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Hunger strike

Last resort for Janet

FACING EVICTION: Janet has appealed with the bank for a meeting.

By Sally Underwood & Matt Ford

Janet Hayden, a 70-year-old British woman who is due to be evicted from her home in La Viñuela on April 4, has announced that she is now on hunger strike, claiming that her bank has failed to even discuss the subject.

Ms Hayden, who featured in last week's *Euro Weekly News*, owes thousands following a series of problems with the property. She is asking her bank, Sabadell, to al-

low her to pay rent to remain in her home, and says she cannot afford to find anywhere else to live, but they are refusing to negotiate.

She bought the land on which the house was built in 2003 and was immediately told that the land could not be built on, but her legal advisers informed her of a loophole that could be exploited if she paid a small charge.

Having been quoted construction costs of €270,000, she was astonished when the

final price turned out to be €536,000, forcing her to take out loans with the bank in order to pay for her home.

It subsequently emerged that the house had been built on unstable land, and it was soon plagued with structural issues such as cracked walls and even a sinkhole under one corner.

Ms Hayden was then shocked to find that the standard 10-year new build insurance had not been arranged by her legal advisers.

Already suffering from a

potentially fatal heart condition, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Janet, has not eaten since March 1 and says she "will continue indefinitely until Sabadell agree to a meeting."



Photo by Sally Underwood/EWN Media Group

Feeling good

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facing €8.2 million of debt in 2017, inherited from the Partido Popular's policies," according to the councillor for Finance and Economy, Antonio Moreno.

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Janitor jailed

A 60-YEAR-OLD maintenance man from a school in Rincon de la Victoria has been handed a 10-year prison sentence after abusing two young girls. His victims were aged only five and six years old, and the judge de-

ecided to add a further two years' imprisonment onto the eight requested by the prosecution, while he is also barred from contacting them in the future.

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LOCAL NEWS

Streets ahead

NERJA City Council is considering new names for calles Garcia Alted and Asensio Cabanillas, which currently honour our two generals who worked under General Franco's regime. The changes would comply with the 2007 Law of Historical Memory, which aimed to change the names of any streets that celebrate the former dictator.

Freedom feet

HUNDREDS of people joined the seventh Walk for Equality organised by the local council which took place in Nerja on Sunday March 5. At the culmination of the walk, the crowd, estimated at 500 or more, heard calls for greater representation for women in senior positions in all areas of work.

Tourism boom

ALMOST 1,500 people visited Almuñecar's tourist offices on Andalucía Day, 20 per cent more than on the same day last year, while the town's hotels and guest houses were also fuller. The city's mayor for Tourism, Rafael Caballero Jimenez, said good weather had contributed to the increase and that the majority of tourists were Spanish nationals.

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Ambassador congratulates EWN

THE British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, who is currently on tour of Northern Spain and Costa Blanca on official duties, kindly managed to find the time to comment on the exciting news that *Euro Weekly News* had been voted Best Free Publication in the recent AEEPP awards.

"I was delighted to see that *Euro Weekly News* won the 'Best Free Publication' award at the AEEPP awards: it's an impressive achievement for an English-language newspaper to beat off the Spanish language competition and a tribute, I think, to the important role that the English-language press in general plays across Spain. My congratulations to Michel, Steven and the team at EWN," observed Ambassador Manley.

Velez-Malaga in the purple

VELEZ-MALAGA illuminated the Teatro de Carmen in purple to celebrate International Women's Day.

The councillor for Social Welfare and Equality, Zoila Martin, said this was done to commemorate the struggle for gender equality, as she said: "We want to make it clear to citizens that there are still many obstacles to achieving effective equality, there is still much to do to assert our rights and we must continue in that struggle."

Many of Velez-Malaga's schools also organised activities to commemorate the day, including displaying the movement's purple ribbon logo and a school trip to watch the film *Hidden Figures*, about the first black women employed by NASA.

Caves chief quits

ANGEL RUIZ, manager of the Nerja Caves Foundation, has resigned "for personal reasons."

Mr Ruiz, who had been in his

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...5

A beach in northern Spain has kicked sand in the eyes of all would-be Costa competitors by being placed in a ranking of the World's Best Beaches. Southern Spain and the Balearic Islands boast miles and miles of fabulous beaches, some jam-packed with tourists from all over Europe every summer, others offering relaxing peace and quiet year-round. But it is La Concha Beach in San Sebastian that tops all others in Spain, bagging sixth place in TripAdvisor's just-announced list of the World's Best 25 Beaches for 2017.

How cool!

THE only beach in Spain to make the Top 25, visitors to La Concha are able to paddle out to the small island of Santa Clara with its own beach bar and lighthouse, but it comes with a weather warning since San Sebastian does not enjoy near-year-round sunshine, as many southern Spain beaches do.

The global ranking was once again topped by Baia Do Sancho beach, on the stunning volcanic archipelago of Fernando de Noronha, Brazil.

With crystalline water, white sands and a breathtaking backdrop of high cliffs and tropical forest, it is a truly idyllic spot.



SIXTH PLACE: Beach in north wins global rating.

Grace Bay in the Turks and Caicos Islands, near the Bahamas, claimed second spot, while Eagle Beach on the tiny Caribbean island of Arruba was placed third.



Playas high in Europe

SES ILLETES: Features transparent waters and a pristine seagrass meadow.

LA CONCHA also topped the ranking in TripAdvisor's Best 10 European Beaches of the Year, with two other Spanish beaches also listed.

Playa de Ses Illetes on Formentera, off Ibiza, grabbed sixth place. The

beach, part of the Ses Salines natural area of special interest, features transparent waters and a pristine seagrass meadow, making it popular with divers. It is also clothing-optional, leading to a hedonistic ambience.

In 10th is the six-kilometre Playa de Muro in northern Mallorca. A long-standing favourite, it has three sections, with tourist facilities closest to Alcudia, and much of the remainder backed by unspoiled sand dunes and pine forest.

post since March 2012, has written to the relevant chief in Malaga's government, Miguel Briones, giving his resignation. He denied there was "a confrontation between the foundation and the town hall," and said his decision had "nothing to do with politics."

Nerja's councillor for Culture, Anabel Iranzo, expressed her surprise but also explained she had maximum respect for Mr Ruiz.

Replacement named

JOSE ANDRES MONTOYA DE HOMBRE has taken over as head of Velez-Malaga's Local Police. His appointment comes after the previous chief, Esteban Torres, was sacked last month following an investigation into why officers did not breathalyse a local

politician after a late-night car accident.

In a ceremony to inaugurate the new head of police, mayor of Velez-Malaga, Antonio Moreno Ferrer praised Montoya de Hombre for "his extensive experience within the Corps."

Sound investment

ROADWORKS on Calles Cerveteri and Miami have started following a council investment of €80,000. Calle Cerveteri, a pedestrianised street which takes its name from the Italian city it is twinned with, has had its drainage upgraded. Works to Calle Miami will include asphaltting and new pavements.

Healthcare gets a boost

A MINISTER from the Junta de Andalucia regional government has visited Motril to listen to the council's demands for better health services.

Regional Health councillor, Aquilino Alonso, met with a team from the local government and viewed the results of a recent investment of €650,000 to improve Motril Hospital's traumatology department, as well as listening to ongoing concerns.

Commenting on his visit, Mr Alonso said: "One of the priorities of the Andalusian Health Board is to equip health centres with specialisations, working to avoid referrals to hospitals in Granada."

The city's mayor, Flor Almon, praised his visit, as she said: "It is not the first time that the Health Minister has visited Motril but it is the first time he has come to listen to the demands that remain essential for our hospital."

Postscript to ponder

279,243

Number of bars in Spain, corresponding to one per 175 inhabitants, the highest density throughout Europe and more than in the entire United States.

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Checking change

SO many bi-metal coins are in circulation and being passed in place of €1 and €2 coins that National Police are now urging people to check they are being handed euro coins as change. People who try to pass off foreign coins are committing an offence.

Cashing in on €500 notes

A TRADING scam which saw more than €50 million laundered with profits of €1.5 million has seen Guardia Civil and National Police in Madrid arrest 26 people.

The scam involved alleged responsible gold dealers making significant payments - always using €500 notes specifically sought from banks - for scrap gold.

However, rather than using them to purchase gold, they supplied the high value notes to drug cartels in exchange for smaller denominations, charging an extra 3 per cent for their service.

Dancing off into the sunset

A PARTY of 120 diners of Romanian origin, celebrating a baptism, paid a Castilla y Leon restaurant a €900 deposit saying they would settle the balance at the end of the meal. But just before the dessert, they formed a conga line and shot out, leaving a €2,000 bill unpaid.

"It happened in the space of a minute," said restaurant owner Antonio Rodriguez. "It was something

they had planned."

It later emerged the same people have a history of not paying their bills, and have been dubbed the 'kings of simpa,' which is a diminutive of the Spanish 'Sin pagar' [without paying]. They are thought to be responsible for legging it from another restaurant in the area after a wedding banquet earlier this year.



Postcard from

OSASUNA



DECLARED a site of historic and artistic importance, Osuna is a feast of history, culture and gastronomy for the discerning visitor.

The town with a population of just under 20,000 and about a one-hour drive from Sevilla, can trace its history back 3,000 years when it was inhabited by the Tartessos who lived in parts of what is now modern-day Portugal and Spain.

In the days of Marc Antony it was a town for legionary veterans who were given status as Roman Citizens although it became part of the Moorish invasion before being 'freed' in 1239 by Fernando III of Castile.

Many of the town's buildings date back to Renaissance times with visiting classical scholars and historians consequently finding visits fascinating and educational.

Surrounded by forests and olive plantations, the area also boasts a lagoon with flamingos and herons along with abundant flora and fauna. Additionally some mountainous areas offer incredible vistas, though visitors must allow for cold winters and hot summers.

Drag despair

A CONTESTANT in a Las Palmas drag queen competition won after dressing as the Virgin Mary, and then returned depicting the crucifixion. The Bishop of the Canary Islands, Francisco Cases, has since described the performance as "frivolous blasphemy" which made him even sadder than when the Spanair plane crashed in 2008.

No to wall

THE national construction company Grupo ACS will not bid for any contract involving US President Trump's proposed wall on the Mexican border, company head Florentino Pérez has revealed, contradicting a suggestion by its German subsidiary Hochtief.

"We have not even considered it and, moreover, it is not our speciality," said the businessman and Real Madrid head honcho.

His words came a day after Marcelino Fernandez Verdes, head of Hochtief and widely considered to be Perez' successor-in-waiting, suggested that the firm is looking to win more business in the US.

"At the moment the plans of Donald Trump's government are unknown, but we are open to all types of contract," he said.

Animal alert

A STUFFED lion, crocodiles and a number of rare and exotic birds were seized in an operation coordinated by Interpol across 42 countries. Guardia Civil officers helped carry out some of the near 6,000 inspections with almost 60 people believed to be smuggling or selling protected species of flora and fauna.

Birthdays

• Prince Edward, Earl of Essex, March 10, 53

The youngest of Queen Elizabeth II's four children who is ninth in the line of succession. He has taken over the Duke's role from his father in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. In June 1999 he married Sophie Rhys-Jones and they have a son, James, and a daughter Louise.



• John Barrowman, Actor/Presenter, March 11, 50

Born in Scotland he has had a successful theatre career in the West End and Broadway starring in productions such as Miss Saigon and The Phantom of the Opera. He has also featured in a range of TV shows in the UK and USA including Doctor Who, Torchwood, Titans and Central Park West.

• Liza Minnelli, Actress, March 12, 71

The American actress has a career which has spanned six decades. She has appeared on Broadway and in various films including Arthur and Cabaret which won her an Academy Award for Best Actress. She is the daughter of Judy Garland and made her screen debut when she was just three in the final scene of In the Good Old Summertime which her mother starred in.

• Adam Clayton, Musician, March 13, 57

Bass guitarist with Irish rock band U2. Although born in England he moved to Dublin when he was five and it was at school he met fellow band members Bono and Larry Mullen Jr. The self-taught guitarist had no formal bass training when he first joined the band.

• Michael Caine, Actor, March 14, 84

English actor whose career has spanned 50 years and earned him two Best Supporting Actor Academy Awards for his roles in Hannah and Her Sister and The Cider House Rules. The British film icon has appeared in more than 115 films including Zulu, The Italian Job and Alfie. In 2000 he received a knighthood for his services to cinema.


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OUR VIEW

Another success

IT was very exciting for Michel and Steven Euesden to receive an invitation to attend the 2017 Spanish Periodical Association (AEEPP) Awards in Madrid and as they travelled to the venue, they wondered what award they might receive.

They were absolutely delighted therefore to discover that a jury made up of executives of different large Spanish companies had voted *Euro Weekly News* as the Best Free Newspaper in Spain.

If this was a competition between English newspapers, it would have been very nice but our newspaper beat some very impressive Spanish rivals and it just goes to show how embedded in the Spanish business culture the EWN Media Group has become.

Now with the acquisition of the RTN brand, the imminent publication of a new paper in Portugal and ongoing negotiations to take over other titles, it is clear that the *EWN* family is here to stay, regardless of the trials and tribulations of Brexit.

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Debt now smashed

By Sally Underwood

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA has ended the financial year with its debt reduced by €5 million.

The government team is said to be happy with this result, which came “despite facing €8.2 million of debt in 2017, inherited from the Partido Popular’s policies,” according to the councillor for Finance and Economy, Antonio Moreno.

He added the debt reduction was a particular achievement as the council had still managed to improve social welfare, explaining, “we are managing the economy responsibly while we have increased social spending by 20 per cent increase, launched an ambitious project to support entrepreneurship, reopened the Municipal Information Centre for Women, and created a mortgage brokerage office.” He added that the government has put aside a further €1 million for social aid this year.

The city’s mayor, Encarnacion Anaya, also set out this year’s proposals, which include an aid scheme for the self-employed.



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Best possible deal all important - envoy

British ambassador gives Brexit insight in exclusive EWN interview

THE pressures of being British Ambassador to Spain during the ongoing Brexit complexities are intense. But Simon Manley showed cool professionalism openly answering concerns of British expats put to him by Caroline Tyszka in this exclusive EWN interview at the Melia Villaitana hotel complex in Benidorm.

Brexit does not mean Britain is leaving Europe, merely that it is coming out of the European Union and becoming a sovereign independent United Kingdom "tolerant at home and confident abroad."

Spelling this out, Ambassador Manley was also keen to ease other concerns of the tens of thousands of British expatriates who call southern Spain home in the countdown to the triggering of Article 50 to Brexit.



| SIMON MANLEY: With EWN Media Group Operations Consultant Nicki Burgess.

“ My priority is to ensure that in the negotiations we secure the best possible deal for British people living in Spain.”

■ Spain does not recognise dual nationality. What do you recommend to Britons considering applying for a Spanish passport?

“It is a matter for the individual. As British Ambassador for Spain I am not going to be recommending people take another nationality. My priority is to ensure that in the negotiations we secure the best possible deal for British people living in Spain - and anywhere else in the EU - and that we secure that deal as soon as possible. I know through all the contacts we have had, and talking to

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British people across Spain, of the uncertainty they feel. I know people are very worried about reductions in their British pensions because of the fluctuating currency, and they are concerned about continuing healthcare. We are expressing these concerns to the Spanish government.”

■ **How often do you receive updates from the UK government regarding the Brexit process and negotiations?**

“All the time, from both the Foreign Office and the new Brexit department. We are in close contact with all our European colleagues as well as understanding the position of the Spanish government, plus Spanish media and Spanish businesses. We spend a lot of time talking to Spanish investors in the UK and British investors in Spain, having a very fluid interchange with all parties.”

“The most important thing is to prepare for the negotiations.”

■ **There appears a positive message from Spanish regional governments, with the Valencian authorities seeking to assure the British that they will still be welcome and valued. Is this the message you are getting?**

“That’s right. My own contact with regional presidents all over Spain is that they are very keen to see the British here and continue to attract new business and tourism. It matters to them. The main problem is rumours and speculation via the British media which then get picked up by their Spanish counterparts, making what is fact and what is fiction blurred. I recommend people keep an eye - as a ‘one-stop-shop’ for accurate information - on the British government’s website and Facebook page.

■ **Have you been told to prepare for a worst-case scenario in the event of a hard Brexit?**

“The most important thing is to prepare for the negotiations. We want to make sure they are a success, in that we come out with a sovereign independent United Kingdom which is tolerant at home, confident abroad, and engages in free trading across the world. This will give prosperity to the British people whilst having a close, constructive relationship with the European union, because we voted to leave the EU not Europe, and

we will all continue to face the same threats, whether through terrorism or Russian aggression, and we need to work together to face those threats.”

■ **Do you think the House of Lords’ decision has complicated things for the public and their understanding of what this means for Brexit,**

and with Tony Blair speaking out, did this detract from the inevitable?

“It’s really important that we realise we have a democratic parliamentary process going on, we are the world’s greatest democracy, I am confident we will bring that process to a successful conclusion this month,

and that Theresa May will be writing to her EU colleagues shortly. I recognise some of these developments make people wonder what is happening, which makes me come back to the British government website for updates, ensuring the things people read are the whole truth and nothing but the truth.


■ **If you were a retired expat in Spain, how would you be planning for the potential changes?**

“Firstly I would make sure that I was on the padron to ensure continued access to healthcare and also registering that I was legitimately here. I would also be thinking ahead and plan-

ning my finances for the future. “It is important to remember that whilst we are leaving the EU we all face many similar challenges; combating terrorists, ageing populations and active labour markets, issues that we share and work closely together with, and will continue to do so.”

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European Union rejects House of Lords report



BREXIT PAGE

By Matt Ford

EUROPEAN politicians are up in arms over a House of Lords report that suggests the UK could exit the EU without paying a €60 billion 'divorce settlement.'

That is the potential sum which the UK would have to pay to meet existing commitments according to the European Commission (EC) and 27 EU member states.

However, an analysis by the House of Lords EU financial affairs subcommittee published on Saturday concluded that the UK would be in a strong legal position should it opt to abstain from

the payment.

Gianni Pittella, who is leader of the socialists in the European parliament and likely to play a key role in Brexit negotiations immediately accused Theresa May of incompetence and bullying.

"Theresa May is a bull in a China shop," he said. "She likes playing the role of the hardliner, but she's just coming across as fully inadequate to live up to this incredibly delicate historical phase.

"Against this background, it is extremely important that the UK is called upon to honour all financial obligations falling due, up to and including the date of its withdrawal."

As far as the EC is concerned, the UK should

make payments to the EU in 2019 and 2020, although they may continue until 2023.

"Without an agreement on this and other crucial issues, talks on future relationships between the EU and UK cannot start," continued Pittella. "Madame May is fully aware of this, but she's still fooling herself that the EU can be impressed by her bullying attitude.

"The reality will soon wake her up. Negotiations between the European Union and UK should be concluded in good faith and a spirit of mutual respect to ensure the orderly exit of the UK from the EU."



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GIANNI PITTELLA:
In the European Parliament.

Northern Ireland election and Brexit

THE result of the election in Northern Ireland which saw the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) just retain a majority of one seat over rivals Sinn Féin could lead to a major Brexit problem if the two main parties are unable to agree a workable power sharing procedure.

Under the current arrangements, there has to be an agreed position between the 'protestant' DUP which wants to remain part of the UK and the 'catholic' Sinn Féin which wants to see union with the Irish Republic in order for government to remain at Stormont in Belfast.

The parties have three weeks to come to form a government or there will be another election, but the Sinn Féin leaders object to the re-appointment of Arlene Foster as First Minister which is why they caused this election because of an investigation into what is referred to as the Renewable Heat Incentive scandal.

Should the next election see Sinn Féin obtain the majority of seats, then it would almost certainly demand immediate union with Eire, the DUP would refuse to form a government in the minority and the logical outcome is that the power to rule would then return to Westminster.

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Prison for murderer

A WOMAN has been sentenced to 18 years and six months in jail for the murder of another woman in La Cala del Moral, Rincon de La Victoria.

The convicted woman arranged to meet her victim, to whom she owed money. Selecting a discrete location she brought a knife in her handbag and cut her victim's neck from behind. She then stole her watch, bracelet and mobile phone, and dumped the knife in a bin on Avenida de Andalucía.

The judge also ordered her to pay €100,000 in compensation to the victim's children and €989 for the stolen goods.

Sprucing up public spaces

By Sally Underwood

MOTRIL City Council is continuing its pruning of palms and other trees throughout the city, with work now taking place on Plaza de las Palmeras, Calle Marquesa de Esquilache and Plaza del Tranvia.

“Work is being carried out to improve the image of the city's green spaces.”

The city's councillor for Parks and Gardens, Gloria Chica, explained the work was being carried out to improve “the image of the city's green



PALM PRUNING: Trees will be cleared of dry leaves and treated.

spaces” in time for Easter.

She added that all palms will be cleared of dry leaves and treated against red weevil and that ‘phoenix canariensis’ trees will require machinery to cut back, as their height exceeds 15 metres. She added “it is a delicate work because these palms are about a century old and are very high.” In addition weeds will be cleared from areas such as Blasco Ibañez.

Ms Chica praised the work of the city's gardeners who have this year carried out “almost a hundred acts of pruning, trimming and cleaning in the many public spaces of the city, a work that shines for all of Motril.”

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School janitor incarcerated for child abuse

A 60-YEAR-OLD janitor from a school in Rincon de la Victoria has been jailed for 10 years after abusing two young girls.

His victims were aged only five and six years old, and the judge decided to add a further two years' im-

prisonment onto the eight requested by the prosecution, taking into account the position of trust the man had been in and that the events had occurred during school hours.

His first victim's family initially

refused to report the crime, and he was allowed to remain in another government job which did not involve contact with children. The family then changed their mind, and when the second child's parents also came forward, the police immedi-

ately arrested him.

In addition to his prison sentence, the man will have to undertake a rehabilitation course for sex offenders and pay each victim €7,000. He has also been ordered never to contact the girls again.

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Probus membership is rewarding

THIS photo gives you an idea of how you can be a member of a local organisation and enjoy trips visiting local businesses and interesting places, and functions at restaurants and hotels which you would possibly not visit on your own.

Probus also has days where the group goes to a restaurant chosen by a member to enjoy different types of food. To join in all you have to do is become a member of Probus, which is a worldwide organisation for retired professional and businessmen. It meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2pm at Trapiche Restaurant which is situated just above Velez-Málaga.

The first meeting of the month is always a meal, followed by an interesting speaker. The speakers vary from local personalities to people that are involved in law, explaining what is important about living here.



RUM FACTORY: One of the group's recent trips.

The second meeting of the month is set aside just for members to get together and discuss points that may have been in the news recently.

The photo shows joint members and their partners

on a day out to Ron Montero's Rum Factory.

The group also went on to visit the sugar factory in Motril. It was a really interesting visit that opened the group's eyes to how Motril was very important in days gone by in the production of rum and sugar, dating back to the 16th century. It was then off to Hotel Salobrena for a delightful lunch.

For those living in the area of Rincon de le Victoria to Nerja, or in Velez-Málaga and above, then just go along to Restaurant Trapiche on March 14, which is the group's AGM, or on any second or fourth Tuesday at 2pm when the group meets and speak to the chairman, Archie Goody, the secretary, Richard Mills, or indeed any of our members.

Don't let the name of Probus give you the idea that you would not fit in. The group is open to all who have chosen to live in this delightful area and are looking for something different.

Join Coral Coraxalia

DO you enjoy singing? Perhaps you would like to join the local Coral Coraxalia group which is currently looking for new members, both male and female.

There's always a good atmosphere at the group which includes a range of nationalities. The choir performs a wide and varied repertoire and often performs at a range of social events for anyone wishing to be involved with that. The group meets on Thursdays from 5.30-8pm in the Casa de Cultura, La Viñuela so go along and join in.

For more information please call 689 111 352 (Español), 669 682 139 (English) or email eucorax@hotmail.es.

Nerja DFAS lecture

THE Costa del Sol Decorative and Fine Arts Society (DFAS) is to host a lecture on Vincent in Arles. It will be presented by lecturer Brian Healey on Tuesday March 14 in the Cultural Centre, Calle Granada, Nerja at 6pm.

Visitors will be made most welcome. Tickets cost €10. For information contact Helen Sijssling on 952 533 373 or visit www.nerjanadfas.org.

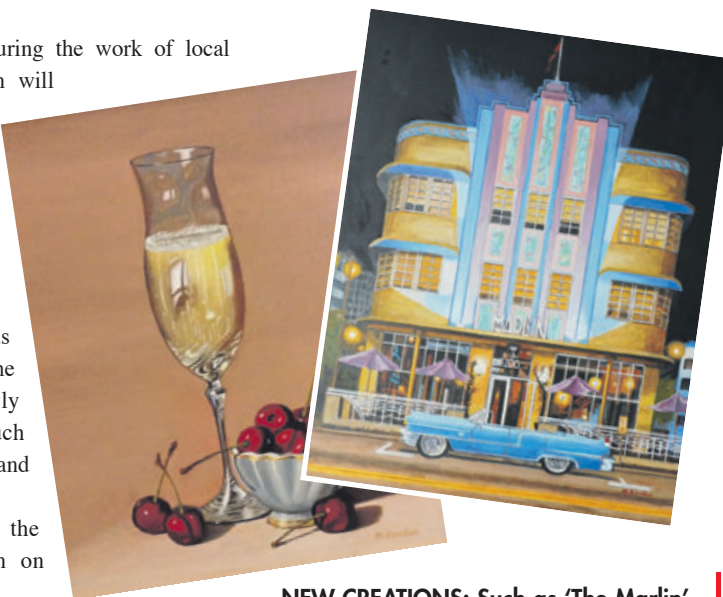
Local art exhibition

AN art exhibition featuring the work of local artist Margaret Riordan will be on display throughout March and April in Bar Choto Playa, Peñoncillo, in Torrox Costa (next to the Ruta 340 motorbike shop).

The exhibition has been added to with some of Margaret's newly painted creations such as 'The Marlin' and 'Cava and Cherries.'

Please note that the exhibition is not open on Tuesdays.

For more information about the exhibition please email mariordan@aol.com.



NEW CREATIONS: Such as 'The Marlin' have been added to the exhibition.



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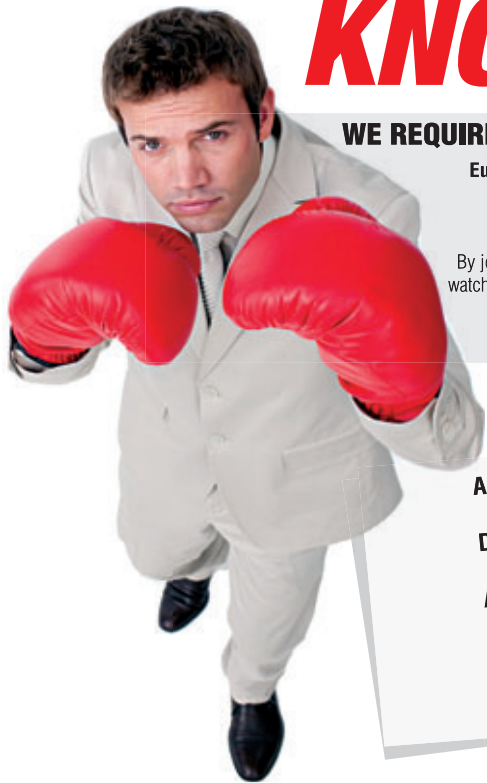
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Out and about with Lux Mundi

RECENTLY 53 friends of Lux Mundi, Torre del Mar enjoyed a coach excursion to the picture postcard village of Casares, which dates back to Phoenician and Moorish times.

Although the weather was rather inclement on arrival it didn't last too long and did not deter Rosario, the English speaking guide, from continuing the tour through the narrow street of the village up towards the castle. In the ruins of the Castle is the Blas Infante Pérez de Vargas Cultural Centre where the group was able to view ancient documents and artefacts relating to the history of the town.

After some free time the friends rejoined the coach for the drive down to the coast along to Estepona where the sun was shining. The group had free time for lunch and also a visit to the orchid house and other interesting monuments

and sights in the town before the return journey. Everyone agreed it had been an enjoyable day.

“ The group viewed ancient documents and artefacts.

There was also a recent visit by friends of the Half Orange group of Lux Mundi to the Museo de Malaga which, after 19 years, is now housed in the Palacio de la Aduana (Customs House), the original museum having been pulled down when the Roman Theatre complex was discovered just below the Alcazaba. After the informative visit the friends went for a well-earned rest and lunch, returning later by coach to Torre del Mar after a most enjoyable day out.

The Half Orange group look forward to meeting more friends on a Monday, either at

Lux Mundi, Torre del Mar or at other venues which they arrange. For more information please contact Lux Mundi on 952 543 334 or email luxmundi@lux-mundi.org.

An upcoming trip being organised by both centres of Lux Mundi is a five day/four night excursion to Valencia from Monday May 8 until Friday May 12. 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 pickup points (in 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, excursion to Albufera and travel insurance. For more information please contact the centres: Fuengirola 952 474 840 or Torre del Mar 952 543 334.

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Reds plunge into the red

By John Smith

NOT just red jerseys but also red faces at Liverpool Football Club as their finances fall into the red with a pre-tax loss to May 2016, after making a £60 million (€70 million) profit the previous year.

Revenue was up, but after earning £124 million (€145 million) from the sale of Luis Suarez and Raheem Sterling to Barcelona and Manchester City respectively to boost the 2015 figures, Liverpool spent a huge amount of

£19.8 million (€23 million)

is the reported pre-tax loss made by Liverpool Football Club for the year to May 2016.

money in the following year on a number of not so successful players.

When you spend £82 million (€96 million) and receive £13 million (€15 million) back on players, it is clear that unless your new pur-

chases are particularly successful taking you into the European Championships and winning silverware, the only way financially is down.

Add to this, the compensation paid to Brendan Rodgers following the can-

cellation of his contract and it can be seen that whilst the club are not in a terrible financial position, they are not that successful and all of this emerges at a time when the team are going through a very bad losing streak.

More so than ever, most Premier League teams are owned by foreign investors who are looking for a significant financial return and there are very few clubs left with British owners who are prepared to support them just because of their love of the game.

Massive fraud in Ciudad Real

A FICTITIOUS company, set up in Tomelloso, Ciudad Real was investigated by the combined forces of the Guardia Civil, the Labour Inspection and Social Security of Ciudad Real and the National Police resulting in the arrest of 19 people.

The investigation started, when the local authorities determined that with 25 supposed workers that the company had incurred a €214,000 debt in respect of unpaid social security contributions.

It then transpired that the supposed workers had been claiming unemployment benefit to the value of €130,000 with the result that 12 Spaniards, six Romanians and one Ecuadorian have been arrested.

Quote of the Week

This is the first time I've been willing to admit that I need leadership help and I intend to get it," part of an apology by Travis Kalanick CEO of Uber the ridesharing company after swearing at one of his drivers.



Sir Philip Green may keep his knighthood



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SIR PHILIP GREEN: At London Fashion Week.

By John Smith

AFTER much criticism and threats concerning the possible stripping of his knighthood, Sir Philip Green has agreed to make a payment of £363 million (€426 million) to the BHS pension fund as a full settlement of his financial obligations.

Having agreed this deal, all claims by the regulator have now been withdrawn bringing the mat-

ter of payment to an end as far as Sir Philip is concerned although they will continue to pursue Dominic Chappell who purchased the firm from him.

Chairman of the House of Commons Business Select committee Iain Wright told the *Daily Mirror* that making this payment "doesn't wipe the stains from his reputation clean" adding "It's like rewarding an arsonist who put his own fire out."

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Petrol price

AS 95 Octane petrol breaks the €1.30 barrier in the Costa del Sol and appears to be continuing to rise, new self-service companies are expanding, offering fuel that is around 10c per litre cheaper. In Gibraltar however the current price is €1.03.

Google TV

GOOGLE has announced that it will launch a TV subscription service in the USA, YouTube TV where at least 40 channels will be available. Costing \$35 (€33) per month the advantage is that as many as six people can share the subscription.

Bankia staff

FOLLOWING the resignations of three serving directors named in an investigation into the Bankia share flotation, the Bank of Spain has announced that all three have now been replaced by officers who have been promoted from within.

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Diageo	2,248.75	-15.25	-0.67	57,393.62
Direct Line Insurance Group	345.90	-0.10	-0.03	4,808.38
Experian	1,603.50	-10.50	-0.65	15,271.05
easyJet	976.50	20.00	2.09	3,805.25
Fresnillo	1,396.50	-16.50	-1.17	10,854.44
GKN	376.20	1.30	0.35	6,359.16
Glencore	334.48	-3.77	-1.11	48,618.24
GlaxoSmithKline	1,676.25	-11.75	-0.70	81,831.72
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	2,104.00	-22.00	-1.03	5,212.17
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,328.50	2.50	0.19	6,332.15
Hammerson	584.00	-2.00	-0.34	4,679.81
HSBC Holdings	663.50	-4.30	-0.64	131,596.22
International Consolidated Air Gr	549.25	5.75	1.06	11,662.57
InterContinental Hotels Group	3,818.00	-24.00	-0.62	7,630.10
3i Group	701.25	-0.75	-0.11	6,906.83
Imperial Brands	3,801.00	-12.50	-0.33	36,780.94
Informa	684.50	11.00	1.63	5,582.63
Intu Properties	282.60	-1.50	-0.53	3,872.71
Intertek Group	3,554.50	-13.50	-0.38	5,780.87
ITV	203.10	0.00	0.00	8,521.79
Johnson Matthey	3,054.50	-1.50	-0.05	5,972.44
Kingfisher	328.90	-1.40	-0.42	7,427.55

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	1,058.50	-2.50	-0.24	8,445.14
Legal & General Group	254.20	0.10	0.04	14,988.22
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.99	-0.43	-0.63	49,133.68
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,101.00	-15.00	-0.48	11,003.12
Micro Focus International	2,141.00	-9.00	-0.42	4,986.93
Mediclinic International	738.50	-7.50	-1.01	5,488.78
Merlin Entertainments	485.95	-2.15	-0.44	5,051.62
Marks & Spencer Group	334.00	3.00	0.91	5,488.33
Mondi	1,916.00	-10.00	-0.52	9,254.66
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	245.55	1.95	0.80	5,708.05
National Grid	977.15	0.45	0.05	36,512.56
Next	3,944.00	-3.00	-0.08	5,886.67
Old Mutual Group	226.10	0.50	0.22	10,796.56
Provident Financial	2,948.00	1.00	0.03	4,362.26
Paddy Power Betfair	8,750.00	30.00	0.34	7,479.98
Prudential	1,643.25	-5.25	-0.32	42,537.62
Persimmon	2,092.00	12.00	0.58	6,633.41
Pearson	675.50	-3.00	-0.44	5,610.02
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,335.50	-5.50	-0.07	51,463.03
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	243.20	-3.80	-1.54	28,836.75
Royal Dutch Shell	2,126.50	-11.00	-0.51	94,047.77
Royal Dutch Shell	2,228.25	-9.75	-0.44	83,430.72
RELX	1,527.00	-5.00	-0.33	16,451.62
Rio Tinto	3,306.75	-33.25	-1.00	46,829.56
Royal Mail	402.75	-1.45	-0.36	4,070.00
Rolls-Royce Group	765.75	-4.75	-0.62	14,388.74
Randgold Resources	7,395.00	90.00	1.23	6,961.09
RSA Insurance Group	597.00	0.00	0.00	6,153.35
Sainsbury (J)	262.05	0.65	0.25	5,869.54
Schroders	3,082.50	11.50	0.37	7,065.46
Sage Group (The)	645.50	0.00	0.00	7,081.03
Shire	5,027.50	-8.50	-0.17	44,777.91
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,193.50	23.50	1.08	5,166.74
Sky	996.00	-2.00	-0.20	17,164.39
Standard Life	405.15	26.65	7.04	7,350.12
Smiths Group	1,526.00	-7.00	-0.46	6,077.94
Smith & Nephew	1,218.50	-5.50	-0.45	10,722.79
SSE	1,537.00	-2.00	-0.13	15,484.77
Standard Chartered	745.40	-0.30	-0.04	24,583.99
St James's Place	1,088.50	8.50	0.79	5,675.93
Severn Trent	2,363.00	8.00	0.34	5,489.67
Tesco	187.95	-0.15	-0.08	15,544.44
TUI AG	1,131.00	-3.00	-0.26	6,721.59
Taylor Wimpey	184.05	1.05	0.57	6,074.45
Unilever	3,858.00	-1.50	-0.04	49,599.29
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Wolseley	4,964.50	-28.50	-0.57	12,873.48
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	79,8800	-0.27%	-0.2200	72M
APPLE	139,780	+0.59%	0.820	732M
BOEING CO	182,180	-0.44%	-0.810	111M
CATERPILLAR	95,120	+0.81%	0.760	55M
CHEVRON	113,55	+0.17%	0.19	214M
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,290	-0.29%	-0.100	171M
COCA-COLA	42,48	+0.02%	0.01	182M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	79,6000	-0.16%	-0.1300	68M
EXXON MOBIL	82,46	-1.01%	-0.84	342M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	30,1200	-0.23%	-0.0700	262M
GOLDMAN SACHS	252,89	+0.73%	1.83	101M
HOME DEPOT	147,8100	-0.09%	-0.1400	179M
IBM	180,05	-0.27%	-0.48	170M
INTEL CORP	35,9000	-0.03%	-0.0100	169M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	92,8000	+0.72%	0.6600	332M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	123,7900	+0.13%	0.1600	335M
MC DONALD'S CORP	127,9000	-0.26%	-0.3300	104M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	66,58	+0.76%	0.50	182M
MICROSOFT	64,250	+0.37%	0.240	496M
NIKE	56,70	-1.90%	-1.10	75M
PFIZER	34,5200	+0.03%	0.0100	205M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,500	-0.45%	-0.410	230M
TRAVELERS CIES	124,13	-0.31%	-0.39	34M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	112,34	-0.31%	-0.35	90M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	168,20	+0.53%	0.89	159M
VERIZON COMMS	50,09	+0.22%	0.11	203M
VISA	88,79	+0.29%	0.26	165M
WAL-MART STORES	70,0300	-1.03%	-0.7300	215M
WALT DISNEY CO	111,2400	+0.59%	0.6500	175M

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CLOSING PRICES MARCH 6

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Alphatec Holdings, Inc.	\$ 4.58	0.68 ▲ 17.44%
Affimed N.V.	\$ 2.50	0.35 ▲ 16.28%
SAExploration Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.31	0.67 ▲ 14.44%
SunOpta, Inc.	\$ 6.90	0.80 ▲ 13.11%
Echelon Corporation	\$ 5.65	0.5841 ▲ 11.53%
Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc	\$ 4.61	0.44 ▲ 10.55%
The Habit Restaurants, Inc.	\$ 15.25	1.45 ▲ 10.51%
Kura Oncology, Inc.	\$ 10	0.95 ▲ 10.50%
Sundance Energy Australia Limited	\$ 10.75	1.0035 ▲ 10.30%
Foundation Medicine, Inc.	\$ 28.30	2.25 ▲ 8.64%
XBiotech Inc.	\$ 14.97	1.18 ▲ 8.56%
Most Declined		
Nutanix, Inc.	\$ 23	8.12 ▼ 26.09%
Immersion Corporation	\$ 8.58	2.11 ▼ 19.74%
SCYNEXIS, Inc.	\$ 2.70	0.57 ▼ 17.43%
Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 11.63	2.21 ▼ 15.97%
VisionChina Media, Inc.	\$ 2.29	0.43 ▼ 15.81%
Impax Laboratories, Inc.	\$ 8	1.35 ▼ 14.44%
MannKind Corporation	\$ 2.125	0.3115 ▼ 12.78%
Fred's, Inc.	\$ 16.30	2.02 ▼ 11.03%
Everspin Technologies, Inc.	\$ 9.01	1.02 ▼ 10.17%
Oncobiologics, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.30 ▼ 9.38%
Intellia Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 13.84	1.40 ▼ 9.19%

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Agent Provocateur in 'pre-pack' deal

By John Smith

NEVER one to shy away from controversy, Mike Ashley, owner of Sports Direct and a number of other businesses is said to be in the process of purchasing luxury lingerie brand Agent Provocateur much to the disgust of one of its original founders.

Joe Corr , the son of Dame Vivienne Westwood and the late Malcolm McLaren of Sex Pistols fame, co-founded Agent Provocateur in 1994 with his former wife Serena Rees and the brand currently employs some 600 people and has 11 shops in the UK.

In 2007, the couple split and at that time sold their business to private investment company 3i for a reported  60 million ( 69.5 million) and Corr  went on to become involved in other fashion and cosmetic operations from 2009, but he is clearly unhappy with the decision to allow Mike Ashley to become involved in his former company.

Known for his ability to obtain publicity, in late 2016 with the co-operation of his mother, the designer and entrepreneur arranged to burn an archive of punk memorabilia said to be worth  6 million ( 6.95 million)



AGENT PROVOCATEUR: The luxury lingerie brand.

on a barge in the River Thames.

Now he has described the sale of his former 'baby' as "a disgrace to British business" and "preposterous" and has intimated that he will take further action after previously taking le-

gal action against 3i and Ashley.

What he seems to object to is the fact that the sale is being made via a contentious financial vehicle known as a 'pre-pack administration' whereby 3i - originally founded in 1945 by the

Bank of England and various banks under a different name in order to stimulate the British economy - has allowed the sale of the company.

This type of sale means that many creditors including HM Revenue and

Customs will remain unpaid whilst a major creditor, thought to be Barclays Bank may take the majority of the revenue and Corr  believes that other 'safer' purchasers have been sidelined.

3i may well lose most of their investment but will no longer have to support the struggling brand and they argue that the decision has been made by AlixPartners, the administrators of Agent Provocateur not themselves.

The purchase is actually being made by Four Holdings, the parent company of Four Marketing, which is 25 per cent owned by Sports Direct which gives rise to the accusation that Mike Ashley who is the director of 218 companies is behind the purchase.

Whilst it would seem a strange 'bed fellow' to market besides the sporting clothes and utilitarian underwear sold in the Sports Direct shops, the owner, Mr Ashley has recently taken an interest in designer clothing brands such as French Connection.

He certainly appears to want to expand and move upmarket although there is some fear that he might just take the name and existing stock and dump everything else.

Lego NASA female pioneers

By John Smith

AFTER introducing such legendary fictional characters as Darth Vader, Harry Potter and Batman and to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8, Danish company Lego has announced that it will produce a set of NASA female pioneers.

“Once designed and manufactured, the collection is not expected to reach the markets until late in 2017 or early 2018.

As the company moves from strength to strength, it invited followers to put forward suggestions for new characters or images to add to the range and the concept of the NASA pioneers which was presented by science writer Maia Weinstock won the competition with more than 10,000 votes.

Much has been made of the previously unsung work of Afro-American mathematicians in the 1960s at NASA since it was brought into the spotlight by Oscar nominated movie Hidden Figures and one of the scientists featured in the film, Katherine Johnson will be one of the five Lego figures.



FEMALE PIONEERS: The models which have been submitted for consideration.

The other four women being similarly 'honoured' are computer scientist Margaret Hamilton, astronauts Sally Ride and Mae Jemison and astronomer Nancy Grace Roman, all of whom are considered to have played pivotal roles in the development of the Space Agency.

The decision to proceed with the launch of these characters was announced in a video message on a Lego blog and a company spokesperson explained that they were

delighted that this concept had received so many votes.

Other candidates had ranged from The Addams Family to Japanese monster Voltron and the Large Hadron Collider and new proposals are accepted every six months with one of the latest being the Wizard of Oz.

The set will need to be designed and manufactured as part of a larger Lego NASA collection so is not expected to reach the markets until late in 2017 or early 2018.

Spain consulted over Opel sale

AS representatives of the PSA Group, makers of Citroen and Peugeot cars tour Europe to discuss their takeover of the Opel Group from US giant General Motors, they visited Spain to explain their plans to the Economy Minister De Guinos.

Partly state-owned by the French government with a large Chinese investment PSA visited the UK as there are still several thousand workers employed by Vauxhall, part of the Opel Group in Britain and are now wooing other European governments.

Car manufacture in Spain is a very useful part of the economy and Opel and PSA own three factories here employing some 13,000 staff throughout the country so the Spanish government is anxious to ensure continuity if the sale goes through.

To some extent however, there is a Catch 22 situation as although it is not easy to tool up to transfer manufacture from one factory to another, in the long term, there could be considerable savings by merging plants.

The minister however appeared fairly comfortable with the discussions that took place and believes that if the takeover does occur, then Spain will play an important part in future developments of the new company.

Photo Credit: Shakkahnevan flickr

Photo Credit: Lego NASA Women Facebook

US firm raided by tax authorities

By John Smith

CATERPILLAR INC, an American company and the largest manufacturer of industrial machinery and trucks in the world has had three of its premises in the US raided by the authorities apparently investigating alleged tax evasion.

This follows an investigation into its Swiss subsidiary CSARL by the American authorities who accused the company of diverting funds to the semi-tax haven and supposedly saving \$2.4 billion (€2.28 billion) in tax which should have been paid going back to 2000.

An earlier senate paper suggested that having negotiated a special tax rate of 6 per cent with the Swiss government, Caterpillar regularly reported large amounts of profits earned through CSARL even though it had transferred no staff or ongoing business to the Swiss company.

There is something of a dilemma for President Trump as on one hand he pledged to make sure that American companies paid

proper tax within the USA yet on the other hand he wants to support American business and encourage a growth in employment and sales within the US.

It was just a week before the raids that the chairman of Caterpillar visited the White House to meet Donald Trump and these sudden raids suggest that there has been little co-ordination be-

tween departments.

Even though the Dow Jones (index of shares on Wall Street) rose to record levels, breaking 21,000 for the first time ever,

Caterpillar shares saw an immediate fall of 4.3 per cent upon release of the news of the raids.

CATERPILLAR: Largest manufacturer of trucks.



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Not as many unemployed

UNEMPLOYMENT continued to drop significantly in Spain during the last quarter of 2016 to its lowest level of 18.6 per cent and represented the lowest number of unemployed since 2009, although the fourth quarter of every year sees large numbers of seasonal jobs created which then disappear in the following month.

February figures however showed a positive result with 9,355 fewer people registered as unemployed taking the total for Spain to 3.75 million although it does appear the number who are eligible for employment has dropped as well.

According to the Ministry of Employment there are now 17,748,000 people actual registered with social security as being employed and this does not take into account those receiving cash in hand.

Overall, things are continuing to look positive although interestingly, there were 2,859 more foreign workers registered as unemployed.

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.

The advice we give to our clients at Stone King, is that if you have assets in both Spain and the UK, your only safe option is to appoint attorneys in both jurisdictions.

If you would like to discuss LPAs contact Charlotte Macdonald or Dan Harris at Stone King LLP by email international@stoneking.co.uk or by telephone on +44 (0)1225 337599.



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Just who gives them the right?

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IF you even bothered to watch it, I've no doubt you thoroughly enjoyed the cock up at the Oscars ceremony last week. As usual the 'stars,' who often find it impossible to connect two words without a script, were utterly tongue-tied at the mix up, producing more waffles than Dick's fast food Diner.

True to form, in their usual predictable arrogance, a number of them subsequently decided to use the opportunity to spout their knowledge of world affairs.

Why is it, that purely because they have attained success in their particular field, they automatically assume they have now earned the right to deliver their political views to all and sundry? As entertainers, theirs is primarily a profession that should help its fans to escape, not indulge in the trials and tribulations of our real, often depressing existence. Why don't



OSCAR WINNERS: Mahershala Ali, Emma Stone, Viola Davis and Casey Affleck.

they stick to what they are grossly overpaid for?

We also need to remember that most of the 'stars' of the acting industry are uneducated drop outs.

High school failures, who decided that egotistic greatness was more important than educational gratification. Hardly the qualifications that give them the right to advise us on

world issues. If I want to listen to politicians I'll tune in to 'Politics Today' or 'PMQ.' Give us a break. They are of course often encouraged to regale us with rubbish.

“ Why don't they stick to what they are grossly overpaid for?

I actually recall that when I achieved my 'overnight stardom,' (twinkle twinkle!), I was suddenly inundated by a whole host of media outlets for my views on just about everything; from politics to puritism. All I had actually achieved to suddenly become an authority on all these Earthly affairs, was to warble a three-minute, albeit quite catchy, tune on a bit of vinyl! Hardly a qualification to become a bottomless pit of invaluable knowledge!

Oh, and by the way, I am increasingly of the view that Trump could become one of the truly great Presidents of American history. Wot ya mean, 'practice what you preach?' I'm a columnist now, innit!

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12:00pm Heir Hunters	7:30am Heir Hunters	8:30pm Top of the Pops	7:45am King of Queens	9:40am Peppa Pig
12:45pm Dom on the Spot	8:15am Money for Nothing	9:00pm Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise	8:10am King of Queens	9:50am Wissper
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00am An Island Parish	10:00pm Sound Waves: The Symphony of Physics	8:35am King of Queens	10:00am Toot the Tiny
2:00pm BBC News at One	9:30am Great British Railway Journeys	11:00pm Attenborough and the Giant Dinosaur	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:30pm BBC London News	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	12:00pm The Nazis: A Warning From History	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:45pm Doctors	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	12:00pm The Nazis: A Warning From History	10:05am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
3:15pm The Doctor Blake Mysteries	1:00pm The Daily Politics	12:00pm The Nazis: A Warning From History	10:35am Frasier	1:15pm Nightmare Tenants
4:15pm Escape to the Country	2:00pm Two Tribes	12:00pm The Nazis: A Warning From History	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Slum Landlords
4:45pm Money for Nothing	2:30pm Beat the Brain	12:00pm The Nazis: A Warning From History	12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen	2:45pm Home and Away
5:30pm Flog It!	3:00pm Building Dream Homes	12:50am World War Two: A Timewatch Guide	1:00pm Nightmares USA	2:45pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	3:30pm Channel Patrol	1:50am Top of the Pops	1:05pm A New Life in the Sun	3:20pm NCIS
7:00pm BBC News at Six	4:15pm Rivers with Griff Rhys Jones	2:25am Sounds of the Eighties	2:05pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	4:15pm Perfect Life
7:30pm BBC London News	5:15pm The Hunt	2:55am Sound of Song	3:10pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News at 5
8:00pm The One Show	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	3:55am The Symphony of Physics	4:00pm Fifteen to One	6:30pm Neighbours
8:30pm EastEnders	7:00pm Eggheads	4:55am This is BBC Four	5:00pm Crufts 2017	7:00pm Home and Away
9:00pm Would I Lie to You?	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	5:00pm BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
9:30pm EastEnders	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip		7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm Nightmare Tenants
10:00pm Britain on the Fiddle	9:00pm The Great Pottery Throw Down		7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	10:00pm Brexit: Britain's Biggest Deal		8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm The Great British Benefits Handout
11:30pm BBC London News	11:00pm Match of the Day		8:55pm The Political Slot	11:00pm Celebrity Sex Pod
11:45pm Question Time	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm Crufts 2017	12:05pm Rich Dog, Poor Dog
12:45am This Week	12:15am Top Gear		10:00pm A Very British Hotel	
	1:40am Panorama		11:00pm Extremely British Muslims: Boys to Men	
			12:05am 100% Hotter!	

FRIDAY - 10 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
10:15am The Housing Enforcers	7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets	8:00pm World News Today	7:00am Countdown	9:15am Digby Dragon
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	7:30am Heir Hunters	8:30pm Top of the Pops	7:45am King of Queens	9:30am Peppa Pig
12:00pm Heir Hunters	8:15am Money for Nothing	9:00pm The Good Old Days	8:10am King of Queens	9:50am Wissper
12:45pm Dom on the Spot	9:00am Big Dreams	9:00pm Leonard Sachs presents the old-time entertainment show, first broadcast on 21 February 1978.	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:00am Toot the Tiny
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00am Small Spaces	10:00pm The People's History of Pop Series telling the story of pop music through fans' memories and memorabilia.	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:00pm BBC News at One	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	11:00pm Classic Albums	10:05am Frasier	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:30pm BBC London News	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	12:00am Unfinished: The Making of Massive Attack	10:40am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
2:45pm Doctors	1:00pm The Daily Politics	12:30am Amy Winehouse in Her Own Words	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	1:15pm Winter Road Rescue
3:15pm The Doctor Blake Mysteries	2:00pm Two Tribes	1:00pm A portrait of Amy Winehouse through interviews and performances, some previously unseen.	12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen	2:15pm Home and Away
4:15pm Escape to the Country	2:30pm Beat the Brain		1:00pm Nightmares USA	2:45pm Neighbours
4:45pm Money for Nothing	3:00pm Building Dream Homes		1:05pm A New Life in the Sun	3:20pm NCIS
5:30pm Flog It!	3:30pm Channel Patrol		2:05pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	4:20pm 10.0 Earthquake
6:15pm Pointless	4:15pm Rivers with Griff Rhys Jones		3:10pm Countdown	5:00pm 5 News at 5
7:00pm BBC News at Six	5:15pm The Hunt		4:00pm Fifteen to One	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm BBC London News	6:15pm Bargain Hunt		5:00pm Crufts 2017	7:00pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads		6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
8:30pm Six Nations Rugby Union	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food		7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm The Gadget Show
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip		7:30pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Naughty Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud
11:25pm BBC London News	9:00pm Gardeners World		8:30pm Crufts 2017	10:00pm The Graham Norton Story
11:35pm Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl	9:30pm Only Connect		10:00pm Gogglebox	11:30pm When Celebs Sing Pop... Badly
1:50am Marigold Hotel	10:00pm The Secrets of Your Food		11:00pm The Last Leg	
	11:00pm QI		12:05am 8 Out of 10 Cats	
	11:30pm Newsnight		12:55am How'd You Get So Rich?	
	12:05am Robot Wars			
	1:05am The Borderlands			
	2:30am Andrew Marr: My Brain and Me			

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SATURDAY - 11 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:35am Yellow Canary	8:00pm Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues	7:15am Mobil 1 The Grid	7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live	9:10am The Happiest Days of Your Life	9:00pm She-Wolves: England's Early Queens	7:45am King of Queens	10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:30pm Mary Berry Everyday	10:30am Coast	9:00pm She-Wolves: England's Early Queens	8:10am King of Queens	11:35am Britain: Life on the Dole
1:00pm Football Focus	11:00am Natural World	10:00pm Follow the Money	8:40am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:30pm Benefits
2:00pm BBC News	12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer	11:00pm Follow the Money	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:30pm Yorkshire Dole
2:10pm Weather	1:00pm Two Greedy Hungry	12:00am Top of the Pops	9:30am Frasier	2:25pm Dance Moms
2:15pm Bargain Hunt	2:00pm Little Paris Kitchen	1:15am People's History of Pop	10:00am Frasier	5:05pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
3:15pm Escape to the Country	2:30pm The Red Shoes	2:15am Blues America	10:30am The Big Bang Theory	6:05pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
3:45pm Kung Fu Panda	2:30pm The Red Shoes	3:15am Blues America	11:00am The Big Bang Theory	7:00pm We'll Take it Away!
5:10pm Final Score	4:40pm Gardeners' World	4:15am Sounds of the Eighties	11:30am The Big Bang Theory	8:00pm NCIS: Los Angeles
6:10pm Celebrity Mastermind	5:10pm University Challenge	5:55pm Location, Location, Location	11:55am The Simpsons	9:00pm NCIS
6:40pm BBC News	5:40pm Only Connect	8:00pm Crufts 2017	12:25pm The Simpsons	9:55pm 5 News
6:50pm Regional News	6:10pm Flog It!	10:00pm Room	1:00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	10:00pm Football on 5
6:55pm Weather	7:00pm Natural World	12:20am Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy	2:00pm Come Dine with Me	10:50pm Football on 5 Goal Rush
7:00pm Pointless	8:00pm Natural World	2:35am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	4:35pm A Place in the Sun	11:15pm Live Boxing on 5
7:45pm Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief	9:00pm Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands		5:35pm Location, Location, Location	1:10am Super Casino
9:00pm Who Dares Wins	9:30pm Dad's Army		8:00pm Location, Location, Location	4:10am Inside Windsor Castle
9:40pm Casualty	10:00pm Gen's 1990s: My Drive to Freedom		9:00pm Location, Location, Location	
10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	11:00pm Live at the Apollo		9:55pm 5 News	
11:00pm BBC News	11:45pm L.A. Confidential		10:00pm Football on 5	
11:20pm Match of the Day	1:55am Taboo		10:50pm Football on 5	
12:05am Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights	2:55am Taboo		11:15pm Live Boxing on 5	
12:35am This Country	3:55am Rabbit Hole			
1:05am Line of Duty	5:15am This is BBC Two			
2:05am Line of Duty				
3:05am Weather for the Week Ahead				
3:10am BBC News				

SUNDAY - 12 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:45am Island Parish	8:00pm Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century	7:15am King of Queens	7:00am Milkshake!
8:40am Match of the Day	8:15am Around the World in 80 Gardens	9:00pm Dazzling Duets at the BBC	7:40am King of Queens	10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
9:30am Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights	9:15am Coast	10:00pm The Lunchbox	8:05am King of Queens	11:35am Football on 5
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	9:30am Gardeners' World	11:40pm Sound Waves: The Symphony of Physics	8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	The Championship
11:00am The Big Questions	10:00am Countryfile	12:40am The Horizon	8:55am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:35pm Football on 5 Goal Rush
12:00pm Sunday Politics	11:00am Saturday Kitchen	1:40am Edwardian Insects on Film	9:55am Frasier	1:00pm The Gadget Show
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:30pm Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day	2:40am Time Shift	10:30am Sunday Brunch	2:00pm Are We Done Yet?
2:15pm BBC News	1:00pm Simply Nigella	3:45pm Shall We Dance?	9:55am Frasier	3:45pm Big Momma's House
2:25pm Weather for the Week Ahead	1:30pm MOTD2 Extra	5:00pm The House That £100k Built	10:30am The Simpsons	5:35pm Little Nicky
2:30pm Match of the Day Live	2:15pm Robot Wars	6:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	2:00pm The Simpsons	7:05pm Inside Windsor Castle
5:00pm Escape to the Country	3:15pm Shall We Dance?	7:00pm Six Nations Rugby Special	2:30pm Cheaper by the Dozen	8:00pm Inside Windsor Castle
6:00pm Songs of Praise	5:00pm The House That £100k Built	8:00pm Robot Wars	4:25pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	9:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:35pm BBC News	6:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	9:00pm Top Gear	5:25pm Location, Location, Location	10:00pm Three Days to Kill
6:50pm Regional News	7:00pm Six Nations Rugby Special	10:00pm Down the Mighty River	6:30pm Channel 4 News	12:00am Harry Brown
6:55pm Weather	7:00pm Six Nations Rugby Special	11:00pm Face of an Angel	7:00pm Crufts 2017	2:00am Super Casino
7:00pm The Big Painting Challenge	8:00pm Rugby Special	12:40am Women's Six Nations Highlights	9:30pm The Jump	4:10am Secrets of the National Trust
8:00pm Countryfile	8:00pm Robot Wars	1:10am American High School	10:30pm Homeland	5:00am Witches: A Century of Murder
9:00pm Call the Midwife	9:00pm Top Gear		11:30pm War Child	5:50am House Doctor
10:00pm SS-GB	10:00pm Down the Mighty River		12:40am Gogglebox Departure	
11:00pm BBC News	11:25pm Weather		3:30am The Last Leg	
11:20pm Regional News	11:30pm Match of the Day 2		4:25am Phil Spencer: Secret Agent	
11:25pm Weather	12:30am American High School			
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Cancer boy Leo the Lion ready to start proton beam therapy in the USA

MARCH is Brain Tumour Awareness Month and, appropriately, four-year-old Leo Bermejo from Almeria is about to embark on what could be life-saving treatment in the States.

Doctors at the Oklahoma clinic have now completed their assessments with Leo and consultations with cancer experts on each side of the Atlantic.

They have recommended 31 proton sessions, which will be given Monday to Friday, so once it begins it will involve approximately six weeks of treatment.

The consensus is that Leo needs full brain and spine proton therapy with a boost to the tumour bed. As mum Karen says, "The treatment needs to be aggressive to kill this beast."

Leo will be given a lower dose to the healthy brain and he will not be any worse than he is now.

Karen added: "The doses that we have dis-

cussed are the same doses that another child has had who had the closest condition I could find to Leo.

"I have been in contact with the mother of this child who also had weakness in one side and loss of speech but he is progressing and now goes to a normal school.

"This child is amazingly now three years in remission!"

Meanwhile fundraising events for Leo's campaign fund continue apace both in Spain and the UK.

Members of a gym in Stockport have raised an amazing £19,000 for Leo.

To give your support to the ongoing Leo the Lion fundraising campaign here is how you can donate:

“Leo's treatment needs to be aggressive.”



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Trump this! The Donald on women's looks and bodies

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

If you could see inside my head, you'd find some profoundly insightful thoughts about the rise of the far right in European politics. Before you got there, though, you'd find the following: Donald Trump's recent edict that White House female employees "dress like women."

Now Trump's always made it clear he judges women by their looks. Being interviewed by a female journalist was fine, he once said, "as long as you've got a young and beautiful piece of ass" - no ifs or butts about it! When he bought the Miss USA beauty pageant in 1997, he vowed to get "the bathing suits to be smaller and the heels higher."

High heels, low-cut tops, trousers, dresses: all have a place in a woman's wardrobe. But they're fashion, not weapons. They should never be used as such by someone pontificating about what oth-



RECENT EDICT: Donald Trump insists White House female employees 'dress like women.'

ers must wear. Let's comfort ourselves imagining The Donald himself in a 'smaller' swimsuit with even 'higher' heels. Ugh!

And if that weren't enough, we women will soon be instructed by the media how to 'tackle'

our holiday wardrobe. How hard can it be to sling bikinis, shorts, t-shirts, dresses into a suitcase? No 'tackling' required. Similarly, when 'tackling' the latest fashions, the best plan of action is: try on item. If it suits, wear it, if it doesn't, don't. Noth-

ing that's nipped in or sticky-out or hard to sit down in or walk in. Problem solved. No further 'tackling' required.

(All the above fashion items available from my online store: www.wesawyoucoming.com. And for an additional discount, please quote code: ONEBORNEVERYMINUTE.)

Are we women so daft as to believe all this fashion guff? Hemlines up, hemlines down; walk about in rags showing our underwear and some idiot somewhere will tell us 'it's the latest trend!' and we fall for it every three months. Talk about Emperor's clothes.

We've had slip dresses, now it's pyjamas. Problem is, they still look like pyjamas whatever they're made of or whatever they cost, and would be considered best accessorised with a straitjacket in the village where I grew up.

Nora Johnson's psychological/suspense crime thrillers 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

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MONDAY - 13 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm Escape to the Country	2:30pm Beat the Brain	8:00pm 100 Days	2:05pm Posh Pawn	2:45pm Neighbours
3:45pm A Service of Celebration for Commonwealth Day	3:00pm Building Dream Homes	8:30pm Reel History of Britain	3:10pm Countdown	3:15pm NCIS
5:15pm Flog It!	3:30pm Channel Patrol	9:00pm The Big Painting Challenge	4:00pm Sun Sea and Selling Houses	4:15pm Driven
6:15pm Pointless	4:15pm Australia with Simon Reeve	10:00pm Britain in Focus: A Photographic History	5:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News at 5
7:00pm BBC News	5:15pm The Hunt	11:00pm Murder in Italy - Storyville	6:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm Regional News	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:25am Brexit: Britain's Biggest Deal	7:00pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads	1:25am Series exploring the world's oceans.	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
8:30pm Match of the Day Live	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	2:25am Art of China	8:55pm The Political Slot	8:00pm World Rally Championship 2017
11:00pm BBC News	8:00pm Top Gear	3:25am Britain in Focus: A Photographic History	9:00pm Dispatches	9:00pm Naughty Dogs
11:30pm Regional News	9:00pm University Challenge		9:30pm Food Unwrapped	9:00pm Make You Laugh
11:40pm Weather	9:30pm Mary Berry Everyday		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	10:00pm Out Loud
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You	10:00pm Meet the Lords		11:00pm How'd You Get So Rich?	10:00pm Inside King's Cross: The Railway
	11:00pm Cradle to Grave		11:00pm Tattoo Fixers	11:00pm Getting Away with Murder
	11:30pm Newsnight		12:50am Gap Year	12:05am Sabotage

TUESDAY - 14 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:15pm Escape to the Country	2:05pm Posh Pawn	8:00pm 100 Days	2:05pm Posh Pawn	4:20pm Patient Killer
4:45pm Money for Nothing	3:10pm Countdown	8:30pm Weird Nature, Puzzling Partners	3:10pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News
5:30pm Flog It!	4:00pm Fifteen to One	9:00pm Tales From the Royal Bedchamber	4:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	6:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	5:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	10:00pm The Himalayas: Natural World	5:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	7:00pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	11:00pm The Bridges That Built London - With Dan Cruickshank	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:30pm 5 News
7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm The Simpsons	12:00am Calculating Ada: The Countess of Computing	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Inside King's Cross: The Railway
8:00pm The One Show	7:30pm Hollyoaks	1:00am A Day in the Life of Andy Warhol	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Inside Buckingham Palace
8:30pm EastEnders	8:00pm Channel 4 News	2:00am Al Murray's Great British Spy Movies	8:55pm The Political Slot	10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust
9:00pm Holby City	8:55pm The Political Slot		9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	11:00pm Cleopatra's Dangerous Liaisons
10:00pm The Replacement	9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo		10:00pm Mutiny	11:00pm Secrets of the Egyptian Pyramids
11:00pm BBC News	10:00pm Mutiny		11:00pm Catastrophe	2:00am Super Casino
11:30pm Regional News	11:00pm Catastrophe		11:35pm This is Us	
11:40pm Weather	11:35pm This is Us		12:35am Gogglebox	
11:45pm Imagine... The Big Painting Challenge	12:35am Gogglebox		1:30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	
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WEDNESDAY - 15 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
12:00pm The Fugitives	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:30pm Reel History of Britain	10:05am Frasier	7:00am Milkshake!
12:45pm Dom on the Spot	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	9:00pm Melvyn Bragg, accompanied by a vintage mobile cinema, travels across the country to show incredible footage preserved by the British Film Institute and other national and regional film archives, to tell the history of modern Britain.	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	10:15am The Wright Stuff
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:30pm The Daily Politics	9:30pm Canals: The Making of a Nation	12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Two Tribes	10:00pm What Do Artists Do All Day?	1:00pm Channel 4 News	1:10pm Closed Doors
2:30pm Regional News	2:30pm Beat the Brain	11:00pm Smile! The Nation's Family Album	1:05pm A New Life in the Sun	1:15pm The Gadget Show
2:45pm Doctors	3:00pm Building Dream Homes	12:00am On Camera: Photographers at the BBC	1:05pm The Sun	2:15pm Home and Away
3:15pm The Doctor Blake Mysteries	3:30pm Channel Patrol	12:00am We'll Take Manhattan	2:05pm Posh Pawn	2:45pm Neighbours
4:15pm Escape to the Country	4:15pm Australia with Simon Reeve		3:10pm Countdown	3:15pm NCIS
4:45pm Money for Nothing	5:15pm The Hunt		4:00pm Fifteen to One	4:15pm Strangers in Amish Country
5:30pm Flog It!	6:15pm Bargain Hunt		5:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	6:00pm 5 News
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7:25pm Regional News	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip		7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Ancient Mysteries
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm The House That £100k Built		8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	10:00pm Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook		8:55pm The Political Slot	10:00pm Nightmare
10:00pm The Real Marigold Hotel	11:00pm Mock the Week		9:00pm Hidden Restaurants with Michel Roux Jr	10:00pm Tenants, Slum Landlords
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight		10:00pm The Royal House of Windsor	11:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather		11:00pm The Man on the Moor	12:05am The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
11:40pm Weather			12:00am 24 Hours in A and E	1:05am Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole
11:45pm Peter Kay's Car Share				2:00am Super Casino
12:15am A Question of Sport				

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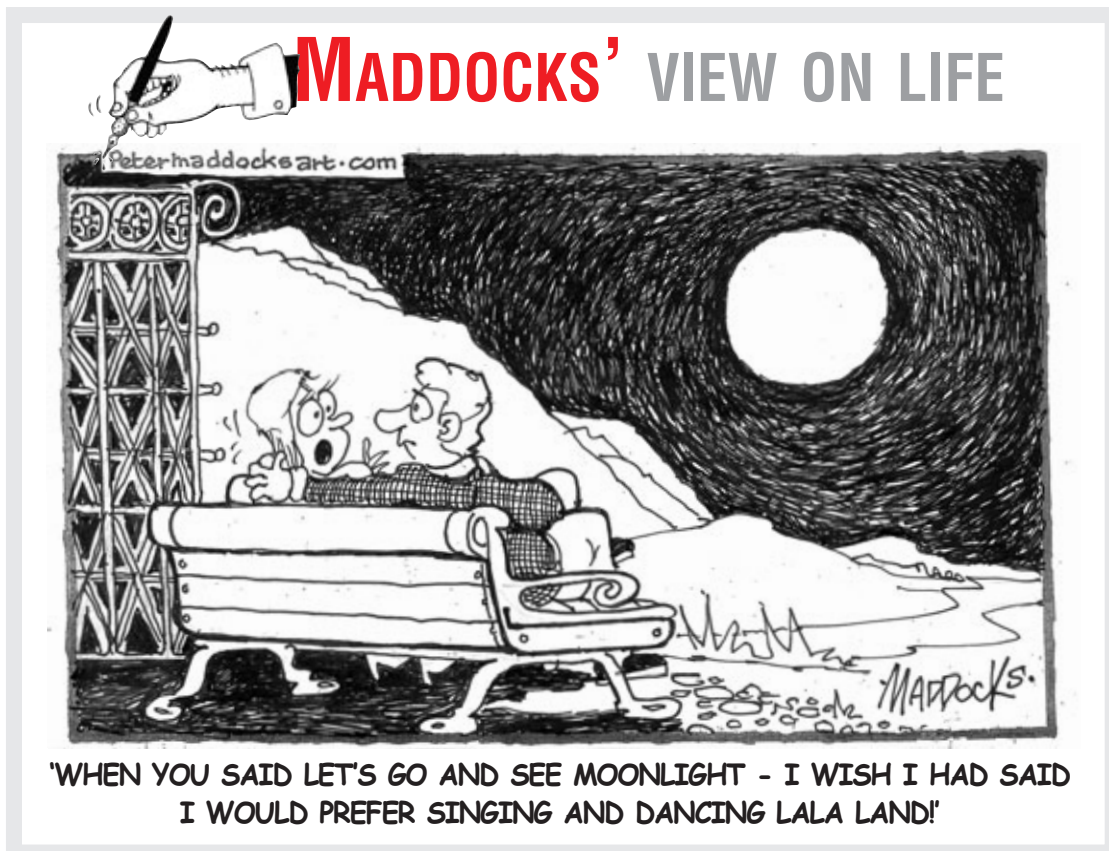
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Women's wit

"The best way to lose weight is to put the handle of the fridge two inches from the ground."



Dawn French, Comedian

Famous quote

"I like women. I don't understand them, but I like them."

Sean Connery, Actor

World of English

"We recite at a play and play at a recital."

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Surprising and happy news about the 30th really puts some bounce into you. Having been so busy recently, you may not have noticed that someone has a special interest in you. Another surprise then, but how will you react? Probably with interest but no great passion.

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Family members bring a sparkle to your eyes and a spring to your step. When there is so much going on it is easy to forget how much we are part of a whole. If you have neglected keeping in contact of late, this serves to remind you to try to do better.

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

A trip to the cinema or theatre makes you take notice and may even shock.

PISCES ♋ (February 20 - March 20)

What will really be appreciated this week is if you will give your time to others. I realise that your life is busy but the emotional rewards from helping

someone will be more than worth it. To see yourself in a truly positive light, imagine being in the positions of those round you.

There are many things in life that normally do not touch us but, once we are aware, there seems to be a need for action.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

Expecting others to automatically know what you want is unrealistic. Even dropping heavy hints can go well astray of the mark. Although it is unpalatable to your sensitivity, plain talking is needed. Stop wanting everyone to like you and your personality will grow in leaps and bounds.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

Oh, gosh, this is a really sensitive time for Leos. Although it is easy to upset you, it is equally easy to fire your enthusiasm. Anyone considering not keeping a promise or appointment with you should beware because they will be whipped into shape.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

This is a week of deep thinking and meaningful conversations. Someone's opinion of you reaches your ears and pleases you greatly. Work that has been progressing at home faces hold-ups and tact is needed to avoid a row.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Take extra care where finances concern your home. A legal matter should be considered carefully. When planning home improvements, get plenty of good advice and do not trust your heart. A new activity means new friends.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

Being protective of those close does

not mean worrying all the time. With their co-operation, the burden, welcome though it may be, can be lightened. There is the opportunity to have fun with some young friends, which may not come again for some time.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

Be determined to make a budget and stick to it.

Even if you are arranging a holiday, resist the urge to splash out. Because this is such a busy week, it may not seem that there is time to read the small print. However, that would be a mistake, causing problems later.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

With a big event coming up, you need someone to give plenty of love and support. Starting a new interest could lead you into their path.

Going for looks alone will do you no favours. Be as broad-minded as possible when it comes to making friends.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

An area in which you have experience means that you are able to help someone close this week. Keep the advice free from personal opinions wherever possible. Some upsets on a day-to-day basis are all minor and will pass.

Your sensitivity this week is certain to cause frustration and even mayhem.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday March 04	Saturday March 04	Tuesday February 28	Friday March 03	Saturday March 04	Sunday March 05
24 38	6 12	10 20	2 11	8 17	3 35
39 40	18 20	31 35	29 30	25 26	42 45
49 56	41 42	42	47	38 48	54
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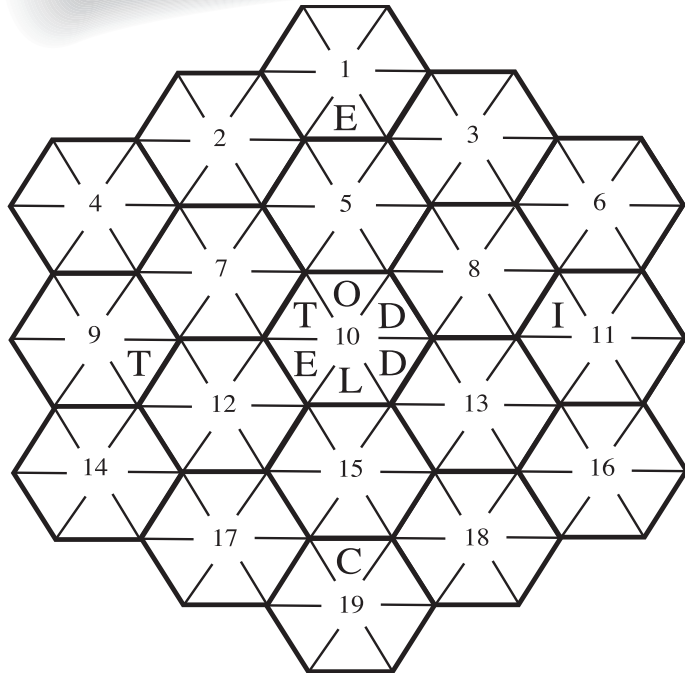
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Hexagram

The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**TODDLE**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.



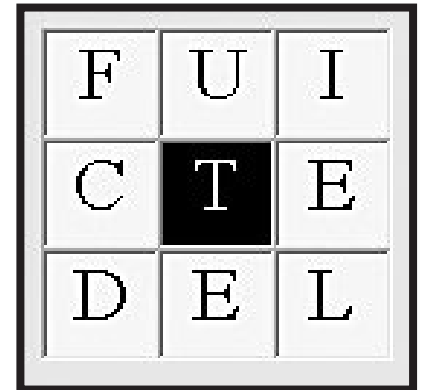
BYPASS	ESCAPE	TEACUP
CHALET	HELIUM	THREAT
CHEESY	PASTOR	TODDLE (10)
CONFER	RESENT	TREATY
COPIED	SCARCE	YOGURT
DEFEAT	SETTLE	
DELETE	SMOOTH	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Huddle 2 Decree 3 United 4 Regale 5 Icicle 6 Toilet
7 Grisly 8 Triton 9 Fraved 10 Scrape 11 Tyrant 12 Delete
13 Errata 14 Sadden 15 Prompt 16 Filter 17 Upkeep
18 Retort 19 Tedium.

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 T)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



TARGET:

- Average: 11 • Good: 15
- Very good: 21 • Excellent: 27

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

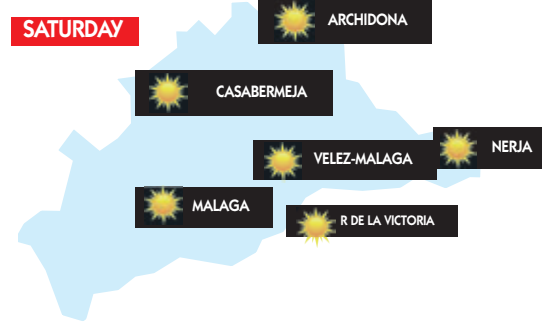
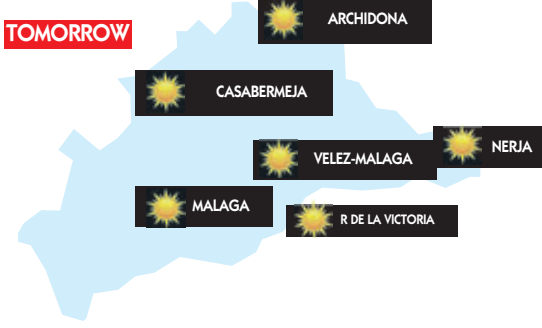
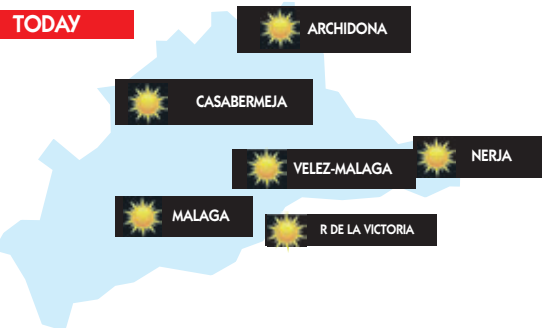
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This week in history

- 1609** – Bermuda was colonised by Britain after a ship, on its way to Virginia, was wrecked on the reefs.
- 1879** – Science genius Albert Einstein was born in Germany.
- 1916** – Harold Wilson, former British Prime Minister, was born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire.
- 1955** – Sir Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin, died at the age of 73 from a heart attack.
- 1969** – Beatles band member Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman at Marylebone Register Office in London.
- 1973** – A referendum took place in Northern Ireland, the result of which saw people vote to remain as part of the United Kingdom.
- 1976** – A London tube driver was shot dead after he chased a gunman linked to the IRA who detonated a bomb on his train.
- 1984** – Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams was attacked in the street by several gunmen who shot him in the neck, shoulder and arm.
- 1985** – Mikhail Gorbachev became the youngest Soviet leader at the age of 54 following the death of predecessor Konstantin Chernenko.
- 1988** – Prince Charles had a narrow escape after an avalanche hit whilst he was skiing off piste in Switzerland.
- 1990** – Journalist Farzad Bazoft, who worked for The Observer in the UK was executed in Iraq after being accused of spying despite an appeal for clemency from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.
- 1991** – The Birmingham Six, jailed for murdering 21 people in two pubs in 1974, had their convictions quashed by the Court of Appeal and were freed from jail.
- 1994** – Thirty-two women were ordained as the first female priests by the Church of England.
- 1996** – Thomas Hamilton killed 16 children and their teacher at a school in Dunblane, Scotland before shooting himself dead.

Axarquía

weather



Alicante			Bilbao		
TODAY: MAX 23, MIN 14 - S			TODAY: MAX 23, MIN 9 - S		
Fri	- 26	16 S	Fri	- 27	12 S
Sat	- 28	13 S	Sat	- 16	8 C
Sun	- 22	12 S	Sun	- 16	8 Sh
Mon	- 19	11 C	Mon	- 14	6 Sh
Tues	- 18	10 C	Tues	- 15	6 Sh
Wed	- 19	10 S	Wed	- 15	6 Sh

Almeria			Madrid		
TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 15 - S			TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 6 - S		
Fri	- 26	15 S	Fri	- 25	8 S
Sat	- 26	16 S	Sat	- 22	6 S
Sun	- 25	14 S	Sun	- 20	5 S
Mon	- 22	12 S	Mon	- 18	4 C
Tues	- 20	12 S	Tues	- 18	4 C
Wed	- 21	12 S	Wed	- 18	4 S

Barcelona			Malaga		
TODAY: MAX 18, MIN 10 - S			TODAY: MAX 22, MIN 13 - S		
Fri	- 20	11 S	Fri	- 24	14 S
Sat	- 20	10 S	Sat	- 27	14 S
Sun	- 17	9 C	Sun	- 23	12 S
Mon	- 17	9 S	Mon	- 21	11 C
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Benidorm			Mallorca		
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NEW ON DVD

A Street Cat Named Bob



Directed by: Roger Spottiswoode
Starring: Luke Treadaway, Ruta Gedmintas, Joanne Froggatt, Anthony Head

Based on a true story this film captures the precarious reality of what life is like living on the streets. It follows the story of James Bowen, a young homeless busker in London, who is in recovery from drug addiction. Whilst at a sheltered accommodation he comes across an injured ginger street cat, who is named Bob, and nurses him back to health. Once the cat is better, James tries to release him but Bob has other ideas and soon the unlikely pair become inseparable and both of their lives are transformed. This is a heartwarming film that is both moving and uplifting.

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Crossword

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Enjoy filling in the following puzzles and check the answers in next week's edition

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

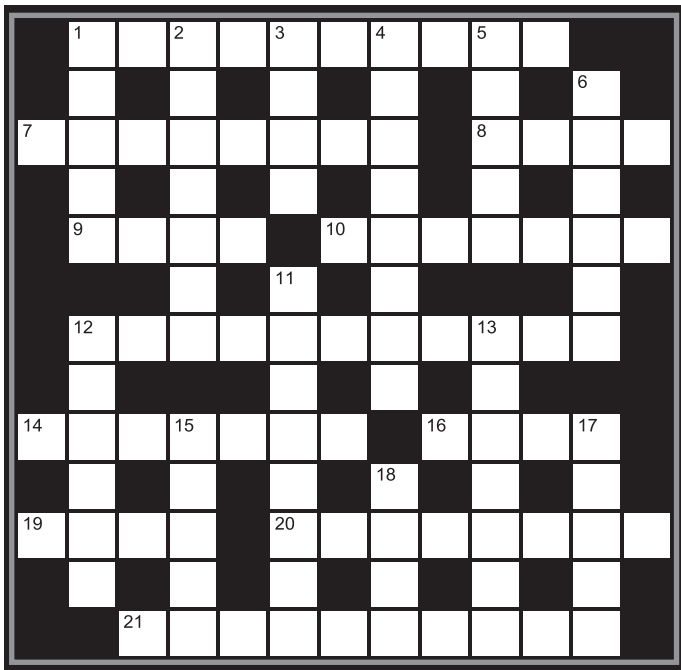
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Let men test brew for payment (10)
- 7 Hearing it's contagious (8)
- 8 Busy worker has royal brew (4)
- 9 Draws neckwear (4)
- 10 Left European peninsula for a West African country (7)
- 12 Solid cable peters out (11)
- 14 Barrier is old and broken (7)
- 16 Reserve small lake (4)
- 19 A politician to the right of Conservative Party (4)
- 20 Artisans replaced Russian royals (8)
- 21 Nurses taking in ocean birds in pain (10)

Down

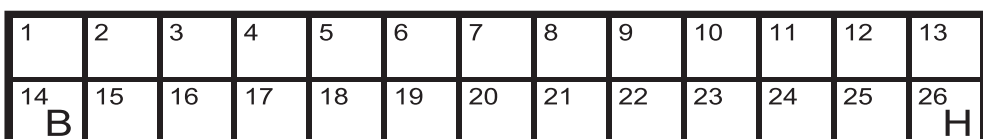
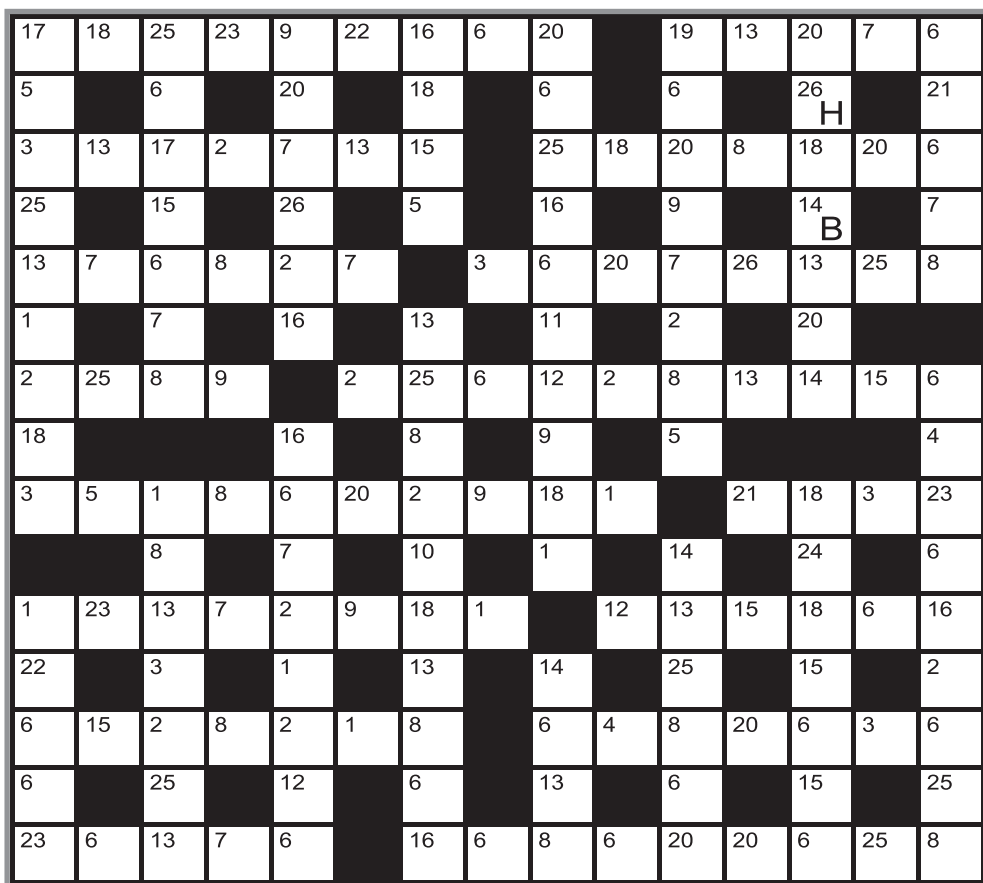
- 1 One receptacle in the middle of the street is insufficient (5)
- 2 They admit they are often punched (7)
- 3 Hide in Royal Air Force base (4)
- 4 Get a trim design for a surrealist (8)
- 5 Jack and the French aristocrat (5)
- 6 Judge finds detectives taken in by flower (6)
- 11 Found out that Ted and Ed etc were involved (8)
- 12 Build a range for old US president (6)



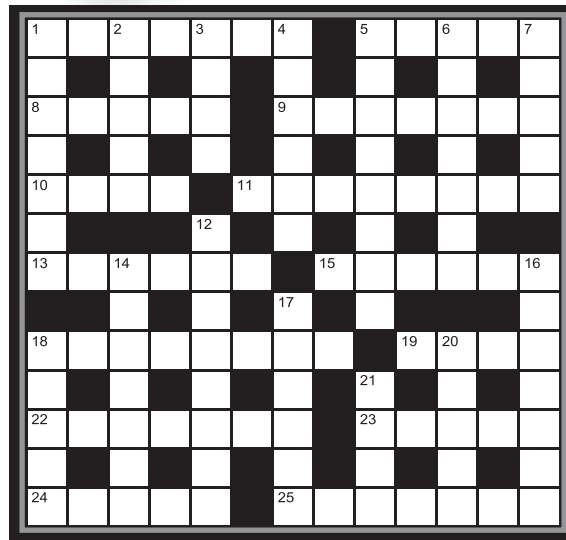
- 13 Newly-wed swallows order of salt (7)
- 15 The contents of stamp letters is enough (5)
- 17 Fresh pleas for springs (5)
- 18 Just fine! (4)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 14 represents B and 26 represents H, so fill in B every time the figure 14 appears and H every time the figure 26 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.

Code Breaker



Quick



Across

- 1 Large flatfish (7)
- 5 Tubers (5)
- 8 Australian wild dog (5)
- 9 Stop holding on to (7)
- 10 See 3 Down
- 11 Holiday (8)
- 13 Not open or public (6)
- 15 Health-care centre (6)
- 18 Buttoned sweater (8)
- 19 Two items of the same kind (4)
- 22 Small, egg-shaped wind instrument (7)
- 23 Exhibition of cowboy skills (5)
- 24 From that time (5)
- 25 City's outskirts (7)

Down

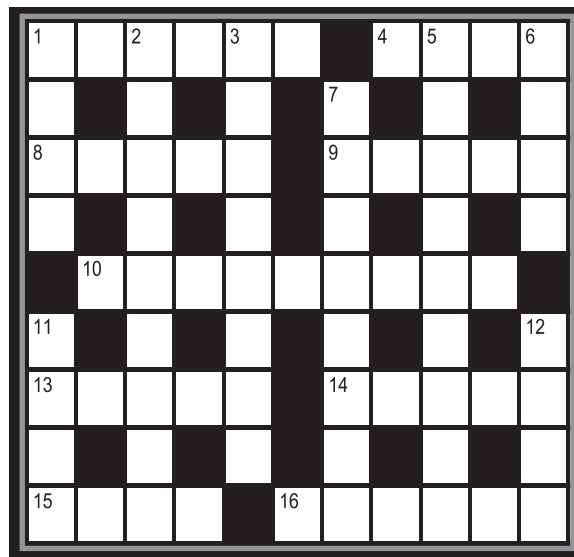
- 1 Grottesque (7)

Down

- 2 Make a thrusting forward movement (5)
- 3/10 Fade away without serious consequences (4,4)
- 4 Traditional headdress consisting of a long scarf wrapped around the head (6)
- 5 Trustworthy (8)
- 6 Formal speech (7)
- 7 Strict (5)
- 12 Associated with women and not with men (8)
- 14 Sure (7)
- 16 Anxious to learn (7)
- 17 Pester (6)
- 18 Meet at a point (5)
- 20 Viper (5)
- 21 Marine crustacean (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Bitter (in taste) (6)
- 4 Tricotar (4)
- 8 Spider (5)
- 9 Switzerland (5)
- 10 Faro (automóvil) (9)
- 13 Nail (metal) (5)
- 14 Nickname (5)
- 15 Buttonhole (of garment) (4)
- 16 Sawdust (6)

Down

- 1 To love (4)
- 2 Housewife (3,2,4)
- 3 Nieto (8)
- 5 Vecino (9)
- 6 Equipo (deporte) (4)
- 7 Presupuesto (para obra, encargo, etc) (8)
- 11 Eight (4)
- 12 Población (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Artists, 5 Asses, 8 Prose, 9 Related, 10 Amen, 11 Dominoes, 13 Sorrel, 15 Chance, 18 Cast-iron, 19 Gang, 22 Realist, 23 Crown, 24 Elton, 25 Redress.

Down:

- 1 Appears, 2 Trove, 3 Stet, 4 Sermon, 5 All right, 6 Set down, 7 Sides, 12 Decision, 14 Restart, 16 Engines, 17 Boater, 18 Carve, 20 Alone, 21 Acid.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Humerus, 5 Cross, 8 Realm, 9 Initial, 10 Lasting, 11 Stole, 12 Amuse, 14 Plush, 19 Slack, 21 Blooper, 23 Erudite, 24 Awake, 25 Siege, 26 Tedious.

Down:

- 1 Hurdle, 2 Moans, 3 Remains, 4 Stingy, 5 Chips, 6 Ominous, 7 Silver, 13 Measure, 15 Leopard, 16 Assess, 17 Absent, 18 Greet, 20 Knife, 22 Piano.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Ansia, 4 Arcos, 7/5 Egg cup, 8 Avispón, 9 Iron, 10 East, 14 Abogado, 16 Oro, 17 Shape, 18 Traje.

Down:

- 1 Americans, 2 Siglo, 3 Abad, 4 Apio, 6 Sunstroke, 11 Ahora, 12 Cafe, 13 Foot, 15 Oca.

CODE BREAKER



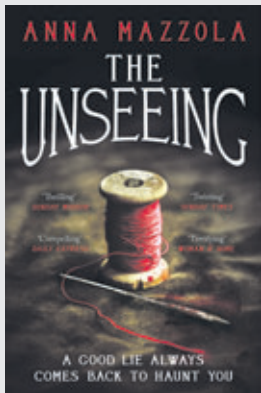
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BOOKS

The Unseeing



By Anna Mazzola

IT'S 1837 in London and Hannah Brown is murdered the night before she was due to marry James Greenacre who is the chief suspect. Sarah Gale, a seamstress and mother, is convicted of helping James dispose of Hannah's body and is sentenced to death by hanging. When a petition of mercy is filed young lawyer Edmund Fleetwood is tasked with investigating the police evidence to decide whether or not the court made the correct judgement. Edmund believes that Sarah is innocent but she is silent and uncooperative, although he knows she is hiding something. It's a race against time as he tries to unravel the puzzle to prove her innocence and spare her life.

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TOP 10

First women to ...

ON March 8 people around the world observe International Women's Day which celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The theme for 2017 was 'Be Bold For Change' and has inspired this week's top 10 as we take a look some of the women who implemented change when they became the 'first' in what were seen as traditional male roles or activities.

1. Marie Curie

A great role model for women scientists the Polish born physicist and chemist became the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and indeed went on to win another. Her first, the Nobel Prize in Physics, was awarded to her in 1903 recognising her services as a joint researcher on the radiation phenomena. In 1911 she received her second, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, which recognised her discovery of polonium and radium which became instrumental in pioneering treatment for cancer.

2. Elizabeth Blackwell

Although born in England she moved to the United States with her family when she was 11 where she became the first woman to graduate as a doctor on January 23, 1849. Showing true grit she overcame the challenges and prejudice she faced to graduate top of the class with her medical degree. She was also the first female to be included on the UK Medical Register.

3. Gertrude Ederle

Nicknamed as the 'Queen of the Waves' the American competitive swimmer was the first female to swim across the English Channel. She set off from Cap Gris Nez in France on August 6, 1926 at 7.08am and after 14 hours and 24 minutes she arrived at Kingsdown in Kent.



MARIE CURIE: Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1903.

Swimming the front crawl she used motorcycle goggles, sealed with paraffin, to protect her eyes from the salty water.

4. Amelia Earhart

Flying the flag for women around the world the American aviation pioneer became the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She took off from Newfoundland on May 20, 1932 and landed in Ireland after 14 hours and 56 minutes of flying through strong winds, icy conditions and mechanical problems. Unfortunately she went missing, presumed dead, in 1937 whilst she was attempting to circumnavigate the globe.

5. Barbara Mandell

The British journalist became the first female newsreader in the UK when she presented the

Middy News on the new TV channel Independent Television (now ITV) which launched in 1955 to rival the BBC. However her stint was short-lived after ITV, due to financial difficulties, pulled the plug on the Middy News in January 1956. She also helped to pioneer the new concept of interviewing members of the public in the street which became known as 'Vox pop' reports.

6. Valentina Tereshkova

The Russian cosmonaut boldly went where no woman had gone before as she became the first woman to travel into space on June 16, 1963. She was 26 years old when she was chosen from a field of over 400 applicants and five finalists. During her three-day visit to space she completed 48 orbits of the Earth and took pho-

tographs of the horizon which were then used to identify aerosol layers within the atmosphere.

7. Margaret Thatcher

A pioneer for women in politics in May 1979 she made history by becoming the first female British prime minister. The longest-serving prime minister of the 20th century she held office for three terms serving a total of 11 years and 208 days, announcing her resignation on November 22, 1990. Nicknamed 'The Iron Lady' she certainly ruled with an iron fist and some of her policies made her deeply unpopular.

8. Karen Brady

Having joined Birmingham City FC as Managing Director in March 1993 at the age of 23 she became the first female to have held this position at a Premier League club when the club was promoted in 2002. Affectionately termed as 'The First Lady of Football' she remained at the club until 2009. She is currently the vice-chairman of West Ham United FC.

9. Kathryn Bigelow

At the 82nd Academy Awards ceremony in 2010 she became the first woman to win the Oscar for Best Director. Although she had directed many great films such as Point Break and Near Dark it was The Hurt Locker that clinched her this award. To date she remains the only woman to have achieved this accolade.

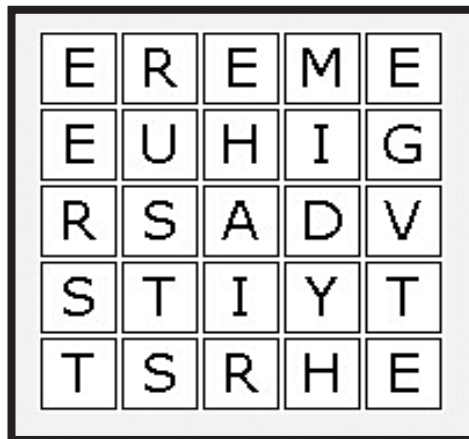
10. Libby Lane

After the Church of England voted to allow women to become bishops she was consecrated on January 26, 2015 becoming the first woman to be appointed as a bishop by the Church of England. She officially started her ministry as the Bishop of Stockport on March 8, 2015.

Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



TARGET:

- Average: 21
- Good: 29
- Very good: 41
- Excellent: 53

SCORING:

4 letters: 1 point 5 letters: 2 points
6 letters: 3 points 7 letters: 5 points
8 or more letters: 11 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

shawl seen seem seer steel steer stew stem stern smear hawk feet fete feel feeler felon tees teen teem teams tent tern tear teat tree treat meet mete metes melee meld melon mean meant meat avid jest jets jeer earn reef reefs reel relent renew rent rank rant wees weest wets weer weld went lees leer lewd lent learn lean lone loner loan loaner near neat arms anew ankle anklet atone idle idler diva knee kneel knew knot tart tarts tank told tone

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.

8	9	4	5	3	1	6	7	2
2	1	5	7	6	9	4	3	8
3	6	7	2	4	8	9	5	1
9	5	2	1	8	7	3	4	6
6	7	3	4	2	5	1	8	9
1	4	8	6	9	3	7	2	5
7	3	6	8	1	2	5	9	4
5	2	1	9	7	4	8	6	3
4	8	9	3	5	6	2	1	7

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

		1		9		4		
7					2			
			5					8
5							7	3
9	7	8						
				8		2		6
	6	2			9		4	
8						3		
				5	1			

Word Ladder

REST

TALK

Move from the start word (**REST**) to the end word (**TALK**) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

- TALK
- TANK
- RANK
- RANT
- RUST
- REST
- or
- Solution

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Tyre checks

AS part of a new series, we answer some common driving questions, 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.



TYRE TREAD: Needs to maintain grip.

TYRES are arguably one of the most important elements of a vehicle, but many drivers neglect them.

Through the intense daily wear they receive in hot and cold conditions, going over potholes and kerbs, they can become easily damaged so drivers are urged to carry out regular checks on their tyres to ensure they are in optimum conditions for safe driving. But what do you need to look out for?

Tyres must have enough tread to maintain grip, requiring a minimum tread depth of 1.6mm across the central area. At 1.6mm tread in wet weather it takes an extra two car lengths, around 8m, to stop if travelling at 50mph, compared to if the tread was 3mm.

Over or under inflated tyres will cause uneven wear on the tread which can also cause problems. An under inflated tyre can result in more wear on the edges of the tyres and over inflation could result in more wear in the centre. You should also check the tyre's pressure with most vehicles having a metal plate on or

near the driver's inside door which will indicate the optimum pressure, which is stated as PSI. Always check tyres when they are cold for an accurate reading.

There are also calls to ban the sale of used tyres amid increasing safety fears from industry professionals.

It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of vehicles on the roads of Spain are fitted with used tyres, a figure which has increased in recent years due to the financial crisis. One mainstream supplier states that 80 per cent of their business is in the sale of used, rather than new tyres. In addition, it is believed that 60 per cent of all cars over 10 years of age are fitted with used tyres.

Accident investigators say that tyres are a factor in three out of four road traffic incidents, and point out that tyre wear and tear is different on all vehicles, makes and models.

As a result, industry professionals are now lobbying for the sale of used tyres to be prohibited to ensure safer conditions for drivers.

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Can they discount quotas?

Q. Our Community administrators give a 4 per cent discount if Community charges are paid by direct debit, which is unfair to owners who prefer to pay by other means. Does this concept go against the pre-

cept of Article 9.1 of the Horizontal Property Act, which appears to state specifically that contributions are according to the assessment quota?

LT (Costa Blanca)

A. Your Community does not go against the law. In fact, all owners are charged according to their participation share, or quota. After that, those who pay by direct debit through the bank, receive a discount of 4 per cent.

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



The direct debit saves the Community administrators time and trouble in handling the funds. Many

Communities have voted at the AGM to use this discount system. Some even give discounts to owners who pay promptly. Those owners who choose to pay by other means or who pay late must pay the full amount of their fee.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana & Associates in Fuengirola at Ask@lawtaxspain.com, or call 952 667 090.

Oh how I am smiling this week

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



IT'S Sunday morning and I've just come back from a nice walk down the paseo with Mrs S and our dog whose name happens to be What What. I know it's a nutty name but he was a rescue dog and that was his name when we got him and as he was chipped and registered we kept it.

Anyway, on my walk I noticed the grua were just about to tow away a big Audi on Belgian number plates because it was parked in a disabled parking bay. So, to be honest, I've had a pretty good morning as nothing makes me happier than to see those selfish bar stewards that park in disabled bays get their comeuppance. I can just picture his face that was so smug when he parked there, not giving a toss about the fact it was a disabled bay and he was only going to be 'a minute.' Now he's standing there staring at this place where he thought he left his car, then pacing up and down because his pea size brain is now trying to remember if it was here he parked or not. Then he will realise it was and he has been towed away ... oh how I am smiling as I type this.

I've read this week that Malaga airport is

doing away with their free drop off point at departures. This, along with having to pay for parking at hospitals, is a diabolical liberty. For as many years as I can remember I have never seen a real problem at the airport. It's pretty free flowing most of the year.

Obviously late July and August it's crazy busy but even then I've never had a problem dropping off or even picking up. I'm not sure how it's going to work yet but I can't see the Spanish just accepting this, up to now free service, becoming a pay to drop off. One of the big problems is going to be that you get 15 minutes free then one second over and you have to pay.

I think this is going to cause more problems than they bargained for. I am not sure how it is going to work for disabled people that can't park and get bags and wheelchairs out in 15 minutes. Will there be wardens walking up and down or will it be a CCTV operation? If it is there are going to be murders with the rental car companies because if someone drops off someone and doesn't pay, the hire company will get charged.

They in turn will then have to charge their customer's credit card and, of course, there will be a service charge for that. Hertz charge 50 quid! I will keep you informed as I'm off to the airport on Wednesday after my 2.30pm afternoon appearance on the Selina McKenzie show on Talk Radio Europe.



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The pros and cons of Leapy

HI Leapy

Just got back to the UK after a couple of months in Denia. Always pleased to find a copy of *Euro Weekly*, with your lively column.

But Blair is too easy a target. The broader point is that lawyers ('proven lawyers' according to my Private Eye) are trained to take either side in any case - hence Blair could just as well have been a Tory. And the even broader point is that about 25 per cent of MPs making our laws are... lawyers.

Keep up the good work.

Rodrigo, UK

HI Leapy

Your article in *EWN* today is ridiculous on a number of levels - but is actually dangerous in that it basically says every-

thing I don't like or believe has to be 'fake news.' Controlling the media is where all dictators start eg 1930s Germany.

I don't know which media outlets you read from here but in the UK, the far right media is the dominant voice. So much so that the *Express* and *Mail* have been censured recently for their vitriolic hate speech, particularly regarding the EU and immigrants. As an immigrant yourself and presumably a happy EU resident of Spain - do you not see the total hypocrisy of your article?

In addition, your comment that 'immigrants rioting on the streets of Brussels, France, Sweden and Germany' - really? - you have just yourself at the very least embellished or at worst made up 'fake news.'

If you like Trump and his twisted view of the world so much, maybe you should be an immigrant there... good luck with that!

For a more realistic view of life here in Spain, you should read your fellow columnist Nicole King this week.

Neil, UK resident and regular visitor to Costa Mijas

Malaga airport

I READ with interest Matthew Elliott's article in issue 1652 re the absurd arrangements now imposed by AENA on motorists dropping off or collecting passengers. AENA say it is to encourage people to use oth-

er drop off points, where would that be? In front of the San Miguel brewery!

People could get the train from Plaza Mayor I suppose but the reality is not everyone knows about this.

Let's put this into reality, a driver with an adult and two young children, prams etc needs to pull up in front of departures otherwise it becomes more time consuming and impractical.

I had to drop off family for a long distance flight the other day, we put the car in the express parking and in no time at all it cost us €5.70. That is an abuse and yet again another cost put on the traveller. Aren't we supposed to be encouraging people to come here?

Robert, Costa del Sol.

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Heseltine and Brexit

SAYA SENDIRI was correct in saying that many UK nationals living in the EU did not have the right to vote in the referendum (was this democratic I ask). The May government seem to have totally forgotten us expats who are really living in limbo at this moment with respect to how we are to live and work.

I have to admit, I like the idea, but it seems just an idea, that UK citizens in the EU could be offered a form of EU passport but this seems a distant solution to the problem. I think it is time for UK expats to form an association to protect what rights we will have left by the time Brexit has happened.

With regards to the UK, why does this nation screw everything up for everybody in every way possible.

Ken in Austria

THIS idiot should shut up and leave May to do what she has to do. Britain will be far better off out of the 'Union,' and it's likely many other countries will follow. The European Union has turned out to be a disaster for all concerned. Hell, they even tell us what shape our bananas have to be.

Roy Peters

» EU citizen rights

THANK you John for bringing this news to the attention of the *EWN* readership so quickly. As always, you have written the article with great care and attention to detail, trying to sift through the claims and counter claims and get to the truth. Not an easy task these days.

I've been following the developments myself. I watched Amber Rudd with great concern on Robert Peston's programme on Sunday morning. If the apparent intentions of the UK government turn out to be true then we could be in deep trouble in a matter of weeks. Just imagine the reaction of EU governments like Spain's if their citizens are banned so soon from settling in the UK or restricted in terms of health care and welfare. While this may only apply to newcomers, at least initially, it could be regarded as provocation leading to disproportionate retaliation.

Tit for tat might not even begin to describe the possible outcome.

Brian Eagleson

» Malaga airport

ABSURD... If they organised sufficient short stay, drop off / pick up parking spaces at the design stage when building their fancy extensions - they'd not be bleating about overcrowding. They never seem to get it right from the start...

Dave

» Gay lights

A DISGUSTING waste of money! Surely the money paid out for this outrage could have been spent on something more useful. Whoever came up with this idea should be sacked. I am sick and tired of seeing these q.....s forcing their way into everyone's lives. It's disgraceful.

Roy Peters

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Chalk and cheese

“NO-ONE can accuse the *EWN* of bias judging by the opposite opinions written by Messrs Senker and Lea. Total contrasting views on Trump's decision to ban certain media from his White House press conferences.

It's obvious which piece is correct and which is indicative of a man who is infatuated by a billionaire who has conned so many gullible yanks and most of the British government including good old Boris (sorry can't call him anything else).

Mike wins this argument hands down. You can't just court publicity when it suits Mr Trump. Hitler started with the press, radio stations and the public burning of books. Not for a minute do I think Trump is that ex-



» MEDIA BAN: Free speech is everything in my book.

treme, but free speech is everything in my book.

The paranoid Prez keeps droning on regarding lies, lies and more lies, yet he points to Sweden and the goings on there which the Swedish government immediately asked him to clarify, what goings on?? Where

did Mr Trump's bombshell scoop originate? Fox News, allegedly. Classic.

Mike's bet regarding the time-scale of his White House occupancy? Wouldn't touch it with a barge pole.

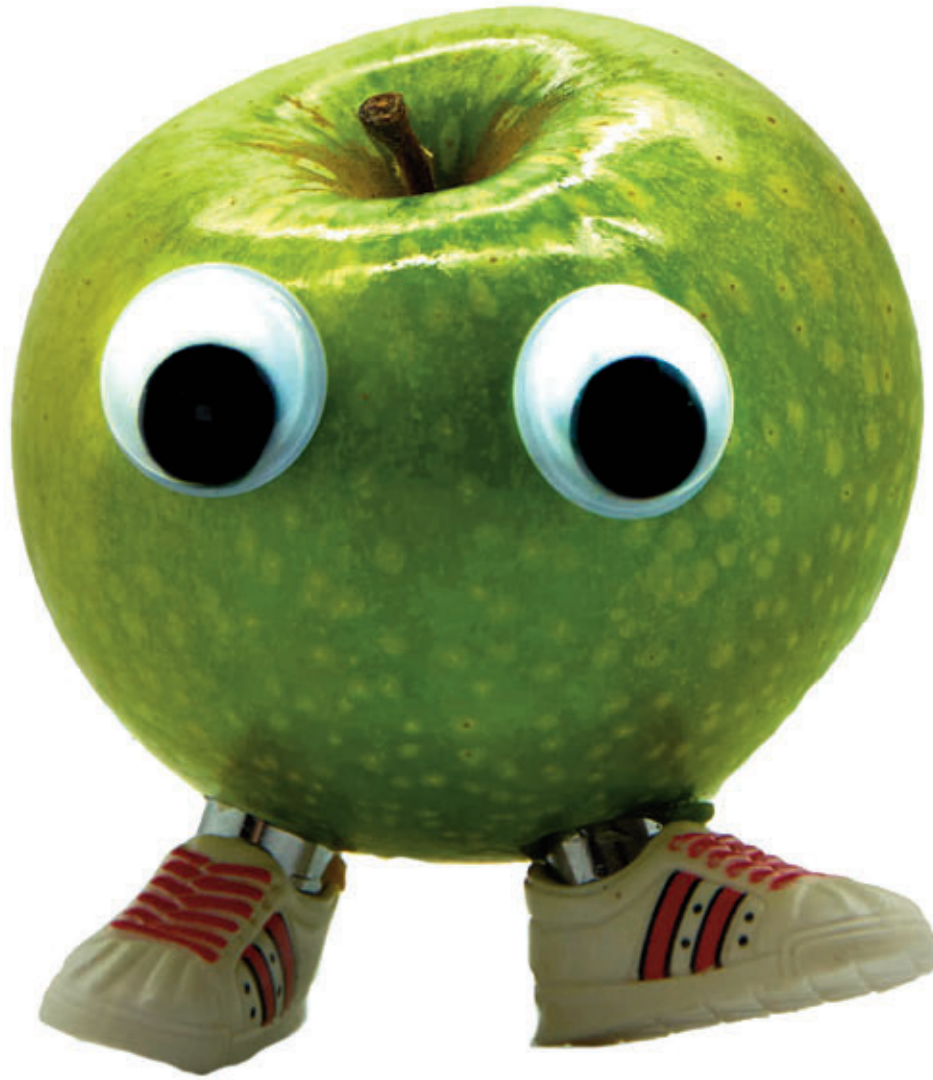
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Help support research into rare diseases

By John Smith

AS common diseases are brought under control around the world, so, the preponderance of the growing number of rare diseases becomes more obvious, but the 8,000 rare diseases that are said to exist cannot expect to raise huge amounts of funds for research.

“ Queen Leticia has met with sufferers, carers and researchers to help boost the campaign.

Queen Leticia has helped to boost the campaign promoted under the heading ‘Research is our hope’ by meeting with sufferers, carers and researchers as it is estimated that nearly three million people in Spain are affected by some form of rare disease.

More than 300 patient groups belong to FEDER (The Spanish Association for Rare Diseases) and that group wants to stress the impor-



Queen Leticia supporting Rare Disease Day in Madrid.

Photo Credit: Casa de S.M. el Rey Twitter

tance of research and believes that funds for such research should have priority in the national budget as more research into rare diseases will allow improvements in areas such as access to diagnosis, treat-

ments and prevention. ‘DEBRA, the Butterfly Children Charity’ is actively participating in the campaign by sharing and promoting it on their social media networks and



through their nine charity shops across Spain. In addition the Marbel-

la Council has accepted an invitation to join the campaign meaning that they will replicate the claims in the local government meeting therefore officially acknowledging the demand for research into rare diseases in Spain.

The skin of butterfly children can be so sensitive that the body must be wrapped in gauze to protect it from the mildest friction. Even the brush of a bed sheet can cause a burn-like blister. Blistering also occurs internally (in the mouth, oesophagus, intestine, airways, urinary tracts and even the inside of the eyelids) leading to further suffering and serious health problems.

Butterfly skin also becomes a disability because people suffering from this condition require intensive daily care from their relatives. They also tend to lose the use of their hands and feet due to the extent of the blistering and the retraction of the skin in these areas. Life expectancy is unfortunately short; hence the majority of its members are children.

To find out more and how you can help, visit <http://www.pieldemariposa.es>

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

- and not entirely impartial reaction - to the Spanish political scene

JUNTS PEL SI isn't a political party but a cross-party alliance that backs Catalan independence. They took less than 40 per cent of the vote in the 2015 regional elections and needed the CUP anti-system party for an overall parliamentary majority.

Although the pro-independence faction won't take 'maybe' for an answer, the same four parties are studying ways of preventing the Tribunal Constitucional, Spain's highest court, from suspending their Disconnection Law before it can be passed.

They're thinking now of rushing it through the regional parliament with just one reading in one day.

The Junts pel Si politicians are clearly obsessed with the referendum and independence which well over half of Catalans do not want. Not unlike Brexit but the other way round.

Hair's breadth

Only disconnect



JUNTS PEL SI: Obsessed.

PABLO IGLESIAS has succeeded in shunting Iñigo Errejón in a siding so he can go ahead with his own plans for Podemos without being challenged or questioned.

His latest partner Irene Montero is now beside Iglesias on the Front Bench, but spare a thought for his former girlfriend Tania Sanchez who perches up in the parliament chamber's gods.

Errejón meanwhile sits directly behind Iglesias and Montero where he has a good view of Iglesias' ponytail which is longer and more lustrous than his girlfriend's. No Samson and Delilah situation there, then.

Get real

PEDRO SANCHEZ, former PSOE

secretary general who led the party to its worst-ever election results, is confident of making a comeback.

He is already campaigning out in the sticks and giving the paid-up party members - aptly named 'militants' in Spanish - what they, but not necessarily PSOE voters want.

"Don't let's renounce Utopia. Socialism made the impossible possible," he urged at a recent meeting, following the words of the nostalgia songsheet.

Pablo Iglesias (no, not that one) made Spanish socialism possible. So did the people who lost their lives to it in the Thirties and still believed in it during the Franco years.

Utopia is a posh word for cloud-cuckoo-land or a fool's paradise, both of them much-travelled by Pedro Sanchez.

A cushy billet

FRANCISCO CORREA, responsible for the Gurtel corruption and kick-backs scandal, allegedly receives preferential treatment now that he is behind bars. The system is not impartial, complained the unions that represent warders and prison employees. They ain't seen nothing yet: just wait until Iñaki Urdangarín turns up.

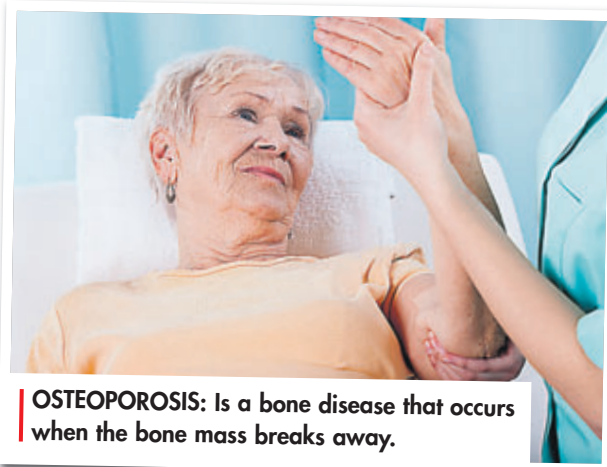
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Millions suffering from osteoporosis

AROUND 3.5 million people in Spain suffer from osteoporosis and in 2010, the World Health Organisation (WHO) estimated that around 22 million women and 5.5 million men in the EU were suffering.

Osteoporosis is a bone disease that occurs when the bone mass breaks away, becoming weakened and brittle. When viewed under a microscope, a healthy bone looks like a honeycomb, but in those with osteoporosis, the holes in the honeycomb are



OSTEOPOROSIS: Is a bone disease that occurs when the bone mass breaks away.

much larger showing a loss in density and mass.

It can have serious consequences for sufferers who are much more fragile and can suffer from broken bones from a slight fall or knock, with hip fractures being the most common.

In those aged over 70, around 63,000-65,000 hip fractures occur every year in Spain, related to osteoporosis. In the country, between 20 and 25 per cent of the beds of the Traumatology Services of the hospitals are occupied by osteoporosis

patients who have suffered a fracture.

In 2010 there were 42,809 deaths directly related to fragility fractures in the European Union. A total of 2,550 of these deaths were in Spain.

The economic burden of osteoporosis is also increasing and recent studies estimate that the direct costs associated with fragility fractures in 2010 amounted to €29 billion in the five largest countries in the EU of France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Great Britain.

Commenting on the figure, the Spanish Society of Geriatrics, believes that more information and advice must be given to osteoporosis sufferers as around 80 per cent of patients discharged after a fracture receive no recommendations to help prevent the onset of a new fracture. The association also wants better management, diagnosis and treatment of these patients.



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Dealing with high levels of cholesterol



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

CHOLESTEROL is a word just about everybody has heard of but many people are unaware of what it really is, so this week we've asked the doctor to explain a little.

- What exactly does it mean to have high cholesterol?

If after a blood test you are told that you have high cholesterol, this means that the total cholesterol levels, and in particular the LDL (or so-called 'bad' cholesterol) levels in your blood are higher than they should be.

Although the maximum amount considered normal will vary depending on other medical conditions a patient may have, generally anything over 200 is considered to be high.

However, this is not an exact figure as it depends more on how much of the cholesterol is of the so-called 'bad' variety.

- What are the main causes?

The main cause of high cholesterol is genetic. If you have family members with high cholesterol levels you

are likely to inherit this condition. An unhealthy diet, rich in fat, and a lack of regular daily physical exercise are other things which can bring cholesterol levels up.

- Is it dangerous?

Yes, it is, as it can be a cardiovascular risk factor and can increase your chances of suffering heart attacks or strokes.

- What can be done to bring it down?

The first thing is to follow a balanced, low-fat diet and get regular physical exercise. If this fails to get the problem under control then medication, known as statins, will be necessary.

- Will I have to be on a diet the rest of my life to keep it down?

Yes. You will always have to stick to a balanced diet, especially as you get older as cholesterol levels tend to increase with age.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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STUNNING VIEW: Of the Altiplano from Galera.

Desert delights for hikers

By Sally Underwood

HIKERS from Almuñecar are setting off this Sunday for the Altiplano Granadino.

On March 12, the hikers of the Municipal Sports Board of Almuñecar will take this interesting route with the help of two guides and coordinators, Francisco Novo and Enrique Garin.

Mr Garin explained: "In our new project for hiking in Granada Province, we have chosen this area because the participants will not only enjoy interesting landscapes, which there is no shortage of in the Altiplano desert, but also places of historic interest.

"It is in this region where the remains of the first settlers of Europe were found, with

impressive visits to Castellon alto and much more. The historical remains of the Bronze Age, Neolithic and Roman times... make the area significant.

"In this area, which is full of contrasts, we will take in the oasis of the Galera river, which has a good riverbank forest that we will cross almost completely, and the town of Castillejar, where two rivers meet."

He described the area as "half desert," but with "water and crops around the rivers."

Those interested in participating in the hike can register at the office of Almuñecar's Municipal Sports Board, located in the Francisco Bonet stadium in Almuñecar. The board can also be contacted on 958 883 142.

One for the history buffs

VELEZ-MALAGA will be launching a series of theatrical tours of the city's monuments, in order to promote the area.

Tours running on Sundays from 11am will take in sights such as Plaza de la Constitucion, Casa Cervantes, the area's medieval walls and the Puerta Real. Those on Saturdays run from 6pm and feature actors dressed as historical characters.

There will also be nightly theatrical tours through the old medieval neighbourhoods of La Villa and San Francisco, lasting two hours and touring the old Muslim medina and the church of Santa Maria de la Encarnacion.

Velez-Malaga's councillor

“ There will be nightly theatrical tours through old medieval neighbourhoods.

for Culture, Cynthia Garcia, explained the tours were "a perfect complement for those who already know the area as a sun and sea destination."

Those interested in booking a tour can contact 952 502 061.

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Holy Week museum exhibits

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Holy Week Museum has opened this year's Passion exhibit, featuring a diorama of Jesus wearing a crown of thorns.

The diorama, which will be displayed in the church of Santa Maria until March 2019,

measures around two metres long and 1.80 metres wide, with polychrome mud figures measuring 35 centimetres.

Cynthia Garcia, councillor for Culture, described the piece as 'magnificent,' adding she hoped it would be enjoyed

1.80

metres is the width of the diorama which will be on display.

by locals and tourists alike.

The work can be seen during the visiting hours of the museum, from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 2pm and 5pm to 8pm, and on Sundays and public holidays from 10am to 2pm.

Competa rocks out

THE quiet mountain town of Competa came alive with the sound of rock, when covers band, Jack Cade Rebellion, played at Bar Alicat at the weekend.

The four-piece band, who have been together for 12 months, played a mix of songs; from sixties rock and pop to present-day punk, rock and funk. Enjoying a great turn-out, they filled the dance floor with tunes such as Eric Clapton's Cocaine and The Jam's Eton Rifles.

Made up of Dave Beale on guitar and vocals, Martin Cart, also on guitar and vocals, Oliver James Bress on bass and vocals and Atticus Fawlks on drums, the band



COVERS BAND: Jack Cade Rebellion.

frequently gig around Axarquía, playing in both bars and at private events. More information on the band can be found at on their Facebook page.

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Sell-by dates - a necessity or a con?

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FOR YEARS now, discussion has raged as to the amount of food wastage incurred domestically, as well as in our industry, although not so much as the former. The millions of tons representing 12bn pounds per year wasted have a lot to do with sell by/use by/best before dates. I notice the UK milk marketing board has challenged the government's date policy saying that no one need a use by date as it's pretty obvious when you can no longer use/drink milk!!

This is not new, in 2011 the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) said that sell by and

display until dates would be replaced with 'use by' and 'best before' dates.

Dates that I do think are useful are packaging and display until/best before dates. For instance if in a supermarket a packet of fish states it was 'packed' say on 6/4 and the 'display until date' says the 8/4 that makes sense. The buyer can then decide if they are going to consume it before say the weekend (in this case 11/4) or whether to freeze it down for later use - or give it to the cat!!

One good thing about sell by dates is that shops tend to put those items that are 'out-of-date' as 'bargain buys.' I know people who will not purchase anything past its 'sell by/consume before' dates. But astute shoppers can save quite a lot of money.

In my, not so, humble opinion the information that would be more help-

ful to the buyer, the supplier and would save tons of wastage are the following:

FISH: Caught/farmed date - packed on date - display until date

MEAT: Slaughter date - packed on date - consume preferably by date

DAIRY/VEGETABLES ETC.
Best before date



MILK: That's my style of labelling!

There is a huge difference between the labelling used - and used intelligently could benefit all parties. You pays your money.....!

With frozen/jarred and tinned products that technically will not go passed their best if kept in their original state the date of packaging is the only guide that the buyer needs. We have all heard stories about canned food from the war days still being opened to be found in edible condition. I opened a tin of water chestnuts the other day that I have had in my cupboard for more than 10 years. The only reason I knew how old it was, was because of the 'sell by date'. Totally unnecessary, they were perfect!!

Most people know that a good quality piece of meat needs to hang for a couple of weeks minimum before eating. Many years ago I met a meat buy-

“ No matter where I serve my guests they seem to like my kitchen best. (in my Nan's kitchen growing up)

er for Marks and Spencer. He had to get up at three in the morning to get to the meat market as he had to buy the finest quality of meat available. Nothing strange about that, but he had also to make sure it was bright red, as, if it showed any brown/greenish tinges and dark yellow fat (the signs of good aging) their customers would not buy it!

That meat should carry a label, **BEST IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS!!**



CHEESE: The other extreme?



PANCHO CAMPO: Doing what he does best.

MY FRIEND AND WINE AFICIONADO Pancho Campo is holding one of his amazing Spanish Wine Experience courses at the American College on the road to Istan, Marbella.

This two-day course is full of educational instruction but also, in Pancho's inimitable style, fun and friendship. Meet other like-minded enthusiasts as you work your way through a cata (tasting) of 20 wines and a visit to a winery in Ronda.

Pancho takes the snobbery out of wines and despite being Spain's first Master of Wine ensures that you learn and appreciate wine in laymen terms. You will even receive a diploma for attending - great to impress your friends!!!

The courses are on March 20 and 27 and May 22 and 29.

If you would like to find out more about this very inexpensive fun and informative event you can contact Patricia on marketing@acmarbella.es. Mention me and who knows you might get a special offer.

MANY READERS ARE SURE to remember one of the UK's most respected journalists and TV anchor man Bob Friend who from the first broadcast of Sky News in 1989 became the 'Face of Sky News.'

I was going through some old photos the other day and came across a few pictures of us having dinner in Marbella and reflected that he died of a brain tumour more than eight years ago at the young age of 70. He was a great practical joker with a wicked sense of humour.

He told me many stories of his more than 50 years in journalism, many self mocking. Once he had to report the death of a relevantly unknown African figure with an unpronounceable name and despite practising the delivery many times before going on air he just couldn't get the name right, so with his friend and fellow presenter, Lisa Azziz at his side (also with a sense of humour) he began to report on the sudden death of an 'important figure in Africa whose name has not been released until his family have been informed.' Classic!!!

One day he was reporting on the fact that hedgehogs were fast disappearing from Britain's countryside. The reason apparently being that the 'Travellers' were eating them. So he invited viewers to send in the recipes for hedgehog!! Later that morning he phoned me and asked if I had heard the broadcast? 'Why don't you send me a recipe?' he asked. So, I did.

Hedgehog, despite being a verminous creature, is quite edible and has a flavour of chicken.



MY FRIEND: Bob Friend, MBE.



The way they are cooked is by encasing them in clay and baking them in a form of underground fire (earth oven). When cooked one breaks the clay and the spines fall away leaving a cooked 'chicken'! I thought this was too tame for Bob so I sent him a mildly humorous version of hedgehog chasseur! Informing those preparing this dish to avoid those animals that had been run over by a car as they would not be suitable, skin the animal and keep the skin to use as scrubbing brushes etc. And then went into the recipe for the dish. I was running La Reserva de Marbella, Las Chapas, at the time and as the breakfast programme went out (repeating the item every hour for three hours) it had Lisa (once again) giggling at such a ridiculous article but Bob continued seriously.....

....."the recipe for hedgehog has been sent in by Garry Waite, owner of Restaurant La Reserva de Marbella....." For three days after the broadcast I was getting reservations for hedgehog dinner, a call and interview with BBC Radio Four Food Programme and a call from the *Telegraph* and *Sunday Times* magazine, as well as our own trade magazine the *Caterer*. The power of advertising?

I had forgotten how many laughs we had and what an amazingly generous man he was, both professionally and personally. Why do the best go first?

TRAVELLER'S FRIEND:
The hedgehog.

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.

Brit buyers due billions

AS much as €6.2 billion could be dished out to the estimated 130,000 Brits who lost their deposits to bankrupt developers across Spain. The figure, almost triple the initially floated figure of €2.3 billion, was released by legal specialists Spanish Legal Reclaims. The firm reckons that more Brits than previously imagined are due money and are likely to win their legal battles. Recent success stories have injected them with confidence that if affected Brits come forward they have a better chance of winning than ever before.

Spanish courts are bracing themselves for an avalanche of cases after the Supreme Court ruled that banks must repay deposits if the developer went bankrupt. Although each case is different, the landmark ruling is certain to result in billions being paid out.

One such example is the case of Malcolm Young, who has now been awarded the €130,000 he put down as a deposit for a Marbella apartment in 2004. The CEO of Spanish Legal Reclaims, Luis Cuervo, has said that British buyers "will finally get what they are owed."

New Spain, new mortgage market



MORTGAGE SECTOR: Has been overhauled.

ONE of the under-appreciated reasons the Spanish property market is in such robust health is the complete overhauling of the mortgage sector in recent years. After all with millions out of work during the crisis, and controversy after controversy, something had to change.

By getting average citizens back on the property ladder, mortgages play a huge role in any economy. In the last five years in Spain four in five homes bought by residents had the help of mortgage financing.

Mortgage lending in Spain is among the cheapest in Europe. Residential mortgages see an average rate of interest at 1.26 per cent, just over half the European average of 2.49 per cent. In Germany and the Netherlands people pay three times the rate of their Spanish counterparts.

Spain can offer such tremendous credit conditions thanks to the legal guarantees that came into force after the crisis, showing that the country has truly learnt its lesson. Today there is a double guarantee, both personal and commercial, that enables banks and other emerging lenders to offer extremely cheap rates to their clients.

The solution appears to have been placing the business of mortgages into the private sector, allowing new and energised competition to the battered banks, while enhancing government regulation.

Mortgages in Spain are now vastly more secure propositions than in the past, or in the US for example. The industry is at an exciting juncture, confident and creative enough to move forward and embrace the future.



NEW HOMES: Found to have problems with infrastructure and construction.

Is new better than old?

By Matthew Elliott

MORE than half of the Brits buying new home have found huge problems with infrastructure and construction. The UK government is struggling to meet housing demand by building a million new homes but they are clearly of shoddy quality.

A survey from YouGov revealed that 51 per cent of new occupants endured problems

“Many people do not want to risk living in a new property.”

ranging from unfinished fittings to severe electrical faults. The poll also found that a plurality of people believed that second-hand homes were better than new builds and would rather not

take the risk of living in a new property.

One developer has already had to fork out almost €10 million in compensation for faults.

Meanwhile housing charities have denounced the government's building plans as skewed towards favouring developers earning a profit, rather than struggling families getting a proper roof over their head.



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Palm trees are ideal for a Mediterranean garden

By Graeme Tyrrell

A PALM tree has always been a must for the ideal landscape design in the Mediterranean garden. Palm lined strands, boulevards and well-placed palms around water features signal the relaxing atmosphere of enjoying hot days sitting by the pool or bathing in the sun or sea at the beach.

Over the last 10-15 years, the palm tree has been in serious decline due to a ravenous red beetle or weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*) that has decimated thousands of Canary Island palms in Spain and has adversely affected other palm species as well.

The outbreak of the weevil is not yet under control in most areas of Spain or other Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries where palms are prevalent. Fortunately the Canary Islands have been successful in eradicating the weevil through strict monitoring, sanitation and treatment of their thousands of palm trees.

Early detection is normally obtained with a specific pheromone trap for the weevil and just one adult caught indicates action is required to protect the palms in the vicinity. An adult female weevil can lay around 200 eggs. New treatments to combat the weevil are being developed to assist in the battle to save the palms, including chemical and biological agents.

The weevil is originally from Asia where it is a major pest of coconut palms. It appears that Canary Island palms are its favourite in Spain but it can also affect other palms such as the Sago, Date, Washing-



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PALM TREE: Is decimated by the red weevil.

ton, Sugar, Betel nut and Toddy palms.

If you have a palm tree that is healthy, it is best to have it checked by a person trained in palm care. If you have a sick or dead palm then have it completely removed. Once a palm shows signs of drooping leaves and stunted growth it is usually too late to save it. It will be necessary to have it disposed of in accordance with regional authorities guidelines.

The insect is extremely thorough in its infestation of the palm with eggs in cracks and crevices, larvae tunnelling through the palm and pupae in the roots in the ground so it is extremely difficult to eliminate all stages of growth completely.

In order to eradicate the weevil all palms should be checked and treated appropriately as was done in the Canary Islands. Eradication will require good community cooperation if it is to succeed. How many palms will remain in Spain before the weevil is stopped depends on the cooperation of everyone involved in landscapes containing palms and the preventative measures to protect the remaining healthy palms by responsible authorities and owners.

The Mediterranean garden will not be the same if the weevil is not stopped as all susceptible unprotected palms will eventually be lost. It would be hard to imagine the loss of such an icon of the region.



LAWNS: Remove weeds that appear in the grass.

March garden tasks

SPRING is coming and that means there is more to do in the garden to prepare for it. Airing the lawn, starting to plant seeds and carrying out the first fertilising treatments are a few of them.

Houseplants: no matter what time of year it is, indoor plants always need their leaves washing gently to remove dust and dirt. It's now time to start increasing the amount of water we give them and add some fertiliser too.

Garden plants, bushes and trees: Rose bushes should be fertilised after pruning. Now is also the time to divide up lively plants and take cuttings of geraniums, chrysanthemums and dahlias. It's also a good time to plant aromatic plants.

Lawns: As temperatures increase weeds may appear

amongst the grass that we need to remove. We must also air the lawn and start fertilising it, as well as replacing any deteriorated areas in preparation for spring.

Watering: As the weather warms up, depending on how much rain there is we may need to start upping watering routines, especially for plants that are starting to bud, and we can start including some liquid fertiliser in the water. Watering should be done in the morning to avoid fungal growth caused by excessively damp nights.

Pruning: Winter's nearly over so there are various pruning tasks to get done. By the end of this month we should have finished pruning fruit trees, rosebushes, trees and bushes and grasses like Pampas grasses should be cut right down.



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Paint it yourself tips

If you're thinking of taking spring cleaning a step further and painting any of your rooms yourself, bear these tips in mind to make the experience a suc-

cessful one.

Before getting the brushes and rollers out, it's vital to ensure all furniture and fittings are well protected with plastic sheets and tape.

Experts say painting should always be done from top to bottom. If you're painting the ceiling too start there to avoid leaving marks or dribbles on newly-painted walls.

Once you move onto the walls, again the key is to work from the top downwards. To ensure an even coating on all areas, work in areas of about 60 by 60 centimetres at a time.

Go slowly and take frequent breaks so as not to wear yourself out. Once the first coat is on, take a well-deserved break and don't rush to do the second coat until the first has dried.

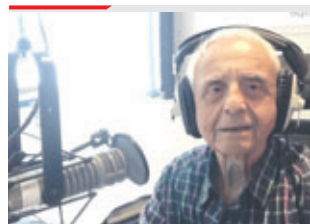
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THIS is an exercise that can only be correctly taught if each stage is perfected before continuing on to the next stage. The training for this exercise should be started indoors, the dog on the lead and no distractions. Initially the handler should kneel on the floor with the dog close to the handler's left side.

1. Give the SIT command once only, whilst putting the dog into the sit position at your left side, thereafter NEVER re-command, even if the dog moves. Pull up and back with your right hand in the collar, simultaneously push down with your left hand on the dog's back just above the base of his tail. Never apply pressure any higher up the dog's back as this could cause injury.

PRAISE the dog quietly once he is settled and comfortable in the SIT and remains there without any physical restraint from the handler. If the dog moves, replace him into the SIT with no further commands. Do this as often as necessary, until he is sitting still and comfortably, praise quietly, then give the release command and at the same time move the dog from where he is sitting. PRAISE.

2. Repeat stage 1 until the dog is sitting when commanded with confidence. Always use the method described in stage 1 to guide the dog into the

sit position. Gently try to pull or push the dog out of position (the handler should still be kneeling next to the dog), but be prepared to place him back into the SIT should he move. If he resists your gentle attempts to dislodge him, PRAISE and give the release command.

If the attempts to move succeed - place him back into the sit position without commanding and go back to stage 1 and start again, until he is doing the exercise with more reliability.

The more frequently stages 1 and 2 are repeated the easier it will be to progress through this exercise and the more reliable your dog will be.

3. When the dog is doing stage 2 confidently, without moving, the exercise can be expanded. Put the dog into the SIT and with, as little fuss as possible, stand upright. If he moves, put him straight back into the SIT without saying a word. When you are able to stand next to him use the lead, gently apply -

ing pressure to the collar to test the sit. If he moves again, replace him giving no extra commands and start stage 3 again. When he is resisting your attempts to move him from the sit PRAISE and RELEASE.

NB On no account should you proceed any further if he is not reliable on stage 3.

4. When he is doing stage 3 reliably and confidently, the exercise can again be expanded. Place him in the SIT, take a couple of steps away from him, but be ready to put him back just as he moves. Using the lead again, gently apply pressure to the collar, return to the dog immediately, PRAISE profusely and then RELEASE.

NEVER release the dog until you are standing by his side or he will never do a reliable sit stay.

THE DOWN STAY

This is taught in exactly the same stages as the SIT - remember to only command the dog once and only when you are standing next to him, always replace him into position using no extra commands and PRAISE and RELEASE at the end of each sit/down.

When both the sit and down are perfected with no distraction indoors, use different places where there are no distractions and start again at stage 1, working through all the stages. Perfect the technique by gradually increasing the distractions ie rattling a bunch of keys, dropping your hanky etc.

NEVER TEMPT FATE by leaving the dog in a stay where a sudden distraction could cause an accident ie untethered outside a shop.

This original system was devised by Annette Conn and Kevin McNicolas of the Barnet & Mill Hill District Dog Training Clubs.

SIT COMMAND:
Praise the dog once he is settled.



Alex loves spaniels

UNABLE to have dogs at home because of family allergies, Alex has always volunteered to walk the neighbours' dogs and as he got older to housesit for them.

He has grown particularly fond of a couple of spaniels for whom he housesits each summer. Meet Holly and Daisy, a very friendly pair of Cocker Spaniels. As you can see from this picture they love being with him and he with them.

Now Alex is older he likes to travel when he housesits. His years of experience of dogsitting as a student comes in handy now he wants to see a little of the world.

Over the last two years he has also built a profile on HouseSitMatch and has started to collect homeowner references on his profile to tell future homeowners about how he is respected as a housesitter. Alex is looking to travel across Europe on



ALEX: Indulges his love of dogs and travel by housesitting.

holiday, exchanging his services as a pet and housesitter as he goes. "It's a great way to live like a local and experience each location from a neighbourhood perspective! - I love it, it's a real experience of the country and not out of some travel guide."

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Dating for dogs



DATING APP: Find your dog a partner.

FINDING a partner for your dog isn't always easy, especially if you're looking for a purebred or pedigreed suitor. This difficulty has led Eva Perez, a 25-year-old economist from Vigo in northern Spain, to develop an idea for a dating app for pets.

"I came up with the idea that there could be a sort of Tinder for pets," explained Perez, who developed her idea at an innovation and start-up workshop and is now seeking financing to carry out the technical side of the project.

The NetPet app, once up and running, will

allow dog and cat owners to create a profile for their pets with a photo and description which other users will be able to examine. Once a user marks a profile they like, if the other side also likes theirs, a private chat will be made available and the two will be able to continue their relationship from there, Perez explained.

Basic membership will be free and at a later date premium options will be added such as pet food discounts and free consultations with collaborating shops and vet, a vaccination and events calendar and other extras, the inventor said.

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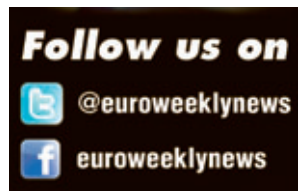
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Some might say...

Motoring shorts

Unlimited Wi-Fi in cars arrives

UNLIMITED Wi-Fi is coming soon to new cars. Fast and strong 4G internet is being built in to new vehicles produced by American behemoth General Motors. From March 3 drivers on the other side of the pond can have in-vehicle 4G Wi-Fi for just \$20 (€19) a month.

Chevrolet, a General Motors brand, conducted research last year which found its drivers and passengers used more than four million gigabytes of data in their cars. That amounts to almost 20 million hours of video.

Other General Motors brands include Buick and Cadillac, but the Americans are only jumping on a very busy bandwagon as firms across the world try to capture a new consumer imagination. Just as bars and cafes now need a Wi-Fi hotspot to compete on the modern high street, car manufacturers too are catching up with demand.

In-built Wi-Fi with affordable monthly contracts is still a unique selling point, with just a few million enabled cars roaming American roads.

In Europe the first forays into Wi-Fi enabled cars are likely to come from a Ford-Vodafone partnership. A deal has already been announced to bring 4G hotspots into new Ford cars.

Clarkson Quote of the Week

“On the Mercedes CLS55 AMG “It sounds like Barry White eating wasps.”

Used cars to beat Brexit blues

By *Matthew Elliott*

BEATING the Brexit blues, Britain's second-hand car industry skyrocketed in 2016 with more than eight million sales. Now figures allow us to find out which brands and models were the most popular.

Fifth spot was taken by the ever-green Volkswagen Golf which found 262,623 new driveways to occupy. That was handily outdone by the Vauxhall Astra in fourth which

changed hands 298,540 times.

Third was the popular cheap and safe option, the Vauxhall Corsa, which was shifted 352,899 times.

Ford dominated the top of the table, taking the first two places. The Focus was second placed with 374,590 sales, while Numero Uno was the Fiesta, just above at 381,519.

Positions six to 10 were made up by the BMW 3 Series; Renault Clio; Volkswagen Polo; Mini and Peugeot 206.



Let the show begin

PUBLIC access to the hotly anticipated Geneva Motor Show opens on Thursday March 9 and the thousands of spectators set to swarm through the arena are in for a real treat. All the major names have already released various cryptic clues as to what they'll bring to the table, but motoring headlines will be made all through the week.

Among the big hitters McLaren's 720S is certain to stand out. A new level of supercar screechiness will be reached with the 720S being capable of hitting 124mph in under eight seconds before slamming to a standstill in just 4.6. It will be competing with Aston Martin's new hypercar and the Huracan Performante from Lamborghini, a speedy lightweight edition of the hugely successful Huracan.

From the East there's the new Suzuki Swift, a

supermini more within the reach of the average motorist, and the Toyota Yaris which brings 200hp to the table with a 1.8 litre supercharged engine. The Kia Picanto city car comes with torque vectoring and a turbo-charged petrol engine.

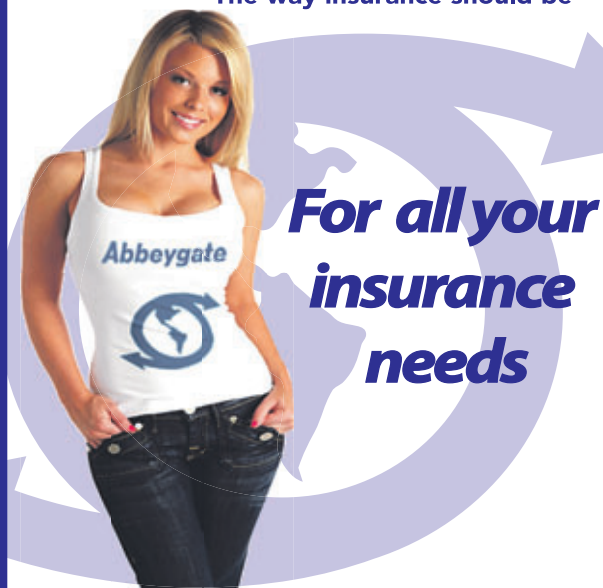
One of the worst kept secrets ahead of the show is the arrival of the Range Rover Velar, which hits the middle ground between the Evoque and Sport. It debuted on March 1 as a potent challenger to the Porsche Macan.

From Ferrari comes the 812 Superfast with a 6.5 litre V12 engine boasting 789hp that can hit 100kph in under three seconds and celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Prancing Horse. And from the UK, Aston Martin will debut the new Vanquish S Super GT with a top speed of 323kph.

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Classic Car Club of Andalucia

Classic car spring fun run

IT'S springtime and a young man's fancy turns to, no, not what you're expecting! It turns to getting a classic car out and going off to enjoy the spectacular Andalucia countryside with a crowd of like-minded people and enjoying a decent lunch together at the end of it. Certainly that's what happens with The Classic Car Club of Andalucia! With the climate we have here that passion rages all through the year in sunny Spain.

To fuel this fire, the Club runs at least one full day classic car event every month and a number of three, five or six day events throughout the year.

Next Saturday, March 11, the Club has a classic car run starting from Venta El Tunel, near Malaga, running through fabulous countryside including the famous Montes de Malaga, RioGordo and more, before finishing in the picturesque village of El Borge.

El Borge is famous for being the centre of Bandit life in the 19th century and the hotel the Club is using, the

Posada del Bandolero, was the home of the renowned 'Cross-Eyed Bandit' Luis Muñoz Garcia. To celebrate this, the Club is asking members to dress in a theme of Bandits or 'Cops n Robbers.' All the cars will then be put on display in the main Plaza of El Borge and prizes will be presented over lunch in the Posada afterwards.

Any readers that would like to come along to see this will be most welcome. Cars will depart Venta El Tunel at 11am but will be gathered there from 10am for breakfast or coffee, etc. Come along and join in the fun!



ENGLISH beauty.



The Tour D'Algarve

THE CCCA is working at this time on a five-day classic car run called the 'Tour D'Algarve' which will start in San Pedro on April 25 with a first night's stop at a five-star hotel in Jerez.

The route then heads via Sevilla to Val de Lobo in the Algarve, Portugal, where two nights are spent at a five-star hotel at the beach. After a rest day, the route heads back cross-country to Sevilla with a night in a five-star hotel nearby.

The event will arrive in Sevilla the evening before the Sevilla Feria gets under way. This is one of the largest and most spectacular Ferias in Spain so the atmosphere that night should be terrific! The fifth and final day is a cross-country run back towards Ronda with a finish lunch together in a beautiful old mill house before heading back to the coast.

A black-tie dinner, a party dinner in a beautiful restaurant on the Algarve and a finish lunch are included in the entry fee of €1,495 for two people in which non-members may participate.

This is a great opportunity to mix with this active and vibrant club. Please contact Ian Giles at ian@iangiles.com if you are interested in taking part in this fabulous event.



► Paul Yaffé

At the March Clubnight and dinner on Tuesday evening the Club was delighted to have the famous photographer, Paul Yaffé, as a guest. Paul is sponsoring the Club's new annual photographic competition and gave a talk on how to get the best, photographically, out of a camera or even a smartphone. He is presenting an award to the value of €1,125 as first prize for the best photo of the year with second prize being a masterclass in photography by Paul himself. The Club is also presenting monthly prizes for the best photos each month which, we hope, will appear in this publication. The idea is to encourage more and better photographs to use on the Club website and within this column.

► Car show

THERE is always much going on in the Classic car world in this part of Spain and, on Andalucia Day, the Museum in Malaga opened its doors to enthusiasts to get together and even display their own cars in the grounds of the museum. Many 'aficionados' enjoyed a fun day looking at all the cars on show and the amazing fashion collection in the museum itself. This has now become an annual event every 'Dia de Andalucia.'

► F1 engines revving

AS enthusiasts of Formula 1 you might know that the first test sessions for the new cars are taking place at the Circuito de Catalunya in Barcelona. This is a terrific way to see close-up what is happening in F1 and to see the new cars before they start racing in earnest in Australia in March.

The CCCA has organised for some of its members to go along as guests of McLaren and will be staying there for three days which will also give time for some essential exploratory work of the night life of Barcelona. I will report back on my impressions of the new cars and what is happening in F1 now that its long-time supremo, Bernie Ecclestone, is no longer at the helm. Watch this space...

After the March events, the next Clubnight and dinner will be on Tuesday April 4 at El Chaparral Golf and the next Club classic car run will be on Saturday April 8.

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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Tony Matthews

International Sports

A former player and now the world's most prolific author of football books with almost 150 published since 1975, Tony is also the sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio and lives on La Pilica in the Sierra Cabrera Mountains overlooking Turre.

Costa de Almeria



winners Arsenal face minnows Lincoln City, leaders of the Vanarama National League, and Middlesbrough play Manchester City (five final victories to their credit) on Saturday; Spurs (eight triumphs) meet Millwall in the London derby on Sunday and Chelsea (seven wins) take on Manchester United (12 wins) on Monday.

Forty-eight hours ago (not as stated in last Thursday's *EWN*) we had the second legs

of the last 16 Champions League ties between Arsenal (trailing 5-1) and Bayern Munich and Napoli (1-3 down) versus Real Madrid, followed last night by Barcelona (trailing 4-0) against Paris St Germain. This evening, Manchester United visit Rostov in Russia, and in Spain, Celta Vigo play Krasnodor in the Europa League.

Tomorrow night, Brighton (second) play Derby County in the Championship, followed on Saturday by Brentford v Huddersfield Town (third), Leeds United v QPR and leaders Newcastle v Fulham.

There are also three Premiership games on Saturday: Bournemouth, on the back of an excellent 1-1 draw with 10 men at Manchester United, play West Ham; Everton meet WBA and Swansea visit Hull City in a six-point basement battle. Liverpool (recent 3-1 winners over Arsenal) play Burnley on Sunday.

In FL1, it's Fleetwood Town (second) against Bolton Wanderers and Gillingham versus Scunthorpe United while Doncaster Rovers (top) meet Cheltenham Town

and Plymouth Argyle (second) travel to Mansfield in FL2.

The big game north of the border features runaway SPL leaders Celtic against arch-rivals Rangers at Parkhead. Both of the Glasgow clubs reached the Scottish Cup semi-finals last weekend - Rangers hammered hapless Hamilton 6-0, Celtic beat St Mirren 4-1; Hibs defeated Ayr 3-1 and Aberdeen edged past Partick Thistle 1-0.

Moving onto Rugby – and the first of this weekend's Six Nations matches kicks off tomorrow when Wales play Ireland in Cardiff. Twenty-four hours later Italy meet France in Rome and unbeaten England take on Scotland in the Calcutta Cup encounter at Twickenham.

Switching to cricket... and England (with a century by captain Eoin Morgan) beat the West Indies by 45 runs in the first of three ODIs last Friday and followed up with a four wicket win (Joe Root 90 n.o.) in the second on Sunday. The third takes place in Barbados today.

ROUND-UP:

• Last weekend Andy Murray beat Spain's Fernando Verdasco to win his first Dubai tennis Championship and Sam Querrey surprisingly defeated Rafael Nadal in the Mexico Open. Murray (number one) is now 2,000 points ahead of Novak Djokovic in the world rankings. Indian Wells is currently hosting the 2017 ATP/WTA tennis tournament.

• Tony Bellow (the reigning WBC cruiserweight champion) stopped an injured David Haye in the 11th round of a terrific, feisty heavyweight encounter at London's O2 Arena.

• GB's Laura Muir (1500m) and Richard K i l t y

(60m) won gold medals at the European Indoor Championships in Belgium.

• The All-England badminton championships are currently taking place in Birmingham.

• England's women footballers beat world champions USA 1-0 with an Ellen White goal in a four-country tournament in America.

• Lionel Messi netted his 501st and 502nd goals in his 600th club appearance as Barcelona went top of La Liga with a 5-0 win over Celta Vigo. Real Madrid (second) won 4-1 at Eibar.

• Congratulations to Leicester who, since the sacking of manager Claudio Ranieri, have won two home PL games in a row under caretaker-boss Craig Shakespeare, both by 3-1, over Liverpool and Hull City.

• Some sad news... the former Scottish international left-back Tommy Gemmill – one of Celtic's 1967 'Lisbon Lions' when they became the first British team to win the European Cup – has died at the age of 73.

• And for horse racing enthusiasts, the Cheltenham Festival starts next Tuesday (March 14).



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DID YOU KNOW?

THE names of 13 players who appeared for Madagascar against Tunisia in a FIFA World Cup qualifier in 2001 began with 'RA'... Raharison (goal); defenders Radafison (sub Ralahanjalhary), Rakotonbrade, Radonamaha and Ratsimihalona; midfielders Randriamarozaka, Randrianaivo, Randrianoelison, Razafindrakoto and Rasoanaivo and striker Railison (sub Randriananteneinal).



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Axarquía's best guide to local sport

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GINNS played the Blevins Franks Final Day at Rio Real on Wednesday February 22 where the Baviera players triumphed.

Results:

1st Place: Baviera - Esther McClenaghan and Derek Geelon.

2nd place: Los Moriscos - Jill Parker and Stewart Green (only one point behind!).

3rd place: Anoreta - Marisa Elias Garcia and Sean Daley (on count back).

A Four Ball Texas Scramble for Ladies Day was played at Los Moriscos on Friday February 24. Ladies chose three men to play with them with some even asking their husbands!

Golf International Nerja Society



INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD: The victors at Anoreta.

Results:

1st team: Gill Green, Stewart Green, Alan Worthington and Mac Farman, nett 60.65.

2nd team: Ann Green (guest), Jim Green (guest), Stephen Parker and Clive Akid, nett 60.75.

3rd team: Daryl Paver, Bob Merrilees, Mike Willis and Pat Dineen, nett 61.51.

4th team: Bridget Lloyd Edwards, Alan Lloyd Edwards, Peter Thompson and Brian Early, nett 61.53.

5th team: Angela Foreman, Peter Foreman, Barry Ellis and Morris Lightfoot,

nett 62.77.

6th team: Erica Oxford, John Ridley, John Vertanness and Terry Oxford, Nett 63.15.

Monday February 27 was an Individual Stableford at Anoreta.

Results:

Overall winner: Pete Thompson, 35pts.

Ladies: 1st Lesley Barnett, 33pts. 2nd Marisa Elias Gar-



WINNING SMILES: From members who played at Baviera.

cia, 31pts.

Men: 1st Mike Willis, 33pts. 2nd Alan Lloyd-Edwards, 32pts.

Two's: Alan Lloyd-Edwards 2 and Marisa Elias Garcia 5.

Tuesday February 28 was a Four Ball Average Score at Baviera.

Results:

1st team: Christine Dickin-

son, Jim Burns, Docker Doyle and Derek Sibson, 109pts.

2nd team: Pauline Cahill, John Conlan, Mike Elsey and Alan Jones, 108pts.

3rd team: Gill Sibson, Jackie Viles, Peter Lomas and Graham Stevens, 108pts.

4th team: Graeme Birch, Bob Blair, Mike Denny and Max Place, 103pts.

Two's: Roy Boutel 8, Christine Dickinson and Russell Dick 10 and Derek Sibson 15.

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