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Party poopers

City crackdown on tourist revellers

By Matthew Elliott

Sex, drink and drug advertising have been banned in Palma under punitive new by-laws designed to clear up the city's decadent summer scene.

Having sex in public places, including parks and beaches, can also now incur a substantial €3,000 fine.

The ban on public sex only applies in El Arenal, the city's most popular party spot. Sex is only generally banned in Spain when children are nearby but different municipalities are allowed to enforce their own laws on the matter.

Advertising restrictions will ban posters, t-shirts, or shop window fronts which promote sex, drugs and alcohol. Penalties for infringement range from €100-€300. It is unclear whether the strict laws will be enforced on tourists wearing brand beer t-shirts.

A ban on the infamous 'botellon,' parties involving large groups of youngsters drinking outside, will be enforced again this summer. Last year police charged more than 1,100 people with break-



NEW BY-LAWS: Came into effect at the end of April.

ing the 'botellon' ban during a heavily publicised crackdown.

This year it extends to any public consumption of alcohol around key nightlife areas. Police are still smarting from

public criticism over the large number of fights and public disturbances last summer.

The notorious 'bikini law' imposed several years ago will not be making a comeback but police will have en-

hanced powers to charge people with 'indecentcy.' The bikini law allowed police to stop people for not wearing tops in public but was since abandoned as an overreach of town hall powers.

All laws came into effect at the end of April and will now be enforced. Police will also tackle 'balconing' the dangerous drinking craze that saw a spate of foreign tourists plunge to their deaths from hotel balconies across Mallorca.

Danger roads mapped out

AFTER a British cyclist and cycling safety campaigner was killed on Mallorca, the island authorities have released a list of roads believed to be safe for cyclists.

Safety experts divided the island's road network into different categories, recommended, usable and unsuitable.

A total of 222 road kilometres are deemed com-

pletely unsafe for regular bike usage. Country roads in particular are considered dangerous. Cyclists should be particularly careful around Pollensa and Alcudia.

Due to popular demand the Mallorcan consul is considering creating a mobile phone app that will offer users a map of the 2,091 kilometres of main road, divided into safety categories.

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NEWS EXTRA**Aero bus**

TIMETABLES for the re-vamped summer bus service between Palma airport and key tourist resorts in Mallorca can now be found online. The transport company is Tib and tickets cost between €5 and €12.

May Day

AN estimated 1,000 people protested for better workers' rights during a May Day march in Palma organised by major Spanish trade unions. The mayor was in attendance and, unlike in Paris, no trouble was reported.

Too late

A 59-YEAR-OLD man died after he suffered a heart attack and crashed his car into a wall in Porto Cristo early on Sunday morning. The local man felt unwell and was driving to a hospital at the time.

Island of passion



LOVE ISLAND: Former winner Jessica Hayes poses for the cameras.

By Matthew Elliott

LOVE ISLAND is back filming on Mallorca. The hit British reality television show is now in its third season, all of them taking place on the island.

This time around the sev-

en-week filming process takes place in a stately house in Ses Salines, moving from the usual location in San Llorenç.

The show sees young singles thrown into coupling arrangements by popular vote from the audience. Un-

like the original series which was based in Fiji, the singles are all members of the public, though most go on to become tabloid celebrities.

The show has had huge ratings and is considered partly responsible for the

huge upsurge in British tourism to Mallorca last year. This year is expected to be no different and local businesses are already salivating at the prospect of 200 crew members flush with cash spending big in the hotels.

Ban on music

EWN contributor Leapy Lee supported a silent protest at Calvia Town Hall over plans to introduce noise limits in bars.

The council originally intended to reduce permitted levels to 50 to 60 decibels but this would mean that musicians would no longer be able to perform in the town.

Bar and restaurant owners as well as local musicians, both foreign and Spanish, want to see the level raised to between 70 and 100 decibels in order to allow for the continued performance of live and recorded music in Calvia.

It appears that the council may now consider its decision in light of the opposition.



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EWNMG: Michel and Steven Euesden.

EWNMG set to launch new paper

A NEW free weekly English-language newspaper is to be launched tomorrow (Friday) on the Costa del Sol.

The first edition of the 64-page *RTN Costa del Sol* will be available from numerous key local distribution points from Torremolinos to Sotogrande.

The RTN brand of community newspapers was launched successfully on the Costa Blanca 18 years ago.

The brand with various editions covering the Valencia, Alicante and Murcia regions was earlier this year taken over by EWN Media Group (EWNMG), publishers of six editions of this newspaper, and also the *Sol Times* brand.

Now with tomorrow's launch on the Costa del Sol, the brand further increases its footprint area and provides readers and advertisers increased choice.

RTN Costa del Sol will increase the number of weekly publications owned and handled by EWNMG to 13, and further expansion is also on the cards.

Tragic end

A MORBIDLY obese woman weighing more than 200 kilos died after firefighters attempted to rescue her from her Inca home by using a crane. Paramedics were called to the scene after the 43-year-old suffered a severe asthma attack.

After assessing the situation, firefighters ruled out lifting the woman from the windows of her second floor apartment because they were too small and the woman had been housebound for some time.

Eventually they decided the only option was to wait for first light to return to the scene with a crane to lift her down from the terrace. They had been called out late in the evening but were unable to get her into an ambulance until 8.20am the next morning.

Unfortunately she died on the way to Son Llatzer hospital.

Shrink or swim for expatriates

MALLORCA'S official German population is continuing to shrink. The latest data from the Spanish Institute of Statistics (INE) found that there were just 19,108 registered as residents on the Balearic Islands.

The data, dated to January 1, 2017, shows a decrease of 1,343 people since the beginning of last year. But much of the decline is believed to be due to the new property tax introduced in 2011 which made it financially sensible for German expats not to be registered as Mallorca residents.

The introduction of Modelo 720 in 2012, which demands the disclosure of large foreign assets, has also contributed to the technical population shrinkage. The same phenomenon has affected other major expat groups.

The official British population of the Balearics dropped from 16,134 to 14,584 while Swiss and Austrians also registered substantial declines. There are now less than 1,000 Austrians across the islands.

Yet the foreign population as a whole continues to swell.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...11

Driving force

SEAT is now part of the massive Volkswagen Group, but was founded in 1950 as a state-owned Spanish company

Based in Martorell, not far from Barcelona, the present SEAT (Sociedad Espanola de Automoviles de Turismo) headquarters, which has the capacity to annually produce around 500,000 vehicles, was opened in 1993 by King Juan Carlos.

As the nation's only major car manufacturer able to develop its own designs in-house, its range of models are frequently named after places in Spain, and include Ibiza, Leon, Toledo, Alhambra and Altea.

A number of town halls are now competing to have a new model named after their municipality.

SEAT, with a workforce of more



SEAT: Was opened in 1993 by King Juan Carlos.

than 14,000, showed a €6 million after tax profit in 2015.

With around 80 per cent of its cars exported, SEAT also has manufacturing plants in Portugal, Germany, and Slovakia.

However Martorell produces vehicles and is also home to the brand's technical centre, research facilities, development and design branch, cus-

tomor services division, and a genuine parts factory for SEAT, in addition to 'stablemate' brands Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda.

Meanwhile Barcelona's Zona Franca site, the original home of SEAT, boasts the company's training centre, and manufactures stamped body parts and gearboxes for all VW group cars.

The iconic SEAT 600

SEAT produced the classic 600 city car in Spain from May 1957 to August 1973 with nearly 800,000 made, including many for export.

The model kickstarted the economic boom known as the 'Spanish miracle' that ended the country's slow recovery from the Civil War.

Made under licence through a partnership with Italian manufacturer Fiat, it was relatively inexpensive and frequently the only car within the economic means of many Spanish families.

Walk around any Spanish town and the chances are a SEAT 600 can be spotted, often lovingly restored.



SEAT 600: Kickstarted the economic boom.

Brit release

AN Irishman was arrested and then released after being accused, without evidence, of raping a young British tourist.

The travelling pair met at a Magaluf nightclub on Sunday evening and were later spotted by key witnesses holding hands and kissing as they wandered around the busy streets.

The woman, 22, and the Irishman, 29, were staying at the same Tirso de Molina hotel and decided to go to her room.

At 6am on Monday she went to police and accused the man of rape. By 9am he was in custody and hauled before a court. By late afternoon detectives had found inconsistencies in the man's story.

A physical exam found no evidence of force and she soon admitted that they'd had a passionate night. He was quickly released and is free to return home.

Great car ban

TOURIST cars have been banned from

the popular beaches of Calo des Moro and Cala s'Almonia in the south of Mallorca. Shuttle buses will be available for tourists to allow locals better access to their homes.

Safety was a key issue in the decision after complaints fire engines and ambulances had trouble accessing people's homes. Residents will still be allowed vehicle access to the beaches and surrounding attractions.

The decision shouldn't have too much impact on tourist traffic to the beautiful bays. The area is easily accessible by hiking or biking. Increased shuttle buses during the high season will bring bathers to the beaches, partially funded by the eco-tax.

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Postscript to ponder

18.6%

Spain's unemployment rate is expected to fall in 2017 and 2018 reports the IMF, although youth unemployment is 40 per cent. GDP is rising but more work is needed to recover from 'La Crisis.'

Cold threat to wine crop

THE entire wine harvest of northern Spain is under threat after temperatures plummeted to -5°C before the weekend.

Some growers in the Ribera del Duero, Castilla y Leon, resorted to hiring a helicopter to fly above their vines and prevent frost from forming, but others suffered significant losses.

A state of catastrophe has been declared in the Bierzo area, Leon, where 70-80 per cent of the harvest was lost, Galician growers have lost an estimated 21.7 million bottles of wine with a market value of €72 million, with up to 95 per cent of vines affected in places.

Need for speed

A TOTAL of 31,086 drivers were handed speeding fines by the Spanish Directorate General of Traffic (DGT) from April 17-23.

The penalties came after a week-long monitoring and control campaign during which the Guardia Civil stopped 581,294 vehicles after zapping them with fixed or mobile radars.

Four motorists were arrested for exceeding the speed limit by more than 80 km/h and may face three-to-six month prison sentences, while the remaining offenders must pay fines ranging from €100-€600.

Noise annoys

ONE in four Spaniards are exposed to unsafe levels of noise pollution caused by levels of traffic on the roads, a new EU report reveals.

It claims around 12 million of the population, about 26 per cent, suffers high noise levels, defined as being

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Around the nation in 7 stories

Postcard from Burgos



EL CID, the Castilian nobleman, military hero, and diplomat, is a historical hero of Burgos, being born nearby and raised and educated in the northern city.

At the edge of the Iberian central plateau, the Gothic beauty of the Cathedral plus a large numbers of churches, palaces and other buildings from medieval times saw the city declared a World Heritage Site in 1984.

With a population of around 180,000 and once the capital of the Crown of Castile, the city forms a crossroads on the historic route of the pilgrimage Camino de Santiago, which runs parallel to the River Arlanzon.

Early humans made their home in the area as long as 800,000 years ago, the Romans occupied the city, and in the 5th century, the Visigoths conquered.

The Moors occupied almost all of Castile in the 8th century but only for a short time and there is little sign of their influence, while in the middle of the 9th century King Alfonso III the Great of Leon took it and built a castle 'in defence of Christendom,' giving the region its name 'land of castles.'

Founded in 884 Burgos was an outpost of the expanding Christian frontier and the start of the reconquest of Spain.

With the Duke of Wellington besieged and forced to retreat with his allied army in the Peninsula War, the city was the scene of battles during civil wars of the Spanish succession, and during the Spanish Civil War, was the base of General Franco's Nationalist government.

above a daily average of 55 decibels.

The report shows railways are the second main source of noise, with 19 million affected; the third cause is air traffic, affecting 4.1 million living near airports.

Not so popular

HUNDREDS of people demonstrated outside the Madrid headquarters of the ruling Partido Popular to protest against corruption.

The protest was organised through social media and was not officially sanctioned. People were warned they could face fines under Spain's controversial new Citizen Security Law; labelled 'the Gag Law' because of its clampdown on public protest.

Power down

IBERDROLA, Spain's largest power company, blames a fall on its first quarter profits partly on the weakness of Sterling following the Brexit vote.

The energy giant - which generates a quarter of its earnings in Britain where it owns Scottish Power - said net profit from January to March fell by 4.7 per cent to €827 million.

Grotty grub

EUROPEAN police have seized around €230 million of 'potentially harmful' counterfeit food and drink in a four month operation.

Almost 10,000 tonnes of counterfeit or harmful food and drink were grabbed by officers following around 50,000 checks at shops, markets, airports, seaports, and industrial estates.

In Spain 530kg of clams 'unfit for human consumption' were found, across the border in Portugal more than 300,000 cans of sardines in tomato sauce were seized among 13 million items taken into custody.

Birthdays

• Rory McIlroy (28), May 4, Professional Golfer

This Northern Irish golfer has won four major championships - the 2011 US Open, 2012 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship and the 2014 PGA Championship. He is one of only three players to have won three majors before the age of 25 and has twice been named RTE Sports Person of the Year, in 2011 and 2014.

• Adele (29), May 5, Singer

Award-winning English singer-songwriter whose many hit songs include Hello, Someone Like You and Rolling in the Deep. Her debut album has been certified seven times platinum in the UK and three times platinum in the US. She is one of the best-selling recording artists in the world having sold more than 100 million records.

• Tony Blair (64), May 6, Politician

Former UK prime minister who held office from May 1997 until June 2007 after the Labour party won a landslide victory at the General Election. He became the youngest prime minister, at the age of 43, since 1812. During his term his government introduced the National Minimum Wage Act, the Human Rights Act and the Freedom of Information Act.



• David Attenborough (91), May 8, Broadcaster

Much-loved English broadcaster and naturalist who has presented many popular nature documentary series for the BBC including The Blue Planet, Planet Earth, Frozen Planet and Life. During the 60's and 70's he was director of programming for the BBC. In 1985 was bestowed a knighthood for his services to television.

• Billy Joel (68), May 9, Singer

American singer and songwriter whose career has spanned five decades and seen him sell more than 150 million records worldwide. His hit songs include Uptown Girl, Tell Her About It and We Didn't Start the Fire. He has been nominated 23 times for a Grammy Award and has won six.

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Brits behaving badly

By Matthew Elliott

MILLIONS of Brits could see their holiday deals to Spain scrapped. And not because of Brexit. A shocking rise in the number of fake sickness claims could soon see Spanish hotels axe all-inclusive packages to British tour operators.

Madrid-based lawyers Rogers & Co says they get 'zero' claims from different nationalities and that 'sooner or later Spanish hotels will increase the price or stop selling all-inclusive to Britons.'

The problem is particularly acute in Mallorca where claims reportedly rose a staggering 700 per cent last year, costing the hotel industry roughly €500 million.

The problem of fraudulent claims was first brought up by Mallorca's powerful hotel lobby and reported by EWN last summer.

Most alarming are claims that Brits abroad are being actively encouraged by seedy UK-based lawyers who take the lions share of any future pay outs.

Hotels might have to pay €2,000 compensation to the tourist and €5,000 for legal costs, typically of-



MALLORCA HOTELS: Took advice on how to deal with fraudulent claims.

fered on a 'no win, no fee' basis.

The situation is clearly untenable. On April 4 the Mallorca Hoteliers Federation took advice from the British Consul on how to deal with fraudulent

claims given the complex legal details. Should the problem escalate again this summer Mallorca hotels may cut their losses and focus on less troublesome markets.

Jailhouse blues

A JUDGE rejected the appeal of jailed former press secretary Margarita Sotomayor who was banned from visits for two months after complaining about prison conditions to a TV crew.

Sotomayor, jailed for her role in facilitating corruption by former Balearic president Maria Munar, was found guilty of slandering prison officials. In a jailhouse TV interview she claimed systematic human rights abuses made the prison a hell hole.

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PRIZE DRAW: Steven Euesden with Ian Radford of the Sala Group and footballer Steven Carr.

EWN presents €15,000 car reader survey *Smiling Virginia*



It was a day of lasting smiles for Virginia de la Torre Unceta.

Thanks to the *EWN* Virginia is now the owner of a new Dacia Sandero Ambiance car, complete with a year's insurance.

She collected her prize in a special presentation at the Rombosol Renault showroom in Fuengirola after her number had earlier been picked to find the winner of the EWN 2017 Win-a-Car Readers' Survey prize draw.

The prize, worth €15,000 in total, also included a fabulous meal-for-two at La Sala

Banus in Marbella.

"I still can't believe it!" Virginia said as she was handed the keys to her prize car.

"When you called on Friday I thought it was a joke and only started to believe it when I checked Facebook!"

Virginia's number was drawn by Sala Group Chairman Ian Radford and international footballer Steven Carr in a glittering draw also attended by *EWN* Publisher Steven Euesden.

It was the first time an English-language newspaper in Spain has ever given a car as a



PRIZE CAR: Nicki from EWN hands over the keys to Virginia.

sents prize in y contest ia wins

prize, with this including the bonus of tax supplied by EWN Media Group in addition to one year's insurance from Abbeygate.

"It really is wonderful," added Virginia. "I move up and down the coast a lot to sell property and now I have my own car to use!"

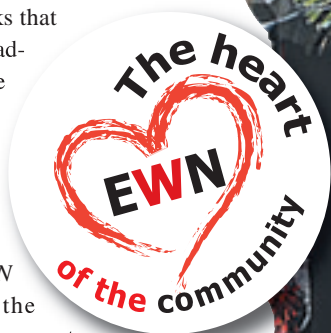
An avid *EWN* reader, Virginia moved to the United States more than 20 years ago when she was 19, where she became fluent in English.

Since returning to Spain and to Marbella where she lives "I read the paper every week and spend quite a lot of time doing so. I therefore decided to enter the Survey Win-a-Car draw because I wanted to give my opinion.

"What a good investment those few minutes turned out to be!"

Thousands of entries were submitted in the eight weeks that the highly successful readers' survey ran, with the information and suggestions received now being studied.

Once fully monitored some further improvements to the *EWN* will be introduced as the EWN Media Group, the parent company of three newspapers brands - the *EWN*, *RTN* and *Sol Times*, plans further expansion later in the year.



DACIA SANDERO
AMBIANCE: The prize car.



WONDERFUL: Virginia
just can't believe it!

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Scottish fall victim may have been pushed

By Jack Troughton

SPANISH police are investigating whether a British holiday-maker who plunged to her death 10 floors from a holiday apartment in Benidorm was intimidated or pushed.

The victim, who has been named as 27-year-old Kirsty Maxwell, was in Benidorm with 21 friends for a hen-do.

A 32-year-old British man who was arrested on suspicion of homicide hours later has been released following a court appearance.

He has not been charged or banned from leaving Spain despite the investigation remaining open after he admitted to having been under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

The young Scot, from Livingston, West Lothian, was staying on the ninth floor at Apartamentos Payma in the 'Little England' area of the resort, while some of the

group were on the 10th.

Just before 8am on Saturday morning she is believed to have left her room, with police suspecting that she wanted to find a

friend, but it appears that she knocked on the wrong door.

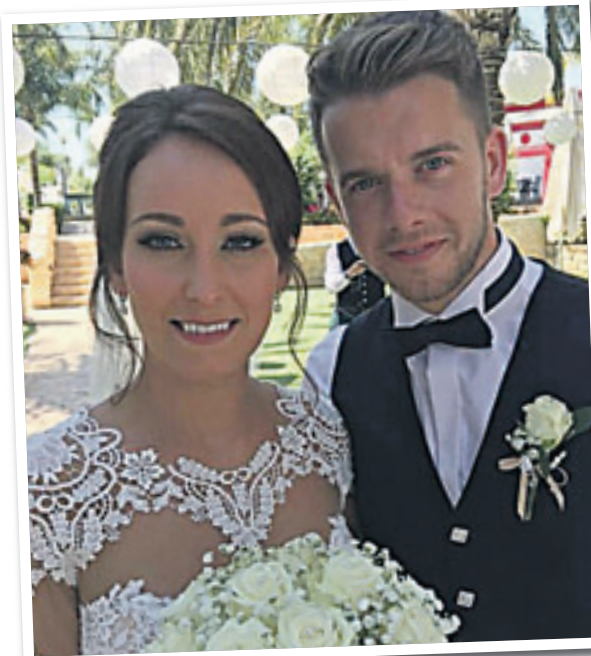
The suspect, who according to Spanish media has a previous sexual assault charge in the UK, answered, and shortly afterwards Kirsty fell to her death.

Her body was found close to a swimming pool, which investigators say she may have tried to jump into after becoming panicked.

Kirsty tied the knot recently, marrying husband Adam, also 27, last September.

Friends launched a crowdfunding campaign on a JustGiving donation page to repatriate her body. By Tuesday morning, this had collected more than £24,000, more than doubling the initial target.

The page described Kirsty as 'beautiful' and asked for help to bring her 'home to where she belongs after this terrible tragedy.'



KIRSTY MAXWELL: Was on a hen-do.

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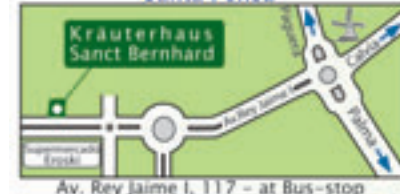
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Family arrive to claim body

GRIEVING family of Adrian O'Kane, the Brit run over and killed by a drink and drug-fuelled driver in Magaluf, have arrived in Mallorca to claim his body and return the popular Birmingham man to the UK.

Mr O'Kane's siblings have flown into Palma to seek answers regarding their brother's death and to take out civil litigation against the jailed driver. They will also return his body to the UK after a remarkably successful JustGiving campaign raised more than £30,000 (€35,400) to repatriate the father of two.

They told press that they have encountered difficulty in getting official information from police, or even communicating in English. They have also called for any eyewitnesses who may have seen the tragic incident to come forward with information that might shed light on what exactly happened that evening.

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Supercar smugglers

By Matthew Elliott

A HIGH end Lamborghini involved in a dramatic road chase in Germany was found to have been stolen from Mallorca.

Police in the small town of Kassel, bang in the centre of the country, pursued the car at speeds of 180kph before the driver pulled over.

The 46-year-old local man tried to convince suspicious officers that the €200,000 Gallardo model was on loan from a local car dealer for a test drive.

But a routine check of the vehicle's documentation found that it was been reported stolen from Mallorca in October 2016.

German police have

contacted their Spanish counterparts to develop the investigation. A spate of luxury car thefts have Mallorcan police and wealthy drivers on high alert.

In November police smashed an international criminal gang who shipped stolen cars and bikes as far afield as the UK.

Also in November another bright yellow Lamborghini Gallardo was found in an Essex showroom. The owner had offered a €10,000 reward which was cheekily claimed by the crooks.

Workshops in Mallorca, Murcia, England and Germany are devoted to rejigging the luxury cars to elude detections.



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NEWS EXTRA**Bikini body**

A SOLD out Alcudia Auditorium held the town's 12th annual female body-building competition with Sabrina Alvarez scooping first prize in the contest, entitled 'Bikini Fitness.'

Lucky ledge

A GERMAN man sustained severe injuries after plunging five metres from a cliff in Mirador d'es Colomer. It was a lucky escape as the point he fell from was 200 metres above sea level.

Heating up

AFTER some surprisingly chilly nights for the time of year the heat is finally breaking out on Mallorca. Temperatures of up to 28 degrees are expected on Friday May 5 as spring hits its stride.

Pork pastry

A SUCKLING pig sandwich was the tasty winner in the third edition of the Fira del Llonguet, a rapidly growing gastronomic event in the Palma district of Es Pil-lari. An estimated 20,000 pastries were sold during the day.

Lidl louts

THREE women have been banned from all Lidl's on Mallorca after being seen trying to steal two trolleys filled with someone else's shopping. They cannot go within 100 metres of all 17 Lidl's on the island for two years.

Packed out

MORE cruise ships than ever before will dock at Palma port this summer. The expected total of 436 tourist vessels is a 10 per cent increase on last year. The news was not warmly received by local green activists.

ALTHOUGH surrounded by controversy the Mallorca 312 cycle race passed without a hitch. An estimated 6,500 cyclists took part in the race, which had been criticised heavily for taking up half of Mallorca's public roads.

There were protests in Deia and Esporles where stones were even

Stones on the track

thrown on the road, though not directly at the competitors. Still some protesters couldn't help themselves and were snapped

stopping for selfies with event ambassador and five time Tour de France champion Miguel Indurain. Green groups accused Mallorca

312 of contributing to making Mallorca an 'island theme park' much as Barcelona has become a Catalan Disneyland.

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Mother storms town hall meeting

A POLICEWOMAN holding her baby stormed into a town hall meeting to demand an answer to her request for a leave of absence.

She strode into the political

meeting and told councillors that she was still breastfeeding her seven-month-old child and needed more time off to care for the baby.

The statutory parental leave for

mothers on Mallorca is just four months.

She claims to have waited for an answer over extra leave since February.

A security guard was called to escort the officer out of the meeting, held in Palma. She apologised but said she was desperate for an answer.

NEWS EXTRA

Gas stench

THREAT of a gas explosion saw almost 500 pupils evacuated from a school in Cala Ratjada. Firefighters and police were called to the school when concerned teachers began smelling gas.

Flower fest

ALMOST 13,000 tourists and locals took part in the Costitx en Flor flower festival which saw roads closed off as people enjoyed craft stands, florists and decorations. The festival is now 11 years old.

Sex fiend

A SUSPECTED paedophile from Germany is on trial in Palma accused of molesting his eight-year-old daughter-in-law over a period of two years. Prosecutors are demanding an 11 year sentence.

Smoke thief

POLICE caught a 26-year-old man who stole 2,600 cigarettes worth a total of €11,600 from a Sa Pobla tobacconist. He was spotted by officers pushing a shopping cart full of smokes down a quiet street.



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Water vigilantes



POSITONIA: Helps keep the water crystal clear.

PATROL boats will guard the Mallorcan coastline to protect the unique Mediterranean sea grass, Posidonia, which is being threatened by shipping and fishing.

The Balearic government will spend €300,000 on the project to ensure that no motor or sail boats go anywhere near the pristine Posidonia fields.

Boats will patrol Port Andratx, Pollensa, Alcudia and Cabrera. Anyone

caught recklessly damaging Posidonia will face a super fine of up to six figures. Foreigners will be given some leeway and not many know the intrinsic importance of the plant life to local ecosystems.

Posidonia play a crucial role in protecting the coastline from erosion and clearing seawater, giving Mallorcan waters their crystal clear look. It is one of the very few protected plant species.



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Leo the Lion flies back to for welcome home party

BRAVE four-year-old Leo Bermejo from Almeria has finished his 31 sessions of proton beam therapy in Oklahoma and is on his way home to Spain via Toronto and Manchester.

The proton treatment in the States followed Leo's fourth brain tumour operation in the Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK.

On Sunday (May 7) supporters of Leo the Lion will gather in Vera, Almeria for a welcome home party and a belated ninth birthday party for his sister Sofia.

Mum Karen said: "Everything has been like a whirlwind over the last few months and things have progressed so quickly. I do not think we have really had time to sit down and comprehend everything that has happened.

"We have achieved the unbelievable. Leo has proven to us all yet again that he is not ready

to give up and he still continues to give us all a smile that lightens up people's lives."

She went on to praise Team Leo who helped raised thousands of euros to fund Leo's specialist treatment to give Leo the chance in life he deserves.

And she offered a big 'thank you' to the anonymous donor who paid the balance to reach the fund's target.

She said: "I hope you are reading this and continue to follow Leo's story and progress. We cannot thank you enough. Reaching the target before Leo's operation meant that we could relax and enjoy the time with him without stressing about the fundraising. I have no idea who you are or where you live but my whole family thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Karen told us how happy it makes her to share every step of Leo's journey knowing it has brought people together,



changed people's mentality of life, and made people realise that the little silly things in life do not really matter any more, odds can be defeated, living life to the fullest is the most important thing in the world.

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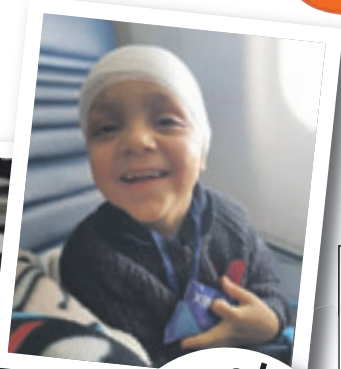
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German paper says Britain and Europe at loggerheads



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

MUCH is being made in the UK of a report in a German newspaper of the recent meeting between Theresa May and Jean-Claude Juncker.

According to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, Prime Minister May and EU Commission President Juncker found little to agree on and supposedly after the meeting, Mr Juncker called German Chancellor Angela Merkel and told her that Mrs May was “living in another galaxy” and was “deluding” herself.

Reportedly, he told Mrs May “I’m leaving Downing Street 10 times more

sceptical than I was before” as they disagreed on so many matters crucial to each side.

The main areas of disagreement cover the time it will take to settle the rights of EU citizens in Britain and British migrants in the EU which Mrs May believes can be resolved by the end of June.

The other main ‘bone of contention’ raised during the meeting concerned Britain’s ongoing financial obligations to the European Union once it leaves which has been cited by EU representatives as being between €50 million and €60 million.

According to the report, the prime minister said that the UK had no legal obligation to make any payments to cover expenses such as pensions once it

leaves the Union which left Mr Juncker saying that unless Britain agreed to pay what the Union believed it owed, there would be no trade deal.

Finally, there also appeared to be a major difference over confidentiality and the negotiations which the British side wish

to keep secret until the last minute whilst the EU intends to

report details regularly.

Mrs May has dismissed this report as being “Brussels gossip” but took the opportunity to confirm that talks are likely to be tough and that she is the only politician strong enough to be able to cope with the demands of the 27 states which form the European Union.



MRS MAY: With Mr Juncker outside 10 Downing Street.

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EU Brexit strategy

EUROPEAN COUNCIL president Donald Tusk wrote to the heads of the 27 states meeting in Brussels to discuss Brexit terms on April 29.

In this letter, delivered prior to the physical meeting, he made it clear that three matters in particular had to be agreed with Britain prior to negotiations over future relationships with the UK and these were “people, money and Ireland.”

He expects to see guarantees over the safeguarding of the rights of EU citizens in the UK, an agreement from Britain to honour long-term financial obligations which may amount to €60 billion and the rights of movement between the Republic and Northern Ireland.

It took minutes for the leaders to confirm their agreement to the negotiating guidelines issued by Mr Tusk on March 31 and he tweeted after the event that a “firm and fair political mandate” for the talks had been agreed.

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The Consell de Mallorca is also considering banning traffic to Valldemossa Port and sa Calobra. All three areas have suffered from intense tourist saturation in recent summers.

A series of studies into how best to reduce traffic, while improving safety and encouraging guests, have been commissioned. The results will influence traffic calming measures expected to be enforced next year.

Political parties on all sides of the aisle in Formentor, Valldemossa and sa Calobra favour the moves. Ecological activists GOB applauded the decision but said it should be expanded across Mallorca.

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Dirt and drills

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are still incomplete. An enormous hole was torn into the quayside measuring two by three metres.

Much of the famous port is now a hive of noise, dust, dirt and pneumatic drills. It's a far cry from the typically beautiful façade that attracts thousands of tourists each year.

Businessmen are concerned that the noise is frightening off guests who come for peace and quiet and have plenty of other options across Mallorca. Sailing boats can't be moored in their proper place and the colourful painting from local artist Gustavo is obscured by construction work. They are urging the local government to postpone the noise until after summer and allow people a pleasant evening stroll around the harbour.

NEWS EXTRA

Name game

HOTELS are urging Calvia councillors to admit that Magaluf is the name tourists know and to abandon plans to make Calvia a household name instead. They claim it confuses foreigners who are only familiar with the famous party resort.

Wave rescue

A DISABLED man was rescued from drowning at the Playa de Palma after going for an early evening dip. The German national was pulled out of strong waves by several police officers.

Good news

JOBLESS numbers fell to just 98,500 people across the Balearics, an 11 per cent drop on last year. Almost half a million people are employed on Mallorca, giving it better relative figures than mainland Spain.

Bike scourge

CYCLISTS who do not properly park their bicycles in Bunyola plaza now face a hefty fine. Residents have complained that bikers use trees, lampposts and benches rather than the abundant parking facilities.

Green touch

PALMA airport now has its very own golf club rental facility. Travellers can book a club of their choosing online and have it waiting for them in the arrivals lounge.

Too much?

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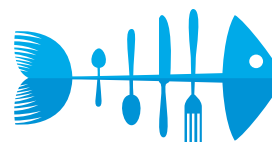
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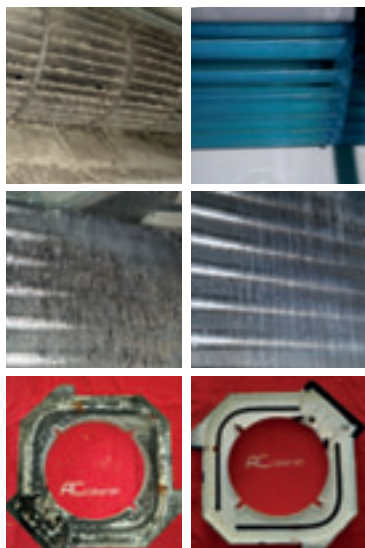
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DENMARK**Viking wine**

RESEARCHERS claim that Danish Vikings could have made their own wine as studies of grape pits point to early wine production during the time of the Vikings.

Smuggler caught

A WOMAN, aged 43, has been arrested after being caught smuggling gold and cash on a Denmark-Norway ferry. She was carrying khat, a chewable leaf which is illegal in Norway.

Press freedom

DENMARK has ranked fourth in the Reporters Without Borders in-

dex for maintaining press freedoms. The report showed freedom of the press has become worse in nearly two-thirds of the 180 countries in the index.

April showers

MARCH 31 saw temperatures reach a balmy 21.5 degrees in Denmark, but since

then, the country has been shivering in a more winter-like April with the highest temperature last month recorded at 17.9 degrees.

**GERMANY****Father's love**

GERMAN police reported the second case in a week of a father murdering his children. In the latest case a man is believed to have stabbed two of his children, aged five and eight, before taking his own life.

Refugee sanctuary

GERMANY offered sanctuary to almost 300,000 Syrian refugees last

year. This was a substantial number of the 406,000 refugees given protection in Europe in 2016.

Biography damages

GERMANY'S former chancellor, Helmut Kohl, has been awarded €1 million damages over an unauthorised biography which a judge said 'deeply violates' the retired politi-

cian's personal rights.

Jail sentence

A GERMAN man of Lebanese origin has been jailed for being a member of Daesh. The former Berlin taxi driver went to Syria in late 2014 to join the terrorist group. He was arrested when he returned to Germany in 2015.

FRANCE**Final two**

FRANCE is on the brink of a new dawn of politics. The first round of voting in the presidential election has seen the two main political parties knocked out. The battle is now on between National Front candidate Marine Le Pen and independent centrist Emmanuel Macron.

Parliament protest

THE European Parliament is accusing presidential candidate Marine Le Pen's party of defrauding it of nearly €5 million with the European money allegedly being used to pay assistants for work outside the assembly.

Island arrest

TWO French police officers were shot and injured on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean as they raided a house and tried to arrest a suspected radical Islamist.

PM burglary

FRENCH Prime Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, has been targeted by burglars. His Paris apartment was broken into but no sensitive documents were in the property.

BELGIUM**Lighter art**

THE Antwerp Museum for Contemporary Art, has reopened its doors after extensive interior renovation works. Extra light is used to give an extra dimension to works from the likes of Luc Tuymans and Jan Fabre.

Bus day

A TODDLER spent an entire day on a school bus in a municipality east of Leuven, that was parked up after the morning school run. The youngster, who was not hurt, was not spotted by the driver as he locked up the bus.

Weekly journeys

BELGIUM took part in a European study which found Europeans spend nearly 10 hours using transport each week, with cars being the most popular form for daily journeys.

Taxi protest

AROUND 70 taxi drivers stationed themselves in front of the Brussels parliament as Brussels minister of Mobility, Pascal Smet, discussed the new taxi plan, which, despite opposition, Smet said was intended to liberalise the sector.

NETHERLANDS**Energy use**

A COLDER winter in the Netherlands led to a 2 per cent increase in the amount of energy used last year compared to 2015. Oil, gas and coal accounted for 92 per cent of the country's total energy use.

Pay cap

A CAP on public sector pay, set at €181,000, is resulting in a difficulty to fill senior executive positions within hospitals. The pay limit is aimed at stopping public sector managers earning more than government ministers.

Emoji forever

AN architect has cast 22 emoji in concrete and used them to decorate the facade of a new building in the Amersfoort district of Vathorst. The architect said they will be some of the most recognisable icons of the 21st century.

Tattoos honour

A DUTCH tattoo artist, who has fought for acceptance for tattoo culture, is among 2,819 people recognised in king Willem-Alexander's traditional birthday honours list.

NORWAY**Wrong diagnosis**

A REPORT has shown that around one third of of epilepsy diagnoses in Norwegian children were wrong. Epilepsy is the most common childhood chronic neurological disease.

Beef investment

NORFUND; the Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries, is to invest €6.76 million in an Ethiopian beef producer. The company aims to become the largest cattle processing operation in Eastern Africa.

Child abduction

AN arrest warrant has been issued for a Norwegian man in connection with the abduction of his four year-old daughter in Cyprus on her way to nursery. The man is separated from her Greek Cypriot mother.

Falling figures

AIRLINE Norwegian has recorded significant losses of 1.5bn Norwegian kroner in the first quarter of 2017, despite an increase in the number of passengers using the airline.

SWEDEN**Facebook rape**

THREE men have been sentenced in Sweden to 27 months in jail for participating in a gang rape that was streamed live on a Facebook group.

Dolphin language

A SWEDISH start-up is using artificial intelligence technology and language analysis software to help understand the language of dolphins.

Researchers will monitor bottlenose dolphins at a wildlife park south of Stockholm.

Fifth victim

WEEKS after the Stockholm terror attack and the number of fatalities has increased to five after a woman injured in the attack, has now passed away in hospital as a result of her injuries.

Litter louts

BETWEEN 2015 and 2016, litter thrown on the ground increased by 13 per cent in Swedish municipalities which were keeping records as part of the Keep Sweden Tidy campaign and Statistics Sweden.

Rental rates rise across Spain

A REPORT from a Spanish property portal suggests that the price of renting a property is shooting up.

With hundreds of thousands of properties rented out during the past 12 months the company Fotocasa produces a quarterly report on the state of the rental market and finds that average rents in Spain have increased by 5.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2017.

Although rental prices have fallen by 21.7 per cent overall since their peak in 2007, this increase is actually the highest quarterly rise since

€7.93

is the average cost per square metre to rent property across Spain.

records were started in 2006.

There is an enormous difference in the cost of rents across the country, with Catalonia seeing average costs of €11.22 per square metre, compared to rents in Extremadura which are the

lowest in Spain at €4.77 per square metre.

Madrid and the Basque Country have seen significant increases over the national average and the main reason appears to be the fact that there are

more prospective tenants than there is available property.

According to the report, it would appear that Spain is beginning to question the long-held tradition of property ownership especially as so many people are still worried about their long term job prospects and the availability of mortgages at affordable rates.

It looks therefore that those property owners who have been deterred from short term holiday lets due to new legislation may well drift towards the long term residential letting market.

No case to answer

SAID by Spanish police to be 'one of the biggest swindlers in Spain,' Antonio Arroyo has won the first case brought against him.

Hundreds of alleged victims who were leant money by his firm and then charged enormous amounts of interest before losing their properties had been waiting for the first case to be brought against him, but sadly for them it was dropped by the court as it had exceeded the statute of limitations.

Victims of his alleged scam were waiting outside the court in Madrid and roundly abused him as he left, accusing him of being a 'thief and con artist with blood on his hands.'

More private prosecutions are due to follow.

Quote of the Week

Why does Esperanza Aguirre resign and not Mariano Rajoy?" former PSOE leader Pedro Sánchez, after former Madrid PP leader resigns over corruption.



Unemployment on the increase



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NEWLY UNEMPLOYED: The majority are women.

By John Smith

UNEMPLOYMENT in Spain rose during the first quarter of 2017 according to the Institute of National Statistics (INE).

To some extent this was expected as the major losses were in the private sector and many people had been employed on short term contracts in the lead up to the busy Christmas and New Year periods.

There are now 4,255,000 people unemployed in the country which represents 18.75 per cent of the working population but the good news for Andalucía is that it

currently has seen major employment growth during the last 12 months.

The other good news is that over the last year, although temporary contracts have increased, there are an additional 195,600 people in full time employment.

The number of self-employed has dropped slightly but self-employed foreigner figures have remained basically static.

One figure that does deserve mention is the majority of those newly unemployed are women which won't be encouraging news for those looking to promote equality in the workplace.

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Helping to see

EXPERIMENTAL Spanish company Eyesynth has created an audio visual system for the blind to help them 'see.' The concept which transmits images to sound via a computer is said to give a 3D sense of perception and development is now being backed financially by the European Union.

Book sales

ALTHOUGH the sale of e-books has dropped in the UK the kindle still holds attraction to those in Spain. The cost of English language novels is still very high and apart from the odd bookshop it is often easier to simply download and keep novels on a tablet, although many will still want to purchase printed non-fiction.

Spain penalised

THE US is to introduce anti-dumping duties on Spanish exporters of finished carbon steel flanges. The US Department of Commerce announced it has identified these flanges, used to connect pipes, had been sold by Spanish exporters at prices below those charged to the domestic market. Duties will be between 18 and 25 per cent.

Invest in Unicaja shares

FOR those who believe that the banking sector in Spain is bouncing back, there will soon be a chance to invest in Unicaja.

A shareholders meeting held in Malaga approved the issue of 625 million new shares as

the bank is to be listed on the Spanish stock exchange. Initially, the shares which have a nominal value of €1 each will be sold only to qualified investors, but should eventually be traded freely on the Bourse.

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Micro Focus International	2,588.00	36.44	1.43	5,853.67
Mediclinic International	821.00	-38.00	-4.42	6,332.92
Merlin Entertainments	506.00	0.04	0.01	5,134.92
Marks & Spencer Group	366.40	2.35	0.64	5,951.38
Mondi	2,001.00	2.21	0.11	9,779.05
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	240.10	5.66	2.41	5,474.66
National Grid	1,000.00	-15.45	-1.53	37,761.13
Next	4,301.00	-0.13	0.00	6,327.84
Old Mutual Group	194.10	-1.50	-0.77	9,638.09
Provident Financial	3,204.00	-35.35	-1.09	4,809.51
Paddy Power Betfair	8,600.00	10.56	0.12	7,247.23
Prudential	1,717.00	-12.06	-0.69	44,938.41
Persimmon	2,332.00	-4.16	-0.18	7,220.91
Pearson	639.00	1.03	0.16	5,252.22
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,111.00	-78.86	-1.10	50,400.80
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	265.40	11.74	4.63	30,008.57
Royal Dutch Shell	2,003.50	-2.35	-0.12	90,003.96
Royal Dutch Shell	2,052.50	-2.21	-0.11	77,138.30
RELX	1,566.00	-9.57	-0.61	16,969.19
Rio Tinto	3,062.00	32.21	1.06	41,914.31
Royal Mail	402.50	-16.34	-3.90	4,189.00
Rolls-Royce Group	812.00	4.97	0.61	14,886.69
Randgold Resources	6,805.00	90.80	1.36	6,296.95
RSA Insurance Group	596.00	-0.27	-0.05	6,044.64
Rentokil Initial	248.95	0.09	0.04	4,584.15
Sainsbury (J)	275.40	0.99	0.36	5,994.69
Schroders	3,187.00	-3.78	-0.12	7,244.02
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Shire	4,538.75	-60.20	-1.31	41,731.07
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,062.00	-12.47	-0.60	4,925.49
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Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	375.00	1.55	0.42	5,077.06
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SSE	1,391.00	-9.19	-0.66	14,157.28
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GBP/EUR down from 2017 highs on French election result

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AFTER an exciting end to March (with the long-awaited activation of Article 50) the first couple of weeks of April were a little flat in terms of currency market movement.

While the week beginning April 17 was expected to be a fairly quiet one in terms of currency news too, markets actually opened with a bang after the Easter break. Surprising political developments saw GBP/EUR rocket from €1.1799 to €1.1990 – its best levels for nearly 10 months.

Meanwhile, the euro was kept under pressure ahead of the first round of voting in the French Presidential election, leaving the EUR/GBP exchange rate to slide from £0.8628 to a low of £0.8339.

However, with the French election resulting in the outcome economists hoped for, the pound dropped by over 1 per cent against the euro, with the common currency surging across the board.



■ POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: Saw GBP/EUR rocket to its best level in 10 months.

What's been happening?

Without doubt, UK PM Theresa May's unscheduled announcement on Tuesday April 18 was the news grabbing the most headlines. The PM shook the currency market when she declared her intention to call for a June 8 general election.

The general belief that the election will see the Conservative party increase its majority (an outcome which could improve May's negotiating power during Brexit discussions) was the driving force behind the

pound's gains.

But the euro fought back in the wake of the first round of the French Presidential election. Centrist Emmanuel Macron and far-right Marine Le Pen secured the largest proportion of votes.

As Macron is expected to trump Le Pen in the second round, the odds of France remaining part of the EU were seen to increase and demand for the euro surged.

What do you need to look out for?

Both the pound and euro are more likely

to be driven by political news than economic news over the next few weeks, with polls relating to the UK General Election and French Presidential Election having the potential to create volatility for both currencies.

If it looks like the Conservatives will secure a greater majority in June, the pound may return to its recent highs. However, if French polls continue favouring a Macron victory, the prospect of economic and political stability in the Eurozone's second largest economy would limit GBP/EUR gains. Conversely, any sign that Le Pen is pulling ahead would be euro-negative.

In terms of economic news, the most influential developments on the horizon include the European Central Bank (ECB) interest rate decision and UK GDP data for Q1.

Hints of a rate cut from the ECB could send the euro lower, while the pound could suffer if UK growth slowed considerably in the first quarter of 2017.

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Newcastle United and West Ham United offices raided by HMRC

By John Smith

TAX authorities around Europe are cracking down on football clubs suspected of helping players or agents to avoid paying tax.

After Lionel Messi faced a very high profile investigation and significant fine by Spanish authorities and subsequent ongoing probes into the affairs of Neymar and other players, the spotlight has now moved to England and France.

Officers from HMRC (UK tax office) descended on both Newcastle United and West Ham United looking for evidence linking those two clubs with financial irregularities which are also being investigated in France.

There has been a number of transfer deals between the two Premier League clubs and Marseilles which is reportedly the seat of investigations in France undertaken at the request of HMRC.

The managing director of Newcastle United Lee Charnley was one of a number of people arrested and questioned during the raids, although he was later released without any charges being laid.

This sudden investigation must have come as something of a surprise and disappointment to Newcastle manager Rafael Benitez who has seen the club gain promotion back into the lucrative Premier League at its first attempt.



■ RAFAEL BENITEZ: Spanish manager of Newcastle United.

Chelsea were also visited by some of the 180 HMRC officers involved in this investigation although officials at that club have gone to great length to explain that it was asked to hand over documents relating to players or individuals who are being investigated and are not directly connected with the club.

Football is big business which attracts the mega rich to take over different clubs with Mike Ashley of Sports Direct owning Newcastle United and West Ham United owned by David Sullivan former owner

of the *Sport* and David Gold owner of Ann Summers.

Marseilles, which had been going through serious financial difficulties, was taken over by American billionaire Frank McCourt in late 2016 and it is thought that the investigations may well be into transactions that occurred prior to his involvement.

Whilst no specific targets of the investigation have been named, the HMRC has confirmed that their enquiries are directed to what they believe may be a £5 million (€5.9 million) income tax and national insurance fraud.

Power giants do not agree

THERE is a serious difference of opinion between the two main shareholders in the Santa María de Garoña nuclear power plant in Burgos.

Currently, as it is not producing electricity due to financial constraints, the president of Iberdrola, Ignacio Sánchez Galán, one of the two companies owning Nuclearor the power plant management company, <Ninguno> wants to see it decommissioned.

Borja Prado, president of other shareholder Endesa disagrees and whilst respecting Iberdrola's position will not sanction any closure at this stage as there is to be a government review of whether it would be viable to extend the life of the facility.

As the government decision is due by August of this year, Endesa believes it sensible to await the review and seems to favour the possibility of the plant coming back on line, but Iberdrola simply doesn't consider that this is a viable option as it claims that the cost of production is too high.

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Bidding for European Medicines Agency

By John Smith

SPAIN is making a determined bid to move the headquarters of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from London to Barcelona.

Firstly, Minister of Health Dolors Montserrat spoke at an information breakfast organised by the Nueva Economía Forum to put forward Spain's claim for the siting of the new headquarters and was supported by European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis.

She recognised that there were some obstacles such as the question of Catalan sovereignty and the fact that Barcelona already has four European agencies, but believed that the city was ready to take over this agency with a seamless transfer.

Spain has one of the best health services in Europe and Barcelona is an international city,



DOLORS MONTSERRAT: Speaking at the breakfast.

with space available to host this prestigious body.

Subsequent to this, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy sent a formal offer to host the agency to the President of the European

Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and the President of the European Council Donald Tusk and it is believed that the Spanish offer is the only one that is being supported by its government.

Spain economic forecast ready

ALL members of the European Union are required to supply annual economic forecasts to Brussels each April and Spain is now readying its presentation.

Having had some difficulties over the past two years and facing threats of significant fines, the government is now in a much more comfortable position as it considers the economic situation

from 2017 to 2020.

It will upgrade its economic growth forecast for 2017 from 2.5 per cent to 2.7 per cent and it is content to assume continued average growth of 2.5 per cent for the following three years.

Coupled with this growth is an undertaking to continue to drastically cut unemployment and the expectation that the value of exports will continue to ex-

ceed the cost of imports.

In addition, the government is confident that there will be a general reduction in consumer debt and all of this will help to lead to a stable economy.

At this stage there is no suggestion that there will be any increases in taxation or any new taxes, although there may be action against high sugar content drinks at some time in the future.

Better salaries for some Spanish workers

MAJOR employers in Spain such as El Corte Ingles and Carrefour who are members of the trade body Anged have agreed staff pay rises.

Employing between them 230,000 people they have said that they will increase contracted staff salaries by 2.5 per cent backdated to January 2017.

This falls short of the 3 per cent requested by the unions but is an increase over the initial offer.

In addition and as part of a four-year agreement, employers will increase salaries by at least 1 per cent each year from 2018 to 2020

regardless of the performance of the stores or the economy.

As more stores wish to open on Sundays and public holidays, the employers have also agreed to establish a maximum number of unsociable working days although staff will be allowed to volunteer if they wish to work additional 'rest days' and receive enhanced payment.

There will also be improvements in the number of days that may be taken to care for close relatives who fall sick with full salary being paid in the case of serious illness such as cancer.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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

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Let's consider the alternatives

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AS far as I'm concerned, the answer to the North Korean problem would have been to drop a half dozen 'Mother of all' bombs right in the middle of their recent 'birthday celebrations.'

A few well-placed hits from this mighty non-nuclear deterrent, would have wiped out a large chunk of their military hardware, a good percentage of their army personal and most, if not all, of their despotic regime leaders. Job done.

OMG I hear the luvvies bleat. How can this old hack condone the slaughter of all those Fathers, Mothers and fellow human beings? How can he encourage violence and death on such a vast scale? Has he finally proved to his superiors that he has now lost it and should be put out to grass among all the other mentally spent scribblers of yore?

Well, before we decide, let's



NORTH KOREA:
What action will
America take?

consider the alternatives. To my mind, with the emergence of Kim Jong-un, the human race faces one of the biggest threats to its survival since the Ice Age. This demented man/boy psychopath, has turned PlayStation fantasy into grim, terrifying reality and MUST be dealt with. Forget the simpering, Corbyn inspired seekers of 'diplomatic' solutions. Any approaches from that

angle will get us all killed.

How can I excuse the use of such lethal and destructive force against this evil regime? Ask me that same question, when - if not stopped, they drop a nuclear device on Seoul, Tokyo or the shores of California. Ask me when millions of men, women and children are vapourised in an instant.

Ask me when newly released

clouds of toxic radiation spread across the planet, causing agonising tumours and death to a billion more human beings. Well I'll tell you, if this nightmare scenario does unfold, dropping a few 'Mothers' on some birthday celebrations, will seem like a grain of sand in the desert, compared to the ensuing Holocaust that could ultimately engulf the human race.

Of course, the chance may be lost. We may never again see such a gathering of North Korea's armaments and military hierarchy in the same place at the same time. If this does prove to be the case, then heaven help us.

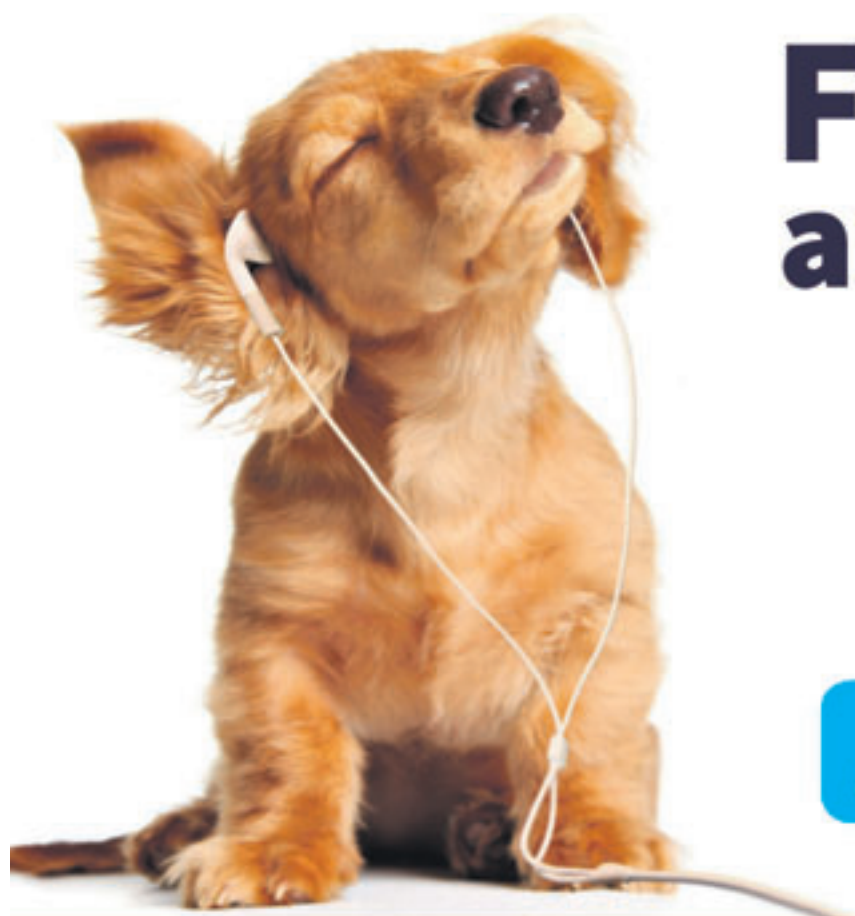
Finally, you may wonder - should America decide on this course, what reaction could they expect from the rest of the World? Well in my opinion, it will take the form of bluster, condemnation, shocked disbelief and high handed moral indignation - for about a month. After that, with great sighs of private relief and a few peaceful nights' sleep, the World will return to the far less threatening, but none the less equally important job of Islamic extremist annihilation.

In the words of my American Gunn'y Sergeant friend. 'I believe totally in peace and love in the world, I also believe that some of us are put here to preserve it - by whatever means necessary!'

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Bidding her a fond farewell

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

INSIDERS now doubt that Esperanza Aguirre will ever hold a prominent position again in the Partido Popular.

One thing is certain: Spain's president and PP leader Mariano Rajoy is unlikely to stick his neck out for Aguirre as he did for the late Rita Barbera.

Aguirre challenged Rajoy's leadership after he was defeated yet again at the polls in the 2008 general election. The former Valencia City mayor stood by him then and when she was mired in illegal party funding and corruption accusations, Rajoy faced ridicule rather than throw her to the wolves.

In contrast Aguirre's second self-defenestration will be a dish that Rajoy can eat cold and without

the need for a long spoon.

An ancient query

THE Anti-corruption Public Prosecutor tried to limit the investigation that matured into Ignacio Gonzalez's Lezo operation.

Justice minister Rafael Catala

and Attorney General Jose Manuel Maza must soon answer tricky parliamentary questions about removing two public prosecutors whose investigations led to the resignation of Murcia's regional president Pedro Antonio Sanchez.

As Juvenal said, "Who guards the guards?" in a question that re-

mains unanswered 2,000 years later.

Words of praise

IN a bugged conversation Ignacio Gonzalez poured vitriol on Cristina Cifuentes, his successor as Madrid Community

president who handed over evidence of his shady goings and eventually triggered Operation Lezo.

"That gilipollas won't cover anything up," Gonzalez complained.

What greater praise could politically ambitious Cifuentes ask for?

An unwatchful eye

ESPERANZA AGUIRRE, former Cabinet minister with Jose Maria Aznar and former president of the Madrid Community resigned as councillor and the Partido Popular's spokeswoman at Madrid city hall.

In 2014 Aguirre ostentatiously resigned as president of the Partido Popular party in Madrid when the region's former vice-president Francisco Granados was swept away by the Punica corruption case. It happened on her watch and Aguirre said she was prepared to take the can back.

Now, thanks to Ignacio Gonzalez, her former righthand man who took over as Madrid Community president when she resigned on health grounds in 2012, she has taken back another can.

Gonzalez, already implicated in the Punica

scandal plus the dodgy provenance of his Marbella apartment, is now remanded for diverting public funds, commissions and raking in countless other goodies in the Lezo case.

Canny Aguirre has never put her name to anything less than above board. No-one doubts her affirmation at the time of the Punica case that she had never received 'one cent.' But too many others did, all were close to her and it always happened on her watch.



Esperanza Aguirre.

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Jumbo bunny dies in latest PR disaster for United Airlines

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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DO you possess exceptional interpersonal skills? Are you equally skilled at customer care and PR? Yes? Then, read on! (And no, I'm not offering you a job, but you might find that a certain airline may in the near future.)

United Airlines is facing another PR disaster after a potentially record-breaking giant rabbit perished en route to Chicago from London. The 90cm-long bunny, called Simon - 10-month-old son of Darius, the current Guinness World Record holder for the world's biggest rabbit (at 1.3m-long) and expected to have grown larger than his dad - was found dead on arrival.

United is still trying to tackle the public relations disaster after passenger, Dr David Dao, lost two front teeth and suffered a broken nose when forcibly removed from a flight at Chicago airport in order to make space for crew from a partner airline. The incident caused outrage and widespread condemnation after footage was watched by millions online. And not helped by United's CEO describing Dr Dao being dragged from the seat he had paid for as being 'reaccommodated.'

All airlines overbook as the system is based on a presumption of a percentage of 'no shows.' In the USA it's designed to cope with passengers on flexible

tickets, but UK airlines do it even where passengers are on non-refundable tickets. How are airlines allowed to sell the same seat twice and then eject one of their passengers? Imagine the same happening at hotels or theatres; there'd be riots!

Airlines also put their own and partner airline staff on flights at the expense of

paying customers. Is this really an industry problem or one more characteristic of certain airlines - like, err, United?

Now, I admit I'm a nervous flyer after experiencing, at the tender age of seven, a forced landing in Tunisia when the plane was aiming for Malta. And all because of a storm over Malta, ending up in a different continent!

So, now there's not just the worry of attacks on planes, strike action or weather delays, but of being 'deplaned.' Or 'reaccommodated.' Next scandal, please!

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.



GIANT RABBIT:
Was found dead on arrival in Chicago.

Advertising feature

Darrmar Storage is now open



THE TEAM: Darren and Mary.

HUSBAND and wife team Darren and Mary have been very busy over the last six months designing and creating their new business Darrmar Storage, which is a self-storage facility conveniently located close to the Marina in Palmanova and are proud to announce that this is now open to the public.

Darren is the Managing Director and has been responsible for the construction to get it into a pristine condition so that the units are secure, safe, dry and clean.

Mary has been involved from day one ensuring that all the procedures for running the units are properly in place and Mary will be on hand to show customers around and to



SELF-STORAGE: Units are secure, safe, dry and clean.

help choose what size of facility they require.

Darren has been successfully running his Demolition and Waste Removal business for a number of years and through this work it was identified that there is a need for more self-storage facilities which can be offered at

a reasonable price.

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Darrmar Storage will provide units of var-



DARREN: Is the Managing Director.

ious sizes and are available from one month for those who only need a temporary solution to long term/permanent units for those who have an ongoing need for self-storage facilities.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Buying a new car

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.

NEW CARS: Are covered by a legal guarantee.



WHEN you purchase a new car from a dealer, many do so for the peace of mind they believe accompanies such a purchase and whilst it is true, they do give a certain assurance, it is still important to know your rights.

New cars are covered by a legal guarantee of two years without a mileage limit, whereas the manufacturer has to take care of the faults and breakdowns that have arisen with the car, so long as they are not caused by misuse, lack of maintenance or wear.

Factory defects are also covered by the legal guarantee, but in this case, the claim must be made during the first six months from the date of delivery of the vehicle. After six months, you must prove that the defect was actually caused at the manufacture stage and to do this, an expert report must be presented to prove it.

The Madrid based Asociación Madrileña de Distribuidores de Automoviles (AMDA), also

advises owners that you also have consumer rights if you have to visit a garage for repairs. In the event the vehicle suffers a fault covered by the warranty, the time spent in the garage for repair will not count as part of the warranty period and that time will be added to the original end date of the warranty. To enable this to happen, it is important to get a receipt from the garage with the date of delivery and return of the vehicle, together with a repair report.

Work carried out in an authorised mechanic's garage is also guaranteed, whether it is a maintenance check or a repair. It is however necessary to differentiate between the two situations; when it is a repair covered by the legal guarantee, in this case the period of cover is six months, or if it is a repair outside the warranty period in which case the garage will be responsible for its work for three months or 2,000km.

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What is correct notification?

Q. As I read the Ley de Propiedad Horizontal, it specifies the procedure for notification of the AGM in Section 16, Para 2 and distribution is defined in Section 9, Para H. There is no mention of email communication. The AGM is a very

important meeting for owners as it sets the programme for the year, the budget and the fees. To send it by email does not give proof of service. Some owners may not have email. Have you any comments?

R P (Costa del Sol)

A. Yes, the law specifies notification shall be made by any means that provides proof of service. This usually means a normal letter. This notice must contain the time and date, the official Agenda, and a list of the

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain

debtors who cannot vote. This notice will be sent to the property itself, or to an ad-

dress specified by the owner. This address must be in Spain. An owner who is not notified can impugn the results of the voting. The email notification, even if not strictly legal, is useful for absentee owners in other countries.

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

Elton played at my 21st

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



FROM the amount of emails I receive I know that the readers of this rambling old grumpy sod's column are more mature in years and we remember how things used to be.

For instance, a stag night was a visit to the pub to get the groom suitably inebriated and to try and return him home with enough time to scrub off the marker pen and get rid of the ladies underwear we had stuffed in his pockets.

Hen nights were pretty much the same but with a male stripper gram chucked in who usually started off as a policeman. The cost involved was a few quid and all was done and dusted in a few hours.

Let's jump forward to now. Dr S is maid of honour for her friend's wedding and it's up to her to organise the hen do. Down the pub is now an absolute non-starter. They were looking at going abroad for a few days. Why? I haven't a clue. These are all young ladies just starting out in life and all dating and getting married and now every time one of them decides to get cut and carried (married) it costs all their friends a fortune!

I'm talking about paying for flights, hotel bills etc, etc. We see hen parties all the time

here tottering about the streets of the Costa del Sol usually in stupid t-shirts with dumbass remarks on them and the bride having to wear a veil as well and, most likely, carrying a blow up something. What a waste of money they can mostly all ill afford.

Not only that, what about the pressures of organising the whole event? I know for a fact that it's stressful and trying to make sure that everything goes to plan is an absolute nightmare. In the end the girls decided that it was too expensive to go abroad so they are now staying in the UK and doing a weekend of celebrations. It's still expensive but common sense prevailed to a certain degree.

Last year was my Godson's 21st birthday. What did we do? We went to Miami for a week and had the most fantastic time. When I was 21 I had a party in a club called the Speakeasy in the West End of London.

Well I say a party; I went there with two mates and had a spag bol and apple pie and cream with a candle in it. It was a club. Well musicians came there after their gigs and then whoever was there got up and played. That night it was Elton John and for years I have told people that Elton John played at my 21st which, although technically true he didn't have a clue it was my birthday or even a clue I was there! And he certainly did not know who I was. But, hey ho!

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Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.

Astrology: Make practical plans

SUN in Taurus : This month the sun is influenced by the earthy sign of Taurus. This persistent sign will give you the stamina you need to achieve goals which require patience and perseverance.

Taurus will help you to ground the ideas which came to you as flashes of insight during last month. The influence of this sign is also encouraging you to develop your creative side. Take up a creative hobby, or return to something you used to enjoy doing as a child.

Make your creative pursuit a priority twice a week. This will be time well spent as you will feel more relaxed, peaceful, and present as you let your creativity flow.

Get in tune with the moon : The full



THE TAROT: Study something new.

moon, this month, on May 10, is in the sign of perceptive Scorpio. Let your intuition guide you around the time of this full moon. Record your dreams and make a note of your insights. Scorpio sees the truth. Is there a situation in your life which feels a little confused? If so, ask for clarity around the time of this full moon, and trust the guidance which comes to you.

On May 25, the new moon in Gemini will help you to communicate your

truth. Let fears go around how your truth will be received, put your needs first, and ask for divine guidance in regards to the timing of speaking up. When you know and act on your truth, the universe will conspire to help you in magical ways.

Numerology: Free your mind!

Number 5: This number reminds you of the power of your mind. Either you can use your thoughts positively to cre-

ate a feeling of upliftment, or you can dwell on the negative, which will bring you down. Whilst acknowledging your deepest feelings is important, make sure you centre your thoughts in positivity and gratitude. By focusing on what is right in your life, you make space for more of the same. So keep your eye on your inner vision this month in order to create the positive shift you need to move forward with your plans.

The Tarot: Study something new

The fifth card card in the Major Arcana Tarot deck is the Hierophant. Make some time to study something new this month. Is there a course you are drawn to or even a new language you would like to learn? This is the month to begin!

When you learn something new, you are absorbed and fully present in what you are doing. This will help you to relax and feel good about yourself. So seize the moment and enjoy studying again!

May Special offer!

When you book in for a one-hour Astrology, Numerology and Tarot Consultation via Skype this month, receive a FREE Guided Meditation straight to your email in box to help you relax into the new beginnings of spring. To book in contact me on 07944 744493 or at sally.trotman@btinternet.com.

Visit my website for more tips to help you make the most of the month ahead. www.sallytrotman.com.

Advertising feature

Stylish Danish clothing from Cream Palma

CREAM PALMA is a women's clothing retail store that is situated in the beautiful and popular area of Palma, in Cala Major. Jesper and Rebecca, who are both from Sweden, own and manage the retail store. They have both worked in Denmark for many years. Rebecca, previously worked for five years with the Danish company, 'Cream', and has had 17 years' experience in retail.

Cream Palma is a pure cream store and their merchandise is a very feminine and luxurious brand of clothing. They always aim to have the best selection of the brand and stock all sizes from XS to XXL. They have gathered a loyal following of customers that visit their shop on a regular basis. The clothes speak for themselves and offer a romantic, Bohemian style.

Cream clothes are a layered fashion where it is possible to mix and match with items from different collections and seasons that give the customer a variety of looks. One of their trademarks is their focus on dusty pastels and design, which includes embroidery, stones and sequins which are usually combined with beautiful lace, ruffles and pleats. The ethos of the company is to provide women with cool, comfortable clothes, which have added details that allow women to feel glamorous and feminine.



CREAM PALMA: The clothes speak for themselves.

Cream stays loyal to its own unique design and this is what makes it a popular brand, as it doesn't get led away from its own unique formula, therefore customers can always rely on the preference for design.

Jesper and Rebecca put the customers first, making sure that there are regular arrivals of new styles for customers. It is also a very welcoming store, and one that you can go in and feel free to browse and ask for advice if you need help in deciding which garments would be best for you.

The store in Cala Major has a regular clientele who continue to support them, and customers feel the need to return again and again. Their customer service has been praised as 'going beyond the call of duty.' The shop has also been described as having 'great ambience, great advice and great quality.'

Although the clothes are not a Spanish brand, Cream clothes fit into the lifestyle of Palma, where women need clothes that are comfortable, but at the same time, offer them quality and style.

For more information about Cream Palma, contact by telephone 971 447 432 or go on Facebook Cream Palma or email creampalma@gmail.com.

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Plea to apartment dwellers

“ SPAIN has the highest proportion of apartment dwellers in Europe (65 per cent compared with 14 per cent in the UK), and for anyone who has visited or lived in a large Spanish town or city this is probably no great surprise.

Can all the noisy people please try to be a little bit quieter? I have elderly Spanish neighbours to the side of me. They like to invite people round most nights and make merry until between 1.30-2am.

When seeing their guests out they slam the front door, presumably waking every apartment dweller within a four-floor radius, and then begin moving their heavy table and chairs back into place.

Heaven knows what the noise is like for the people underneath. When they have finished I can at last begin to nod off, but not for long as my neighbour



above has other plans. Having been silent all day, between 2-2.30am, they start moving furniture directly above me.

Surely it is just common sense to understand that at 2am in the morning, there is a very good chance that the neighbour below you or to the side of you is trying to get to sleep?

But my plea is just for everyone to be considerate and remember you have neighbours who can probably hear every hard-heeled footstep. If just one person gets more sleep because of this article I can rest easy at night - assuming my neighbours let me of course.

Angus Silvie, Malaga

The naked ape

HELEN from Malaga (Dodgy walk April 13) is not alone with this naked men problem.

Here in Gran Alacant, where there are wonderful dunes for all the naturists, there are these men who hang about close to the life-guard's hut and then spring into action when anyone with young children appears.

There are no notices to inform you about the side of the beach accepted as the nudist colony but when these men make a point of strutting about on the open public beach and even queue up at the ice cream stalls where small young children are about, it is another matter.

Does Spain not have a problem with paedophiles? I never see any articles on the TV about this matter, although I understand not much publicity is given to children who disappear. Maybe it is one of these things they keep behind closed doors.

I wish they would do the same with these odd men. Perhaps someone can tell us if this is illegal in Spain.

*Ann Paterson
Gran Alacant, Elche*

Let us be entertained

WHATEVER has happened to Benalmadena? Elefante

and Bonanza used to be great with good entertainment. If you weren't there before 9pm you couldn't get a seat!

When you think that there are so many holidaymakers and those of us who live here that like to enjoy entertainment, but it all seems to be in Marbella or Puerto Banus.

*Jackie and Gordon Sharp,
Benalmadena*

Trump card

IT is obvious from reading Leapy Lee's comments on Donald Trump, that he is neither a woman, a disabled

person, a non-Caucasian, a refugee nor an asylum seeker.

If he even felt a minimal empathy or solidarity with any of these areas of society he would not make a remark that ennobles a person who has consistently humiliated and insulted them.

He would have some respect for the millions of people who have borne the anguish of seeing that other millions could actually support and elect such a candidate to the most powerful political post.

It is hurtful for those of us falling into these categories to acknowledge this situation; to extol it is a further insult to us all.

Nicola Barker

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» British woman dies from Balcony fall

TOO many people over the years have died from balcony accidents in Spain. Clearly there is a massive shortfall in building regulations there. Maybe the solution is to boycott the whole country for a full holiday season and force the Spanish authorities to realise that we demand change, they do after all earn billions of Euros every year from tourism and should take responsibility for changes to be made.

Robert Anderson

SO many people have died from balcony falls, and the reason for this is that the railings around them are not high enough. On our balcony the railings only come up to the bottom half of the hip and it would be easy to fall.

The Spanish builders need to raise these railings up to waist height at least. They just do not do their job properly.

Roy Peters

» Gibraltar could be Spanish in four years time

SPAIN and the rest of the EU need to start paying their proper contributions to NATO before any discussions can start. As an opening agenda, perhaps they would like to discuss with Morocco about handing over Melilla and Ceuta!

Saya Sendiri

HE makes some good points. Maybe the Gibraltar people will see some advantages in staying and not be as bigger saps as many in the UK are.

Peter

MANY people believe Spain is on the verge of bankruptcy, and that it owes a considerable amount of money to the EU. If that is actually the case, perhaps the minister is trying to promote a feeling of optimism in the Spanish people. Or perhaps he is hoping that Gibraltar will bail Spain out... He is certainly toeing the government line, perhaps trying to make his own job a little more secure?

Harry P

TO Saya Sendiri - I agree entirely with you, and to Peter - the bigger sap is you, along with all the other remoaners who cannot see how awful the EU is for everybody not only the UK.

Carl

INSTEAD of focusing on trying to get Gibraltar into Spanish hands maybe Mr Margallo should focus on sorting out his own challenges in Spain first. Why not try reducing the highest unemployment in Europe and the crazy outdated labour processes? There are areas 100 times the size of Gibraltar that are already in Spanish territory that need serious help first.

Stanbow

» No vote for long-term expats

SO we knew when we vacated the UK we wouldn't be eligible to vote after a period of time, since learning to Speak Spanish fluently and assimilating into the Spanish culture.

Then why bitch on and why call ourselves 'expats' not the 'Johnny foreigner' type eh? No, we are emigrants who have the privilege to live/work in another country. Oh I see why, it's the 'bremainers' unable to accept the democratic vote for a clean Brexit, seeking to cause mischief and division. ¡Qué sorpresa!

CJ

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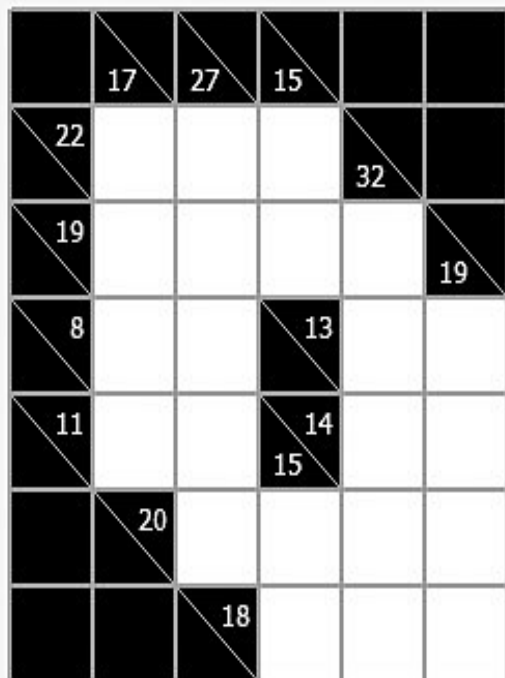
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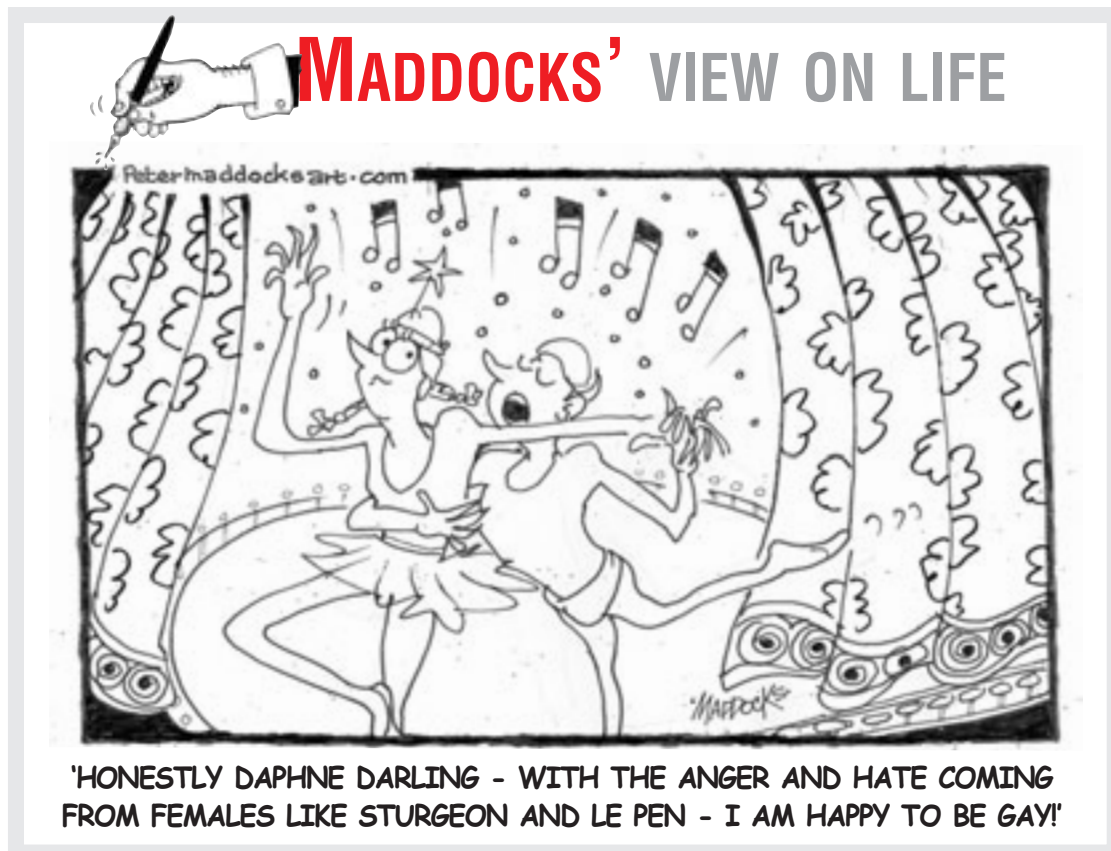
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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2	9	6	5



Women's wit

The person who knows how will always have a job. The person who knows why will always be his boss."

Alanis Morissette

Famous quote

I like my whisky old and my women young."

Errol Flynn, Actor

World of English

We drive on a parkway and park on a driveway."

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

GEMINI ♊

(May 22 - June 21)

Punchy Mars and the heady Sun are set for a scramble with touchy Pluto. You've been there before, so despite any administrative bumps, gossip whirls or curious rejections, don't be too sensitive. Add up what you've achieved, subtract your fears and keep your emotions under control.

CANCER ♋

(June 22 - July 23)

Upfront Mars and the upbeat Sun will be at loggerheads with powerful Pluto. You might not appreciate some of Friday or Saturday's antics, so be ready to use your charm, or perhaps your equally wicked sense of humour will do the trick. Whatever comes up for review, a cool rethink could inspire you with some useful tactics.

LEO ♌

(July 24 - August 23)

This is an intense week, and if you

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Astrologically, it's not unreasonable to assume that when sparky Mars and the zesty Sun conflict with restless Pluto, life could become a tad frustrating. You might find it hard to tolerate hypocrisy and setbacks, but fortunately, it's all just a passing cloud. Regardless of any lack of continuity, concentrate on keeping going and prepare for next week's brighter outlook.

get stuck with a particular issue, jumble your words, or just can't seem to do anything right, it might be worth finding out if the grass is greener on the other side.

VIRGO ♍

(August 24 - September 23)

Quirky planetary niggles will surface without warning. A variety of talks, news and last-minute changes surround your family members, friends or colleagues. No matter what affects your personal or occupational activities, stay focused, decide what your goals are and, just as importantly, find the easiest way to move forward

without losing your healing sense of humour.

LIBRA ♎

(September 24 - October 23)

Even the best-made plans can suddenly sink without a trace. Your dreams for a fresh start in one particular direction still need tender, cautious care, and you may equally need to be wary of overstepping the mark where money's concerned.

SCORPIO ♏

(October 24 - November 22)

You will need bucketloads of humour and understanding as impatient Mars and the sprightly Sun engage with touchy Pluto. Stay well clear if you want to escape potential power struggles.

SAGITTARIUS ♐

(November 23 - December 21)

If you suspect that some things are not what they seem, you could be right. Repel doubts, ban anxieties and stick to facts and tact. If certain individuals or situations continue to conspire against you, change course and do something entirely different. What goes around will come around quicker than you think.

CAPRICORN ♑

(December 22 - January 20)

Storms in tea-cups need loads of

sweet-talking. Of course, if you can't be bothered with it all, fair enough; keeping quiet could be the best way to deal with problems, glitches or sudden backfires. If you can't take a break, at least chill out with whatever or whoever brings you the greatest pleasure.

AQUARIUS ♒

(January 21 - February 19)

You are about to tackle some tough tests. Work and personal hurdles could preoccupy you, but after the weekend you'll be able to sort out the ice from the cream. No matter how awkward things seem on Monday or Wednesday, trust your ability to wait for the right moment, rather than risk spoiling your plans.

PISCES ♓

(February 20 - March 20)

Feisty Mars and the fiery Sun are warring with changeable Pluto, so avoid any tearaway temptations on Thursday or Friday. You could be emotionally vulnerable, or even lulled into a false sense of security. However confusing the planets may seem, even out the odds as best you can by ensuring your worries take second place.

ARIES ♈

(March 21 - April 20)

Hassles and battles are on the cards. If things don't happen as fast as you'd expected, or domestic and workaday blips assail your patience, transform them into an opportunity to show your special qualities. Potent planetary influences urge you to look, listen, learn and refuse to allow petty stumbling blocks to undermine your confidence on Tuesday and Thursday.

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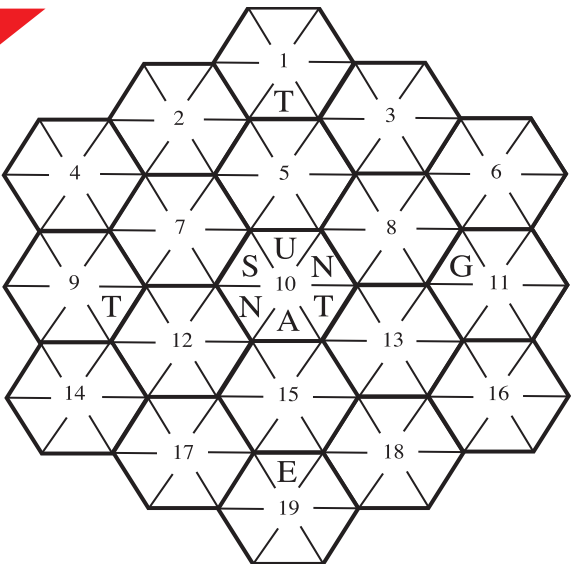
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HITHER	SUNTAN (10)
INTENT	TEETER
LARIAT	THEIST
LENGTH	VICTIM
LUPINE	



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Guilty 2 Cellar 3 Unique
4 Turban 5 Liquor 6 Cannot
7 Barley 8 Squint 9 Waylay
10 Loquat 11 Vestal 12 Letter
13 Stylus 14 Quartz 15 Portal
16 Hasten 17 Stereo 18 Sloppy
19 Reopen.

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



TARGET:

- Average: 14 • Good: 19
- Very good: 28 • Excellent: 36

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

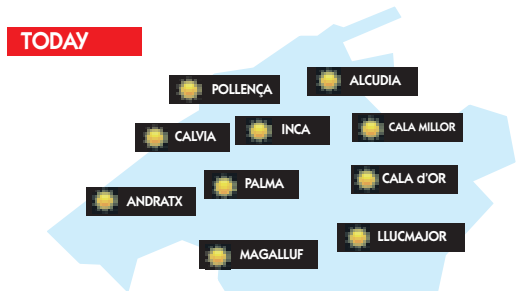
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operant pronate propane protean NOTEPAPER

This week in history

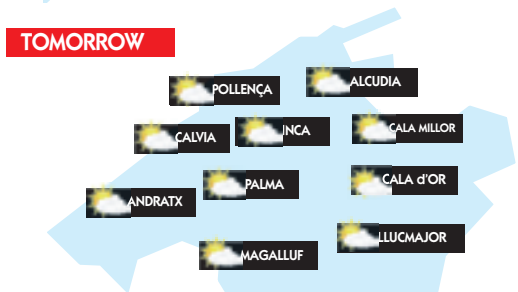
- 1494 – Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica on his second exploration journey of the New World.
1818 – Karl Marx, communism founder, was born in Germany.
1937 – The Hindenburg, a German passenger airship, caught fire and crashed in New Jersey in the United States killing 36 people.
1945 – The Second World War ended after Germany signed an unconditional surrender.
1953 – The Duke of Edinburgh was awarded his 'wings' after qualifying as a pilot.
1954 – Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in less than four minutes.
1956 – Robert Turton, Minister for Health, rejected calls for a government campaign against smoking stating that no ill-effects had been proven.
1958 – The first Grammy awards were held in simultaneous ceremonies in Los Angeles and New York.
1960 – Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong Jones at a ceremony in Westminster Abbey.
1966 – Prime Minister Harold Wilson announced a huge 30 per cent increase in salaries for doctors and dentists.
1967 – Two members of the Rolling Stones, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, appeared in court charged with drugs offences.
1968 – Twins, Reginald and Ronnie Kray, and their brother Charlie were arrested on suspicion of murder.
1979 – Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first-ever female prime minister after the Conservatives won the General Election.
1982 – British ship HMS Sheffield sank killing 20 men after it was struck by an Argentine missile.
1984 – The USSR announced that it would be boycotting the Olympic games due to be held in Los Angeles.
1994 – Nelson Mandela became president of South Africa in the country's first free election.

Mallorca

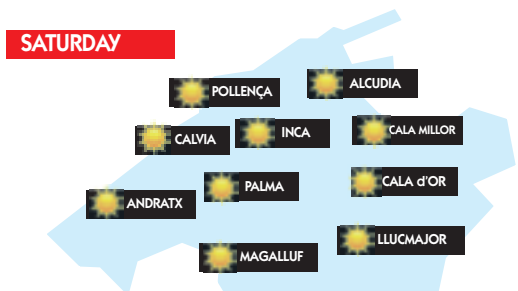
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S: Sun C: Clear F: Fog C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Sn: Snow Th: Thunder

weather

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TODAY: MAX 23, MIN 15-C	TODAY: MAX 23, MIN 13 - S
Fri - 25 16 Sh	Fri - 24 11 Th
Sat - 25 16 Cl	Sat - 19 10 C
Sun - 25 16 S	Sun - 19 9 Sh
Mon - 24 16 S	Mon - 22 11 C
Tues - 25 17 S	Tues - 23 11 C
Wed - 26 17 C	Wed - 24 13 C

Almeria	Madrid
TODAY: MAX 28, MIN 19 - CL	TODAY: MAX 29, MIN 12 - C
Fri - 27 16 C	Fri - 22 9 Sh
Sat - 25 17 S	Sat - 20 8 C
Sun - 26 18 S	Sun - 25 10 S
Mon - 26 18 S	Mon - 28 11 S
Tues - 27 18 S	Tues - 28 12 S
Wed - 27 18 Cl	Wed - 26 12 C

Barcelona	Malaga
TODAY: MAX 19, MIN 12 - CL	TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 15 - C
Fri - 20 14 C	Fri - 24 14 C
Sat - 21 12 Sh	Sat - 25 15 S
Sun - 21 13 S	Sun - 25 15 S
Mon - 21 13 S	Mon - 25 15 S
Tues - 20 13 C	Tues - 26 15 S
Wed - 22 14 C	Wed - 26 15 Cl

Benidorm	Mallorca
TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 15 - C	TODAY: MAX 25 MIN 12 - CL
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Sun - 25 16 S	Sun - 24 11 S
Mon - 23 16 S	Mon - 24 12 S
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Crossword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

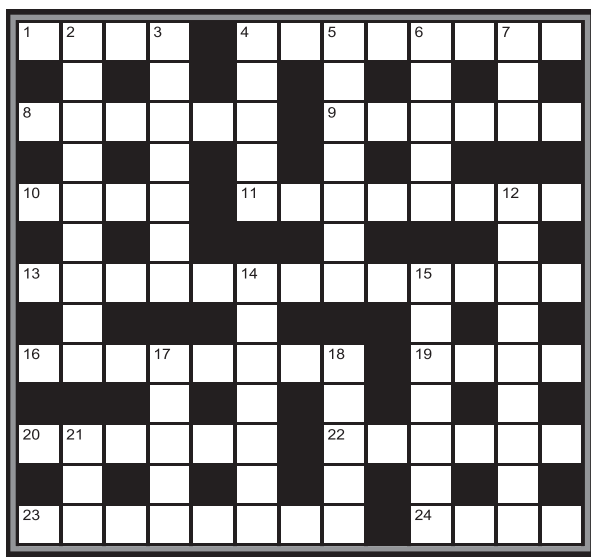
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Client has some EU services (4)
4 Tried SAS manoeuvre, but it was a catastrophe (8)
8 Roman emperor took vehicle around wild sea (6)
9 Song birds with no ribs broken (6)
10 French sea with English pond (4)
11 Tory with impenetrable contract (8)
13 Sailor convert at sea is doubtful (13)
16 Met green characters coming out (8)
19 Judge accepting Ecstasy and rocks (4)
20 Dogs one missed in French resort (6)
22 Plumbing fixture for a baby party (6)
23 Kitchen items made at stores (8)
24 Hardy character in United States Secret Service (4)

Down

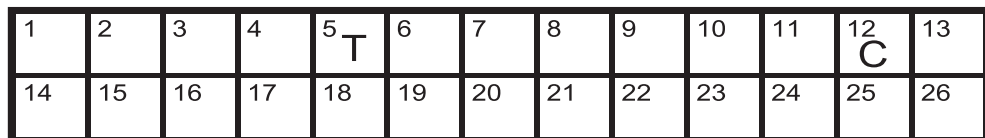
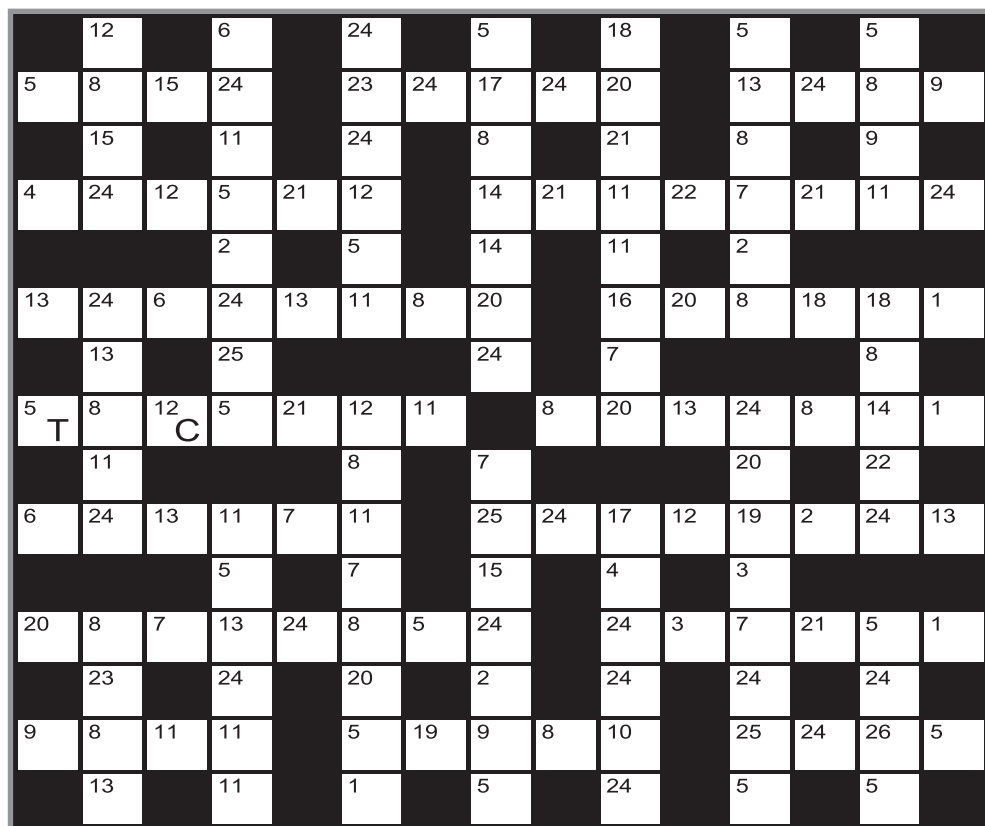
- 2 Arrange more toast for the guest cabin (9)
3 Honour pastor in cult after religious education (7)
4 In Colorado, rich men give the order (5)
5 Queer Street has scope (7)
6 Sale includes British fur (5)
7 A long time sheltering in Sierra Leone (3)
12 Cooking meals, she's audacious (9)
14 Keep an eye on past, understand? (7)



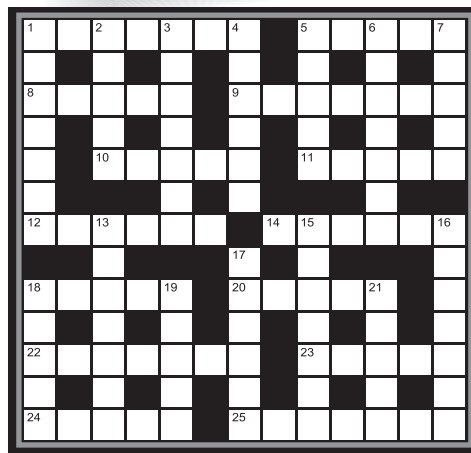
- 15 Arrange to tour school building (4,3)
17 Places stinking Stilton first (5)
18 Team leader requests jobs (5)
21 A bit of publicity that leads to nothing but trouble (3)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents T and 12 represents C, so fill in T every time the figure 5 appears and C every time the figure 12 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.



Quick



Across

- 1 Obstreperous (7)
5 Fragment (5)
8 Lawful (5)
9 Afro-Caribbean music (7)
10 Illumination (5)
11 Informed (5)
12 Become larger (6)
14 Thrust or throw into (6)
18 Lizard (5)
20 Precise (5)
22 Do away with (7)
23 Enthusiastic (5)
24 Wear away (5)
25 Italian rice dish (7)

Down

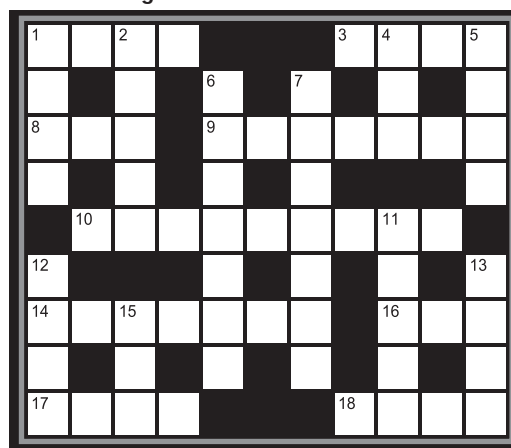
- 1 Raising of sunken or wrecked ships (7)

2 Royal (5)

- 3 Closed plane figure bounded by straight sides (7)
4 Sailing boats (6)
5 Bohemian folk dance (5)
6 Make plain and comprehensible (7)
7 Call out (5)
13 Small flute (7)
15 Heads (7)
16 Government order imposing a trade barrier (7)
17 Tie an animal with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement: (6)
18 Glower (5)
19 Like a sheep (5)
21 Closely constrained (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Bandera (de país, ciudad) (4)
3 Gemelo (4)
8 Mentira (embuste) (3)
9 Poppy (7)
10 Gotas de lluvia (9)
14 Cencerro (7)
16 Mar (3)
17 Hormigas (4)
18 Ass (donkey) (4)

Down

- 1 Película (4)
2 Bee (5)
4 Quién (3)
5 Ordenado (4)
6 Pintor (7)
7 Barriles (7)
11 Raisins (5)
12 Minutes (of a meeting) (4)
13 Hand (4)
15 Mojado (3)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Racket, 4 Plumps, 9 Tornado, 10 Tardy, 11 Ousel, 12 Neolith, 13 Containment, 18 Agitate, 20 Shake, 22 Eland, 23 Climate, 24 Slides, 25 Zealot.

Down:

- 1 Ration, 2 Cards, 3 Epaulet, 5 Lotto, 6 Martian, 7 Scythe, 8 Coincidence, 14 Origami, 15 Misfire, 16 Ravens, 17 Select, 19 Addle, 21 Avail.

QUICK

Across:

- 7 Saline, 8 Survey, 9 Ripe, 10 Specimen, 11 Fantasy, 13 Petty, 15 Scary, 17 Capstan, 20 Macaroni, 21 Stay, 22 Severe, 23 Tamper.

Down:

- 1 Marina, 2 Dine, 3 Persist, 4 Asked, 5 Trainers, 6 Defect, 12 Threaten, 14 Variety, 16 Claret, 18 Azalea, 19 Coven, 21 Same.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Recuerdo, 7 Donde, 8 Seven, 9 Armchairs, 11 Attic, 12 Glass, 14 Doorbell.

Down:

- 1/5 Red wine, 2 Concrete, 3 Ejercicio, 4 Descargar, 6 Overtake, 10 Faro, 13 Sol.

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Troll



Could this possibly be linked to his daughter's disappearance?

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Clive Dunn, best-known for his appearance



The band Typically Tropical, consisting of the duo Jeff Calvert and Max West, briefly achieved a number one hit with the song in the UK in July 1975. It also reached number one in Ireland and South Africa. In 1999

It held the top spot in the UK for three weeks stopping Ultravox's Vienna from reaching number one. More than 50 different foreign language cover versions have been recorded.

Boggled

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

T	T	L	E	O
S	X	M	N	L
F	P	U	S	D
N	Y	U	I	I
R	N	A	R	T

TARGET:

- Average: 18
- Good: 26
- Very good: 37
- Excellent: 47

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ness nest nets nett sestina sets sett knelt knit knits snit stem
stink stint etna lent lean leant leans lank lane lain laic nans
nits nine tens tinkle tint tinct tine tinea tins mess elan ankle
ants ante antes anti antic inkle inns inset inst inane item
items vine viral vicinal cine cite citess ciao

Sudoku

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

Word Ladder

MAIL

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

Solution	FILL
	MAIL
	MALL
	MILL
	or
	MILE
	FILE
	MARL
	MARE
	MIRE
	MAIL
	(MANE)
	MINE
	FALL
	FINE

Advertising feature

Excessive sweating

THE temperatures are rising so here is information on a topic which is annoying and often embarrassing: excessive perspiration in armpits, hands and feet.

If you have metabolic, hormone or thyroid disorders then you should first consult an internal medicine specialist.

Then the degree of perspiration is determined partly by a physical examination, but also by your personal medical history and is usually visually verified by the iodine strength test, by colouring the areas with the strongest perspiration formation.

In mild cases the treatment with sage tea over six to eight weeks combined with antiperspirants, helps. Afterwards, the therapy success should be confirmed by means of the iodine strength test. This treatment is simple, cheap and often amazingly effective.

If this is not sufficient, the tap water iontophoresis has been successfully used for years.

In the case of water conduction iontophoresis, the hands or feet are placed in

two tubs of water. In each tub is an electrical conductor. The treatment of the armpits is also possible with electrode plates, placed in wet sponges - at the beginning five times a week for 10-15 min.

The treatment of the affected areas with botulinum toxin is also very effective, but fairly expensive. The toxin effect results in the formation of sweat in the treated areas. Unfortunately this only lasts about five to six months. Otherwise, this method has very few side effects.

Excessive perspiration in the armpits can be permanently relieved by a sweat gland suction which runs as follows: at the beginning the doctor anaesthetizes the skin of the armpits. Then the doctor makes two small cuts of five to 10mm above and below the armpit. Subsequently, a thin curette is introduced through the incisions and the sweat glands hanging on the skin are loosened and scraped off. Then, the sweat glands are sucked out over a large area by means of a tube introduced and thus permanently re-

moved. At the end of the treatment, the patient receives a so-called compression back-pack dressing which he needs to wear for a few days.

A sweat gland suction is performed on an outpatient basis and only takes about an hour.

This process can be compared with a liposuction which however is only carried out in the armpits. Patients who, for example perspire strongly on the palms of their hands must undergo another treatment method.

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Dr. Andreas Ludwig Jenke

Are you in the know?

CURRENTLY, just two in every 10 Spaniards know that there is a vaccine to protect against pneumonia. That's the findings from a study carried out by the PneuVUE (Adult Pneumonia Vaccine Understanding Europe). Their results showed that in Spain, much work remains to be done in terms of knowledge of this disease and its prevention.

PneuVUE records the long road that remains to be covered in the knowledge of pneumonia in Spain. The study found that 84 per cent said they know what it is, and 85 per cent identify it as a lung infection. The problem, the study authors said, is it is not enough to know that pneumonia exists, but it has to be understood and there are gaps in the knowledge of the transmission of the disease, the risk factors for contracting it and the number of people who die because of it. In relation to this last point, 41 per cent of the respondents considered that traffic accidents are the greater cause of death in Spain; compared with 3 per cent who selected pneumonia. In fact, pneumonia caused four times more deaths than traffic accidents at the time of the survey.

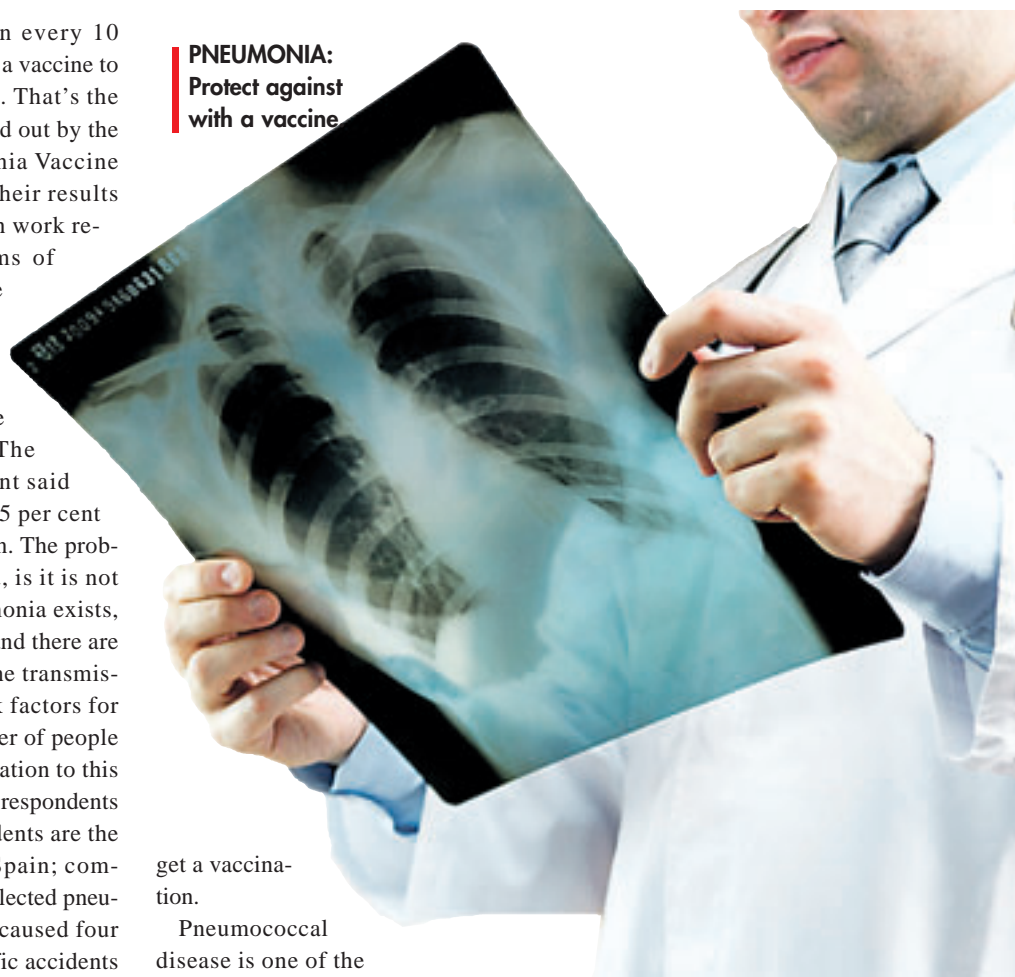
Sixty-one per cent of the population is unaware that pneumonia can be prevented in addition to being treated, and 78 per cent do not know that it is possible to

PNEUMONIA:
Protect against
with a vaccine

get a vaccination.

Pneumococcal disease is one of the most common causes of pneumonia. In Spain, in 2011, 10,861 hospital admissions were recorded for pneumococcal disease in adults, with an estimated cost of €57 million. Of these, 92 per cent

were exclusively for pneumococcal pneumonia and the infection caused by pneumococcus could be prevented by a vaccination.



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Dealing with a personal problem



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DEAR Doctor,

I have an embarrassing problem.

I am within the Spanish health system but I speak no Spanish and my doctor speaks no English so, on my visits to my doctor my translator is always there and knows everything I wish to discuss, this can be most embarrassing.

I'm a 70-year-old man and when I was 45 I developed Familiar Nervosa more commonly called essential tremor for which there has been no cure, but to some degree it can be controlled with varying success with one of only two drugs available.

I have tried both and Propranolol proved to help a bit, I currently take 40mg twice a day.

One of its side effects is impotence and, largely because of this my marriage failed 10 years ago and I'm now a reluctant single man because of my inability to have an erection.

I understand that a cure involving a small 10-minute brain operation has been achieved in USA & UK but it's not available yet to the public; that's no good to me.

At my age it appears there's no hope of a new relationship and I'm unable to even discuss it.

Dear Patient,

Essential tremor is a neurological illness which, although not particularly serious, can cause important disruption to daily life and activities. Some medications such as propranolol are useful to manage the symptoms, but can have unwanted side effects which include reduced libido and impotence.

If these effects seriously affect your life there are other types of treatment which could be tried including primidone, clonazepam, gabapentina or mirtazapine which may help control your symptoms while avoiding those unwanted side effects.

However if the propranolol is working well and controlling your symptoms, you could try another type of treatment for your erectile dysfunction such as Viagra or Cialis. Your doctor would have to supervise this treatment, after ruling out any possible reasons not to go ahead such as heart disease or other medications.

*If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Be gentle to keep your brain sharp



WANT to stay sharp during your retirement in Spain?

Then book into a tai-chi or yoga class as research has found that gentle exercise can help boost the brain power of the over 50's.

Experts in Australia said they found that doing a 45-minute session at least once a week helped to improve cognitive skills such as thinking, attention and memory. Other activities such as gentle aerobic activities like swimming and resistance training, are also beneficial, but it was the ancient Chinese art of tai-chi

that was found to be particularly helpful as it was easier for older people to undertake.

It is estimated that around 200 million in China people practise the gentle sport daily as the slow exercises and movements help build muscle and bone, improve balance and strengthen joints. It also requires concentration, which could be one of the reasons it helps brain health.

The team of researchers, from the University of Canberra, studied and assessed 39 published studies that tested the impact of exercise on the brain health of those aged over 50.

They found 'physical exercise significantly improved cognitive function in adults older than 50 years.'

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The Fonsi returns

TICKETS are now on sale for a wonderful opportunity to see superstar singer Luis Fonsi live in the flesh during his upcoming tour of Spain. The Grammy-winning, platinum-selling Puerto Rican star is in middle of his acclaimed Love and Dance tour of the world.

His latest song Despacito has been a massive hit in the pop world meaning tickets are already selling out fast for Fonsi's Spanish gigs. In fact it was the first song sung in Spanish to top the Spotify best-seller list, a feat not even Ricky Martin could manage. Fortunately tickets for the Mallorca show only went on sale on May 3 and are still fully stocked.

Fonsi will be performing at Palma's Plaza de Toros on July 8 in what promises to be one of the biggest gigs of the Balearic summer. Tickets can be bought online or in person at Discs Oh! Of Palma and Baba Discos in Inca and Manacor.

His work has been remixed by Justin Bieber and American star Daddy Yankee. So far Fonsi's world tour has taken in the US, Sweden, Norway and his song De-



LUIS FONSI: Will be live in the flesh in Mallorca.

spacito has hit the top 20 in 14 non-Spanish speaking countries, having been downloaded a staggering 327 million times, making it the 10th most down-

loaded song of all time.

Fonsi's gig in Palma may be one of the biggest the city has ever seen. Be sure to get your tickets early and enjoy the show.

Almost time for the top festival

ONLY one more weekend before the Mallorca Live Festival comes to Calvia.

From May 12-13 the Antiguo Aquapark will be home to some of the biggest rock and electronic bands on earth as the festival prepares for its best year yet.

Headlining on the packed Friday night is British mega-band Placebo who have been a force on the world scene for 20 years. Another iconic British band, The Charlatans, will play the big stage on the Saturday.

Other headliners include Lori Meyers, a Spanish indie pop group from Granada, and the Martinez Broth-

ers who will travel all the way from the Bronx before moving on to top shows in Ibiza.

Considered a landmark cultural event for Mallorca, tickets for full weekend passes have sold out but single day tickets can still be bought online for €30. There will also be a food fair, chill-out zone, arts stalls and a clothes market for anyone needing a break from the 20 plus hours of brilliant live music.

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The day is designed to reawaken a love for nature and the great outdoors. It will run during the calm dusk hours from 5.30pm to 9.30pm and is aimed at the general public. Registration is free but spaces are limited and can be booked on 971 892 250.

The initiative is organised by the Balears Natura initiative designed to expand knowledge of Mallorca and the islands unique natural habitats to residents and guests.

Piano's personal classical superstar

By Matthew Elliott

IT'S not too late to get tickets for legendary pianist James Rhodes who is coming to Palma next month. The British classical superstar has performed for Radio 4, BBC 4 and even live at Barcelona's Sonar Festival, best known for its electronic beats.

Rhodes is world famous for his unique interpretations of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert. At just 41 he has quickly become one of the top popularisers of classical music on the planet and has even published a book, 'Instrumental Memories of Music, Medicine and Madness.'

An Evening with James Rhodes is a completely different affair from his usual gigs. A blend of stand up, personal stories, and audience interaction, it is not known whether he will play. If he does it will surely be a memorably intimate performance.

He will discuss his book and how mu-



JAMES RHODES: Classical superstar coming to Palma.

sic has helped him overcome various challenges in his life. Talking about why a certain artist inspired him, Rhodes will offer a unique insight into the mentality behind a famous classical musician.

The event takes place at Palma's quiet

Trui Theatre in Son Rapinya on June 4 with tickets costing just between €1.50 and €3.50. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see one of Britain's brightest music talents at his most open and personal.

Playing with words

AN exceedingly strange yet powerful play that has captivated critics makes its debut at Palma's Teatre Principal on Friday May 5 at 8pm.

Maria Moliner is the curious tale of a famous Spanish librarian who went on to write one of the country's most defining usage dictionaries. The release of the play coincides with the 50th anniversary of the publication of Moliner's dictionary.

The bookworm with an ear for language saw an English usage dictionary in the 1950s and thought Spanish could do with something similar. For 15 years she woke up at 5am each morning spending hours composing the incredibly detailed book before going to work.

Her completed masterpiece was infinitely more detailed than other Spanish dictionaries of the time and included all manner of expressions and uncommon usages, much of which she picked up on the street listening to ordinary people.



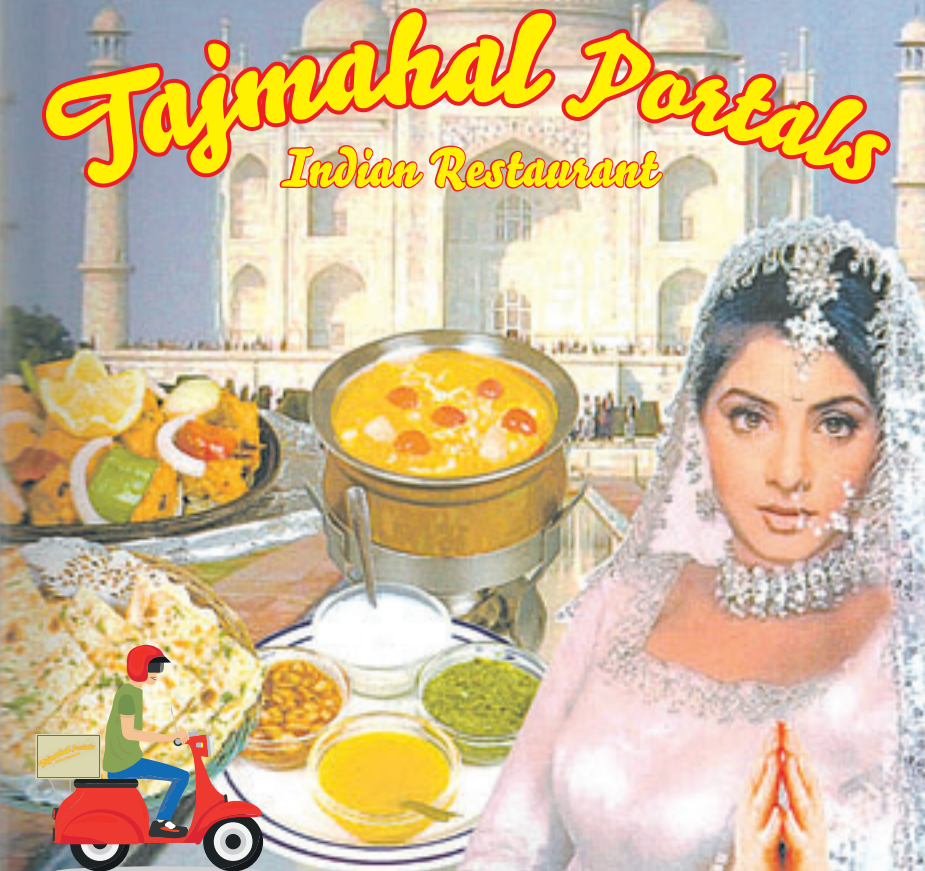

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BEER FESTIVAL: Will feature around 150 different beers.

By Matthew Elliott

THERE'S still one weekend left of the famous Palma Beer Festival which wraps up on May 7.

The artisanal brewdog spectacle can be found in the Parc de la Mar, just below the city's Cathedral. All of the island's biggest and best brewers will be showing off their stuff at the festival, which has become one of Mallorca's top

spring season highlights.

An estimated 150 different beers, from home brewed to corporate classics, will be available for downing by the bottle-load. Prices will also be much cheaper for some brands that you might find outside the festival, with great beers to be had for just €2-€4.

Tapas is also available and chips can be bought for €1 with plenty salt to whet the beer belly. Doors at the festival open from

11am and run right up till 11pm before the merry crowds spill out onto the street.

The festival is now considered one of the best beer extravaganzas on the planet, largely thanks to Mallorca's beer brewing German population and the dozen house breweries scattered around the island.

Entry is entirely free and, if you miss out on this week, there will be more beer than anyone can responsibly handle at Otoberfest later this year.

Fairytale village

THE third edition of the Contesporles storytelling festival arrives in Mallorca this weekend.

From May 6 to 7 the Tramuntana village of Esporles will once again become a magical world surrounded by some of the best storytellers and tale weavers on the Balearic Islands.

Other professional artists will bring storytelling traditions from as far afield as Chile, Ireland and the United States.

The day kicks off on Saturday at 10am with a parade of fantastical and com-

ical characters. The morning will be spent on reading and writing workshops

Many local people will even open their doors to the roaming storytellers who will be enchanting children and adults alike with their tales, many of which have centuries of oral history behind them.

There will be music, food and fairs, with special activities for children and even senior citizens. Puppet shows and fairytale film screening will also be among the highlights of the weekend.

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Age Concern Mallorca

THE May afternoon tea for Age Concern Mallorca has been postponed until Monday May 8 due to the May Day bank holiday.

Starting at 3.30pm this will be held in the Coleman Hall, underneath the Anglican Church in Palma. There will be homemade

sandwiches, cakes, etc. with the best cup of tea in town and also Anne's fun quiz.

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ACCORDING TO REPORTS, a Common's select committee has said they have found out that we waste millions of pounds a year by throwing away 'out of date' food stuffs and is urging the industry to change its classification on packeted goods to avoid customer confusion.

Now I'm not pretending that I aspire to be a Jeremy Paxman, I am but a humble columnist, but if any of you avid readers out there (apparently I have a few!) will recall that in the March 9 edition of this esteemed publication I wrote about exactly that. But now the Government has been told that it should establish a national food waste reduction target to drive efforts to reduce the food waste costing the average person in the UK £200 per year and supermarkets should publicly report data on the amount of food they bin and relax rules that prevent the sale of 'wonky vegetables' to combat food waste, the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Committee says in its report.

Committee Chair Neil Parish MP declared to the gathered throng that "one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally and in the UK over £10 billion worth of food is thrown away by households every year. Food waste has grotesque economic, social and environmental costs. Economically, food waste costs households hundreds of pounds a year and causes in-



AMUSING? But taste not waste!!

creased disposal costs to local authorities, pushing up council tax bills.

"Socially it is a scandal people are going hungry and using food banks when so much produce is being wasted. And environmentally it is a disaster, because energy and resources are wasted in production only for the food to end up rotting in landfills where it produces methane - a potent climate-changing gas.

"We commend Tesco for publishing its food waste data from across the supply chain. Sainsbury's is moving in the same direction, but needs more transparency. The fact that no other retailers have followed their lead shows that a voluntary approach is inadequate. The Government needs to step in and force other major supermarkets to be transparent about

food waste. We welcome the will shown by retailers to redistribute surplus food. However, we believe that more must be done. There is a huge amount of surplus food that is currently not being redistributed."

If the demand for 'straight' vegetables and 'round' fruits was removed from the scenario and supermarkets were to put them up for sale - at discounted prices if necessary - the wastage would be cut by millions. In another previous article I mentioned about the meat buyer for M&S who had to buy only the reddest meat as shoppers didn't like seeing the real colour of beef. If supermarkets won't sell them, then at least they could ship them round to the nearest food bank!!



**Let's kiss goodbye
to wastage.**

THIS FOOD REALLY IS RUBBISH! Which could be the slogan for the restaurant started by the young entrepreneurial chef Adam Smith in Leeds. The Real Junkfood Project in the city of West Yorkshire, only serves meals created from food destined for landfill. Since opening, he has been joined by five more directors plus an army of volunteers,

The team approached restaurants and cafes across the city and asked them to give their leftover food to the project rather than throw it away. An army of volunteers drive around the city collecting food stuffs from shops, supermarkets and hotels. Numerous restaurants, supermarkets and cafes in the city have now got behind the scheme and donate food on a daily basis after they were approached by project leaders.

Volunteers collect the unwanted food and turn it into their own meals - which vary each day but normally include a meat and vegetarian option, sandwiches and sometimes a dessert. Unwanted food donated so far ranges from bread and broccoli to caviar, truffles, a kilo of smoked salmon, luxury cheeses, extravagant vegetables and spices.

Customers at the radical restaurant, thought to be the first in the country, then pay what they want for the food. The cafe is now open five days a week to serve breakfast and dinner. It has also started catering

for outside events.

One of the directors believes that this year his cafe has already saved more than a tonne of food from going to waste. Commenting, he said, "we get a real mix here from locals in the areas who come in and spend the day here to students. We are very busy and are probably doing between 15 to 30 meals a day. (Doesn't seem much - considering they're giving it away!!!)

The pay as you feel concept makes people think about what is on offer and what they think it is worth. "We like to think if somebody has a little more money they might pay a little more," he continued, "But if a person did not have the means to pay we are not going to not serve them, if they are hungry we are going to give them food."

Reminds me of a similar operation we wrote about a few months ago, 'The Robin Hood' in Madrid.

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FOOD

- 1.- Buy it with thought
- 2.- Cook it with care
- 3.- Serve just enough
- 4.- Save what will keep
- 5.- Eat what would spoil
- 6.- Home-grown is best

DON'T WASTE IT

WINE CORNER: ONE OF THE BEST UP AND COMING WINE MAKERS IN SPAIN

A native of Cognac, Olivier Riviere studied oenology in Bordeaux with an emphasis in biodynamic farming practices.

Olivier was always passionate about terroir expression, gaining valuable insights whilst working in Burgundy including at Domaine Leroy; however, Olivier's dream was always to set up his own project.

After years of hard work he was able to set up his winery and now with 25 hectares of land under vine (some owned, some rented) in Rioja Alta, Rioja Baja, Rioja Alavesa and in up and coming DO of Arlanza, Olivier is living out his dream.

One of his wines is Ganko, which comes from 60-90-year-old Garnacha and Mazuelo vines planted in sandy and red clay soils at a site 600 metres high. Olivier considers this wine to be his 1er Cru Rioja and he is not alone: Luis Gutierrez awarded it 94 points, stating in his tasting note that he 'almost fell out of his chair' when smelling it!

And why Ganko? Simply, Ganko is the nickname he was given by his Japanese importer. It means 'stubborn' which is apt to say the least... but as this wine shows, stubbornness can yield great things.

The featured wine here is El Cadastro; a blend made from four parcels of older vines that were planted in the 1930s and 1950s. Most of this cuvée comes from the sub-zone of La Tizona,

which Olivier feels gives this wine its innate floral aromatics, to which he adds a portion of fruit from the sub-zones of La Mula, El Amesado and La Quemado - the high plateau considered by most to be the Grand cru of Covarrubias.

TASTING NOTES COURTESY of Luis Gutierrez of Robert Parker (95 pts) 2 0 1 4 Vina del Cadastro, Olivier

"There is a lot more depth and complexity here; it's not heavy at all and it's very balanced, and it feels like a very good vintage for this wine. It was produced with extremely low yields, some 1,500 kilos of grapes from a hectare, but it doesn't have the astringency you often find in very low yields; the vines seem to have achieved very good balance.

It combines floral notes with some red and black wild berries and just a spicy twist. The wine opens up nicely with time in the glass. The tannins

are very fine

Again - not a cheap wine - about 30€ a bottle.

with the subtle austerity from the stony, deep gravel soils, coming through as extremely elegant and definitively fresher than 2012, with the alcohol pretty integrated despite having some 14.5 per cent by volume.

This is a superb Arlanza, by far the best wine I know from the small appellation. This isn't cheap, (around €30 a bottle) but for the quality, it still represents very good value. Six thousand bottles were filled in September 2016. Drink 2017-2024.



(Some content thanks to Daily Mail online.)

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@euroweeklynnews.com.



CONSTRUCTION: Of new homes expected to increase by 20 per cent.

Exciting times ahead

THE first four months of 2017 have flown by and property experts now have enough information to make realistic predictions of what the end of the real estate year will look like.

Projections vary from gung ho optimism to 'substantial growth' and 'generalised recovery.' The only question it seems is, how good will 2017 turn out for Spanish property?

With one third of the year gone, statistical predictions made in January remain on course. BBVA believes that house prices will rise 3.5 per cent by December. Servihabitat is more optimistic, predicting 4.3 per cent. At the lower end of the scale is the, still healthy 3 per cent, estimated by the Spanish Association of Value Analysis.

On the sales front the early target of over half a million transactions by the end of the year is on course to become a reality. That would represent a minimum 12 per cent increase on 2016 sales. Tinsa estimates that between 450,000 and 600,000 new deeds will be signed.

Construction of new homes is expected to increase by an extraordinary 20 per cent to between 75,000 and 90,000 as the building sector propels real estate growth in both the commercial and residential spheres.

Wider economic projections will have a profound impact on where the property market stands when we enter 2018. Assuming a trade war doesn't break out with China, or a nuclear one with North Korea, many experts are

predicting Spain to benefit from a wider global recovery.

Domestically hundreds of thousands of jobs are set to be created, bolstering the middle class and conceivably leading to the return of 100 per cent mortgage loans. A strong global economy will also see even more foreign buyers embrace the Spanish second home market.

Other key predictions still on target include the increase in fixed-term mortgages, the dramatic expansion of the rental market, especially among young professionals, and the continuation of Spain's 'two-speed' market which sees extreme divergence between coastal and cosmopolitan strongholds, and the rural interior.

Profit potential

SPAIN'S property market is surging on all fronts but perhaps nowhere quite as strongly as the country's booming rental market. In key cities rental rates have risen by as much as 20 per cent in the last year alone.

Savvy investors are now embracing the buy-to-let market that created so many property millionaires in the UK from the 1990s onwards. The potential profits are increasingly difficult to ignore.

Spain's rental boom has three distinct branches. There is the controversial rise of tourist apartments whereby landlords prefer to rent out apartments for a few days or a week, charging tourists €300, rather than rent-

ing to a local family for one month for the same price.

A swiftly growing student population is also contributing. There are over 100,000 foreign and Spanish students seeking accommodation each year, more than student lodgings and parental homes can keep up with.

Young professionals are also on the rental bandwagon. Many have spent the past decade stuck at home or forced to move abroad while Spain recovered from the crisis. They are now older, employed and eager for their own space. But with hefty mortgage deposits and tighter rules, buying is no longer the simple process their parents enjoyed.



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Mortgages increase grinds to a halt

SEVEN months of consecutive increases in the number of mortgage loans ground to a halt in February. Just shy of 25,000 loans were granted across Spain, less than in February of 2016. On a month by month level both the volume and total capital of mortgage loans fell from January to February, the biggest drop since 2013.

Despite this, the average amount borrowed increased to €115,883, bringing the total borrowed capital to €2.82 billion. Interest rates

fell to an average of 3.17 per cent with just six out of 10 owners now on variable-rate mortgages.

Experts have dismissed February's figures as an anomaly and expect the banks to continue the upwards trend of granting mortgages. Data from March and April will soon be released. A period of mortgage consolidation is taking place, leading to less loans issued while new refinancing packages are developed.

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Out with the old in with the new

SPANISH banks are embarking on a thorough clean up of €6.2 billion worth of toxic mortgage loans, real estate and other assets that continue to hinder their recovery from the crisis.

Ibercaja, BBVA and Bankia are leading the charge, partly inspired by Banco Popular's alarming example of how toxic real estate assets can bring an institution to its knees.

The collective move takes place now because property market conditions have improved so dramatically and are extremely stable. Enough so that the banks feel able to shift homes, land, hotels, offices and industrial space that would have been unsellable just a few years ago.

Many have been waiting for this moment for five years after Spain's path to recovery seemed certain, if a little cloudy. The primary goal is to clean up balance sheets and embrace a new era of mortgage lending and



CLEAN UP: Ibercaja, BBVA and Bankia are leading the charge.

property assets untarnished by debts and looming court cases.

It's a long term strategy that make take a few more years to bear fruit. Spain's banks are being pushed by the European Central Bank to get rid of toxic assets, a measure which might expose their real financial situation.

Spain's banks are being pushed to get rid of toxic assets.

Until the banks return to the property game in full force, borrowers and buyers have plenty new options for mortgage loans at their disposal.

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Monthly gardening tasks - May

DICK HANDSCOMBE



AS I am still frequently asked some basic questions about Spanish gardens I decided to come out of retirement just once a month with a practical look at what needs to be done in our Spanish gardens each month.

As a result of my recent 80th birthday I can claim to have had a personal garden for 75 years and indeed eaten crops from them for that time as well as having sustained flower displays.

Although I have given up a large allotment and olive growth due to the long droughts of recent years, rising costs of agricultural water, increased thieving and the number of marauding wild boar, I still rarely need to buy vegetables and herbs.

The garden in Spain is almost 30 years old and has seen a few changes in plantings due to the

changing patterns of rain falls which have ranged from thunderstorms every month in the summer to 630 centimetres in a day one November and then some years later three years of almost total drought.

There have also been wide variations in temperatures from minus 15 to plus 47 degrees centigrade. Most of the early plants that have survived are essentially highly drought resistant or have been coached to be so.

Ten actions for May gardens

1. Trim off frost damaged leaves on succulents now that emergent new growth can be seen.
2. Prune out excess flowers on citrus and olive trees to stimulate larger fruits.
3. Tidy up spring bulbs as their flowers and stems die back and put the prunings on the compost heap.
4. Start to cut lawns regularly.
5. If not done over Easter clean up and start using al fresco cook-



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ing facilities on a regular basis. For me, as illustrated in the photograph, that has meant the paela rings and pans, tagines, a Mexican cooker, an earthen ware Moroccan bread cooking plate and the one-metre diameter solar cooker.

All have now been used at least once. From now on most cooking will be done in the garden until the autumn rains. If you are tempted by a solar cooker kits are available from www.asol.es.

6. If not done during April

complete the spring trimming of all hedges.

7. Clean out the end of early cropped overwintered vegetable crops such as broad beans, peas and lambs lettuce and fill gaps with summer crops such as tomatoes, peppers and courgettes.

8. Recognise that the temperatures and moisture levels during May are normally perfect for germinating and stimulating the growth of weeds so keep on top of them.

If you have not done much mulching to control them continuously have a look at the list of 35 possible actions in chapter 4.7 of 'How to use less water in your garden.' Mulching also reduces watering needs. The book is easily obtained from Amazon Books along with Dick Handscombe's other books still in print.

9. Cut off any new spikes on thorny shrubs and trees.

10. If the current dry spell continues start to gradually increase your watering around the garden.

Marvellous mulch, great for the garden

By Graeme Tyrrell

SUMMER preparations need to be in full swing in the garden if you want your plants to survive and thrive. Plant selection is the most important consideration for a healthy summer garden. Native plants to the local Mediterranean climate will always tend to survive the best with minimal care.

We all like variety though and if you are growing plants in containers, fruit trees or a vegetable garden, you will need to provide care of the garden plants that are not well adapted to the environment.

Watering is the most necessary activity to assist survival in summer. There are various ways to ensure plants stay moist for longer periods that will reduce the need for watering. One of the best ways to reduce evaporation from the soil around your plants is to apply mulch.

Mulching is the placing of material on top of the soil to benefit the soil and plants.

Whether its a container garden or open ground, mulch pro-



MULCHING TOMATOES: Straw is great to apply around the vegetable garden as it is easy to handle.

vides an insulation from the scorching sun that keeps soil temperatures cooler, thus reducing evaporation. Mulch also acts as a barrier to protect moisture escaping into the air, reduces the sprouting of many weeds and may provide nutrients to the garden soil.

There is a wide variety of materials that can be used to mulch. The choice should consider what is easiest to apply

and what is the most beneficial. Stone mulches are great for containers as they last and allow water to flow freely into the container without absorbing any themselves.

Organic materials such as shredded branches or even coarse potting mixture work well in the garden as it gradually breaks down into compost to feed the plants, although it needs reapplying as it breaks

down.

Straw is great to apply around the vegetable garden as it is easy to handle, and remove or dig in when not needed, and may only last for one summer season before breaking down.

I prefer not to mulch the vegetable garden in winter, mainly to reduce saturation after rain as it can encourage various fungal, insect, snail and slug problems.

Certain mulches such as

pine and cypress can repel some insects, such as ticks, and provide an acidic element to the soil which can be beneficial to the alkaline soils of the Med, especially if you are growing acid preferring

plants such as strawberries.

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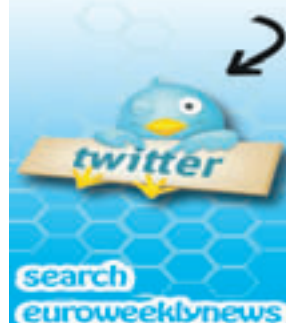
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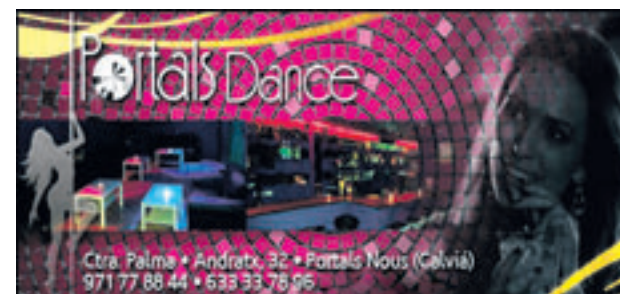
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Motoring shorts

Fines and flying taxis

TOUGHER speeding fines will charge British motorists at least 150 per cent of their weekly income. Anyone caught going more than 20mph above the speed limit will face the hefty new penalties. Maximum fines remain fixed at £2,500 (€3,000).

The strict judicial guidelines came into effect at the end of April but polls show most drivers are clueless about the new regime. Last year 244 people were killed by speeding drivers on British roads.

Meanwhile across the pond, Uber has pledged to get a 'flying taxi' service up and running by 2020. The app-based taxi group, previously banned in Spain, is working on giant drones. Much as Amazon can now deliver post and parcels by drone, the future flying taxi fleet will have humans as their cargo.

The Big One 2017

Largest collection of Classic Jaguars ever in Spain

by Eric Arnold

AFTER 18 months of planning The Big One 2017 actually happened. A joint event between The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, Spain, The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, South of France, plus some very enthusiastic members from the JEC in the UK. The result was 100 cars, but as a result of three breakdowns, only 97 fabulous Jaguars cleaned and polished to 'within an inch of their lives' actually made it with 201 very enthusiastic Jaguar owners.

The main event involving everybody took place on Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23, but many of the participants took two or three days or more to travel to and from their home to the event in Parador de Leon in



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On the way up many members

from the Costa Blanca region stopped off at Segovia to take the chance of seeing this World Heritage City. Members from the UK came from as far as Plymouth, Lancashire and North Wales with some round trips of around 3,500 miles for those who took the scenic routes over many

days.

Special permission had been granted by Leon Town Hall to park this outstanding collection of Big Cats on the amazing St Marco's square in front of the hotel. If you want to see just some of them, visit the website www.jec-spain.com and see the Events and Gallery pages where you can see examples of 'just the best motors in the world!'

Two top models

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The company are aiming to launch 15 new or facelifted models by the end of 2018, with the revolution set to be led by new versions of the A7 and A8.

Both cars will feature design elements and technology which will be rolled out across the Audi range, with the plan intended to improve public perception of the brand following the Dieseltgate scandal.

The fourth-generation A8, the firm's new flagship, will make its debut in July although it is the second-generation A7 that Audi says most successfully embodies the new style, with an interior based largely on the 2015 Audi Prologue concept.

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JAMES PATTERSON is the founder and manager of Rib Club Global Ltd, and refers to the company as his third child. He was an investment banker for 15 years before leaving the 'rat race' and moving to Menorca, turning his passion into the company that gives boating enthusiasts, the opportunity to realise their passions.

His company offers 'A Members Boating Club,' offering hassle-free boating to enthusiasts and beginners, who don't want the responsibility of boat ownership. Members pay a yearly subscription and are awarded points that can be swapped on various RIBs (Rigid Inflatable Boat), which range from seven to nine metres, some which include cabins and toilets.

The membership also offers a choice of locations, in Mallorca, Menorca and Tenerife. A new branch has recently opened in the United Kingdom and further expansion is planned to take place this year, with the opening of a new location in Puerto Banus, Costa del Sol.

The advantage that this expansion creates will afford customers the opportunity to receive a



BOATING CLUB: Choice of locations.

more flexible membership, by being able to use it in any location they desire and without any additional cost. James has done his market research and believes in the importance of accommodating the members to the best of his ability. He is well aware that his members are free spirits, who love travel and that the expansion of locations would be most suitable to his members' lifestyles.

The expansion of location will take his business into new waters, including the broadening of horizons for the members and giving them more choice. Additionally, the boats will be similar in each location, so there will be no need for members to have to familiarise themselves with a new boat.

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can cancel right up to the day of the booking without any penalties. The points awarded to members, if unused, are rolled over to the following year. Due to a limited amount of membership allocations, members never have a problem being able to reserve boats at short notice, even in the busier months.

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THOSE involved commercially in the boating industry may be interested to know that the European Boating Industry Association has released its new brochure.

Although not a division of the European Union, the EBI is located in Brussels and endeavours to speak for the boating industry as well as relaying latest information and statutes to its 7,000 interested companies represented by 13 member states within the Union including Spain.

The association issues regular newsletters and reports the latest EU laws which affect both the boating industry and boat owners and can be visited at www.europeanboatingindustry.eu.

Whilst aimed at the industry the website contains useful information for the press and those who enjoy boating and are simply interested in knowing what is going on in the EU on nautical matters.

Palma Boat Show a hit

THE organisers of the 34th Annual Palma International Boat Show which closed on May 2 have announced that 32,000 people visited the five-day show.

This year has seen yet another increase of 10 per cent in both visitors and exhibitors with nearly half of the 244 companies represented being based in Mallorca.

So successful has the show - which runs in parallel with the Superyacht show - been that it has attracted companies from 33 different countries who have either taken stands or taken the very expensive option to bring their vessels over to Mallorca.

Organisers are already planning for an even larger show next year as Mallor-



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Some of the vessels on display.



ca continues to be a major player in Spanish boating, with some of the best locations in the world for repair of superyachts measuring in excess of 24 metres.

10th Denia Boat Show

PALMA wasn't the only Spanish port to host a boat show over the May Bank Holiday as Denia launched its 10th.

Running from April 28 to May 1, it was overshadowed by Palma and hurt by two days of bad weather, but organisers have confirmed the number of visitors to this free nautical exhibition exceeded any previous show and exhibitors were happy with the results.

Possibly not aimed at the superyacht brigade, this was a show that invited families and boating enthusiasts and much had been done to ensure there was something for everyone.

Apart from boats, there were organised events for children, a great ruta de tapas, a visit from the Maritime Rescue Boat Salvamar Calíope environmental advice, a free trip to the Marine Reserve at Cabo de San Antonio and many water based sports.

Even animals were part of the event, with a doggy fashion show.

Super Yacht A on trials

DESPITE that fact that Sailing Yacht A was seized in Gibraltar over a financial dispute earlier this year it has now returned to the Rock.

Designed by Philippe Starck the French style guru, responsible for the Port Adriano marina in Mallorca, it is said to be one of the world's largest and most costly superyachts ever produced.

Built in Germany by Nobiskrug it contains some of the latest technology and is on its final trials before being handed over to Russian billionaire Andrey Melnichenk who has reportedly spent £360 million (€426 million) on its production.

Whilst the company respects its client's privacy, it is suggested that the superyacht which consists of eight floors has been built to accommodate 20 passengers in absolute luxury and with quarters to house up to 54 crew members.

Packed full of technology and even an underwater observation room, the unusual vessel - which has three masts each taller than the Elizabeth Tower which houses Big Ben - will replace its forerunner Motor Yacht A which is currently

SAILING YACHT A:
Eight floors of
absolute luxury.



up for sale.

It is believed that Mr Melnichenk names his vessels with the letter A

so that they will appear at the start of world shipping registers and there is no doubt that this new su-

peryacht will be the centre of attraction at any marina or port that it visits.

The Royal Clipper's in Mallorca

THE Royal Clipper a five-masted luxury cruise ship arrived in Mallorcan waters on May 2 carrying up to 226 passengers.

The vessel which was built in Sweden in 2000 is the world's second-largest sailing vessel measuring 134 metres in length and with a crew of 106.

Due to her size and ability to travel under sail or powered by engines, she is able to sail into some ports which are impossible for larger cruise ships.

She is managed by the Star Clipper Group and spends the summer months in the Mediterranean and the winter months in the Caribbean.

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Joshua on top of the world, Sunderland down and out and Bottas wins in Russia

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Costa de Almeria

DIARY OF EVENTS:

• **FOOTBALL...** tomorrow night Spurs (2nd) visit West Ham, followed on Saturday by Manchester City v Crystal Palace, lowly Swansea v Everton and Hull versus demoted Sunderland, while Arsenal and Manchester United face each other on Sunday as do Liverpool and Southampton before champions-elect Chelsea play relegation-threatened Middlesbrough on Monday.

• Either Birmingham (away to Bristol City), Blackburn (at Brentford) or Nottingham Forest (v Ipswich) will join Wigan and Rotherham in FL1 next season.

• On Tuesday and last night we had the first legs of the Champions League semi-finals, including the Madrid derby, while tonight it's likewise in the Europa League. All second legs take place next mid-week.

• Tomorrow, Bristol hosts the first England v Ireland One Day Cricket International... the World ice hockey championships start in France/Germany so does the three-week long Giro d'Italia cycle race.

• The Badminton Equestrian Horse Trials began yesterday ... and on Saturday, the world's top horses will race in the Kentucky Derby in Louisville and the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, Aiden O'Brien's Caravaggio being my each-way tip in the latter.

• On Sunday, we have the fourth MotoGP of 2017 here in Spain (Jerez) with home stars Marc Marquez, Maverick Vinales and Dani Pedrosa all in action, and

the BTCC at Thruxton where Matt Neal, Gordon Shedden and Colin Turkington will aim to do better this time out!

• And this weekend's Aviva PL rugby matches include Gloucester-Exeter, Northampton-Harlequins, Sale-Bath, Wasps-Saracens and Worcester-Leicester.

ROUND-UP:

• Last Saturday, 90,000 fans saw Anthony Joshua become the unified world heavyweight boxing champion with an 11th round stoppage of Wladimir Klitschko in a thrilling fight at Wembley.

• It was Mark Selby against John Higgins in the 2017 world snooker world final which finished on Monday. Selby beat Higgins to become the 2017 World snooker champion.

• Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) won the Russian F1 Grand Prix; Sebastian Vettel was second, Kimi Raikkonen third and Lewis Hamilton fourth.

• In tennis, Rafael Nadal beat Dominic Thiem in the Barcelona Open final.

DID YOU KNOW?

FOOTBALL is officially the world's most watched sport. Indeed, considering the various criteria its popularity is unmatched with millions of fans in the far East, North and South America and throughout Africa and Australasia, but nowhere is it more popular than here in Europe where it's not just a game, it's a way of life.

A recent survey revealed that 3.85 billion fans watched football last year. The other most popular sports are cricket (2.56b), field hockey (2b), tennis (1b), volleyball (900m), table tennis (851m), baseball (500m), golf (452m), basketball (401m) and American football (400m).

• Somerset, 26-5 chasing Surrey's 290-8 off 50 overs in the Royal London Cup, stormed back to win by four wickets, scoring 291 for six with 37 balls remaining.

• Rugby League's Super Cup quarter-finals will feature Hull v Catalan Dragons, Leeds Rhinos v Barrow, Swinton v Wigan and Warrington Wolves v Wigan.

ANTHONY JOSHUA: World heavyweight boxing champion.

FOOTY KICKS:

• Bayern Munich thrashed Wolfsburg 6-0 to clinch the Bundesliga for the fifth season running.

• Last Saturday, SPL champions Celtic recorded their biggest ever win at Ibrox Park by battering Rangers 5-1.

• Barcelona and Real Madrid still stand first and second in La Liga, with Real having a game in hand (Celta Vigo, away).

• Last weekend Chelsea won 3-0 at Everton and Spurs beat Arsenal 2-0 to remain one-two in the PL while Sunderland (beaten 1-

0 at home by Bournemouth) were relegated after 10 years in the top flight. Hull City, Middlesbrough and Swansea all picked up points in their bid to stay up... so too did Burnley and Leicester City.

• Arsenal and Chelsea will each receive 28,000 tickets for the Cup final on May 27.

• Spurs will play all home games at Wembley Stadium in 2017-18.

• Lyon knocked Manchester City out of the Women's Champions League 3-2 on aggregate, and England's ladies will play Wales, Russia, Bosnia and Kazakhstan in their 2019 World Cup qualifiers.

• Sergio Ramos has been sent-off a record 22 times for Real Madrid and Spain.

VALTTERI BOTTAS: Won the Russian F1 Grand Prix.



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MALAGA FC won an entertaining local derby 4-2 at La Rosaleda on Monday (May 1) to dent Sevilla's hopes of an automatic Champions League spot.

Mallorca's best guide to local sport

TO READ MORE

Beach rugby in Palma and Magaluf

HUNDREDS of rugby players made the most of the long May holiday weekend to head to Mallorca to play in either the fourth HM Palma Beach Rugby or the 10th Mallorca Beach Rugby in Magaluf events.

In Palma inclusive rugby was the theme for Friday evening as around 160 youngsters, including mentally disabled, joined in on Friday evening with some fun sports activities.

Other rugby kicked off on Saturday and Sunday with El Toro RC's

U18 team adding another trophy to their collection by winning the U18 tournament whilst The Ruzaffa team from Valencia were winners out of 15 teams in the men's trophy for the third year

INCLUSIVE RUGBY: Friday night fun.



RUZAFFA TEAM: Men's gold medal winners.

running. Las Zordas, a Mallorquin girls team, took the gold in the women's tournament.

Entertainment alongside the sport was provided by a graffiti artist, African Zumba and pole dancing as well as a concert by Ipop. Volleyball was added to the tournament this year to show off a different sport that is increasing in popularity in Mallorca.

The proceedings kicked off in Magaluf with the opening party on Friday night and the rugby began in

earnest on Saturday morning with the group stages.

Finals in the men's and women's groups were played on Sunday and overall trophy winners were Pen-coed RFC in the men's and Chiefs and Indians for the women.

Even though the weather wasn't the best that has been seen this didn't dampen the spirits of the players and spectators who thoroughly enjoyed the closing party, along with the other activities arranged throughout the weekend.

Coming up, on May 6 Bahia RC is hosting an open day for all inter-



SPORTING ACTIVITIES: Some of the youngsters that took part.



LAS ZORDAS: Women's gold medal winners.

ested with activities for younger players throughout the morning followed by a veterans against seniors match at 1.30pm. The Balears U14

team will be playing in a tournament in Valencia and the Spanish National Clubs U18 tournament will also be played.



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