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Bullseye!

New law bans bloodshed

By Matthew Elliott

A new Animal Welfare Law has been agreed by the Balearic Council which establishes strict limitations on future bullfighting spectacles on Mallorca and the islands.

The legislation, which the government hopes to pass before summer, bans the killing or injuring of the bull. No horses will be permitted during a bullfight, alcohol will be banned and only adults aged over 18 allowed as spectators.

Presenting the bill, Podemos politician Carlos Saura told press: "We can hold bullfights on the Balearic Islands without blood or death." Parliament will be asked to vote on the bill urgently. If it is delayed then bullfights will take place legally in Mallorca this summer.

Spokesman for Mallorca Sense Sang (Mallorca Without Blood) Guillermo Amengual welcomed the bill as representing 'the end of bullfighting on the Balearics.' It is a compromise deal agreed by the PSOE, Mes and Podemos.

Bullfighting was believed to have been banned by the Balearics last year. But the



BULLFIGHTING: Can be held without blood or death.

Spanish Constitutional Court struck down a similar law passed in Catalonia, forcing the islands to go back to the drawing board. The new law technically permits bullfighting but, if passed, makes traditional bullfights a thing of the past.

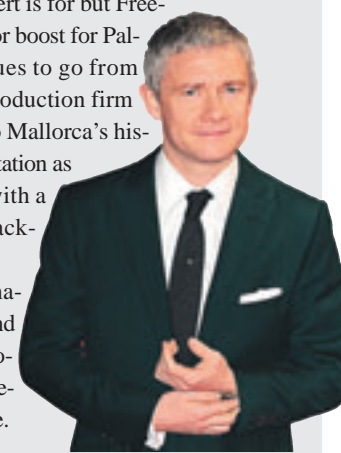
One minor exception is the Correbou of Fornalutx. The annual bull run is protected under the new legislation. It remains popular regardless of the 360,000 signatures against it obtained by a Mallorca Sense Sang petition.

Star attraction

THE OFFICE star Martin Freeman is on Mallorca filming a TV advert by local production outfit Palma Pictures. The Brit, who shot to fame as the hapless Tim in the hit BBC mockumentary, is filming at Sa Fortaleza in Pollensa. He became a household name with performances as Bilbo Baggins in The Hobbit trilogy and Dr Watson in the Sherlock TV series.

It is unclear what the advert is for but Freeman's participation is a major boost for Palma Pictures which continues to go from strength to strength. The production firm has successfully tapped into Mallorca's historic and contemporary reputation as a film-shooting paradise with a unique variety of scenic backdrops.

The company is now a major employer on the island and contributes indirectly to promoting Mallorca in film, television and adverts worldwide.



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Tax relief

EXPATS across Mallorca breathed a sigh of relief after the European Commission demanded Spain repeal the controversial Modelo 720 tax form that punishes foreigners who don't declare all their assets abroad.

Bay watch

NATIONAL and Local Police patrols will expand on the Playa de Palma in the early hours after more than 1,000 criminal complaints were filed on the beachfront last summer.

Med hub

PALMA airport has more direct connections to other European cities than any other Mediterranean airport, with 169 direct routes connecting Mallorca with the continent this summer.



Euro king's island roots

EUROVISION Song Contest winner Salvador Sobral has had a long-running love affair with Mallorca.

The Portuguese star, who won the famous continental contest last Sunday in Kiev, lived on Mallorca as an Erasmus student on exchange.

Sobral is also no stranger to the Mallorcan music scene. While studying at the University of the Balearics in 2011 he performed in gigs across the island.

The melodious 27-year-old sung with a jazz quartet at

the Vamp club in Palma and also took the stage at the Blue Jazz Club on the Paseo Mallorca during an eventful time on the island.

After making a name for himself on Mallorca, he abandoned plans to become a psychologist in Lisbon and instead moved to Barcelona to enrol in a music school.

On Sunday he became an instant heartthrob with his winning performance of Amar Pelos Dois, a song written by his sister.

Expect tour dates for Mallorca soon.

STAR: Salvador Sobral at Eurovision 2017.

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British invade island

BRITS might soon take over Germans in the Mallorca tourism stakes. Rising numbers and a new deal for summer 2018 established with a UK budget airline are set to make next year the busiest yet for British tourism on the island.

Next year Jet2 will offer almost one million seats to Palma alone from a variety of new UK bases. The news comes as tourism chiefs from across Europe gathered in the Mallorcan capital to discuss the British, French and German tourism markets.

Positive news found that British trips to Mallorca are already up by 3 per cent this year, hinting that Brexit has done little to quench Brits' desire for sunny holidays, quite the opposite.

On the other hand British tourists were found to spend less on average than their continental counterparts, a trend Mallorcan businesses hope to reverse.

Meanwhile German bookings for Mallorca were revealed to have dropped by roughly 10 per cent. Concerns were also raised that German tourists to Mallorca are growing older on average with the island no longer a top choice among younger generations.

Noisy neighbours

SQUATTERS in a Marratxi property have accumulated fines totalling €65,000 due to the horrendous noise made by their dangerous and feral dogs.

The fines come as the final attempt from the council to get rid of the squatters, who have managed to avoid eviction for three years due to the complex legality of housing rights.

The family have a pack of dangerous dogs who roam the property and reportedly hold wild parties with loud music cranked up to top volume every weekend.

Having reached the end of their tether locals have turned to noise pollution laws to get rid of the squatters. A report from a council technician who catalogued noise levels over a period of time has led to a collection of fines worth €65,400, mostly related to the dogs.

A long court case could see the squatters continue to cause mayhem, however, and they recently bought a new electricity generator which reportedly causes even more noise.

Murder hunt

A MASSIVE police investigation has been launched into a brutal murder in

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 13

Ninety years ago next month the national carrier Iberia was founded, with King Alfonso X111 among passengers on the inaugural Madrid to Barcelona flight.

Still flying high at 90

THE first airline to connect Europe and South America with scheduled flights following the Second World War in 1946, the route remains a key part of Iberia's network to this day.

Six months after its founding with Pesetas 1.1 million (€6,600 equivalent today) full flight operations began, and within one year it was receiving a government subsidy to carry mail between the capital and Barcelona.

By its 75th anniversary in 2002 it had carried almost 500 million passengers on its domestic and international flights.

With Spain scrapping visa restrictions on US citizens in 1953 Iberia introduced regular flight connections with the first of three new Super Constellation planes delivered the following year named Santa Maria to commemorate Christopher Columbus' first voyage.

In February 1998, Iberia ordered 76 aircraft from Airbus - at the time the manufacturer's largest single order - and by the start of this year the airline boasted a fleet of 80 Airbus planes, with another 45 on order.

Iberia and fellow One World member carriers were allocated Terminal 4 at Madrid-Barajas Airport - the carrier's traditional hub - in 2006. This provided much-needed expansion opportunities with the Spanish carrier responsi-



IBERIA: Is now part of International Airlines Group.

ble for about 60 per cent of the airport's traffic.

In 2011 Iberia, British Airways, and American Airlines merged to form the International Airlines Group, with this now the world's third-largest airline in terms of annual revenue.

Santa Maria constellation.



Sencelles. It is understood that a 57-year-old man was found dead at a rural property with signs of extreme violence.

Press have reported that the man was stabbed to death. The rural property is roughly one kilometre away from the centre of Sencelles, a mountainous area in the centre of the island. No suspects or motive have been identified and the nationality of the victim remains unclear.

Guardia Civil agents are at the site attempting to reconstruct what happened and hunting for valuable evidence. They urge anyone who may have seen something suspicious in or near Sencelles to

come forward with information.

Going topless

A NEW decree from the mayor will allow anyone to go topless in 32 specific areas across Calvia without attracting a fine for semi-nudity. It is a loosening of strict clothing laws put in place last year in an attempt to purge Magaluf of the images of mamading published around the world, featuring young British girls in extremely graphic situations.

T-shirts were made mandatory with fines ranging between €100 and €600 for offenders, but although the rules have been relaxed in certain areas of Portals

Nous, Magaluf, Palmanova and Costa de la Calma, public drinking is still banned.

Cab grab

PIRATE taxis outside Palma airport are set to experience a serious crack down by the ministry of transport. Police presence around taxi ranks will be strengthened and penalties imposed on pirate drivers doubled to make them think twice.

Fines for piracy can now reach a hefty €12,000, more than enough to dissuade even the most ambitious moonlighter. Police will also be able to clamp and impound cars used illegally as taxis.

Ryan Giggs in Mallorca melee

FORMER Manchester United legend Ryan Giggs was involved in a minor ruckus on Mallorca. The 43-year-old Welsh wizard, who spent 24 seasons playing for the club, was spotted at an unidentified seaside bar while enjoying a lad's holiday on the island.

Pictures published by the *Daily Mail*, however, suggest that he and his entourage weren't entirely welcome. Giggs is

seen interrupting a flirty conversation with a brunette to pull back his friends, who were on the verge of brawling with some local men.

The brouhaha ended peacefully and Giggs was later spotted taking a relaxed stroll along the beach. Giggs is today the co-owner of Salford City and enjoying semi-retirement from the football front lines after leaving the Red Devils in 2014.

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Spain's world standing with 593 vehicles on the road per 1,000 people. San Marino is first with 1,263, Monaco second with 899, and USA third with 797. Britain is 34th with 519.

More than just a club

REIGNING Spanish champions Barcelona scored on the political front by throwing its weight behind the goal of a referendum on Catalan independence.

Carles Puigdemont, the region's president, wants to stage a poll later this year and the football club from its Camp Nou fortress supports a vote.

In a brief statement, the club said it "agreed with the National Pact for the Referendum, the campaign to gather support from institutions, organisations, those in elected office and individuals inside and outside Catalonia."

Gloves are off

SPANISH police have broken up a prize fighting ring bringing boxers to Spain from Nicaragua and forcing them into bouts across Europe.

Seven Spaniards were arrested and 19 boxers released from a base in Terrassa. The fighters were invited to Spain by a sports events company for a contest but were forced into unregulated competitions.

They were forced to live in 'overcrowded and unhealthy' conditions and if they failed to obey instructions were beaten and told their families in Nicaragua would be hurt.

Got it covered

BRITISH insurance giant Aviva on Wednesday is selling off its €475 million stake in the Spanish market as it continues to reduce operations in the Eurozone.

It is offloading 50 per cent shareholdings in life insurance and pen-

Eye on SPAIN

Around the nation in 7 stories

Postcard from Segovia



AQUEDUCT: 2,000 years old. |

HISTORY and legend fill Segovia, a walled medieval city topped with a fairy-tale castle.

Approach the city from any direction and the Alcazar de Segovia catches the eye. Once a royal palace, filmmaker Walt Disney was so impressed he is said to have modelled Sleeping Beauty's castle in Disneyworld in California on it.

Sitting in the rolling hills of Castile and Leon and built on a rocky outcrop with stunning countryside views, Segovia with a population of 52,000 is a modern vibrant city and home to an array of writers, artists, musicians and intellectuals.

A world heritage site, its singularly most famous attraction is the 2,000-year-old aqueduct. Still carrying drinking water as a testament to the efficiency and skill of Roman engineering, the aqueduct made of 25,000 granite blocks held together without mortar has an 818m span and more than 170 arches.

Recycling came early to Segovia, when the city was fortified with walls, not only were granite blocks used for the ramparts but also the gravestones taken from the Roman necropolis.

Inside the city to this day there are narrow cobbled streets now filled with bars and restaurants, boutique shops, art galleries, museums and churches. Explore at leisure and refuel on local specialities including roast lamb, suckling pig and trout.

sion joint ventures. Spanish company Santalucia will take over holdings by the year end, subject to regulatory approval, said Aviva.

Art prize

SOUTH AFRICAN artist William Kentridge - best known for his animated films of shape-shifting charcoal drawings - has won Spain's top arts prize, the Princess of Asturias award.

Eye on Spain

RUSSIAN opposition leader Alexei Navalny visited Spain for eye surgery on his right eye after suffering burns when a chemical was thrown in his face.

The politician, who hopes to challenge President Putin in next year's elections, lost 85 per cent of his sight and suffered burns after he was attacked in March with a caustic substance.

He was recovering in a Barcelona clinic when he posted a photo on Instagram of his bloodshot eye.

War expert dies

HISTORIAN Lord Hugh Thomas, an expert on Spain and the Civil War, has died at his London home aged 85.

His most-famous work The Spanish Civil War, was published in two volumes in 1961 and considered the first balanced account of a conflict which tore the nation apart between 1936 and 1939.

Considered a landmark classic, and the most detailed and best-explained account to date, it was not published in Spain in translation until 41 years after the death of General Franco.

Birthdays

• **Pete Townshend (72), May 19, Musician**

English singer, songwriter and lead guitarist with the legendary rock band The Who. He has written more than 100 songs for the band. Although known for playing guitar he also plays a range of other instruments including keyboards, banjo, accordion, harmonica and drums.

• **Cher (71), May 20, Singer**

American singer whose career spans six decades in which she has released 79 singles. Some of her best-known hits include If I Could Turn Back Time, The Shoop Shoop Song and Believe. She has also appeared on Broadway and in films such as Mermaids, Tea with Mussolini and The Witches of Eastwick.

• **Tom Daley (23), May 21, Diver**

Young British diver who specialises in the 10-metre platform event in which he has achieved nine gold, six silver and three bronze medals so far across the individual and synchronised events. He became the FINA World Champion at the age of just 15 and was the youngest British competitor at the 2008 Olympics.



• **Novak Djokovic (30), May 22, Tennis Player**

Professional tennis player from Serbia who is currently ranked by the ATP as the world's number two in men's singles. He has won 12 Grand Slams including six Australian Open titles, three Wimbledon titles, Two US Open titles and One French Open title.

• **Joan Collins (84), May 23, Actress**

English actress who made her stage debut at the age of nine and who trained to be an actress at RADA in London. She has featured in many films but is best known for playing Alexis Colby in the hit 80's soap opera Dynasty. In 1982 she won a Golden Globe for Best Actress and in 2015 she was made a Dame for her services to charity.

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OUR VIEW**Cancer never rests**

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Communities across Spain work so very hard to try to fight this disease and a large number of expatriates spend a great deal of time raising funds which see testing to detect cancer, support for those suffering from it, care in the event that it is terminal and direct donations for long term research.

Anything that can be done to try to fight this evil disease is to be applauded and just a few days ago, *EWN* received an offer from a reader to supply blood for 11-year-old leukaemia sufferer Serena Chappell in Mallorca following an appeal in the newspaper.

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Crime kingpin is unmasked

A SIX-PAGE investigative report from Spanish national newspaper *El Pais* offers fascinating and shocking insights into the life and times of jailed Mallorcan nightlife boss Tolo Cursach. The in-depth account, published last Sunday, delves deep into the corruption that overwhelmed the island during the reign of Cursach's associate ex-Balearic president Jaume Matas from 2003-2007.

The style of the report and revelations made depict Cursach as a true crime kingpin, a Mallorcan Pablo Escobar, with a vicious streak to match his extravagant spending and dominance of the island's nightlife, drug and prostitution industries.

It describes the entrepreneur, who owns the Megapark and BCM nightclubs, as the most powerful invisible man on the island, a narcissist and a womaniser. It details how he reportedly earned €1 million in cash

every night on the Palma strip for years, owning over a quarter of a million square metres of prime club land.

He owned a gym worth €30m, around half of Real Mallorca football club, and 13 paddle courts where he played with the Balearic president, the disgraced princess Cristina de Borbon, sister of the King of Spain, and other dodgy luminaries.

Prosecutors believe he employed state-of-the-art double book keeping software to hide the flow of black money. They estimate at least one in 10 Palma police officers were in his pocket.

Today Cursach, 69, languishes in Palma prison awaiting trial. A litany of charges, including bribery, extortion, corruption of children, weapons possession, money laundering and murder face him. A sentence of at least 80 years will be demanded if and when the case goes to trial.

Motor foreign legion

ESTIMATES suggest the number of rental cars on the Balearics will be 36 per cent higher this season than last year. More than 100,000 hired vehicles will tackle the islands' winding roads over summer, roughly 60,000 on them on Mallorca alone.

The Balearic government is considered adding an extra tax to rental companies. Most cars are registered on the mainland, meaning that the islands don't see any share of the enormous income tax revenue generated each year.

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PLAYA DE PALMA: Water considered excellent despite no blue flag.

Blue flag farce

By Matthew Elliott

FOLLOWING last week's revelation that Mallorca has lost several blue flags on its beaches, Palma Council has defended the cleanliness of the Playa de Palma. This year the city only has two blue flags, on Can Pere Antoni and Cala Estancia.

Symbolising cleanliness, safety and sustainability, the

blue flags are an international award given out to the best beaches on the planet. Spain has more than any other country but the number on Mallorca has dwindled in recent years, now standing at just 32.

Senior councillors have rebelled against the notion that the Playa de Palma has seen standards slip of late. Chairman of the water analysis board, Neus Truyol, said the

water at the city's biggest beach was "excellent" and could not possibly be the reason the beach was denied blue flag status.

Truyol believes Playa de Palma is being ignored by blue flag bosses because of massive drainage works which took place last year. Roughly 60 tons of mud was removed from 2.3 kilometres of canals along the beach.

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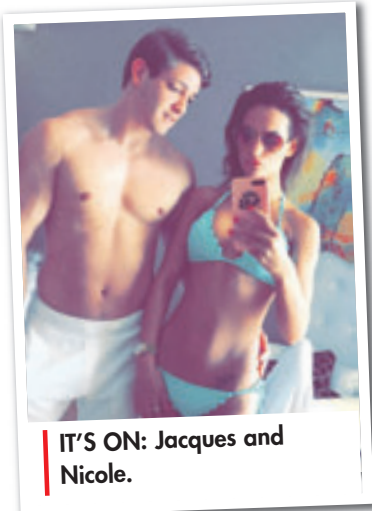
Ex *On The Beach* glamour model Jemma Lucy, 28, and *Geordie Shore*'s Chantelle Connelly set pulses racing as they whipped off their bikini tops to display their ample assets while showering together.

The pair then puckered up for a passionate kiss, reigniting rumours that they are dating, after Chantelle, 26, recently tweeted that it had been a publicity stunt.

In Mallorca, 25-year-old Nicole Bass was spotted cuddling up to Jacques Fraser, 24, after previously pledging to never take him back.

As she sizzled in a bright red bikini, he flexed his muscles in a pair of swim shorts, with the couple appearing to have rekin-

Pucker up!



IT'S ON: Jacques and Nicole.

dled their love following their fiery appearance on *Ex On The Beach* 2017 during which Jacques lied about sleeping with another woman.

Footballer Jamie O'Hara, 30, who was a contestant on *Celebrity Big Brother* this year, also put on a steamy display as he and 25-year-old model girlfriend Elizabeth-Jane Tierney posed for a series of saucy snaps in Ibiza.

Jamie, who was previously married to former Miss Great Britain Danielle Lloyd, also had a fling with Paul Gascoigne's step-daughter Bianca while in the *Big Brother* house, but this appeared far from his mind as he caressed his current squeeze in full view of the cameras.



TEMPERATURES SOAR: Chantelle, left, and Jemma.



THE ROLLING STONES: Are to play in Spain later in the year.

Satisfaction

THE ROLLING STONES will play in Spain later this year after their 2017 'No Filter' European tour was announced.

Kicking off in Hamburg, Germany, on September 9, the veteran rockers will play 13 dates across nine European countries and 12 cities, including Barcelona on September 27.

Frontman Mick Jagger said: "I'm so excited to be touring Europe this autumn and returning to some familiar places and some we've never done before."

Guitarist Keith Richards added: "Hey guys, here we come. See you there!"

The tour follows the December 2016 release of *Blue and Lonesome*, the band's first studio album for over a decade.

Pants on fire

FORMER *The Only Way Is Essex* heartthrob Mark Wright set his army of fans' chins wagging on social media this week.

After sharing a slow motion video of himself marching through a Mallorca resort clad only in a pair of tight-fitting briefs, some accused the 30-year-old reality TV star of stuffing his under-pants with socks.

"Who does he think he's kidding?" jeered one sceptic, before a second added: "My man is

hung and his bits don't look like that in tight stuff. Mark has put stuff in his pants. Whom you trying to impress?" [sic]

It appears that Mark was expecting the mockery, as he captioned his post with the hashtag '#ipromisethatsnotabanana.'



MARK WRIGHT: With wife Michelle Keegan.

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SEXIST?: The offending sign at Syndicate Barbers.

‘Sexist’ ad shaved off

THE saga of the now notorious Syndicate Barbers in Palma appears to be finally over. A court has ordered Dutch owner Bob van den Hoek to remove a sign he had hung outside for years saying that men and dogs, but not women, could enter.

The old fashioned sign complemented van den Hoek’s classically old school design. The Dutch-

man has fought against the court for over a year following complaints from the Mallorca Women’s Institute and other organisations.

Mallorca’s government brought a case against Barber Bob saying the sign amounted to unlawful discrimination and violated the constitution. He had ignored calls to take the sign down to the very last, demanding

an explicit, legal order from the courts before he would comply.

Arguing that women had their own space in saunas and spas, while his customers universally saw the funny side, van den Hoek was adamant that it was “his place, his rules.” Last Friday’s judgement disagrees, putting an end to one of the island’s more lively debates in recent years.



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Beach irony bites

DESPITE being regularly voted the most beautiful beach on the island, Mallorca's Es Trenc has fallen into a terrible state of filth and chaos. Litter and rubbish is strewn across the six-kilometre stretch of formerly pristine white sand.

Once a remote paradise, the coastline is now cluttered with cigarette butts, beer cans and plastic. Signs are knocked over, bins abandoned and the turquoise waters no longer so inviting.

Part of the problem stems from recent Spanish coastal legislation which prohibits buildings and huts in protected beach areas. That has led to the controversial demolition of six traditional chiringuitos on Es Trenc found to



ES TRENC: No longer the paradise it once was.

be in violation of the new law.

Ironically the law meant to protect beaches like Es Trenc could be the area's downfall. Campos mayor Sebastia Sageras says that, without tax revenue from the chiringuitos, the town hall can no longer pay for cleaning and

maintenance efforts.

There is hope that once the illegal chiringuitos are properly demolished - a process taking a bafflingly long time - new, perfectly legal beach bars and restaurants will generate enough income to restore Es Trenc to its former glory.

Benefactor's health boost

A TOTAL of €5 million will be donated to the Balearic Health Service by Spain's richest man, Amancio Ortega. His foundation will hand over the money to allow hospitals on Mallorca and the islands to purchase state-of-the-art equipment for breast cancer treatment.

The news was announced by Balearic president Francina Armengol, health minister Patricia Gomez and director of the Ortega Foundation, Oscar Ortega. The president thanked the Foundation for its incredible generosity in helping the Balearics combat a disease that affects far too many women.

The new equipment will help both cure and diagnose the disease while giving doctors greater insight into the progress made by individual patients. Funds are expected to be available soon and the equipment purchased during the next legislative session.

The donation comes as Ortega, a multi-billionaire whose wealth once surpassed even Bill Gates', continues his philanthropic campaign to improve health care across his beloved Spain. The founder of Zara has also donated millions to hospitals in Andalusia and has helped countless people over the years.

NEWS EXTRA

Cyber war

A VIRUS attack targeted court computers in Palma, forcing the Ministry of Justice to seek urgent help from technicians, interrupting dozens of criminal trials. Hackers have crippled state data systems across the world.

Clean up

DOZENS of volunteers cleaned the Es Carnatge coast near Palma on Sunday as part of the Let's Clean Up Europe initiative. They removed 130kg of rubbish from the area.

Teen crash

A TEENAGE motorcyclist was found motionless on the road between Selva and Biniamar late at night. The 16-year-old remains in a critical condition at Son Espases hospital.

Terror talk

A FLIGHT destined for Mallorca was evacuated after passengers overheard an alarming conversation between two Arab men before the plane departed from Cologne. A full search found nothing suspicious.

Wild west

SEVEN men armed with knives were repelled by the shotgun-wielding owner of a marijuana greenhouse in Maria de la Salut then arrested by 15 policemen after a three kilometre chase.

Smash spree

POLICE arrested a wild man in Alcudia who stormed into five shops in the old town, smashing windows and stealing goods.

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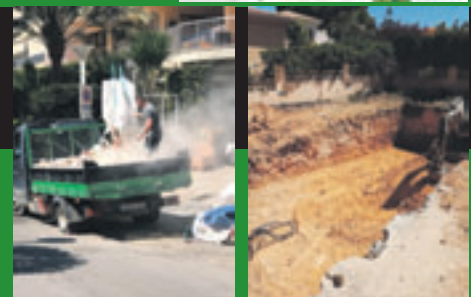


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Pirate party

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Bike army

CITY cycle scheme Bicipalma will have 140 new bikes added to its fleet, bringing the total to 300. The popular scheme has seen bike use increase by 31 per cent.

Tough work

MAIDS working in Calvia hotels have attracted 20,000 signatures on a petition demanding better working conditions. Many suffer chronic pain from the work and want to retire at 60.

Judgement day for holiday rentals

THE deadline has now expired for any political parties wanting to suggest changes to a draft bill on holiday rentals set to be voted on by the Balearic parliament. After months of negotiations the Socialist PSOE and junior coalition partner Mes have tentatively agreed on a new rental regime.

Highlights of the proposed new law include a strict restriction limiting the number of days a private property owner can rent out their home to tourists to a maximum of 60 throughout the year.

There is also the probability that the number of holiday homes per landlord will be limited to four. The decision comes amid findings that some buy-to-let landlords are snapping up dozens of prime properties with the sole purpose of renting them out to tourists.

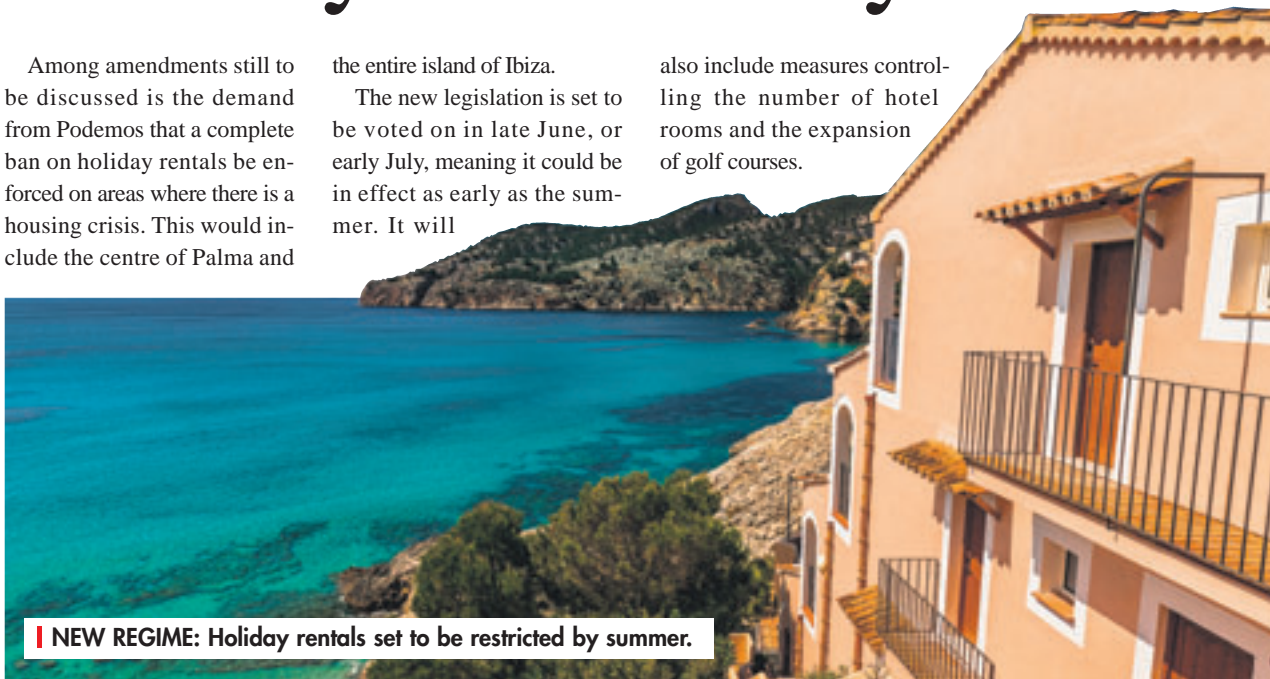
A 2012 ban on renting out apartments which are already occupied by another family will be tightened to place the burden of proof that the property is unoccupied on the landlord.

Among amendments still to be discussed is the demand from Podemos that a complete ban on holiday rentals be enforced on areas where there is a housing crisis. This would include the centre of Palma and

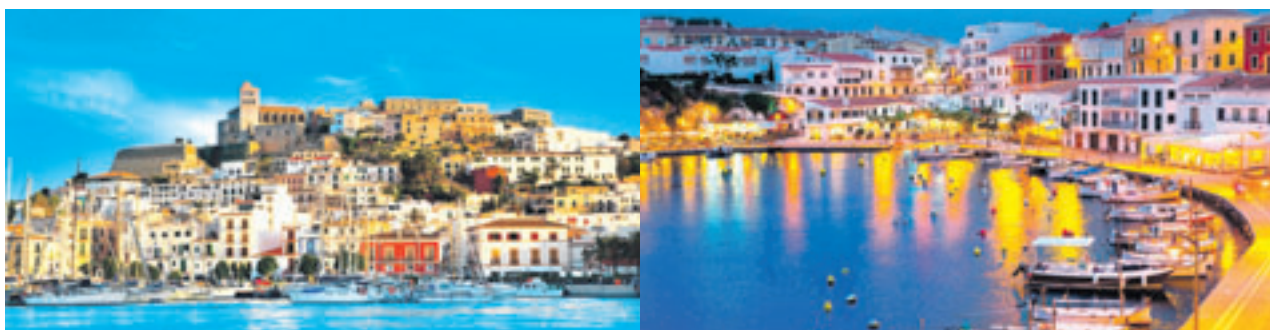
the entire island of Ibiza.

The new legislation is set to be voted on in late June, or early July, meaning it could be in effect as early as the summer. It will

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NEW REGIME: Holiday rentals set to be restricted by summer.



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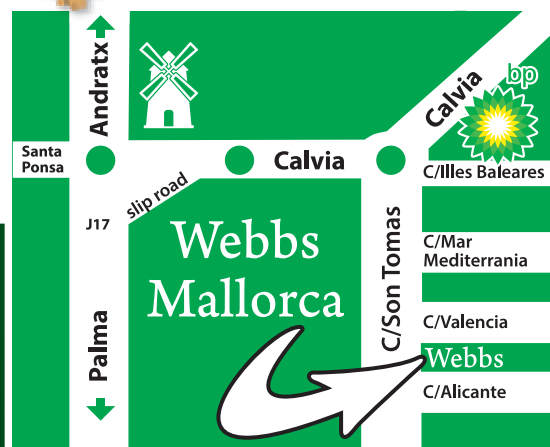
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SUNNY DAY: Leading the procession from the parish church.**»»** *By John Smith*

HUNDREDS of people took part in the annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima in the parish of San Enrique (San Roque).

Although the weather had been unpredictable with rain and strong winds prior to the pilgrimage last Sunday, a beautiful sunny day welcomed those taking part in the procession which went from the local church to the banks of the Rio Guadiaro.

The procession which lasted most of the day followed a well-attended and highly successful fair the previous night.

This was a particularly poignant ceremony as on May 13, 1907, two shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal had a vision of the Virgin Mary whilst tending their sheep and Pope Francis was in Fatima just one day earlier confirming their canonisation as Saints of the Catholic Church.

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Lost and found

A 57-YEAR-OLD man, who went missing in Velez-Malaga, has been found after relatives and friends launched a manhunt. Francisco Ruiz Tobal was located just hours later and transferred to a medical centre.

Educational visit

OVER 40 foreign students taking part in the Erasmus scheme have visited Frigiliana to find out about its cuisine, culture and tourist sites.

Lucky lottery

SEVEN residents in Velez-Malaga have won a total of €245,000 after buying lottery tickets from a kiosk in Calle Canalejas. In total, €595,000 was shared this week between Malaga, Velez-Malaga and Huelva Cartaya

Infant help

TORRE DEL MAR is offering 117 new school places at nurseries La Fortaleza and Virgen del Carmen including nine places for disabled children.

Bombed icon

A STATUE of the Virgin Mary, which had a Molotov cocktail thrown at it after a recent church attack in Velez-Malaga, has taken pride of place at a religious event.

■ COSTA DEL SOL

Ronda arson

FIREMEN and National Police in Ronda are investigating a rash of fires started in rubbish containers over a period of weeks. The latest fire also destroyed a motor vehicle.

Better connections

THANKS to a grant of €500,000 from Malaga Province, 5.5 kilometres of road in Cartajima will be asphalted to improve access to Ronda and the Costa del Sol.

Doggy don'ts

REPRESENTATIVES of 60 local associations attended a meeting in Malaga to learn about city plans to educate dog owners. In addition they were told of the availability of 110,000 bags to dispose of dog excrement.

Late transport

A NEW late night summer bus service will start on June 23 and run between the Buddhist Temple in Benalmadena and the Marina. The bus will operate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights until 3am.

Steel bracelets

YOUNGSTERS larking around in Churriana put a pair of handcuffs on one of their friends and then realised they had no keys. Local Police were unable to help, but fire officers managed to free him.

■ COSTA DE ALMERÍA

Bad parking

THERE was uproar when a photograph of the Albox mayor's car parked in a disabled space appeared online. The photo shows his Suzuki parked in a disabled space, an offence punishable by a €200 fine.

Bee baddies

TWO men from Nijar were charged with the theft of 14 beehives from nearby farms. They were quickly tracked down by Guardia Civil who made a shortlist of local beekeeping experts.

True love

AN avid cyclist from Aguadulce pledged to bring his bride to the altar by bike. Francisco and Carmen get married on June 2 despite her breast cancer diagnosis and his recent motorcycle crash.

Lady luck

TWO passengers survived unscathed when their car skidded off the A-7 just outside Almeria and plunged into a ditch. The vehicle was extracted by crane while the lucky pair left on foot.

Clean river

FROM June 1 Bajo Andarax will stop pouring its wastewater into the beleaguered river Andarax as seven villages, including Pechina, Gador and Viator, are reconnected with the El Bobar plant.

■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

Red Cross

THE Spanish Red Cross - Cruz Roja - has successfully tracked down two fridges to help out a family and its own volunteer centre on the La Marina Urbanisation, in Calle Berna.

Triumphant blues

BLUE Flags are flying high along the beaches of Orihuela after it received, nine for its beaches and two for marinas. Alicante boasts 78 in total making it the best-ranked province in the country.

Orihuela choir

A CONCERT of popular music will take place on Sunday May 28 at 8pm in the Iglesia Santa Maria Del Mar at La Zenia. The Orihuela Costa Male Voice Choir continues its highly successful season.

Torre Vieja death

WHEN a fire unexpectedly broke out on the fifth floor of an apartment block in Torre Vieja, emergency services soon responded. Sadly they arrived too late to save the life of the 70-year-old wheelchair bound resident.

Breaking bad

AN unnamed British male decided he could climb up to his balcony when he locked himself out of his Torre Vieja apartment. He fell as he tried to get to the second floor breaking an ankle.

■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH

Keeping cool

THE Benidorm Indoor Market now has a new air-conditioning system designed to keep clients cool during the summer months which should increase summer visitors.

Nurses honoured

THE work of Belgian nurses caring for Republicans wounded during the Spanish Civil War is remembered in a documentary 'Les Mamas Belgues' which was screened at the Library of l'Envic in Oliva.

Roman contests

ALFAZ celebrates International Museum Day this Sunday. The Culture department will link Albir's archaeological heritage with the present day and a children's workshop on Roman games will use finds discovered in digs at the site.

Fire safety

LEARNING the basic skills of self-protection in the case of forest fire is the aim of training sessions organised by Javea Town Hall. It is aimed at residents in urbanisations closest to forested areas.

Bridge repairs

THE €7.2 million overhaul of the Fernando Reig suspension bridge in Alcoy has begun and will take 13 months. It was closed last July after defects were found in a suspension cables during routine repairs.

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NORWAY

Snowy spring

ALTHOUGH spring is officially here, Norway is currently enjoying rare snowfall for this time of year with up to half a metre of snow falling in areas outside of Oslo.

Royal birthdays

NUMEROUS celebrations have been held in Norway to mark the King and Queen's joint 80th birthdays this year. King Harald turned 80 on February 21 and Queen Sonja is 80 on July 4.

Talks host

TALKS are to be hosted between North Korean and American representatives. China has said it hopes

OSLO: Rare snowfall.



that the talks will make a 'positive contribution' to relations between the two countries.

Self-sailing

PLANS have been announced for

the first autonomous and fully electric cargo ship that would save more than 40,000 truck journeys annually.

Initially the ship will be manned, but remote operation will then be introduced.

GERMANY

Tax haven

THE authorities are to look for Germans who are allegedly using Malta to dodge the taxman. The state's finance minister called the island 'Europe's Panama' upsetting the Maltese government.

Army reforms

THE Defence Minister has promised army reforms after an alleged neo-Nazi

terror plot. The plans aim to improve 'political education' in the army and prevent the problem of far-right extremism.

Leaving voluntarily

THE number of refugees leaving Germany voluntarily has fallen according to a report from the Office for Migration and Refugees. Their figures show

54,096 asylum-seekers voluntarily left Germany in 2016 and by the end of April 2017, around 11,000 had left.

Cuts rejected

DESPITE the Finance Ministry announcing an extra €54 billion in the state coffers, Chancellor Angela Merkel has rejected tax cuts. German workers pay among the highest taxes.

FRANCE

Sowing the seeds

FRENCH Champagne house Taittinger has planted its first vines in English soil as part of a joint venture between Taittinger, UK wine agents Hatch Mansfield and a number of private investors.

Final speech

OUTGOING President Francois Hollande has made what is likely to be his final presidential speech to call on France to fight hate speech. He attended a ceremony to commemorate the abolition of slavery and announced plans for designing a memorial and a museum for victims of slavery.

First job

ONE of his first jobs as President will see Emmanuel Macron head to Berlin for talks with German Chancellor Angel Merkel.

Elephant escape

AN elephant was the unusual sight greeting motorists on the streets of Clermont-Ferrand when it apparently escaped from a circus, although circus bosses denied he escaped.

BELGIUM

Princess case

EIGHT Arab princesses are on trial in Belgium accused of mistreating their servants and violating labour regulations as they did not have a work visa for Europe.

Space view

ASTRONAUT Thomas Pesquet took a photo of Earth showing Belgium lit up at night. Around 2.2 million bulbs illuminate the country's roads at night and most of its street lights are left on overnight.

Cat order

ALL domestic cats will have to be sterilised in the Brussels region from January 2018 as part of new legislation. Certified breeders will be exempt.

Homeward bound

AN eight-year-old child taken from his Belgian mother by his Turkish father is now headed back to Belgium, almost two years after he was taken by his father on holiday but was never returned.

NETHERLANDS

Right to refuse

A DUTCH court has ruled that a 12-year-old boy with cancer has the right to refuse chemotherapy. He has already had surgery for a brain tumour and radiation treatment and wants to try alternative therapies.

Rate rise

IN the face of rising rent prices for shops in Amsterdam, the council is looking at offering help to protect small shopkeepers and give them advice and help on their tenancies and legal rights.

Rector arrest

THE former rector of a prestigious school in Amsterdam is accused of possessing child pornography and of manipulating images of children at the school and secretly filming them.

Top for tech

A NEW report has named Amsterdam as one of the most attractive cities in the world for technology companies, due to its excellent connections, availability of well-educated English-speaking workers and attractive living conditions.

DENMARK

Stolen sniffer

A POLICE sniffer dog was stolen from his home in Aarhus twice in four days. Pablo is a highly-trained bomb detection dog.

Biker convicted

A BIKER gang member has been convicted of a triple murder in Copenhagen which took place in 2015. The case saw two other members of the gang also sentenced for being an accessory to murder and for possessing firearms.

Whale concern

THE EU has been urged to take action against Denmark, as environmental campaigners accuse the country of facilitating the traditional hunt of pilot whales in the Faroe Islands to go ahead.

Jetski ban

THE law against the use of jetskis in harbours is to be enforced after an EU ruling in 2009 forced the country to allow their use. It comes after an accident killing two US students.

SWEDEN

Museum facelift

A NEW star patterned glass roof is giving the Swedish National Museum in Stockholm a facelift giving more light and a more modern feel. The museum has been under renovation for over two years.

Going electric

SWEDISH car manufacturer Volvo has announced it will produce one million electric cars by 2025 to meet consumer demand for electric vehicles.

Greek jailing

TWO Swedish passport holders have been given 15-year jail sentences by a Greek court for trying to enter Turkey with combat items and machetes. The pair are suspected jihadists who have refugee status in Sweden.

Murder hunt

POLICE in Gothenburg say they are looking for three men after a man was shot to death in the north of the city. Witnesses say shots were fired by two men and a third was driving a car they escaped in.

Spanish clothing retailer for sale

By John Smith

CORTEFIEL is up for sale after registering a loss of €24 million over the last 12 months.

Originally a privately owned Spanish clothing retailer founded more than 100 years ago, it was sold to private equity firms PAI Partners, CVC Capital and Permira in 2005 when retail spending was at its highest.

Although Spanish competitors such as Inditex (owners of Zara and other retail outlets) and Mango

€1.4 billion
is the amount that whoever takes over the company will have to repay to lender banks by March 2018.

have thrived during the ensuing years, Cortefiel has found the trading situation difficult even though it owns popular brands such as Women's Secret and Springfield.

Recently appointed Chief Executive Jaume Miquel believes that it will see a profit in 2018 but with a

turnover of €1.13 billion it should be making a much better return even though it has spent a great deal in closing large stores and concentrating on opening new smaller shops.

There has been some recent signs of improvement in sales vol-

umes in many of the 90 countries in which the group operates but owners have reportedly appointed Goldman Sachs to find a buyer before large bank loans are due for repayment in less than one year's time.

Some analysts believe that the group has ignored the younger market in Spain where it makes more than 50 per cent of its sales and current strategy is to improve penetration both with the young and trendy as well as the 45 to 55 age range.

Spain to assist poorer countries

THE Bank of Spain has agreed to lend \$615 million (€568 million) to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to assist poorer countries.

Although Spain is a regular borrower on world markets, this is the sixth loan that it has agreed to make to the IMF which will be made available to low-income member countries.

The country is one of the 10 earliest respondents to the IMF campaign to raise SDR 11 billion (€13.9 billion) to help countries currently experiencing financial difficulty. The SDR (Special Drawing right) is a paper rate managed by the IMF based on an average of five currencies.

Quote of the Week

"They might as well have called the Pope as he knows as much about the case" PP spokesman Rafael Hernando as Mariano Rajoy is called to testify in the Gürtel case



Photo by IMF flickr

HAPPIER TIMES: With former Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Rodrigo Rato faces new trial

FORMER minister and IMF boss Rodrigo Rato is to be tried for fraud after being found guilty of misuse of bank credit cards.

The legal problems that he and 31 others are facing are in connection with activities to 'float' Bankia which was an amalgamation of number of smaller banks.

Thousands of small investors were encouraged to purchase shares in Bankia which initially

reported a profit in 2011 of €309 million but within a matter of a year, the Spanish government had to find €2 billion to bail it out.

The National Court in Spain has investigated the possible responsibility of the Bank of Spain in not spotting the fraud but it has now been cleared meaning that the prosecution for fraud and falsifying financial statements can proceed.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

New business

AS the economy in Morocco becomes increasingly stronger and investors are starting to look towards Europe again, Spain is a favourite target. With political stability and spare funds, Spanish companies are also looking to Morocco for inwards and outwards investment.

Iberdola investigation

AFTER being fined €25 million for price fixing, electricity supplier Iberdola is under investigation again. Investigators believe that executives or staff may have deliberately artificially increased the price charged by the company between November 20 and December 23, 2013.

Dia results

SPANISH supermarket chain Dia which operates some 7,000 stores worldwide has reported a profit of €39 million for the first quarter of 2017. It has been closing badly performing stores in Spain but has had significant expenses with its Chinese openings.

Delay in supply of new jet

WITH Europe demanding the phasing out of expensive noisy aircraft, Boeing thought that it would find success with its new 737 MAX.

It hoped that European airlines would replace the aging but popular standard 737 when a few

weeks before the first aircraft were to be delivered the company has had to halt test flights due to an unconfirmed engine fault.

With large numbers of this model on order, the problem needs to be resolved quickly.

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CLOSING PRICES MAY 15

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
3i Group PLC	832.75	1.00	0.12	170.20
Admiral Group PLC	2026.50	-8.00	-0.39	41.57
Anglo American PLC	1056.50	15.50	1.49	864.17
Antofagasta PLC	790.00	16.00	2.07	378.59
Ashtead Group PLC	1604.00	7.00	0.44	107.00
Associated British Foods PLC	2873.00	0.00	0.00	28.73
AstraZeneca PLC	5230.00	54.00	1.04	538.19
Aviva PLC	536.25	-2.00	-0.37	1,145.05
Babcock International Gr	899.25	-0.50	-0.06	71.55
BAE Systems PLC	641.50	1.50	0.23	560.12
Barclays PLC	206.88	0.95	0.46	2,552.55
Barratt Developments PLC	604.75	-0.28	-0.05	524.92
BHP Billiton PLC	1180.75	17.00	1.46	1,211.01
BP PLC	466.05	6.05	1.32	5,941.47
British American Tobacco PLC	5402.50	-6.00	-0.11	211.73
British Land Co PLC	673.25	1.50	0.22	366.88
BT Group PLC	303.98	-1.96	-0.64	2,529.06
Bunzl PLC	2446.50	-7.00	-0.29	61.34
Burberry Group PLC	1653.50	8.00	0.49	80.09
Carnival PLC	4741.00	-7.00	-0.15	48.11
Centrica PLC	192.20	-0.17	-0.09	2,129.69
Coca-Cola HBC AG	2189.00	5.00	0.23	97.05
Compass Group PLC	1595.50	-5.00	-0.31	289.72
ConvaTec Group PLC	297.85	1.20	0.40	114.51
CRH PLC	2865.50	-13.00	-0.45	114.72
Croda International PLC	3958.00	20.00	0.51	35.26
DCC PLC	7417.50	-30.00	-0.40	8.97
Diageo PLC	2295.25	-9.50	-0.41	311.09
Direct Line Insurance Gr	356.40	-0.20	-0.06	181.38
easyJet PLC	1279.50	-14.00	-1.08	780.96
Experian PLC	1688.50	2.00	0.12	149.46
Fresnillo PLC	1521.50	0.00	0.00	132.67
GKN PLC	344.35	-1.40	-0.40	209.66
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1654.75	-10.00	-0.60	1,560.86
Glencore PLC	289.68	4.65	1.63	7,967.99
Hammerson PLC	592.00	1.50	0.25	121.31
Hargreaves Lansdown PLC	1449.50	9.00	0.63	39.94
Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC	1750.00	-9.00	-0.51	119.98
HSBC Holdings PLC	683.05	8.06	1.19	2,801.76
Imperial Brands PLC	3673.75	-43.50	-1.17	168.61
Informa PLC	651.00	-2.00	-0.31	81.46
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4255.00	-15.47	-0.36	31.93
International Consolidated	596.25	-2.50	-0.42	1,508.76
Intertek Group PLC	4172.50	3.00	0.07	21.11
Intu Properties PLC	278.75	-0.20	-0.07	192.07
ITV PLC	190.75	-1.50	-0.78	1,067.78
Johnson Matthey PLC	3127.50	-3.00	-0.10	30.37
Kingfisher PLC	348.00	-1.80	-0.51	425.21
Land Securities Group PLC	1129.50	-2.00	-0.18	169.59
Legal & General Group PLC	256.45	1.14	0.45	1,321.58

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	69.52	0.82	1.19	43,213.42
London Stock Exchange Gr	3482.00	28.00	0.81	52.32
Marks & Spencer Group PLC	375.20	-2.20	-0.58	632.84
Mediclinic International PLC	856.25	9.00	1.06	66.96
Merlin Entertainments PLC	500.25	-2.50	-0.50	64.04
Micro Focus International PLC	2481.50	17.00	0.69	41.78
Mondi PLC	2034.50	21.00	1.04	235.99
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	240.90	-1.40	-0.58	352.47
National Grid PLC	1042.25	-0.63	-0.06	1,150.49
Next PLC	4274.00	-70.00	-1.61	50.98
Old Mutual PLC	195.90	1.20	0.62	376.07
Paddy Power Betfair PLC	8355.00	30.00	0.36	4.57
Pearson PLC	699.25	1.00	0.14	308.62
Persimmon PLC	2366.00	6.00	0.25	84.58
Provident Financial PLC	3199.00	7.00	0.22	25.69
Prudential PLC	1761.75	2.00	0.11	251.34
Randgold Resources Ltd	7217.50	-5.00	-0.07	59.57
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	7338.50	-18.00	-0.24	49.49
RELX PLC	1620.50	-4.00	-0.25	519.99
Rentokil Initial PLC	259.25	0.00	0.00	207.06
Rio Tinto PLC	2999.50	29.00	0.98	385.46
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	861.25	-2.00	-0.23	811.57
Royal Bank of Scotland Gr	260.95	2.20	0.85	541.07
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	2216.75	23.00	1.05	794.09
Royal Mail PLC	431.00	0.50	0.12	307.88
RSA Insurance Group PLC	615.25	-1.12	-0.18	89.52
Sage Group (The) PLC	689.00	-0.50	-0.07	150.79
Sainsbury (J) PLC	267.60	2.80	1.06	587.95
Schroders PLC	3238.50	14.00	0.43	26.77
Scottish Mortgage Inv	390.05	2.33	0.60	311.02
Severn Trent PLC	2429.50	-5.00	-0.21	48.96
Shire PLC	4694.75	-56.00	-1.18	221.28
Sky PLC	998.75	2.44	0.24	75.34
Smith & Nephew PLC	1317.50	-3.00	-0.23	116.11
Smiths Group PLC	1644.50	-4.00	-0.24	109.66
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	2188.00	12.00	0.55	10.11
SSE PLC	1434.50	-9.00	-0.62	510.80
Standard Chartered PLC	750.50	4.80	0.64	1,097.53
Standard Life PLC	392.60	0.05	0.01	537.50
St James's Place PLC	1180.50	1.00	0.08	73.18
Taylor Wimpey PLC	196.15	0.00	0.00	1,283.91
Tesco PLC	178.82	-0.05	-0.03	980.24
TUI AG	1127.00	-62.00	-5.21	711.72
Unilever PLC	4111.00	8.38	0.20	160.20
United Utilities Group PLC	1021.50	-5.74	-0.56	166.13
Vodafone Group PLC	210.17	-0.85	-0.40	6,428.76
Whitbread PLC	4079.00	12.06	0.30	26.54
Wolseley PLC	4954.00	-21.00	-0.42	22.73
Worldpay Group PLC	316.00	-0.30	-0.09	137.04
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	77.49	-0.55%	-0.43	69M
APPLE	156.1	1.40%	2.15	813M
BOEING CO	183.25	-0.38%	-0.69	110M
CATERPILLAR	100.71	-0.28%	-0.28	59M
CHEVRON	105.96	-0.24%	-0.25	200M
CISCO SYSTEMS	33.45	-0.54%	-0.18	167M
COCA-COLA	43.59	-0.18%	-0.08	186M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	79.3	0.43%	0.34	68M
EXXON MOBIL	82.55	-0.07%	-0.06	349M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	28.27	-2.08%	-0.6	245M
GOLDMAN SACHS	222.82	-0.86%	-1.94	87M
HOME DEPOT	156.92	0.46%	0.72	188M
IBM	150.37	-0.19%	-0.28	141M
INTEL CORP	35.53	-0.45%	-0.16	167M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	86.92	-0.28%	-0.24	308M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	123.64	0.36%	0.44	333M
MC DONALD'S CORP	145.36	0.80%	1.15	118M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63.57	-1.33%	-0.86	173M
MICROSOFT	68.38	-0.12%	-0.08	527M
NIKE	54.2	-0.07%	-0.04	71M
Pfizer	33.01	-0.09%	-0.03	196M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	86.19	0.02%	0.02	220M
TRAVELERS CIES	120.59	0.04%	0.05	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	120.83	-0.37%	-0.45	96M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	171.81	-0.87%	-1.51	165M
VERIZON COMMS	45.84	-0.39%	-0.18	186M
VISA	92.73	0.68%	0.63	171M
WAL-MART STORES	75.71	-0.55%	-0.42	229M
WALT DISNEY CO	109.69	0.10%	0.11	171M

NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES MAY 15

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
NantKwest, Inc.	\$ 3.98	0.80 ▲ 25.16%
GlycoMimetics, Inc.	\$ 5	0.93 ▲ 22.85%
Sangamo Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 8.20	1.20 ▲ 17.14%
Endocyte, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.39 ▲ 15.54%
Ocular Therapeutix, Inc.	\$ 9.64	1.23 ▲ 14.63%
Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 4.33	0.45 ▲ 11.60%
Golden Entertainment, Inc.	\$ 17.92	1.73 ▲ 10.69%
Everspin Technologies, Inc.	\$ 10.06	0.95 ▲ 10.43%
Cherokee Inc.	\$ 9	0.84 ▲ 10.29%
Egalet Corporation	\$ 3.03	0.28 ▲ 10.18%
Most Declined		
Cellular Biomedicine Group, Inc.	\$ 5.30	4.45 ▼ 45.64%
Ardelyx, Inc.	\$ 7.45	4.80 ▼ 39.18%
Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	\$ 2.99	0.565 ▼ 15.89%
CyberArk Software Ltd.	\$ 48.29	6.86 ▼ 12.44%
Vital Therapies, Inc.	\$ 3.10	0.40 ▼ 11.43%
Presidio, Inc.	\$ 14.42	1.54 ▼ 9.65%
Rocket Fuel Inc.	\$ 3.15	0.325 ▼ 9.35%
Apollo Endosurgery, Inc.	\$ 6.26	0.60 ▼ 8.75%
Fogo de Chao, Inc.	\$ 13.70	1.20 ▼ 8.05%
G-III Apparel Group, LTD.	\$ 21.47	1.87 ▼ 8.01%
Limelight Networks, Inc.	\$ 3.15	0.26 ▼ 7.62%

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 €1.0696.....-€0.0014
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Spanish budget looks good to European commission

AS the European Commission once again forecasts improved growth in Spain during 2017, the government has a fall back plan in place.

When publishing its budget for 2017, it deliberately decided not to follow the example of some other European states and indeed Catalonia by increasing taxes on sugary drinks or environmentally unfriendly activities.

The government is anxious to ensure that its budget does pass with as few ripples as possible and if it can meet European Commission targets it will once again evade any fines which could be quite significant.

The current plans call for a turnaround of €9.3 billion which will be made up by a combination of increased tax-



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SUPERMARKET DRINKS: Estimated that a tax on sugary drinks would bring in an extra €200 million pa.

tion through additional workers being employed, earlier payment of IVA, reduced spending on pensions and general expenditure cuts.

As there is often a difference

between forecasts and actuals, it must have appeared prudent to the Finance Ministry to highlight the fact that it might bring in two new taxes if the financial situation appears to be faltering.

It is estimated that a tax on sugary drinks would bring in an extra €200 million per annum and green taxes could raise €300 million which would add €500 million to

the national income.

All of this could however be of minor importance if the government is unable to find purchasers for a number of bankrupt toll roads

throughout the country.

At one stage it was hoped that it would be relatively easy to find buyers for the roads, but as banks sold debts in order to cover their own financial exposure, so the number of creditors has increased.

Many toll motorways run parallel to free autovias so that drivers are not necessarily inclined to pay ever increasing toll charges which means that the owners of the toll roads find themselves in ongoing financial difficulty with little incentive for anyone to take over the operations and the risks.

Estimates concerning the cost to government of taking over the debts of struggling or bankrupt companies in this sector range from €3 billion to €5 billion.

Don Patricio saviour of FC Barcelona

WHILST it is now one of the most successful and profitable football clubs in the world, FC Barcelona owes its continued existence to an Irishman.

Patrick O'Connell who was the first Irishman to ever play for Manchester United moved to Spain in the late 1920s and became manager of a number of different clubs before spending a very successful four years with Real Betis (known then as Betis Balompie) leading them to their only La Liga title.

Thanks to this success, he was invited to take over as manager of Barcelona where they just missed winning the Copa de España in the 1935-36 season and then in the following season, La Liga was suspended due to the Spanish Civil War.

Nothing daunted, O'Connell accepted an invitation to take the Barcelona team to play exhibition matches in Mexico and the USA and made \$15,000 which allowed Barcelona to clear all of its debts and continue following the end of the Civil War.

It has to be noted however that of the 16 players who accompanied him across the Atlantic, only four returned to Spain with the rest deciding to settle elsewhere.

The manager, known as Don Patricio remained with Barcelona winning the Lliga Catalana and he then moved to Sevilla FC, steering them to second place in the reconstituted La Liga.



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REAL BETIS: Don Patricio bust is unveiled on the pitch.

Although he died in poverty in London in 1959, the former Manchester United and Ireland skipper has a bust on display at the Real

Betis stadium and was honoured with a blue plaque at a former home in Albert Street in Belfast on May 12 this year.

Adidas drops out of the golf world

GOLFERS in Spain may be interested to know that Adidas has sold its struggling golf operations to investment firm KPS Capital Partners.

The German company which owns Adidas will receive €391 million for the business, which includes the golf brands TaylorMade, Adams Golf and Ashworth.

This seems a relatively small amount considering it has just reportedly signed a €92 million sponsorship deal with Rory McIlroy to promote TaylorMade equipment.

It was generally known that the golf division had been up for sale for some time as there had been a considerable drop in interest in the sport in one of its main markets, the USA since the decline of Tiger Woods.

Even in Europe it is suggested that the spend on golf apparel in particular has been in decline, although recent announcements in Spain have seen forecasts of additional courses being built in the Costa del Sol suggest that the sport is still popular here.

For some time, Adidas was the biggest supplier of gold equipment in the world but has decided that the return was no longer worth the investment.

Time for the Spanish tax returns and do not forget foreign assets

By John Smith

THOSE expatriates who live and work in Spain are required to submit a tax return of some type depending on residential status.

Those who are official residents in Spain will be subject to Spanish tax on their worldwide income but if a non-resident then you will only pay tax on your Spanish income together with an additional tax on the theoretical value of letting out any property you own, even if it is never rented out.

Spanish tax rates can vary across the provinces depending upon where you live and in addition, those working in Spain will be required to make a contribution to the Spanish Social security system although this is often deducted from salaries.

The Spanish tax year runs from January 1 until December 31 and the time has now arrived to submit tax returns if you are resident in Spain provided that your annual income from employment exceeds €22,000, you are self-employed, you receive rental income in excess of €1,000 per annum, you have capital gains or interest on income exceeding €1,600 per annum or if it is your first year in Spain.

If you have to submit a tax declaration, you will also have to declare all assets abroad worth



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more than €50,000.

You will need to register to pay tax in Spain with the Spanish tax authority (Agencia Tributaria), whether you are a resident or non-resident.

This information is an abbreviated explanation of the main requirements for registering for tax

and should not be taken as a complete guide.

There are a number of highly reputable tax advisors and lawyers who advertise in this newspaper and can assist or information may also be obtained from local banks, local councils and the tax authorities.

Gibraltar denies tax evasion

THE director of the Gibraltar Finance Centre James Tipping has appeared before a European Parliament committee in Brussels.

He told the committee which is investigating tax avoidance that Gibraltar's finance centre was "small by European standards" but crucial to Gibraltar's economy.

Whilst fielding a number of hostile questions from Spanish MEPs, he made it clear Gibraltar has entered into numerous international agreements concerning transparency and money laundering. In addition he confirmed Gibraltar would share tax information with the EU later this year, although that may cease after Brexit.

Although technically not part of the brief of the committee, he responded to accusations by one Spanish MEP by denying that Gibraltar was a haven for cigarette smugglers especially as a great deal had been done to introduce strong legislation in this regard.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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

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



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A very dangerous man indeed

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
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AS sure as night precedes day and the Pope follows the teachings of Catholicism, the Blair person is now up and running.

As I predicted some months ago, this thick skinned, arrogant individual, who many consider an indictable war criminal, is now poised waiting to pounce. The omens of opportunity for this dangerous opportunist to present his 'new' alternative party, are all coming together like some ominous web waiting to engulf all who fail to see the trap.

This odious creature and his equally abhorrent mate, now see themselves presented with exactly the same set of circumstances they were confronted with when he commandeered the Labour party in 1994. His initial move has been to work on his personal public image. He now looks the part.

Tanned, toned and slightly greying at the temples, he presents the perfect picture of a supremely confident future party leader. Before him he sees the mouth watering prospect of a Labour party with a weak inept leader, that is coming apart at the seams, no other party with enough support to form any



TONY BLAIR: A very clever and extremely astute individual.

serious opposition and a public confused and uncertain with the outcome of their decision to leave the European Union. What better time to reveal that he, Tony Blair, has the answer to all its problems?

His opening political gambit has been to announce that the Brexit decision could be reversed. Brilliant. This statement alone could gain a new alternative party millions

of followers. And that's just the beginning. When Labour is hopefully routed in the coming elections, disgruntled and despondent left wingers will flock to a party formed by an ex-Labour leader who successfully took them to victory on three separate occasions. Make no mistake Blair is a very clever and extremely astute individual.

Any man who begins his career in public

service by becoming Prime Minister, when most aspire to that position only after many years in the political arena, is a very dangerous man indeed. As far as resources are concerned, I have no doubt that with the cronies he has accrued over the past number of years, his party funding pit will be all but bottomless. Unfortunately for Mr Blair, he has overlooked one glaring fact of life. Millions of UK subjects hate and despise him.

Many, including yours truly, consider him responsible for the death of thousands, and, along with Bush, the root cause of the whole Middle Eastern tragedy which resulted in the demise of millions. So, assuming the notoriously short memory span of the British public doesn't rear its ugly head, I'm afraid all this Antichrists efforts to regain power are doomed to failure. At least I sincerely hope so.

Meanwhile back at the old homestead, with ever increasing desperation, Corbyn is promising the British public... well just about everything. With not one suggestion, except for robbing the rich, to pay for any of it. All together now Jerry Corbyn, Jerry Corbyn, riding through the glen...

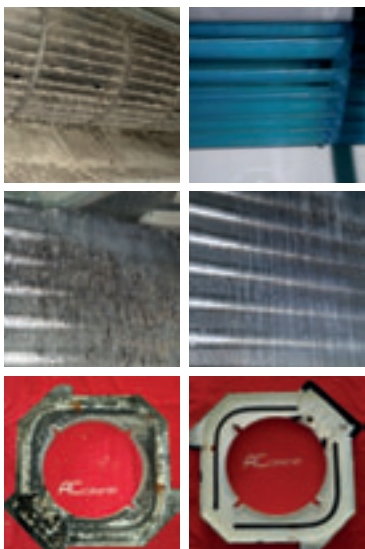
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Brits are flocking to Spain in droves for sun, sea & safety

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Breaking Views

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NOW is the time when you really start to see them. Tourists, I mean. After all, they're the easiest to recognise as a species. They're the pasty-looking white blobs on the beach - unless the sun's setting when they're red as lobsters and being given the kiss of life by paramedics.

If the weather suddenly turns wintry, they're still dressed for summer. In summer, they're the ones who amble about the stores and streets virtually naked. Much as we wouldn't want to be identified as tourists, we can't do without them because otherwise the economy would slump even further.

Tourists could never be confused with two other species you come across in Spain. The newly arrived expats and the long-term expats. The former you'll see enthusiastically attending every Spanish class, Flamenco,



TOURISTS: The easiest to recognise as a species.

bullfight, obscure feria and club imaginable.

Whereas long-term expats are the complete opposite and the most difficult to spot. They dress like the Spanish, wear summer clothes only in summer and dress more formally in town (well, not in swimwear anyway).

Like the Spanish too, they've learned to

accept the way of life in Spain. Mañana really does mean, ahem, mañana.

Now, with all the Roman ruins - villas, roads, marketplaces - being unearthed here, it struck me that the Romans were among the earliest tourist species. You can just imagine them, can't you? Hurling along the carreteras to the nearest encampment in

their horse-drawn chariots. Holding up traffic at the roundabouts. Counting out their silver denarii coins in the markets. Overseeing another luxury villa reforma.

Before heading over the Alps into Italy, Hannibal started out in Spain when he arrived from Carthage with his lines of nose-to-tail elephants. So is all the TAIL-gating we now observe among Spanish drivers yet one more vestige of those bygone days?

Give a final thought, though, to Strabo, an extremely unlucky general who not only suffered miserable defeats, but died of the plague during one disastrous campaign. Just as he was about to expire, lightning struck his tent and burned it to the ground. So, not a happy camper either.

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10:00pm		Broken	9:00pm	The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	8:30pm	Save Money Good Food	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	1:05am	The Execution of Mary Queen of Scots	10:45pm	Scottish Football Round Up	
11:00pm		BBC News	10:00pm	Horizon	9:00pm	Don't Ask Me Ask Britain	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast	2:00am	Super Casino	11:00pm	How The Premier League Was Won	
11:30pm		Regional News	11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland	10:00pm	Long Lost Family	9:00pm	Secrets of Our Favourites					
11:40pm		Weather	11:30pm	Newsnight	11:50pm	Prince Philip: 70 Years of Service	10:00pm	The Trial					
11:45pm		F.A. Cup	12:10am	Weather	12:50am	Fierce	11:00pm	First Dates					
12:15am		Doctor in the House					12:05am	Gogglebox					
WEDNESDAY 24 MAY		7:30pm	Regional News	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	4:00pm	One2eleven
		8:00pm	The Andrew Neil Interviews	7:00pm	Debatable	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	7:55pm	Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the Conservative Party	4:15pm	One2eleven 2016/17
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	9:00pm	Shop Well for Less	8:30pm	Great British Menu	8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors	5:00pm	Football's Greatest	
	10:00pm	The Met: Policing London	9:00pm	The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	9:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	5:30pm	Football's Greatest	
	11:00pm	BBC News	10:00pm	Bake Off Crème de la Crème	10:00pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast	11:00pm	Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters	6:00pm	Championship Rugby Final 1st Leg	
	11:30pm	Regional News	11:00pm	White Gold	11:00pm	ITV News	9:00pm	How to Live Mortgage Free with Sarah Beeny	12:05am	Autopsy	8:30pm	Live Championship Rugby Final	
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	12:15am	Glasgow 1967: The Lisbon Lions											

Travel

Adventures on Spain's secret coast

SPAIN has been a popular travel destination for so long, and placed under such a powerful microscope, that it's difficult to imagine where the unbeaten track may lie. But if its informal nickname, 'the secret coast,' is true, then Huelva may be just the place.

Nestled on the far south-west corner of Spain, on the border with Portugal, a visit to Huelva brings Atlantic beaches into the mix. They are some of the finest in the world. The words 'unspoilt' and 'virgin' are thrown around a lot when applied to beaches but in Huelva it is their real home.

Explore the Playa de Mazagon and Playa de Castilla for some real gems. Off-season you might even have these pristine miracles to yourself. Both are surrounded by wonderful restaurants and boutique hotels to relax after a gorgeous sunset stroll and enjoy some of Spain's finest seafood.

The city of Huelva itself isn't one of the province's main attractions but is a wonderful Spanish city in its own right, replete with its fair share of history, cuisine and culture.

If you're feeling a bit more adven-



HUELVA: A wonderful Spanish city in its own right.

turous, and have a car, a must-do on any trip to Huelva is a visit to the Doñana National Park. This vast untouched wildness, one of the last in Spain, straddles across three provinces - Huelva, Sevilla and Cadiz - a majestic 100,000 hectares of

beaches, pine forest, sand dunes, marshes and mountains. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site and it would be a shame not to see one of the genuine wonders of the world right on your Spanish doorstep.

Another terrific opportunity on

any Huelva visit is taking a boat to another country. After all this is where Christopher Columbus acquired his ships to sail to the New World.

You don't have to go that far, Portugal is just a 15-minute ferry



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ride away. For a reasonable price you can visit the town of Viloreal do Santo Antonio and gorge on the famous Portuguese custard tart Pastéis de Nata. Be sure to turn your clocks back!

Huelva is easily accessible from almost anywhere on the Spanish mainland. The fastest way to get to the capital is on the motorway through Sevilla from Malaga Province. But the coastal route through Cadiz isn't much longer.

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In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I'M not really a gambler - although many would disagree with me. I might have 20 euros on the Grand National, but that's it. When I was working I used to go to Las Vegas twice a year, which I did for over 20 years. I never played the tables or the slots. Now the reason many would say I am a gambler is because I play poker everyday either online or live.

Sometimes I win and, of course, sometimes I lose, but I feel I'm in control. Sure there is an element of luck but there is also a lot of skill involved. I can win by convincing someone my hand is better than theirs by bluffing.

I know when it's time to get up and quit whether I'm winning or losing. This brings me to the point of this week's grump. I think it's disgusting the amount of advertising there is on TV for gambling offering free money and making it look glamorous. They show Champagne corks popping and they show everyone winning and at the bottom they put a little note saying something like 'when it stops being fun quit.' What a lot of nonsense!

Gambling ads should be treated the same as cigarette and alcohol advertising. It's a 'drug'

and it's addictive and should be treated as such. I actually think the advertising should be banned. What the adverts don't show is the damage that gambling can do. In the UK there are machines in betting shops called Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT). These machines are the crack cocaine of the gambling world! You can put your credit or debit card in and play up to a £100 every few seconds.

You should look on YouTube and watch people smashing up places when they have been financially wiped out. You can now bet on anything. You can even bet on things losing and this opened up a whole new can of worms. It's all about greed. These multi-million pound betting companies just never have enough. They won't limit what you can lose but have a few winning bets and see how quick they decline your business.

I remember years ago being given this tip about playing the slot machines in Vegas. I was asked where I thought the best place was to win. I guessed it would be at one of smaller hotels, only to be told the best pay outs were in the Arrivals part of Las Vegas airport. This, of course, makes sense as it gives you the winning flavour and you experience how much fun it's going to be. Of course, the worst pay outs are in the departure area! You are leaving so jog on and thanks for your last few dollars!

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Drivers behind bars

AS part of a new series, we answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torre Vieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



MORE than 4.5 million motorists have admitted to driving in a way that would have constituted a criminal offence. That's the conclusion of a report by the Fundacion Linea Directa on crimes against road safety between 2012 and 2015.

Such criminal acts included driving whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol, excessive speeding and driving without a licence.

The survey also revealed there is a serious lack of knowledge regarding criminal acts whilst driving, with some 11 million unaware that driving whilst under the influence of drugs can lead to a prison sentence. But beyond this ignorance, such behaviours carry a much more serious problem within society as they have a direct influence on mortality and injury figures across Spain's road network.

It can be estimated that around 14 per cent of the total deaths in traffic accidents are due to the criminal conduct of another driver.

Crimes against road safety have become the most common in Spanish courts, accounting for 35 per cent of all crimes committed in Spain. Since 2008, almost 900,000 trials have been held for crimes against road safety with the number of convictions rising from 66 per cent in 2008 to 85 per cent in 2015.

Between the years 2012-2015, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs accounted for more than 60 per cent of all driving related court cases. This was followed by driving without a licence (27 per cent). There are currently around 1,200 people detained in prison for driving without a licence and reckless homicide. Men aged between 41 and 50 were the ones who received the most convictions.

The Spanish regions of Baleares, Murcia and Galicia had the highest percentage of convictions for crimes against road safety in the last four years, with Cantabria, Extremadura and Aragon having the lowest conviction rates.

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Can he run a garage in the garage?

Q. I am the newly-elected President of a community of property owners and I am faced with a situation where the partner of the former President has been operating a car repair business in our community garage. This man is not an owner. I have observed him repairing cars, using spaces without the owner's permission and

using the community electricity, as he keeps the lights on to repair the cars. I have taken pictures which I have handed over to the Administrator. Sometimes there are half a dozen vehicles in the garage. When he sees me, he is abusive and aggressive, shouting rudely in my face. What action can I take?

J F (Costa Del Sol)

A. If the President of a community observes unauthorised activities on community property, he or she can take appropriate action to end these activities. I suggest that you consult with

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



your Administrator and send a formal notice, in the name

of the community, to the former President to report that a person living at that address is carrying out unauthorised activities, and these activities should cease, or further action will be taken.

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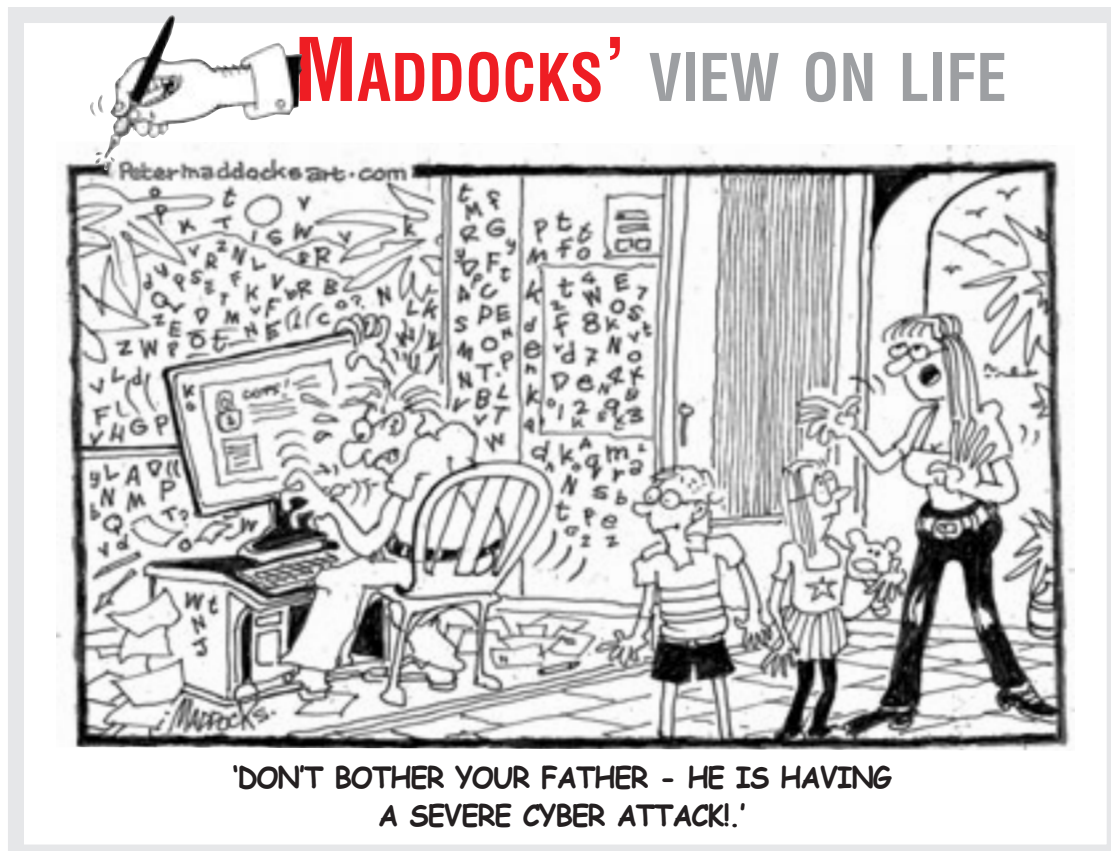
Kakuro

	12	24	30	33	11
27					
24					
	22				
	16				
22					16
22					
25					

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

14	12	12	7	8
14	6	4	7	5
14	5	6		
14			3	7
14	2	3	5	6
14	1	7	2	5



Women's wit

Life is hard. After all, it kills you."
Katharine Hepburn



Famous quote

My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger."
Billy Connolly, Comedian

World of English

To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow."

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

The urge to get ahead at as fast a pace as possible is apparent this week. Some would say not before time. However, you know the art of choosing the moment and it has not been until now that you have felt the time was right. This is a truly expansive week and one in which your powers of imagination are given full rein. No wonder you are being admired.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

Someone you have been holding at arm's length recently is insisting on getting closer. Charm and tact alone may not save the day, but enlisting the help of a friend could. Travel and career are well-aspected and, if you are expecting a financial windfall, you may have a bit longer to wait.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

The hard work you have been putting in recently has left you tired and, at

times, quite tetchy. This week you will start to see the rewards of your efforts which will undoubtedly help you to keep up the momentum. There is a lot of both passion and travel this week, which is set to continue.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

This is a highly sociable week, and you could meet some new faces that not only attract but inspire you. You are a social butterfly, and this brings out your Libran flutteriness. You will have to draw on all your powers of concentration to keep ahead of practical matters such as paperwork.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

You dominate the scene this week and no one is in any doubt about what you are aiming for. If you want to impress someone new to your circle, however, try a bit of cunning as opposed to brow-beating.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

Communication and self-expression are what it's all about this week. Although you may feel that indulging yourself is in some ways selfish, you

should realise that you are entitled to some fun.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

The call of romance is strong but so is that of your business life. The two will clash to the detriment of each other if you do not plan ahead and pace yourself. Do not be at the beck and call of others when you need all your time and energy for yourself.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

Such is your popularity this week that you can be assured of success in many things. Remember that first impressions can be the most accurate and don't be tempted to make too many allowances for others.




PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

For some time you have been trying to settle a certain matter. Although it is in your nature to get things out of the way quickly, this has not been possible. The chance to make progress this week is welcome but be sure that all is not what it seems.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

A friend of long standing comes up with some bright ideas to get you out of a tricky situation. Don't be surprised. You have for a long time now underestimated their worth. Your friend will be surprised when you show your gratitude in an immediate and physical way, but if there is anything better than finding a new friend it is finding an old friend has hidden talents.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
					
Saturday May 13	Saturday May 13	Tuesday May 09	Friday May 12	Saturday May 13	Sunday May 14
7 14 15 21 23 57	4 16 33 39 43 47	8 12 16 22 26	2 20 28 29 44	3 9 28 29 41 42	13 23 24 25 45
BONUS BALL 52	BONUS BALL 19	LUCKY STARS 6 7	LUCKY STARS 3 9	REINTEGRO 6 5	REINTEGRO 8

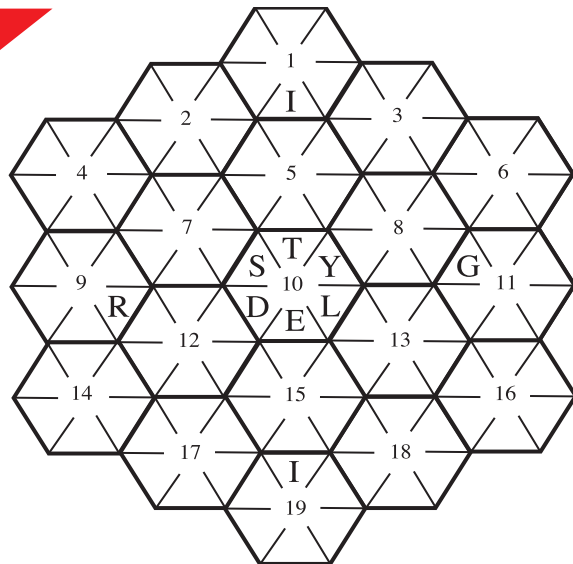
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Hexagram

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| ABLATE | NOTICE |
| BARRED | REGION |
| CHEESE | RELIEF |
| CHISEL | RUSTIC |
| ENTIRE | SPECIE |
| FIGURE | STYLED (10) |
| GEYSER | TISSUE |
| GIBBET | TITLED |
| INHERE | WIDGET |
| INSTEP | |



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Dragon 2 Strain 3 Teeing
4 Arouse 5 Poison 6 Hereby
7 Notice 8 Umpire 9 Funnel
10 Combat 11 Feeble 12 Netted
13 Buffet 14 Raised 15 Estate
16 Fecund 17 Ogress 18 Indeed
19 Erased.

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



TARGET:

- Average: 13 • Good: 19
- Very good: 27 • Excellent: 34

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ergo gale game gaol gear germ girl giro glam glom
goal goer gore gram grim loge mage magi mega
ogle ogre rage agile amigo gamer gimel glare
gleam gloam golem goral grail grime image imago
lager large largo liger logia marge ogler omega
regal rigor galore gamier gaoler glamor goalle
gorier imager larger maigre milage mirage armiger
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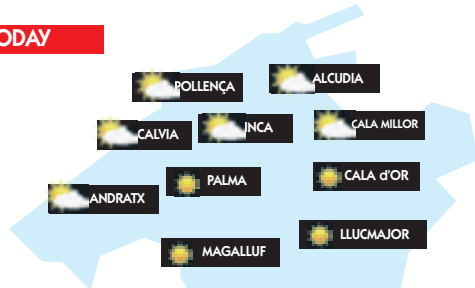
This week in history

- 1804 – Napoleon became Emperor of France.
- 1844 – Inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message from the Capitol building in Washington DC to Baltimore.
- 1920 – Pope John Paul II was born in Poland.
- 1932 – Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.
- 1944 – A group of German army officers tried to assassinate Adolf Hitler by exploding a bomb in his headquarters during a staff meeting.
- 1950 – Two people were killed when a tornado swept across southern England.
- 1955 – Prime Minister Anthony Eden participated in the first televised election programme for the Conservative party.
- 1964 – Four people were jailed and 36 fined after mods and rockers clashed across the south coast of England.
- 1965 – British police were issued with tear gas guns and grenades to be used against armed or dangerous criminals.
- 1966 – British boxer Henry Cooper failed to retain the world heavyweight championship having been beat in the sixth round by Mohammed Ali.
- 1978 – Charlie Chaplin's body was found having been missing for 11 weeks after two men dug up his grave.
- 1981 – Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, was sentenced to life in jail at the Old Bailey, for the murder of 13 prostitutes and attempted murder of a further seven.
- 1991 – Helen Sharman became the first British astronaut to go into space on board the Soviet Soyuz TM-12 space capsule.
- 1994 – Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, former US First Lady, died from non-Hodgkin lymphoma at the age of 64.
- 1997 – The Labour Government announced that tobacco sponsorship of sports events was to be outlawed.
- 1999 – Lawrence Dallaglio resigned as England's rugby union captain after it was alleged he been taking and dealing drugs.

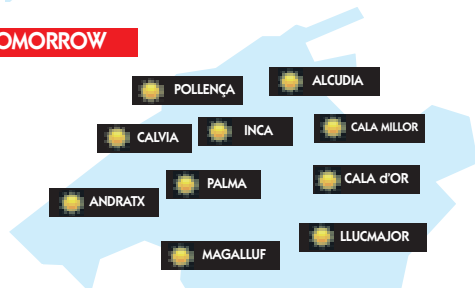
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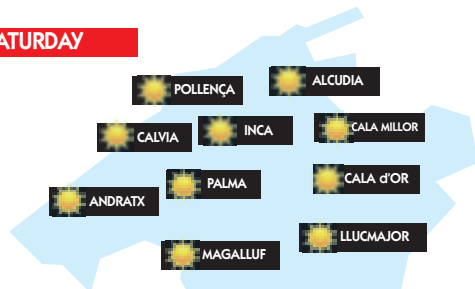
TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



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

Alicante	Bilbao
TODAY: MAX 25, MIN 17-S	TODAY: MAX 14, MIN 9 - SH
Fri - 23 16 S	Fri - 15 10 C
Sat - 23 17 S	Sat - 18 8 C
Sun - 24 16 C	Sun - 20 10 C
Mon - 24 16 S	Mon - 20 10 C
Tues - 25 17 S	Tues - 20 11 CI
Wed - 25 17 S	Wed - 22 12 C

Almeria	Madrid
TODAY: MAX 26, MIN 17 - S	TODAY: MAX 22, MIN 8 - C
Fri - 25 16 S	Fri - 24 8 S
Sat - 26 18 S	Sat - 26 11 S
Sun - 27 17 C	Sun - 27 12 C
Mon - 25 17 CI	Mon - 28 12 S
Tues - 25 18 S	Tues - 27 12 CI
Wed - 26 18 S	Wed - 29 13 S

Barcelona	Malaga
TODAY: MAX 21, MIN 15 - S	TODAY: MAX 30, MIN 15 - S
Fri - 20 14 C	Fri - 25 14 S
Sat - 20 13 CI	Sat - 25 16 S
Sun - 20 14 C	Sun - 25 15 CI
Mon - 21 15 S	Mon - 26 15 CI
Tues - 21 15 C	Tues - 26 17 S
Wed - 21 15 C	Wed - 27 16 S

Benidorm	Mallorca
TODAY: MAX 26, MIN 16 - S	TODAY: MAX 27 MIN 15 - S
Fri - 23 15 C	Fri - 23 13 CI
Sat - 23 16 CI	Sat - 24 13 S
Sun - 23 16 C	Sun - 24 14 C
Mon - 23 16 CI	Mon - 25 13 C
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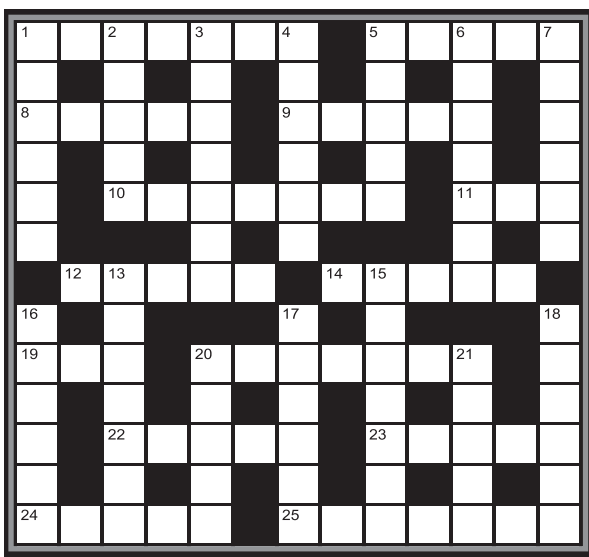
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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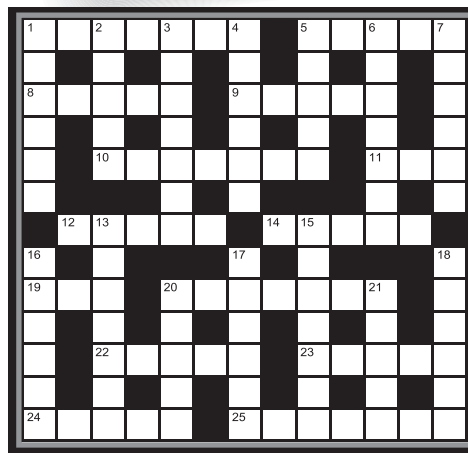


- Across**
- 1 Cannot find a volunteer for a piece of music (7)
 - 5 Soothes a hundred with charity (5)
 - 8 Met to compose a song (5)
 - 9 Excalibur manufactured in the country (5)
 - 10 Stupid point employed in an argument (7)
 - 11/19 Chase after a pooch for its identity disc (3,3)
 - 12 Virginia allowed a manservant (5)
 - 14 March about for a spell (5)
 - 19 See 11
 - 20 Robert's musical wild animals (7)
 - 22 Bit of grass for a dashing fellow (5)
 - 23 Golf shot with determination (5)
 - 24 Rub tea with iron (5)
 - 25 Hill split by heavy rain (7)

- Down**
- 1 Set up tents on the US university grounds (6)
 - 2 No Middle Eastern journalist is mentioned (5)
 - 3 The performer is surprisingly tastier (7)
 - 4 Henry leaves port for a shady spot (6)
 - 5 Denounce phoney cures (5)
 - 6 Learned about hero worshiper (7)
 - 7 Mean fraud ending anyway (6)
 - 13 Garble a new form of mathematics (7)

- 15 Miser finds it more difficult to keep nothing hidden (7)
- 16 Motionless atmospheric (6)
- 17 Complain about the article (6)
- 18 It protects an inventor's rights, that's obvious (6)
- 20 Introduction to book by mere poet (5)
- 21 Pier's curious steeple (5)

Quick

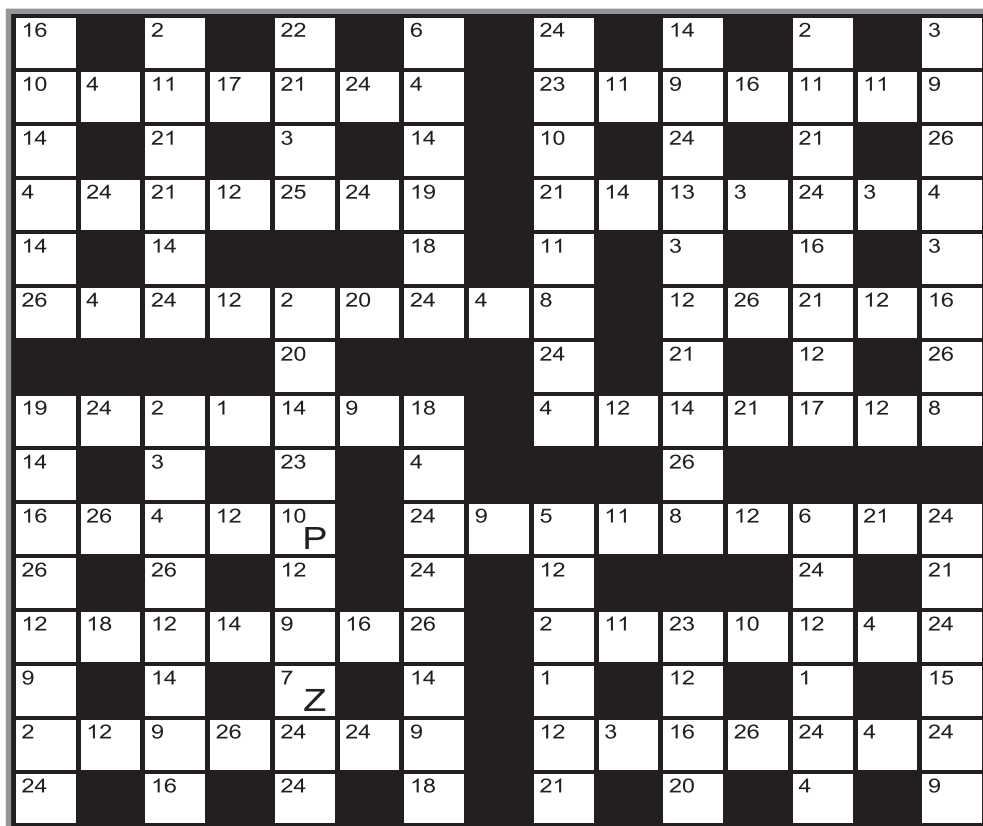


- Across**
- 1 Grave (7)
 - 5 Small fragment (5)
 - 8 Connections (5)
 - 9 Regulations (5)
 - 10 Amazed (7)
 - 11 Be in debt to (3)
 - 12 Command (5)
 - 14 Threaded metal fastener (5)
 - 19 Put on (3)
 - 20 Applicable to an entire class or group (7)
 - 22 Nearby (5)
 - 23 Vacuous (5)
 - 24 Ludicrous, foolish (5)
 - 25 Triumph (7)

- Down**
- 1 Regular payment (6)
 - 2 Talks in a noisy, excited or declamatory manner (5)
 - 3 Make less visible or unclear (7)
 - 4 Tough (6)
 - 5 Firm (5)
 - 6 Give or bring back (7)
 - 7 Treat with excessive indulgence (6)
 - 13 Fundamental (7)
 - 15 Of or relating to the heart (7)
 - 16 Widely known and esteemed (6)
 - 17 If not, except when (6)
 - 18 Surfeit (6)
 - 20 State of high honour (5)
 - 21 Desire intensely (5)

Code Breaker

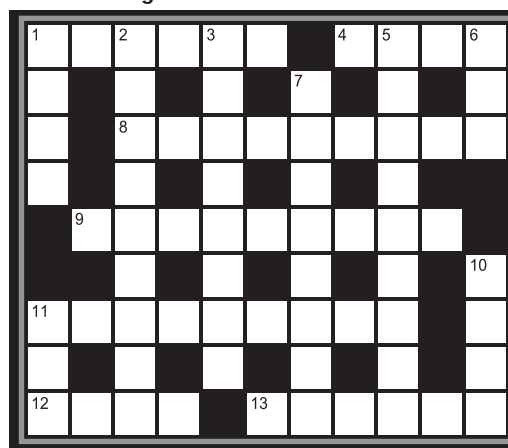
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents Z and 10 represents P, so fill in Z every time the figure 7 appears and P every time the figure 10 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



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

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 To be enough (6)
 - 4 Dry (4)
 - 8 Incierto (9)
 - 9 Twenty-two (9)
 - 11 Housewife (3,2,4)
 - 12 Mass (religious) (4)
 - 13 Broom (brush) (6)

- Down**
- 1 Cerveza (4)
 - 2 Cacerolas (9)
 - 3 To climb up (8)
 - 5 In love (9)
 - 6 Poseer (3)
 - 7 Llegadas (8)
 - 10 Pineapple (4)
 - 11 Brazo (de persona) (3)

CRYPTIC

- Across:**
- 1 Bellows, 5 Basis, 8 Nears, 9 Rampage, 10 Extreme, 11 Salon, 12 Shaken, 14 Debris, 18 Ditch, 20 Enlarge, 22 Instant, 23 Posed, 24 Sinus, 25 Spenser.

- Down:**
- 1 Banners, 2 Leapt, 3 Obscene, 4 Sorrel, 5 Bumps, 6 Stapler, 7 Stern, 13 Artisan, 15 Eclipse, 16 Slender, 17 Berths, 18 Drips, 19 Heads, 21 Rests.

QUICK

- Across:**
- 1 Pyjamas, 5 Begin, 8 Tries, 9 Provide, 10 Hostile, 11 Kings, 12 Relief, 14 Seldom, 18 Smart, 20 Enemies, 22 Imitate, 23 Above, 24 Signs, 25 Satisfy.

- Down:**
- 1 Pitcher, 2 Joins, 3 Massive, 4 Supper, 5 Block, 6 Grinned, 7 Needs, 13 Leaving, 15 Elegant, 16 Mystery, 17 Recess, 18 Spins, 19 Tears, 21 Irons.

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Biggest soap opera storylines

THE vote opened this week for the British Soap Opera Awards 2017 which take place next month. This got us thinking about some of the most gripping storylines they have covered over the years which have had us glued to our favourite soaps. Here's a look at some of the biggest.

1. Ménage à trois

Coronation Street's Deirdre Barlow love triangle with husband Ken and Mike Baldwin, with whom she had been having an affair, had the nation gripped. Having confessed to Ken and eventually decided that it was him she wanted to be with Deirdre ended her relationship with Mike Baldwin. The episode which ended with her slamming the door in Mike's face is one of the highest-rated episodes in the soap's history.

2. That kiss

In 1984 actresses Anna Friel and Nicola Stephenson were at the centre of a controversial storyline in Brookside in which their characters Beth Jordach and Margaret Clemence shared an on screen lesbian kiss. Although not the first lesbian kiss to be shown on TV it was the first to have been shown before the 9pm watershed.

3. HIV positive

Following a government request to 'spread the word' about HIV, in 1991 Eastenders became the first soap to introduce an HIV positive character, Mark Fowler. The storyline followed Mark's 13-year journey as he revealed his HIV positive status, struggled to come to terms with this and battled against stigma and discrimina-



LOVE TRIANGLE: Between Deirdre and Ken Barlow and Mike Baldwin.

tion. The show was praised for raising awareness and its handling of the issue.

4. Teenage pregnancy

In a bid to try and highlight the risks of teenage pregnancy Coronation Street ran with a storyline which saw Sarah-Louise Platt discover she was pregnant just after her 13th birthday and give birth four months later. It did receive some criticism that it possibly glamourised the idea, however it was mainly praised for how it handled the sensitive subject.

5. A plane disaster

Back in December 1993 Emmerdale caused controversy when it featured its 'Beckindale Air Disaster' storyline when an aeroplane crashed into the village. It resulted in viewers complain-

ing to ITV as the story resembled and aired very close to the fifth anniversary of the Lockerbie disaster. It did however bring them their highest-ever viewing figures of 18 million.

6. Dying to be thin

The subject of eating disorders such as bulimia nervosa or anorexia nervosa have been portrayed on TV however Hollyoaks became the soap to feature a character's death from the illness. Emma Rigby won Best Actress at the 2008 British Soap Awards for her portrayal of the character Hannah Ashworth who 'died' in a 2010 episode.

7. Crossing the boundary

Coronation Street became the first soap ever to feature a transgender character when in 1998

they introduced Hayley Patterson. Played by gifted actress Julie Hesmondhalgh, Hayley was originally meant to be a brief love interest for Roy Cropper, but Julie's portrayal led the show's writers to introduce her as a longer term character.

8. Who shot Phil Mitchell?

On March 2, 2001 Eastenders aired the episode which saw Phil Mitchell shot outside his home. In the weeks that followed fans were left wondering who the culprit was. An estimated 22 million viewers tuned in almost five weeks later to find out that it was Phil's ex-girlfriend Lisa Shaw who had pulled the trigger.

9. An incestuous affair

Brookside's shocking storyline in 1996 was the incestuous relationship between Nat and Georgia who were brother and sister. The viewing public felt that the soap had gone too far and complained to the ITC which resulted in Channel 4 having to apologise to viewers and admit that they had got it wrong. The characters were swiftly written out of the show but it's slow demise had already begun.

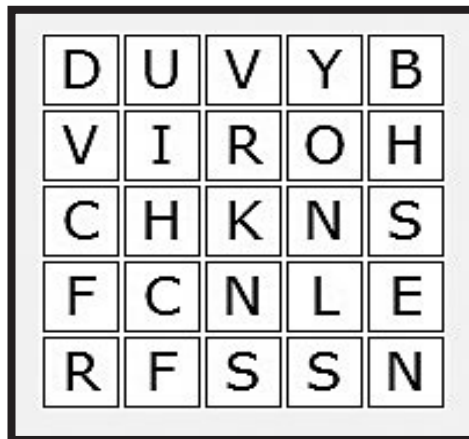
10. Time to go

Another highly controversial storyline for Coronation Street and its character Hayley who, having been diagnosed with terminal cancer, committed suicide by drinking a lethal cocktail. Critics claimed it did nothing for the 'right to die' debate however it was mainly received well and the producers worked with the Samaritans who were on standby to deal with calls from viewers affected by the issue.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 18
- Good: 25
- Very good: 35
- Excellent: 46

SCORING:

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

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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.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Word Ladder

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BELL

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

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Driven to distraction

WHEN are drivers in Spain going to stop tail-gating (following the car in front so closely)?

I spend part of every summer enjoying the weather in Spain rather than coping with the more drab surrounds of Suffolk in the UK where I live for the rest of the year.

But I feel that I take my life in my own hands, especially when using the motorways, especially during rush hours.

No sooner do I try to adhere to the speed limits than I find someone approaching from behind, flashing their lights, or tooting their horns, wanting to pass... even though I am driving at the top speed limit legally allowed.

If I try to ignore them, many then try passing on the inside!

Not all the offenders are Spanish, but a great number of them appear to be.

The majority are good drivers, but the motorways of Spain are not racetracks, and should not be treated as such.

*M Chetter,
Almeria*

Young voters

THE voting age of 18 years is fine as it is Loopy. It's immaterial that voters of that age don't remember Labour coming in to power.

They are no doubt sick to the back teeth of listening to their parents moaning about My Team May, (My God, so 90's), Cringe-Worthy Cambo and the infamous ConDems before them.

Diane Abbott is not my cup of tea, but look at this lot in power.

Mr Johnson, bumbling Boris, a

laughing stock, who like Trump, can't get anything through to legislate. Hammond controlling the dosh, Amber Rudd doing such a bad job with the prison service.

Justine Greening who just seems to go through life avoiding the schools problem and the main concern of teachers. Where is she, if spotted please take a picture.

Gung Ho (I am right so listen) Davis, and finally Hunt for the NHS. They want it privatised, end of story, they can paper over it any which way but like, electricity, gas, postal services it's PROFIT for the few!!!

So to all first time 18-year-old voters there's another slant on Leapy and his over excessive right wing rants (please start using another name.).

*Regards Philip
San Fulgencio*

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“ SIR, Your columnist Nora Johnson and the reader who wrote to letters (*Issue No 1660*) seem to relish our departure from the EU and applaud the PM for calling a snap election. I write to point out the disastrous decision of my countrymen who voted last June in favour of an exit.

We import half our food, so look forward to the doubling of the cost of living, hundreds more food banks, loss of financial services and tariffs imposed on British goods thus reducing our foreign earnings. Expect to see further weakening of sterling and the cost of a family holiday increase by about 25 per cent that does not take into account any cost imposed via travel visas... that alone might add £40 to the family of four budget.

By the way, fewer treats for Mum and Dad, back to one bottle of spirits and 200 cigarettes to bring home from holiday.

Heading for cliff



DISASTROUS DECISION: Voting for an exit.

The anti-Europeans in the Conservative party have in my opinion committed a treasonable act... they begged to be allowed to join the single market saying Britain will be more prosperous and 40 years of free trade later convinced the public we would be prosperous if we left.

The reason we are less prosperous in 2017 than we were in say 2009 is solely due to a Government

that has imposed austerity on us all. The tax rate is the highest it has ever been and benefit cuts have plugged deficit holes in the budget. The national debt is approaching £2 trillion; it was £1 trillion in 2010.

My apologies for a lengthy communicationbut I feel people should know we are heading over a cliff.

John Berry, Essex

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COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Brits arrested for assaulting police

Disgusting behaviour that makes me ashamed of my British countrymen ...

sue bysouth

Good, about time these eejits got a taste of their own medicine

John Richardson

» Three dead after drunk driver hits cyclists

For God's sake ... why only manslaughter? Why not MURDER?

If 'murder' became the obligatory charge for killing-with-a-motorcar it might at least deter a few people from driving when drunk.

And what about the bar owner who allowed this woman to get in her car and drive away on her killing spree?

As a Brit I very much liked Copenhagen a few years ago - and possibly still today; bar owners and their staff were BY LAW required to ascertain who, in a group, would be the intended driver at the end of an evening ... and would allow them only two alcoholic drinks - and then only coffee or soft-drinks after that. And a would-be driver on his/her own who had been drinking would be asked for their car-keys and sent home by taxi. Everyone seemed to accept all this ... and in fact seemed much, much happier for such carefulness.

But in Spain today, I suppose, it would very likely be viewed as interfering with a bar-keeper's trading rights! Oh my!

John

» Leaking of conversation was a mistake. Juncker and May

Fairly much everything that Juncker is involved in is a serious mistake, shame he just couldn't face up to this as he has fumbled through his unelected job position with the EU!

Mike in ESP

» Blue flags for Spain's beaches

We are very happy to read the great news about having the clearest beaches in the Comunidad Valenciana BUT do you know that in this Comunidad people burn in the open air like their ancestors did when hardly anyone was living on this coast! Some days the air is unbreathable in some areas especially when they burn plastic and other things mixed in the green waste! It's even worse when they burn during temperature inversion and the smoke cannot escape because of low clouds of humidity!

Why don't they recycle, make compost etc... it would create jobs, give us cleaner air, respect our planet and our health.

Maybe the name Costa BLANCA comes from WHITE smoke??!!

Thank you for making people aware of this problem because they need the tourists, the expats for their economy so why don't we send letters to the Medio Ambiente of the Comunidad Valenciana asking them to prohibit these fires like they already have in other Comunidades and recommended by the GObierno de España and the European Common Market.

Berger Micheline

The beaches I normally go to west of Malaga should get a big brown flag - judging by the amount of raw sewage you see floating around.

David

» Banksy against Brexit

A mural that size could hardly have been done in secret since it would have needed scaffolding which is what that 'worker' should be using. Health and safety would have a lot to say about that.

Alan Bowman

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DEPRESSION: There are things you can do yourself to help boost your mood.

Boosting your mood simply and easily

DESPITE the seemingly endless sunshine, sand and sangria lifestyle we can benefit from by living in Spain, everyone feels down from time to time, no matter how much the sun shines. Whilst it is a natural part of life, sometimes these feelings can get stronger and last longer, leading to more serious bouts of depression.

It can be difficult for people to accept that they are depressed, and studies have shown

that many people, especially men, will try and hide their symptoms rather than address their feelings.

More serious symptoms of depression can be continual feelings of sadness, guilt, worthlessness and fatigue as well as weight loss, persistent aches or pains and insomnia and anyone suffering from these should seek medical advice, but there are things you can do yourself to help boost your mood.

Go for a walk. Numerous research has been done over the years which shows that exercise can lift your mood. Even just a short walk outside in the fresh air can make you feel more positive.

Get some light. Natural, outdoor light not only helps regulate the body's rhythm which aids sleep, it also provides vita-

min D. Without enough vitamin D in the body it can lead to feelings of tiredness and depression.

No more sugar. Although the sugar rush from chocolate and sweets can give us an immediate mood boost, this can also lead to a later crash and low blood sugar can contribute to feeling down which then leads to a vicious cycle as it can make you crave sweet snacks.

St John's Wort. This traditional herbal remedy has been used for centuries to lift mood and some studies have shown in people with mild to moderate depression it is just as effective as anti-depressants.

Try yoga. Weekly yoga classes have been shown to reduce depression in the largest study of its kind, with symptoms being reduced by half. However, the US researchers said the biggest results were seen after six months of classes, so it is maybe not a quick fix.

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GARDENING: Enjoy the benefits.

Get children gardening

GARDENING could be the perfect way to help your child stay slim.

The claim is made by researchers from the University of California in America who found that teaching your child how to garden could help them stay healthier.

The team studied the impact of gardening lessons of children aged nine to 10 years old at four schools across the state of California. They looked at 230 children who did gardening and 179 who did not, over the course of the school

year. As part of the classes they grew their own vegetables which were then used in cooking demonstrations and served in the school canteen.

Those in the gardening group saw their BMI (Body Mass Index) rate decrease in children who were slightly overweight, showing that the messages in gardening their own healthy produce was having a positive effect on their health and helped them to lose weight by teaching them more about healthy foods.

The actual physical activ-

ity of gardening was also a factor in reducing weight.

If your child's school does not offer gardening as an option, try and get your child outside at home and enjoy the benefits for yourself also.

Gardening is seen as a moderate intensity level activity and according to the CDC Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, around 2.5 hours of gardening a week can help reduce the risk of obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and osteoporosis.

Children suffer years later

YOUNGSTERS bullied in childhood are more likely to binge drink and take drugs when they become teenagers. That's according to a study which looked at the impact of those who were bullied at the age of 10.

The American study looked at the data of more than 4,000 students from 2004-2011 and found that those who had been bullied by their peers were more likely to suffer from symptoms of depression during the ages of 12 to 13, and a had a greater likelihood of abusing alcohol, tobacco or marijuana when they reached 15 or 16.



STOP BULLYING: Call to prevent the long term effects.

Meanwhile a second study reports that it is not only the victims who suffer. Researchers found that men who were school bullies were more likely to experience stress and

be aggressive some 20 years after leaving school.

It comes as experts call for more intervention to stop bullying and prevent the long term effects of bullying.

New app for making babies

A NEW app has launched in America allowing prospective parents to find a sperm donor.

Inspired by the swipe-style dating app Tinder, a donor can be chosen by swiping right on the 'Just a Baby' app. However the app isn't just for women looking for sperm donors, 'Just a Baby' claims to connect people who want to make a baby, helping people find a surrogate, partner, co-parent, sperm or egg donor.

Users who match in the app can then privately message each other, but will then need to proceed on their own and go through the appropriate legal and medical channels.

Spice up your life

THE weather out there, beckons us to apply more sun cream but it's worth considering a more natural option.

It is possible to protect your skin against sun damage by what you put inside your body. Next time you find yourself in the spice aisle, you might want to try ginger and turmeric as opposed to the sun cream.

These natural ingredients when combined, release a powerful antioxidant that protect the skin from UVA and UVB rays. They also encourage the body to produce Thioredoxin 1, a redox and antioxidant protein that protects against UV skin damage.

One of the components of turmeric is curcumin and research has found that it can even repair damage. Other foods that contain antioxidants are fruit, vegetables and green tea.

Next time you visit the supermarket, put spices on your list and save some money on beauty products.

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Eczema treatment



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

What is eczema?

Eczema is a prolonged chronic skin disorder that consists of pruritic and scaly eruptions.

What are its symptoms?

The changes in the skin's condition can include: Blisters that burst and form scabs, dry skin all over the body or bumps on the backs of your arms, bleeding from your eyes and itchy raw skin.

Other symptoms include changes in skin colour, reddening of skin or inflammation around blisters from scratching or prolonged irritation.

What causes it?

Atopic dermatitis is a skin reaction. People with the condition can be more sensitive due to their skin missing certain proteins that form a protective barrier against water. It is most common in babies and can even start in two-six-month-olds.

Most people overcome the condition as they enter their adult stages.

People who have atopic dermatitis also tend to suffer from asthma or hay fever. The condition can run in fam-

ilies and often develops alongside asthma and hay fever. People with it often test positive on skin allergy tests, however this dermatitis is not caused by allergies.

How can it be treated?

Atopic Eczema can be treated, however there's currently no cure for the condition. By trying not to scratch your skin, avoiding materials such as wool, certain detergents and using moisturising treatments daily it is possible to reduce the chance of breakouts.

The dermatitis can also be treated with anti-inflammatory creams such as corticosteroids, antihistamines for severe itching and more powerful treatments which can be offered by skin specialists.

Can you prevent it? How?

Children that are breastfed until they are four months old have a decreased chance of developing the atopic dermatitis. Otherwise baby formula which contains proteins from processed cow milk also decreases the chances of developing the condition.

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Puppets and photographs

CULTURE vultures are in for a treat on Mallorca this weekend. After beginning last night, the 19th International Puppet Theatre Festival runs until this Sunday. Some of the top glove puppeteers in the country will be wooing crowds in radically different performances each evening during the five-day festival.

Perhaps the best is the story of cheerful hero Matito. His comedy performance will tour the island over the coming days, arriving in Sa Pobla tomorrow for matinee routines at the Placa de l'Esglesia at 10am and noon. On Sunday the tour comes to Ses Salines with a performance at Parc de les Escoles Velles at 6pm. Different performances will take place in Inca and Arta. The full schedule can be viewed online.

If puppetry isn't your cup of tea, why not view an exciting new photography exhibit? A free contemporary art exhibit in Espai d'Art B2 in Soller is showing a tremendous variety of photos from local artists. The exhibit opened last week and will run through until the end of July. Viewing hours are quite limited though entrance is free. The exhibit can be seen from Tuesdays to Fridays between 11.30am and 1.30pm at the artistic space.

Formentor Sunset Classics

CONSIDERED one of the most prestigious musical events in Europe, amid one of the continent's most gorgeous settings, the Formentor Sunset Classics finally begins its 2017 season. The first performance of the acclaimed music festival's fifth edition gets underway tonight, Thursday, at the iconic Royal Hideaway Hotel at Cape Formentor.

This evening's performance stars none other than the great Roberto Alagna, widely considered one of the top tenors of his generation. The Frenchman of Sicilian descent has performed Romeo and Juliet, Aida and Madame Butterfly in front of countless thousands over the years.

He is accompanied by Soprano star Aleksandra Kurzak, a Polish opera heroine who also happens to be his second wife. The charisma and onstage chemistry between the two has led to rave reviews, making their duets among the finest the classical genre has to offer.

Their performance begins at 8pm sharp, although some hotel guests will take part in a Gala Dinner beforehand, with tickets at €100 a head. Tickets for the concert begin at €200 in the stalls (plata) and range up to €1,000 for premium seats.



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lensa. Should you miss the inaugural performance from Alagna, the next in the Sunset Classics series doesn't arrive until October 6 with Olga Peretyatko. But summer performances from Spanish artists Duo Casado and Duo del Valle will be held in July and August.

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THIS weekend is the last chance to sample some of the finest food Mallorca has to offer. The Mallorca Gastronomy Festival comes to an end on Sunday after weeks of offering special menus from 24 of the island's top restaurants.

The Festival offers a wonderful opportunity to sample five star cooking at a reasonable

price, while having a terrific time. Menus have a maximum price of €20 which provides a complete meal and water to wash it down with.

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CAPDEPERA CASTLE: Perfect venue for medieval fair.

14th century party begins at weekend

GET ready to be transported back to the delicious and decadent Mallorcan middle ages. This weekend the annual Medieval Fair in Capdepera takes place.

Running from tomorrow

until Sunday the small, beautiful town on Mallorca's east coast will be transformed into a vibrant Medieval party set around the time of Capdepera's founding by King Jaume II seven centuries ago.

Food and music will dominate the festivities with traditional Mallorcan dishes with an even more historic twist. Roasted meat and nuts will compete with fresh crepes and local cheeses, with German bratwursts and fishy paella also on the menu.

Children will be entertained with games, work-

shops, stalls and the wild costumes donned by convincing medieval actors. Adults can eat, drink and dance themselves silly. There will be plenty of stalls where you can buy unique gifts for friends and family, or just browse around savouring the special atmosphere.

The festival begins nice and early at 10am tomorrow morning and continues until late at night each evening until Sunday. Entry is entirely free for both adults and children, parking is easy and the drive itself is a beautiful trip.

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GOOD WINE AND
GOOD FRIENDS**
WITH
GARRY WAITE



REGULAR READERS WILL KNOW that I and many other foodies around the world are occasionally captivated by 'cooking programmes,' not least the franchise that is Master Chef. This ever popular TV show was originally fronted by the most annoying Lloyd Grossman, whose voice always sounded like a mix of Canadian and a Norfolkian (Norfolk?) But today and for the last 13 years, it's a full on cooking and entertainment show hosted by Aussie Chef John Torode and probably the best known 'Grocer' in the UK, Gregg Wallace.

This year's final was last week and the winner came as a surprise. The last four, consisting of



The three Master Chef finalists.

London muso/DJ Steve Kieilty, Giovanna Ryan from an Italian family background, Alison Reilly, the attractive Irish girl with a passion for those things different and Saliha Mahmood-Ahmed the shy junior doctor from Watford with Pakistani parents.

Saliha, who sincerely described herself as the most boring person you could meet, (if you can call pretty, doctor, wife, mother and brilliant cook 'bor-

ing' - bring it on!) impressed judges Torode and Wallace as well as invited food critics and guest Michelin starred chefs with her take on traditional Indian dishes and flavours and turning them into extraordinarily modern dishes. Up until Alison lost out to the other three, I thought she would be in the final and with Steve would be the favourites.

But it was not to be and having watched the final I could feel Sal-

iha coming to the final hurdle and jumping over it with some ease and I could see the anticipated crowning changing places.

'Hats off' (or Chapeau to use a 'cheffie' word!) to all contestants, particularly, the last four. All showed great skill and knowledge and more importantly, passion, for food. I have seen highly paid 'professional' chefs who would have found it difficult to produce some of the dishes that they all produced.

Time for a culinary break until the next moreish programme, will it be Celebrity Master Chef, Professional Master Chef or Junior Master Chef. America, Australia, Spain??? The franchise keeps going and goes to prove 'there's money in them there sauce pans' - be it in restaurants or on TV. Bon appetite!

“ If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.”
Jack Lemon,
Actor Comedian

“ While playing golf today I hit two good balls. - I stepped on a rake.”
Henny Youngman, Comedian

MY WINE CORNER THIS WEEK has to relate to the wine mentioned in my 'client' below.

The wonderfully named 'Nice to Meet You' is not just a gimmic. The wine from the Rias Baixas domaine is not 100 per cent Albariño as one would hope and probably expect, but with 40 per cent of that grape and a blend of 30 per cent Godello and 30 per cent Treixadura this crisp, somewhat dryer than normal, wine from Adegas Castrobrey has intensity on the nose and a racy acidity which couple to bring forward stone fruit and fennel aromas on the palate.

Represents good value at €15, is quaffable, but at that price perhaps better with dinner. Shellfish, oysters and subtle fish should go well.



I'M HELPING A CLIENT in their restaurant at the moment.

On the first evening I was in watching how the operation went, I was surprised that the very charming and good looking Argentinian waiter, Juan, seemed to be receiving lots of kisses from the female clientele. Knowing that he had only started a couple of days previously I was intrigued that he seemed to be on such affectionate terms with so many female guests. That was until I found out the password for the WiFi connection was 'give me a kiss and I will tell you.' Clever!! And memorable!

With a wine on the list from the Rias Baixas called 'Nice to Meet You' there are plenty of quirky things about this place!

The wine with the wonderful welcome.

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.



The prestigious five-red-AA-star Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa in St Andrews, Fife.

ANYONE WHO TELLS YOU that living on a golf course is quiet obviously doesn't live on one!! I have lived in Guadalmina, near Marbella, on front line golf for 15 years. Don't get me wrong during the day it is extremely tranquil if, with any noise at all, only the very distant sound of the traffic. But, and I can set my watch by it, in the morning at 7.00am all the machinery start their day's toll. And they all seem to drive past my windows.

This cacophony continues in varying degrees, according to which part of the course they are on, for about an hour. The other noise is of course the watering of the course. Giant irrigation sprays whizz around beating drums on the leaf filled trees. My apartment is on two

floors, both with ample terraces, but being a duplex it means that there is an apartment below me, so you can imagine how high the top terrace is from the ground. But over the years I have collected more than 60 balls from said terraces and have also had two cracked windows caused obviously by the erratic 'driving' of the fanatical golfers as they compete.

What, for the life of me, I cannot work out is how anyone can hit a ball up to 15 metres high but manages to get a bend on it that has to be as much as 90 degrees to the left!!

THE REASON FOR THIS STORY is that I read with interest and amusement that the five-red-AA-star Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa in St Andrews, Fife, has just completed a

£10m, three-month refurbishment which includes a rubber roof to prevent ongoing damage from golf balls!! As the hotel sits alongside the 17th road hole of the renowned Old Course, the roof is frequently damaged by dents and cracks from flying golf balls

As well as the new roof from Euroshield, work has also been completed on the decoration of 103 of the 144 bedrooms and the replacement of the hotel's windows. I wonder how many of them were damaged by wayward balls!? Obviously if golfers on this prestigious course can hit the roof of a six-storey building they will have to have even greater abandonment than those who play Royal Guadalmina.

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@euoweeklynews.com.

Nothing to peck

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

IT'S best to be cautious when referring to Gibraltar because someone somewhere will always be offended, if not downright outraged.

But it's worth mentioning that Brussels has agreed to a Spanish veto on any agreements that involve Gibraltar during Brexit negotiations.

Coming while Spain was making Gibraltar noises in the undergrowth, the announcement left both London and Government House hopping mad.

What did the Brexiters expect? Brussels went easy on the UK-Gibraltar situation owing to Britain's position in the EU pecking order. Our sceptred isle never did appreciate or make the most of that po-

sition but will soon discover what life's like as a bottom feeder.

Not boxing clever

MARIANO RAJOY is inflexible regarding Cataluña's planned independence referendum which he is

fighting on several fronts.

Each time he focuses on the purely legal aspects of an issue that requires a modicum of warmth. In his latest display of strength Spain's president announced that any firm making ballot boxes for the outlawed referendum will be

prosecuted.

"I can't see the problem, we live in a democracy," an undeterred manufacturer said.

Rajoy believes he upholds democracy in his opposition to the referendum but does not know how to woo those whom he opposes. Nor

“I can't see the problem, we live in a democracy.”

does not want to. He has his own way of doing things, which offers little dialogue and still less in the way of negotiation.

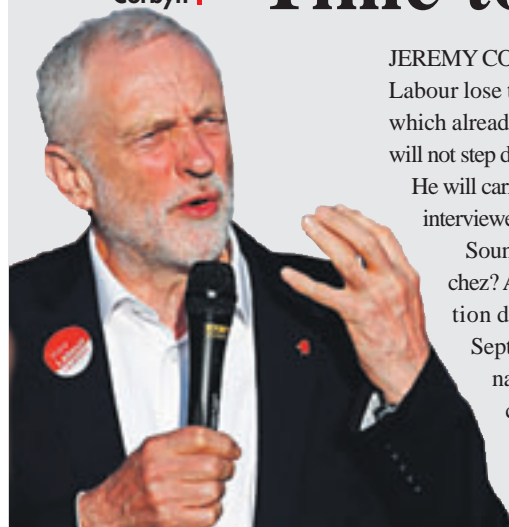
All out of proportion

THE PSOE's secretary general candidates first require backing from 5 per cent of the party's 187,949 paid-up members before they can run in the primaries.

There are 36.4 million voters in Spain and however you do the sums, there is something perturbing about a system where so few decide for so many.

Jeremy Corbyn

Time to get choosing



JEREMY CORBYN declared that if Labour lose the General Election - which already looks inevitable - he will not step down.

He will carry on regardless, he told interviewers

Sound familiar, Pedro Sanchez? After two General Election defeats topped by last September's dismal regional election results, Sanchez saw no reason to resign as Secretary General.

Worse still, his re-

fusal to allow the PSOE's greatly reduced number of MPs to abstain during Mariano Rajoy's investiture vote was leading the country to yet another General Election.

The PSOE's Executive and Federal Committees stepped in and for good or ill, engineered Sanchez's departure. It split the party but prevented another rout at the polls.

It's unfortunate that Corbyn's own rout on June 8 comes after the PSOE primaries. His fate would have given Sanchez supporters a tip or two on how not to choose a party leader.

Pensioners may not lose their properties to bank liquidators

IN edition 1603 of *Euro Weekly News*, we wrote about the activities of the liquidators of Landsbanki who were trying to seize properties from expatriates.

This Luxembourg branch of the bank, which has been accused of fraud and money laundering, lent money against properties in Spain and other countries with the funds released supposedly placed into secure deposit accounts to raise income for the householders.

In the event the bank went bust, the money disappeared and the liquidator started evictions in order to take over the houses of those who had been defrauded.

The Landsbanki Victims Action Group in Spain has been fighting these evictions since 2009 and during that time, more than 40 of its members have died but there is now a court action in France which may just help those affected in Spain

This action is against a number of Landsbanki officers including former chairman of Landsbanki Iceland, Björgólfur Guðmundsson, sales agents and notaries and is expected to last four weeks with the administrator of the bank being summoned to appear as a 'hostile



CONVICTION: Action will be taken against Björgólfur Guðmundsson, on the right.

witness.'

Any convictions in France will not directly change the situation in Spain but may certainly influence Spanish decisions especially if proof

of impropriety emerges which leads to convictions.

There is some good news already as despite continued alleged harassment of Spanish based

'victims' by the administrator, a Spanish court has now referred the matter of foreclosure in Spain to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

Whilst a decision is awaited, there has been a freeze on all such repossession until the CJEU rules on the matter, although this has not helped one very elderly couple who had their property seized and auctioned for a supposed debt of €20,000 when there was no evidence that they ever received the cash in the first place.

The Action Group is also taking court action and is awaiting a date for a hearing in the Marbella court against the Landsbanki liquidators following a successful decision in a Fuengirola court in February of this year which nullified a Landsbanki mortgage loan.

Various media reports around the world have suggested that current European Union Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker acted to block EU investigations into cross-border tax avoidance and supervision.

Should any reader be affected by the Landsbanki situation, please contact the EWN office in Benalmadena to share your story.

Magic sales milestone passed

SPAIN'S thriving property market has a new record to enjoy. The latest official statistics in for March detail that 40,461 homes were sold, an increase of 26.9 per cent on February. It is also the highest figure since February of 2011, more than six years ago, when just over 45,000 homes changed hands.

The data from Spain's National Statistics Institute shows that sales have now increased for 14 consecutive months. February's increase was small at just 1.2 per cent but, with spring fully underway, March registered a healthy 13.6 per cent increase.

The accumulated increase from the first quarter of 2017 now stands at 15 per

cent while we await figures from a reportedly excellent April.

Sales figures have been solid across the board. New home sales rose to 7,361 in March, an increase of 21.2 per cent year-on-year. Second-hand home sales performed even better, jumping up by 28.3 per cent to reach 33,100 separate transactions.

A figure that high has not been seen for almost 10 years, since September 2007.

Broken down by regions, Valencia, the Balearic Islands and Andalucia topped the sales charts regarding number of transactions per inhabitant. In terms of sheer sales volume Andalucia came out top with 7,976



NEW RECORD: The highest number of property sales has taken place since February of 2011.

sales, well ahead of Catalonia and Madrid.

Idealista expert Fernando Encinar says that surpassing 40,000 sales in March is a 'milestone' in the market's

normalisation. He also noted that, despite a two-speed market still existing, all autonomous communities across Spain have seen sales increases so far in 2017.

Rental supply versus demand

RISING property prices have led to suggestions that demand is far outstripping supply, especially in Spain's major cities. Rents are increasing sharply on an almost monthly basis in Madrid and Barcelona.

But some data tells a different story. Madrid actually has more rental offers on apartments than Brussels, Berlin and Amsterdam combined. There are 10,098 rental ads in the Spanish capital, just a few hundred below London which offers 10,683 rooms and apartments.

Only London surpasses Madrid in the EU for the to-

tal volume of rental ads. In Paris the figure drops to 8,883, in Rome 6,244. Barcelona comes sixth with 6,783 ads listed online.

The figures suggest that, despite a feeling there is a housing shortage, Spanish cities actually have vastly more supply than other major cities on the continent.

But that doesn't change the fact of rising rents. They have soared in Barcelona to pre-crisis levels despite wages not catching up. In 35 of the city's 75 neighbourhoods, the average monthly rent exceeds the entire monthly salary of someone on minimum wage.

Property wealth

LANDLORDS and property empire chiefs are the largest cohort in Britain's latest billionaire rich list.

The *Sunday Times* Rich List published this May shows that more than one in four of the country's richest people owe their success to the property market.

Of the top 100 listed, 26 individuals consider property to be the defining source of their wealth. Property investors account for 164 of the top 1,000 wealthiest people. Taken together the wealth of Britain's property kingpins stands at almost €200 billion.

More so than banking or the huge service industry, or even the arms trade, property is the backbone of contemporary British wealth. Across the country property assets are valued at a total of almost €7 trillion.

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Ref 3030, Randa, 290,000€

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Ref 2194, Vallgornera, 180,000€

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Ref 2997, Lluçmajor, 175,000€

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11633 Wonderful semi-detached house with fantastic views in the village of Calvia



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Weeping mulberry - a beautiful deciduous small tree for berries

By Graeme Tyrrell

LATE spring is a time to start harvesting berry fruits.

If you are lucky enough to grow strawberries in your garden or in containers with a good soil mix, you will be rewarded with a fantastic harvest of delicious berries that many commercially grown berries cannot match, that is, if you can beat the birds and bugs. While I grow strawberries for their unique taste, it is a lot of work to ensure that the berries ripen fully without being damaged.

Another source of berries is the wild or cultivated blackberries that can be fun to collect in the early morning or evening if they are available in your local rural area or the garden. It is worth the effort if they are of

good quality but the thorns can be a menace when trying to pluck the best berries deeper inside the bush.

Another good source of berries is the mulberry tree. The fruit is delicious and plentiful if you can find a tree to harvest but a mature tree is usually so tall that only the lower branches can be accessed. If you have it in your garden the excess fruit becomes very messy as it falls and the birds spread the seed resulting in mulberry trees emerging all around the garden.

The pollen from mulberry trees can also be very allergenic to susceptible people.

A great solution to obtaining bountiful white, red or black berries with minimal effort is to have a grafted weeping mulberry (*Morus alba* pen-

HARDY: A healthy adult weeping mulberry.



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dular). One weeping mulberry can provide you with all the berries you could want, the branches grow towards the

ground so harvesting is easy. The fruit form along the branches and can be reached with ease for weeks of a prolific

harvest and with no prickles to avoid.

Pruning is easy as you just need to keep the branches from

reaching the ground. I prune them to about one metre off the ground. They grow quickly again so it may need pruning two to three times a year.

The trees are very hardy once established and require minimal watering, except if in a container and just a good mulch of organic material over summer to keep the roots cooler, retain moisture in the soil and have a source of nutrients as it breaks down.

The compactness of the tree makes it easy to fit into the garden without taking over and they can even be grown in a large container if garden space is not available.

The tree looks fantastic and as it grows the branches form a canopy that allows you to go underneath the branches.

Treating insects naturally

AS the temperature rises, it signifies an abundance of life in the garden, but there are certain species that most of us would prefer to live without.

Insects thrive in the hotter months and are very resource-

ful at finding their way into your home, which has spent the winter months, almost free of undesirable occupants.

There are solutions to control this problem before the creepy-crawlies think about moving in.

It's easy to find products, but most can be toxic and harmful to you and your pets. An alternative and equally effective way is to use a variety of natural ingredients to ward off insects, and helpful if you're already a herb gardener.

Ants can be a big problem, spray lemon juice or vinegar where they enter the house. Herbs to use are mint and tansy which, if crumbled can be quite effective and place plants on windowsills and outside doors. Mint rubbed on the skin is good for repelling biting insects.

Lemongrass, lemon-scented geraniums, lemon balm and catnip are all effective in staying mosquito-free.

Other herbs that make good repellents are lavender, basil, rosemary and cloves and a sachet of these herbs plus mint, cinnamon and cedar chunks keep mothballs away.

Spiders tend to be the most lethal of offenders, therefore it's wise to stock up on citrus peel, peppermint oil, diluted with water and place eucalyptus plants around the bathroom.

My own private patio



INVITING SPACE: For those private moments.

CREATING your own patio can provide a calm and inviting space for private moments.

Before you begin, make sure the area is level and positioned in full sun and there should be an area of about two to three square metres across for two chairs and a small table. If a dining table and four chairs are to be used; then an area of four to five square metres is required.

The next stage is to visualise the area with string or hose pipe and decide on the shape, which can be a uniform square rectangle or more of a free form. It is crucial that the area is flat and level and dig down 10 to 20 centimetres, removing turf, soil and any debris from the area. It is also important to make sure that all rocks are removed; otherwise, the patio blocks may crack.

Add a few centimetres of drainage material to

cover the area. This can be a three quarter crush, a type of screened gravel, which because of the sharp edges, can be compacted while still retaining the properties of drainage material. It is recommended you rent a tamper for a large area and use a hand tamper for a small area.

To install the paving stones, layer fine sand or small gravel to make the layers for flagstones or pavers, using a long bubble level. Concrete pavers or bricks that are the same thickness are easier to make level.

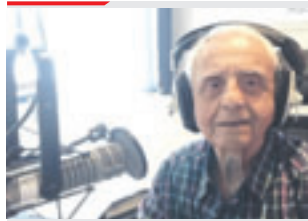
Finally pour some of the sand over the top of the pavers and sweep into the cracks. If there is a little room left in between the pavers, it makes it easier to get weeds out, or to even plant some moss or thyme. The last job is to water lightly a few times to wash the sand down into the crevices and you're finished.



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Your new member of the family is cuddly, pretty and being spoilt! Your puppy is making toilet mistakes and possibly starting to chew up anything in sight!

The main problem is if the truth be known you really do not know anything about your new member of the family. It is well recorded that one of the

most attentive times is when you buy your puppy.

You will listen and remember what was told to you by the 'breeder' who often knows very little about health, feeding, behaviour or training. Most if not all have no qualifications and the end result is that you are doing most things wrong.

Your next outing will be your first visit to the vet for inoculations and an examination. You will most probably buy a collar and lead, believe me it will be the wrong type, and toys, please do not buy a harness. Your vet should be familiar with local training schools and should recommend you to a puppy class which is vital for both you and the puppy's future. A vet that does not recommend a puppy class (many run their own puppy classes) is really out of date therefore seek another vet.

So what is a puppy class?

Many people do not think it important to go to a puppy class, however in my opinion it is vital to attend and is good for your morale as you realise you are not alone in your suffering.

There is so much you need to know and a good class will first calm you down as well as your puppy. You will now realise that your puppy is perfectly normal and you will be given so much information about correct feeding, handling, advice on the correct collar and leash as so many of you do get it wrong.

At this stage toys are vital but again the correct toys and you will be shown how to play and exercise your pet.

It is important that the class provides you with strategies to get him to do what you want kindly and constructively, and show what is going on in your puppy's mind when he demonstrates unwanted behaviour.

You now get to see other puppies and owners and will quickly realise that this is good for you and your puppy.

There are a number of puppy schools being run by excellent trainers but many have no qualifications at all. Often a good trainer is a lot more than a row of qualifications. There are also many with backgrounds such as police and military who often find it difficult to transfer to pet dog ownership, in fact I have many ex-police colleagues who confess they cannot teach the public.

It is always a good idea to visit a puppy class and see if the puppies are being taught what you want yours to learn. People and puppies must be relaxed and happy. You must listen to how questions and concerns are addressed and whether homework is set (it should be), are there assistants to help with the class in case anyone needs one to one help?

Socialisation is very important as your puppy must now learn about sounds, smells, cars, roads and, most important, to be allowed to sniff and play with other puppies and dogs which are under the control of their owner.

A good trainer will also ensure you get plenty of homework and be assured they will know if you practice that with your new member of the family.

I hope you enjoy your dog as much as I enjoy my dog. Yes, it does take a lot of work but think about a child; it is better they go to a nursery and once there the child learns to play and interact with others, this my friends is what you are doing with your puppy. Good luck.

PUPPY TRAINING: Good for you and your puppy.

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Motoring shorts

Driving abroad

NEW research has revealed extremely interesting information about British drivers abroad, especially those from older generations. It found roughly a third of drivers over 50 are concerned about having an accident abroad while about half are confused when it comes to basic rules of the road.

Saga Car Insurance conducted a survey of some 10,000 people to get a feel for their concerns after receiving claims for damages worth almost €1 million in just one year from clients driving abroad.

The vast majority of claims involved a crash or collision, although vandalism also played a significant role. France proved the most expensive, or even dangerous, European destination, accounting for almost half of claims. Its proximity to the UK would play a role too. Spain accounted for just over one quarter.

Luxurious personal touch

By Matthew Elliott

AN exciting array of new designs and facelifts will make BMW's smallest ranges more dynamic and stylish than ever before.

The 2 Series has been given a complete overhaul with LED headlights and more compact wheel rims. New colours include a deep metallic orange

and blue. Inside the cockpit now features a touchscreen display and a modern range of new gadgets that give a futuristic twist to the famous car.

There are voice control operations and an enhanced professional navigation system that makes everyday satnav seem as useful as old

ioned as map reading.

The 1 Series has followed suit with some stylish new exterior changes. But it is with the hugely successful 3 Series that the real difference is made.

From July 2017 all 3 Series sold on continental Europe will offer much greater individualisation, especially in colours, wheels and upholstery. Standard equipment will include LED headlights and fog lights.

Two new bespoke lines of the acclaimed 3 Series Sedan are being

rolled out. The Shadow compacts the Sedan into a more streamlined vehicle, offering a faster, sportier ride. The Luxury Purity line offers an unprecedented degree of tailor made options that extends even to side windows and exhaust pipes.

The developments come as BMW makes its case in an increasingly competitive marketplace for personalised cars. A growing number of drivers, forking out upwards of €30,000 for new cars, are demanding the same level of tailored attention they would expect at the expensive end of other industries.

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One million miles

AFTER more than half a century of producing some of the world's best cars, Porsche has reached a hugely important milestone. In May the brand produced its one millionth Porsche 911.

As soon as the car rolled off the production line in Zuffenhausen it was prepared for a coming world celebratory tour. The car will be exhibited in Germany, China, the US and Scotland before being installed permanently in the Porsche museum.

The millionth model is a Carrera S in green paint that comes with a special plaque celebrating its place in motoring history. Though now eclipsed by other models, Porsche's 911 has had incredible staying power since it debuted in 1963.



THE AVIVA: German-built luxury yacht.

Massive yacht seen in Malaga Port

A SUPERYACHT said to have cost \$140 million (€126 million) arrived in Malaga Port after a short stop in Gibraltar to refuel.

The Aviva is owned by 80-year-old Joe Lewis who is the majority shareholder in Tottenham Hotspur football club which is just about to qualify for the European Championship for the first time in many years.

Now a tax exile in the Bahamas, Lewis made a huge amount of money, when in partnership with George Soros. He sold sterling prior to Britain pulling out of European Exchange Rate Mechanism on what is now known as Black Wednesday.

Reports suggest that the 68-metre-long vessel houses a fabulous collection of paintings by modern artists such as Chagall and Picasso as the billionaire spends much of his time on board while the vessel sails all over the world.

Built in Germany by Abeking & Rasmussen the luxurious yacht boasts a cinema, gym, observation room and meeting room with guest rooms for up to 16 people whilst carrying a crew of 20.

Even at the age of 80, the former East Londoner must have confidence in his health and longevity as it is believed that he has now commissioned a larger hybrid version of Aviva from the German shipyard.

A spectacular new boat

By John Smith

ITALIAN shipyard Azimut Yachts has launched its new flagship and it is suggested that buyers will have to spend €12 million to secure one.

The 35-metre Azimut Grande Metri was officially revealed at the Versilia Yachting Rendez-Vous in Italy although reportedly there had been advance sales of five vessels to regular customers.

The yacht has a wide body with raised pilot house and sleek exteriors, featuring exceptional full-height windows in both the bow and salon and comes with the option to add an additional sundeck on a third level.

As the superstructure and hardtop are made from pure carbon fibre the yacht is able to offer more space and comfort, but without adding weight to the boat.

With a maximum beam of 7.5 metres, the wide-body Grande 35 Metri has all the features of even bigger superyachts, like the side garage for a 5-metre tender



ITALIAN: A beautiful Azimut yacht. |

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Extension plans for Port de Pollença

IF the Balearic government will extend its lease to 2052, the Reial Club Nàutic in Port de Pollença plans to spend €6 million.

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James, who lives in Benissa, has been developing the app with an American company for over a year but now it has gone live and is available for free download.

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JAMES IVORY: Created the Eurogolf app to help fellow golfers.

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Hamilton wins the Spanish Grand Prix

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RESULTS ROUND-UP

• It was Lewis Hamilton first, Sebastian Vettel second and Daniel Ricciardo third in last Sunday's spectacular and

highly competitive Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona. The next race is in Monaco on May 28.

• Simona Halep and Rafael Nadal were victorious in the

women's and men's singles finals at the Madrid Open tennis tournament.

• At the start of the week, with 12 stages still to go, GB rider Geraint Thomas - de-

spite a horrible crash - was still in the chasing pack, five minutes behind race leader Colombian Nairo Quintana in the Giro d'Italia cycle race. Fellow Brit Adam Yates was

going reasonably well.

• Last weekend, Hull battered Catalan Dragons 62-nil and rampant Castleford Tigers whipped hapless St Helens 53-10 in Rugby League Challenge Cup-ties.

• Stade Francais (v Gloucester) and holders Saracens (v Clermont) won their respective Rugby Union European Challenge and Champions Cup finals.

SPORT IN GENERAL

• Chelsea have signed 15-year-old midfielder Billy Gilmour from Rangers for £500,000. He will now spend two years in the club's academy.

• Ben Foster (WBA) was the only goalkeeper in the list of 17 who received FWA votes

for this season's Player of the Year award. Other surprise names were Jermain Defoe (Sunderland), Anthony Knockaert (Brighton) and Gylfi Sigurdsson (Swansea) while Chelsea had five nominees.

• England's 15-man cricket squad for their Champions Trophy Group matches against Bangladesh at The Oval on June 1, New Zealand in Cardiff on June 6 and Australia at Edgbaston on June 10 is as follows: Eoin Morgan (captain), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Jake Ball, Sam Billings, Jos Buttler, Alex Hales, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, David Willey, Chris Woakes and Mark Wood.



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Congratulations to Chelsea, Saracens and Hamilton – they are all winners

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FOOTBALL

This weekend we have the finals of the League One Play-off, the FA Trophy and the FA Vase and next Wednesday, Manchester United play Ajax Amsterdam in the Europa League final in Stockholm.

The second legs of the Championship play-off semi-finals took place earlier this week between Fulham and Reading (1-1) and Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday (0-0). The winners of each tie

will meet at Wembley on Monday May 29 for a place in the Premiership.

- Chelsea won their fifth Premier League title with a 1-0 win at WBA last Friday while Hull City were relegated from the top flight after crashing 4-0 at Crystal Palace.
- Forest Green Rovers beat Tranmere 3-1 in the Nationwide final in front of almost 19,000 fans at Wembley to gain Football League status for the very first time. The capacity of Forest Green's home ground – The New Lawn - is just 5,141... the town's population is only 5,894.
- A record crowd of 35,271 at Wembley saw the ladies of Manchester City beat those of Birmingham City 4-1 in the Women's FA up final.

American star Carli Lloyd netted for the winners.

- Elsewhere around Europe, Red Bull Salzburg (Austria), Bayern Munich (Germany), Juventus (Italy), Feyenoord (Netherlands), Benfica (Portugal) and FC Basel (Switzerland) have all won their respective championships, while this weekend either Barcelona (recent 4-1 winners over Las Palmas) or Real Madrid (excellent 4-1 victors over Sevilla last Sunday) will win La Liga – Real are favourites!

DIARY OF OTHER EVENTS

- Sunday is the last day of this season's Premiership action and the 'big games' are Arsenal (4-1 winners at Stoke in

their last game) against Everton... Liverpool (4-0 winners at West Ham last Sunday) versus relegated Middlesbrough... demoted Hull versus Spurs (who beat 2-1 Manchester United 2-1 in the last-ever game at White Hart Lane, to stay second); United themselves against Crystal Palace and Watford versus in-form Manchester City.

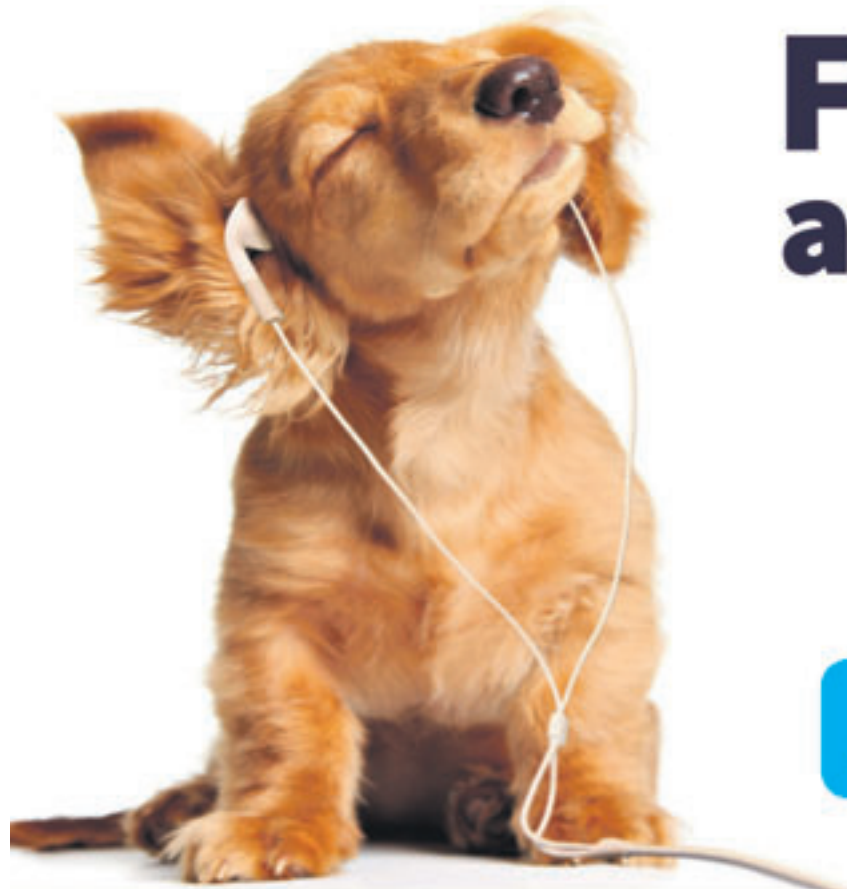
- 100+ riders are now competing in the Cycle Tour of California (May 14 - 21).
- The French MotoGP takes place at Le Mans on Sunday.
- The Geneva, Strasbourg, Lyon and Nuremberg Cup tennis tournaments all start next Monday.
- England play South Africa in the first cricket ODI at Headingley on May 24.

- Rugby Union's Premiership play-off semi-finals are both on May 21.
- And it's Rugby League's Magic Weekend this Sunday.



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