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Behind bars

Sex assault suspect jailed as case continues



BEACH ATTACK: Concerned beachgoers raised the alarm.

By Matt Ford

The Guardia Civil has opened an investigation into the alleged sexual assault of a 37-year-old woman in broad daylight on Nerja's Burriana Beach.

A 25-year-old man has been jailed in the wake of the allegations and could be handed a four to 10-year prison sentence, with the victim apparently under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the attack.

Concerned beachgoers raised the alarm after they spotted him having sex with a semi-conscious woman on a sun lounger.

Witnesses told police that she was trying to fight him off while a second man, aged 35, stood by and appeared to be "waiting for his turn."

As police arrived at the scene the pair tried to escape in their car but it failed to

start, leaving them with no option but to flee on foot.

Both were caught by fleet-footed officers within a few minutes and transferred to the local Guardia Civil station.

Meanwhile, a Local Police patrol interviewed the victim, who claimed that she had entered the car in Granada but was unable to remember anything after that moment, with no recollection of the drive to Nerja.

Investigators are now making enquiries to determine whether she had been given the notorious date-rape

drug scopolamine, better known as The Devil's Breath, or burundanga in Spanish.

The drug originates from Colombia but a 36-year-old woman from Mallorca became the first person in Spain to test positive for it in September 2016.

Made from the seeds of the Brugmansia tree, scopolamine induces a zombie-like state in victims whereby they are conscious but unable to act with free will, while memories are blocked from forming until the effect wears off.

The accused is to remain in police custody without bail until the conclusion of the trial in Torrox, while his accomplice has been released but must make two court appearances per month while investigations remain open.



RAINY DAYS: Set to return this week.

Wet weather warning

CLOUDY skies have returned to the Costa del Sol, with the chance of rain on Thursday and Friday according to state weather agency AEMET.

Following a sunny start to the week, temperatures dropped to 20°C on Wednesday.

The rainfall is not expected to be intense, although storms may affect areas close to the Strait of Gibraltar.

Another dramatic change is expected on Friday evening, when the hot, dry wind known as the terral is forecast to sweep the province, raising the mercury to 27°C on Friday and Saturday.

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Old school

MOTRIL'S Council is putting together a commission to protect the town's historical centre. Councillors plan to meet with businesses, and other interested local parties, to put together proposals to preserve buildings over 100 years old.

In mourning

CANILLAS DE ACEITUNO has held two days of mourning for its former mayor, Manuel Marin Cubo, who has died. Marin Cubo was mayor between 1995 and 1999.

Check mates

TWO winners have emerged from a gruelling three-day chess tournament in Almuñecar, as Ruben Domingo and Manuel Ruiz were crowned champions in the youth and over-50's categories at the Andalusia Chess Championships.

Top of the world

Spanish beaches lead global blue flag ranking

By Matt Ford

SPAIN continues to have the best beaches in the world according to the annual blue flag awards.

The country has been handed 684 flags for 2017, placing it top of the global ranking for the 30th consecutive year ahead of Greece, France, Turkey, Italy and Portugal.

The blue flag is a certification offered by the international Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), which stipulates that a beach, marina or boating tour operator meets a set of sustainability standards.

In Spain, the flags were awarded to 579 beaches, 100 marinas and five tourist vessels.

At regional level the Valencian Community leads the way, its 129 flags outstripping Galicia (113), Catalonia (95) and Andalusia (90).

Malaga has been awarded 24 flags, of which six will fly along the Axarquía coastline according to the Spanish Association of Environmental Education and the Consumer, which announced the results.

Velez-Malaga has bagged three of these, with the town hall overjoyed after Torre del Mar beach regained the blue



BLUE FLAG: Awarded to Ferrara beach, Torrox.

status it lost last year.

The other two flags were once again picked up by Benajárfé beach and Caleta de Velez marina, while the Rio Seco beach at Caletaña has failed to retain its status.

Elsewhere, Ferrara beach in Torrox, Algarrobo beach and Torre de Benagalbon beach in

Rincon de la Victoria were also awarded blue flags, the latter having not been awarded the distinction last year.

Nerja has once again failed to qualify due to its continued lack of a municipal water treatment plant, with raw sewage simply pumped into the sea.

Time to pay the tax man

NERJA Council has reminded car owners that this year's road taxes must be paid by May 19.

Many residents will be unaware of this tariff, which is calculated based on width.

In addition, all owners of garages or gates which allow access of vehicles must pay an entrance tax corresponding to 2016 by May 22.

Invoices received by post can be paid at any bank, and the town hall recommends that a direct debit be set up for future transactions.

This can be arranged at Nerja's Tax Office (Patronato de Recaudacion) which is located on Calle Axarquía 3, opposite a large paint shop and close to the central Supersol roundabout.

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Police save kamikaze husband

POLICE in El Morche have saved the life of a suicidal man who tried to hang himself at home.

The officers burst into the 43-year-old's home after receiving a frantic call from his wife, who was worried about the man's mental state. They entered the property seconds after the man had stepped off a chair with a noose around his neck. An officer quickly caught him, stopping him from suffocating.

The man had apparently wanted to kill himself following marital problems. He had called his wife, who was in Córdoba, threatening to take his own life. She quickly alerted the Local Police, fearing she would be unable to reach him in time.

The man is now being treated at the Comarcal Hospital in Axarquía, and his wife has expressed her gratitude to the rescuers.

€3,700 computer theft hits school

BURGLARS have ransacked a school in Maro, making off with €3,700 in computers, cameras and cash.

The thieves forced entry to the village's Virgen de las Maravillas school in the early hours, turning the school upside down in their attempt to find valuables.

Classes were cancelled while officers from the Guardia Civil investigated, forcing some children to stand in the school's playground all day as their parents could not be contacted to take them home.

The school's headteacher could not confirm whether the institution has insurance and the town's council has said it cannot make up any losses suffered as the school is the responsibility of the Department of Education.

The theft is the second in two days in Axarquía, following the burglary of a municipal storage warehouse in Benamargosa, where €17,000 in tools were taken, as covered on page 12.

Load of bull

AROUND 200 people demonstrated against a bullfight scheduled for June 10

Man jailed over property scam

A MAN has been imprisoned for eight months after selling a property in Velez-Málaga without its owners' permission.

The fraudster had visited a notary's office in 2005 purporting to act on behalf of a couple who had inherited a property from an uncle. There the man drew up a deed of sale, "when in fact he had not received any verbal or other authorisation since he did not even know the people."

Later that day, he sold the property to another couple, who bought it in good faith for €80,000. The buyers also paid the man €5,000 for arranging the transaction.

When the second couple tried to register the property, however, they were unable to do so as the rightful owners had not given their permission.

The perpetrator has now been sentenced to eight months in prison for fraud and ordered to pay €98,000 in compensation to the second couple.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 12

SPAIN SO CHEESY! Spaniards love their local cheeses as much as their nationally produced wines, with a Denomination of Origin upholding quality nationwide of some leading brands.

Cheesy cheer

AROUND 100 different varieties of cheese are produced in various regions of Spain ranging from fresh to cured and some fermented to blue.

The key characteristic of each is the type of milk used with currently 13 cheeses with Denominations of Origin - or DO - across the country.

Dependent on the area, time of year, climate and tradition, cheese is produced with milk from cows, goats or sheep, and some products include a mixture.

Each cheese also differs due to varying ageing or curing production processes, with these frequently decades old and identifying with local history and tradition.

Flavours normally fall within three



categories: light, medium or strong, with the latter typically produced with a long curing process and from sheep's milk or a blend.

The Spanish frequently eat cheese daily, and as a general rule, cheese from cows' milk comes from the north in inland areas from Cantabria and the

Basque Country to Castilla-Leon, Castilla La Mancha, Aragon and Extremadura.

The Mediterranean coast from Catalonia to Andalucía is mainly famed locally for goats-milk cheese, while the Canary and Balearic Islands are largely known for goats' cheese.

Majestic Manchego

MANCHEGO is the most famous Spanish cheese, wholly made from the ewe's milk of the Manchega breed of sheep. It is firm and aged from two months to two years.

Protected under the DO classification schemes of both Spain as well as the European Union, it is named after the La Mancha Province where it is produced and which was the home of Don Quixote.

Mild with a taste of salty nuts, it was originally produced to barter at market and to provide a durable food for Spanish shepherds.



MANCHEGO CHEESE: Mild with a taste of salty nuts.

in Velez-Málaga.

The protestors from pressure group Rodea el Ruedo (Round the Wheel) marched through the town's streets waving a large banner declaring, 'No to bullfights. Torture is neither art nor culture.'

They chanted that the council should fulfil its 2016 commitment to put a stop to animal cruelty. Spokesperson Mari Carmen Castillo said "it seems a joke that a bullfight is scheduled barely a year after this commitment," adding she believed the fight was "illegal."

High and dry

AXARQUIA'S farmers are calling for help after reservoir water levels have almost halved over the last three years.

The Coordinated Organisation of Growers and Farmers (COAG) has decried the "worrying" situation after reservoirs fell to 53 per cent of their capacity, down from 82 per cent in May 2014.

The group is calling on councils to intervene, claiming they are receiving

"between half and two-thirds" of the water needed to grow their crops.

Cart before horse

THREE people have been injured after a car collided with a tourist horse and carriage in Nerja.

The vehicle slammed into oncoming horses outside the Enrique Lopez Cuenca stadium after the driver was dazzled by the sun.

The three people on board the cart were tossed out by the force of the crash and suffered minor bruising, but both horses were wounded.

Postscript to ponder

2,905

The average number of sun-filled hours on the Costa del Sol, making it the sunniest place in Spain with nearly 100 hours more than the Canary Islands in second spot.

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Bitter pill to swallow

CATALONIA has introduced a controversial sugar tax on a range of soft drinks including some of the world's most famous brands.

Already tagged a 'soda tax,' it could raise as much as €41 million a year for the regional government's coffers, despite an insistence the aim was to improve public health by reducing sugar consumption according to World Health Organisation recommendations.

The tax hike depends on the amount of sugar in a drink, and customers will have to pay more for products like energy drinks, fruit juices made from concentrate, chocolate drinks, sports, and cold tea and coffee drinks.

The central government has previously looked to introduce such a levy nationwide – it is already policy in France and Denmark – but has always backtracked.

USA, USA, USA

MANY students aim to work abroad after finishing studying, and 70 per cent of those graduates look to the USA.

A study by a prestigious Barcelona university found more than half preferred to work overseas, with just 46.6 per cent wanting to find a job in Spain.

From a poll of 500 it was discovered only 8.56 per cent wanted to work in Britain and 6.6 per cent in Germany.

Donkey work

VANDALS poured yellow paint onto a donkey's back and released it from its enclosure, with its young, in La Pereda de Llanes, in Spain's Asturias region.

They sneaked into the enclosure and poured several litres of plastic paint on the back of four-year-old donkey, Marina, before destroying the enclosure allowing the animal and its two offspring,



Postcard from Merida



The Temple of Diana. |

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993, Merida is renowned for its Roman architecture and was built as a stylised provincial capital of Rome, centre of an empire.

Founded in 25BC, with the name Emerita Augusta, it has some of the most well-preserved archaeological remains in Spain and was once the most important city in Roman Iberia.

The city was founded by the Emperor Augustus and his discharged soldiers were employed to protect a pass and bridge over the river Guadiana; the Puente Romana is still used by pedestrians and is the longest of all existing Roman bridges.

Merida remains the capital of Extremadura. Historically its strategic importance was one end of the Silver Way – the Via de la Plata – the route between the gold mines of Asturica Augusta and Rome.

Visitors can explore Roman reservoirs still in use, the aqueduct, the Circus Maximus – one of the best examples in the world – and villas with precious mosaics. The Forum includes the Temple of Diana and the theatre is still used to stage Greco-Roman classics or modern plays set in ancient times.

After the Romans, Merida was important to the Visigoths and by the sixth Century was dominated by bishops as the capital of Hispania and the occupation of the Moors meant the ancient buildings were re-used or expanded but maintained their splendour.

Guía and Guadalupe, to wander free.

The donkeys' owner was alerted by neighbours of what had happened and searched the area until he located the animals. The crime was reported at the offices of the Guardia Civil who are investigating.

Buds of May

THOUSANDS of people arrived in Madrid's historic Puerta del Sol square on May Day to attend a rally against corruption.

The demonstration vented its anger against the ruling Partido Popular; after the PP found itself embroiled in a new bribery scandal involving a former regional president of Madrid.

Following a series of accusations against political parties, unions, and companies, corruption has become a main concern for Spaniards after the country's ongoing unemployment woes.

Free Press

WORLD Press Freedom Day has prompted calls for journalists in Spain to be free of the 'pressures and threats' of political parties.

The Madrid Press Association accuses politicians of trying to undermine the work of the press and calls for the right of the media to comment on events without being bullied.

It has also demanded the repeal of the so-called 'gag law' to allow free speech to be protected to the same standards as under international law.

Crowning glory

A NEW book is attempting to restore the tarnished reputation of King Carlos I following the 'errors' leading to his abdication in 2014.

King of Democracy looks at how during his reign the royal was not a mere spectator but helped bring Spain democracy and economic prosperity.

Birthdays

• **Pam Ferris (69), May 11, Actress**
British actress best-known for her role as Ma Larking in the popular TV show The Darling Buds of May. She has also starred in Rosemary and Thyme and Call the Midwife and has featured in films such as Matilda and Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.

• **Catherine Tate (49), May 12, Comedian/Actress**

The English comedian's hit comedy series The Catherine Tate Show saw her play the well-known characters of Nan, the Cockney grandmother, and teenager Lauren Cooper whose often copied catchphrase was 'Am I bovvered?' She has appeared in TV shows such as Doctor Who and the US version of The Office.

• **Stevie Wonder (67), May 13, Musician/Singer**

One of the world's best-selling artists the American singer is known for his many hit songs such as I Just Called to Say I Love You and Superstition. He has won 25 Grammy Awards and also an Academy Award for Best Song. He has been blind since just after he was born and he was only 11 years old when he signed for the Motown label Tamla.



• **George Lucas (73), May 14, Filmmaker/Director**

American filmmaker who created and directed hit films such as the Star Wars and Indiana Jones series, American Graffiti and Willow. He also founded the companies Industrial Light & Magic and Lucasfilm, which he sold in 2012 to The Walt Disney Company, reportedly for \$4.05 billion.

• **Andy Murray (30), May 15, Tennis player**

Scottish professional tennis player who is currently the men's world number one. He has won three Grand Slam tournaments, two Olympic golds for the men's singles and a silver for the mixed doubles. In 2017 he won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for a record third time.

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OUR VIEW

Prince Philip retires

TO some a bit like marmite, love him or hate him, the often controversial Duke of Edinburgh has decided to take retirement from Royal Duties.

There was a huge flurry of interest in the Royal Household when an almost unheard of call for all members of staff to attend a special meeting which included video conferences was announced.

In the end it was simply to confirm that shortly after his 96th birthday, Prince Philip, would retire from public functions and his diary would be cleared with effect from August 2017.

Recently, a number of duties previously undertaken by the Queen who is now 91 were handed over to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and after 65 years of service, that Queen Elizabeth and her Consort want to scale down their activities.

This doesn't mean that we have seen the last of the sometimes amusing, sometimes grumpy and sometimes embarrassing Prince but he will simply turn up to events and functions that take his fancy rather than make advance commitments to attend.

When you are married to one of the richest women in the world, you can be fairly certain that medical support will be of the highest quality but at 96, time is not on his side and he wants a bit of a rest.

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Hotel's €6m renovation

TORROX COSTA'S Iberostar Hotel is set to reopen this weekend following a €6 million re-fit, with the event set to be attended by players and staff from Malaga FC.

The four-star hotel is said to have benefitted from a "profound change of image" with "great results," according to a statement by the company.

The hotel has been open since 2003 and originally cost €36 million. It was initially owned and run by Hotel Ferrara SA but was bought by Iberostar in 2003 in a deal which saw its 180 employees retained. It has over 11,000m² of gardens, 319 rooms, 94 tourist apartments and a swimming pool.

Iberostar CEO Aurelio Vazquez commented, "the dining room now has a larger buffet area and a refrigerated and humidity controlled wine cellar has been installed at its entrance. The renovation of the buffet also means we are able to offer trendy new cuisine including live cooking, Mediterranean food and fresh products of the highest quality."



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He's a hot spur

TOTTENHAM stars Dele Alli, Kieran Trippier and Michael Vorm were spotted soaking up the Spanish sun as they hit party island Ibiza this week.

England heart-throb Alli, 21, was snapped frolicking in the waves with his lingerie model girlfriend Ruby Mae, 22, who caught the eye in a microscopic Calvin Klein bikini as her other half exposed his toned physique.

The players jetted out of London just hours after losing a crucial Premier League match to West Ham, which appears to have all but ended Spurs' chances of the title this year.

But this appeared far from their minds as they tucked into sushi and cool drinks while chilling on their loungers.

DELE ALLI:
The heart-throb is chilling out in Ibiza.



Photo Credit Twitter.

Spring break!

AS things heat up in Spain with summer fast approaching, UK celebrities have been flocking to top up their tans.

Big Brother star Imogen Thomas has been soaking up the sunshine this week, the 34-year-old parading a series of skimpy bikinis from her own Chasing Summer range, posting a series of saucy shots on Instagram before hitting the beach with youngest daughter Siera.

The curvaceous reality star was crowned Miss Wales in 2003 before shooting to fame as a Big Brother contestant in 2006, but is now making waves as a swimwear designer.

In Marbella, The Voice UK contestant Lydia Lucy made a sizzling splash in front of the eager cameras.

Having debuted a tiny white bikini, the 23-year-old followed it up with an equally miniscule blue number, both of which highlighted

her painful-looking tan-lines and bright red chest.

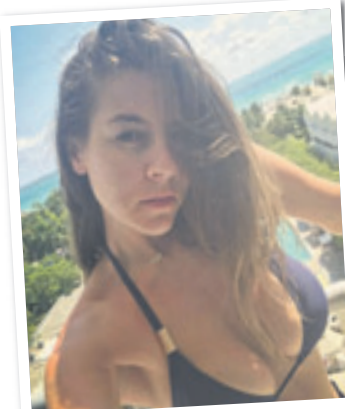
Big Fat Gypsy Wedding star Danielle Mason, 33, went one step further as she frolicked on a Marbella beach before pulling down her bathing costume for some eye-popping topless shots.

Having recently revealed that she attempted suicide after the breakup of her marriage, she is clearly on the mend as she forges a burgeoning career as a glamour model.

Following their joint appearance on this year's Ex On The Beach, Jenny Thompson and ZaraLena Jackson certainly caught the eye as they rocked up to a Marbella pool party in revealing one piece swimsuits.

Jenny, 27, is a former escort best known for her fling with Manchester United's Wayne Rooney, and

GLAMOUR MODEL: Danielle Mason.



BEACH BABE: Imogen Thomas.

she sported a racy lace-up affair, while her 27-year-old MTV co-star ZaraLena opted for a similarly plunging neckline.



Photos by Instagram / Twitter

NEWS EXTRA

Drug bust

NATIONAL POLICE in Velez-Malaga have confiscated 801 marihuana plants from homes in the town. In addition, they have arrested two men and two women, aged between 31 and 50 years-old for drug trafficking.

El Salvador

ALMUÑECAR'S mayor, Trinidad Herrera, has received a group of mayors from El Salvador, who were interested in learning from the town's agricultural, tourism and economic success.

In harmony

JESUS SAMPEDRO has brought the first ever harmonium concert to Axarquía after several decades in Andalucia. His instrument was built by Debain in 1879 and has been restored.

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Will Eurovision Brit face Brexit backlash?

THE 62nd edition of the world's longest running annual singing contest will take place this Saturday in Kiev, Ukraine, but Britain's entry is not the bookies' favourite.

Ahead of the spectacle, bookmakers Ladbrokes have reported that the UK are looking fairly friendless, with the odds on them taking home the title being bigger than ever before at 50/1.

The bookmakers have even taken several bets on UK entrant Lucie Jones receiving nil points at odds of 14/1.

Nicola McGeady of Ladbrokes told TellyMix: "Punters are preparing for a Brexit backlash from voters judging by the lack of support coming in for Lucie Jones. Usually we are knocked over with patriotic support, but for the first time ever, punters aren't getting behind the UK."

BBC Eurovision host Graham Norton previously admitted he didn't rate Lucie's chances at Eurovision 2017.

He told the *Daily Star* newspaper: "I'm just not sure it will happen for us this year. I mean, I could be wrong as Germany have won, Austria have won. So, I suppose people who never win, win."

"On the night, anything

SLIM CHANCE: Will Lucie Jones face Brexit backlash?



can happen. I'm just not sure it will for us, though."

Celebrities across Europe are preparing for the showdown.

Enrique Iglesias has shirked Spain in favour of Montenegro's Slavko Kalezić.

Enrique is no stranger to Eurovision. His dad Julio Iglesias represented Spain in 1970 but only finished in fourth place, and Enrique himself was the interval act at the first Eurovision Dance Contest.

Meanwhile, Russia's 2009 winner Dima Bilan is backing

17-year-old Bulgarian superstar Kristian Kostov. He mentored Kristian on the children's version of The Voice Russia and the pair performed an incredible duet together.

Hope may not be lost for Lucie Jones as former One Direction singer Liam Payne cheers her on. Liam's girlfriend Cheryl was Lucie's mentor on The X Factor in 2009 and they're getting behind the UK's Eurovision entrant.

Eurovision 2017 will air on Saturday on BBC One from 8pm.

Rice to see you

By Matt Ford

EX-LEADER of the socialist PSOE opposition party, Pedro Sanchez, who is aiming to reclaim his spot in upcoming elections, was spotted tucking into paella in Nerja.

He stopped off for lunch at a restaurant made famous by Spanish TV series *Verano Azul* (Blue Summer).

According to campaign sources, Sanchez has embarked on 'the road to triumph' in his battle against rivals Patxi Lopez



Pedro Sanchez (L) in Nerja. and current president of Andalucía Susana Diaz.

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Perverted predator identified by hands

A 57-YEAR-OLD stepfather who allegedly sexually assaulted his partner's underage daughter has been identified by a photograph showing the back of his hands.

The girl had allegedly been drugged with powerful sedatives and sleeping tablets, before being abused by her stepfather. Due to the medication she had been given, the girl only had a small recollection of the abuse and had not told anyone.

Her mother called in police, however, after finding pho-

tographs of her daughter naked and asleep, while cleaning the house. The photographs captured the backs of the hands of the photographer.

Investigators decided to interview the girl's stepfather, who was in prison in Jaen for other crimes, and photographed his hands.

Criminologists were then able to positively identify that the hands shown in the photos were his by their interphalangeal joints; the first time a crime has been solved in this way.

Coming clean

By Sally Underwood

WORKS to Nerja's first sewage plant have stalled with construction 95 per cent complete, almost a full year after they were supposed to be finished.

The plant is still missing its pumping station after works were halted for seven months until January this year, and then again for a month over Easter.

The company carrying out the project, Isolux, has financial difficulties, owing more than €4 million to its creditors and facing foreclosure. Sources say works will be finalised once these financial matters have been dealt with.

The problem is the latest for Nerja's much-criticised water treatment, which recently saw an underwater pipe burst

400 metres off Burriana Beach, expelling raw waste into the water and causing a 'geyser' of sewage to appear.

Nerja Council has invested €100,000 to fix the leaky pipe and workers managed to fix the original hole, measuring around 20 centimetres squared.

However, they were alarmed to find another, much larger leak around 100 metres away. Attempts to repair the damage were hampered by storms but the council is now due to replace four sections.

Nerja is the only large resort in Malaga to still pour untreated sewage into the sea, using underwater pipes on both Burriana and Torrecilla beaches.

The existing plant is now around 30 years old.

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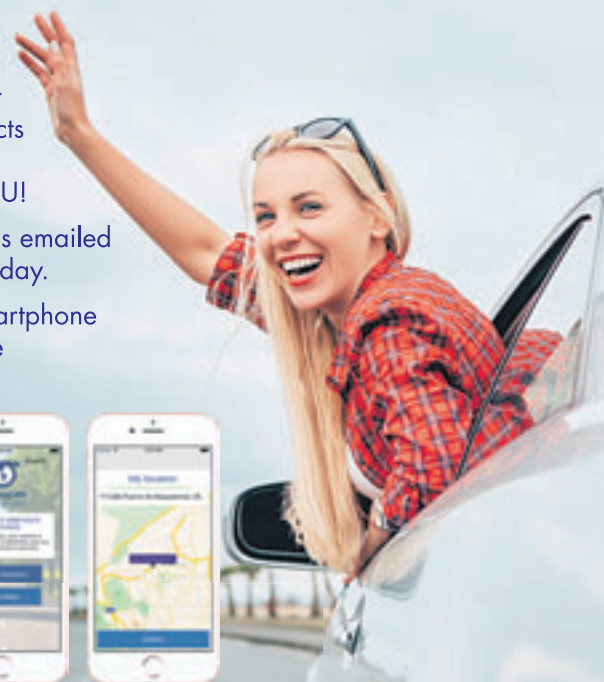
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Rescued girls start new life in Marbella

JIMENA RICO and Shaza Ismail, the young couple who were imprisoned in Turkey after fleeing persecution in Dubai, are to start a new life in Marbella, following their recent engagement.

The girls, who were duped into flying to Dubai to visit Shaza's supposedly sick mother, had fled after discovering the girl's Egyptian father wanted her to face trial for being gay, which is illegal in Dubai.

The couple escaped to Georgia, where the man caught up with them and took away their documents. The police intervened, escorting the girls to the Turkish border, where they crossed.

Turkish police soon caught up with them though, and imprisoned them on suspicion of terrorism without



FREE LOVE: Jimena and Shaza are now engaged.

access to legal advice or phones.

Ms Rico's frantic family, who live in Torrox, contacted the authorities here after receiving a phone message from Jimena saying she feared for her life. Spanish diplomats then traced the girls to Turkey and liaised with the government there to secure their quick release.

The girls, who say they are "shattered" by their ex-

perience, are now engaged and have found new jobs at Funky Buddha Beach in Marbella.

They say they will continue to share details of their ordeal, however, to highlight persecution of homosexuality around the world. While in prison in Turkey, the girls say they were "spat at" by the authorities, who also demanded details of their sex life.



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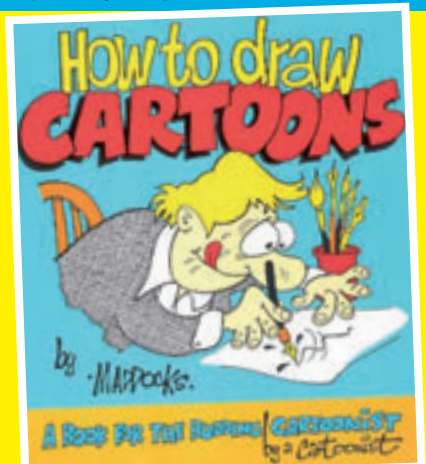
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Tools worth thousands stolen

THIEVES have broken into a municipal storage warehouse in Benamargosa and taken €17,000 in tools.

The unidentified burglars stole over 50 tools, leaving the council without the machinery it uses on a daily basis to maintain

the town, according to Mayor Jose Gallego.

The town's municipal pool was also broken into, although nothing was taken. The council has now reported the matter to the Guardia Civil, who are investigating.



LIGHT AIRCRAFT: Small planes have been involved in three crashes so far this year.

Second small aeroplane crash in just one week

A SECOND air crash in the space of week has hit Axarquía after a plane belonging to a pilot school smashed

through a fence at the end of a runway in Velez-Malaga, almost careering into a riverbed. The plane, which was car-

rying three people, was travelling from Malaga to San Javier in Murcia when it made a stop at El Trapiche airfield in Velez-Malaga, but it did not stop on the runway.

Those on board were said to be unharmed although the plane itself was damaged.

The crash is the second in Axarquía in a week after three Germans were killed when their small aircraft came down in the hills above Alcaucin while participating in an air rally.

The plane was travelling to Granada and apparently became lost in bad weather over the mountains. Investigators are now trying to pin down the exact causes of the incident.

Two others were also killed on January 19 this year after their small plane crashed after take-off in Velez-Malaga and exploded in an avocado farm.

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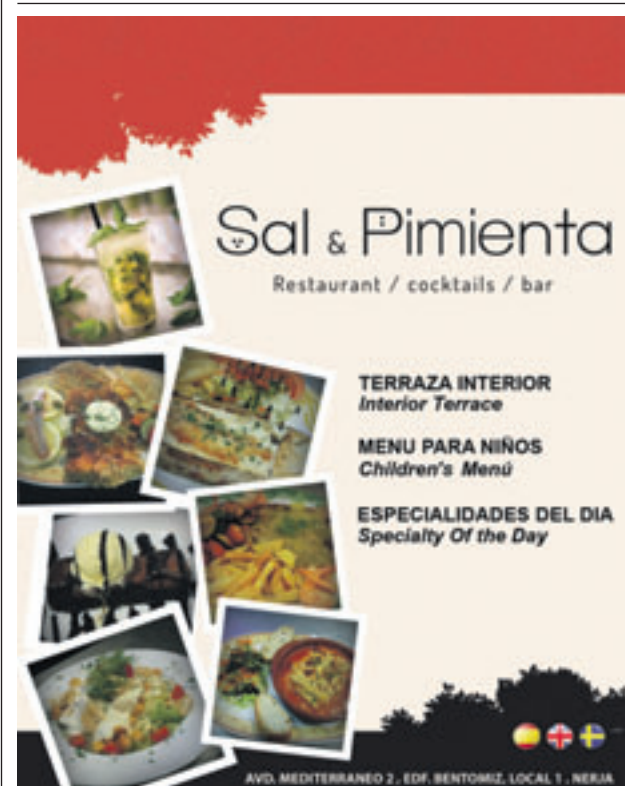
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NEWS EXTRA**Glorious food**

ALMUÑECAR is hosting a free food handling course on May 19 for those looking for a job in the catering sector. Anyone who is interested can apply at the town hall.

New pipes

LA HERRADURA is set to see new pipework installed on its beaches. The pipes will improve sanitation and carry rainwater. Traffic will be diverted while works are carried out.

Naked root

AUTHOR Alicia Berenguer has released her book, 'Maria Zambrano and the naked root,' on the philosopher and writer who is from Velez-Malaga.

Bright light

MOTRIL Council is to update the lighting and scenery at Parque de los Pueblos de America, following investment of €80,000. The new lights will feature environmentally friendly LED bulbs.

On stage

MOTRIL'S Teatro Calderon will play host to its eighth annual Week of School Theatre. More than 60 children will take part in the programme, rehearsing a play they will then perform to their teachers.

Gym meet

AROUND 500 gymnasts are meeting in Almuñecar to celebrate its fourth annual rhythmic gymnastics contest. Participants from Almería, Malaga, Jaen and Granada are expected to attend.

A 44-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested by the National Police in Torre del Mar for allegedly hurling a Molotov cocktail at an icon of the Virgin Mary in Velez-Malaga.

The man, who is thought to be mentally ill, threw a home-made explosive inside the Virgen de los Desamparados church at around noon last Tuesday. Officers raiding the man's house are said to have found

Church bomber jailed

two other similar devices at the address.

The man has now been arrested for property damage and religious hatred after hurling the bomb, which did not detonate but instead spilled fuel over the statue's clothing.

Officers located the man after friars called in the National Police who took witness accounts and sifted through CCTV images after the man fled the scene.

The arresting officers confiscated four computers, two electronic

tablets, a pen drive, a mobile phone and clothing which were apparently used in the attack. The man has now been sent for psychiatric evaluation.

Priests, who are due to display the icon of the Virgin next on May 13, are now meeting to consider ways to prevent any similar incidents with CCTV and other security measures.

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The Phoenix Club

ON Tuesday May 16 The Phoenix club will host Mrs Miggins Pie and Cake sale where a variety of tasty home-made foods using the best ingredients will be available to buy.

There will be a variety of items available including apple tarts, lemon drizzle cake, steak pies, sausage rolls and quiche. Orders in advance are welcome.

Then on Friday May 19 there will be a trip to the beautiful and tranquil Orgiva Tea Gardens where English teas, refreshments, home-made sandwiches, soups and delicious cakes will be available.

There will also be an opportunity to browse the local shops and the selection of plants for sale in the nursery. The trip will cost €25 per person which includes coach fare, entry to the gardens, lunch and a gratuity for the driver.

The Orgiva Tea Garden has evolved over the last 10



TRANQUIL TRIP: To the Orgiva Tea Gardens.

years from a barren patch of land with waist high weeds into a beautiful tranquil garden split over three very different levels and covering about 5,000 sqm.

The philosophy with regards to the planting has been to concentrate mainly on Mediterranean plants with help from shade-providing trees and also to take into account the animals as many have free range over the whole garden.

With a quiz and games for the children as well as the menagerie of animals the garden can be enjoyed by

the whole family and by all ages.

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

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

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Expressionist young arts exhibition: 'A Better World'

AFTER two months of painting workshops at the Jorge Rando Museum in Malaga, works by the participating group of young migrants and art college students will be exhibited in the museum courtyard on Saturday May 13.

The paintings express these young people's emotions and their dreams of a better, colourful and uplifting world. A beautiful mural reflecting this concept, created by the participants and Malaga Urban artist Andres Serna, can also be seen on walls at the nearby CEAR centre for migrants.

The exhibition will open from 12.45pm at Jorge Rando Museum where drinks will served. A concert will also be held in the chapel next to the museum at 12 noon.

Sponsorship to enable this exhibition to be displayed has been provided by Costa del Sol and Nerja Arts Societies

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Welcome home Leo the Lion



TEAM EWN: Jackie and Matt hand over a gift.

By Matt Ford

BRAVE cancer battler Leo Bermeja is back in Almeria after undergoing six weeks of ground-breaking proton beam therapy in the United States, and the *Euro Weekly News* was on hand to join the celebrations at his homecoming party.

A sizeable group of friends, family members and supporters gathered at the Laguna restaurant in Las Marinas, Vera, to welcome him back from his six weeks of treatment in Oklahoma and wish a belated happy birthday to big sister Sofia, who recently turned nine.

Among the many gifts on display was a framed copy of one of the first double-page spreads that we ran as part of our ongoing Leo the Lion campaign.

Leo, mum Karen and Sofia were all in high spirits despite suffering from jetlag, having only travelled to Spain from Canada three days beforehand and losing some luggage along the way.

Karen kindly agreed to an exclusive chat with us, during which she explained what will happen next as four-year-old Leo's fight against a rare form of brain cancer continues.

"We're still catching up to be honest," she laughed. "Over the next two weeks I'm planning to let Leo chill a bit and get over the jetlag.

"After that we'll see how he is about starting at the special needs school in Vera again, then once we've got the clear scan over with we're thinking about hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which they have in Malaga."

She went on to explain how this type of treatment exposes the patient to high oxygen concentrations, which can help stimulate the growth of new brain cells before the delayed effect of the proton therapy kicks in.

Due to a lack of knowledge about the type of cancer he has, Leo must also undergo a brain scan every six weeks for the next two years before any definitive evaluation can be made, and he



THE FAMILY: Karen, Leo, Sofia and Jorge.

also needs an intensive rehab programme.

"The fundraising doesn't stop since we don't know the cost," says Karen. "They've recommended he needs a walker which costs about €4,000, for example, and he hasn't had any benefits from the Spanish government yet, which won't be backdated when they finally come through."

Overall though, Karen remains incredibly upbeat despite the family's ordeal, and she was keen to express her gratitude to *EWN* readers and others who have helped Leo's cause.

“At least Leo has given hope to others.”

"Thank you to everyone who has supported us from day one, there are no words to describe it and it is overwhelming how Leo has touched so many people's hearts.

"It is crazy how people who don't know him feel like they love him and relate to him.

"Even if the worst happens to Leo at least he's done that, at least he's given hope to others."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Sofia celebrated her 9th.



HOMEcoming: Many people attended the party.

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Lucky escape

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Sausage exports

DENMARK has done a deal to export more products to China. One of



Oresund Bridge.

the agreements made will see pre-cooked sausages shipped to the Chinese market.

More evidence

NEW evidence is being presented

in the terrorism case of a 17-year-old Danish girl who is accused of planning attacks against two schools. New evidence has emerged and standard procedure has been broken to allow it to be seen.

GERMANY**Second spot**

GERMAN car manufacturer Volkswagen has fallen off the top spot for the first time in seven years. March saw sales of the Golf in Europe fall to behind those of the Ford Fiesta.

Clown convictions

TWO 'killer clowns' have been convicted in Germany. Two young women, aged 18 and 20, were found

guilty of causing aggravated bodily harm for scaring a woman late at night wearing the 'killer clown' costumes.

Going fresh

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scribers of its 'Prime' service in Berlin and Potsdam.

Against protocol

DURING talks with the Saudi Arabian King, German Chancellor Angela Merkel chose not to adhere to the strict dress code for women to wear a full-length robe and cover her hair in public places.

FRANCE**US Support**

FORMER US President, Barack Obama, has commented on the French election, saying he supports Emmanuel Macron, saying "the success of France matters to the entire world."

Not neutral

IN a landmark ruling in France, the court of appeals has ruled that a person could not use 'neutral gender' as a civil status category.

Illegal speaking

THE government has rejected the so-called 'Moliere' clause that required foreign labourers working on state-funded building projects in France to speak in French, saying the clause was illegal.

It's no joke

A FRENCH photographer has produced an exhibition to highlight prejudice against ginger haired people. Thirty portraits aim to show the beauty of redheads, who have been the subject of jokes for decades.

BELGIUM**Turning electric**

SALES of electric cars rose by 34.9 per cent in the first quarter of the year in Belgium, with 788 vehicles sold. Across the EU, 24,592 electric cars were sold in the first three months of the year.

Peace festival

THE Alliance for Peace in the Middle East, has announced that the 11th Peace Festival cultural event will take place on May 21 in the Place d'Espagne in Brussels.

Homeless tribute

TRIBUTE has been paid to the 72 homeless people who died in 2016 at the 'Hôtel de Ville' in Brussels. The ceremony was held in honour of those who died on the streets of Brussels last year.

City commute

JUST 1.5 per cent of the Flemish civil servants employed in Brussels also live in the capital, with most workers preferring the commute than to actually live there.

NETHERLANDS**In remembrance**

AROUND five million people watched the national Remembrance Day ceremony on television in which the King and Queen took part. Those who died in the Second World War and in all conflicts are remembered annually on May 4.

Hospital leak

A HOSPITAL near Rotterdam was forced to close for several hours after a barrel of disinfectant leaked. Two hospital workers were taken to intensive care after breathing in the fumes and a man has been arrested in connection with the incident.

Jail time

A 21-year-old Dutch Muslim convert who escaped from Iraq will remain jailed until her court case as investigations continue to ensure she wasn't sent back to the Netherlands to carry out a terrorist attack.

Fair trade

SEVEN in 10 Dutch households now buy fair trade products, with around 5.3 million households supporting fair trade. A decade ago just 24 per cent of households purchased fair trade products.

NORWAY**Away tour**

MAN UNITED football team will be in Norway as part of their 2017-18 pre-season tour. They will play at Oslo's Ullevaal Stadium on July 30.

Wrong way

TOURISTS looking for the famous Preikestolen cliff formation have ended up in the village of Fossmark with villagers telling them they are on the wrong side of the fjord. It seems an error on Google Maps sent them to the village.

Billionaire funding

NORWEGIAN billionaire Kjell Inge Roekke is giving away the 'lion's share' of his fortune, made in the oil industry. He will begin by funding a research ship that will remove plastic from the ocean.

Good example

THE President of the EU believes Norway is a good example to America that you can offer oil and gas while also focusing on renewable energy.

SWEDEN**Digital doctor**

SWEDEN has launched a new digital doctor service offering appointments in English and Arabic as well as Swedish, to help deal with the international population.

Tax nightmare

SWEDEN has ruled that those in the finance industry must treat income from investments as salary showing a marked victory for the country's tax authority. The industry say they are in 'shock' at the decision with workers having to pay millions in additional tax.

Junk Ericsson

WITH a reported net loss of 10.9 billion kronor in the first quarter of 2017, compared to a reported net income of 2.1 billion kronor in the first quarter of 2016, Ericsson's credit rating has dropped and is now in the 'non-investment' grade, known as junk.

Flying high

A FEMALE Swedish pilot, Maria Fagerström, aged 25, is hitting Instagram fame with 238,000 people following her impressive yoga moves from locations around the world.

Spain is a popular holiday destination for Muslims

By John Smith

RESEARCH on the preferred destinations for Muslim travellers has shown that Spain has jumped in popularity considerably.

The 2017 MasterCard-CrescentRating Global Muslim Travel Index (GMTI) published in Jakarta, Indonesia shows that Spain is now the ninth most popular non-Islamic country for Muslim visitors out of the 130 which were reviewed.

Only Britain and France within Europe are more popular destinations which is explained in part by their relatively large Muslim

\$220 billion (€201 billion)

is the estimated annual value of Muslim tourism to non-Islamic states by 2020.

populations, although the top two were Singapore and Thailand and unsurprisingly the USA has dropped into 10th position following the presidential election.

This particular market sector

which sees increasing numbers of young affluent Muslims exploring the world is forecast as continuing to grow and travellers will be attracted to destinations which adapt to the needs of the Muslim tourist.

The GMTI is the most comprehensive research available on one of the fastest growing tourism sectors in the world, which represents 10 per cent of the entire travel economy.

Factors considered when producing the rating included Muslim air connectivity, visa restrictions, suitability as a family holiday destination, ease of communication, the level of services and facilities any destination provides, accommodation options, marketing initiatives and the availability of special food such as Halal meat.

La Zagaleta expands

THE owners of luxury urbanisation La Zagaleta are about to expand following their purchase of the Valderrama II estate near to Sotogrande.

Once approval for the work is received from the local council, plans exist for the construction of a luxury hotel, a new golf course and up to 200 new homes.

Work budgeted at €200 million is hoped to start by 2020 and the company plans to build the development on an American style with long roads and no fences.

Each property will cost between €3 million and €5 million and will be aimed at the Cadiz and Gibraltar market with off-plan purchase.

Quote of the Week

Talking to the opposition is like banging your head against a brick wall." Mariano Rajoy on calls to increase spending in the 2017 budget.



Oil reservoir over fault line scrapped



Photo by Greenpeace

PROJECT CASTOR: Platform is to be dismantled.

AFTER commissioning a report from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University, the Spanish government has decided to scrap Project Castor.

This is a pipeline and reservoir for natural gas off the coast of Castellon which happens to be situated over the Amposta fault line and is believed to have caused 500 small earthquakes before it was closed in 2013.

The concept of using a deplet-

ed oil cavity in the Mediterranean appeared sensible when it was first mooted in 2007, but Spanish Energy Minister Álvaro Nadal has now confirmed it would be against all sensible advice to re-open the reservoir.

It will be dismantled in due course but as the area is currently stable, time is not of the essence although the government has already compensated construction company ACS to the tune of €1.2 billion and more may follow.

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Banking hours

LA CAIXA Banking Group has reached an agreement with the majority of unions to extend opening hours at 200 of its branches. It is intended branches will remain open from 8.30am to 6.30pm from Monday to Thursday although they will close at 2.30pm on Friday.

Directors resign

THREE non-executive directors of Spanish telecoms company Telefonica have tendered their resignations from the board. César Alierta, former president of the company, Pablo Isla president of Inditex, owner of Zara and Gonzalo Hinojosa former president Cortefiel have severed their ties on an amicable basis in order to allow new directors to become part of the telecoms industry giant.

Shocking idea

THE Directorate General of the Guardia Civil has revealed a committee has been set up to investigate the financial viability of obtaining tasers. There are a number of different models on the market and unions representing officers have demanded the Guardia Civil should follow Mossos d'Esquadra in Catalonia which uses tasers.

Review of Spanish budget

DESPITE the fact that the first two votes in the Spanish Parliament were tied, the proposed budget will now move forward for further review.

A number of parties on the left wanted to

see the budget defeated but with a straight tie after more than one vote, it became possible for the budget to move forward, although the final vote required before the end of May will require a majority for one side or the other.

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Property help for young and elderly

IN an effort to assist those who have found it difficult to find affordable accommodation, the Spanish Minister of Development has unveiled the 2018 plan.

Iñigo de la Serna has made it clear that the government is dedicated to helping those that need it the most, namely the young, the elderly and those who have been evicted.

In the case of those aged under 35, the state will make up to €10,800 available to anyone with a salary of less than €22,365.42 so that they can purchase a property, but the maximum of the grant will not exceed 20 per cent of the purchase price.

Provided that recipients earn less than €1,597.53 per month (which is three times the average monthly rent) then financial aid will be made available to assist in the rental of a property.

So for this group, if they are not purchasing, the government recognises that rental prices are increasing dramatically, especially in certain areas of Spain and will aid those renting a property and pay 50 per cent of the cost of rent which does not exceed €900 per month



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GOVERNMENT PLAN: Will help those that need it most afford a new home.

for three years.

For those aged 65 with income also less than €1,597.53 per month and a net worth of less than €100,000, they will receive a similar amount to cover rent up to €900 per month for three years or if the property is owned, there will be a

contribution of up to €200 to help with maintenance and utility bills.

There will be cash assistance to companies building apartments to house low income families and the ministry will also help those who have lost their properties or been evicted from rental accommodation

by taking properties held in the Sareb 'property bank' and renting them out at heavily subsidised prices.

With this plan to run from 2018 to 2020, the government expects to spend €321 million a year in overall support and assistance.

Spanish banks to be questioned over movement of funds for HSBC

ALTHOUGH British-based high street bank HSBC came through the banking crisis relatively unscathed, it has been accused of a number of irregularities over the years.

Having been fined billions of dollars by the US authorities and also shelling out to the British government, it is now under investigation in France and Spain.

“The various bankers will be questioned about their knowledge and involvement.”

The Spanish High Court has ruled that seven current and former employees of Banco Santander and three from BNP Paribas Spain must be questioned over allegations of collusion in moving funds for HSBC to an account in Switzerland.

According to the judge who made the decision, the transfers estimated at €74 million were made in a manner which protected HSBC customers from national tax authorities and as such could be considered money laundering once the whole trail is unravelled.



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WHISTLE BLOWER: Hervé Falciani behind the microphone.

This current investigation started as long ago as 2008 when a self-proclaimed whistle blower Hervé Falciani leaked details of large numbers of customers who had accounts with HSBC's private bank in Switzerland and details were sent to tax authorities in a number of different countries.

The Swiss responded by sentencing the French citizen 'in absentia' to five years imprisonment for industrial espionage.

The various bankers will be questioned about their knowledge and involvement in this matter by way of assistance to the French investigation which is concentrating on the period between 2005 and 2010.

Should any evidence of wrongdoing emerge concerning the Spanish banks involved, a decision will then have to be made as to whether the courts will need to consider further action to establish if any Spanish laws have been broken.

Another bank will transfer staff to Frankfurt

ONE of Britain's largest banks Standard Chartered has confirmed that it will be moving several hundred jobs to Frankfurt in advance of Brexit.

This announcement follows one from US financial giant JP Morgan, which employs about 16,000 people in Britain, which is also planning to move hundreds of jobs from London to Frankfurt, Luxembourg and Dublin.

Although considered a UK bank, Standard Chartered which recently appointed former Deputy Governor of the Bank of Spain and Director of the International Monetary Fund Jose Vinals as Chairman only receives about 5 per cent of its income from the UK market.

Although it currently intends to keep its headquarters in London, its interests in Asia and Europe mean that it cannot afford to chance any banking restrictions following Brexit.

Airbnb still under review

FOLLOWING the example of the Barcelona City Council, Madrid is investigating ways of 'policing' untaxed property rentals.

Although there are a number of property portals which offer short term rentals in Madrid and other large cities in Spain, American company Airbnb is the most prolific and successful in the market place.

As previously reported, Barcelona has tried to levy significant fines of the company which has successfully appealed against them, but it has also offered a compromise whereby it will not accept multi-property lets from professional landlords.

The main bone of contention appears to be the fact that significant amounts of local tax may be evaded if short term lettings are made through these portals.



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FACING CHARGES: Neymar de Silva Santos Jnr.

Barcelona star Neymar is to be charged with fraud

By John Smith

FOOTBALL finance just can't keep out of the news and it has been confirmed that Barcelona star Neymar will be charged with fraud and corruption.

Like so many South American superstars, the Brazilian's parents are involved in his management as well as day-to-day financial affairs and his father at least will also be charged.

The reason for the prosecution centres on Neymar's transfer from Santos in 2013 with his transfer fee being declared at €17 million, when it was once suggested that the actual fee was €57 million. However the court now suggests the real fee was nearer €25 million.

Following the example of a number of other players, Ney-

mar had a deal with a third party group, in this case the Brazilian investment company DIS which was entitled to 40 per cent of any transfer fee.

“The Brazilian's parents are involved in his management.”

They received €6.8 million but the court believes that they were 'short changed' by €3.5 million which is the reason for the charges which also include Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu and his predecessor Sandro Rosell, who it is suggested were aware of the deception.

Originally in 2016, a Spanish

court ruled that the matter should be subject to a civil action but has now been persuaded by the prosecutor that the player and his father were aware of an allegedly fraudulent arrangement between Barcelona and Santos to defraud DIS.

Prosecutors are calling for a two-year prison sentence and €10 million fine for Neymar whilst DIS want to see five years and at the very least a suspension of his right to play in Spain for the period of any sentence, even if a suspended one.

The Barcelona club has already paid a €5.5 million fine in order to settle a different case with similar circumstances, but these accusations still continue to arise and there is a separate investigation taking place in Brazil.

Production on the up, unemployment down

INTERNATIONAL analysts Markit have released the results of their April survey which shows that Spanish manufacturing is speeding up.

To go with this news is an announcement from the Ministry of Employment and Social Security which says that unemployment in Spain fell by 129,281 in April which is a record.

Whilst encouragingly, unemployment amongst those under 25 has dropped, the percentage of young unemployed is still at a high level.

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PERSONALLY I think the voting age should be raised to 21. It's not that I consider the young lacking in intelligence, or am ignorant of the view, that if your old enough to die for your country you should at least have a say in who runs it.

The fact is they lack experience; they simply haven't been around long enough. An 18-year-old today wasn't even born when the last Labour government was first elected, and were still children when they lost power.

They have no idea what it is like for adults to exist under the depressing, inept incompetence of a left wing government. They have never experienced the sight of the fat cat bully boys of the unions, tanned and fresh from their Marbella villa holidays, emerging from Downing Street and announcing that half the nation would be on strike, if the 'workers' weren't given what they (the unions) demanded.



YOUNG ADULTS: They simply haven't been around long enough.

Of times when 'everybody out' issued from the employees of one vital institution after another, until the whole country staggered from one crisis to the next and employers were blamed for everything from the price of soap to the shortage of cat litter.

They have no knowledge of a country, run by a party who bribes its

constituents by creating whole cultures of benefit scroungers, and to pay for these free handouts, taxes those with any initiative to create jobs and wealth to such a degree that they leave the country in droves.

Labour is, and always has been, a party that has no idea how to actually create resources and always uses the

wealth, painstakingly earned by previous governments to create the illusion that they are a successful organisation, by pouring investments into popular schemes that will ingratiate them to their constituents.

When there are no longer any previous legacies to lay claim to, they borrow, beg and steal (Brown stole

the country's gold reserves and sold it for a pittance!) until finally there is nothing left and they are finally voted out, leaving the incoming party to once again pick up the pieces.

Margaret Thatcher summed up this bunch of incompetent con artists perfectly, when she stated that the Labour party are fine, until they run out of other people's money. Thank the Lord for Corbyn and the likes of Diane Abbott. They are the true face of the left, and not in fact the false faces of Tony Blair and his henchmen of yore.

So, to all the young voters, who believe that the 'all men are equal, tax the rich and ban the bomb' tirade that issues from the left is the answer to what ails us, I suggest you all think again. I'm not saying it's going to be plain sailing. But at least with Theresa May we have a chance. And be honest, do you really want Diane Abbott to be in control of the nation's police force? Ha!

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Eugenio Nogueroles, General Manager at Citroen, Velez-Malaga

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the campo, we recommend the C4 Cactus, C4 Aircross, new C3 and DS4 Crossback. For those living on the coast who are looking for something sporty, the DS3 can be a great option, and for families you can't beat the C4 Picasso - the most sold family car in Spain due to its quality, size and price.

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12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire		<i>Mel Giedroyc and Scott Mills return for the second semi-final of the Eurovision Song Contest, live from Kyiv in Ukraine.</i>	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:00am	Wanda and the Alien		
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SUNDAY - 14 MAY

BBC ONE		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	7:40am	God's Little Acre	8:00pm	Nature's Great Events	7:15am	Motorsport	9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen	9:25am	Talking Pictures			8:10am	King of Queens	10:05am	Little Princess
12:30pm	Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites	10:10am	The Glass Bottom Boat			8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:20am	Peppa Pig
1:00pm	Football Focus	12:00pm	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape	9:00pm	Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of the American Northwest	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:35am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
2:00pm	BBC News	1:00pm	Great British Menu			9:25am	Frasier	10:45am	The Fairly Odd Parents
2:10pm	Weather	1:30pm	Great British Menu			9:55am	Frasier	11:20am	Access
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt	2:00pm	Great British Menu	10:00pm	Hinterland	10:25am	The Big Bang Theory	11:30am	The Gadget Show
2:45pm	Rugby League Challenge Cup	2:30pm	Escape to the Country	11:25pm	Top of the Pops John Peel and David Jensen present the weekly look at the pop charts, first broadcast on 13th January 1983.	10:55am	The Big Bang Theory	12:30pm	Police Interceptors
5:30pm	Final Score	3:15pm	Frog It!	12:00am	Top of the Pops	11:25am	The Simpsons	1:30pm	Police Interceptors
6:20pm	Who Dares Wins	4:00pm	Trust Me I'm a Vet	12:35am	The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill	12:55pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	2:30pm	Police Interceptors
7:05pm	BBC News	5:00pm	Gardeners' World	1:35am	Kate Bush at the BBC	1:50pm	Come Dine with Me	3:30pm	FIA Formula e Live: Monaco
7:15pm	Regional News	6:00pm	Women's FA Cup Final	2:35am	Singer-Songwriters at the BBC	2:25pm	Come Dine with Me	5:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
	All the latest local news.	8:30pm	Yorkshire Wolds Way with Paul Rose	3:35am	The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill	3:55pm	A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun	6:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
7:20pm	Weather	9:00pm	Dad's Army			4:55pm	Big House, Little House	7:15pm	We'll Take it Away!
7:25pm	Pointless	9:30pm	Woman in Gold			6:00pm	Channel 4 News	9:05pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
8:15pm	Doctor Who	11:10pm	Match of the Day			6:30pm	Formula 1	9:55pm	Weekend
9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest 2017	12:25am	Weather for the Week Ahead			8:00pm	The Restoration Man	10:00pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
	Coverage of the 62nd Eurovision Song Contest from Kiev, Ukraine.					9:00pm	Walks with My Dog	12:00am	The Moors Murders: Britain's Worst Crimes
12:25am	BBC News					10:00pm	12 Years a Slave		
12:40am	Weather					12:35am	AVP: Alien vs. Predator		
12:45am	Fallen								
2:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead								
2:50am	BBC News								

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7:00am	Breakfast	7:30am	The Instant Gardener	8:00pm	Birth of British Music	7:15am	King of Queens	9:40am	Shimmer and Shine
8:40am	Match of the Day	8:15am	Gardeners' World	9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Motorway	7:40am	King of Queens	10:05am	Little Princess
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show	9:15am	The Beechgrove Garden	10:00pm	OJ	8:05am	King of Queens	10:20am	Peppa Pig
11:00am	Questions	9:45am	Countryfile	11:30pm	Storyville	8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:40am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
12:00pm	Sunday Politics	10:45am	Saturday Kitchen			8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:55am	The Fairly Odd Parents
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	12:15pm	Best Bites			9:25am	Frasier	11:13am	The Fairly Odd Parents
2:00pm	BBC News	12:45pm	Great British Menu			9:55am	Frasier	11:30am	Access
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead	1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra			10:30am	Sunday Brunch	11:40am	Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer	2:00pm	Triathlon World Series			1:30pm	Eat the Week with Iceland	12:10pm	Michael On Benefits: Life on the Dole
3:15pm	Money for Nothing	3:30pm	Rugby League Challenge Cup			2:30pm	Doctor Dolittle	2:10pm	On Benefits: The Compensation King
4:00pm	Flog It!	6:00pm	Athletics			4:10pm	Location, Location, Location	4:10pm	On Benefits: Britain's Best Loved Double Acts
5:00pm	Points of View	7:00pm	Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods are Made			5:15pm	A Place in the Sun	6:00pm	Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud
5:15pm	Escape to the Country	8:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby			6:15pm	Escape to Costa Rica	9:55pm	5 News Weekend
6:15pm	Songs of Praise	9:00pm	Mexico			7:15pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	When Game Shows Go Horribly Wrong
6:50pm	Pointless	10:00pm	Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay			7:45pm	Formula 1	1:05am	The Best of Bad TV
7:35pm	BBC News	11:00pm	Half of a Yellow Sunday			10:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls	2:00am	Super Casino
7:50pm	Regional News	12:45am	Memento			11:00pm	Surviving the Island with Bear Grylls		
7:55pm	Weather					12:00am	Prisoners'		
8:00pm	Countryfile					2:50am	Millionaires' Mansions		
9:00pm	British Academy Television Awards					3:45am	Location, Location, Location		
11:00pm	BBC News					4:40am	Building the Dream		
11:20pm	Regional News								
11:25pm	Weather								
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2								
12:45am	Murder in Successville								

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Speeding fines

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.

SPEED CAMPAIGN:
Targeted mainly the secondary road network.



DURING the latest seven-day campaign focusing on speeding motorists, the Guardia Civil checked some 581,294 vehicles on Spain's roads. Officers found 31,086 were in breach of the law, however the controls conducted by the various local and regional police force also need to be added to these figures, so it is expected to be considerably higher.

The campaign targeted mainly the secondary road network where the majority of serious and fatal incidents occur.

Four of the drivers stopped now face criminal proceedings after they were found to be exceeding the maximum permitted speed limit by more than 80km per hour.

Drivers caught speeding face fines of between €100-600 plus the loss of between two and six points. Exceeding the speed limit by

more than 60km per hour on urban roads, or 80km per hour on major roads, then becomes a criminal offence with the offender facing between six to 12 months in prison, community service and the loss of the driving licence for up to four years, as well as a substantial fine.

Remember, the DGT traffic department website has extended its information into English, French and German, to greater advise and inform foreign drivers.

Via www.dgt.es information is available in English which tells you what to do in the event of receiving a traffic violation ticket. It includes details on what to do if the offending driver is not the vehicle owner, how to pay the fine, either online or in person or at a bank, or appeal it, as well as contact details for speaking to someone about your fine.

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

What can a 'fed up' President do?

Q. I am President of a Community of Property Owners and I am about to resign the position. I am completely fed up with some owners who have everything to SAY but will not stand for President. One main problem is our Administrators. When you quote anything to them, they just say, that is their opinion. You never see the rules, that is, the law. When I

quote you, they never agree with what you quote or say. Only, that is his opinion. Can I insist that the new President appoint a new administration company? Can I insist that we appoint a British accountant to audit the books for the last 15 years? I strongly feel that nothing adds up. They will not do the accounts in English, only in Spanish.

B J C (Costa Blanca)

A. I hope you feel better for getting it off your chest. Keep in mind that you will not resign as President. You will officially be President until the Com-

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



community votes in a new one.

The President does not appoint the Administrators. The Community must do that by majority vote at the AGM. The same goes for the naming of auditors.

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

Can you wash your hands?

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I STOPPED to fill my car with petrol and I use a garage where the attendant does it for you. So I was sitting in my car and he started to fill my tank. At the same time my phone rang so I answered it. The attendant was at the back of the car but standing on the other side.

On the forecourt was his mate who waved at me and signalled, by using his thumb and little finger and placing it to his ear, and then changing it to give me the wiggly 'no don't do that' finger gesture. This, in normal circumstances is fine, except this guy had a lit ciggy in his other hand! I mean, it's bad enough that they have these signs saying don't use your phone in a garage when there has never been a reported incident of it blowing the place up, but to tell me not to use my phone whilst he has a lit ciggy is just nuts.

Talking of signs, here are a few others that set me off. When I was in the UK a little while ago there was a sign in the gent's toilet which said 'now wash your hands.' That's fine but it then went on to show you, by the use of diagrams, how to wash them. Yup a sign showing you how to wash your hands. Now, I'm not the sharpest tool in the box, but I don't think

there is anybody in the living civilised world, over the age of four, that doesn't know how to wash their hands. You stick them under the tap, turn the water on, add soap, rub them together then rinse and dry.

The even crazier part is that some idiot somewhere has spent money on producing these dumbass signs and got paid to do it!

How about this one. At the entrance to the urbanisation where I live is a map that shows you how to get to all the different Phases of which there are five. It's a great idea because it's a big urbanisation and there is a one way system just to confuse you even further. However, there is just one problem. The map has been printed upside down so anyone who looks at it for the first time has not got a hope in hell of finding how to get anywhere.

We told the town hall, who put it there, and two years later it's still there this upside down useless sign that cost a fortune to make. The last one for now is when you are driving down the road and all of a sudden, without any warning, there is the sign that says the road is closed and you can't go any further. How hard is it to put a sign at the top of the road and at other entrances that the road is closed ahead? So now you have to find a way to turn around, usually in a confined space and then find another way to complete your journey.

What signs have you seen? Let me know. mikesenker@gmail.com



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5:30pm Put Your Money	4:45pm The Wonder of Animals	8:00pm 100 Days +	6:00pm Four in a Bed	2:15pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	5:15pm Rise of the Continents	8:30pm Insect Worlds	6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	9:00pm Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture	7:00pm The Simpsons	3:15pm NCIS
7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads	10:00pm St Petersburg: An Art Lovers' Guide	7:30pm Hollyoaks	4:15pm The Reckoning
8:00pm The One Show	7:45pm Debatable	11:00pm OJ	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm 5 News at 5
8:30pm Fake Britain	8:30pm Great British Menu	12:35am Harlots	8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	6:30pm Neighbours
9:00pm EastEnders	9:00pm Nature's Miniature	1:35am Botany: A Blooming History	9:30pm The Fake News Show	7:00pm Home and Away
9:30pm Panorama	10:00pm The Day the Dinosaurs Died	2:35am The Secret Life of the Motorway	10:00pm Ivanka Tru America's Real First Lady?	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
10:00pm Doctor in the House	11:00pm Detectoirsts	3:35am St Petersburg: An Art Lovers' Guide	11:00pm Loaded	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of Plaid Cymru
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Regional News		11:55pm 8 Out of 10 Cats	8:00pm The Cars That Made Britain Great
11:30pm Regional News	11:40pm Weather		12:55am Does Countdown Obsessive	9:00pm Police Interceptors
11:45pm Match of the Day	12:10am Weather		1:00pm Compulsive Cleaners	11:00pm Rise of the Krays
12:15am Have I Got a Bit More News for You				12:00am 5 News

TUESDAY - 16 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm The Boss	4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	8:00pm 100 Days +	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:45pm The Wonder of Animals	8:30pm Insect Worlds	3:10pm Fifteen to One	1:15pm On Benefits
4:45pm Garden Rescue	5:15pm Rise of the Continents	9:00pm Burma, My Father and the Forgotten Army	5:00pm Coast v Country	2:15pm Home and Away
5:30pm Put Your Money	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	10:00pm Dan Snow on Lloyd George	6:00pm Four in a Bed	2:45pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads	11:00pm OJ	6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
7:00pm BBC News	7:45pm Debatable	12:35am The Real Bonnie and Clyde	7:00pm The Simpsons	4:15pm Dead on Campus
7:30pm Regional News	8:30pm Great British Menu	1:30am Storyville	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:00pm 5 News at 5
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Bake Off Crème de la Crème	2:30am The Story Of...	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:30pm Neighbours
8:30pm EastEnders	10:00pm Horizon		8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	7:00pm Home and Away
9:00pm Holby City	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland		9:00pm Location, Location, Location	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
10:00pm Three Girls	11:45pm The Truth About Sleep		10:00pm One Born Every Minute	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the Conservative Party
11:00pm BBC News	12:45am Life After Suicide		11:00pm First Dates	8:00pm Police Interceptors
11:30pm Regional News			12:05am Confessions of a Junior Doctor	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
11:40pm Weather				11:00pm Elizabeth I
11:45pm The Truth About Sleep				11:00pm Liberate: In Life and Death
12:45am Life After Suicide				12:05am Hannibal

WEDNESDAY - 17 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
12:00pm A1: Britain's Longest Road	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:00pm 100 Days +	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12:45pm Close Calls on Camera	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:30pm Insect Worlds	10:05am Frasier	1:15pm The Gadget Show
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	1:00pm The Daily Politics	9:00pm Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain	11:05am Car S.O.S	2:15pm Home and Away
2:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Two Tribes	10:00pm Fixing the Future: Michael Mosley Vs.the Superbugs	12:05pm Ramsay's Hotel Hell	2:45pm Neighbours
2:30pm Regional News	2:30pm Channel Patrol	11:00pm OJ	1:00pm Channel 4 News	3:15pm NCIS
2:45pm Doctors	3:15pm Red Rock	12:30am Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Newlywed and Dead
3:15pm The Boss	4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	1:35am Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	6:00pm 5 News at 5
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:45pm The Wonder of Animals	3:35am Fixing the Future: Michael Mosley Vs.the Superbugs	3:10pm Countdown	6:30pm Neighbours
4:45pm Garden Rescue	5:15pm Rise of the Continents		4:00pm Fifteen to One	7:00pm Home and Away
5:30pm Put Your Money	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip		5:00pm Coast v Country	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads		6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the Labour Party
7:00pm BBC News	7:45pm Debatable		6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers	8:00pm Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railway Journeys
7:30pm Regional News	8:30pm Great British Menu		7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Trust Me I'm a Vet		7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm Shop Well for Less	10:00pm A Time to Live		8:00pm Channel 4 News	11:00pm Murder of Rhys Jones: What Happened Next
10:00pm Three Girls	11:00pm QI		8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	12:00am Left for Dead by the Yorkshire Ripper
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm How to Live Mortgage Free with Sarah Beeny	
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather		10:00pm Isis: The Origins of Violence	
11:40pm Weather	12:15am The Day the Dinosaurs Died		11:35pm Gogglebox	
11:45pm A Question of Sport			12:35am One Born Every Minute	
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War of words over the EU's "plot" to sabotage Brexit

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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

THERESA MAY'S searing attack on unelected Eurocrats for trying to sabotage both the general election and Brexit is unprecedented. She said she wanted to reach a Brexit deal, and for the EU to succeed: "But the events of the last few days have shown that whatever our wishes and however reasonable the positions of Europe's other leaders, there are some in Brussels who do not want these talks to succeed."

Not totally surprising you might think, given the hostile leaks and threats from that recent 'car crash' dinner. What's perhaps more surprising is that she's going flat out and

calling on voters to tool her up to 'fight for Britain' against Brussels at such an early stage in this election and leading in the polls.

Much was made of alleged Russian interference in the US presidential election. There are parallels domestically, too, as the EU attempts to influence with whom in the UK it negotiates. It's clear from recent 'leaks' that the EU would rather not deal with Theresa May, and certainly not if she wins a commanding majority. They'd much prefer dealing with Corbyn or Farron, wouldn't you?

Basically, according to Iain Duncan Smith, former Conservative leader, the EU Commission "doesn't care if negotiations succeed, they're obsessed with the idea of the EU: it's where their money, jobs and power come from."

But surely all this will backfire on them. Already former hard-nosed

Remainers as well as reluctant Leavers I know have switched sides and are now pro-Brexit. A number that will inevitably increase with time and more EU threats.

So, another day, another EU threat/leak - the dirty games of a rattled European Commission. My boots are worn out with quaking. Soon I'll be terrified of Timmy Farron.

Finally, it's interesting that all French politicians end speeches with 'Vive la République' and Americans with 'God bless America.' What's the British equivalent?

Well, with a stiff upper lip our politicians would probably say: 'Mind how you go,' 'What a lot of weather we're having,' 'Chin up' or 'Now, if you'll excuse me, I have a train to catch.'

Nora Johnson's psychological/suspense crime

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



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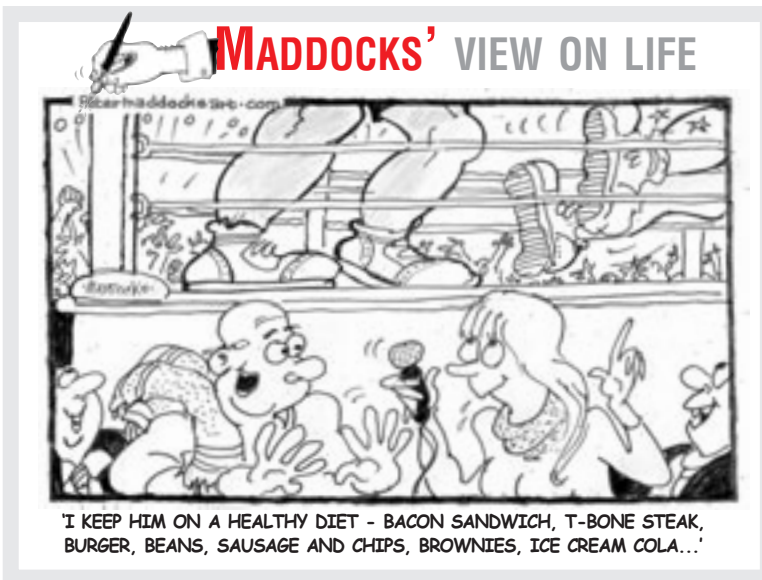
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Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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



TARGET:

- Average: 10 • Good: 14
- Very good: 20 • Excellent: 25

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Saturday May 06

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YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

A fleeting meeting stirs feelings that you thought were dead. This could be good if it reminds you of how life can be, or bad if it makes you think of missed opportunities. It is never too late to make a fresh start. Why not go on that painting holiday or stamp-collecting weekend? Pole dancing anyone?

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

Someone really has rattled your tree, but try to refrain from throwing coconuts on their head. It is much more effective to be charming and get them confused.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

Are you feeling that you have been dealt a rough hand? Consider this: there are some who are not dealt a hand at all. Many are missing those few cards that mean they are never really in with a chance. Instead of lurking on the shady side, walk out into the sun. You will soon see the bright side.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

A chance remark opens a can of worms. Trying to get them back in could turn out to be very messy. We all open our mouth and put our foot in it sometime. However, over-reacting won't help. You will need help with something this week.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Someone who is usually quite the op-

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Get out in the fresh air as much as possible and be kind to your body. You may have neglected yourself because you have been such a busy bee of late. What about a trip to the seaside or a walk in the hills? Maybe a trip to the local cocktail bar is more your style! Whatever puts a spring in your step will be good.

posite to you will surprise with an offer. Although you are naturally suspicious, give them the benefit of the doubt. Leopards do not change their spots but they are capable of behaving for the bigger good.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

An intimate meeting is less exciting than anticipated. This should not bother you because time could yet change that. You need to be in the right place at the right time, so don't give up hope, just have a little patience. A change of plans will be more beneficial than irksome, at least in the longer term.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

While counting your pennies, also count your blessings. Money can be a big problem or merely an irritation but the lack of it must be kept in perspective. You are right to think twice about accepting something that seems to be for nothing.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

The goat in you is keen to find pastures new. It isn't a nibble that is needed at the moment, but a feast. Accepting anything less would be a mistake because

someone is watching your reaction to an offer. If you feel unsure of your worth, then ask a few trusted friends. It is so hard to see ourselves. Heed their words.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

Don't allow an open-ended offer to muddle your mind. There is no need for an immediate decision and this may be too soon for a positive move. A sense of urgency may be put down to practical reasons when, in fact, it is no such thing. A feeling of insecurity is more likely to be the trigger to uncertainty.

PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Are things going swimmingly? Good. Maybe you had forgotten how to have real fun. Remember when you were a child? Life was so simple. Relax and be that child again. If some old fogey accuses you of being silly, feel sorry for them.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Awkward situations usually bring out the best in you and this week proves that. In the longer term, you will be grateful to those making things difficult now.

Sudoku

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Crossword

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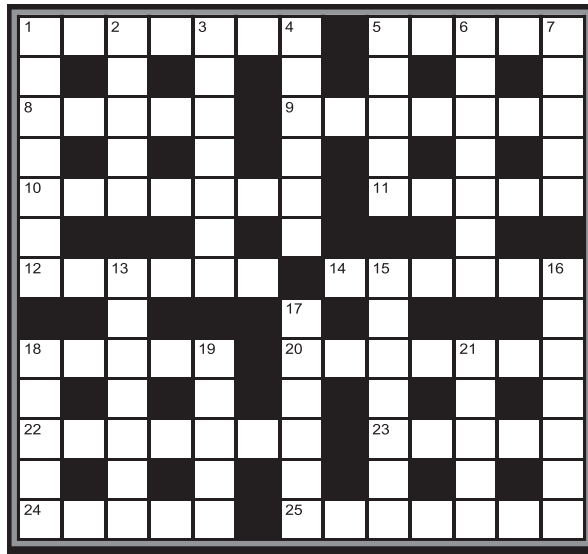
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Roars used for getting the fire going (7)
- 5 Core and front of building unaltered (5)
- 8 Moves towards or from one arson attack (5)
- 9 Charge a politician in a temper (7)
- 10 Some of the next remedies will be radical (7)
- 11 Arranged loans for the beauty parlour (5)
- 12 Disturbed fish surrounded by poles (6)
- 14 Deb riskily concealed remains (6)
- 18 Get rid of in the Channel (5)
- 20 Increase general confusion (7)
- 22 Begins tantrum in a moment (7)
- 23 Asked questions of confused dopes (5)
- 24 Nasal cavity of head of state in America (5)
- 25 Elizabethan poet's son writes to the Queen (7)

Down

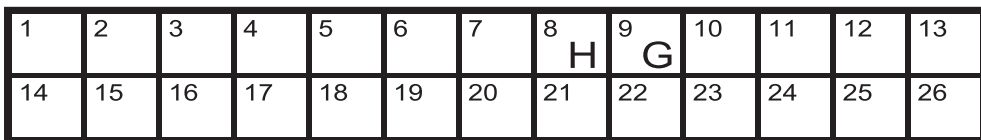
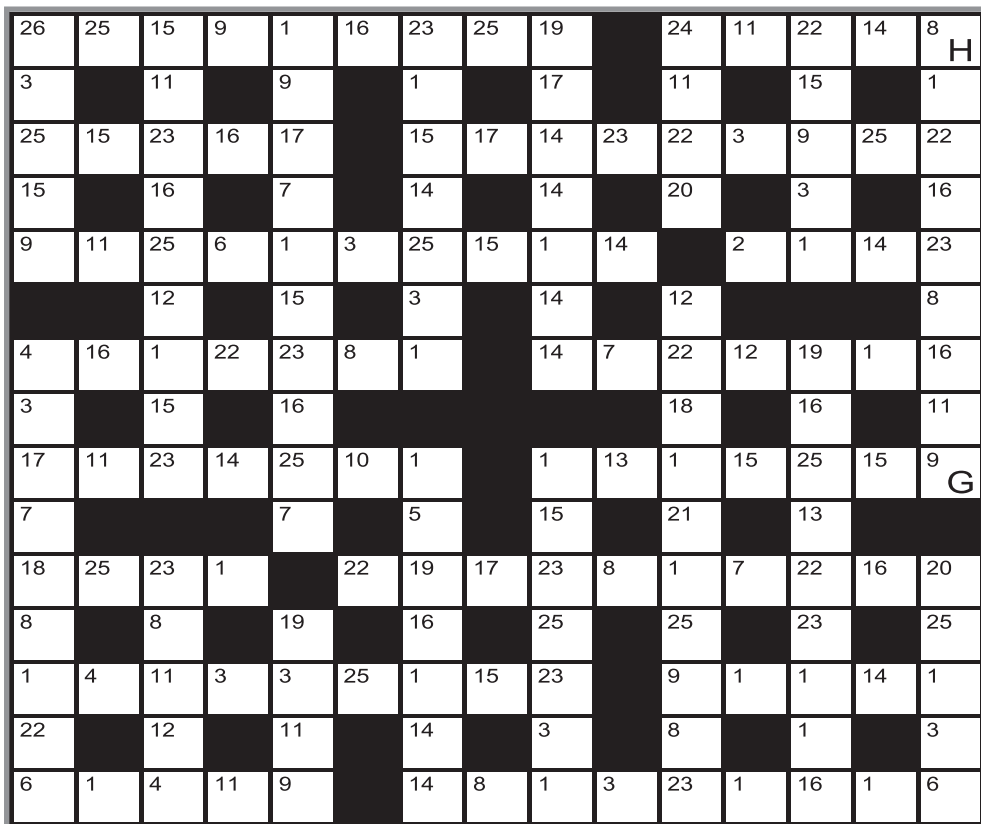
- 1 Standards set by including Queen in marriage proclamation (7)
- 2 Jumped in meadow and a gym (5)
- 3 Old boy with part in play that is rude (7)
- 4 Plant in some faiths or religions (6)
- 5 Knocks tramps gone soft in the middle (5)
- 6 Office device made from plaster (7)
- 7 Grim extract from a Boris Pasternak novel (5)
- 13 Trains with a different skilled worker (7)



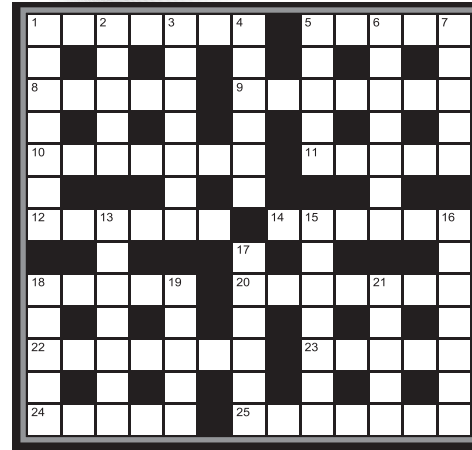
- 15 Better sun block (7)
- 16 Slight change of lenders (7)
- 17 Confinements, we hear, in beds (6)
- 18 Doctor has one afterthought for boring fellows (5)
- 19 Shade affected people in charge (5)
- 21 Lazies in a forest setting (5)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 8 represents H and 9 represents G, so fill in H every time the figure 8 appears and G every time the figure 9 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.

Code Breaker



Quick



Across

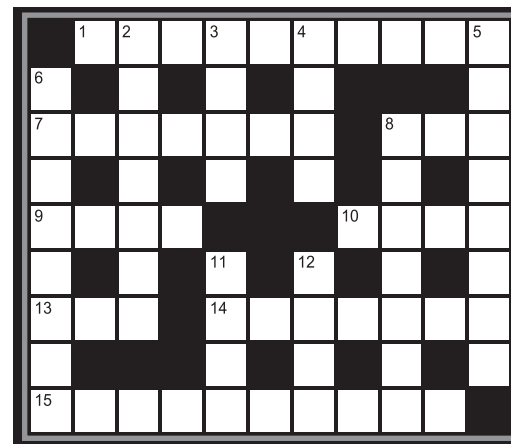
- 1 Sleepwear (7)
- 5 Start (5)
- 8 Attempts (5)
- 9 Supply (7)
- 10 Unfriendly (7)
- 11 Sovereigns (5)
- 12 Respite (6)
- 14 Not often (6)
- 18 Elegant and stylish (5)
- 20 Foes (7)
- 22 Ape (7)
- 23 Over (5)
- 24 Symbols (5)
- 25 Gratify (7)

Down

- 1 Ewer (7)
- 2 Unites (5)
- 3 Huge (7)
- 4 Light evening meal (6)
- 5 Obstruct (5)
- 6 Smiled broadly (7)
- 7 Requires (5)
- 13 Departing (7)
- 15 Stylish (7)
- 16 Enigma (7)
- 17 Alcove (6)
- 18 Turns around (5)
- 19 Rips (5)
- 21 Driving clubs (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Periódicos (10)
- 7 Government-licensed tobacconist's (7)
- 8 See 9
- 9/8 Alfombra de baño (4,3)
- 10 To pray (say prayers) (4)
- 13 Handle (of basket, bucket, jug) (3)
- 14 Iron (for clothes) (7)
- 15 Aprons (10)

Down

- 2 Statue (7)
- 3 Arena (tierra) (4)
- 4 Love (between people) (4)
- 5 Sábado (8)
- 6 Teclado (8)
- 8 Milagro (7)
- 11 Abierto (4)
- 12 Berry (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 User, 4 Disaster, 8 Caesar, 9 Robins, 10 Mere, 11 Condense, 13 Controversial, 16 Emergent, 19 Reef, 20 Cannes, 22 Shower, 23 Toasters, 24 Tess.

Down:

- 2 Stateroom, 3 Respect, 4 Doric, 5 Strange, 6 Sable, 7 Eon, 12 Shameless, 14 Overseer, 15 Sort out, 17 Ranks, 18 Tasks, 21 Ado.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Strop, 5 Piece, 8 Legal, 9 Calypso, 10 Light, 11 Aware, 12 Expand, 14 Plunge, 18 Gecko, 20 Exact, 22 Abolish, 23 Eager, 24 Erode, 25 Risotto.

Down:

- 1 Salvage, 2 Regal, 3 Polygon, 4 Yachts, 5 Polka, 6 Explain, 7 Evoke, 13 Piccolo, 15 Leaders, 16 Embargo, 17 Tether, 18 Glare, 19 Ovine, 21 Tight.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

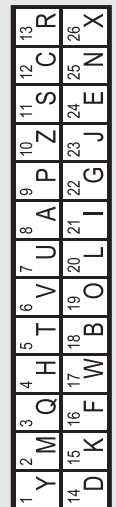
Across:

- 1 Flag, 3 Twin, 8 Lie, 9 Amapola, 10 Raindrops, 14 Cowbell, 16 Sea, 17 Ants, 18 Asno.

Down:

- 1 Film, 2 Abeja, 4 Who, 5 Neat, 6 Painter, 7 Barrels, 11 Pasas, 12 Acta, 13 Mano, 15 Wet.

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Sedition and treason

SIR,

'Sedition; actively promoting and advocating a movement to overthrow a legitimately constituted authority.'

Spain's prime minister Mariano Rajoy should have reacted immediately (almost four years ago!) in response to Catalan president Arthur Mas' call to separate from Spain to form an independent and sovereign 'nation' by imprisoning the rebel for treason.

Instead, Sr Rajoy simply repeats again and again that he won't allow the illegal and unconstitutional referendum to be held in the Catalan 'nation.'

And as Commander-in-Chief of the only legitimate 'Spanish Nation,' he should stop talking so much and act decisively to finally call a halt to this seemingly endless and harmful farce that is undermining the already downtrodden morale and confidence of Spanish citizens. Time to practice a bit of the old reliable 'actions speak louder than words.'

In the USA we had a Civil War that lasted four years (1861-1865) over 'sedition and treason,' but even then, at least nine of our 31 states were rebelling from the Union, and not just one; as is the present case today in the Catalonia Province.

*Richard M McBride,
Benidorm*

Voting rights

WHAT a cheek! Long-term expats who abandoned their homeland for a Mediterranean lifestyle years ago want the right to vote on the UK's future.

OK, if that's what they want let them have a vote, subject to a satisfactory inspection of their tax affairs by HMRC and Hacienda. That should thin their ranks and lessen the cacophony of self-interested whingeing.

*Peter Rogers
Benahavis*

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Causing a stink



SEWAGE SMELL: Cuts off your breath.

“ DID you notice? The 'depuradora' in Benalmadena is again causing stink in the area around the Avenida Palmeras roundabout by the sea!

Every night they let the waste water run down and on its way towards the sea it causes a stink that cuts off your breath.

On Thursday April 19, with the wind so strong and the sea very rough, the whole waste got kind of churned up by the violent sea and then the stink like sewer was dispersed by the air even during the day time.

Does the town hall try to cover it up at the beginning of the tourist season? Has the money to fix it gone away? Please investigate and warn the people of the health risks over inhaling the polluted air!

*Fran Drews
Benalmadena*

Double standards

I MUST comment on two articles in your Mallorca paper, *edition 1660*. Firstly, Mike Senker's comments on bars having to put outside seating areas on decking.

In Puerto Pollensa, one very busy street for tourists, they followed these instructions last year. Now the council, who forced two bars and a Spanish bike hire business to put these in, have decided to withdraw use of the road.

So, firstly the council insist on decking, and less than a year later, insist that it's taken down. And never

anyone to ask. Just shrugged shoulders.

Secondly, the transformation of Magaluf into a 'first class' resort. This has been going on for 30 years, since the Calvia area became the biggest money area in all of Spain.

The council took the money and thought that was it. But Magaluf is too big to fill up with your words, 'a more discerning guest.'

Don't bite the hand that feeds you springs to mind. I will say Mallorca has now become a more cosmopolitan up-market holiday isle, but it should be for all, because in most cases, the 'all' spend more money.

*R K Lutschan,
Puerto Pollensa, Mallorca*

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» EU leaders approve negotiating strategy

I GUESS this must be a record for the EU Council and the 27 EU countries actually coming to a decision, they can't even come to an agreement on the name of a corridor in one of their buildings after several hours and yet this is sorted in minutes. Lol

Mike in ESP

» Missing couple safely back home in Malaga

GREAT to see the Spanish government supporting its citizens. Hopefully this is a happy ending instead of what could have been.

Saya Sendiri

» Britain and Europe at loggerheads over Brexit

WHERE is the base point, the EU accounts have never been given a clean audit certificate because of all the fraud and irregularities? Will Brussels use the same accounting techniques for Brexit negotiations they use in Greek debt calculations (and Spanish deficits)?

Drew Edgar

SHE is not confused in the slightest. She is fighting tooth and nail in the interests of the top richest 10 per cent of UK citizens. They provided all the information and news which caused poorer people to vote Brexit. The very rich own nearly all of the UK media. It's called brainwashing.

Peter

» Scientists called in to save Marbella's beaches

THE obvious answer is to put concrete pillars beneath the waves maybe a hundred metres offshore. This will break the force of the waves and save the sand on the beaches. Once again here in Marbella they are placing tons of sand on the beaches to repair that which has been washed away.

Roy Peters

» Jumbo bunny dies on United Airlines flight

MY problem isn't so much with planes as it is with airports - so much less terrifying than your well-articulated issues with flying. I just get fed up with the incessant queues, indifferent officials, endless waiting around and needless delays.

Chris

» Stephen Fry blasphemy

FRY didn't specify any religion, but directed his remarks about 'God.' God doesn't belong to any religion, and the only person who could testify that God had been insulted or blasphemed would be God. I think this whole thing is ridiculous. If people have the freedom of speech to praise God, then others should have the freedom of speech to express their opinion about God.

I think if God could be contacted he would say: 'Lads, don't be acting like eejits. Let the Garda get on with their serious work to fight crime.' I think that God should be called as a witness if there is a trial, and to the best of my knowledge nobody has an address to contact God.

Les Serff

» Donkeys painted yellow

THEY don't care about animals. Still hundreds of festivals where cruelty to animals is involved, dogs left alone on properties to bark day and night and pigeons and little birds shut in tiny cages too.

Rosemary Harknett

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Are you one of the 9%?

WORLD ASTHMA DAY has been marked in Spain as experts say there are currently around 235 million asthma patients around the world.

According to the World Health Organisation, (WHO) asthma deaths will increase by almost 20 per cent in the next 10 years if no urgent action is taken. Asthma cannot be cured, but with proper diagnosis and treatment and patient education, it can be controlled and a good quality of life enjoyed. One of the main forms of treatment is through the use of an inhaler, however, reports say that only 9 per cent of asthma patients in Spain, use their inhaler correctly.

A specialist department at Barcelona's Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, said inhaled therapy is recommended for asthma as it directly reaches the lungs, but many people do use the inhaler correctly and the medication does not reach the respiratory tract. The Respiratory Group of the Spanish Society of Family and Community Pharmacies, added that many

patients also have more than one inhaler to use and often forget which one to use when.

They stress that the use of inhalers requires greater teaching and control by medical staff, both doctors, nurses and pharmacists, at the time of prescribing the device, to ensure it is correctly and effectively used.

Another frequent error is that the condition can have phases of stability, resulting in the patient deciding not to take their medication. However, this can lead to a long term worsening of the condition.

Asthma is one of the most prevalent chronic respiratory diseases in Spain, affecting around 5 per cent of adults and 8-10 per cent of children.



ASTHMA:
The use of inhalers requires greater teaching.

MASSAGE: Makes you feel good.



Mutual massage is good for both of you

GIVING a massage will not only make your partner feel good, but it will make you feel pretty good too.

That's according to researchers who got couples to spend 15 minutes giving their partner a massage two or three times a week. They found that

couples who did this showed significant improvements in their well-being, stress and relationship satisfaction.

The study, which involved 38 couples, reports those who gave the massage felt around 9 per cent better overall, compared to 12 per cent for those who re-

ceived the massage. It measured their mental well-being during a three-week course where they were taught massage skills and three weeks after it had finished.

Nine out of 10 couples in the study said they would recommend mutual massage.

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Making access easy for the disabled

THE first electric car in Spain adapted for people with reduced mobility, has been created.

The Nissan eNV200 has been adapted thanks to the expertise of ILUNION Adaptación de Vehículos which belongs to the ONCE group of social enterprises and its Foundation.

ILUNION said the technical department of Nissan was instrumental in developing this first prototype as there are very strict protocols and guidelines to be followed on this type of vehicle.

The Nissan is a five-seater vehicle and has space for a person in a wheelchair.

ILUNION hopes that this could be a 'car of the future' for those with disabilities and opens the door to making electric taxis more accessible in city centres, making services more accessible for all and more environmentally friendly.



LONELINESS:
Some men have felt lonely for years.

Are you lonely?

MEN could be lonelier than you think. A report has concluded that as many as 35 per cent of men in the UK feel lonely at least once a week, while 11 per cent admitted to feeling lonely most days.

The study was carried out by social media site Gransnet, which reported that the older generation are suffering from an 'epidemic of loneliness' with almost three-quarters de-

scribing themselves as lonely. Almost two in five said they could go for days without speaking to anyone and nearly half said they had felt lonely for years as the study authors warned that many, particularly pensioners, were suffering in silence with over 70 per cent saying their family would be shocked to learn they felt lonely.

Over 25 per cent of men aged 65 to 69 blamed re-

tirement for their loneliness as they had lost that connection with going to work and being around colleagues, although the study found that 35 was the age when a man felt the loneliest.

Moving away from family and friends was also a main cause of loneliness in respondents, as well as going through a break up, being unemployed and the death of a family member.

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Pain of sciatica



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

1. What is sciatica and when does it usually occur?

Sciatica is simply pain felt in the lumbar area of the back that can spread to both legs usually caused by a pinched nerve. Although it can happen at any age, it tends to be most common amongst the elderly in the spinal column. It can also appear after strenuous physical activities causing herniated discs.

2. What are the symptoms?

The main symptoms of sciatica are muscle cramps, back pains that can spread to the legs as well as difficulty in making certain movements, and in some cases being unable to move your legs.

3. What causes sciatica?

The main causes of sciatica are arthritis and herniated discs in the spine. They are most common amongst the elderly and the young after overexerting themselves lifting heavy loads, or bad posture when sitting, among other things.

4. How can it be treated?

Usually a course of anti-

inflammatories, analgesics, muscle relaxants and rest are effective in managing the symptoms. Depending on the cause of a person's sciatica it may be necessary to have an operation, such as having herniated discs.

Physiotherapy is also very beneficial for sciatica sufferers.

5. Can you prevent having sciatica?

Certain exercises which strengthen muscles, avoiding bad postures, not overexerting when lifting and sitting correctly are all ways to minimise the chances of suffering from sciatica.

6. Is there a specific exercise which helps?

Any form of exercise which does not strain your back is helpful, as it strengthens your muscles and helps improve blood flow.

Generally swimming, yoga, pilates and other similar exercises are all very beneficial.

7. Is it hereditary?

In general it is not hereditary. Just because parents suffer from sciatica it does not mean their children will too.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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An instrumental interlude

VELEZ-MALAGA is set to host an exhibition of more than 100 musical instruments from 40 countries at Teatro del Carmen.

Cynthia Garcia, the town's councillor for Culture said the exhibition, which is on until May 26, is "a very interesting opportunity to interact with music and a diversity of instruments, which visitors may not have seen before."

The pieces are unique for their rarity and artistic value, and demonstrate the tradition and folklore of different countries. The exhibition is adapted to all audiences and the instruments are categorised by the sound produced: cordophones, aerophones, idiophones and membranophones.

The exhibition focuses on cultural, educational, musical, organological, anthropological and artistic aspects,



UNUSUAL INSTRUMENTS: Cynthia Garcia checks out the exhibition.

and supported by audiovisual projections to better demonstrate the instruments.

The exhibition, labelled the 'Gabriel Marin collection,' seeks to bring Iberian and ethnic folk instruments to schools in various towns during a tour which will also

take in France.

Mr Marin has also played a concert entitled 'Kumbakie. What does music sound like?' on May 10 for students from Velez-Malaga and Axarquía.

Students are also due to be bussed to Teatro del Carmen

on Saturday May 13 for a concert which will be open to the public from 8pm, costing €5.

The concert will feature more than 50 musical instruments such as the gaita, sanza, kantele, angklung, zanfoña and kora.



BIG BAND: The seven-piece are playing for free.

Mentally Ska'd gig

SEVEN-PIECE band, Mentally Ska'd is to play at Malaga's Port on Sunday May 14 in a free concert supporting local artists.

The gig takes place from 5.30pm underneath the Pompidou Centre and aims to raise the profile of local sculptors, James Kearney and Danielle Lewin, who are opening their exhibition on the same day.

Mentally Ska'd are a ska and reggae band, based in Comares, who have been performing together for over two years in Axarquía.

Sunday will play host to their first concert in Malaga.

Culinary delight

ALMUÑECAR is preparing to host its 19th Gastronomic Fair, which will take place from June 9-11 in Parque El Majuelo.

The fair will host a competition for the best dish using typical local recipes. Participating dishes will use traditional recipes and be presented in a 'tapa' format, costing a fixed €3 each.

A jury will be put together to find the winning dish. Judges will take into account the use of traditional ingredients, presentation, complexity of the dish, and flavour in determining the winner.

An honorary diploma will be handed to the successful establishment, who will automatical-

ly be allowed to present at next year's fair at no cost.

In addition, participating establishments will offer a minimum of five dishes to members of the public over the three-day event. The dishes must be part of the restaurants' normal menus and must cost between €1 and €6 each.

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THERE ARE NOW MORE BILLIONAIRES living in the UK than ever before despite fears over Brexit, the *Sunday Times* Rich List has revealed

This year's list found the richest 1,000 people and families have a record total wealth of £658 billion, a rise of 14 per cent on last year's £575 billion figure.

The wealthiest people in the UK are elderly brothers Sri and Gopi Hinduja, whose latest project is to convert the Old War Office in London into a luxury five-star hotel and 88 luxury apartments for the super-rich.

The pair first topped the list in 2014 and now have a fortune of £16.2 billion, made



through investments spanning the oil and gas, automotive, IT, energy, media, banking, property and healthcare sectors.

They are now among 134 billionaires on the list - a record number in the UK and 14 more than last year's.

In today's world, being simply a millionaire no longer secures you a place on the Rich List, with a fund of £110 million now needed to get you a place in the top 1,000. Two decades ago people needed a fortune of only (sic) £15 million to make the cut.

Robert Watts, compiler of the rankings, said: "While many of us worried about the outcome of the EU referendum, many of the richest people just kept calm and carried on making billions."

**Gopichand Hinduja,
joint richest man, with his brother,
in the UK.**

RELEASED THIS WEEK here are the top five:
1. Sri and Gopi Hinduja - £16.2 billion. The brothers live in a £300 million mansion overlooking St James's Park.

2. Len Blavatnik - £15.982 billion. The Ukraine-born investor owns Warner Music Group and lives in his home in Kensington Palace Gardens.

3. David and Simon Reuben - £14 billion. The brothers made their money in London property and internet. They bought a £70 million car park in Mayfair in 2015 which will be turned into a £500 million redevelopment.

4. Lakshmi Mittal and family - £13.229 billion. The world's top steelmaker is also a shareholder in QPR football club.

5. Alisher Usmanov - £11.791 billion. He owns a 30 per cent stake in Arsenal and made his money from mining and investment.

Can't see many 'British' names there - can you??
(courtesy of the *Sunday Times*)

AND SPEAKING OF MILLIONS, regular readers may recall me mentioning about how in the 80's cities were closing banks down and entrepreneurs were converting them into restaurants and fashionable wine bars and brasseries. I commented that the practice had seemed to have faded. So it was with some interest that I read from London that the former Sir Edwin Lutyens-designed Midland Bank building on Poultry, just a minute's walk from the Bank of England, has been turned into a luxury hotel.

The Ned - the largest and most ambitious hotel to launch in London this year - is set to welcome its first guests.



The Ned - Large in Scale and Delivery.

A former Caterer named Hotelier of the Year 2015, Nick Jones is the man behind the enormous project. He never intended to open a hotel in the City of London. The capital's financial centre is not a typical location for an outpost of Soho House & Co,

the company founded by Jones 22 years ago and renowned for attracting guests and members from the media and entertainment industries.

He was told about the availability of the building by the landlord of Little House, one of 18 members' clubs owned and operated by Soho House & Co worldwide. "I wasn't particularly keen to go along, but I didn't want to appear rude," he recalls. "The banking floor was jaw-droppingly beautiful," he said. "I clambered up on the roof, with its views over St Paul's, and immediately saw the huge potential the property offered as a hotel and collection of restaurants."

The hotel features 252 bedrooms, nine restaurants, two swimming pools - one on the rooftop and one in the basement - a spa, members' club and much more. The Ned is a beautiful, multifaceted beast, which required the help of a partner to create. After speaking to Ron Burkle, the American investor who acquired a 60 per cent stake in Soho House & Co in 2012, Jones met with Andrew Zabler, the founder and chief executive of Sydel Group. Burkle is also the main financial backer of Sydel Group, a company that has experience of grand renovation projects through the opening of six hotels in the US during the past five years.

"That was the start of our collaboration and it's been fantastic," enthuses Jones. "We love each other more than we did at the beginning, which is unusual when you're involved in a project of this scale."

While Soho House & Co has extensive experience of developing a variety of hospitality businesses - as well as the members' clubs (12 of which feature bedrooms and welcome non-members), it has also created 16 restaurant brands - nothing comes close to the scale of the Ned, which covers nearly 30,000 square metres.

Jones and his team made the most of the building, encouraging him to look to its banking heritage for design cues. Hence, much use has been made of the banking hall's original walnut-panelled counters, used by tellers, repurposed as bar counters and dividers between the different restaurants.

Once bustling with bank customers, the space will now buzz with some 850 restaurant customers at any one time. Meanwhile, in the basement, the bank vaults feature a lounge bar, containing more than 3,000 original stainless steel, engraved safety deposit boxes that once stored gold bullion deposits of £335m (£15b in today's money) and the two metre-wide doors have been retained.



Original in Design and in Fact - Entrance to the Vault bar at the Ned.

The £220 million investment is now in the hands of Gareth Banner, the managing director of the Ned, who was appointed from his former general manager role at the Renaissance St Pancras hotel, London, and is the person responsible for the hotel on a day-to-day basis, who explained the logistics. "We have a central production kitchen, which feeds into all the restaurants, and a specific kitchen for each restaurant," he says. "The restaurants will all be run independently with their own head chef, restaurant manager and team, while behind the scenes there will be a lot of shared services - such as purchasing."

Staffing the Ned with a team of 800 is what has kept Banner awake at night. The process, however, has been on track, with many individuals being recruited directly from Europe, despite the uncertainty of what Brexit will mean in the long-term

with regard to employing staff from within the EU. Teams of recruiters have appointed in Rome and Barcelona through the offer of attractive packages, rather than wait for individuals to come to the UK and for the Ned to then compete with another 10 businesses for their services.

"It is a worry and a concern for everyone in our industry how the government is going to deal with the immigration situation," says Jones. "Over 75 per cent of the people who work for Soho House in the UK weren't born in this country. I'm sure the government will consider a way around it - they are going to have to."

Once again, the Hospitality Industry in the UK shows its concern for the future of employment of foreigners after Brexit. But for the time being the Ned will no doubt thrive in the competitive world of London hotels. It is still one of Europe's top destinations. The City has never been considered a leisure area especially in the evenings, up until about 10 years ago bars closed at 8.00pm. But with the dining experiences and entertainment on offer at this luxury hotel, it will surely be at the hub of the financial district. The old bank may well welcome more bankers as customers, than used to work there!

(some content courtesy of the *Caterer*.
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*ON THAT NOTE I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.
A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.*

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

Summer days in the shade



WISTERIA PERGOLA: At the botanical gardens in Malaga.

IN the summer, everyone loves to be outdoors and there's nothing better than sitting under a pergola, to take the edge off the heat of the sun.

The pergola is an extension of living space but can also be freestanding. The structure is based on posts and covered with a roof or arch, made of wood or metal.

Pergolas have been around for a long time and their original purpose was to provide protection from the sun. The origin of the word dates back to 1645-55 from the Italian Latin word, 'pergula,' which means protruding roof, arbour. Their beauty comes in their simplicity, a framework that's waiting to be dressed either with fabric, natural wood or live foliage.

The Ancient Egyptians used reeds or palm leaves and the



PERGOLA FRAMEWORK: Can be wooden or metal.

Tuscans used grape vines on their pergolas. You could also use branches or bamboo; lattice panels that have a criss-crossed slat pattern, but don't give full protection; or fixed fabric in one piece or strips that are woven through and look very stylish. Other op-

tions are to use retractable canopies that are waterproof and have sun protection factor or to go for ultra luxury with pergola curtains that will give privacy and make you feel rather special.

The most beautiful pergolas are those decorated with

climbing plants, which look and smell beautiful. The plants that can be used are the Chinese Trumpet vine; the Golden Hop, the Morning Glory; the common jasmine, climbing roses, 'Albertine'; Paul's Himalayan Musk, black grape, 'Brant' and Wisteria.

Some garden ideas for vertical walls

VERTICAL gardens are a very useful resource for those who would like to grow plants (or herbs, or vegetables) on their balconies or terraces while using as little space as possible.

There are various options to house your vertical garden, from expensive ready-made frames and planters to cheap or free recycled ones you can yourself. Old wooden pallets can be fixed to

the wall and plant pots incorporated, or for even less hassle screw old guttering to the wall and plant directly into it. All sorts of bits of wood can be attached to the wall and various types of hooks used to hang plant pots from them.

For those who would rather not have their vertical garden right up against the wall, an old ladder is another good option that can be used.

A passion for the porcelain



TOILET CLEANING: How to keep your man interested in caring for the loo.

IT seems that men are giving more consideration to cleaning the toilet. It makes sense that they should, as it is a regular port of call.

The days when men only managed to lift the toilet seat and never bothered putting it down may be over.

Things are changing, as researchers have discovered that men are taking more interest in the hygiene of their toilet and even buying products for cleaning, which is an amazing find. However, the report states that women are still taking most of the responsibility towards the cleaning of the 'throne.'

This new wave of interest may be due to there being so many products for cleaning the toilet that smell so wonderful, giving an incentive to take more of a part in this dreaded household duty. Awareness of germs is another reason, with people buying more disinfectants and advice for cleaning the toilet can be found so easily on social media.

Keep the man in your life interested in caring for the loo, by making it a more welcoming place to be. If he likes to read on the loo, get him a bookshelf and he'll take pride in this very important area and invest in keeping it clean.

It is probably the only room in the house, where you can have complete privacy, so turn your visits into pleasurable ones with fresh clean aromas, patterned toilet paper and a squeaky clean loo.



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Healing power of cats

CATS are well known for being aloof and independent, but they do offer owners a subtle approach in healing. Cats are so laidback, and seem as if they don't care about anyone but themselves, but they help us more than we realise.

The fast pace of life makes it difficult to wind down, so it's a good idea to spend time with them and the world will slow down, calming your nerves and helping your state of mind. Cats can show you the way to better health, merely by stroking them while on your lap, as this lowers blood pressure.

Cats can be entertaining and help us relax, by making us laugh and experiencing emotions. It has been reported, that watching cats online gives us a more positive outlook. There is nothing more relaxing

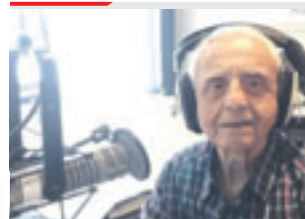
than listening to the purring of a cat, and the frequency of this sound is helpful for a variety of illnesses.

Our bodies are healed every night when we sleep, but there is also evidence that catnaps can improve memory and creativity. Cats are true connoisseurs of sleep, so let your cat guide you in the art of rejuvenation.



CHILL OUT: Spend time relaxing with your cat.

Trauma in pets, part 3



David THE Dogman

Please note that this article was written by Sara Reusche of Paws Abilities Dog Training in Rochester, Minnesota, United States.

IF your cat or dog has a history of trauma, whether suspected or confirmed, here are some guidelines to remember.

1. The cat or dog determines what's traumatising, not you. While you may not have thought that holding your pet down for a simple nail trim was that big a deal, your cat or dog may have a different opinion. Watch your dog's body language for signs of stress such as lip licking, yawning, slower or faster movement, freezing, and turning away so that you can intervene if a situation starts to go south. Pushing through such situations can almost guarantee that they'll create new fear triggers in many cats and dogs.

2. Create safe places. One of the reasons to teach a dog to go to his or her mat is it is helpful for many dogs due to its clear structure of safety.

The mat is a positive place where treats, relaxation, and massage take place, we can create a positive conditioned emotional response to the mere presence of this training method. Once the mat becomes a safe place,

make sure to keep it that way. Do not allow anything bad happen to your dog on the mat. You can create other safe spaces as well - places in your dog's environment where good things occur and where there is no pressure placed on the dog.

3. Give your cat and dog choices. One of the fastest ways to traumatise any mammal is to take away all of his or her choices. Create opportunities for your dog to make choices about his or her environment, schedule, and care as much as possible. Whether you let your dog decide which way to turn at the end of the block, wait for your dog to offer a foot for nail trimming, play with nose work, or give your dog several different beds to choose to sleep on, choice is hugely important. Cats decide where they are going to sleep.

Set your dog up to make good choices, then reward those choices to build the dog's confidence.

4. Always try to end on a good note. Research has shown that people who have experienced identically unpleasant procedures created very different memories of those procedures depending on how traumatic the

moments of the procedure were. While we don't know whether dogs have the same cognitive recall abilities, it certainly doesn't hurt to try to make the last few seconds of any unpleasant experience as pleasant as possible.

For example, most dogs are concerned about having their feet handled. I file nails instead of clipping them because this is more comfortable for the dog and the dog is in control of how fast or slow nail trimming sessions go. Your pet is also free to leave at any time if he gets too scared. At the end of every nail-trimming session, I practise simply touching the nail file to her toenails for less than a second, followed by a food reward. Because each session ends with these quick successes, they are more comfortable allowing us to handle their feet when it is time for the next session.

5. Your cat or dog is not his story. If your pet has a history of trauma, it's important to be aware of that past, but equally important to help your pet succeed in the present. Too often, we get caught up with the stories, we tell ourselves about our pets' past, and forget to pay attention to the animal in front of us.

Last week's article was also written by Sara Reusche, but credit was not given due to an oversight.

TRAUMA: Watch body language.

Let those sleeping dogs lie

THE structure of a dog's sleep is very similar to a human being's sleep. There are stages of wakefulness, rapid-eye-movement REM sleep and non-rapid eye-movement sleep.

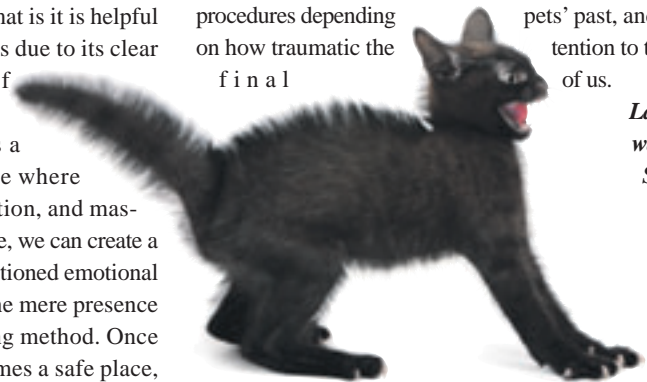
While asleep, the dog's brain is trying to find shortcuts or connections between things that they have experienced. The events of the day are put into categories, when in non-REM sleep. In REM sleep there is an opportunity for the dog to explore, in an environment that's free of consequences.

Dogs enter REM sleep about 20 minutes into a snooze session and might stay there for two to three minutes. People and dogs dream in both stages of sleep mentioned, but most dreams are remembered through REM sleep.

Dogs, of course, dream about things that dogs normally do, while small dogs have more frequent but shorter dream periods and larger dogs have less frequent but longer dreams.

Dogs probably also have nightmares, they can get narcolepsy, which is a disorder that causes the brain to fall into a sudden state of sleep. Unlike some of their human owners, they don't suffer from sleep paralysis, which is when someone becomes conscious, but are unable to move their body.

When dogs sleep, they quiver, make leg twitches and even growl or snap at something chasing them in their dreams. If dogs are having trouble sleeping, it may also be due to pain or fear, which they express through anxiety at night.



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A demand for luxury

THREE villas on Campello's Muchavista beach in Alicante have been pulled down to make way for 10 luxury apartments.

Campello's General Development Plan (PGOU) drafted in 2011 originally intended to give planning permission for a hotel on the site. Instead, the PGOU was revoked last year by the Supreme Court on a technicality pointed out by a local business-owner who would have been adversely affected by it.

For the time being any future development will be in

line with the 1986 PGOU.

Although the Supreme Court ruling put the brakes on the local construction sector last year and at the beginning of 2017, there is still a demand for frontline luxury properties. Three villas built last year above the 1' Almadrava beach each sold for almost €1.8 million, sector sources said.

The new apartment building will have two 400-square metre apartments costing €1 million on each floor. Although they await planning permission some apartments have already been sold.



MADRID COMPLEX: Would include a cinema, hotels, a six hectare lagoon and an artificial beach.

Mega shopping back on track

AMERICAN developer the Cordish Companies is continuing to insist that its proposed mega-project in Madrid go ahead. The Spanish capital had rejected Cordish's ambitious plan on the grounds that it would cost too much money.

Cordish has now offered to sweeten the deal, which would be among the biggest real estate developments in Spanish history. As well as a massive shopping complex with a cinema and hotels, they want to build a six hectare lagoon with an artificial beach where people can play volleyball and even

surf and swim.

The government had been asked to contribute €340 million to the project, together with the €2.2 billion Cordish have at the ready. Madrid thought this figure excessive but, together with the new lagoon concept, Cordish has also said that all the city has to contribute is planning permission. They will do the rest.

The ball is now back in the city's court. There are fears that the project could take longer than expected and fill an appetite that doesn't exist in a

huge city with its fair share of mega shopping centres.

But Cordish points out that this is no ordinary shopping centre. Like other hundred hectare estates planned for Valencia and the Costa del Sol it will feature luxury suites, a convention centre, sports centre, even museums and concert halls.

They estimate that nine million people would visit the centre each year, while the knock-on effects for Spain's booming construction industry would be enormous.

Going for gold

THE vast majority of foreigners who decide to buy a home in Spain choose second hand rather than new properties.

Latest breakdown figures show 83.7 per cent of homes bought by expats last year were second hand, meaning not only that they'd had more than one owner but also weren't built in the past year or two.

That meant that just 16.3 per cent of the 56,000 homes bought by foreigners were new builds. Oddly enough the statistics suggest that expats favour second hand homes more than

Spanish nationals, 81.2 per cent of whom chose older properties.

But further breakdowns can be made between foreign nationalities. For instance the

Irish, French and Italians overwhelmingly prefer second hand homes. Norwegians, Belgians and Swedish opt for new builds.

Alternatively Brits and Germans typically don't put too much currency on the age of the home. Rather they choose size, opting for homes with more than 100 square metres of space.

Regardless of whether the homes favoured are old or new, big or small, foreigners are continuing to buy Spanish in record numbers.

They bought almost 8,000 more homes last year than in 2015. That meant that 13.2 per cent of homes were bought by foreigners, a huge increase from the 4.2 per cent recorded in 2009.

The Mediterranean coastlines continue to be the favourite haunt of expats looking for a home in the sun. Some 47,000 of the 56,000 purchased were on the long coastline between Gibraltar and Barcelona.

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Quote of the Week

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Some might say...



Motoring shorts

Hybrid solution

A JAPANESE hybrid car has become the fastest selling car on one of the UK's biggest second-hand markets. In April the Toyota Prius sold quicker than any other car on Auto Trader, taking roughly two weeks to offload.

Tough new taxes on traditional petrol-guzzling cars may have contributed to the Prius' success. It is also considered extremely reliable and economical, winning top reviews from customers and industry insiders.

UK drivers appear to be embracing the hybrid universe as electric becomes more mainstream than ever before. Now there are concerns that the number of electric charging stations cannot possibly keep up with demand without a major remodelling of the country's roads.

Black cabs and Valkyries

By Matthew Elliott

THE great arc of world motor shows has taken in Paris, Geneva and New York. Last weekend the flashiest, most unusual cars in the industry were in Britain for the London Motor Show which ran from May 4 to 7.

It was

the second edition of the show, a rapidly emerging alternative to the British Motor Show. As in 2016, this year it was once again held in Battersea Park.

There were motoring celebrities, including Stig Ben Collins and Jodie Kidd, car safety demonstrations, virtual reality driving experi-

ences, a wild range of supercars and even the new electric London Black Cab.

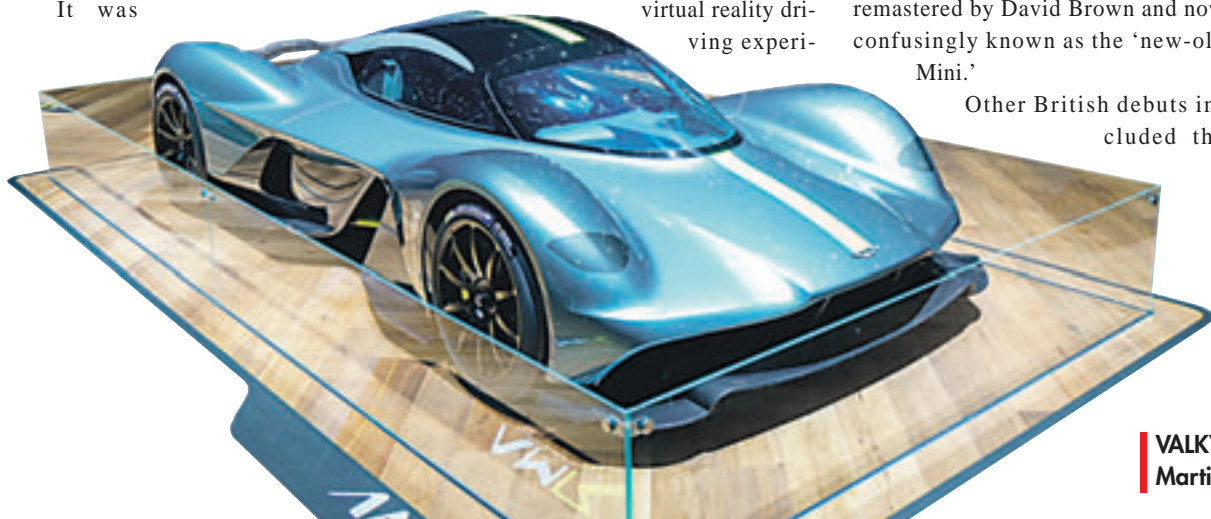
The Lamborghini Aventador S made its British debut, bringing a V12 engine and incredible 740hp to stunned fans. At the other end of the size scale there was the classic Mini remastered by David Brown and now confusingly known as the 'new-old Mini.'

Other British debuts included the

Alpina B4 S, the Kahn Vengeance Volante, and the MG XS, considered the English manufacturer's strongest foray on to the world stage yet.

Among the wilder entrants was the concept hypercar the Aston Martin Valkyrie which is forged from a one-off partnership with Red Bull Racing. It is the latest of the brand's V cars but that's about all anyone knows except that it's sure to be extremely sleek and fast.

Also making waves, and for very real reasons, was the Jaguar F-Pace, recently declared the World Car of the Year. Crowds also waved a fond farewell to an army of TX4 London Black Cabs which will soon be in the vintage section of future road shows as they prepare to be replaced.



VALKYRIE: Enigmatic new Aston Martin and Red Bull invention.

Phone signal shield

TROUBLE caused by mobile phones could soon be a thing of the past. Nissan claims to have developed new technology which acts as an electromagnetic shield blocking calls and any other notifications.

Drivers would simply drop their phone into the so-called Signal Shield sunk in the armrest and no longer have to worry about being distracted. Crucially for many people, especially those in business,

they wouldn't have to switch their phones off altogether and risk losing critical messages.

All of the hundreds of various apps, from weather updates to email messages, would be blocked by the Signal Shield. Many drivers have reported feeling the urge to check their phone each time it buzzes, even when the vast majority of notifications are useless updates rather than important messages. The sheer number of beeps and buzzes emitting from modern smart phones has led to a huge rise in the number of deaths and injuries on the roads caused by 'distractions.' It's no longer people chatting on the phone that is the deadliest, but those reaching for it.

The technology also fills a smart and selfish purpose. Users can virtually guarantee that they won't be caught or fined for using their phone.

Recent smart cameras wheeled out onto Spanish roads can check for phone usage, even seatbelt wearing. Police technology to catch offenders is quickly growing stronger.

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WHAT a great day it was as GINS members played an Individual Stableford at Añoreta on May 1 from nearly the back yellow tees therefore the scores were not that big.

The overall winner was Peter Garner with Marisa Elias Garcia first for the ladies and Carlos Villen first for the men. The best front nine went to Peter Verkleij and best back nine went to Stewart Green.

Congratulations to all the winners and to the lucky two, Mr Captain

John on the 2nd and Peter Verkeijase on the 17th, who scooped the rollover Two's pot. Next week will be an AM/AM two best scores on each hole.

At last it was a settled sunny day for the Individual Stableford at Baviera on Tuesday May 2. Out with the shorts again! It was a bit windy in the afternoon but nothing to spoil the perfect golfing day.

The members are used to it now but the course was in fantastic manicured



LOW SCORES: But a great day at Añoreta.



PERFECT CONDITIONS: For members who played Baviera.

condition. The water is still magnetic and the greens are a little hard to read which is keeping the scores under control... for most of the group at least.

The best score on the day was the new vice captain Erica with an incredible 40 points. Not bad for

someone who has not played for six weeks. Just shows it's not all about practice!

Results

Ladies: 1st Erica Oxford, Hcp 30, 40pts. 2nd PJ Bentley-Ennis, Hcp 35, 32pts.

Men: 1st Clive Akid,

Hcp 20, 35pts. 2nd Graeme Birch, Hcp 16, 34pts. 3rd Simon Hellewell, Hcp 15, 33pts. 4th Ian Paterson, Hcp 17, 33pts.

Two's: Pepe Gil 8, Linda Anderson 8, Jackie Viles 10 and Diana Elliott 10.

There were 36 players

for an Individual Stableford game with vice captain Erica leaving the rest of the group trailing in the dust with her 40 points.

Winning man was Clive Akid with 35 points. Despite the clubhouse banter four prizes had always been planned for the men!

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