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Rivers at risk

Planned diversion of water condemned

By Matt Ford

Ecologists and conservationists have issued a stark warning over what is increasingly viewed as an unsustainably rapid expansion of the subtropical fruit sector in Axarquía.

The Andalucian Network of New Water Culture (GENA) issued a joint statement alongside the Cabinet for the State of Nature in Axarquía (managed by Ecologists in Action; EeA), in which the two groups point out the threat to rivers throughout the region and further afield.

According to the coordinator of GENA-EeA, Rafael Yus, the breakneck speed at which the cultivation of mango and avocado has developed in Axarquía "has exceeded sensible limits, and threatens to mortgage the water supply for human use across Malaga Province, as occurred recently in the Antequera region."

Of primary concern are demands by local growers to construct a water transfer to Axarquía from the Rio Guadiaro, the region's most well-preserved drainage basin which flows from the Sierra Bermeja in Malaga and through the Sierra de Grazalema before discharging into the Mediterranean at Sotogrande in Cadiz Province.

The river is notable since there are no major dams con-



TROPICAL FRUIT:
Damage may be irreversible.

structed on it, while some of the only remaining coastal marshland on the Costa del Sol can be found at its mouth.

It is also home to one of the last remaining populations of European eel in Mediterranean Spain, and contains a number of important native fish species such as the Malaga chub which is locally endemic.

Already under pressure due to water extraction for golf and introduction of invasive species, GENA-EeA believe that the plan for the Guadiaro reflects the "unsustainable subtropical model, which dis-

plays all the characteristics of an economic bubble."

The increase in production of the fruits has happened in a very short space of time, and the groups say that unless proper planning is undertaken "the damage may be irreversible, as has happened with illegal house construction... it could destroy the last remaining pristine rivers and cause species to become extinct."

Yus confirmed that the groups are to stage a canoe protest on the Guadiaro on

Saturday March 18 in order to demonstrate their disgust at the perceived short-termism and lack of respect for the environment.

Royal rounds

THE Spanish State Visit to the UK between June 6-8 will celebrate close ties between our two countries and our two peoples, said British Ambassador Simon Manley. Nearly 300,000 Britons are registered as residents in Spain and 18 million visitors came from the UK last year, whilst more than 132,000 Spaniards are resident in the UK and two million visited in 2015.

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Looking up

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her situation. Ms Hayden, who built a house on a plot of land in the area in 2003, had been on hunger strike since March 1, after facing eviction in early April.

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Community spirit

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strophy, a genetic disorder which damages the brain's nerve cells.

Daniel's family were delighted by the support shown by their community.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fatal fall

A 29-YEAR-OLD motorcyclist was killed after suffering a fall at kilometre 263 of the N-340 highway, on the stretch which passes through the Vallemar urbanisation in Velez-Malaga.

The accident occurred at around 3am, with emergency services advised by a concerned driver, but paramedics were unable to revive him after arriving at the scene.

Fireman sham

AXARQUIA firemen are up in arms over repeated delays to the new station in Nerja, which has been 95 per cent complete for over a year due to a financial dispute between the town hall and Malaga's provincial council. Around 30 of the beleaguered officers gathered at the site near the motorway this week in order to voice their frustration.

Work this way

MORE than 60 young people from Torre del Mar have found work via the Junta de Andalucia regional government's new employment scheme, which was rolled out in February. The regional authority has invested some €2.3 million in the project which aims to provide jobs for 290 people, of which 176 must be aged less than 30.

Spanish State Visit to UK

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"In this Sapphire Jubilee celebration year for Her Majesty the Queen, I am delighted that that Their Majesties King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain have accepted her invitation to visit the UK," said Mr Manley.

"This State Visit will celebrate not only the long and deep royal and historic ties between our two countries, but also our strong relationship as partners bilaterally, within Europe and on the global stage.

"We enjoy close connections in terms of culture, commerce, education, science and innovation. This is an opportunity to celebrate and deepen those links."

Today, the United Kingdom and Spain are close partners in NATO and United Nations, among numerous international organisations. We also continue to cooperate in the European



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AMBASSADOR SIMON MANLEY: Is delighted about the State Visit.

Union, and once we leave the EU we want to strengthen our strong and constructive bilateral relationship with Spain.

The two countries are also major partners in trade, with £40 billion (€45.6 billion) of trade in 2015, including British goods and services

worth almost £15 billion (€17.1 billion) exported to Spain, and imports from Spain to the UK worth £25 billion (€28.5 billion).

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more than 132,000 Spaniards are resident in the UK and two million visited in 2015.

This is the first State Visit by King Felipe and Queen Letizia to the UK and they will stay at Buckingham Palace. The programme will be announced in due course.

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Big budget beaches

TORRE DEL MAR'S beaches are among those set to benefit from an investment of €130,000 for improvements. The measure comes after several beaches were damaged by this winter's storms, with Chilches, Valle Niza, Lagos and Mezquitilla top of the list, with the intention that they will be ready in time for Easter and the summer season.

Footpath fixed

NERJA Council is carrying out works to clean and restore a public pathway between Burriana Beach and the Bendito viewpoint.

The section of footpath forms part of the Paseo Carabineros, which has been closed for 15 years due to the risk of falling rocks.

The town's councillor for Infrastructure and Beaches, Jose Maria Rivas, has explained the works were "necessary since this area was closed to the public by order of the Ministry of Environment."

Optical illusion

AROUND 75 per cent of Velez-Malaga now has a fibre optic internet connection. New Technologies councillor Ana Campos reported this fast connection is now in place "in Velez-Malaga, but also reaches Torre del Mar and other centres." She added that libraries in Velez-Malaga and Torre del Mar "already have a quality Wi-Fi connection, which will reach other municipal buildings such as the City Museum," describing the internet network as "an important improvement for the neighbours who make use of said spaces."

Building boom

CONSTRUCTION firm Priamo Real Estate has negotiated with Nerja's City Council to reclassify 36,000 square metres of land at Carabeo as usable for housing, allowing 290 new homes to be built.

The land is privately owned but operated by the council as a space for October's fair and for parking. In addition to

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...5

Father's Day in Spain is celebrated on St Joseph's Day, which this year falls on Sunday March 19. This Catholic feast day celebrates the life of Mary's husband Joseph, whose role within the Holy Family is seen as the epitome of what a good husband and father should be.

Honouring dear old dad



FATHER'S DAY (Dia del Padre) started in the United States in 1910, when Sonora Smart Dodd, a 27-year-old woman from Spokane Washington, proposed a male equivalent to Mother's Day.

After pushing for local support, she convinced the state governor to establish an official celebration on July 19, 1910.

Fifteen years later, President Calvin Coolidge turned the fledgling Father's Day into a national event, before

Richard Nixon confirmed it as a federal holiday in 1972.

In Spain, the first Father's Day took place in 1948 after Manuela Vicente Ferrero, a teacher and author in Madrid, was approached by disgruntled fathers jealous of the annual Mother's Day celebrations.

The celebration featured a mass, gifts handmade from materials recovered from a nearby landfill by girls from Manuela's school, and a children's festival with poetry, dancing and theatre.

Papa particulars

- Father's Day was until recently a national holiday in Spain.
- Although most countries celebrate Father's Day in June, fathers are honoured on March 19 in Bolivia, Honduras, Italy, Equatorial Guinea, Lichtenstein, Andorra and Portugal as well as Spain.
- The word 'padre' is derived from the Latin 'pater,' itself originating from Ancient Greek.
- Since 2009, the number of Spanish fathers reporting wives for gender violence has increased 223 per cent,

according to the International Institute of Family Studies.

- There are currently more than 1.5 billion fathers worldwide.
- Feodor Vassilyev, a Russian peasant who died in 1782, had 69 children, the most ever officially recorded, after his wife gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets.



new housing, plans for the site also include a 15,500sqm park. In return for developing the land, Priamo Real Estate would provide some free housing and relocate the annual fair to another area.

Anabel Iranzo, the city's Urban Planning councillor, said the council would be proposing modifications to the project, in order to benefit residents.

Commenting, she said, "we are aware it is a very attractive plot, but we have to be very respectful with urban planning, and take into account that a modification of this type has to be approved by the Andalusian Government."

Scandal provokes split council

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA'S City Council has been plunged into chaos following a scandal in which two politicians have been accused of handing out government cleaning contracts to relatives.

Two government councillors, Ezequiel Carnero and Javier Guerrero, were accused by government opposition party, Partido Popular, of covering up offering cleaning contracts to relatives, in what

was described as "a clear case of bungling."

Rincon de la Victoria's government had until now, been made up of a coalition of three parties, Izquierdsa Unida, Partido Socialista Obrero Español and Ahora Rincon-Podemos, however, the parties disagreed on how to deal with the scandal, leading IU to quit the coalition.

Following the PP's assertion of bungling, the IU demanded resignations from the two councillors accused, but their coalition partners did not back them, forcing the split. The two-party alliance which now remains means Rincon de la Victoria's government is in a slight minority in the city council.

Out of sight, out of mind

AN optician in Velez-Malaga has denounced a thief for not accepting his offer to simply return a stolen pair of glasses rather than involve police.

Last week, a couple had entered Optic Velez with a pram and asked to try on a pair of glasses while owner Daniel Carrascosa waited on another customer. When the couple left the shop, Mr Carrascosa realised the

glasses, valued at €125, were missing.

Rather than instantly report the perpetrator to the police, Mr Carrascosa instead gave him a second chance, issuing a statement on Facebook urging the man simply to return the glasses. Unfortunately, the deadline which he gave the man has now passed and Mr Carrascosa has now handed CCTV images of the perpetrator to the police.

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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Dramatic rescue for hikers

TWELVE hikers, including four minors, lost on the Peñalara peak in the Sierra de Guadarrama National Park (Madrid) had to be rescued by a Guardia Civil air rescue team.

A helicopter had to make several flights through a narrow pass due to poor weather to rescue the hikers who were then driven from Valsain to Cotos where they had left their vehicles.

Something fishy!

TWO tonnes of live eels, €540,000 cash and several gold ingots were seized by Guardia Civil officers when they arrested eight people from Sevilla, Tarragona and Valencia, including two Chinese allegedly for obtaining illicit funds from Hong Kong to pay for the fish. The operation also saw nine additional arrests in Greece.



Eye on SPAIN
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Postcard from LEON



A FAMED stop on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail, Leon like many settlements in the north was founded during the reign of Julius Caesar by Octavian, who later became the Emperor Augustus.

The original simple encampment grew as retired Roman legionaries settled and by 910 it was the capital of the Kingdom of Leon. After being conquered it later became a kingdom again until the 19th century.

The present-day city with a 120,000 population contains spectacular classical buildings including the nation's only true Gothic cathedral plus a private building - the Casa de los Botines - designed by architect Antoni Gaudi and said to be the inspiration for the famous Disney Castle.

Like many Spanish cities, Leon has an unusual procession. Named the 'Burial of Genarin,' it is in memory of an alcoholic beggar believed to have been run over in 1929 by the first local motorised rubbish cart. Many nowadays treat the event as an excuse to get drunk.

With good air, rail and road links, Leon is popular for visits.

Cocaine alert

A CARTEL thought to have shipped almost 400 kilos of cocaine into Europe using Las Palmas as a staging post for drug trafficking and money laundering led to 12 arrests when 10 properties were raided by Guardia Civil officers in the Canaries. Items seized included two speed boats, €500,000 in cash and documentary evidence.

State visit

FORCED to cancel state visits when there was no elected government, King Felipe and Queen Leticia are now rearranging official trips including one to the UK where they will meet the Queen and the king will address parliament.

Terror find

A HIDEOUT possibly used by the ETA terrorist group in Irun, Basque Country, and containing seven drums of explosives has been discovered, although there is no evidence of recent activity according to the Home Office.

Birthdays

• **Jimmy Nail, Singer/Actor, March 16, 63**
English actor best known as playing the character 'Oz' in the British hit TV show *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet*. His acting career also included films such as *Evita*, alongside Madonna, and he co-wrote and featured in his own TV show *Spender*. He also had a singing career with hits including *Ain't No Doubt* and *Crocodile Shoes*.

• **Alex Jones, TV Presenter, March 18, 40**
The popular Welsh presenter is best known as the co-host of BBC's *The One Show*. She also presents *Close Calls: On Camera*, co-hosts *Shop Well for Less?* and in 2011 she came fifth in *Strictly Come Dancing*. In January she gave birth to her first child, Edward Alun Burrell Thomson.

• **Ursula Andress, Actress, March 19, 81**
Born in Switzerland the actress starred in the first James Bond movie when she played the first Bond girl Honey Ryder in *Dr No*, which featured the famous scene of her walking out of the ocean wearing the iconic white bikini. She has starred in many films including *Fun in Acapulco* and *4 for Texas* and has posed naked seven times for *Playboy* magazine.

• **Steve McFadden, Actor, March 20, 58**
English soap opera actor who has featured as Phil Mitchell in *EastEnders* since 1990. In 2001 the role won him a British Soap Award for Villain of the Year. He has also appeared in *The Bill*, *Minder* and *Bergerac* as well as in the films *Buster* and *Kevin and Perry Go Large*.

• **James Patterson, Writer, March 22, 70**
American author of the fictional psychological thrillers and mysteries novels including the *Women's Murder Club* and *Alex Cross* series. Some of his work, *Kiss The Girls* and *Along Came A Spider*, has been made into films which have featured actor Morgan Freeman who portrayed the psychologist Alex Cross.



IT ALL ADDS UP

€14.883 million

Was collected last year by the Tax Agency collected in its ongoing fight against fraud, showing a 5 per cent fall on the previous year's record collection.

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The number of refugees and asylum seekers who were provided with direct assistance by the Spanish Red Cross last year.



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OUR VIEW

The weaker sex

ONE thing that has been reinforced by International Women's Day is the depth of feeling in Spain about domestic violence and its dreadful consequences.

Women across the country (in most cases supported by men) stood up and called for a sea change in the attitude towards them which has steadily been getting better over the past 30 plus years.

Unfortunately, there are still too many cases of violence and murder throughout Spain, caused in part perhaps by the inherited machismo of some Spanish men but as the older generations pass away, so it is to be hoped that the young of today will take note of those who want to see equality.

There is absolutely no reason why women who undertake the same job as a man should be paid a single cent less than the male and there are very few jobs nowadays that can't be undertaken by a woman and done just as well as their male counterpart.

The ridiculous comments by a ludicrous Polish MEP that as women are less intelligent and smaller than men that they shouldn't be paid the same amount was soon shot down by a feisty female Spanish MEP who was doing a great job for those who had elected her.

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Breakthrough for British hunger striker

JANET HAYDEN, a British 70-year-old, threatened with eviction from her home in La Viñuela, has received news from her bank that they are now willing to discuss her situation.

Ms Hayden, who built a house on a plot of land in the area in 2003, had been on hunger strike since 1 March, after facing eviction on April 4.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News*, Janet had relied on advice that she could build on the land, which was not designated for housing, and simply pay a small fine to secure the appropriate licences.

Her dream quickly became a nightmare, however, when her house started to show signs of serious damage. In debt to her bank, Sabadell, Janet was appalled to learn her representatives had not secured the normal 10-year insurance for new-build homes.

Janet plans to hand over the appropriate paperwork to Sabadell and thanks *EWN* for highlighting her struggle.



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NEWS EXTRA

Better access

ALMUÑECAR is improving accessibility with additional spaces for loading and unloading for a maximum of 15 minutes at the city's bus station. The station's lighting has also been improved.

Open doors

LA HERRADURA'S shops will remain open despite the Festival of San Jose, thanks to an agreement reached by the City Council and Chamber of Commerce. Shops will be allowed to open for normal trading hours on March 17.

Local walk

ALMUÑECAR Council and cleaning service FCC have organised a bilingual, environmentally-themed walk for Spanish and foreign residents on Sunday March 19. Those interested should contact the environmental department on 958 616 021.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Was at its best as people came out in droves to get tested.

Overwhelming support from local community

By Sally Underwood

AROUND 1,000 people came out to be tested as bone marrow donors at the Granada Blood Transfusion Centre, to support the family of Daniel, an 8-year-old boy from Almuñecar with adrenoleukodystrophy, a genetic disorder which damages the brain's nerve cells.

Daniel's family were delighted by the support shown by their community, saying that although this will not save him, it could help someone else.

The turnout for donating reached an historic amount; the centre received 8,000 donations in the whole of 2016, but an eighth of that in just one day for Daniel.

Staff were only able to close the centre at

around 10pm, due to the queues of people hoping to support the cause which was made famous by the plight of this young local.

Commenting on the success of the donation drive, an attendant said "in my experience, as far as I remember, we have never accounted for 1,000 donations in one day. At the most we have perhaps seen a little over 300."

Preparing for San Jose

LA HERRADURA has started preparations to celebrate the festival of its patron saint, San Jose.

The festivities will run from March 16-19, with four days of intense partying.

The town's portable bullring will host equestrian shows, and there will be an official party booth in Plaza de la Independencia.

La Herradura's deputy mayor, Juan Jose Ruiz Joya, said the council had been putting together the festivals' programme, "with great effort and imagination and with the collaboration of different groups and companies." He added they had the "sole intention of serving up fun" for both residents and tourists.

Highlights include a photographic exhibition in the municipal market from 1pm to 7pm each day, music from 11pm every night and a firework display on Saturday night at 10pm.

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Sewage blights beaches

NERJA'S beaches have received an unwelcome influx of raw sewage, following a break in an underwater pipe.

The town is the only major urban zone in Malaga to still pour untreated sewage into the sea, with underwater pipes discharging off both Burriana and Torrecilla beaches.

The waste is normally expelled 1,500 metres out to sea and mainly broken down by the action of waves, however one of the underwater pipes has developed a hole of 20 square centimetres and is injecting the sewage much nearer to the coastline.

Boats have reported seeing a 'geyser' of waste ap-



UNTREATED SEWAGE: Is still being poured into the sea near Burriana and Torrecilla beaches.

pearing, which was also visible from the Balcon de Europa.

Sources at the town hall have said recent storms and frequent trawlers may be to

blame, adding they are going to fix the issue "as soon as possible."

Tourist village to reopen

PERIANA Council is petitioning the Junta de Andalucía regional government to return membership of its tourist complex.

Periana tourist village comprises 20 two-bedroom townhouses as well as a building with a reception, cafe and lounge, meeting rooms and a restaurant.

The village, named Villa Turística Periana, was built between 1993 and 1996 with an investment of over €3.3 million, following a tourism drive in Andalucía in the late 1980s.

It has been closed since 2003 and Periana would now like ownership of the site back, hoping to sub-contract the village to a hotel chain and reopen the area to tourists.

Periana's mayor, Rafael Torrubia, hopes a large company could make a success of the tourist complex once again, boosting trade throughout Axarquía. He has said he will only compel the Andalusian government to hand over ownership once an appropriate company has been found.

Registering your pet

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA City Council has extended the deadline by which dog owners must register their pets' DNA by six months.

Until now, only 71 out of the area's 9,500 dogs had been registered. Owners now have until September to take their dogs to a vet, who will take a DNA sample, inject the animal with a transponder to show this has been done, and complete the necessary paperwork.

Once the deadline for registration has passed, Local Police will be carrying out random checks on dogs and imposing fines on owners who do not comply with the law.

Registration costs €35, and payment must be made through the Veterinary College of Malaga's website at www.colegioveterariosmalaga.es, in the ADN section. A receipt will then be obtained which can be given to a local vet, who will carry out the process.

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Second Scottish Referendum could now be on the cards



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

PRIOR to the UK Parliament meeting to consider the Lords amendments to the proposed Article 50 White Paper, the general consensus of opinion (which proved correct) was that the Commons would reject the two amendments and then the Lords would capitulate.

Anticipation of this, and therefore the imminent triggering of Article 50, prompted Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon to confirm that she intends to request a second Independence Referendum for Scotland within a week.

It would follow that the Scottish Parliament would approve such a re-



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LEADING LADIES: Theresa May and Nicola Sturgeon.

quest as the Greens have already indicated that they would support the SNP over such a request which then means that Scotland would send what is known as a Section 30 order to Westminster.

In such a scenario, it may be politi-

cally difficult for the Conservative government to reject the request but a huge amount will rest on the timing of such a referendum with the SNP wanting it to take place prior to Brexit and the British government more likely to argue it could only reasonably

take place after the UK leaves the EU.

Leader Sturgeon believes that she and her advisors have found a way for an Independent Scotland to remain within the single market whilst Prime Minister May could well argue that she has enough to do to negotiate a workable agreement without the additional problem of Scotland getting in the way.

It doesn't appear that the Scots expect to achieve immediate membership of the EU, but would effectively continue to enjoy a number of the economic benefits if it could remain in the single market.

In the event that Scotland does get its right to a second referendum based on the fact that such a large percentage of voters wanted to remain part of the Union, there could well be further protests from those who didn't wish to leave or have changed their mind, plus politicians in Northern Ireland could well call for union with the Republic.

The next week may be very interesting for all concerned.

Approval of Article 50

TO steal from TS Eliot, the peers Brexit revolt ended "not with a bang but with a whimper" and those expecting some drama before the inevitable agreement to the passing of the Article 50 White Paper were left disappointed.

Earlier on Monday March 13, the House of Commons had rejected the amendments sent back from the Lords with very few objections from tory backbenchers and 'ping ponged' it back to the Lords who, after a little deliberation (perhaps including some on their own future), decided to pass it without the amendments.

This means that the bill will receive Royal Assent very shortly and the government has indicated that it will stick to the original timetable of triggering Article 50 at the end of this month.

Those UK passport holders living in Spain and other European Union countries will now hope to obtain positive information concerning their future once negotiations commence rather than current unsubstantiated promises of protection.

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Lux Mundi, Torre del Mar

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On Friday March 31 from 11am until 1pm there will be an Easter Bazaar. On sale will be small gifts, preserves, cakes

and international homemade food, boutique, second hand goods in good condition, books, local arts and crafts and much more. You can relax in the garden with your cake and a drink. All proceeds go to-

wards fundraising.

The Half Orange 'Bring and Share Lunch for widows, widowers and singles will take place on Monday April 3 at 1pm. Head along and join in to make and meet new friends at the centre. The group also meets on the other Mondays of the month for coffee, walks, visits to places of interest, etc.

Tuesday April 4 from 4pm is when the Photography Group next meets. Go from 'Good Shot' to 'Great Shot' and learn the art of photography with Rob Bell Photography. This fun and informal class helps you get more from your camera and

photos. It is open to all, from beginners to more experienced photographers, regardless what type of camera you use. This season the group will look at various styles of photography and computer software.

From Thursday April 6 the group activities at the centre will finish for the Easter break restarting again from Monday April 17. There will however be the Anglican Palm Sunday service at the centre on Sunday April 9 at 11am.

For further information and bookings please contact the centre, on 952 543 334 or email luxmundi@lux-mundi.org.

The Phoenix Social Club

THE Phoenix Social Club are off to Estepona on Friday April 21 to visit The Orchid House situated in the middle of town.

As well as visiting the largest Orchid House in Europe there will also be an opportunity to wander around Estepona old town, have a bite to eat or just stroll on the fabulous paseo.

The cost is €20 per person which includes the €3 entry to the Orchid House and the driver's gratuity. Pick up will be at 8.30am at Algarrobo Lidl and 8.45am at Torre del Mar bus station and the coach will leave Estepona at 5pm to return.

For more information on any of the club's trips or events call Gail on 951 067 723, email phoenixsocialclub@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.phoenixsocialclub.co.uk. The Phoenix club is a registered charitable organisation raising funds for three local charities and SSAFA in the UK.

The group meets every Tuesday at Bar Restaurant La Vega between 12 and 2pm and you can book or pay from 12.15pm onwards. Do pop in and meet the group.

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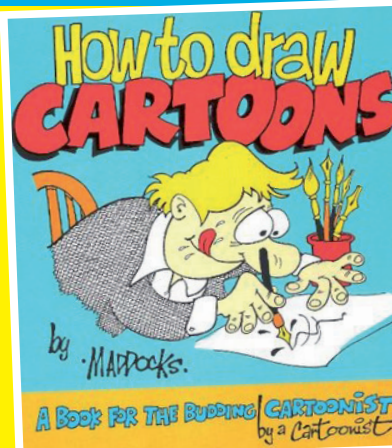
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Car manufacturers agree takeover

By John Smith

IT has been confirmed that the discussions between GM, owners of Opel and Vauxhall, and PSA, owners of Citroen and Peugeot, have been finalised and as expected PSA will take over the entire European operation.

Currently there are 24 factories in the group which are situated in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Poland and the UK employing 34,800 workers of whom 4,500 are in Britain and 5,000 in Spain,

€2.19 billion

is the amount that the PSA Group has agreed to pay American company GM in order to take over its European Opel/Vauxhall business.

with the majority being employed in Germany.

Portuguese CEO of PSA, Carlos Tavares has indicated that there are no immediate plans to close plants, but there will be an expect-

tation that workers will assist in making the factories more efficient and therefore more profitable.

With this takeover, which appears likely to be approved by

state governments as well as the European Union, PSA will become the second largest vehicle manufacturer in Europe after the Volkswagen group but in order to maintain its position and expand, it is looking to make savings of €1.73 billion per year.

One telling fact is that under GM ownership, the group had never made a profit, although it was on target to break even in 2016 had it not been for the drop in the value of sterling following the referendum vote.

Reprieve for disgraced Rato

DESPITE the fact that disgraced former minister, head of the IMF and head of Bankia, Rodrigo Rato was found guilty of misusing funds and sentenced to four years and six months imprisonment, he is currently walking free.

As he is expected to file an appeal against the conviction and the sentence, it has been decided that his impeccable behaviour during the trial meant that he could be trusted and should remain free until such time as the appeal is held.

Many consider this to be inappropriate considering the suffering caused to many who believed the prospectus and invested in Bankia shares.

Quote of the Week

The concern of the constitution is that flows of benefit to presidents from foreign sovereigns will distort their judgment, and trademarks are certainly capable of that." Norman Eisen on Donald Trump brand names in China



Little girl versus Wall Street's bull statue



LITTLE GIRL: Stares down the charging bull.

By John Smith

AS a reminder of the concepts behind International Women's Day advertising agency McCann, on behalf of Boston based State Street Global Advisors, has placed a statue of a young girl directly in front of the charging bull, a symbol of Wall Street.

According to the investment company, this is supposed to represent a plea to Wall Street to in-

crease the number of female financial advisors from its current almost derisory 15 per cent and to recognise the importance that women can play in commerce.

This new piece of the school-age girl received temporary permission to be placed opposite the bull in Manhattan from the city council and it is hoped that it will be allowed to stay as a reminder of the importance that women play in society.

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Bank success

AN international survey by financial publication *Euromoney* declared CaixaBank the best private bank in Spain for the third year. CaixaBank not only fought off all opposition but has a recent record of significant growth in the retail area, particularly after it acquired Barclays Bank in Spain.

On trial

THE trial of the vice-chairman of the Samsung Group Lee Jae-Yong, accused of corruption, bribery and embezzlement, has begun in South Korea. He will deny all charges through his lawyer, but the scandal has rocked the country and led to the impeachment of President Park Geun-hye, said to have favoured the company.

Co-op losses

FOR the fifth year in succession, the Co-op Bank, which promotes its ethical standing, has lost money. The loss of £477 million (€548 million) is down on the previous year but it does not bode well for the planned sale of the bank announced last month.

Spanish protectionism

THE European Commission has given the Spanish government until April 9 to explain why it limits the percentage of equity that individuals and corporate investors can purchase in two companies involved in the transfer of energy, otherwise it may be taken

to court. Enagás and Red Eléctrica, involved in gas and electricity respectively, are protected under Spanish law so that no shareholder (other than the government) can take control and possibly affect the movement of energy.

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Associated British Foods	2,632.00	1.00	0.04	20,824.99
Admiral Group	1,903.50	-0.50	-0.03	5,441.08
Ashtead Group	1,691.00	13.00	0.77	8,289.64
Antofagasta	770.75	22.75	3.04	7,425.97
Aviva	539.75	-1.25	-0.23	22,086.72
AstraZeneca	4,785.25	25.75	0.54	60,252.55
BAE Systems	640.50	3.50	0.55	20,400.41
Babcock International Group	898.25	4.25	0.48	4,549.11
Barclays	231.05	-0.80	-0.35	39,342.92
British American Tobacco	5,110.00	2.00	0.04	94,794.09
Barratt Developments	540.00	3.00	0.56	5,384.69
British Land Co	614.00	1.50	0.24	6,412.84
BHP Billiton	1,273.25	28.75	2.31	26,386.11
Bunzl	2,308.50	1.50	0.07	7,616.64
BP	466.08	-4.62	-0.98	88,430.63
Burberry Group	1,810.00	6.00	0.33	7,830.24
BT Group	342.70	0.25	0.07	32,810.71
Coca-Cola HBC	1,958.00	10.00	0.51	7,080.50
Carnival	4,552.00	-9.00	-0.20	9,669.32
Centrica	222.70	-0.10	-0.04	12,273.05
Compass Group	1,516.00	6.00	0.40	24,673.27
Capita Group (The)	549.50	5.00	0.92	3,624.24
Croda International	3,645.50	2.50	0.07	4,792.51
CRH	2,888.50	4.50	0.16	23,828.24
Convatec Group	256.05	-0.35	-0.14	5,012.36
Dixons Carphone	305.10	0.30	0.10	3,513.78
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easyJet	985.50	8.50	0.87	3,881.72
Fresnillo	1,385.00	25.00	1.84	9,948.06
GKN	371.10	-0.40	-0.11	6,378.88
Glencore	318.68	8.13	2.62	44,289.74
GlaxoSmithKline	1,672.25	-0.25	-0.01	82,165.62
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	2,147.50	8.50	0.40	5,072.99
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,321.50	2.50	0.19	6,249.15
Hammerson	583.75	2.75	0.47	4,677.83
HSBC Holdings	677.60	10.90	1.63	132,649.15
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Intertek Group	3,869.00	14.00	0.36	6,127.05
ITV	208.30	0.60	0.29	8,348.70
Johnson Matthey	2,922.00	11.00	0.38	5,687.95
Kingfisher	336.85	1.35	0.40	7,538.42

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Land Securities Group	1,045.50	5.50	0.53	8,322.58
Legal & General Group	249.10	0.30	0.12	14,854.24
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.64	-0.12	-0.17	48,841.05
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,078.00	18.00	0.59	10,778.93
Micro Focus International	2,182.50	7.50	0.34	4,954.81
Mediclinic International	747.50	2.50	0.34	5,442.70
Merlin Entertainments	496.10	-0.80	-0.16	5,008.45
Marks & Spencer Group	340.25	1.45	0.43	5,505.39
Mondi	1,886.50	7.50	0.40	9,048.30
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	233.55	-0.65	-0.28	5,363.56
National Grid	981.75	3.05	0.31	36,703.96
Next	3,977.00	11.00	0.28	5,852.12
Old Mutual Group	224.25	0.45	0.20	11,117.01
Provident Financial	2,959.50	0.50	0.02	4,399.94
Paddy Power Betfair	8,832.50	17.50	0.20	7,223.64
Prudential	1,646.00	2.50	0.15	42,467.92
Persimmon	2,122.50	14.50	0.69	6,523.88
Pearson	672.25	-4.25	-0.63	5,587.40
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,321.50	0.50	0.01	51,102.49
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	243.75	-1.25	-0.51	28,600.29
Royal Dutch Shell	2,110.75	-2.75	-0.13	91,758.03
Royal Dutch Shell	2,205.25	-4.25	-0.19	81,220.88
RELX	1,536.00	1.00	0.07	16,716.79
Rio Tinto	3,272.75	94.25	2.97	44,001.36
Royal Mail	407.45	1.95	0.48	4,047.00
Rolls-Royce Group	756.50	2.00	0.27	13,777.33
Randgold Resources	7,005.00	160.00	2.34	6,480.61
RSA Insurance Group	591.00	-1.00	-0.17	6,110.01
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Shire	4,949.75	59.25	1.21	43,904.97
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,198.00	-2.00	-0.09	5,180.92
Sky	992.00	-1.00	-0.10	17,142.90
Standard Life	377.60	-2.40	-0.63	7,547.04
Smiths Group	1,537.00	5.00	0.33	6,079.92
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SSE	1,506.00	3.00	0.20	15,398.74
Standard Chartered	743.40	2.10	0.28	24,196.43
St James's Place	1,086.00	3.00	0.28	5,710.22
Severn Trent	2,337.50	3.50	0.15	5,507.35
Tesco	188.45	-0.35	-0.19	15,203.55
TUI AG	1,149.00	-1.00	-0.09	6,765.62
Taylor Wimpey	193.55	1.05	0.55	6,265.81
Unilever	4,027.50	-8.00	-0.20	51,338.38
United Utilities Group	972.50	0.50	0.05	6,694.44
Vodafone Group	203.68	-0.17	-0.08	54,129.57
Wolseley	5,025.00	31.00	0.62	12,576.30
Worldpay Group	288.35	-0.15	-0.05	5,733.00
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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	VOLUME
3M	191,210	+0.69%	1,310	113M
AMERICAN EXPRESS	79,3800	+0.10%	0,0800	71M
APPLE	139,140	+0.33%	0,460	730M
BOEING CO	178,700	-1.04%	-1,870	109M
CATERPILLAR	92,310	+1.01%	0,920	54M
CHEVRON	110,61	+0.52%	0,57	208M
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,260	+0.56%	0,190	171M
COCA-COLA	42,29	+0.62%	0,26	181M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	80,8600	+0.47%	0,3800	69M
EXXON MOBIL	81,61	-0.07%	-0,06	338M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	30,2800	+2.09%	0,6200	264M
GOLDMAN SACHS	248,38	-0.72%	-1,80	98M
HOME DEPOT	146,8500	+0.16%	0,2300	178M
IBM	177,83	+0.37%	0,65	167M
INTEL CORP	35,9100	+0.25%	0,0900	170M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	91,2800	-0.32%	-0,2900	326M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	126,2100	+0.21%	0,2600	342M
MC DONALD'S CORP	127,9800	-0.12%	-0,1600	104M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	65,60	-0.44%	-0,29	180M
MICROSOFT	64,930	+0.31%	0,200	502M
NIKE	56,43	+0.12%	0,07	74M
PFIZER	34,1100	+0.18%	0,0600	203M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	91,070	+0.81%	0,730	232M
TRAVELERS CIES	122,83	+0.76%	0,93	34M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	112,14	+0.19%	0,21	90M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	169,98	+1.17%	1,97	161M
VERIZON COMMS	49,35	+0.14%	0,07	200M
VISA	89,73	+0.70%	0,62	166M
WAL-MART STORES	70,1000	+0.34%	0,2400	215M
WALT DISNEY CO	110,9200	-0.10%	-0,1100	175M

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Catabasis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.04	0.71 ▲ 53.38%
China TechFaith Wireless Com Tech Lim	\$ 2.11	0.50 ▲ 31.06%
Willdan Group, Inc.	\$ 33.30	5.42 ▲ 19.44%
Internap Corporation	\$ 3.08	0.45 ▲ 17.11%
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 2.20	0.30 ▲ 15.79%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 9.23	1.22 ▲ 15.23%
Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 6.95	0.87 ▲ 14.31%
CytomX Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.09	1.78 ▲ 13.37%
Zogenix, Inc.	\$ 10.80	1.25 ▲ 13.09%
Citi Trends, Inc.	\$ 18.85	2.18 ▲ 13.08%
MYR Group, Inc.	\$ 41.94	4.85 ▲ 13.08%
Most Declined		
Finisar Corporation	\$ 26.98	7.92 ▼ 22.69%
Inseego Corp.	\$ 2.39	0.46 ▼ 16.14%
HTG Molecular Diagnostics, Inc.	\$ 2.276	0.434 ▼ 16.01%
Roka Bioscience, Inc.	\$ 4.26	0.61 ▼ 12.53%
Zumiez Inc.	\$ 18.40	2.60 ▼ 12.38%
Federated National Holding Company	\$ 18.11	2.24 ▼ 11.01%
Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 10.55	1.21 ▼ 10.29%
CECO Environmental Corp.	\$ 10.57	1.18 ▼ 10.04%
Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ 18.85	2.10 ▼ 10.02%
Acacia Research Corporation	\$ 5.20	0.55 ▼ 9.57%
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.84	1.65 ▼ 9.43%

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Multi Asset Conservative B EUR
Multi Asset Balanced B GBP
Multi Asset Balanced B EUR
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Multi Asset Growth B EUR

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£1.1484..... £0.0008
€1.0794..... -€0.0003
£1.2888..... £0.0023
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Carrefour to expand business

By John Smith

WHEN the Carrefour Group decides to open a new hypermarket, it invariably obtains a site with sufficient space to allow it to create a mini-mall or retail park where other independent companies can offer a range of different products to visitors.

This is a symbiotic relationship whereby the tenants have access to the Carrefour shoppers and the fact that there is a range of generally non-competing products under the same roof often aids in the decision making process as to which supermarket consumers will visit.

Up until now, the management of the shopping centres and in some cases retail parks adjacent to the Carrefour stores has been undertaken by two separate real estate companies, Carmila and Cardety, but it has been announced (subject to shareholder approval) that Cardety will take over Carmila in a three for one share exchange.

It is planned that the combined operation will take the Carmila name and will be floated on the French Stock Exchange with an expected worth of some €3 billion but interest-



CARREFOUR: A number of new retail parks centred around the store are planned.

ingly, Carrefour has significant shareholdings in both companies and will participate heavily in the newly merged one.

Although initially a French company, Carrefour has expanded signifi-

cantly into Spain and Italy as well as other countries around the world fuelling its expansion through takeover of companies, development and recently, the absorption of several Eroski super-stores throughout Spain.

The new group plans a number of new retail parks centred around Carrefour stores as part of a new five year plan which will also see significant development in the area of online shopping.

Sterling loses 3.5 per cent against euro

AFTER significant losses following the Brexit result, the pound started to recover against the euro in particular returning to a level of around €1.19 which was maintained for several months.

Suddenly however it has taken a slow but sure backwards step dropping down to €1.145 at the time of writing this article and the reasons are not totally clear.

Different analysts expound different reasons, one being that the Lords amendments to the Article 50 White Paper are to blame, whilst others suggest that the pound is undervalued against the dollar but is simply finding its correct level against the euro, especially as the Eurozone appears to be relatively sound at the moment.

Those of us who receive pensions and investment payment in sterling are less interested in the reason and more interested in seeing it stronger.

AirBnB at the crossroads

REGULARLY in the news in Spain because councils in many areas, especially Barcelona, Madrid and Mallorca believe that San Francisco based home rental company AirBnB continually encourages those renting properties to flout the laws, the company has just raised another \$1 billion (€940 million).

Only launched in 2008 by Brian Chesky and Joe Gebbia, the company charges letters 3 per cent of the value of the let and between 6 and 12 per cent to those renting and is now valued at \$31 billion (€29 billion) with operations hitting 65,000 cities worldwide.

Whilst the concept is very clever, there is no doubt that the company is managing to make enemies in very large cities which enjoy huge numbers of tourist visitors. Hotels are up in arms over the way in which the company takes business away from them and it is being blamed for the difficulty that many renters are having in finding long-term accommodation in London.

So worried was the British government about this situation, that the matter has been raised in parliament and the company has agreed to stop renters from letting their properties out for more than 90 days in a year unless they are registered with local councils.

Spain recently introduced some relatively draconian restrictions on short term letters requiring registration, air conditioning, free wifi and a number of other regulations in order to both support their tourist industry and to ensure that those letters actually pay tax on what they earn.



AIR BNB: Brian Chesky the founder with letters in San Francisco.

The Barcelona City Council believes that rentals via AirBnB do not recognise the laws in place and has levelled significant fines on the company which have been appealed, but fines have also been levied on property managers in New York City for using the company to advertise entire apartments for rent.

This highly successful company has gone from strength to strength and has received investment

from the founder of Amazon as well as celebrities and movie stars, but doesn't appear ready as yet to float on the stock market especially as its high development and expansion costs have finally taken it into significant profit.

The company is at the crossroads, facing continued growth in the market and profit or being shut down due to alleged multiple breaches of laws around the world.

JD Sports new Iberian deal

JUST one day before it is due to open its new store in Cordoba, JD Sports has announced that it intends to enter into a partnership through its Sprinter brand with Portuguese retailer Sport Zone owned by the Sonae group.

This new joint venture to be known as the Iberian Sports Retail Group will manage and operate more than 250 stores in Portugal and Spain with an annual expected turnover of €450 million, although the British group has been expanding steadily within Spain and currently sells goods to the value of €40 million.

The agreement appears to give JD Sports a 50 per cent ownership of the new company whilst its Spanish division Sprinter will have 20 per cent and Sonae are to take 30 per cent. If this deal is finalised, then the new group will become one of the largest sporting goods retailers in Spain and Portugal, competing directly with French-owned Decathlon.

Not content with expansion in Europe, JD Sports is also expanding its business in Australia and despite regular negative media coverage, appears to continue to enlarge and discover new outlets for its goods.

The UK's spring budget and Spain



PHILIP HAMMOND: Leaving 11 Downing Street.

By John Smith

CHANCELLOR Philip Hammond presented his first budget on March 8 and whilst a great deal of it won't have any effect on British passport holders living in Spain, there are a few developments which will be of interest.

It was unfortunate that Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn tweeted just prior to the budget, exhorting supporters to "Sign the petition against Osborne's cuts" and although technically correct, it gave ammunition to certain parts of the media to suggest that he didn't know that Osborne had been replaced.

In general terms, Hammond took a fairly upbeat position with regards to the economy and the fact that Britain needs to borrow less money than originally forecast although growth is expected to slow down over the next few years until expanding in 2021.

He allocated more money to adult social care over the next three years with £2 billion (€2.3 billion) put to one side and did not introduce a retroac-

tive claw back of monies spent on social care from inheritances which came as a relief to many.

The NHS didn't fare so well and despite the 'promises' (or were they just suggestions?) that many pro-Brexit campaigners - many of whom are now Cabinet Ministers - gave concerning massive monthly payments to the NHS, he was only able to find £425 million (€489 million) over three years for the country's health.

“ Britain needs to borrow less money than originally forecast.

The chancellor did however find around £1 billion (€1.15 billion) for education and the creation of even more selective schools as well as granting poor 11 to 15 year olds free transport to their schools as long as they are eligible for free school dinners.

Investors can earn 2.2 per cent on a new Investment Bond but tax-free dividend allowance

will be reduced from £5,000 (€5,750) to £2,000 (€2,300) from April 2018.

The area that has caused the largest furore concerns National Insurance contributions for the self-employed which, according to detractors, marks a direct U-turn from pre-election promises that there would be no new taxes with the government explaining that that wasn't quite what they meant really and was down to a matter of interpretation.

There should be a few more pubs left open for visitors to the UK as they will receive some rate relief for one year. Those living in Spain however can congratulate themselves on the fact that they are in a country where drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes is still considerably cheaper than in the UK.

Finally, only a cynic would complain about the £5 million (€5.75 million) found on International Women's Day to celebrate the Centenary of the Representation of the People Act which in 1918 led to the eventual granting of votes to women.

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ONE of the bonuses I glean from writing this column is the mail I receive. The reason many go unpublished is because a large number have attachments, or are a tad too long. I do of course read them all.

The feedback I gain is invaluable and I thank all who take the trouble to put their ideas and suggestion in the perusal pipeline. Some of the suggestions are of course unprintable. Others are actually a physical impossibility! However, as long as they contain even a smidgen of constructive criticism, all are welcome.

I do still of course get the occasional missive that wishes me harm. Don't worry I've been 'poisoned' by the very best. I find those particular communications a bit sad really. Some years ago the office did receive a letter addressed to me with the word 'bomb' inscribed in the top corner.

After a bit of 'pass the parcel' one brave EWN staff member deemed to open it. Inside was a card with a Second World War bomb depicted on its front. Not too funny really.



FEEDBACK: Some of the suggestions are unprintable.

“ I do still get the occasional missive that wishes me harm, which is a bit sad really.

I've also received my fair share of mooners. If anyone feels this way inclined in the future, could you make sure you're female? I'm afraid I've never been into male posteriors (no pun intended!).

I did receive a funny one this week. A lady wrote to tell me she had stopped reading the EWN because of me. This was of course not true because she went on to say she was reading this particular issue in the lavatory!

Whether she had carried it in with her, considering those particular surroundings gave it more atmosphere, or whether she intended to put it to more practical use I have no idea. Hope not. All the print comes off love. Still it would give hubby the opportunity to read it in bed! And on that low note (geddit!?) I'll wish you all au revoir for another week.

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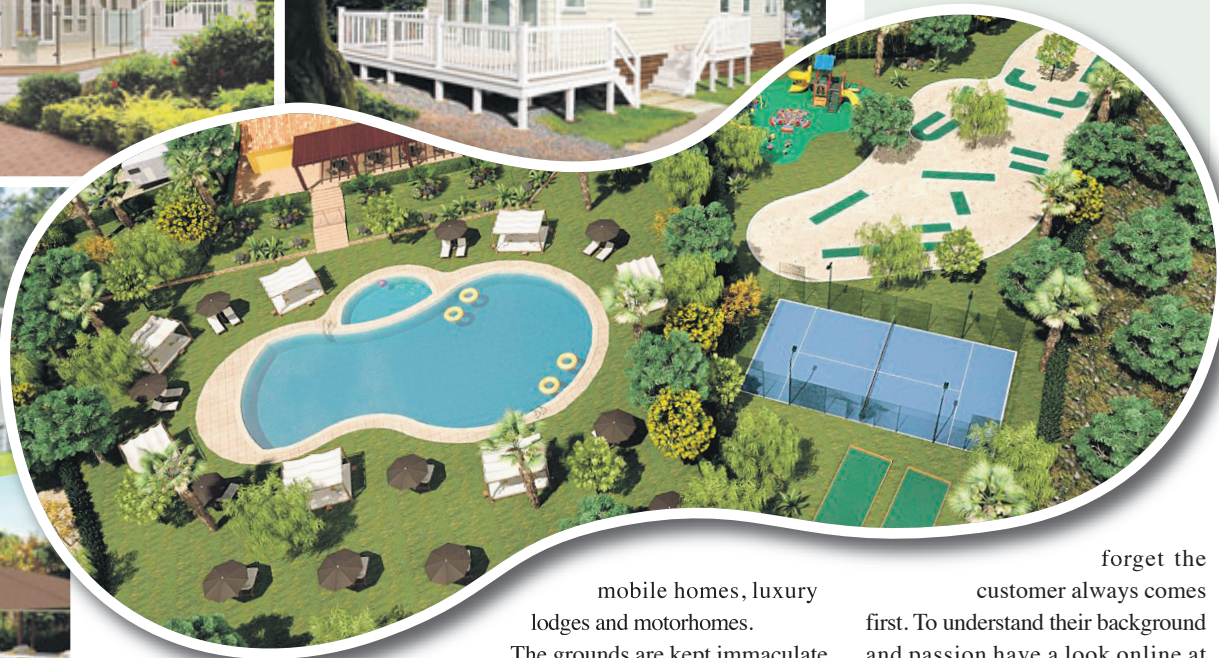
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Leo the Lion embarks on 'last chance' proton beam cancer therapy

BRAVE cancer fighter four-year-old Leo Bermejo from Almeria has begun his 31 sessions of proton beam therapy in Oklahoma.

It follows his recent brain tumour operation in the Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK.

Doctors at the ProCure clinic have decided that Leo needs full brain and spine proton therapy with a boost to the tumour bed.

The proton sessions, which will be given Monday to Friday, will involve approximately six weeks of treatment and, if all goes to plan, Leo could be back in Spain by the end of April.

Speaking exclusively to the *Euro Weekly News* from the States, mum Karen said: "His first treatment took just over an hour. He was quite groggy afterwards and was saying 'ouch' and pointing to his head. It is difficult to know if he was really in pain or

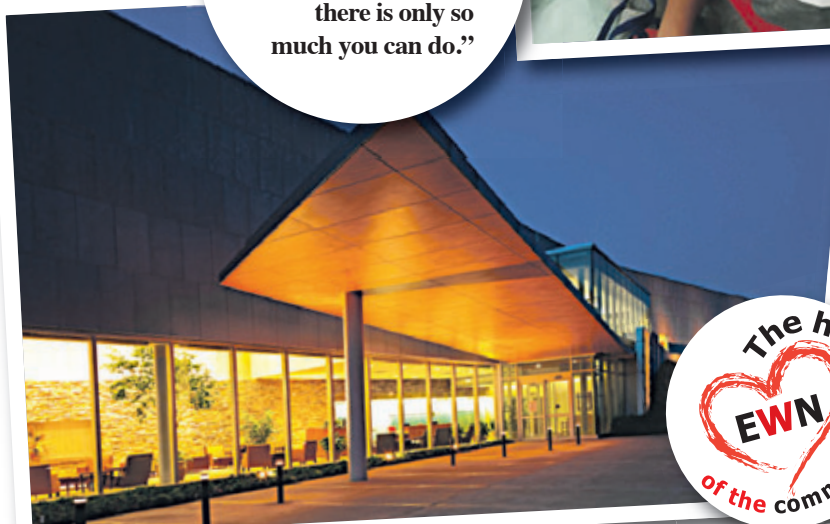
not, but he shouldn't be with the treatment."

She added: "There is a chance that Leo's tumour does not respond to radiation, nobody knows until they try.

"If this is the case then there are no more treatment options, except another possible trial in Florida for children that have got to that stage.

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10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys	10:00pm	Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th Birthday	12:35am	Top of the Pops	9:00pm	Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service	9:00pm	NCIS
11:00pm	BBC News	11:00pm	QI XL	1:00am	Neil Sedaka: King of Song	9:55pm	5 News	10:00pm	Football on 5
11:18pm	Weather	11:00pm	Panel-based quiz where it is more important to be interesting than right.	2:00am	Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need is the Music	10:00pm	Lucy	11:30pm	The True Story
11:20pm	Match of the Day	11:45pm	Further Adventure	2:45am	Kings of 70s Romance	11:45pm	RoboCop	12:30am	Criminals Caught on Camera
12:45am	This Country	3:00am	Ash Wednesday	3:45am	...Sings Bacharach and David!				
1:10am	My Brother the Devil								
3:00am	Weather for the Week Ahead								
3:05am	BBC News								
	The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.								

SUNDAY - 19 MARCH

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

8:30am	Match of the Day	7:00am	A to Z of TV Gardening	8:00pm	Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century	7:15am	King of Queens	7:00am	Milkshake!
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show	7:45am	Island Parish			7:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:00am	The Big Questions	8:15am	Sark Winter			8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond	11:30am	Football on 5
12:00pm	Sunday Politics	8:15am	Around the World in 80 Gardens	9:00pm	Classic Quartets at the BBC	8:35am	Race of Champions 2017	12:30pm	Football on 5
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	9:15am	Gardeners' World	10:00pm	Home From Home: Chronicle of a Vision	9:30am	Frasier	1:00pm	The Gadget Show
2:00pm	BBC News	9:45am	Countryfile	11:40pm	Home From Home: Chronicle of a Vision	10:00am	Frasier	2:05pm	Batteries Not Included
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead	10:45am	Saturday Kitchen	1:40am	The Century That Wrote Itself	10:30am	Frasier	4:05pm	Zathura: A Space Adventure
2:15pm	Flog It!			1:40am	The Century That Wrote Itself	1:30pm	The Simpsons	6:00pm	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
3:15pm	Countryfile			2:40am	How to Get Ahead: At Medieval Court	1:55pm	The Simpsons	7:50pm	5 News
4:00pm	Spring Diaries			3:40am	Classic Quartets at the BBC	2:25pm	The Simpsons	7:55pm	Left Behind
4:45pm	Lifeline					2:55pm	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	10:00pm	The latest news coverage
4:55pm	Songs of Praise					3:55pm	Rio	12:10am	Dark Skies
5:30pm	Shop Well for Less					5:45pm	Johnny English Reborn	1:55am	Greatest Sci-Fi Movies
6:30pm	BBC News					7:35pm	Channel 4 News	3:10am	Super Casino
6:50pm	Regional News					8:00pm	Dave's Guide to Spending Money		Feeling Lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.
6:55pm	Weather					9:00pm	Rivers with Jeremy Paxman		
7:00pm	The Big Painting Challenge					10:00pm	Homeland		
8:00pm	Countryfile					11:00pm	Gogglebox		
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow					12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown		
10:00pm	SS-GB					1:00am	The Five-Year Engagement		
11:00pm	BBC News					3:10am	The Last Leg		
11:20pm	Regional News								
11:25pm	Weather								
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2								
12:40am	American High School								
1:30am	Celebrity Apprentice USA								

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7:00am	CITV	7:00am	You've Been Framed!	7:00am	Judge Judy	7:00am	Bundesliga	7:00am	Football Gold
10:25am	Alphabetical	7:25am	Emmerdale	7:20am	Murder, She Wrote	8:00am	World Superbike	7:15am	Football Gold
11:20am	Guess This House	10:00am	Coronation Street	8:10am	Murder, She Wrote	9:00am	Fishing	7:30am	Football Gold
12:20pm	Rebound	12:25pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway	10:00am	Street Omnibus	10:00am	Impossible	7:45am	Premier League Preview
1:20pm	ITV News and Weather	2:00pm	The Voice UK	11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show	11:00am	The Big Fish Off	8:15am	Football Gold
1:30pm	Carry on Matron	3:15pm	Rumour Has It...	12:00pm	Pawn Stars	12:00pm	The Great Outdoors	8:30am	Football Gold
3:15pm	Off Their Rockers	4:15pm	FYI Daily	12:30pm	The Great Outdoors	12:30pm	The Great Outdoors	8:45am	Game Changers
3:45pm	The Voice UK	4:20pm	Rumour Has It...	1:30pm	FYI Daily	1:30pm	The Great Outdoors	9:15am	Premier League Preview
5:00pm	Six Nations	5:20pm	Nanny McPhee	1:35pm	The Great Outdoors	2:20pm	Snooker v Darts	9:45am	The Fantasy Football Club
8:30pm	Rugby Union	6:20pm	FYI Daily	2:30pm	ITV Racing Live	2:30pm	ITV Racing Live	10:45am	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway	7:15pm	Mr Bean's Holiday	3:00pm	FA Youth Cup Live	5:00pm	Fierce	12:30pm	Football
9:30pm	The Voice UK	8:15pm	FYI Daily	11:15am	Blue Murder at St. Trinian's	6:00pm	FA Youth Cup Live	1:30pm	Football
11:30pm	ITV News and Weather	8:20pm	Mr Bean's Holiday	11:20am	Blue Murder at St. Trinian's	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
	A round-up of the latest news headlines and a national weather forecast.	9:00pm	Scorpion	12:05pm	Carry on Up the Jungle	8:55pm	River Monsters	6:15pm	Football
11:45pm	Lethal Weapon	10:00pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin	1:05pm	FYI Daily	10:00pm	Terminator 2: Judgment Day	9:00pm	EFL Goals
12:35am	Rambo III	11:10pm	FYI Daily	1:10pm	Carry on Up the Jungle	11:05pm	FYI Daily	9:30pm	Nissan Game of the Day
2:25am	Jackpot247	11:15pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin	1:55pm	Hans Christian Andersen	11:10pm	Terminator 2: Judgment Day	11:30pm	Nissan Match Choice
	Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.	3:50pm	Rosemary and Thyme	2:05pm	Wycliffe	12:45am	Lock Up	12:30am	Football
4:00am	Who's Doing the Dishes?	4:55pm	Lewis	3:00pm	Midsomer Murders	1:45am	FYI Daily	1:00am	Football
		6:00pm	Midsomer Murders	3:00pm	Midsomer Murders	1:50am	Lock Up	1:30am	Football
		8:00pm	Midsomer Murders	4:00pm	Midsomer Murders	3:00am	Gunsmoke	2:00am	Football
		10:00pm	Midsomer Murders	4:00am	Midsomer Murders	3:00am	Teleshopping	2:30am	Football
		12:00am	Rising Damp	4:00am	Rising Damp	4:00am	Football	3:30am	Football
		1:00am	Wycliffe	4:30am	Forever	4:30am	Football	4:00am	Football
				5:00am	Wycliffe	5:00am	Football	5:00am	Football

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10:25am	ITV News	7:00am	Emmerdale	7:00am	On the Buses	7:00am	The Wine Show	7:00am	Football
10:30am	Countrywise	7:25am	Omnibus	7:25am	On the Buses	7:50am	Hogan's Heroes	7:30am	Football
11:00am	Peston on Sunday	9:30am	Coronation Street	7:50am	Hans Christian Andersen	8:20am	Hogan's Heroes	8:00am	Football
11:55am	Wild Australia with Ray Mears	12:00pm	The Voice UK	8:50am	Rugby Sevens	8:30am	Rugby Sevens	8:30am	Football
12:25pm	Chopping Block	2:00pm	Zawesome	9:40am	Heartbeat	9:00am	World Series Highlights	9:00am	Football
1:30pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?	2:05pm	Guidance	11:45am	Murder, She Wrote	9:30am	The Car Chasers	9:30am	Football
2:25pm	ITV News and Weather	2:40pm	Fame High	12:45pm	The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's	9:55am	The Car Chasers	10:00am	Football
2:30pm	Off Their Rockers	3:00pm	Third Wheel	10:20am	FYI Daily	10:20am	Counting Cars	10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
3:00pm	Tipping Point	3:15pm	Third Wheel	10:50am	Counting Cars	11:15am	Counting Cars	12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
4:00pm	The Voice UK	3:30pm	L.A. Story	1:50pm	The Pure Hell of St. Trinian's	11:40am	Pawn Stars	2:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
6:00pm	Little Big Shots	3:50pm	You've Been Framed!	2:50pm	Inspector Morse	12:10pm	Pawn Stars	3:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
7:00pm	Local News and Weather	4:25pm	You've Been Framed!	5:05pm	Agatha Christie's Marple	12:35pm	Pawn Stars	5:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
7:10pm	ITV News and Weather	4:55pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway	7:00pm	Midsomer Murders	1:05pm	All Quiet on the Western Front	5:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
7:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	6:00pm	Despicable Me	9:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	2:05pm	FYI Daily	8:00pm	ATP Masters 1000- Indian Wells
8:00pm	Five Gold Rings	7:00pm	FYI Daily	9:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	2:10pm	All Quiet on the Western Front	9:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000- Indian Wells
9:00pm	Vera	7:05pm	Despicable Me	9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	2:10pm	All Quiet on the Western Front	12:00am	Goals on Sunday
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather	7:55pm	Red Riding Hood	10:00pm	It'll be Alright on the Night	5:10pm	FYI Daily	1:00am	PI Match Highlights
11:20pm	The Nightly Show Best Bits	8:55pm	FYI Daily	11:00pm	Family Guy	5:15pm	Bend of the River	1:30am	PI Match Highlights
11:45pm	Peston on Sunday	9:00pm	Red Riding Hood	11:30pm	Family Guy	6:00pm	River Monsters	2:00am	Boxing Gold
12:45am	Rugby	10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender	12:00am	American Dad!	7:00pm	Fishing Impossible	3:00am	Fight Night
1:35am	Jackpot247	11:00pm	Family Guy	12:30am	American Dad!	8:00pm	The Big Fish Off		
4:00am	The Cube	11:30pm	Family Guy	1:00am	American Dad!	9:00pm	Rugby		
		12:00am	American Dad!	1:05am	The Cleveland Show	10:05pm	RoboCop 3		
		1:00am	American Dad!	1:10am	The Cleveland Show	11:10pm	FYI Daily		
		1:55am	The Cleveland Show	2:35am	The Vampire Diaries	11:15pm	RoboCop 3		
		2:25am	The Vampire Diaries	4:25am	May the Best House Win	12:10am	Firefox		

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MONDAY - 20 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:45pm Money for Nothing	4:45pm More Creatures Great and Small	8:00pm 100 Days	1:00pm Channel 4 News	1:15pm The Nightmare
5:30pm Flog It!	5:15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough	8:30pm Reel History of Britain	1:05pm Vet on the Hill	1:15pm Neighbour Next Door
6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00pm The Big Painting Challenge	2:05pm Posh Pawn	2:15pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00pm Entertainment series searching nationwide for the best amateur artist in Britain.	3:10pm Countdown	2:45pm Neighbours
7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Eggheads	10:00pm Britain in Focus: A Photographic History	4:00pm Fifteen to One	3:15pm NCIS
8:00pm The One Show	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	11:00pm North Korean Kidnap - The Lovers and the Despot - Stonyville	5:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	4:15pm Trump Unauthorised
8:30pm Inside Out	8:00pm Top Gear	11:00pm The Horizon Guide to Ageing	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News
9:00pm EastEnders	9:00pm University Challenge	12:30am To Ageing	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours
9:30pm Panorama	9:30pm Mary Berry Everyday	1:30am Oceans	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away
10:00pm Crimewatch	10:00pm Second Chance Summer: Tuscany		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News
11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Cradle to Grave		8:55pm The Political Slot	8:00pm The Cars That Made Britain Great
11:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm Dispatches	9:00pm Police Interceptors
11:40pm Weather	12:10am Weather		9:30pm Travel Man	10:00pm Inside King's Cross: The Railway
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You			10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	11:00pm Traffic Cops
12:30am Live at the Apollo			11:00pm How'd You Get So Rich?	12:00am Homefront
			11:50pm Tattoo Fixers	
			12:55am Gap Year	

TUESDAY - 21 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
6:15pm Pointless	3:45pm Who Do You Think You Are?	8:00pm 100 Days	1:10pm 5 News	1:10pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	4:45pm More Creatures Great and Small	8:30pm Weird Nature, Peculiar Potions	1:15pm The Great British Benefits Handout	1:15pm The Great British Benefits Handout
7:30pm Regional News	4:45pm Great and Small	9:00pm Horizon	2:15pm Home and Away	2:15pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	5:15pm Reef with David Attenborough	10:00pm Inside Porton	2:45pm Neighbours	2:45pm Neighbours
8:30pm EastEnders	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	11:00pm Down: Britain's Secret Weapons Research Facility	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
9:00pm Holby City	7:00pm Eggheads	11:00pm Britain's Nuclear Secrets: Inside Sellafield	4:15pm Taken Back: Finding Haley	4:15pm Taken Back: Finding Haley
10:00pm EastEnders	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	12:00am Charles Darwin and the Tree of Life	6:00pm 5 News	6:00pm 5 News
10:30pm Would I Lie to You?	8:00pm British Takeaways	1:00am Time Shift	6:30pm Neighbours	6:30pm Neighbours
11:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble		7:00pm Home and Away	7:00pm Home and Away
11:30pm Regional News	10:00pm American Justice		7:30pm 5 News	7:30pm 5 News
11:40pm Weather	11:00pm Inside No 9		8:00pm The Yorkshire Vet	8:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
11:45pm Missed the Grindr Killer	11:30pm Newsnight		8:00pm Police Interceptors	8:00pm Police Interceptors
12:35am The Scottish Bounty Hunter	12:10am Weather		9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
1:35am Weather for the Week Ahead			10:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild	10:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
			1:05am Britain's Best Double Acts	1:05am Britain's Best Double Acts

WEDNESDAY - 22 MARCH

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	9:00pm Lost Land of the Volcano	7:00am Countdown	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:00pm Fugitives	12:30pm The Daily Politics	10:00pm Billy Elliot	7:45am King of Queens	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
12:45pm Fake Britain	2:00pm Lifeline	11:45pm Digging for Britain	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm 5 News
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	2:10pm Coast	11:45pm Professor Alice	10:05am Frasier	1:15pm The Gadget Show
2:00pm BBC News	2:30pm Beat the Brain	12:45am Wild China	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Home and Away
2:30pm Regional News	3:00pm The TV That Made Me	12:45am Wild China explores the natural history of one of the world's most mysterious and diverse countries by looking at some of its remotest reaches and most visually stunning scenery.	12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen	2:45pm Neighbours
2:45pm Doctors	3:45pm Who Do You Think You Are?		Nightmares USA	3:15pm NCIS
3:15pm The Code	4:45pm More Creatures Great and Small		Channel 4 News	4:15pm Fatal Fiancé
4:00pm Escape to the Country	5:15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough		1:00pm Vet on the Hill	5 News
4:45pm Money for Nothing	6:15pm Bargain Hunt		1:05pm Vet on the Hill	6:30pm Neighbours
5:30pm Flog It!	7:00pm Eggheads		2:05pm Posh Pawn	7:00pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food		3:10pm Countdown	7:30pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	8:00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys		4:00pm Fifteen to One	8:00pm America's Hidden Pyramid City
7:30pm Regional News	9:00pm The House That £100k Built		5:00pm Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
8:00pm The One Show	10:00pm Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook		6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	11:00pm Live at the Apollo		7:00pm The Simpsons	11:00pm Tenants, Slum Landlords
10:00pm DIY SOS The Big Build	11:30pm Newsnight		8:00pm Hollyoaks	12:05am Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World
11:00pm BBC News			8:00pm Channel 4 News	1:05am On Benefits: Life on the Dole
11:30pm Regional News			9:00pm Hidden	2:00am Super Casino
11:40pm Weather			9:00pm Restaurants with Michel Roux Jr	4:10am The Great British Benefits Handout
11:45pm Peter Kay's Car Share			10:00pm The Royal House of Windsor	
12:15am A Question of Sport			11:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	
			12:00am Lee Mack	

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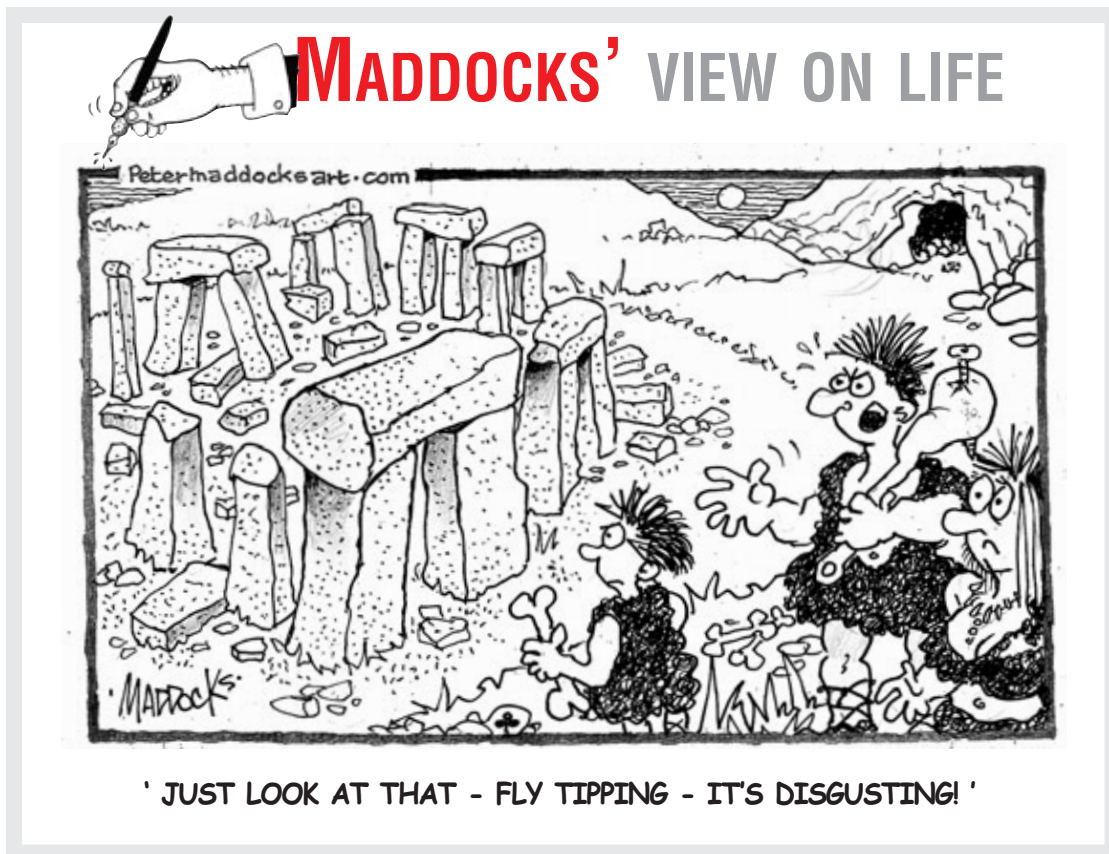
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8			8		
	21				
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Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

15	9	21	7	3
1	4	3	5	2
4	3	6	2	1
	2	1		
20	6	5	4	1
4	5	2	3	1
6	1	5	2	3



Women's wit

The best way to get most husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they're too old to do it."



Shirley MacLaine

Famous quote

You can live to be 100 if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be 100."

Woody Allen, actor

World of English

Why does 'slow down' and 'slow up' mean the same thing?"

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Your efforts to get your message across might be best delayed for seven days. Fickle Venus and flighty Mercury will cross swords with other planets, so keep your ideas and emotions grounded. Take nothing for granted on Tuesday, and don't agree to anything without the facts.

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Don't jump from one financial frying pan into another. Take it easy on all fronts, especially where your money, emotions and other people's moods are at odds with your ideas. There will be more than one good reason to compromise a little.

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

You will see the advantage of working towards a new location, or even a specific makeover for your domestic

PISCES ♋ (February 20 - March 20)

It's both a vertical and horizontal week. What goes right somewhere could easily go wrong elsewhere. Sensitive Venus conspires with touchy Mars to trigger tensions and

scene. Either way, wait for a further green light, especially where money's concerned. Monday and Thursday are delicate days, so play it cool.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

Refuse to be miffed by whatever disagreements or difficulties clutter your world. The sooner you get on with things, the better for your peace of mind. Even this week's affrays and dismays are simply passing clouds. Put yourself first, and things will start to change. There's no telling what might occur, especially if

troubles. If you're aware of where others are coming from, you'll be fine. You'll have fun, but don't let your spending splurges rule your head on Wednesday or Saturday.

you explore new options.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

Move forward on this week's positive waves of optimism. Treat yourself, but don't over-indulge your temptations. The planets aren't dancing to all your wants and desires. If certain situations or individuals seem complicated, wait until the dust settles, then follow your hunches.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

There's a saying that if it doesn't rain, it pours, so keep an umbrella of humour to hand. April is around the corner, and with it, a much happier trend for your workaday, social and financial prospects. Strive through this showery emotional week, and the sunshine will surely follow. Meanwhile, focus on the now.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Scanning the rest of the star-signs, you'll see that you have many things in common this week: challenging influences at work and play, and during other clogging capers. Unexpected events, finances, or the usual everyday frustrations could pile on the pressure.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

You're not the only member of the zodiac who'll have to toughen up. It'll pay you to chill on Tuesday, be patient on Wednesday, and put your potent insights into orbit throughout the weekend. Although certain set arrangements are liable to veer off track, some discussions and shared commitments are slowly but firmly improving.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

The full moon in your own sign is a powerful ally against this week's planetary fracas. Speak from the heart and reject any ambiguous emotional games. It's the only way to clear the air and truly know where you're heading.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

There's a financial theme to many of your plans and ideas. Above all, spend with care and examine all offers carefully. Rely on your sixth sense, especially where close-to-you matters are concerned. Give more thought to what you hope to have achieved in 12 months from now. Be patient, especially over personal stresses and strains.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

Your emotions, extra expenses and other domestic pressures are on the boil. Put off major decisions until next week. Meanwhile, loosen up, walk into some creative space, and if necessary, talk to someone who understands your ups and downs. There are good things waiting to happen, so refuse to lose your nerve.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday March 11	Saturday March 11	Tuesday March 7	Friday March 10	Saturday March 11	Sunday March 12
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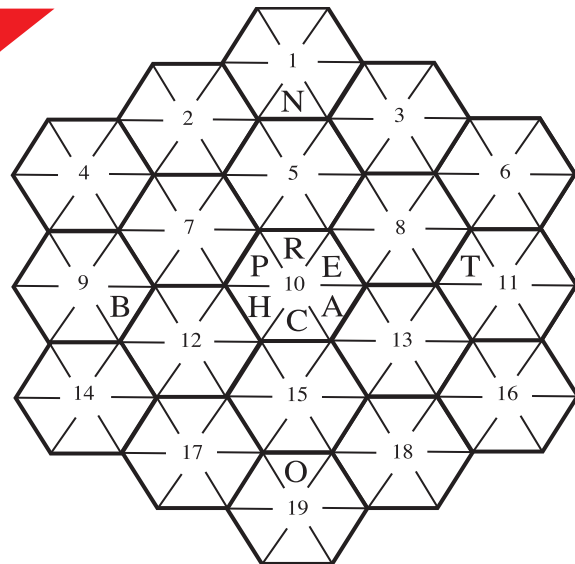
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Hexagram

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| AROUSE | RABIES |
| AUNTIE | REPEAT |
| BEHIND | SCREEN |
| DELETE | SECANT |
| GENTRY | STASIS |
| IDEATE | STEREO |
| NOTICE | TEASEL |
| PETREL | TWENTY |
| PILLOW | WINTER |
| PREACH (10) | |



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 (**PREACH**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Escape 2 Defeat 3 Pastor
4 Bypass 5 Confer 6 Teacup
7 Resent 8 Copied 9 Settle
10 Toddle 11 Helium
12 Treaty 13 Delete 14 Yogurt
15 Chalet 16 Cheesy
17 Smooth 18 Threat 19 Scarce

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



TARGET:

- Average: 8 • Good: 11
- Very good: 16 • Excellent: 19

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

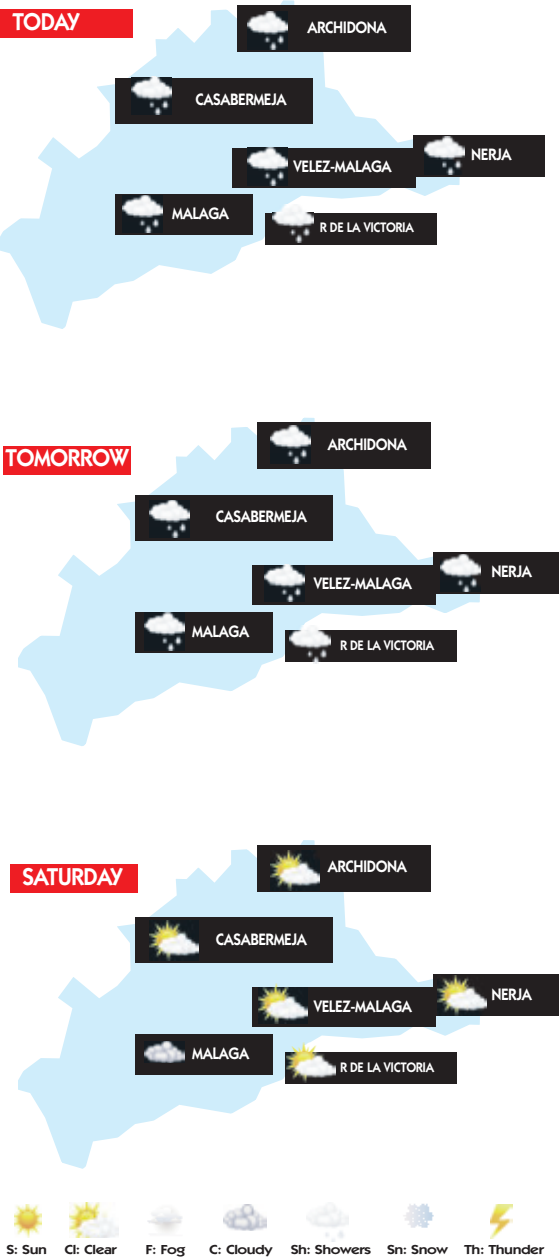
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This week in history

- 1813 – David Livingstone, legendary explorer and medical missionary, was born in Blantyre, Scotland.
- 1957 – British European Airways withdrew its fleet of Viscount 701s from service after one crashed at Manchester killing 22 people.
- 1966 – Football's World Cup was stolen whilst it was being exhibited at Central Hall in Westminster, London.
- 1974 – Ian Ball attempted to kidnap Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips from their chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce on Pall Mall.
- 1976 – British Prime Minister Harold Wilson announced his resignation after eight years in office.
- 1984 – British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came under attack as negotiations broke down at the European Economic Community common market summit over Britain's rebate from Europe.
- 1988 – Lone loyalist gunman, Michael Stone, opened fire at a funeral for IRA members shot dead in Gibraltar killing three mourners and injuring another 50.
- 1991 – Michael Heseltine, Environment Secretary, scrapped the controversial poll tax and replaced it with council tax.
- 1992 – Buckingham Palace announced the Duke and Duchess of York had separated and divorce proceedings were underway.
- 1993 – An IRA bomb blast in Warrington injured 56 people and killed two children, three-year-old Johnathan Ball and 12-year-old Tim Parry.
- 1995 – Ronnie Kray, notorious gangland killer who was serving a life sentence for murder, suffered a heart attack and died at the age of 61.
- 1999 – Comedian Ernie Wise died at the age of 73 two months after receiving a triple by-pass operation in Florida.
- 2002 – In a landmark ruling Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss granted Miss B, a woman paralysed from the neck down, the legal right to die by having her treatment withdrawn.

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weather



Alicante			Bilbao		
TODAY: MAX 18, MIN 13 - C			TODAY: MAX 21, MIN 9 - C		
Fri - 18	11	C	Fri - 19	8	C
Sat - 19	11	C	Sat - 16	8	C
Sun - 21	12	S	Sun - 18	9	C
Mon - 22	13	C	Mon - 17	9	C
Tues - 22	12	C	Tues - 14	7	Sh
Wed - 18	11	C	Wed - 13	7	Sh
Almeria			Madrid		
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Wed - 16	9	C	Wed - 20	9	C
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NEW ON DVD

Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them



Directed by: David Yates
Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Alison Sudol, Dan Fogler

Set in 1926 this magical tale follows Newt Scamander, author and Magizoologist, who arrives in New York on his continuing global journey to research and rescue magical creatures. The city is already on edge as the wizarding community comes under threat of exposure when bumbling No-Maj (the American term for Muggles, those unable to use magic) Jacob Kowalski accidentally releases some beasts stored within Newt's magical leather case. Newt and a team of unlikely heroes need to recapture the escaped beasts before they come to any harm, but along the way they encounter dark forces that are a threat to their mission.

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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

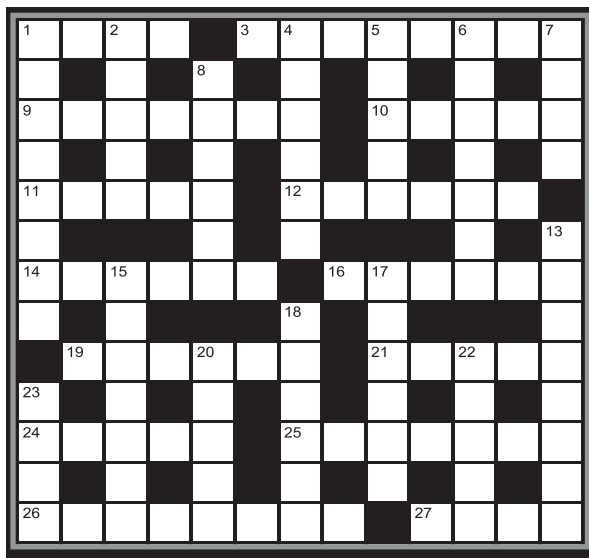
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Plate from cupboard is hot (4)
- 3 Definite, horribly cruel act (5,3)
- 9 Los Angeles is less than clean (7)
- 10 Write to the church for money (5)
- 11 Enchanting Ullswater offers shelter for noisy seabirds (5)
- 12 In pain, chest moves slowly (6)
- 14 Coaches coaches (6)
- 16 Artist's work, say, exhibited outside university (6)
- 19 Save when secure, possibly (6)
- 21 The right fish and the means to catch them (5)
- 24 Left on the side of a shelf (5)
- 25 State song about most of region (7)
- 26 Cook said hers are root vegetables (8)
- 27 English monk brought everybody dinner early to begin with (4)

Down

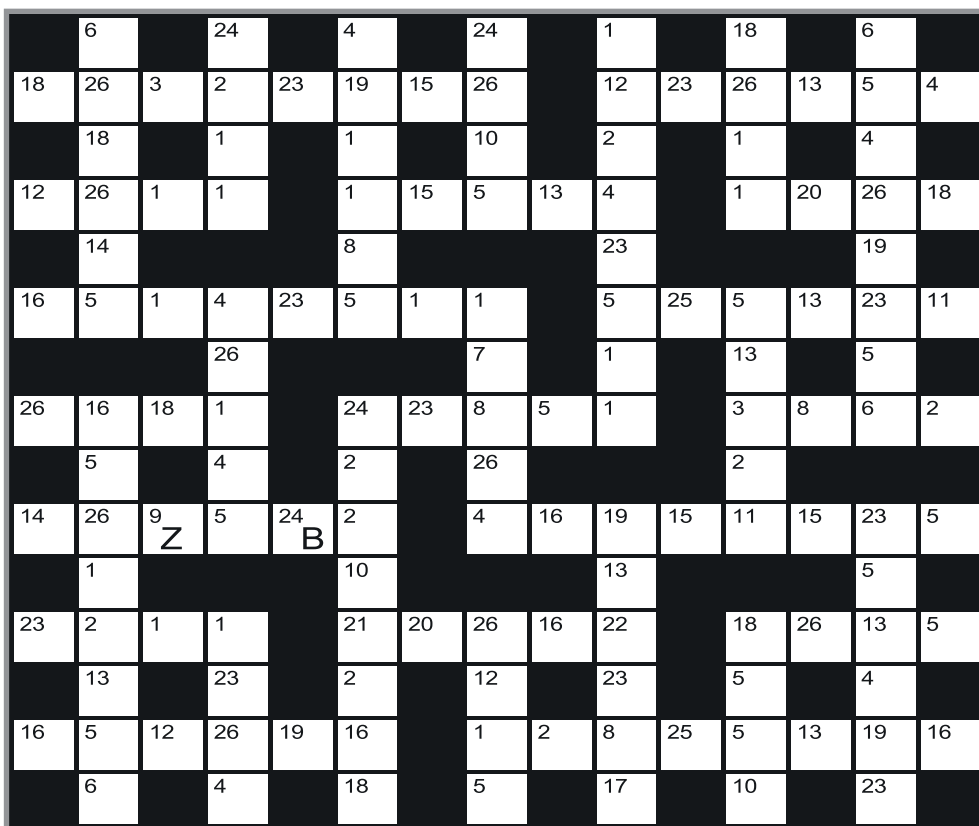
- 1 Agent from England on stage during meeting (8)
- 2 A case for brains (5)
- 4 English poet not quite frolicking (6)
- 5 Delia's pickle contains jelly (5)
- 6 Religious residence with Spanish outlet (7)
- 7 Meet up at stream (4)
- 8 Team about to take on inventor (6)
- 13 Urge rude apes to mix (8)



- 15 Revised the last word and finally delighted editor (7)
- 17 Parched when free on hill (6)
- 18 Tell a story about the unpunctual (6)
- 20 Thinks about cold chops (5)
- 22 Call up the first girl outside, all right! (5)
- 23 It's a disgrace to speak indistinctly (4)

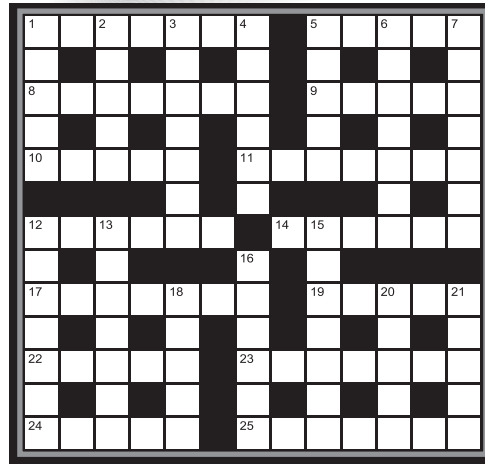
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 9 represents Z and 24 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 9 appears and B every time the figure 24 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
								Z				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
										B		

Quick



Across

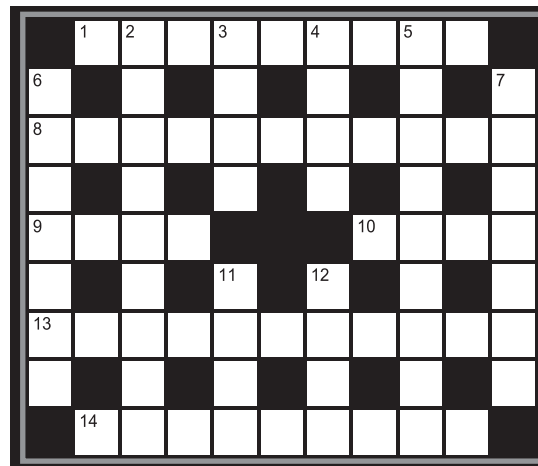
- 1 In a softened tone (7)
- 5 Tall towers on a farm used to store grain (5)
- 8 At fixed intervals (7)
- 9 South American transport animal of the camel family (5)
- 10 Squander (5)
- 11 Not any thing (7)
- 12 Former currency of Spain (6)
- 14 Short knife (6)
- 17 Person who serves in a coffee bar (7)
- 19 Skin that covers the top of the head (5)
- 22 Deduce (5)
- 23 Walk with great difficulty (7)
- 24 Austrian composer (5)
- 25 Keep out of sight (7)

Down

- 1 Small mouse like mammal with a long snout (5)
- 2 Fraudulent (5)
- 3 Most unattractive (7)
- 4 Throughout the time of (6)
- 5 Break in pieces (5)
- 6 Showing the way by going first (7)
- 7 Walk with a lofty proud gait (7)
- 12 Put into print (7)
- 13 Shabby and untidy (7)
- 16 Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something (7)
- 17 Unit of astronomical length (6)
- 18 Loud, warning signal (5)
- 20 Discuss with reasoning (5)
- 21 State of danger involving risk (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Stars (in sky) (9)
- 8 Living room (4,2,5)
- 9 Cordero (4)
- 10 Cinturón (4)
- 13 Grasshopper (11)
- 14 Palillo de dientes (9)

Down

- 2 Sirloin steak (9)
- 3 Grosero (maleducado) (4)
- 4 To read (4)
- 5 Auténtico (9)
- 6 Inútil (inepto) (7)
- 7 Británico (7)
- 11 Esperar (4)
- 12 Jabón (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Settlement, 7 Catching, 8 Beer, 9 Ties, 10 Liberia, 12 Respectable, 14 Damaged, 16 Pool, 19 Camp, 20 Tsarinas, 21 Tenderness.

Down:

- 1 Scant, 2 Tickets, 3 Lair, 4 Magritte, 5 Noble, 6 Decide, 11 Detected, 12 Reagan, 13 Bromide, 15 Ample, 17 Leaps, 18 Fair.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Halibut, 5 Roots, 8 Dingo, 9 Release, 11 Vacation, 13 Secret, 15 Clinic, 18 Cardigan, 19 Pair, 22 Ocarina, 23 Rodeo, 24 Since, 25 Suburbs.

Down:

- 1 Hideous, 2 Lunge, 3/10 Blow over, 4 Turban, 5 Reliable, 6 Orator, 7 Stern, 12 Feminine, 14 Certain, 16 Curious, 17 Harass, 18 Cross, 20 Adder, 21 Crab.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Amargo, 4 Knit, 8 Araña, 9 Suiza, 10 Headlight, 13 Clavo, 14 Apodo, 15 Ojal, 16 Serrín.

Down:

- 1 Amar, 2 Ama de casa, 3 Grandson, 5 Neighbour, 6 Team, 7 Estimate, 11 Ocho, 12 Town.

CODE BREAKER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
S	I	M	X	Y	E	C	T	O	Q	Z	V	A
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
B	L	D	G	U	F	R	J	W	P	K	N	H



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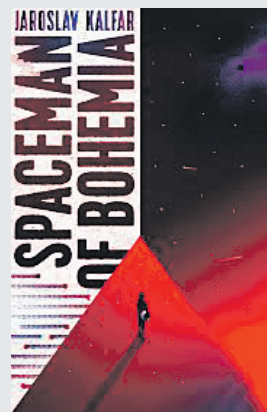
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Space-man of Bohemia



By Jaroslav Kalffar

Jakub Prochazka, the son of a Communist informer, was orphaned as a child and raised by his grandparents in the Czech countryside.

After becoming a scientist he is offered an opportunity to become the country's first astronaut on a solo mission to Venus. Despite the dangerous nature of the mission he sees it as an opportunity in which he can atone for his father's sins and leaves behind his beloved wife Lenka.

His journey into space is a solo mission and sees him befriend a giant alien spider, possible imaginary, with whom he forms an intense and emotional bond. Will this friendship be enough to see Jakub through as he clashes with Russian rivals and will he return safely to Earth?

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TOP 10

LAST week's Champions League match between Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain is one that will go down in history. Despite Paris Saint-Germain going into the second leg with a four goal advantage, Barcelona managed to claw back an amazing victory after they scored three goals in the last eight minutes to win 6-1. Here we have a look at some other amazing sporting comebacks.

1. Dennis Taylor winning the World Snooker Championship

Dennis Taylor defied the odds to win the 1985 World Snooker Championship beating snooker heavyweight Steve Davis. The result came as a major shock, with Davis being the favourite, playing near-faultless snooker with an 8-0 lead. However, Taylor produced a determined comeback, winning the match on the final ball of the final frame and sealing his only world title.

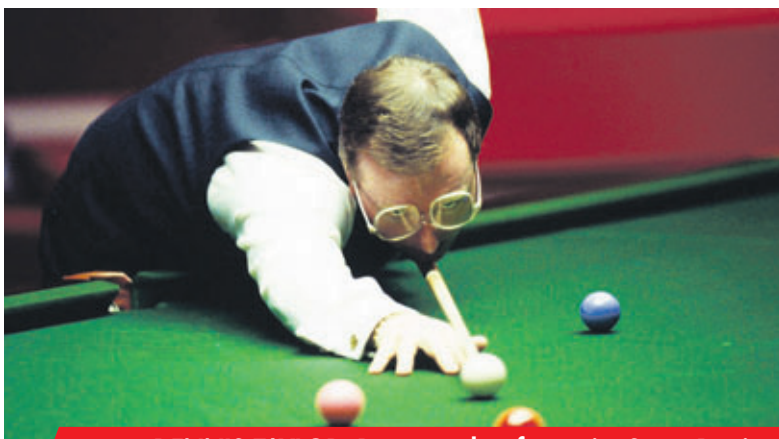
2. Oracle Team USA's America's Cup win

In sailing, Britain's Sir Ben Ainslie became the hero of the hour at the 2013 America's Cup. The Americans were trailing 8-1 with Team New Zealand on match point when they recruited Ben to the team. In a dramatic turnaround the team managed to draw level after winning the next seven races and stole victory in the final race beating Team New Zealand by 44 seconds.

3. Henri Cochet's Wimbledon win

One of the most remarkable comebacks was by French tennis player Henri Cochet at the 1927 Wimbledon Championships. Amazingly in all of his finals matches he was two sets down against his opponents. Somehow he managed to dig deep and recover the deficit to win each match, defeating Frank Hunter in the quarter-final, Bill

Greatest sporting comebacks



DENNIS TAYLOR: Beat snooker favourite Steve Davis.

Tilden in the semi-final, and Frenchman Jean Borotra in the final to take the Wimbledon title.

4. Lasse Virén wins the 10,000m in Munich

At the 1972 Summer Olympics, Virén broke Ron Clarke's world record in the 10,000m, despite a fall during the 12th lap. In less than 150 metres, Virén caught up with the leading pack despite losing about 20 metres after the fall. With only 600 metres to go, Virén ran an unprecedented lap and a half which pushed him ahead of the pack.

5. Red Rum winning the Grand National

A champion, thoroughbred steeplechaser, Red Rum is probably the most famous racehorse ever. It was his win in the 1973 Grand National which produced one of the best performances in horse racing history. Crisp, a two mile champion

chaser, led the race for every stride except the last 10 where Red Rum overhauled Crisp right on the winning post.

6. England's 1981 Ashes Test

In the third Ashes Test of 1981, England were at Headingly and seemed to have lost all hope of winning, with odds slipping to 500-1. A galvanised Ian Botham defied those odds and led England to a stunning 18 run win as they went on to claim the fourth and fifth tests, drawing the final and taking the series 3-1.

7. Liverpool FC's Champions League win

Within the first minute of Liverpool's 2005 Champions League final against AC Milan, Paolo Maldini gave the Italian side a 1-0 lead. Outclassed in the first half, the Reds looked to be out of contention as they went into half time

3-0 down. However, in what would become one of the most stirring football comebacks in European football, Liverpool fought back in the second half, levelling the score and taking the match to extra time. A penalty shootout decided the championship. Liverpool won 3-2.

8. Europe's Ryder Cup 2012 win

The 2012 Ryder Cup is widely regarded as featuring one of the greatest sporting comebacks of all time. At the start of the final day's play, the US led 10-6 and required only 4½ points to win, whereas Europe required 8 points to retain the cup, and 8½ to win it outright. In possibly the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history, Europe won 8 and tied 1 of the 12 singles matches, giving them the outright victory, 14½-13½.

9. France's Rugby World Cup semi-final win

The 1999 Rugby World Cup semi-final seemed as if it would be a walk in the park for pre-tournament favourites New Zealand. They led France 24-10 early in the second half and the All Blacks looked primed to make it to the final. This was all undone by Christophe Lamaison, who ended the match with 28 points, closing the gap to 24-22. France then capitalised on this momentum, going on to win 43-31.

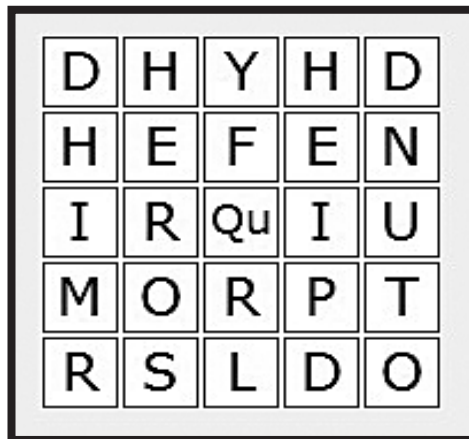
10. Charlton Athletic's win against Huddersfield Town in 1957

Playing the majority of the match with only 10 men when captain Derek Ufton was injured, Charlton Athletic pulled off an extraordinary six goal comeback in just 27 minutes. Huddersfield were leading 5-1 when Johnny Summers embarked on an extraordinary run of play during which he scored four goals and assisted in two others, resulting in a final score of 7-6.

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: 16
- Good: 22
- Very good: 32
- Excellent: 41

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

reuse rest rests ruses ruse rush rust rusts mere merer meres merest midge user usher here hues hurt hair hairy seer sere sure surer suers shim shad shady said sadist staid stair stay stir stirrs sirs ahem astir adhere adieu airy airs dime dimer dash dais dairy dish dirt stash tree tress true truer trues truss tidy triad this thirst they rise riser risers ridge hiss

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.

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Word Ladder

WELL

FARE

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

- FILE
- FIRE
- FARE
- WARE
- WIRE
- WILE
- WILL
- WELL

Solution

EWN hits the track with *SPV Racing*

By Matt Ford

EURO WEEKLY NEWS publisher Steven Euesden was able to fulfil a lifetime ambition on Sunday, March 12, as he took a Ligier JS P3 European Le Mans Series car for a spin around the Mike G Racing Circuit in Guadix, Granada.

Having been invited to try out the Ligier due to his close relationship with track owner Clive Greenhalgh, Steven certainly did not disappoint as he clocked some extremely fast times.

Also putting his pedal to the metal was champion freestyle skier and notorious petrolhead Jon Olsson, who will be one of the team's drivers in this year's Creventic Prototype Endurance Series after competing in several Gumball Rallies.

The Swede is currently sponsored by Red Bull, has picked up numerous medals in the Winter X Games and clearly relishes an adrenalin rush since he has owned a series of modified supercars, including a Lamborghini Murciélago LP 640 with a ski box strapped to the roof!

Having completed his warm-up laps in the 260 BHP Radical SR3 rs, a British-manufactured two-seater which competes in the International Automobile Federation's C3 class, a visibly tense Steven took his seat in the Ligier

“ SPV featured in both the European and Asian Le Mans Series in 2016 and this year will enter the Creventic Championship.

following detailed pep talks by SPV's Lars GV Linberg and Raul Garcia Isern.

The pre-heated tyres were fitted and the impressive 430 BHP Nissan-powered car, complete with *EWN* livery, was wheeled onto the track where Steven was finally able to fire up the incredible-sounding 5-litre V8 engine.

As an excited Team *EWN* watched on, he gradually reduced his lap times as his confidence increased, with the SPV pit crew clearly impressed by his skills behind the wheel after he and Jon posted very similar best laps.

As he stepped out of the car, a grinning and emotional Steven could only manage a single word: "Awesome!"

The Ligier is one of several owned by SPV Racing, a relatively new Spanish and Swedish team formed in 2015 through an alliance between Spirit Racing and SPV Motorsport.

SPV featured in both the European and Asian Le Mans Series' in 2016, and will this year enter the Creventic

Championship, a series of four 12-hour races in France, Belgium and Italy.

The team have also been running a Ford-sponsored Mustang in the NASCAR Whelen Euroseries, which last year was driven by former Toyota F1 test and reserve driver Borja Garcia.

Their ambition is to take the step up to LMP 2-series racing in 2018, before taking on the infamous 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2019.

Massive thanks from Steven, Michel and Team *EWN* to everyone at the Mike G Racing Circuit and SPV Racing for a brilliant day, and watch this space for more news about their progress in upcoming editions of the *Euro Weekly News*.



JON OLSSON: Skiing star and team driver with Steven.



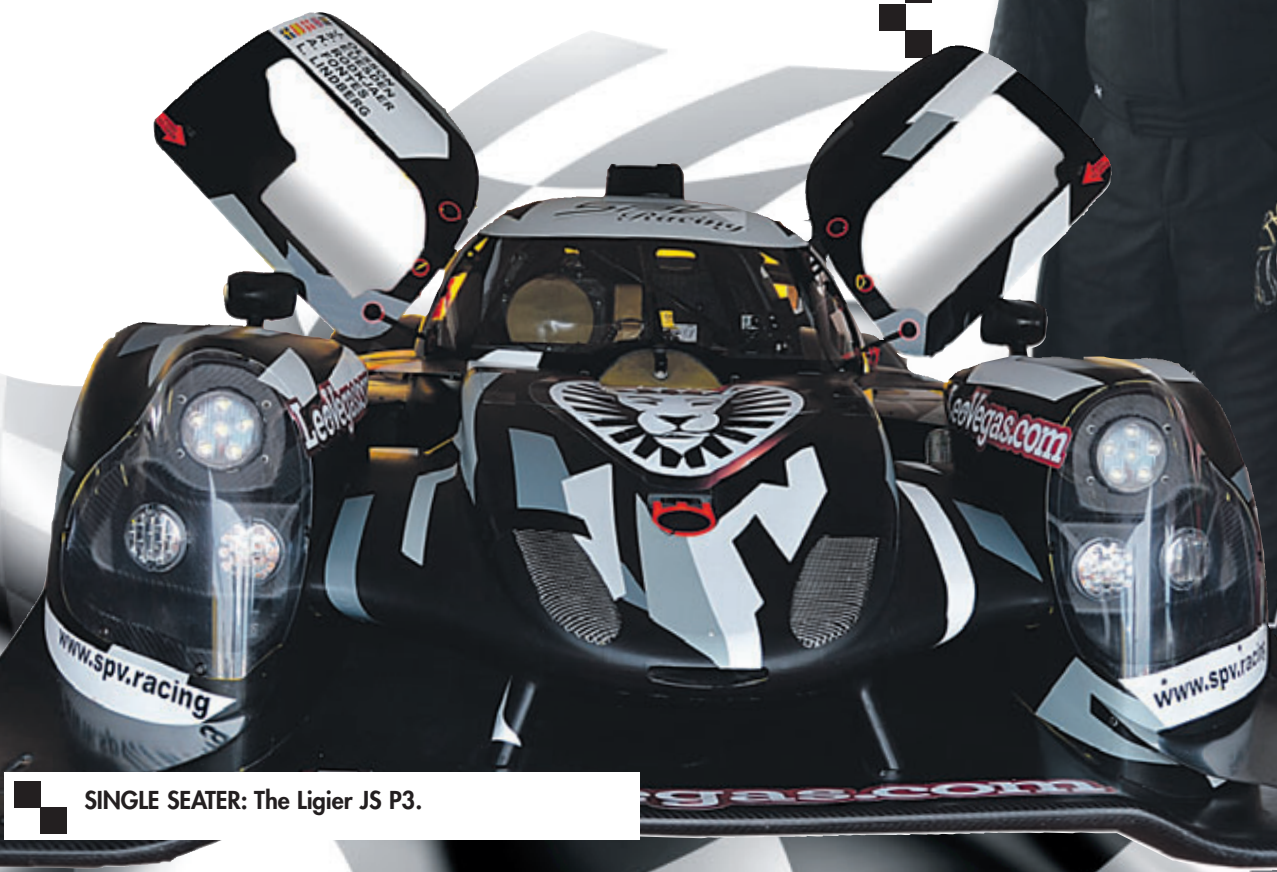
PENSIVE: A visibly tense Steven.



PEP TALK: Prior to taking his seat.



TEAM EWN: Provided support.



SINGLE SEATER: The Ligier JS P3.

LETTERS

YOUR PAPER - YOUR VOICE - YOUR OPINION

Letters for Your Say should be emailed to yoursay@euroweeklynews.com or make your comments straight on our website: www.euroweeklynews.com

Dear Leapy, we can disagree

WHILST normally enjoying your articles I must comment on your heading this week in the fine newspaper 'Euro Weekly.'

I believe we all have 'the right' to free speech. Obviously there should be an appropriate time and place for opinions being expressed that are likely to offend or inflame.

Yes, the Oscar presentations this year could have been better managed but your strong personal description of the 'stars' are surely over-exaggerated.

However, it is your 'right' as a columnist to print your views, as it is mine to disagree with you on this occasion.

Even if those stars concerned did think themselves a bottomless pit of valuable information, we don't have to admire their views, just their performance on celluloid.

C. Nelson

Mr Paine and Mr Peters

I JUST want to remind them that when we entered the European Market we were named the 'Poor Man of Europe' and rightly so. Now we are told our economy is doing well, so being in Europe must have helped Britain somewhat.

Are we grateful? Of course not. Fancy suggesting anything to that effect.

Stanley & Bea Denia

Dutch conman

JOHN SMITH, re the article on page 23 of the February 23 edition regarding fraud in Santa

Pola. The same thing happened to me last year in Los Palacios, Formentera.

He is very plausible, I would recognise him anywhere and he does the rounds according to neighbours.

He tried for me to give him cash for the same reasons. I didn't part with any money but I was taken in at first with his story. This guy needs catching.

Judith Formentera

Go home

OH how we love to move abroad and then try to change our new life to suit our narrow minds.

I am ashamed of how all Brit mags are filled with moaners trying to change Spain and its long held traditions.

Of course some things are hard to ignore but go home or join Spanish parliament!!!

M Watson

Time lapse

IS Spain behind the time?

In a week or so we will change our clocks to daylight-saving time, the wrong time.

The sun rises earlier in Germany than in the UK. Now most of Spain is west of the Prime Meridian, 0° that runs through Greenwich. So why is Spain on Central European Time, the same as Berlin? It was not always the case.

In 1942, the Fascist dictator General Franco moved Spain onto Central European Time to follow Nazi Germany.

It said that following the 'wrong clock' explains why Spaniards tend to eat, leave work and go to bed late.

Now seeing as both Franco and Hitler are less popular than they once were, isn't it time to put Spain back into the correct time zone?

Iain Robertson, Almanzora

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Expat faces eviction

WELL, I'm sorry but whereas I accept the Spanish system can be seen as a shambles, I think in any country, I would be wary of having a house built when I was told it would be illegal.

I'm afraid I cannot be sympathetic as this person seemed to have had more money than sense, and blaming others when she obviously didn't carry out proper research is just plain stupid.

You wouldn't do so in the UK so why do it in Spain.

Steven

» Simon Manley

WHAT a load of old tosh! Trotting out the party line to keep his job. Would he like to explain how being on the Padron ensures continued health care? Continued health care is reliant on the UK continuing to guarantee payments to Spain's Treasury for pensioners' health care, or paying the pensioners enough of a pension so that they could afford to pay the monthly Social Security payment of the Convenio.

Josephine Stoll

» Katie Hopkins

SHE is just a silly girl trying to keep in the limelight by being controversial, she would declare black is white just to raise an argument in the public eye. In two to three years she will be history.

Steven Campbell

» Gay lights

AS a gay man I too find this a ridiculous waste of money. I DON'T however believe that it gives Roy Peters the right to refer to us as Q...S. Grow up, you can voice your opinion WITHOUT being offensive!!!!

Antony Brown

» Police inhibitor

THEIR spokesman is ill informed. Limited available frequencies have nothing to do with the strength of the signal being thrown out. I wonder what their reaction will be when a pedestrian is killed due to their blocker killing a vehicle control system which could incidentally be a bus or lorry? Will they be so laid back then when a negligence lawsuit hits them? Could they be done for manslaughter as they were perfectly aware prior to the incident?

Dave

» Rajoy skips question

AS "it's not the first time" the BBC reporter displayed a shameful, crass lack of sensitivity tantamount to a calculated insult. This is precisely the sort of doltish behaviour which will prejudice #Brexit and in particular the interests of expats.

Drew Edgar

» Dogs shot 'for fun'

I HOPE he goes to jail you can't go round shooting dogs?? And the person walking the dogs will be traumatised for ever.

Antony Gary Chandler

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Many thanks EWN

I HAVE just returned from singing the Mozart Requiem in Granada with Coral Coraxalia and I am now relaxing reading the *Euro Weekly* with my feet up.

I have just seen the article about my art exhibition on page 13. Absolutely fantastic and I'm so delighted you have given over such a large space for it.

Also, the story for the Coral Coraxalia choir. So kind of you and the promotion must have worked because the concert was a sell out!

It was magnificent - four choirs performed three songs each before the joint choirs performed the Mozart. A music critic in the audience described it as a Susan Boyle moment when we performed our slot.

The mostly Spanish audience were



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» CORAL CORAXALIA: What a wonderful choir.

probably not expecting the mostly retired international expats to be able to compete with the youngsters in the other choirs, but we excelled, judging by the cheers and what seemed endless standing ovation. We have worked so hard and our choir director, Eusebio Pita is still 'en las nubes' at our performance.

The hugs and kisses, and tears of emotion by both women, and men - even Eusebio - our 'Gareth Malone' of the Axarquía. What a wonderful choir we have, thanks to him. We are still inviting people to join us and they can find our more on: www.coralcoraxalia.com.

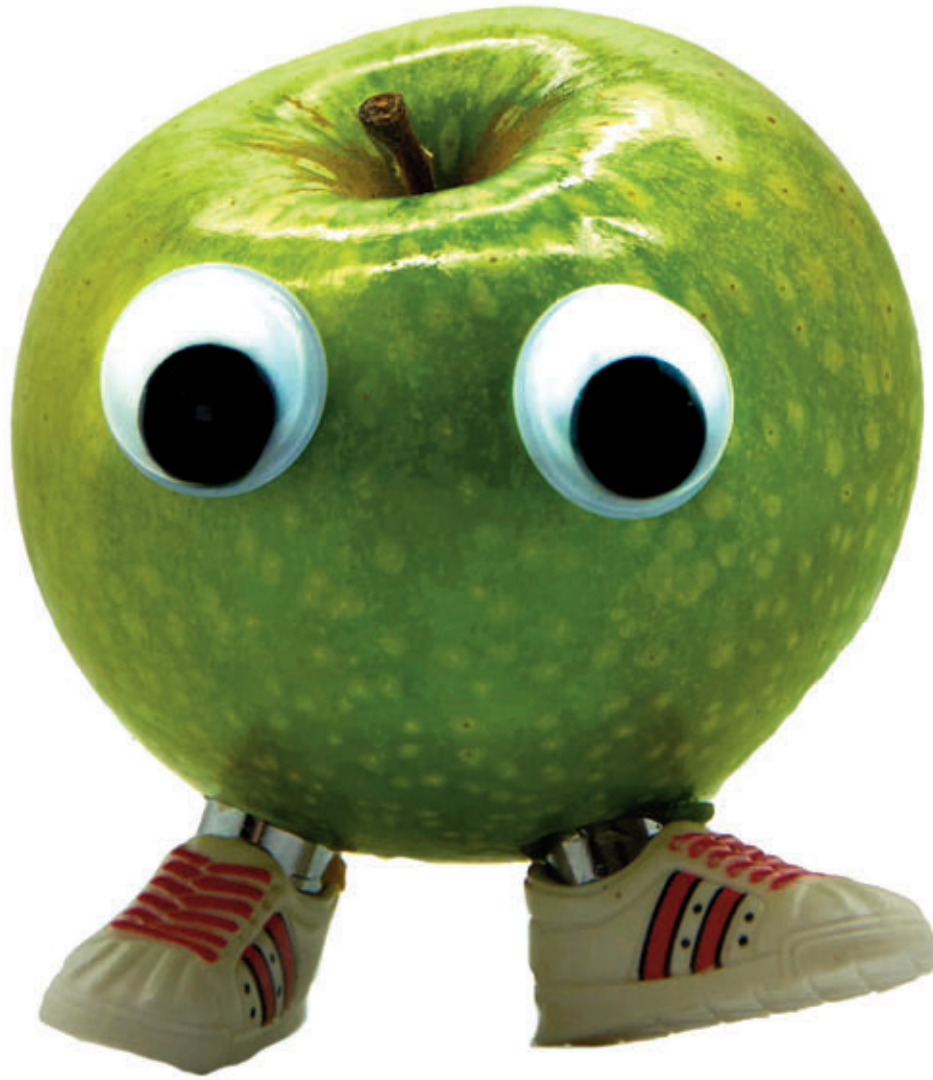
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Stop press! Is Theresa May after a hard Brexit or soft crexit?

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.euroweeklynnews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

NEWS that Theresa May is giving up crisps for Lent - salt and vinegar variety, since you ask - made me wonder what else people are giving up.

Is Jeremy Corbyn giving up trying to lead the Labour Party, or is that just the impression he seems to give? And, as for Sir Philip Green, is he giving up £363 million to hang on to his knighthood? Reports that the retail billionaire had a scrabble down the back of the sofa on one of his many yachts to bail out the BHS pension scheme in a deal to salvage his reputation - and keep his gong - positively makes his the most expensive knighthood in history. (Will David Beckham be reaching for his chequebook now too?)

A knight of the realm who's already opened his chequebook is Sir James Dyson, a self-made billionaire who's putting billions back into the economy, innovating and creating thousands of new

jobs. Unlike Sir Philip, also a self-made billionaire, but most of whose money has ended up in Monaco and not in the UK where thousands of people have lost their jobs. We could do with many more like Sir James and fewer like Sir Philip.

Someone else who seems to have given up something for Lent - in his case, common sense - is the

Royle Family actor, Ricky Tomlinson, who's accused the 'most indiscreet' late TV Countdown presenter, Richard Whiteley, of being an undercover agent for MI5, having helped jail him and other striking workers in the 70s (the jury having been 'swayed' by an ITV documentary featuring him, *Red Under the Bed*, fronted by Whiteley). A true Kremlin conundrum...

Finally, and back to Mrs May's crisps, if you take a packet and

scrunch the contents to tiny bits (soft crexit?), you'll have no problem giving them up - not just for Lent but for life. Ugh!

I find a far better way is to give yourself a 100 per cent chance of success and guaranteed bragging rights. Which is why I've decided to give up broccoli for Lent. I hate broccoli. Always have.

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.



! THERESA MAY: Giving up crisps for Lent.



We all need some child's play

Guest
Columnist



Today: Trudy Stewart

DURING the recent Carnival celebrations, I was lucky enough to have a front row seat for the festivities from my balcony which overlooks the main Plaza in town.

What caught my eye more than any of the elaborate costumes, was a group of children running around collecting long streamers fired from a cannon on one of the floats. They collected enough to make a large pile then played in it for the next few hours. The bright pile provided a soft landing as they jumped into it, pushed each other on to it and rode their bikes towards it toppling into the cushioned surface.

The overwhelming sound, above the cacophony of presenters and singers on the stage, was of the children's laughter.

For hours, they ignored the lure of candy floss and helium balloons of favourite characters, preferring instead to make their own amusement



GROWN UP:
But that doesn't mean there can't also be times for play and fun.

in their multi-purpose pile.

Watching them, I started thinking why is it that we have to grow up and stop finding fun in the simplest things?

For the first years of life we are encouraged to play. School begins with story time, modelling with clay, finger-painting, but is all too quickly re-

“ It's not always such a bad thing to be childish.

placed by times-tables and spelling tests.

Instead of being encouraged to keep playing and having fun, phrases like 'grow up' and 'act your age' begin to creep in. By our teenage years, embarrassment rears its ugly head and we are afraid to do anything that will cost us 'cool points' with our friends and peers. Bikes stop being horses or motorbikes (or whatever else we were playing that day) and become either retired to the shed or used to get us to work or study. Fun is replaced by adult things like worrying about money or trying to find a partner.

However, for some of us, that childish need to play never goes away. From videogames to paintballing, we still feel that need to lose ourselves for a period of time and escape the adult worries of everyday life.

I definitely fall into this category and am unafraid to risk making a fool of myself in the pursuit of fun. I sometimes even find myself acting my shoe size and not my age! And why not? Life is short and we spend plenty of time being serious and stressed. We can all learn a lesson from watching the sheer, unadulterated joy of children at play.

Of course there are times when being a grown up is required but that doesn't mean there can't also be times for play and fun. It's not always such a bad thing to be childish - sometimes it's exactly what is needed!

This summer, you might spot me running in and out of the water fountains in the Plaza screaming and laughing along with the children. While I'm certain some will shake their heads at the sight of it, I also think there will be some who would like to join in the fun so come right in, the water's lovely!

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Car ban for cleaner air

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.

OLDER CARS: To be banned on roads.



IN a recent meeting, Barcelona has agreed to ban all cars which are over 20 years old. When the rules come into force it means that old cars will be banned from driving on the road on working days in 40 municipalities.

The authorities said the move is aimed at reducing pollution as part of the government's strategy to reduce emissions. They want to reduce pollution by 10 per cent in the next five years and by 30 per cent within 15 years.

However, owners of old cars do not need to panic just yet as the restrictions will not

come into force until 2019. From this year, it means that cars registered before 1997 and vans before 1994, will not be allowed to drive on working days.

Between now and 2019, plans will be made for the implementation of the scheme. This will also include an awareness campaign on the restrictions and making improvements to public transport links, particularly in areas which it is considered to be deficient. It has been announced that the first stage of the plan will be presented before July this year.

For more news and articles visit www.n332.es or search N332 on Facebook.

Is the maintenance cost too high?

Q. OUR Community has several problems due to lack of maintenance. The buildings and outside areas like the garden and car park are looking quite shabby. At the imminent AGM a decision will be sought to spend around €50,000 to replace stair carpets with ceramic floor tiles. It is estimated we will all be asked to pay €90 per quarter extra

for the next three years. Some of us do not want to vote yes at the AGM.

My question is: What percentage of owners is necessary to allow this? Is it 51 per cent, or 3/5ths of all owners, or is it simply a majority vote of those few people actually attending the AGM together with proxy votes?

P.R. (Costa del Sol)

A. ON the Second Calling of the AGM, which routinely is half an hour after the First Calling, the majority of owners present or by proxy will carry the motion. As

David Searl

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you describe it, the issue is necessary maintenance, so

a simple majority vote should be sufficient. You feel that the new flooring is more expensive than it needs to be, but if the AGM votes to install it, you are bound by the decision.

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

It's serious grumpy territory

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WHAT is it with French air traffic control? Do they achieve anything by striking? Except for making sure that not one member of the travelling public has any sympathy for them. They have affected 35,000 flights since 2010, 34,999 of which didn't really catch my attention because... well, to be honest, I wasn't on them. But I was on Wednesday because I was flying to the UK.

The problem started two days before my flight because I knew I was meant to be landing at about 9pm which was fine because Hertz don't close till 11.30pm. Now this is where it starts to get into serious grumpy territory as I decided to give Hertz a call to check what provisions are in place if a punter is delayed because of the strike and land after 11.30pm. I decided to call them and ask.

Simple really you would think because they provide you with a number to call - albeit a premium one. So I call it. It all starts off fine. Welcome to Hertz blah, blah, blah. Press 1 for this, 2 for that, 3 for something else, 4 to speak to the local office where you are picking up the car. So 4 is pressed and off we go again. Press 1 for this, 2 for that, 3 for

I don't know, 4 to personally strangle the idiots that invented this frustrating no human response piece of annoying technology!!!!

Or hold to speak to an operator. So I hold and hold and hold and then I'm told after a good 15 minutes of paying for a premium charge call that nobody is available to take my call right now and could I please call back later and the line goes dead.

I am now verbally abusing someone who is not there and I mean abusing. Not someone to give up lightly I go online and find a number in the USA as I reckon they must be able to help me contact someone at Luton airport who won't answer their phone. 'Hello welcome to Hertz. Press 1 for this, 2 for that and 3 to speak to a very unnaturally happy operator who is going to tell me her name and ask me how can she help me today and when we finish wish me a wonderful rest of my day! At last it's a human and I explain my problem and she tells me not to worry as if my flight details are on the booking the Hertz staff have to wait for me.

This is great except my flight details aren't on my booking. Anyway she kindly adds them and sends me an email confirming what we've discussed. So over two hours later I finally get it sorted. My flight was delayed but the Hertz office was still open. So French air traffic control you can KMA!!

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Breakthrough in blood tests

A NEW form of blood test can help show doctors where in the body a tumour is growing.

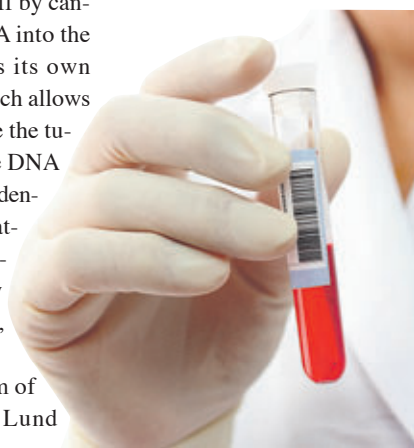
It is hoped the new 'liquid biopsies' will revolutionise cancer treatment by showing slow-growing tumours and those people most in danger, without the need for painful biopsies where part of the organ is removed for further testing.

The scientists in America say normal cells killed off by cancer also release DNA into the bloodstream. It has its own unique signature which allows them to detect where the tumour is based on the DNA pattern as they have identified 10 different patterns for different areas of the body including the liver, lungs and kidneys.

Meanwhile a team of scientists from the Lund

University in Sweden say a new blood test could give doctors a quick and simple way of diagnosing Parkinson's disease. It comes after the experts discovered a protein in the blood which is an accurate marker of the disease in the patient.

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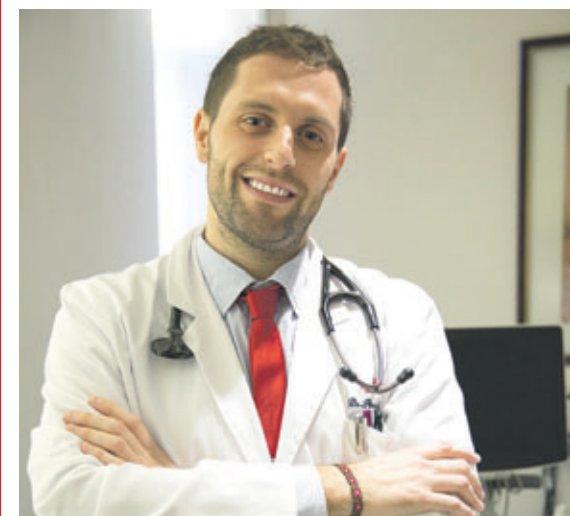
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Understanding hay fever and how to treat it



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WHAT is hay fever?

Hay fever, or allergic rhinitis, is an over-reaction of mucous membranes in the nose to certain particles such as dust, pollen and sometimes even the cold which mainly affect the nose and eyes.

What causes it?

Hay fever is caused by allergens that trigger the release of chemicals, such as histamines, which in turn cause the symptoms of an allergic reaction.

Is it worse at certain times of the day?

Depending on the type of allergy, symptoms might be worse at certain times of day. Pollen for example, is most abundant in the early morning, although the weather can also affect levels throughout the day.

What are the symptoms?

The allergic reaction may cause an itchy and

runny nose throughout the months when plants are in flower. Other symptoms include nasal congestion, headaches and in some cases dizziness similar to when one suffers from vertigo.

How is it treated?

There are different ways of treating hay fever.

Antihistamines, decongestants and corticoids are the most common as they help manage the symptoms. It is also advisable to avoid exposure to the substances which trigger the reaction when possible.

Are there other remedies?

A person can receive several vaccinations, known as immunotherapy, to help the body tolerate allergens and improve the symptoms; however this course of treatment must always be prescribed and managed by a qualified allergist.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Flamenco's golden age celebrated

By Sally Underwood

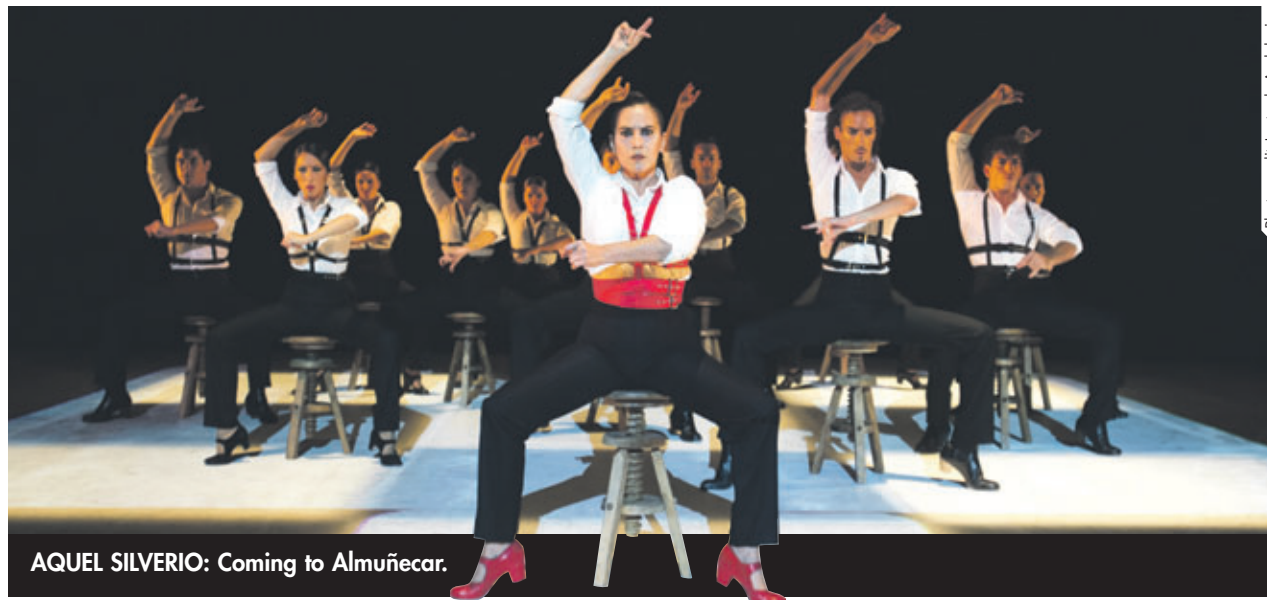
ALMUÑECAR is set to host the Andalusian Ballet Flamenco company's show *Aquel Silverio* on Saturday March 18.

The show will take place from 8pm at the House of Culture. It will be the second ever showing and the first for the province of Granada.

The piece takes its title from the first verses of the *Portrait of Silverio Franconetti*, by famous Spanish writer, Federico García Lorca. Silverio Franconetti was a singer and important figure in flamenco. Living between 1831 and 1889, he was considered a leading figure in the 'golden age' of flamenco music.

Company director, Rafael Estevez, described the work as "a choreographic, musical and flamenco project about the figure, contribution, work and repertoire of this great artist."

Mr Estevez is the company's new director, with choreogra-



AQUEL SILVERIO: Coming to Almuñecar.

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phy and scenic direction aided by Valeriano Paños. The main dancer will be Valeriano Paños while Sara Jimenez and Macarena Lopez will perform solos. Playing the guitar will be Manuel Urbina and Pau Vallet, who will accompany singers Sebastian Cruz, Matias Lopez

El Mati and Jose Luis Garcia Bravo Cheito.

The Andalusian Flamenco Ballet company, formerly known as the *Compañía Andaluza de Danza*, was created in 1994 and since then has had great choreographers such as Manolo Marin, Cristina Hoyos,

Fernando Romero and famous dance figures such as Israel Galvan, Isabel Bayon and Rafael Campallo have come out of the company.

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The daily training sessions will be supervised by professional and auxiliary coaches and offer technical talks by coaches, psychologists and nutritionists, as well as healthy breakfasts and visits from various sports professionals.

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Ambitious or capricious?

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I HAVE BEEN watching a three-part series called The Replacement. It's very good and tells the story of a woman architect who is pregnant and needs to find someone to take her place in the practice while she goes on maternity leave. In her absence it would appear that the replacement has eyes on her job, position and reputation within the practice.

Although not as dark and well scripted as this programme, I experienced something similar many years ago.

I was looking for an assistant food and beverage manager for the hotel where I was the Food and Beverage Manager. A colleague of mine was aware of my search and put me in touch with an experienced and ambitious young man.

This guy was a very personable chap and had the qualities I was looking for. I took him on. The General Manager liked him as did the area director and soon he proved himself to be a good addition to the team.

He was always volunteering to take on some of my load and in return for his enthusiasm I imparted as much knowledge of the business and the operation in partic-

ular as I could.

Months went by and I was due a holiday, I hadn't had one for over a year and I was looking forward to it. I knew the place would be in good hands so I went with the confidence that all would be well in my absence.

Unfortunately while away I contracted some sort of virus and on my return was not able to go back to work for a further 10 days. When I eventually said that I was free to come back, I was informed that in my absence they had reorganised the hotel's management structure and - you guessed it! - my position was no longer!! I had been replaced!!

I had turned him into a mini me, he had met my clients, was playing tennis with the boss and generally making himself indispensable. The pole to success can be slippery, in order to climb it, it pays to have the right gloves!! Perhaps boxing gloves?

The irony of this story is, I met up with my nemesis a couple of years later. I asked how things were going and he told me a familiar story. He had done with another exactly what I had done with him. Trusted him, encouraged and taught. Obviously too well. Had he learnt anything? "Yes," he said, "don't be generous with your knowledge and play everything close to your chest" - 'et tu Brute?' comes to mind!!



DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE SMILE - Look behind it!!

Did I learn anything from this? Yes, never go on holiday because if you do, when you get back, the chances are you'll find someone sitting at your desk!!

THOSE READERS FROM the west of England may well remember Thornbury Castle just outside of Bristol. The castle was built as a residence in 1511 for Edward Stafford the then 3rd Duke of Buckingham. However the Duke ran into a spot of bother with Henry VIII being accused of treason and so met his demise at the end of the executioner's axe. Henry confiscated the house and used it himself, staying there in 1535 for 10 days on his honeymoon with new bride Anne Boleyn.

Following the English Civil War, the castle fell into disrepair, but was renovated in 1824 by the Howard family. Between 1966 and 1986 the castle was operated as one of the UK's top restaurants by Kenneth Bell MBE with staff that included a soon to be food writer Nigel Slater and now a MasterChef New Zealand judge Simon Gault, honing their culinary craft.

I first met Kenneth in 1974. No one deserved to be lord of the manor more than him. He had an air of aristocracy about him and was a fine mine host. He also has a major claim to fame in as much as that during his reign the hotel restaurant gained one of the very few Michelin stars in Great Britain at the time.



THORNBURY: Famous Grade 1 listed castle and hotel.

Kenneth retired after he sold the property for an undisclosed sum and it was eventually owned and operated by Van Essen Hotels. In 2011, following the administration of Van Essen Hotels, the property was on the market for 7.5 million pounds and was bought by Luxury Family Hotels as part of a 30 million pound purchase of a seven strong portfolio.

The castle is now for sale again for offers in excess of 8.5 million pounds. Set in 14 acres of landscaped grounds this 28 bedroom Grade 1 listed building has a two rosette restaurant and conference and banqueting facilities. So if your back pocket is bulging and you fancy being 'King of the Castle' then it's being marketed by Savills. I'll just go and check my bank balance!!

IN THIS WEEK'S WINE CORNER I am introducing you to a wine from one of my favourite white wine growing areas of Spain. Galicia! Most enthusiastic consumers will immediately know Rias Baixas famous for Albariño, but not all of our readers will know the other areas of denomination, Montereiro, Ribeira Sacra, Ribeiro and Valdeorras.

Galicia is a typically complex wine region, it has a variety of climates (Atlantic to Continental) and soil (granite to slate).

One of the most interesting of these areas is Valdeorras, the easternmost wine region of Galicia, where the best vineyards are planted on terraces on the steep sides of the Sil river.

Like many other wine regions in Spain, the area is being rediscovered by a new, young generation of talented winemakers, willing to make elegant wine with a sense of place. The two best in Valdeorras are Telmo Rodriguez and Rafael Palacios.

Rafael grew up in a wine family and, having left the family estate in 2004, settled in the Val do Bibei part of Valdeorras, where he works with terraced plots of Godello grape which are locally known as 'sorte,' some of which are 720 metres high.

All vineyard work and harvest is done by hand - crippling, but rewarding, work.

The wine I am writing about this week is As Sortes. Made from a selection of the older vines of each plot, some of which are almost 100 years old, this wine is a benchmark for Godello. Structure, complexity, intensity, character, freshness... it has it all. It bears a great resemblance to Burgundy and I

am sure on a blind tasting even the most competent taster will be surprised to find out it that it's Spanish!

Tasting notes show it has a striking nose showing freshly podded peas, green apple, fresh pastry and toasty citrus - deep and complex but still fresh and inviting.

The palate has that pleasing oiliness which coats the mouth with what can only be described as an 'English garden' crunch, combining gooseberry, Granny Smith apple, and a mineral character that invokes the deep savoury flavour of black kale. It's a savoury, rich beauty that will triumph with food but is complex and satisfying enough to drink on its own.

It has some vintages, most notably 2014 which of course is still drinking well. Again it isn't cheap for a white wine, costing around 25/30€ a bottle.

I have said for a long time now that Spain is now producing astonishingly good wines to compete with some of the best in the world. It's hard to think that 30 odd years ago we seemed to be limited to Monopole, Marques de Caceres and Esmeralda. Having said that I do still try and avoid white Rioja!

**GALICIAN WINE:
With Burgundy
overtones.**



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.

“ Success is born out of arrogance - but greatness comes from humility.
Marco Pierre White

Real estate ramps up

IN a surefire sign that Spanish residential real estate is set for some profitable times ahead, Bilbao-based construction company Neinor Homes plans to float 60 per cent of its share capital on the Spanish stock exchange.

Vast amounts of foreign investment flowing into the country has inspired the move. It represents the first time a residential property developer has gone onto the stock exchange in 10 years.

A statement from Neinor, which specialises in acquiring prime land for development, said that international investors had a powerful vision for the recovery of the Spanish real estate sector, which continues its strong recovery.

The firm counts hundreds of developments and more than 9,000 homes among its assets, valued at more than €1 billion. Residential home construction in Spain has been humming along nicely in recent years, encouraged by spectacular growth in the commercial real estate sector.



OBSCURE OWNERS: Paid extra tax rather than reveal their identity.

Mystery owners raise eyebrows

By Matthew Elliott

THE cheapest property sold in the UK for a long time was a Birmingham house bought in January. The semi-detached with three bedrooms in Northfield sold for just £14,760 (€17,000). That's a far cry from the most expensive sale of 2017 so far, a Kensington detached mega-mansion that went for a startling £24.2 million (€28 million).

There are hundreds of superrich foreigners

with homes valued at more than €20 million in the UK capital. But, thanks to clever accounting, it's almost impossible to find out who they are.

In 2013 the government decided to put an end to the mystery and impose a huge tax on owners who masked themselves behind offshore companies and other smoke and mirror schemes. But most of the owners have elected to pay an extra €250,000 a year in tax rather than reveal their true identities.

Data from 2016 revealed that there are 210 such properties in London alone, most sitting idle and empty while the mysterious owners stump up huge taxes. At anywhere from €20-120 million it is the property investment that counts, not pesky government charges.

Offshore companies now own almost all of London's most expensive properties. Police have investigated homes worth a combined €210 million for suspected involvement in money-laundering schemes.

HOUSE prices in Spain saw their biggest annual rise since the bursting of the housing bubble in 2007. Complete data for 2016 is now in and makes for extremely optimistic reading.

Prices rose by a robust 4.7 per cent last year, well above the European average. It was the third consecutive year of growth and the best since 2007 when prices rose by 9.8 per cent. As recently as 2013 they had decreased by 13.7 per cent, which demonstrates

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the incredible improvements seen in the last three years.

New homes fared especially well last year, with prices rising by 6.5 per cent. The figures may still be some way off those seen in the boom years, but are more sustainable by virtue of their moderation.

At the end of the year the average value per square metre stood at €1,512. In 2008 it reached a peak of €2,101. It may take some time to hit those numbers again but the broader health and global appeal of the Spanish property market is stronger than ever.

The new year has already begun well. House prices clocked a 1.8 per cent year-on-year increase in February. Foreclosures also saw a dramatic drop, 30 per cent lower in 2016 than in 2015, which points to the broader favourability of financial conditions for property investors.



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Succession planting can reap harvest dividends

By Graeme Tyrrell

IT is time to start preparing the vegetable garden for the summer harvest. Planting earlier in spring than northern Europe gardens gives a great bonus when living in Spain.

The longer growing season allows for an extended period of harvest of tomatoes, capsicum, and a host of other popular and exotic vegetables. If you want to maximise production, the secret to a prolonged harvest is succession planting.

Succession planting is based on planting enough to produce what you need on a regular basis rather than mass planting at the optimum time to fill the garden which creates a feast and famine harvest.

It does have some risks to plant early and late in the season with frosts or adverse weather affecting the production but as only a small number are planted with each succession, it is a small risk to total production. Harvest is more useful when it is spread over a longer period and you can enjoy the fresh produce more regularly.

This can mean less work to preserve produce and less loss of prime produce as there is less excess production that can often go to seed or pass its best picking time and become bitter or woody depending on the crop. Succession planting can also be used to ensure your garden is always in production as spent crops are replaced by the next seasonal crop.

I usually plant lettuce every month throughout autumn, winter and spring. I start planting tomatoes in March, usually



just a few and then plant more each month until August changing the varieties from early to late in order to match the planting times. Some years it works wonderfully to have very early tomatoes, other years the first planting fails but the second is soon ready to start picking in a few weeks more. So I don't miss out on a harvest and always have as long a season as possible.

It doesn't work with all vegetables to have monthly planting. I find Cauliflower and Broccoli tend to produce at the same time as those around them even if only young. For these I don't plant too many and give a two to three month interval of planting. I find this gives a greater appreciation of them when they are available.

Other good examples of succession

planting are artichokes and potatoes. They can be planted in two periods, autumn and early spring, to give an early and late harvest thus extending the availability of these fresh veggies over much of the year.

The most successful monthly planting succession vegetables (when in season) are lettuce, beans, peas, corn, carrots, radish, onions, tomatoes, spinach, beets and other salad green.

It is best to add good compost and fertilise the soil between plantings of crops to maintain soil nutrition and health of the ecology to maintain continuous production. It is also important to vary the succeeding crops so as not to just have the same type of vegetable in the same garden beds by following the principles of crop rotation.



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BE ALARMED: Installing an alarm is advisable.

Make your home safe and secure

IT doesn't matter where you live in the world, security at home to avoid unwelcome burglars is something that shouldn't be ignored.

However for some reason, many expats who would take sensible precautions back home, don't always do the same here in Spain.

Probably the two most important things are home insurance and security in the property and both are relatively easy to arrange and unlikely to cost as much as they might do in the UK.

There are a number of excellent insurance companies within Spain, (many of whom advertise in this newspaper) and it literally costs nothing to obtain a quote. Like in the UK they will give discounts from the initial quote based on the protection

that the property receives.

It is important to remember there are two types of home insurance, one covers the building and the other the contents and if you have a lot of valuable jewellery not only will you need a safe and alarm system, you will also need it to be properly valued in writing by an expert.

The more difficult you can make it for crooks to enter the better so make sure windows and doors have bars (nowadays they can be so attractive that they add to the character of the property).

Strong doors with good locks, a safe and an alarm system are all advised, especially if you own a holiday home. Your home is going to be less appealing to an opportunistic burglar than one with less obvious protection.



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Water soothes all

WHEN one visits a number of the properties built by the Moors in Spain, it becomes obvious from the interior to the exterior that water

played an incredibly important role in life at the time, with its catchment not only being a method of survival but its very existence being a pleasure.

Whilst modern properties do not allow for a modern riad and pool within the home, it is still perfectly possible to place a small water feature within an apartment or house and the sound of water can be both comforting and surprisingly pleasant.

If you have a garden, then the options are much greater and a pond or fountain isn't



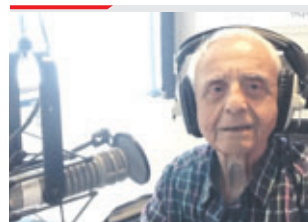
just something to look at but can add moisture to the air on a very hot day and attract brightly coloured birds and dragonflies.

WATER FEATURE: In the garden can attract birds.



TOP DOG: It has to be established which dog is the new leader of the pack.

Group hierarchy



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I HAD a call from a gentleman that informed me he had put his Doberman to sleep due to illness, the dog was 12 years. Of course he was devastated. They have another four dogs.

A few nights later they heard terrible fighting downstairs. The Cocker Spaniel had nearly

bitten one dog's nose off and they were all injured. Reluctantly he took the Spaniel to the vet to be put to sleep. He said the Spaniel looked at him as if to say Dad why are you doing this? The man was in a terrible state and called me to ask if he had done the right thing.

I immediately said no. The pack hierarchy had now changed and sometimes this causes fights. If dogs start fighting dogs it has to be established which dog is the new leader (in many cases it needs an expert to help you).

The new top dog is to be loved 10 times more and fed first. We keep using his name and touching and cuddling him as a favourite. We are showing this dog that he is a top dog. The fighting then stops.

However this does not work

with fighting females. There is no known way to stop fighting and terrible injuries. Best to remove one of them.

When a dog places his paws and chest on the hindquarters of another dog like mounting this is normal and common behaviour. In most cases, it's NOT sexual behaviour unless the dog is thrusting. In young puppies, it's a play behaviour. In older dogs, it's a method of communication, the dog who is mounting is displaying dominance.

Often owners who bring another dog into the family get upset when they see the younger dog mounting or biting the rear legs of the resident dog. It's best not to correct the behaviour, it is very normal. The status of the young dog is changing in the pack and it becomes top dog.

No more tail docking

PARLIAMENT has passed approval of an amendment to a proposed loophole in Spain's adherence to the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals which would have allowed tail docking to continue.

Approved in Strasbourg in 1987, the convention guarantees a basic animal welfare legislation for its member states and, while most countries joined it in the 1990s, the Spanish government was not only doing so 30 years late but also wanted to dodge the docking ban, Equo MP Juan Lopez de Uralde reported.

However, all political parties except the Partido

Popular have agreed the PP's intention to pass on article 10 of the convention is unacceptable.

Speaking to parliament, the Equo MP argued that docking "is not an innocuous practice" for animals as it "causes them pain, chronic health problems, locomotion difficulties and even limits their capacity for communication."

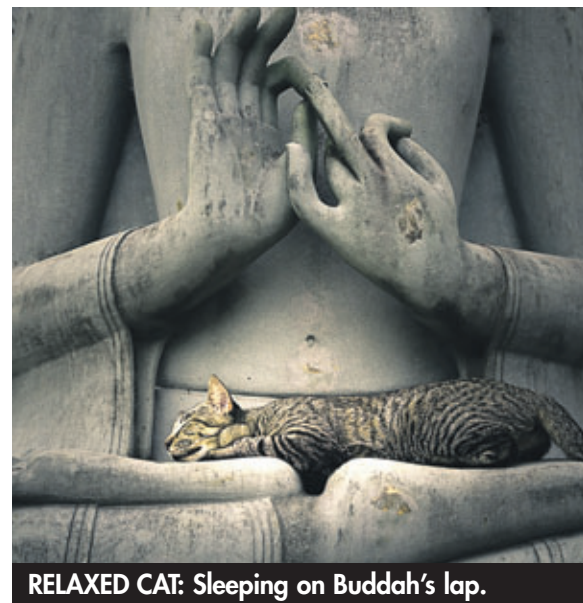
"Amputating dogs' tails for aesthetic reasons is a practice which should be eliminated as it has serious consequences for the animal, therefore we have presented the amendment approved today to stop Spain from eluding this article of the Convention," he added.

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Dog judge is slammed over no frills request

THE dog grooming world is up in arms over a ban on bows for shih tzus at Crufts dog show.

An experienced judge of the breed, Pat Maule, took to a Facebook group to ask those intending to show their dogs to use: "plain elastic band holding the topknot only please," inadvertently offending breeders all over the world.

The request was in accordance with UK Kennel Club regulations, which were changed in November 2016 to state: "it is strongly recommended that the

hair on head is tied up without adornment."

Yet breeders in other countries, where bows and adornments are not frowned upon, harshly criticised the judge and questioned her abilities, leading her to make further statements to the press: "I'm supposedly unable to judge under a bow. I've been awarding certificates for 26 years and have more experience in the breed than most. In America the bow is used to hide faults from judges and we don't want that in the UK," she told *Dog World* magazine.



TOPKNOT: But plain elastic band only please.

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Motoring shorts

Aston’s new car models

ASTON MARTIN is designing a new mid-engined supercar to take on the McLaren 720S and Ferrari 488 GTB.

The car is earmarked to launch in 2021, two years after its first mid-engined model, the Valkyrie, hits the market in 2019.

It will be built in Gaydon, Warwickshire, alongside the DB11, the Vantage, due to be replaced by a sportier version later this year, and the Vanquish, which is scheduled to move into front-engined supercar territory in 2018.

Also in the pipeline is the DBX SUV, which will be constructed at the company’s new factory at St Athan in Wales.

In addition there will be two Lagonda models with a saloon due in 2020 and an SUV in 2022.

Concept and classics

By Matthew Elliott

SOME of the most outlandish concept cars seen in the 21st century made their debut as the 2017 Geneva Motor Show got into full swing.

Though most of the concepts will always be mere ideas rather than reality, they offer a fascinating glimpse into the future landscape of the motoring industry.

Among them were the Jaguar I-

Pace, the conceptual forerunner to the firm’s first fully electric vehicle.

From Mercedes was a new GT concept, an AMG powered by a 4.0 litre v8 twin-turbocharged engine with an electric motor. Theoretically it can hit 100kph in less than three seconds.

There was the Peugeot Instinct, which brings the ‘Internet of Things’ into the driver’s seat with a speech-enabled personal assistant and both au-

tonomous and drive modes. Renault raised eyebrows with a lightweight electric four-wheel drive made of carbon fibre and kevlar boasting Formula E standard controls.

But it wasn’t just the future being represented at the show. The retroverse was on full display too with a rollicking repertoire of Fords, Mon-

teverdis, Mercedes and Porsches reaching out to classic fans.

A 1968 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL Pagoda stood out with its fresh red paintwork. There was a 1963 Porsche 901, a Monteverdi High Speed 375 C, first unveiled in 1971 and now lingering in a Swiss museum, and a Ford Focus RS WRC originally built for the late Colin McRae in 1999.

**PEUGEOT INSTINCT:
Autonomous and
drive modes.**



Bullitt gathered dust in scrapyards

WHEN a 1968 Ford Mustang rolled off the set of Bullitt, iconic screen star Steve McQueen tried in vain to track it down. Even back then it made history as one of the most daring car chases in film.

But instead of being snapped up by a billionaire playboy or given prime place in a Hollywood museum, the Mustang spent over 30 years gathering dust in a Mexican scrapyards.

That was until film director Hugo Sanchez bought the car to use in *Gone In Sixty Seconds* in the year 2000. Taking it into the body shop for use in a new film, Sanchez has now discovered the battered old Mustang was actually one of two used in the legendary Bullitt car chase.

Electronic matching of its vehicle identification number confirmed its past life rampaging over the hilly streets of San Francisco.

It’s a timely discovery ahead

of the Mustang’s 50th year anniversary in 2018. Sanchez and bodywork specialist Ralph Gar-

cia Jr plan to restore it fully to its 1968 prime and then auction the car off next year.

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FOOTBALL:

AFTER FAC semi-final and European last 16 action, which saw Arsenal hammer gutsy Lincoln City 5-0 in the former, having crashed 5-1 at home to Bayern Munich for a 10-2 aggregate Champions League defeat, Premiership fixtures return this weekend with Bournemouth v Swansea, Crystal Palace v Watford, Everton v Hull, Stoke v Chelsea, Sunderland v Burnley, WBA v Arsenal and West Ham v Leicester on Saturday, followed by Manchester City v Liverpool, Middlesbrough v Manchester United and Tottenham (fresh from a 6-0 FA Cup romp over Millwall) v Southampton on Sunday.

Tomorrow night, Bristol City play Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday meet Reading in the Championship while on Saturday, promotion-chasing Newcastle visit Birmingham, Leeds play Brighton and Fulham en-

ertain Wolves.

In FL1, Fleetwood play Wimbledon and Sheffield United (top) take on Charlton and FL2 leaders Doncaster visit Leyton Orient and Plymouth meet Morecambe.

SPL champions-elect Celtic travel to Dundee, Aberdeen play Hearts and Rangers (under new manager Pedro Caixinha) meet Hamilton.

We also have the second legs of the FA Vase semi-finals with Midlands clubs Bromsgrove Sporting and Colehill Town sighting Wembley!

Earlier this week, Leicester (1-2 down) and Manchester City (5-3 up) played Sevilla and Monaco respectively in the return legs of their last 16 Champions League ties. Tonight Manchester United (level at 1-1) meet Rostov in their home Europa League second leg encounter.

The Scottish Cup semi-finals will feature Celtic v

Rangers (who drew 1-1 in the SPL last Sunday) and Aberdeen v Hibs while the FA Cup semi-finals (both at Wembley) will feature Arsenal against Manchester City and Chelsea against Tottenham Hotspur.

RUGBY:

On Saturday, we have the last three Six Nations matches of 2017: Scotland-Italy (1.30pm), France-Wales (3.45pm) and Ireland-England (6pm).

Last weekend, England, with seven tries, a Jonathan Joseph hat-trick and 26 points from Owen Farrell, crushed Scotland 61-21 in the Calcutta Cup to become the first country to claim back-to-back Six Nations titles. They also equalled New Zealand's record of 18 straight Test match wins and it was their biggest-ever over Scotland.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Wales beat Ireland 22-9 and France defeated Italy 40-18.

Wasps, Exeter and Saracens stand 1-2-3 in the Aviva PL, while in the Super League, the top three are Wigan Warriors, Castleford Tigers and Hull.

HORSE RACING:

The Cheltenham Festival is underway. This annual event epitomises and encompasses everything that is great about NH racing, whilst delivering an unbelievable occasion as the best horses, jockeys and trainers battle it out for the highest racing honours.

On Tuesday, the big race was the Champion Hurdle (I fancied Petit Mouchoir); yesterday (Ladies Day) we had the Queen Mother Champion Chase and Coral Cup; today (St Patrick's Day) it's the stayers and novices hurdle races, followed tomorrow by the Gold Cup. Champagne West, trained by Henry De Bromhead and ridden (hopefully) by David Mullins, is my selection.

CYCLING:

Jess Varnish (26) has stated she was the victim of a "cover-up" in Test cricket by

der the bus" by GB Cycling.

Speaking for the first time since last April when she accused the governing body of sexism after being dropped from the elite programme, Varnish said she's now "relieved the truth is finally coming out." Former technical director Shane Sutton was said to have used 'sexist language' towards Varnish, but was cleared of eight of nine allegations against him.

CRICKET:

England 'white-washed' the West Indies 3-0 in the ODI series by winning the third game by 186 runs in Barbados. Alex Hales and Joe Root scored centuries as the Windies were simply blown away!

During his country's 259-run win over Bangladesh, Sri Lankan Rangana Herath became the most successful left-arm spinner in Test cricket by

taking his 366th wicket, overtaking New Zealand's Daniel Vettori's tally of 361. Only Pakistan's Wasim Akram (414) is ahead of Herath of all left-arm bowlers.

TENNIS:

Johanna Konta beat Heather Watson in the 'Battle of the Brits' in round two of the Indian Wells tennis tournament. However, GB's trio of Andy Murray, Kyle Edmund, Dan Evans all crashed out of the men's singles early on, Murray against qualifier Vasek Pospisil.

Five-time Grand Slam winner Maria Sharapova will be unranked when she returns to action on April 26 in the Porsche Grand Prix in France after serving her suspension for testing positive for melatonin.

MOTORSPORT:

Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) was fastest in the final practice session before the F1 season starts later this month in Melbourne.

And sadly, John Surtees, one of the greatest participants in motor-sport and the only man to win both the F1 and MotoGP World titles, has died, aged 83. RIP.

ICE SKATING:

Scot Elise Christie won gold in the world 1,000m and 1,500m speed skating races in Rotterdam.

MARIA SHARAPOVA: Returns unranked after suspension.



JONATHAN JOSEPH: His hat-trick of tries helped England beat Scotland.

DID YOU KNOW?

THIRTY-NINE managers have left their posts in the PL/FL this season, 13 in the Championship, the latest Steve McClaren from Derby last weekend.

Kazuyoshi Miura (Yokohama) aged 50 and 14 days, has become the oldest footballer to score in a competitive game. Stanley Matthews was 49 years and 14 days old when he netted for Stoke v Swansea in February 1964.



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Golf International Nerja Society

FRIDAY March 3 saw GINS members play an Individual Stableford at Los Moriscos which was sponsored by Liberty Seguros.

Results:

Ladies Overall Winner:
Erica Oxford, Hcp 30, 34pts.
1st Bridget Lloyd Edwards, Hcp 26, 34pts.
2nd Jill Parker, Hcp 29, 29pts.
3rd Karen Nuttall, Hcp 28, 28pts.
Mens Overall Winner: Ian Paterson, Hcp 17, 37pts.

1st Robert Chadwick, Hcp 11, 35pts.
2nd Mac Farman, Hcp 16, 34pts.
3rd Barney Downey, Hcp 15, 33pts.
4th Bob Merrilees, Hcp 13, 33pts.

Non Liberty Seguros Scores not attending the prize giving:
Pepe Gill, Hcp 10, 38pts.
Glyn Robert, Hcp 24, 37pts.
Terry Conway, Hcp 25, 33pts.

Then on Monday 6 it was another Individual Stableford at



INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD: Played at Baviera.

Anoreta which was again sponsored by Liberty Seguros.

Ladies Overall Winner:
Esther McClenaghan, 31pts.
1st Marisa Elias Garcia, 31pts.
2nd Françoise Stein, 30pts.
3rd Lyn McAllister, 29pts.
Mens Overall Winner: Franck

Stein, 36pts.
1st Dan McAllister, 33pts.
2nd Granville Hirst, 33pts.
3rd Helmut Muller, 32pts.
4th Jack Barnett, 31pts.
Two's: Peter Verkleij 9

Finally on Tuesday March 7 it was an Individual Stableford, sponsored by Liberty Seguros, at Baviera.

Ladies Overall Winner:
Jackie Viles, 34pts.
1st Erica Oxford, 34pts.
2nd Gill Sibson, 28pts.
3rd Gill Boutel, 27pts.

Mens Overall Winner:
Mike Calloway, 39pts.
1st David Miles, 39pts.
2nd Peter Lomas, 37pts.
3rd Alan Jones, 36pts.

4th Mark Fulton, 36pts.

On Friday March 3 at Los Moriscos two members joined the 2016-2017 GINS Eagle Club. Bridget Lloyd-Edwards downed hers on the seventh hole whilst Robert Chadwick saw his go in on the first. Well done Bridget and Robert!

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