenery before joining the coast road near Vejer for our first overnight stop at the Hotel Montenmedio.



"The following day we drove along the coast road getting a good view of the breaking waves of the Atlantic Ocean, taking coffee at Trafalgar and the symbolic lighthouse before continuing onto our next hotel, the magnificent Duques de Medinacelli, in El Puerto de Santa Maria for two nights including a black-tie dinner.

"The third day was free, with many visiting Cadiz before returning for dinner at the famous El Faro restaurant.

"Our last day's route went inland before returning to the coast and a clear view across

the Straits to Morocco, finishing with lunch near Tarifa.

"A very enjoyable time in this wonderful area of Spain, although all of the eating and drinking means a strict diet is now called for!"

There are a number of photographs of this super event on this page taken by Andrew Buck-Honour and Richard Masters, thank you gentlemen for these.

The Club's next major event will be a five-day Tour D'Algarve starting on April 25. Anyone interested in taking part in this five-Star event should contact Ian Giles.

Jaguars growl



YOU may know that The Club regularly supports the local chapter of the JEC (Jaguar Enthusiasts Club). They arranged an excellent car run in similar style to that of the very successful CCCA. Here is what JEC member, Jenny Wray, said of this event:

"The Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club met at El Trapiche on this sunny but chilly morning. The line-up was jaw dropping!

"Red Jag, blue Jag, green Jag, drop head Jag and an ex-police Daimler Dart still with its clanging bell on the front.

"The run started on one of my favourite routes, Trapiche to Vinuela, then towards Periana. The views of the sun on the reservoir below resembled a large silver puddle. In the hills sheep and goats blended into the hillsides with the most jaw-dropping views and scenery.

"As we drove into the mountains we passed a few houses with country folk in dressing gowns, always smiling and waving whilst gathering kindling.

"Hunters were assembled on the hillsides for wild boar, rabbits, partridge or anything that moved!

"We were en route through the craggy mountains past Guaro and Alfarate. The village was

starkly cold in the sharp sun and shadows.

"A little further we reached Venta Alfarnate. A snug place with a history of bandits hiding out in the surrounding mountains. It was cosy; we were packed sardine style, ordering coffee, and admiring the old gaol still intact behind the bar where the Sheriffs 'roomed' their prisoners en route to the Granada courts.

"Onwards, descending into the valley of cherry trees, before dropping gradually past quarries of white stone into the Zafarraya plateau. Much of our local food comes from this plain. Fields of vegetables with greenhouses of fruit and tender salad leaves, sheep and goats showing the diversity of local farming.

"Next, a breather for the incomparable views down the valley to our Cava stop. Just a reviver! We needed it for the sharp wind, and the odd flurry of snow pushed us down to 'El Pantano' Restaurant on the edge of Lake Vinuela. A wonderful four-course meal was enjoyed for only €25! This is a fantastic family run restaurant with views over the reservoir. We will visit again."



Price increase

ALTHOUGH the Club has been using El Chaparral Golf Club as its home base for 10 years the price of the excellent monthly dinner has remained steadfastly at €20 including wines. This low price couldn't continue 'ad infinitum' and new owners are now charging €25pp but have improved both quality and quantity. It is still outstanding value as the many members who attended in February will attest.

TailPiece

WE are currently motoring through France and Spain and came across a hotel you may be interested in.

No self-respecting motoring enthusiast could fail to be captivated by the noise, ambience and spectacle of the '24 Heures du Mans,' the June 24-Hour Le Mans race.

If you're travelling to or from the UK and using the channel ports, or the Eurotunnel, then do take time to stop at the famous Hotel de France in Chartres-sur-Loire in the Sarthe, near Le Mans.

The atmosphere at this hotel is marvellous. The walls of the Brasserie are adorned with photos from every period of the race history and the myriads of motor-sporting luminaries that have stayed here. Every motor-sporting 'name' you could think of. Jack Brabham, Graham Hill, Derek Bell, Jo Siffert, Ritchie Ginther, Roy Salvadori, Stirling Moss and hundreds more. Even Steve McQueen, Jackie Onassis and President Kennedy had their photos taken and stayed here.

It was the race teams that made the place famous though. Race cars would be parked behind the hotel being 'fettled' through the night, then driven the 27 miles to the circuit. Just imagine, a works Porsche 917 firing up in the Place de la Republique then dri-

ven, on open exhausts, to the circuit! There is a photo amongst the huge collection in the hotel of just that. One could spend hours poring over the memorabilia, soaking up the atmosphere.

Today, the food and service are first class and the rooms are to a very high standard. Staff are friendly, professional and speak excellent English. In fact the husband and wife team that manage the hotel for its English owner recently lived in Estepona. And, most important, they are a dog-friendly hotel!

Enjoy, and imagine you're dining at a table in the Brasserie, sitting in Steve McQueen's seat!

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com.
Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain.
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Keeper WAYNE SHAW who was seen eating a pie during the game against Arsenal is under investigation after a bet was paid out. He said "I was just hungry."

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Axarquía's best guide to local sport

BLEVINS FRANKS has sponsored the society's games for several years and judging by the smile on John McCann's face, he was delighted with the turnout. Over 70 turned out to play an individual stableford at Los Moriscos on Friday February 10, in the cold!

Results:

Ladies: 1st Penny Tagher, Hcp 27, 36pts. 2nd Jill Parker, Hcp 29, 34pts.

Men: 1st Stewart Green, Hcp 5, 38pts. 2nd John Conlan, Hcp 22, 37pts. 3rd Alan L/Edwards, Hcp 17, 36pts.

Ladies Nearest The Pin:

Hole 2, Karen Nuttall - 7 metres.

Men's Nearest The Pin: Hole

Golf International Nerja Society



WET UNDERFOOT: At Anoreta.



TOP TEAMS: At Baviera.



BLEVINS FRANKS: Kind sponsors of the society.

14, Dave Peace, in two shots - 43cm!

Two's: Stewart Green 5, Pepe

Gill and Ray Craig 3 and Liz Taylor Ingram 14.

A full round was played on Monday February 13 at Anoreta in reasonable weather if very wet under foot. The French contingent of Frank and Francoise Stein took the honours in the individual stableford with Peter Garner a very creditable second man. A lack of twos means a roll

over to next week's memorial game for Brian Lynch.

Results:

Overall Winner: Frank Stein, Hcp 26, 31pts.

Ladies: Francoise Stein, Hcp 34, 25pts.

Men: Peter Garner, Hcp 21, 30pts.

After the mixed bag of turbulent weather experienced in

the area during last weekend, it was a delight to get out onto the golf course at Baviera on Tuesday February 14. The format was best three scores from the teams of four players at each hole. Scoring proved difficult for all but three of the teams.

Results:

1st Team: Gill Sibson, Jackie Viles, Bill Findlay and

Lennart on Haffner (wildcard) 107pts.

2nd Team: Lilo Bliem, Russell Dick, George Heron and Steve McFarlane 107pts.

3rd Team: PJ Bentley-Ennis, Mike Frayne, Vincent Kearney and George Reid 105pts.

4th Team: Judy Howard, Jeff Puckett, Glyn Roberts and Mark Fulton (wildcard) 97pts.

Two's: Mark Fulton 5

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