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Discrimination dust-up

Female fun runners given cleaning products as gifts

By Matthew Elliott

A huge controversy has engulfed the annual Almeria Women's Day race.

The estimated 1,500 participants, many running in the name of feminism, were given a goody bag with gifts including a grocery shopping bag and a bottle of grease remover.

The race was held on Sunday March 12 under the banner 'Run for Equality' and just days after global protests and marches celebrated International Women's Day.

Pilar Ortega, the family councillor who organised the event, has come under a barrage of criticism from the national media and leading politicians. Thousands have expressed their outrage in an avalanche of online fury.

The Women's Institute of Andalucia has accused Almeria of promoting macho stereotypes with the goody bag, which also included tomatoes, a t-shirt, bracelet and sports bag. Spokeswoman Francisca Serrano said it played into sexist tropes that consider a woman's place to be in the kitchen.

But councillor Ortega has derided the controversy as manufactured and ridiculous. She accused socialist politicians of 'micro-machism' arguing that they were the true sexists.



WOMEN'S RACE: Approximately 1,500 participants took part.

Only a sexist would see a cleaning product and immediately connect it with women she said, before apologising for any offence taken.

The cleaning product company in question, KH Loreda, regularly sponsors

other sporting events. Other critics have centred on the inclusion of men in the traditionally all-female race, and the hefty participation fee of €10. Only €1 goes to help women in conflict zones, and where the rest goes is anyone's guess.

Mayor Ramon Pacheco responded that it was ridiculous to forbid men from the race.

The whole point, he said, was to educate future generations of men to see their mothers, sisters and daughters as equals.

Hotel hell

AFTER being hounded out of the province in one of the most embarrassing scandals in Almeria history, the company behind the notorious El Algarobico hotel has demanded €1.7 million from Carboneras Council. Azata SL paid the council the money in 2003 to acquire protected land to expand the hotel, but the deal was called off.

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Scant resources

SENIOR police officers have warned that they can't properly protect Almerians against terrorism because their resources are being diverted to rescue and screen illegal immigrants. The

province is considered a potential hotbed of Islamic extremism, a place where jihadis both hide and enter continental Europe.

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Health revolution

A NEW agreement is set to put Almeria and Andalucia at the forefront of cancer treatment and research. The Amancio Ortega Foundation will contribute €40 million to equipment, doctors and research in what has been described as an unprecedented collaboration between the charity and public sectors.

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LOCAL NEWS

Scathing report

ONE of the country's top professors visited Almeria to deliver a damning report from Amnesty International on Spain's silence on human rights violations around the world. Anthro-

pologist Enrique Martinez-Salanova denounced Madrid for pledging to take in 17,000 refugees but only managing a few hundred. He also criticised freedom of expression in Spain.

Seething spouse

POLICE raced to an Aguadulce property to subdue a woman trying to stab her husband with a pair of scissors. On the same night, they also arrested a drunken Lithuanian driving dangerously around the streets, a Valencian urinating in public, and a Sevillian trying to steal a car, just two weeks after being arrested for the same crime.

A boy called It

A MOTHER has been jailed for inflicting serious physical and psychological violence on her young son. An Almeria court heard how she beat him with a stick, insulted and even threatened to kill the young boy. She will spend two years in prison and be banned from contacting her son until 2020.

Bitter battle over eyesore



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Azata SL paid the council

the money in 2003 to acquire protected land to expand the hotel, widely ridiculed as an eyesore. The deal was called off following a Supreme Court judgement that declared any urban development of the land to be illegal.

Now Azata wants their money back, citing unjustified enrichment as the legal wrangling over the catastrophic enterprise reaches almost 20 years.

The unfinished hotel was built on some of the most vulnerable and beautiful

spots in coastal Almeria at Carboneras. Greenpeace launched a huge international campaign to have it demolished and even the *Telegraph* named it as one of the worst architectural atrocities on the face of the earth.

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No love lost

A BATTLE between two neighbours will be settled in court. Judges will decide whether a businessman can charge an old lady for the right to take a shortcut through his property to reach her own.

Aurora Garcia from Carboneras has been driving across the small road on her neighbour's property her whole life. But things soon changed when businessman Raul Seco moved in next door.

He asked her repeatedly to stop taking the shortcut. Eventually he built a fence blocking her access to the pathway. Now the 68-year-old has to park a fair distance from home and walk the rest of the way.

When she asked him to let her through Seco replied that she could... if she paid him for the land. Her lawyers now claim that she has gained a right of passage courtesy of more than half a century's daily use.

Beating the digital divide

HUNDREDS of rural women from across the province gathered in Almería for a course on internet use and digital empowerment. Held by AMFAR, the course sought to educate women in the Almerian hinterlands on the value of knowing their way around online.

AMFAR president, Adoracion Blanque, lamented the 'digital divide' between rural women and their urban counterparts. Many have no internet access or computer skills, making it hard to find jobs and secure more education in the modern era.

An estimated two million women work unofficially on farms and land across Andalucía. They are the mothers, daughters and sisters who keep the agricultural sector humming along.

AMFAR wants to give especially younger women and girls the opportunity to embrace new technologies, learn entrepreneurship skills and have more say in their own future.

Wacky weather

AFTER an unusually warm weekend winter returned to Almería with a vengeance. Weather warnings were issued across the country as the cold snap rudely interrupted a spot of ear-

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: Originated in the USA.

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.



SUPER DAD: Russian, Feodor Vassilyev, fathered 69 children.

ly sunbathing.

In Almería there was even snow above 1,100 metres on Monday March 13. That gave way to strong winds and torrential rain on Tuesday. An orange alert was activated in Almería, with a particular warning for the Almanzora Valley.

Back in the fold

ALBOX mayor Francisco Torrecillas has inked an agreement with the Bish-

op of Almería to lease the famous Casa Convento for 75 years. Albox Council can use the historic building as a town hall and for community activities and has also pledged to refurbish it.

The building is one of Albox's most iconic landmarks. The lingering question of its extremely precarious physical condition will also soon be resolved. Torrecillas has promised to start renovation works within days and has been set a two-year deadline for completion by the Bishop himself.

No mayoral mischief

AN embezzlement case against Mojacar mayor Rosa Maria Cano has been dropped. After an investigation spanning years the public prosecutor found no case to answer nor crime committed.

Cano, a member of the conservative Popular Party, was investigated over the hiring of a company used for technical repairs in 2014. Earlier in March Cano appeared in court to testify over claims from 2015 that she helped rig the vote in local elections.

Railways meet the Flintstones

LEADING local citizens and businessmen have established a new platform calling for greater train connections between Almería Province and the rest of the country. High speed connections to Madrid and Sevilla have been promised for years but instead of building, there are less routes in operation today than there were in the 1990s.

Jose Cano, an Almería-based businessman has joined

forces with Croem, a Murcia-based association of entrepreneurs to demand urgent action on the region's railways. Cano claims that people across Almería have been forced into a corner by decades of constant neglect from Madrid. Croem president Jose Albarracin echoed the point, asking why eastern Andalucía hasn't seen a single euro of investment, while Catalonia and Valencia are furnished with billions

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
Around the nation in 6 stories

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 fine imposed on Endesa by the Competition Commission for falsifying five electricity contracts following consumer complaints.

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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 view 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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Shocking abuse case

By Matthew Elliott

JURORS have heard the harrowing tale of a young girl who claims that she was sexually abused by her mother's friend while they lived in Albox. The defendant Juan N is on trial in Murcia and strenuously denies the charges, claiming the girl was like a granddaughter to him.

If found guilty he faces more than 10 years in prison for the alleged abuse, said to have begun in 2009 when the girl was just five-years-old. Now aged 12 she told the court with the aid of a psychologist that Juan would put cream on his genitals for her to caress and asked her to marry him.

The girl's mother is Nigerian and met Juan in Albox before they moved to Murcia. Her suspicions were aroused when the girl began screaming at Juan on a ride at the Albox fair. She had trusted fully in him, seeing that her daughter thought of him as a father figure. Juan frequently babysat and brought treats.

The abuse worsened when he moved into their new home in Murcia, claiming to have nowhere else to go. Eventually the girl cracked and shocked her mother with the revelations.

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Community united

DOZENS of people joined a flamenco workshop in Zurgena to help raise funds for Proyecto Hombre. The charity has helped save countless people and families from drug addiction.

Enemy lines

NATIONAL defence minister Maria Dolores de Cospedal stopped in Almeria to watch a special showing of 'Hostile Zone,' a film shot in the province that focuses on Spanish soldiers in Afghanistan.

Needle in a haystack

SENIOR police officers have warned that they can't properly protect Almerians against terrorism because their resources are being diverted to rescue and screen illegal immigrants.

The province is considered a hotbed of Islamic extremism, a place where jihadis both hide and enter continental Europe. National and Almerian police are fully aware of this and have made some spectacular arrests in the war on terror.

But with almost 600 immigrants arriving on the Almerian coastline in January and February alone, security agents simply don't have the capacity to combat terrorism and rescue people stranded at sea. More than 5,000 people were rescued and brought to Motril and



ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: Thousands are expected.

Almeria ports in 2016.

The Federal Police Union has said that the Almeria force is overwhelmed and suffers from a severe lack of personnel. This is at a time when the terror alert across Spain is at level four, the second highest.

The problem will only worsen in summer when thousands of North African immigrants are expected to arrive. With the Balkan countries closing their border to Syrian refugees, countless more will seek to

reach Europe through Spain and Italy.

Now the situation is so severe that Almeria is considering opening a specialist detention centre for foreigners (CIE) to hold hundreds of people. The highly controversial internment centres are legally suspect and involve detaining people without charge for long periods.

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Beauty and the waste

By Matthew Elliott

CRITICS have panned the dreadful state of disrepair the San Miguel de Cabo de Gata neighbourhood finds itself in, less than a month before Easter Week. One Socialist councillor wryly remarked that broken pavements, rusty benches and

flickering street lights must be the mayor's idea of tourist promotion.

Public electricity blackouts are preventing people from doing basic everyday tasks said Indalecia Gutierrez. Elderly people can't take the rubbish out at night for fear of falling, while drivers are fed up with pot-holes.

She also said the Paseo Maritimo is in urgent need of a complete remodelling. Access steps to the beach

are broken and the signposting for newcomers is woeful. Given the area's natural splendour and serious tourist earning potential, Gutierrez feels the mayor should be pulling out all the stops before the holiday.

Easter falls on Sunday April 16 this year with Semana Santa beginning on Monday April 9. Precious little time for a last minute rescue operation.

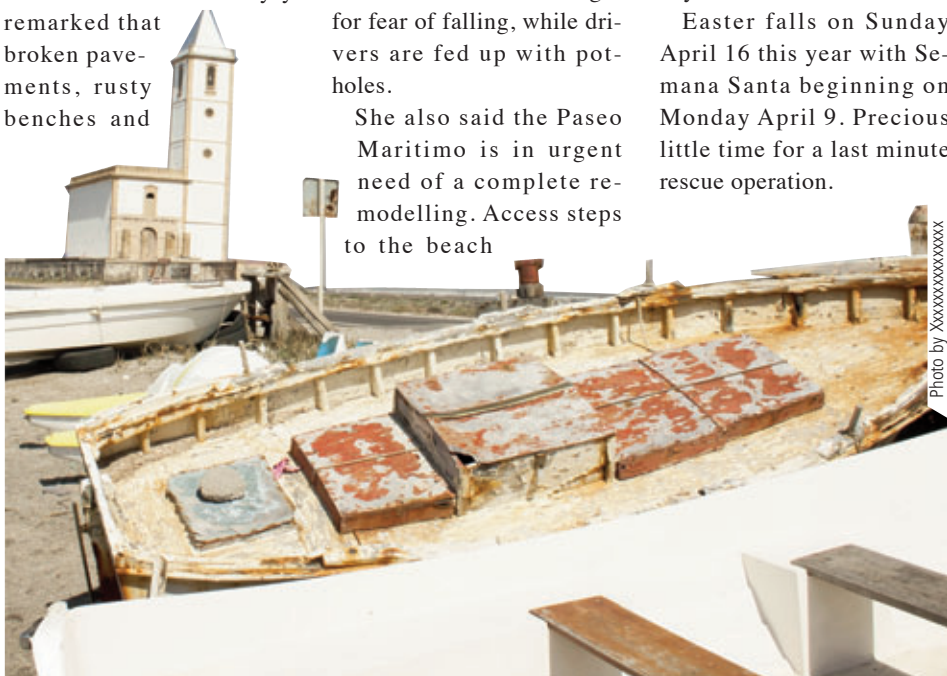


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Simple trick to help save lives

By Matt Elliott

FASTEN your seat belt. That is the vital message of Almeria's traffic police as they launch a new safety campaign. It comes after the revelation that 28 people died on roads across the province in 2016. Eight of them were not wearing their seatbelt.

The latest such incident was a 14-month-old baby in Fines after not being properly strapped in.

National efforts to raise safety awareness have saved countless lives across Spain. Yet in Almeria thousands seem to resist the message, perhaps considering it a burden rather than a lifesaver.

In one week alone last October 57 drivers and 56 passengers were fined for



ACCIDENTS: People are not buckling up.

not being buckled in across local roads. Police stopped 3,000 people that week, suggesting that around 3 per cent of the population do without a belt.

In the past 10 years 26,000 Almerians have been

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Whether this latest campaign will make a difference is yet to be seen. Across Spain more than 100 people needlessly lost their lives through neglect last year.

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Spain banks

Under an EU directive, each EU country provides a bank deposit guarantee of €100,000. In the event a bank fails, your national deposit guarantee scheme will refund your savings, up to the limit of €100,000. Savings above this could be lost.

Deposits are covered per depositor, so couples with joint accounts have €200,000 protected. The guarantee is per banking group, not per bank account or even per



By **Gerald Turner, Partner,**
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bank – some banks with different names form part of the same banking group, so be careful.

UK banks

In the UK, accounts in regulated banks are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The amount protected should be the same as offered in the EU and is currently £85,000.

As in Europe, protection is per depositor and per banking institution. Halifax and Bank of

Scotland, for example, are part of the same institution.

The length of time each claim takes to process depends on a number of factors, but the FSCS will aim to pay compensation within seven days. More complex claims will be paid within 20 days.

The FSCS now provides a £1 million protection limit for temporary high balances.

UK offshore centres

Banks in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not covered by the UK scheme, even if they are divisions of UK banks. You would need to rely on their local guarantee schemes, which offer lower levels of protection.

The Isle of Man provides compensation of up to £50,000 for covered banks. If a bank fails a fund will be created to pay depositors, with a maximum fund of £200 million. There is no guarantee when you will receive your compensation.

The limit in Jersey and Guernsey is also £50,000, capped at £100 million in any five year period. An interim payment of up to £5,000 will be made within seven days and the balance within three months.

Protecting yourself

Many savers with larger cash deposits have spread them out over more than one bank.

Others have opted to move capital into arrangements which provide a higher level of investor protection than banks can offer. For example, if you have an investment bond issued by a Luxembourg regulated insurance company, your investment assets are protected should the insurance company fail.

Luxembourg provides very robust protection for life assurance policy holders. There is the legal requirement that all clients' assets must be held by an independent custodian bank approved by the state regulator. The bank is required to ring-fence clients' securities so that

they are off its balance sheet. 100% of the policy holder's securities are protected (excluding cash deposits, but cash held in monetary funds are treated as securities and so protected.)

In any case, you should always ensure you have adequate diversification across different investment assets. This reduces risk and increases the potential for improved returns.

Your savings and investment decisions should be based around your personal objectives, circumstances, time horizon and risk profile. Take expert tailored advice on asset protection and suitable asset allocation for you.

All information contained in this article is based on our understanding of legislation and practice, in the UK and overseas at the time of writing; this may change in the future.

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Known for its stylish bars, stunning scenery and spectacular beaches, Aguadulce is also one of the most important agricultural centres in Europe. Decisions made at the exhibition may direct future farming policies across the EU.



AMANCIO ORTEGA: Began his business empire with clothing giant Zara.

Healthcare revolution for residents

by Matthew Elliott

A NEW agreement is set to put Almeria and Andalucia at the forefront of cancer

treatment and research. The Amancio Ortega Foundation will contribute €40 million to equipment, doctors and research in what has been described as an unprecedented collaboration between the charity and public sectors.

Ortega is Spain's richest man, once fleetingly the richest in the world ahead of even Bill Gates. He began his business empire with clothing giant Zara and is a renowned philanthropist.

The Foundation's agreement with the Andalusian Health Service will dramatically improve radiology units in hospitals from Almeria to Sevilla. The therapeutic capability of cancer units across the region will be improved gradually until 2020 when they will be among the very best in Europe.

Advanced technology will offer more precise treat-

“ Each year there are roughly 32,000 new cases of cancer registered in Andalucia.

ment, enhance quality of life and increase survival chances. Research will also be conducted into possible cures and prevention strategies.

Each year there are roughly 32,000 new cases of cancer registered in Andalucia. Medical advances have reduced mortality rates but prevalence is increasing. Diagnoses have gone up 1.6 per cent in men, and 2.3 per cent in women during the past 30 years. An older population, junk food and more sedentary lifestyle are behind the increase.

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Chacho receives commendation

By Matthew Elliott

ONE of Almería's finest journalists has been honoured for his incredible career at Spain's national Talento Awards, held by the Academy of Science and Television Arts.

Antonio Torres Flores,

known as Chacho, was commended for his stellar reporting, bringing some of Almería's biggest stories of the past 20 years to the public eye.

Chacho was born in Los Gallardos and has been in the industry since the early 1970s, working with local press before going on to national recognition. His film-script CV reads like a modern history of the province.

He was the first to uncover the notorious torture and murder of three young men in 1981 by the Almería Guardia Civil, who claimed they confused the victims with ETA terrorists. He later exposed the mafia-style racket of illegal coral fishing in the Cabo de Gata, one of the worst environment crimes in living memory.



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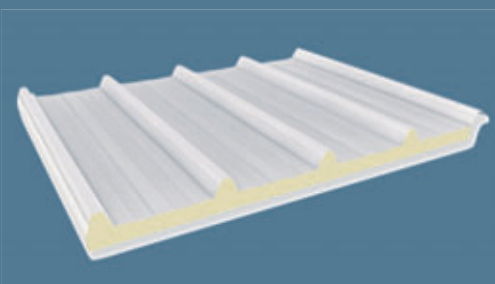
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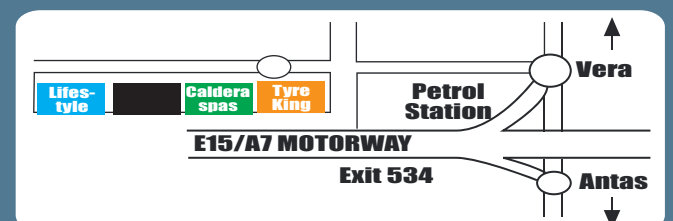
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School dispute intensifies

THE Popular Party of Albox has urged their PSOE rivals to join them in stopping the closure of Fenoy College. The school's closure has been part and parcel of complex and bitter political disputes at the local and regional level for years

PP spokesman Juan Pedro Perez Quiles said it would be awful to see the town go from having three schools to just two. The only consequence would be that Albox loses he continued in a press release.

He even accused PSOE councillors of being two-faced, claiming they promise parents they'll vote against the school closure, but tell the educational board that they'll support it.

Dozens of parents and teachers have taken to the streets of Albox to protest against the school's closure.

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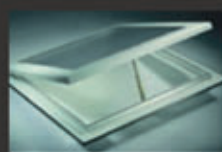
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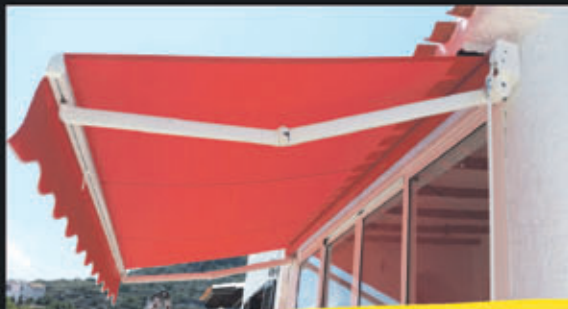
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Spanish State Visit to the UK

THE Spanish State Visit will celebrate close ties between our two countries and our two peoples, says British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, who welcomed the announcement of

a State Visit to the United Kingdom from June 6 to 8.

"In this Sapphire Jubilee celebration year for Her Majesty the Queen, I am delighted Their Majesties King Felipe VI and

Queen Letizia of Spain have accepted her invitation to visit the UK" said Mr Manley.

"This 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."

The Ambassador was speaking from Santander, where he is touring the north of Spain to promote education, tourism and investment in the UK.

Today, the United Kingdom and Spain are close partners in NATO and the United Nations, among numerous international organisations. We also continue to cooperate in the European Union, and once we leave the EU we want to strengthen our strong and constructive bilateral relationship with Spain.

The two countries are also



AMBASSADOR SIMON MANLEY: Is delighted about the State Visit.

Buckingham Palace. The programme will be announced in due course.

The last State Visit was when King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia visited in 1986. HM Queen Elizabeth II and The Duke of Edinburgh returned with a State Visit to Spain in 1988.

Since then the Spanish and British royal families have paid a number of formal visits to each other's countries. In 2002, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia attended the annual Order of the Garter Ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, including a dinner at Windsor Castle given by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

In 2011, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall paid a three-day official visit to Spain that was hosted by Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia. A few weeks later Queen Sofia, Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia attended the wedding in London of Prince William to Catherine Middleton.

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).

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.

On top of that, we share close educational connections, with nearly 11,000 Spanish students studying at UK universities and 50,000 students attending British schools in Spain.

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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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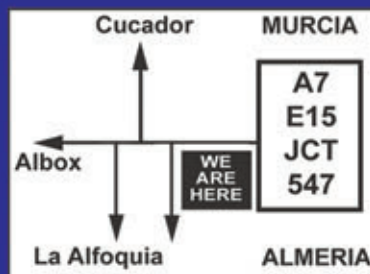
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Allegations mayor hid key information

THE mayor of Carboneras faces criminal prosecution over allegations that he prevented opposition councillors from accessing key information on the handing out of public contracts.

Salvador Hernandez of the independent Gicar party will be taken to court by the public prosecutor, who wants him to stand down and be barred from holding office.

The case centres on claims that he instructed staff to hide information on hiring and con-

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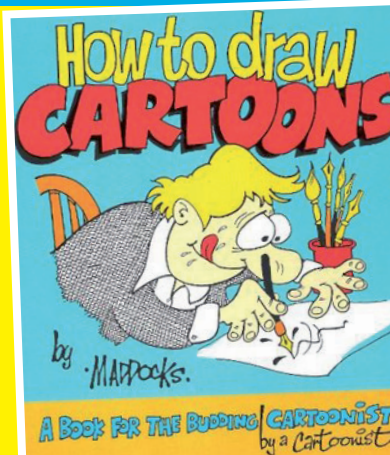
tracts from the Socialist PSOE party. If true, it represents a serious betrayal of civil rights and executive transparency.

There is no smoke without fire and further investigation would be likely to uncover what, if anything, he was hid-

ing. The Socialist party was barred from accessing information on electricity payments, public lighting, and licences regarding the notorious El Agarrobico hotel.

Hernandez is also facing a civil lawsuit from Greenpeace over his role in preventing the hotel’s immediate demolition. In 2015 he made headlines around the world when he told a female colleague to ‘shut up when a man is speaking’ during a heated debate.

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Duathlon event’s sixth year in city

TO celebrate Father’s Day on March 19 hundreds of people are expected to walk, run and cycle through Almería’s streets in the city’s duathlon event.

Now in its sixth year it is fast becoming one of Spain’s best community sporting highlights.

Organised by Almeritour Spain it brings together children, adults, athletes and seniors from across the province. It is also part of the Andalucian Championships so some of the athletes will be timed in sprint races.

The professionals will set off at 10am and cover five kilometres by foot, followed by 10 by bike, and another 2.5 running. Andarax park is the start and finish point, while the cycle route takes in the gorgeous coastal road towards Costacabana.

The children’s race begins at 12pm, while hundreds of regular citizens are invited to join in the fun, whether as a participant or to cheer others on.

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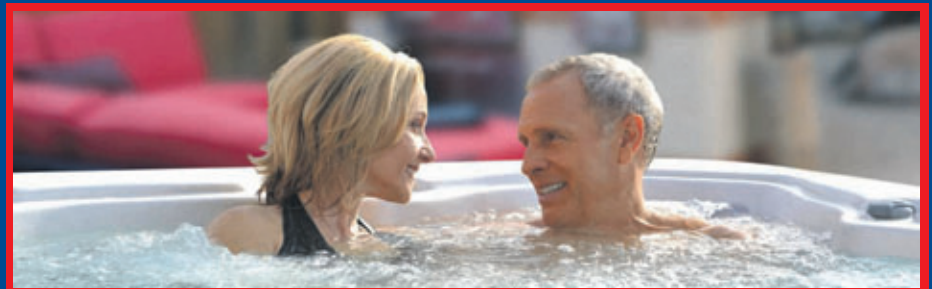
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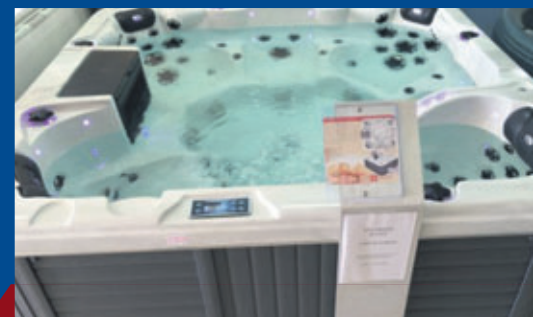
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Car manufacturers agree takeover

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



Photo by @ajplus Twitter

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.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Keep that mail coming and always.

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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

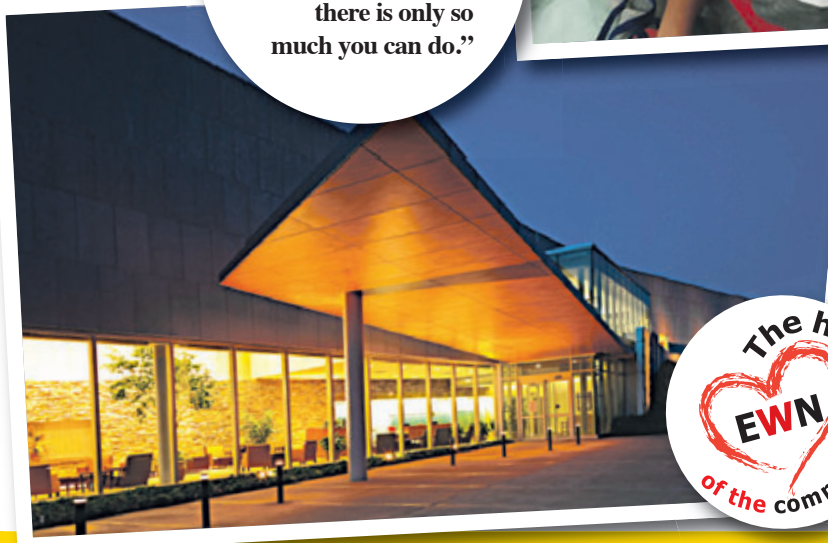
not, but he shouldn't be with the treatment."

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.

**BRAVE LEO:
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"I do not know if another tumour comes back if we continue fighting or what... there is only so much you can do."



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Channel 4 take a look at the goings on in docu-soap property series, Sun, Sea & Selling Houses, which will follow them as they sail their business through unpredictable waters, and also track their personal trials and tribulations away from the office.

The first family, The Garners (Spanish Property Choice) are from Cannock near Birmingham and are making waves on the Spanish property scene in Mojacar, Almeria. The Brummy family moved to Spain twelve years ago and have developed their own property empire on the coast. Mum Sharon and Dad Steve are the bosses but the business is a family-led affair with daughter Emma, son Shaun and son-in-law Matt all pitching in.

The shows second family are the Rodriguez, a family of Liverpudlians. Dad, Manuel, is originally from Spain. In 2001 he moved the whole family over to Benijofar where they started a property business from scratch. Manuel and Linda are the owners but their daughter Sophie and her husband Damon work with them as well as their daughter Charlotte.

Day to day the family's offices are a flurry of activity as Brit clients seek the best properties on their books but can they convince them to make the life changing decision to buy? And what is life after Brexit going to look like for them?

The twenty episode series started on 13th March 2017 on Channel 4 daytime at 4pm.



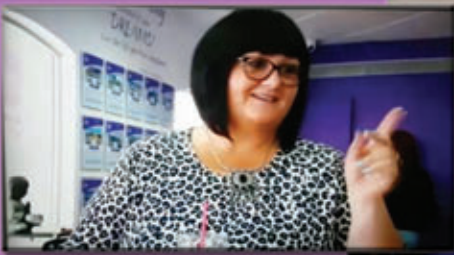
"We can all relate to wanting to give up Blighty to go live in sunny Spain. This series will follow the Brits who are chasing that dream and the people helping them make it a reality who are living the dream themselves.

Our two families are very much at the heart of their communities and this will enable us to see what life in the sun is really like." – Rob Butterfield, Executive Producer for Ricochet



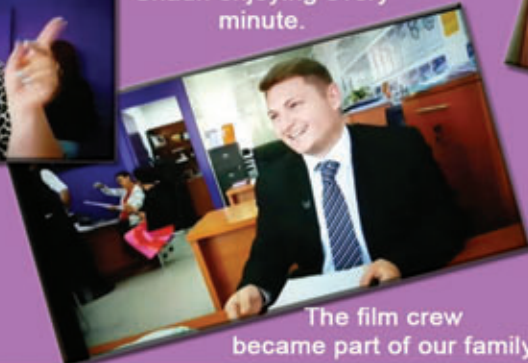
Our lovely clients Roger and Maureen appeared in the first episode.

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Shaun enjoying every minute.

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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 Isen.

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.



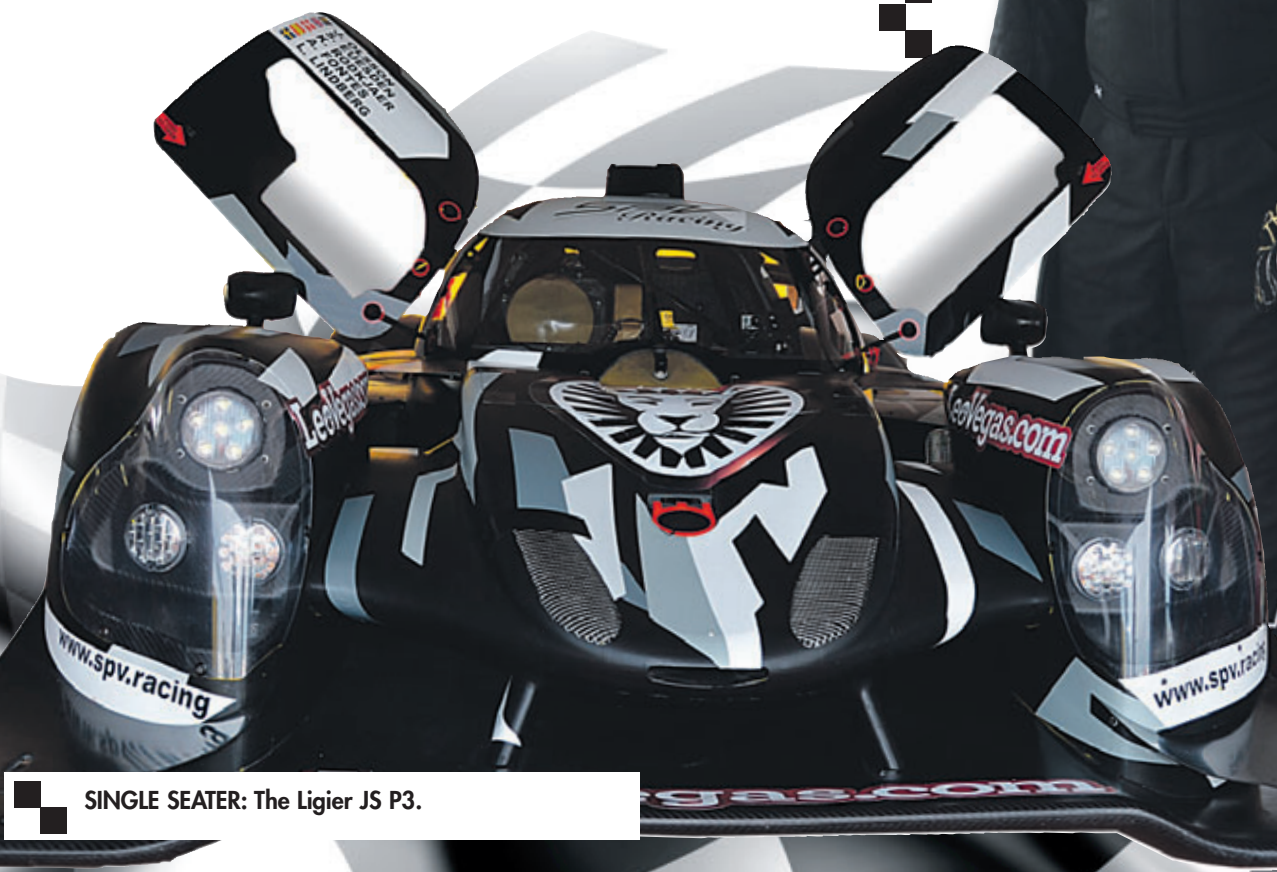
PENSIVE: A visibly tense Steven.



PEP TALK: Prior to taking his seat.



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	7:30pm BBC London News	7:00pm Eggheads	8:30pm NHS: Crisis on the Frontline? Tonight	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	7:30pm Premier League Legends
	8:00pm The One Show	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	9:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	8:00pm Live Premier League Darts
	8:30pm EastEnders	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip	9:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	8:55pm The Political Slot	9:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door	11:00pm Premier League Match Pack
	9:00pm Shop Well for Less	9:00pm The Great Pottery Throw Down	10:00pm Prime Suspect 1973	9:00pm The Supervet	10:00pm The Great British Benefits Handout	11:30pm La Liga Show
	10:00pm Britain on the Fiddle	10:00pm The Last Kingdom	11:00pm The Nightly Show with Davina McCall	10:00pm A Very British Hotel	11:00pm Celebrity Sex Pod	12:00am Barclays Premier League World
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:00pm Match of the Day	11:30pm ITV News	11:00pm Extremely British Muslims: The Rules	12:05am 100% Hotter!	
11:30pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	12:00am ITV News London	12:05am Mystery of the Man on the Moor	1:00am Super Casino		
11:45pm Question Time	12:15am Top Gear					
12:45am This Week						
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1:55am The Real Marigold Hotel					1:00am Premier League 100 Club	
SATURDAY 18 MARCH	6:55pm Weather	5:30pm Final Score	1:20pm ITV News and Weather	5:30pm Location, Location, Location	5:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door	10:45am Soccer A.M.
	7:00pm Pointless	6:30pm Flog It!	1:30pm Carry on Matron	6:35pm Grand Designs	6:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	12:30pm Football
	7:45pm Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief	7:30pm Wild Ireland	3:15pm Off Their Rockers	7:30pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm NCIS: Los Angeles	1:30pm Football
	9:00pm Who Dares Wins	8:30pm Britain at War	3:45pm The Voice UK	8:00pm Escape to the Chateau	9:00pm NCIS	4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday
	9:40pm Casualty	9:30pm Dad's Army	5:00pm Six Nations Rugby Union	9:00pm Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service	9:55pm 5 News	6:15pm Football
	10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	10:00pm Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th Birthday	8:30pm Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway	10:00pm Lucy	10:00pm Football on 5	9:00pm EFL Goals
	11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm QI XL	9:30pm The Voice UK	11:45pm RoboCop	11:30pm The True Story	9:30pm Nissan Game of the Day
11:18pm Weather	11:45pm True Grit: A Further Adventure	11:30pm ITV News and Weather	1:55am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	12:30am Criminals Caught on Camera	11:30pm Nissan Match Choice	
11:20pm Match of the Day	1:30am Ash Wednesday	11:45pm Lethal Weapon			12:30am Football	
12:45am This Country		12:35am Rambo III				
SUNDAY 19 MARCH	6:50pm Regional News	4:30pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	7:00pm Local News and Weather	3:55pm Rio	4:05pm Zathura: A Space Adventure	3:15pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
	6:55pm Weather	5:30pm Skiing	7:10pm ITV News and Weather	5:45pm Johnny English Reborn	6:00pm Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2	5:00pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
	7:00pm The Big Painting Challenge	7:00pm Six Nations Rugby Special	7:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	7:35pm Channel 4 News	7:50pm 5 News	8:00pm ATP Masters 1000-Indian Wells
	8:00pm Countryside	8:00pm Robot Wars	8:00pm Five Gold Rings	8:00pm Dave's Guide to Spending Money	7:55pm Left Behind	9:00pm Live ATP Masters
	9:00pm Antiques Roadshow	9:00pm Top Gear	9:00pm Vera	9:00pm Rivers with Jeremy Paxman	10:00pm 5 News	10:00pm 1000-Indian Wells
	10:00pm SS-GB	10:00pm Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall	11:00pm ITV News and Weather	10:00pm Homeland	12:10am Dark Skies	11:30pm PI Match Highlights
	11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm While We're Young	11:20pm The Nightly Show Best Bits	11:00pm Gogglebox	1:55am Greatest Sci-Fi Movies	12:00am Goals on Sunday
11:20pm Regional News	12:40am Women's Six Nations Highlights	11:45pm Peston on Sunday	12:00am 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown		1:00am PI Match Highlights	
11:25pm Weather		12:45am Rugby				
11:30pm Match of the Day 2						
12:40am American High School						
MONDAY 20 MARCH	8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads	6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News	7:40pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
	8:30pm Inside Out	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours	8:10pm Football
	9:00pm EastEnders	8:00pm Top Gear	7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away	10:45pm Scottish Football Round Up
	9:30pm Panorama	9:00pm University Challenge	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:55pm The Political Slot	7:30pm 5 News	11:00pm Revista de la Liga
	10:00pm Crimewatch	9:30pm Mary Berry Everyday	8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Dispatches	8:00pm The Cars That Made Britain Great	11:30pm Scottish Football Round Up
	11:00pm BBC News	10:00pm Second Chance Summer: Tuscany	9:00pm The Kyle Files	9:30pm Travel Man	9:00pm Police Interceptors	11:45pm Great Sporting Moments
	11:30pm Regional News	11:00pm Cradle to Grave	10:00pm Coronation Street	10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	10:00pm Inside King's Cross: The Railway	12:00am MLS Round Up Show 2017/18
11:40pm Weather	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm Broadchurch	11:00pm How'd You Get So Rich?	11:00pm Traffic Cops		
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You	12:10am Weather	11:00pm The Nightly Show	11:50pm Tattoo Fixers	12:00am Homefront		
12:30am Live at the Apollo		11:30pm ITV News	12:55am Gap Year			
		12:15am The Chase	1:45am A Very British Hotel			
TUESDAY 21 MARCH	8:30pm EastEnders	7:00pm Eggheads	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News	6:30pm Football Gold
	9:00pm Holby City	7:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food	7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	6:45pm Scottish Football Round Up
	10:00pm EastEnders	8:00pm The Best of British Takeaways	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	7:00pm Premier League Review
	10:30pm Would I Lie to You?	9:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News	8:00pm Premier League Crolla: The Million Dollar Story
	11:00pm BBC News	10:00pm American Justice	8:30pm Britain's Busiest Motorway	8:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	8:00pm Police Interceptors	8:15pm Boxing
	11:30pm Regional News	11:00pm Inside No 9	9:00pm The Secret Chef	9:00pm Mutiny	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet	8:30pm Football
	11:40pm Weather	11:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm Play to the Whistle	10:00pm Catastrophe	10:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild	11:00pm World Cup Qualifier
11:45pm How Police Missed the Grindr Killer	12:10am Weather	11:00pm The Nightly Show	11:00pm This is Us	1:05am Britain's Best Double Acts	12:30am La Liga World	
12:35am The Scottish Bounty Hunter		11:30pm ITV News	12:30am Gogglebox	2:00am Super Casino	1:00am Premier League	
		12:15am Prime Suspect 1973				
WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH	5:30pm Flog It!	6:15pm Bargain Hunt	4:00pm Chopping Block	6:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	2:00pm Great Sporting Moments
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	9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	10:00pm Incredible Medicine: Dr Weston's Casebook	7:45pm Emmerdale	10:00pm The Royal House of Windsor	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	5:00pm Football's Greatest
	10:00pm DIY SOS The Big Build	11:00pm Live at the Apollo	8:15pm International Football	11:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	11:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm The Nightly Show	12:00am Lee Mack	12:05am Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World	7:00pm Live WGC - Dell Match Play	
11:30pm Regional News		11:30pm ITV News			1:00am La Liga World 2016	
11:40pm Weather		12:15am England Friendly Highlights				
11:45pm Peter Kay's Car Share						
12:15am A Question of Sport						

Remembrance to end of our days

Ric Polansky

Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.

FOR my own sanity my heart has required me to jot a few notes concerning our living tragedy. Death is always shocking but even more so when unexpected. The loss of our son Peter Job has devastated us but must force us to be stronger.

We enter the realm of distant lovers fully illuminated in our minds yet not within grasp. Each restaurant visit will awaken a flood of passionate memories hardly extinguishable because of their reverential importance; an ongoing passage of recognition and remembrance to the end of our days.

The outpouring of sympathy and condolences has been overwhelming and most unexpected. Notes on Facebook from college friends not having seen Joby for some 20 years were reminiscent and poignant and



RED BERET: I vowed to wear it during cold times.

especially eye opening for a sad eyed father. Many of the eulogies were heartrending but none more so than the photo posted by Clinton Brown's widow, Inge.

Herein exists a story within another sad tale. Like many of the early pioneers to Mojacar our children grew up together and became friends for life. Sadly Clinton



TOGETHER AGAIN: Best friends.

Brown got cancer and was sent to Pamplona with just days to live. Sandy DeBruin and Joby wouldn't have it and drove to Pamplona to take him on tour. On their walk about they came across a statue of Hemingway and next to it was a lady selling red berets. They all chipped in and bought one for me. Upon Clinton's death I vowed to wear it during cold times and have.

With the death of son Joby I feel

even worse about wearing it. Clinton's wife posted on Facebook 'together again' which quite affected me. Best friends united again.

Joby was a good son. A contented husband, a good father. Always helpful to everyone and gracious too; of noble deportment.

The wonderful photos I have of the three of them on the town in Pamplona I am keeping hidden from the Gods.

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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

» Photographs for possible publication should be sent by email with a full caption to: photonews@euroweeklynews.com

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 Axarquia. 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.

Margaret Riordan

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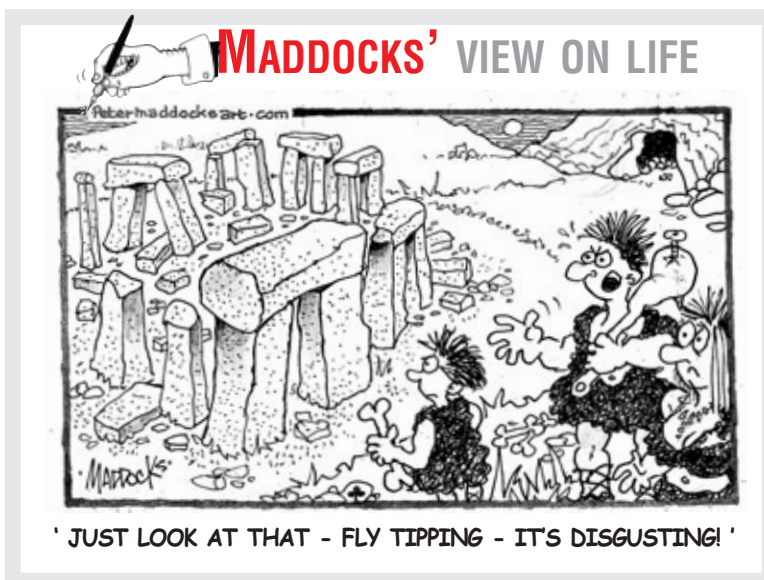
Kakuro

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

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7			6		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

15	1	4	3	5	2
16	4	3	6	2	1
3	2	1			
10		4	1		
15	4	5	2	3	1
17	6	1	5	2	3



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

cite cult cute left diet duct duet edit feet felt fete fiit left lift lite lute teed tide tied tile cited cleft cutie delft edict educt elect elite elute feted fetid filet fleet flute telic tilde tiled utile deceit defect delict dilute dulcet felted fluted futile leftie lifted deflect ductile DECEITFUL

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday March 11

6	15	23	BONUS BALL
29	55	57	46

IRISH LOTTO

Saturday March 11

3	11	32	BONUS BALL
36	37	38	1

EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday March 7

6	37	41	BONUS BALL
48	50	5	4

Friday March 10

31	36	38	BONUS BALL
47	49	11	8

LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday March 11

1	22	28	BONUS BALL
37	39	43	44
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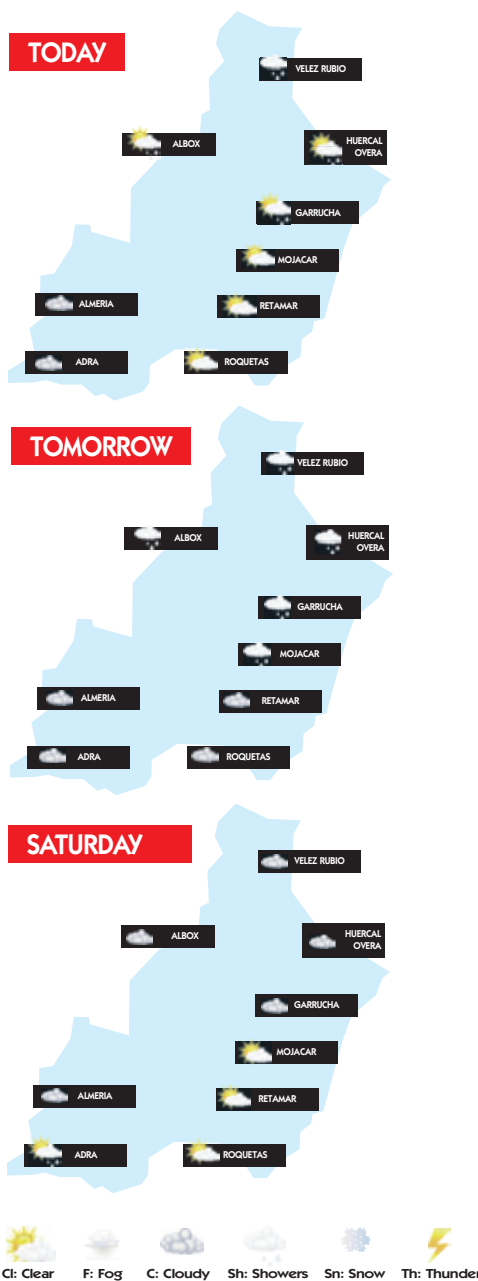
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Sunday March 12

8	22	26	BONUS BALL
29	32	5	

Costa de Almería

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
TODAY: MAX 19, MIN 11 - C	TODAY: MAX 18, MIN 6 - SH
Fri - 19 11 C	Fri - 18 5 Sh
Sat - 19 11 C	Sat - 21 5 S
Sun - 21 12 C	Sun - 22 6 S
Mon - 23 13 S	Mon - 21 6 C
Tues - 22 13 C	Tues - 20 5 C
Wed - 19 11 Sh	Wed - 16 3 C
Barcelona	Malaga
TODAY: MAX 17, MIN 8 - S	TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 11 - SH
Fri - 17 8 S	Fri - 17 10 Sh
Sat - 19 9 S	Sat - 19 9 C
Sun - 19 10 S	Sun - 22 11 C
Mon - 18 10 C	Mon - 24 12 S
Tues - 17 10 Sh	Tues - 23 11 C
Wed - 16 9 C	Wed - 20 9 C
Benidorm	Mallorca
TODAY: MAX 17, MIN 12 - C	TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 8 - S
Fri - 17 12 Sh	Fri - 20 7 S
Sat - 19 11 C	Sat - 20 7 S
Sun - 20 12 S	Sun - 21 8 S
Mon - 20 13 C	Mon - 20 10 C
Tues - 21 12 C	Tues - 20 9 Sh
Wed - 18 10 Sh	Wed - 19 9 Sh

S: Sun C: Clear F: Fog C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Sn: Snow Th: Thunder

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Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them



Directed by: David Yates
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Crossword

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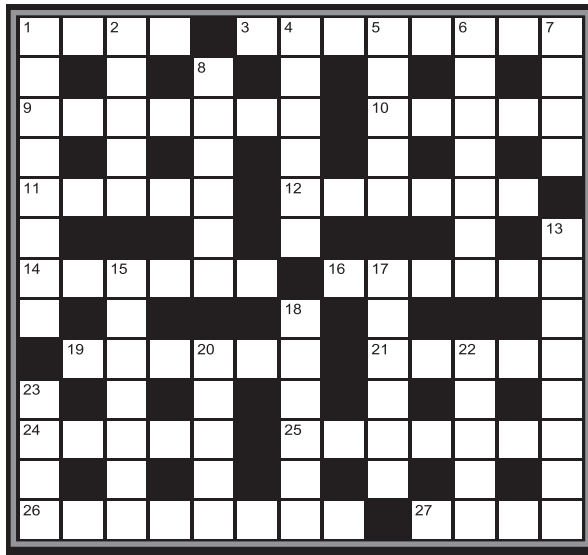
Cryptic

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)

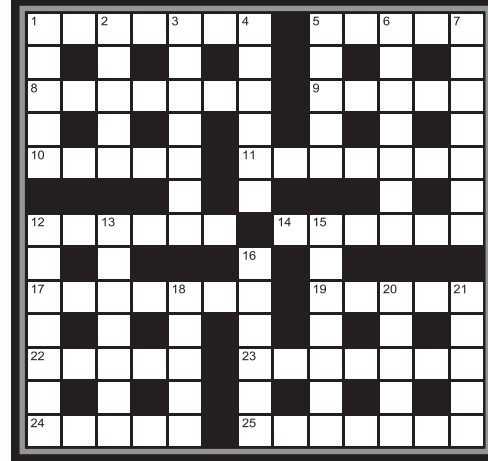
Down

- 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)

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)
- 15 Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something (7)
- 16 Unit of astronomical length (6)
- 18 Loud, wailing warning signal (5)
- 20 Discuss with reasoning (5)
- 21 State of danger involving risk (5)

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 Oration, 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 Serrin.

Down:

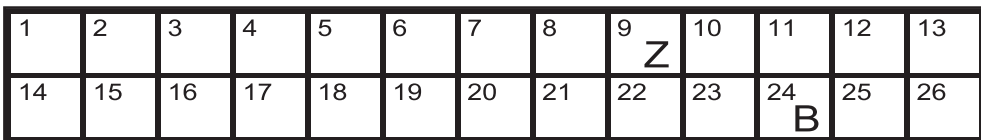
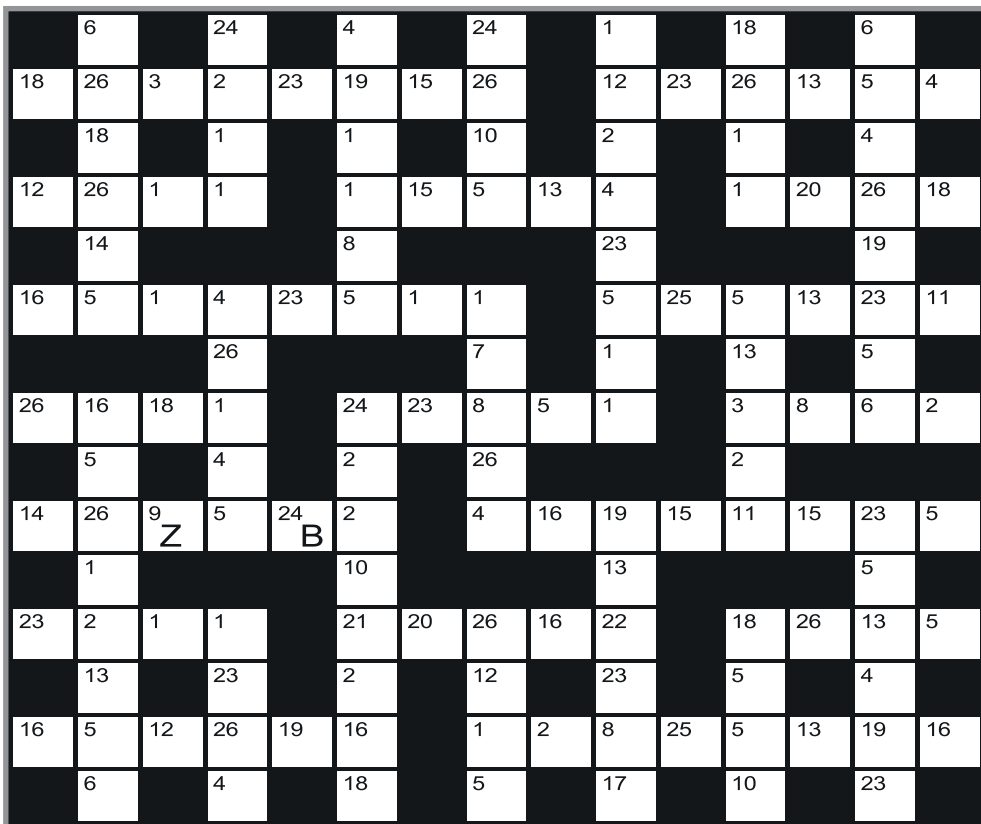
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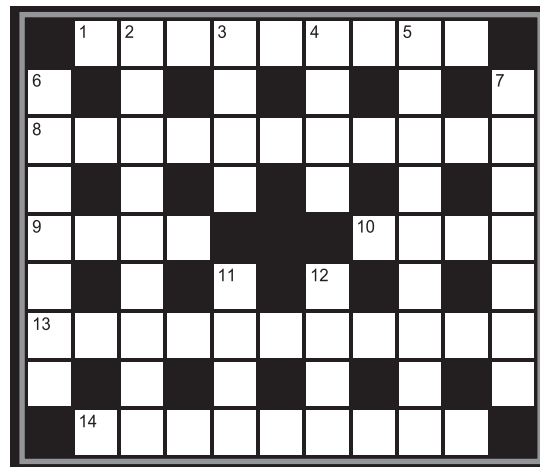
Code Breaker

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.



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)
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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!!

Email me at mikesenker@gmail.com.

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

You and the Law in Spain



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.

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Too much salt for most Spaniards

SPANIARDS consume nearly double the recommended daily amount of salt.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that adults should consume less than 5g of salt per day, but data published by the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) indicates that the Spanish population consumes an average of 9.7g of salt per day.

The report said that 72 per cent of ingested salt comes

from processed foods such as sausages, breads, cheeses and ready-made meals, with many Spaniards not aware of the salt content in the foods they buy.

Experts explain salt can be consumed as 'visible' and 'invisible' salt. In contrast to the popular belief that salt added during the cooking and seasoning of the dishes ('visible' salt) constitutes the highest percentage of salt consumption, this represents only 20 per cent. It is the 'in-

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visible' salt, which comes from food, that is the most concern, accounting to around 80 per cent of total salt consumption.

Salt is essential, but large amounts can have a detrimental effect on health if consumed in excess. For some years now, Spain has joined the National Salt Reduction Plan of the European Union.

This plan includes studies to know the consumption of salt in the Spanish population and the main sources of salt, the application of public awareness actions and the



LARGE AMOUNTS: Can have a detrimental effect on health.

promotion of food education in the school.

These initiatives, through

the AESAN, are part of a broader strategic plan such as the Strategy for Nutrition,

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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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Breakthrough blood test

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

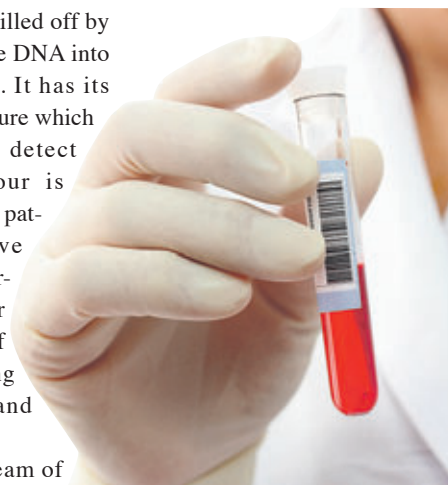
It is hoped the new 'liquid biopsies' will revolutionise cancer treatment by showing slow-growing tumours and those people most in danger, without the need for painful biopsies where part of the organ is removed for further testing.

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.

FORWARD STEP: The new tests make detection and diagnosis of disease easier.



Plea to women to take care

JUST 11 per cent of Spanish women spend more than a hour a day taking care of themselves, with most caring for others before looking after themselves.

Herbalife nutrition company conducted a study through its 12th Healthy Habits Panel, in which 89 per cent of Spanish women admitted to not dedicating more than one hour a day to their own care.

Just 2 per cent said they were able to dedicate more than three hours to their own care. Work, family and home occupations were primarily responsible, but this could have negative consequences on the health of women as not spending time on themselves eating correctly, exercising and getting enough sleep can trigger health problems.

Herbalife said they wanted to appeal to all Spanish women "to find time in their day to day life to dedicate to themselves" believing that "following a healthy and active lifestyle is the key to being better physically and mentally."

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Hollywood hall of fame

THE television and pop culture juggernaut that is Game of Thrones will be back filming in Almería ahead of its seventh season, scheduled for release in the summer.

Spain has been a firm favourite of the fantasy TV series thanks to its remarkably diverse scenery. And tax incentives to help rekindle its own film industry.

Almería has previously featured in the show's desert scenes, though the dragons used are not thought to be local.

The Tabernas desert has seen a resurgence among Hollywood blockbusters in recent years, raising hopes of a return to the golden age of the 1960's when Clint Eastwood and Spaghetti Westerns put Almería in the Hollywood Hall of Fame.



TABERNAS DESERT: Has seen a resurgence in recent years.

Solidarity swimming

COULD you swim for 12 hours straight? That's the latest calling among Almería athletes who want to help children with cancer. The next big swimathon takes place in Roquetas de Mar on March 25.

Brave fundraisers will take to the water and swim, paddle or float from dawn till dusk hoping to raise 130,000 to help provide research, new facilities and care centres.

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Glorious return of the original dance master

ONE of Almería's most iconic singers will be back on stage in his home province when he roars back from retirement. DJ and crooner Javier Rapollo is credited with practically inventing dance music in Spain.

His iconic album 'Made in Spain' was released 21 years ago in 1996 and is one of the best selling Spanish albums of all time. His breakthrough into mainstream Spanish pop placed him among the province's hottest musical exports.

But before he was a singer, Rapollo had smashed all kinds of records as a dancer. He still owns a place in the Guinness Book of records for DJ'ing in a studio for 170 hours straight. In his earlier days he danced for 130 straight hours, falling just 70 minutes short of the world record when a doctor demanded he stop.

Now after years of the quiet life the artist will be returning home to perform at the Almería fairground. Tickets are now on sale for the August 27 gig which will surely be a musical highlight of the Almería calendar.



JAVIER RAPOLLO: Will return to perform at the Almería fairground.

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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 particu-

lar 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!!

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!

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

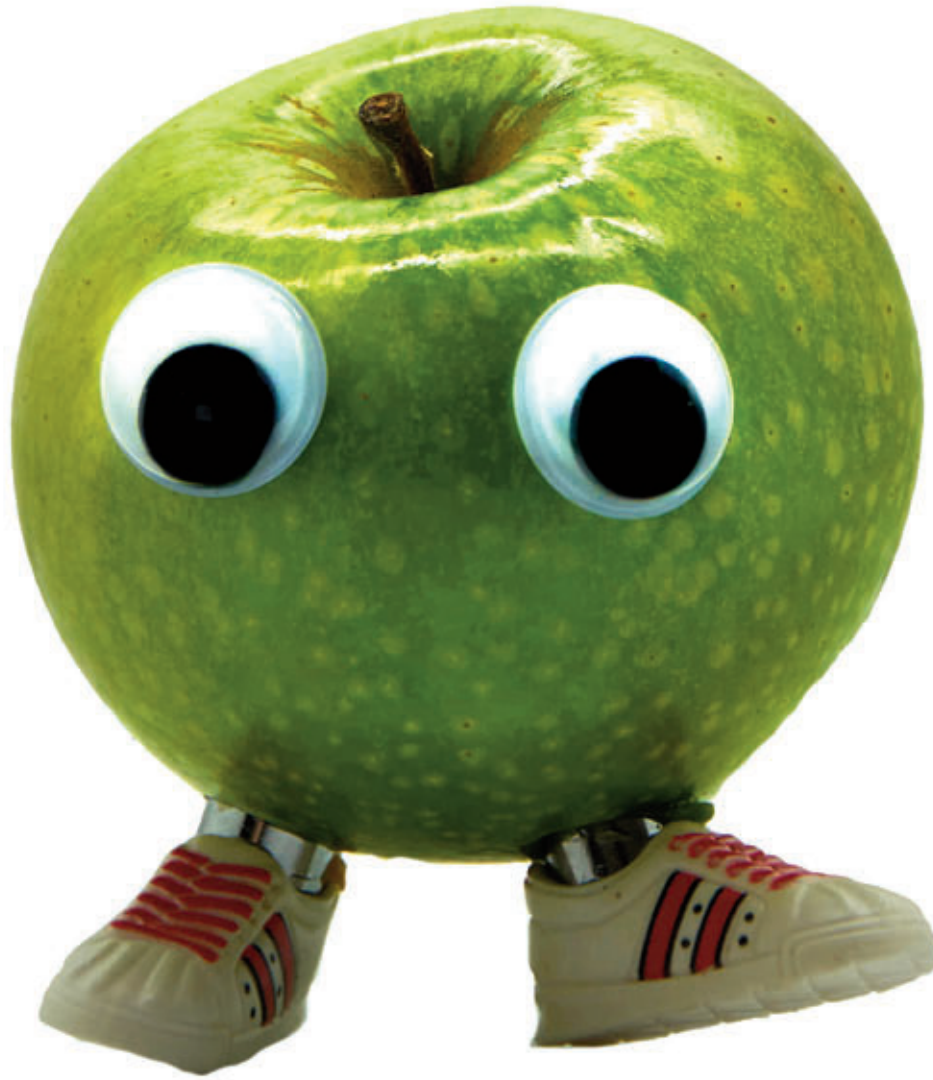
Garry Waite is a well-known foodie and restaurateur as well as a Hospitality Management Consultant. If you are contemplating setting up an operation in Spain, or indeed having problems with an existing project contact him on garrywaite@euroweeklynews.com.



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Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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

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.



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The blaze began at 4pm and by 8pm was finally under control. But then the phone rang again

and exhausted firemen raced off to an Albox house at Camino del los Segovias to quickly extinguish the threat.

Even fires come in threes and in the evening the call came again. This time a car had caught fire at an industrial estate. Fortunately fate had saved the easiest for last and the fire was out within minutes.

Boundless energy

AFTER a week of protests, exciting workshops and raising awareness, around 50 women took part in a six kilometre charity run in Seron. Participants came from all walks of life and enjoyed a healthy breakfast before the run.

The community group had dedicated the week from March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day and held important talks and workshops on health, emotions, energy and family.

Mystery of blaze

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Real estate ramps up

CONSTRUCTION company Neinor Homes, based in Bilbao, 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, the first time a residential

property developer has gone onto the stock exchange in 10 years.

A statement from Neinor said international investors had a powerful vision for the recovery of the Spanish real estate sector, which continues its strong recovery.

Stronger than ever before

By Matthew Elliott

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.

“ It was the third consecutive year of growth and the best since 2007.

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 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.



NEW HOMES: Fared especially well last year.

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 show dividends

By Graeme Tyrrell

IT is time to start preparing the vegetable garden for the sum-

mer 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 plants to produce what you need on a regular basis rather than the normal 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.

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 just a few weeks more. So I don't miss out on a harvest and always have as long a season as possible for the year.

It doesn't work with all veg-

etables 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.

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



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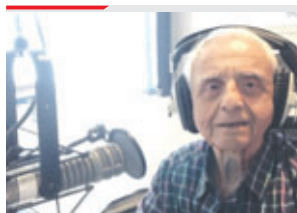
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The car is earmarked to launch in 2021, two years after its first mid-engined model, the Valkyrie, hits the market in 2019.

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.

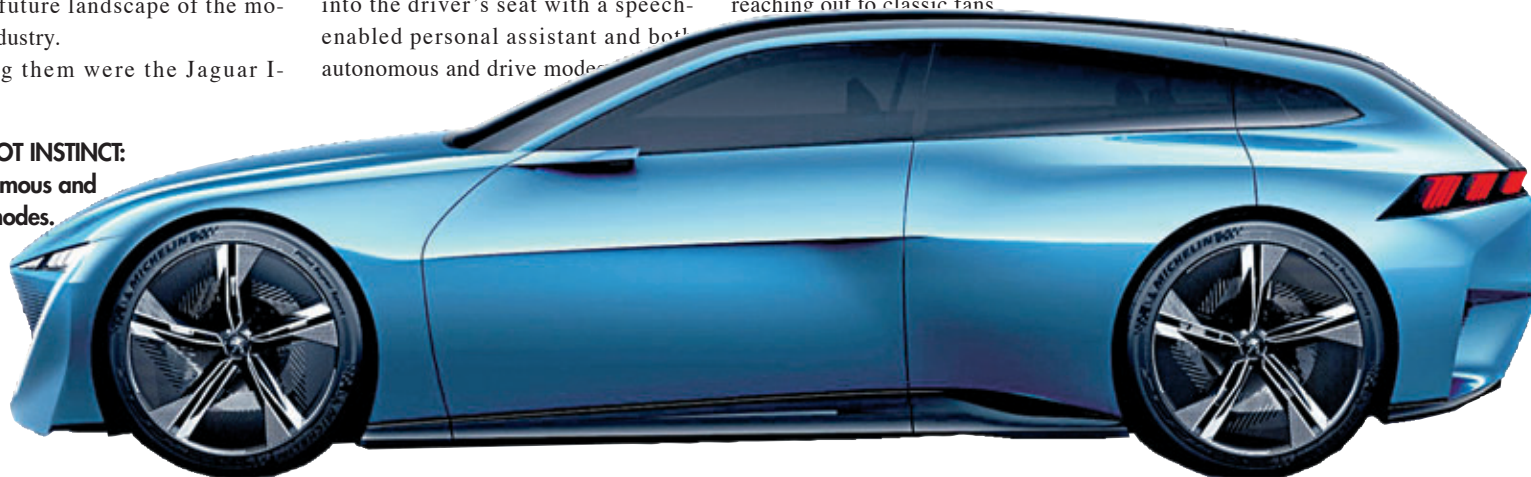
There was the Peugeot Instinct, which brings the ‘Internet of Things’ into the driver’s seat with a speech-enabled personal assistant and both autonomous and drive modes.

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, Monteverdis, Mercedes and Porsches reaching out to classic fans

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.

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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

The Subaru Outback

THE Subaru Outback is a formidable off-roader which is also very good to drive on the tarmac, making it ideal for those whose lifestyle mixes urban and rural activities.

It is quite refined to drive, is well equipped, looks smart and classy and Subaru has an excellent reputation for reliability so it ticks many boxes for potential buyers, with prices starting from €37,844 (£32,680).

While the 2.0 litre diesel will be the choice of many, those seeking sharper performance can have the 172 hp 2.5 litre petrol model which still offers 14.3 kpl, pretty good for such a

large vehicle, and this version – the Outback entry-level model – was the one I tested.

It is labelled SE Lineartronic and has CVT auto transmission with all-wheel-drive, and delivers a top speed of 209 kph and a 0-100 kph time of 10.2 seconds – quick by class standards.

Underway, this engine pulls smoothly and quietly and the CVT box changes with minimal fuss. With nicely-weighted steering too, everything combines to give a refined drive on smooth surfaces, though on

heavily-potholed roads, you do feel the bumps. The Outback also feels quite nimble in town, easy to handle and park.

On the open road it corners well and while, as with most vehicles in this sector, there is an element of body roll, it is well-controlled with reassuring grip and the overall ride quality is very good.

The exterior of the Outback makes a strong and quite classy visual statement, and while the cabin is laid out for functionality rather than style, its understatement is no detriment to the overall good impression.

There is

plenty of room for five occupants, and the boot space of 559 litres (expanding to 1,848 litres) is substantial.

This entry-level version comes with an extensive standard equipment list which includes alloy wheels, roof rails, powered tailgate, sunroof, body-cladding, touchscreen infotainment system, Bluetooth, satnav, Starlink connectivity, adaptive cruise control, climate control, leather upholstery, auto emergency braking, and engine stop-start.

The Outback comes over as a well-built no-nonsense contender with plenty of standard kit and Subaru's top reputation for dependability.

Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.



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Four by phwoar

JUDGES have revealed the top three finalists for the World Car of the Year 2017 awards. The top trio were selected by 75 motoring journalists and experts from across the world.

The real winner is already confirmed. The SUV. All three finalists are SUVs, showing how big family cars continue their plot of world domination.

In 2017 the top three are the Audi Q5, Jaguar F-Pace, and Volkswagen Tiguan. The winner will be announced at the prestigious New York Inter-

national Auto Show in April.

Jaguar hasn't yet won the World Car of the Year award but its F-Pace is also shortlisted for the World Car Design award. The top three luxury cars are the BMW 5-Series, Mercedes-Benz E-Class and Volvo S90/V90.

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Bullitt gathered dust in scrapyard

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 had made history in one of the most daring car chases in film history.

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

That was until film director Hugo Sanchez bought the car to use in car heist flick 'Gone In Sixty Seconds' in the year 2000. Taking it into the body

shop for use in a new film, Sanchez has now discovered that the battered old Mustang was actually one of two used in the legendary Bullitt car chase scene.

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

It's a timely discovery too, ahead of the Mustang's 50th year anniversary in 2018. Sanchez and bodywork specialist Ralph Garcia 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

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.

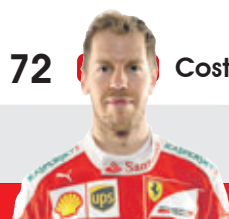


JONATHAN JOSEPH: His hat-trick of tries helped England beat Scotland.

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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19th Hole Golf Society

THE 19th Hole Golf Society recently played a Three Division Stableford and a Team Waltz at the Aguilon Golf Resort.

Mike Esposito enjoyed the weather and conditions leading his team to a comfortable victory in the Waltz and a win in division one as well as taking Nearest the Pin in two on the 11th.

Nekane Galindez also took advantage of the conditions leading her team to second place, a win in the second division and a Nearest the Pin on the 8th. John Kennedy won the third division and claimed a Nearest the Pin on the 17th which he converted to a two.

Team Waltz: 1st Mike Esposito, Bob Tagg, Bernie O'Brien, Ellen Lea, net 86. 2nd Nekane Galindez, Paco Ocaña Grajal, Tony Lea and Ghostie, net 83.

Individual Stableford:

1st Division: 1st Mike Esposito, net 34 points (12) on card countback. 2nd Peter Death, net 34 points (10).

2nd Division: 1st Nekane Galindez, net 39 points (24). 2nd Tony Mackay, net 36 points.

3rd Division: 1st John Kennedy, net 36 points (28). 2nd Karyn Esposito, net 34 points (33).

Nearest the Pins: 3rd Brian Lowden, 8th Nekane Galindez, 11th (in two) Mike Esposito, 12th Bob Tagg, 14th John Kennedy and 17th Vince Swain.

Twos: 8th Bob Tagg and Bernie O'Brien, 12th Bob Tagg, 14th John Kennedy and 17th Tony Mackay.

The 19th Hole Golf Society arranges weekly games around the area playing Aguilon every other week. For more information call 634 315 813 or email gs19thhole@hotmail.co.uk.

Aguilon medal play

IT'S a busy time of the year on the golf course, and it seems like most of Scandinavia has come to Almeria to play golf with the fairways very congested and it seems that spring has arrived right on time.

On Wednesday March 1 the Monthly Medal was played. It was a lovely day to be playing the dreaded 'medal' although no fear for the winner, who is an example for everyone and any player in their 'eighties' who took the trophy with a five under par round.

1st Roy Bishop 81-15= 66. 2nd Dave Sharp 74-4= 70. 3rd Julie White 84-13=71.

Twos: Mike Hooker, Dave Sharp 3rd, Derrick Stephenson 8th, Ann Miles and Phil Miles 12th and Ann Holder 17th.

With the Swedish contingent taking over the club's home course for the day on Wednesday March 8, the members travelled to La Envía to enjoy a lovely sunny day on a different course. With the fast greens causing members problems at home there was a new problem with the greens only half the speed that the members were used to.



MEDAL WINNER: (Above left) Roy Bishop being presented with the trophy by Les Rauffer (above right) and Mark Newall (right) the winner at La Envía.



1st Mark Newall 34 pts. 2nd Dave Simpson 32 pts. 3rd Paula Davies 30 pts on a card play off.

Twos: only one Maj-Len Thun 3rd.

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