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€60 million threat

Hotels to crack down on Brit fraudsters



LAST RESORT: The hotel industry has had enough.

By Matt Ford

Spanish hoteliers are on the warpath after British tourists milked them for more than €60 million last year.

Fraudulent insurance claims will now result in immediate prosecution, they say.

The threat comes after the number of sickness claims rose by 700 per cent in 2016, leading the Spanish hotel owner's association, CEHAT, to announce a raft of "forceful measures."

After an urgent meeting with the British Association of Tour Operators and Agencies, ABTA, in Madrid, CEHAT Secretary General Ramon Estalella said: "The situation has become worrying and we cannot wait for long-term measures proposed by tour operators."

Among the measures to be implemented this year will be a 'traceability' scheme whereby guests will have

their consumption of food and drink monitored.

This will allow them to assess whether details contained in the claims, which mostly relate to food poisoning and similar complaints, marry up with clients' behaviour while in Spain.

British tourists will also be handed leaflets explaining that false insurance claims constitute a 'felonious criminal offence' in Spain, with guilty parties potentially facing jail sen-

tences of six months to three years.

This relates to claims of more than €400, with those from the UK typically amounting to €5-6,000.

According to a CEHAT statement, the system is flawed because "according to the British officials themselves, it is cheaper to deal with the claims quickly rather than enter an expensive legal process.

"Tour operators also use a dominant market position to impose contracts under

which hoteliers become responsible for all types of claims."

It is estimated that 90 per cent of the claims received by tour operators in 2016 were false, with the scheme driven by specialised 'claim farms' which employ aggressive marketing strategies.



SOLEMN: The vigil outside Malaga City Hall.

United as one

TOWN halls across Malaga Province and Spain have united in their solidarity for the victims of the Manchester terror blast.

Many held a minute's silence outside their respective town halls, with flags at half-mast to remember those killed or injured in Monday's shocking attack at the Manchester Arena.

At least 22 people were killed and 64 injured when 22-year-old Salman Abedi, who also died, detonated a home-made explosive device in the foyer of the venue as crowds were leaving after a concert by pop star Ariana Grande.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy expressed his sadness as he tweeted: "I condemn the Manchester attack. My thoughts are with the families of the fallen victims and I wish a speedy recovery to the wounded."

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NEWS EXTRA

Troubled water

THE closure of Nerja's Puente Viejo to carry out roadworks last week proved a bone of contention. The road is one of only two to the town and traffic was badly affected.

Temp kiosk

NERJA'S Council has now closed the registration period for those wanting to open a temporary kiosk this summer. The seasonal shops are popular with locals and visitors, selling sweets and ice creams.

All equal

NERJA is one of 19 municipalities which has taken part in a Malaga Provincial Council scheme, 'Recycle for Equality.' The project sees council encourage recycling and using the paper to print literature promoting equality.

Sales flying high

By Sally Underwood

AIR passengers spend more money on duty free products at Malaga Airport than any other in Spain.

The hub's 15,000 square metre shopping centre is booming, with over 16.6 million passengers passing through the airport last year.

Despite Malaga being the fourth largest airport in Spain, it is thought travellers spend the most money here because the shopping area was expanded after receiving a €300 million boost.

Analysts also believe the high proportion of local products available has contributed to the airport's success, with tourists buying last-minute traditional gifts for friends and family before flying home.

The space houses 25 shops, seven of which are duty free, plus 7,000 square metres of cafes and restaurants. The most popular item is vodka, followed by gin, while 60,000 bottles of local wine also leave the shelves each year.



DUTY FREE: Contributes heavily to the local economy.

In addition, two million hot drinks, 1.5 million sandwiches and one million toblerones, a beloved classic for the traveller, were sold in 2016.

The Russians are king when it comes to spending the most. According to Fernandez Bosch, Commercial Services Director of Aena, Malaga's operator, "a third of the passengers are British, and they like to buy in these shops.

"They spend more at the airport than the Germans, while the proportion of Scandinavians and French is also notable.

"And Russians stand out because they spend a lot."

As well as putting Malaga firmly on Spain's tourism map, the duty free snowball also contributes heavily to the local economy, employing 1,000 of the airport's 6,000 members of staff.



FRIGILIANA: Stunning shots.

Bring on the rural wonder

FRIGILIANA has appeared in a promotional video celebrating the virtues of the Seven Rural Wonders of Spain.

Produced by online travel portal Top Rural, which organises the annual vote, the clip was unveiled by town mayor, Alejandro Herrero, last Tuesday.

Featuring some stunning aerial shots, the video focuses on the historic centre, including tourist favourites el Zacatin, el Torreón, la Fuente Vieja and Callejón del Señor.

The popular white village finished third in last year's competition, with the results announced in Madrid in November.

During the presentation, Tourism councillor Carmen Cerezo was keen to highlight the draws of local gastronomy, winding streets and superb views, plus the sunlight reflected off the whitewashed buildings, which inspired the tourist slogan 'Luz de Andalucía' (Light of Andalucía).

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€10 million boost

VELEZ-MALAGA is to be handed €10 million of European funds to invest in municipal projects.

It is one of 15 Andalusian towns with 50-100,000 inhabitants selected by a Brussels committee, with €104 million to be distributed across the region.

The town hall has pledged to spend most of the cash on restoring aspects of the historical centre and castle.

Shake it up

AN earthquake measuring 3.7 degrees on the Richter scale has been felt on the eastern coast of Malaga.

It was just before noon when the tremor was felt in the area surrounding Granada, the epicentre of which was in the Sierra de Cacin.

It has been reported that thousands of those living to the east of Malaga, particularly those with homes in the hills, felt the quake, which happened at a relatively shallow 12 kilometres below the earth.

Grand theft auto

LOCAL POLICE in Torrox have recovered eight stolen vehicles; seven cars and one motorbike, in an operation to crack down on car theft.

The police retrieved a total of €90,000 worth of motors, some of which were high end, over a four-month period.

It comes after an officer specialised in illicit traffic and document falsification taught other officers how to spot stolen vehicles.

Can of worms

REFORMATION work on Velez-Malaga's crumbling railway station has ground to a halt after just two months due to a plague of wood-worm.

Town mayor, Antonio Moreno,

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 13

THE brown bear once roamed most of the Iberian Peninsula. Though now inhabiting just two enclaves in the Cantabrian Mountains, they are managing to fight back against extinction.

The bear necessities

LIVING 25 - 30 years in the wild, despite their impressive size brown bears are timid and when possible avoid human contact.

Males average 115kg but can weigh as much as 200kg, while females tip the scales at 85 - 150kg; they are 1.6m to 2m long and around 1m high at the shoulder.

Thought to have originated in Asia and spread across the Northern Hemisphere, brown bears in Spain are the same as those living in the wilds of Canada.

There are now two populations living within a 5,000 - 7,000 square km territory in the Cantabrian Mountains taking in Asturias, Leon, Galicia, and Cantabria.

Human pressure - and illegal poaching - have



OMNIVORES: They eat roots, fruit and hunt small animals.

threatened the brown bear with extinction, though encouragingly populations are now growing with about 240 in the Cantabrian Mountains.

Habitat is regularly patrolled by rangers as part of much-needed conservation and the planting of fruit trees and siting of beehives in their surrounds helps further supplement their diet as they roam for food. Bears are omnivores; they eat roots, fruit, and also hunt small animals and track carrion.

No baby boom!

CUBS are born in January and February after mothers wake from hibernation. The Spanish bear has no fur when it is born and weighs just 350g. Litters are normally up to three, and in rare cases four cubs.

Mother and cubs emerge in spring and the little ones are dependent on the adult for a year and a half; so mothers do not reproduce again for two years after each litter, making it a slower process for numbers to increase.

BEAR CUBS: Born after mothers wake from hibernation.



confirmed that the infestation will require a special chemical treatment making it likely that the renovation will be crippled for at least 10 days.

"The aim is to kill all of them, even the larvae," he said.

Fascist claim

ALLEGED 'Francoist exaltations' during the recent funeral of former minister Jose Utrera Molina in Nerja

constitute a 'hate crime' according to political party Podemos.

The left wing populists have submitted an official complaint to the regional prosecutor's office, claiming that a round of the Falangist fascist anthem Face to the Sun "paid tribute to the dictator Franco and the Falange ideology which was characterised by exterminating dissenters."

Podemos demand that former Minister of Justice Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon, Utrera Molina's son-in-law, and

mayor of Malaga Francisco de la Torre, who both were present at the funeral, should testify in court.

Landslide win

ELIAS BENDODO, President of the Malaga Provincial Council, has been re-elected as provincial leader of the right wing Partido Popular party with 99.5 per cent of the vote.

The vote, which took place at the 12th Provincial Congress, was a landslide victory for the president, who has been leading Malaga's Council since 2011.

Three-year-old dies after pool fall

A YOUNG boy has died in hospital after falling into a pool in Rincon de la Victoria.

The toddler, whose death has now been confirmed by Malaga's Mother and Child Hospital, fell into the pool by accident last Sunday afternoon while playing with relatives.

He was quickly pulled out and paramedics worked for an hour and half to resuscitate him before transferring him to hospital, where he was placed in intensive care in

a critical condition. Despite the efforts of medical staff, however, he sadly died of his injuries on Monday.

The incident took place in the Serramar urbanisation in La Cala del Moral. Local Police and the Guardia Civil both attended the scene.

Another swimmer, a 60-year-old German woman, was also rescued over the weekend from a swimming pool in Torrox Costa's Conejito area. The woman was transferred to Axarquía's Comarcal Hospital and has recovered.

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Spain backs France

MADRID is backing Emmanuel Macron - the new French president - in calling for an overhaul of the Eurozone and reforms to the European Union's economic system.

Spain wants real democratic economic government and believes there are a series of critical errors within the common currency that opened a massive divide between north and south Europe in the recession.

It said the shortcomings of the Euro explained the different impact of the crisis across Europe and as well as 'firefighters,' 'architects' were needed to establish a well-structured plan rather than dealing with 'short term needs.'

Bullfight protest

THOUSANDS of people took to the streets of Madrid calling for bullfighting to be banned across Spain; chanting "torture is not culture."

Protesters are demanding the end of any event that mistreats animals for the amusement of humans; and attacked the conservative view bullfighting was part of Spain's cultural heritage.

Man overboard

THE captain of a Singaporean ship was pulled from the sea in 'a very serious state' off the coast of Spain, clinging to a lifebelt and suffering extreme hypothermia and exposure to the sun and salt.

The cargo ship Morning Ninni reported a man could have been lost overboard as it sailed close to Ceuta in northern Morocco in the Gibraltar

Eye on SPAIN

Around the nation in 7 stories

Postcard from Vigo



Historic Rua dos Cesteiros. |

VISITORS to the bustling city of Vigo can combine a city and beach break and take the opportunity to soak up both culture and sun.

With a population of 293,000, Galicia's largest city lies on the Atlantic coast of North West Spain. It is 29km south of the provincial capital of Pontevedra, but the nearest large city is Porto in Portugal, a 153km drive across the border.

And getting to Vigo could not be easier. It has an airport, is on Spain's motorway network - Madrid is 597km away - and is served by the high speed AVE service.

The area boasts 45 beaches on the mainland and the beautiful, Caribbean-like sands of the Cies Islands can be enjoyed for a day trip.

The scenic old town, 'casco vello,' shows off Vigo's maritime traditions, its history and architecture from a sometimes stormy past. However, there is a busy industrial area while the modern fishing port is the largest in Europe.

Inside the pulsating historic centre there are shops, museums, bars, taverns and restaurants. Tapas bars specialise in seafood, said to be the best in Spain.

Enjoy specialities of octopus, mussels, prawns, lobster, hake and sea bass; and wandering the streets, why not buy a freshly shucked oyster in Calle de la Ostros, hats on Sombrereiros or baskets on Cesteiros.

Straits and Spanish rescue services were alerted.

Call for Franco move

SPAIN'S parliament has approved a motion for the remains of General Francisco Franco to be moved from a mausoleum built by prisoners during his dictatorship.

The controversial Valley of the Fallen in the Sierra de Guadarrama holds the bodies of 30,000 dead from both sides of the Spanish Civil War and was built as an act of reconciliation by the regime.

However, the move is largely symbolic and does not place any obligation for the government, whose supports abstained, to act.

Taxi ride

UBER, the electronic hail and ride app service, should be licensed like any other taxi firm, a top EU lawyer has said.

Uber links passengers with freelance drivers and is cheaper than traditional cabs, but the lawyer said while "innovative," it was at heart a transport company and should be regulated as such.

Cocaine cargo

COCAINE with a street value of €200 million was seized and 24 people arrested as a container ship was intercepted by the Spanish authorities.

The 5.5kg of the drug was being smuggled from Ecuador to Spain and in a joint operation between the two countries.

Spain's Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido said it was one of the biggest hauls of cocaine in history.

Birthdays

• **Paul Weller (58) May 25, Rock Singer**
British singer and songwriter, who was a member of Jam from 1976 to 1982 and The Style Council from 1983 to 1989. He was greatly influenced by Paul McCartney and The Beatles. He won the 2009 BRIT Award for Best Male Solo Artist in 2009.

• **Stevie Nicks (68) May 26, Rock Singer**

Singer, pianist and tambourine player and member of Fleetwood Mac, Stevie was famous after writing Landslide, and broke the record for female rock artist at the Grammy Award Nominations. Rolling Stone magazine named her 'The Reigning Queen of Rock and Roll,' after her solo debut album, Bella Donna, went to number one.

• **Jamie Oliver (41) May 27, Chef**

Also known as the Naked Chef, the restaurateur and media personality became known for his campaign for healthier school lunches. His first job was as a pastry chef for Antonio Carluccio's restaurant, Neal's Yard.

• **Kylie Minogue (48) May 28, Pop Singer**

She started out as an actress in the Australian soap opera, Neighbours, and after became a singer, signed by Stock, Aitken and Waterman. Her songs include Locomotion and Can't Get You Out of My Head and she later appeared in Moulin Rouge, as a fairy. She has her own brand of lingerie and was made a member of the Order of the British Empire in 2008 for her services to music.

• **Danny Elfman (63) May 29, Composer**

Composer of the long running animated series, The Simpsons, used to be lead singer for rock band - Oingo Boingo, but later became well-known as a film and television composer who has had many collaborations with Tim Burton. He married actress, Bridget Fonda in 2003 and has three children.



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OUR VIEW

Nothing excuses this carnage

SOMEHOW the news that teenagers have been killed in what appears to have been a terrorist attack in Manchester makes the news even more horrifying.

Anyone aged 14 or over is allowed into the Manchester Arena unaccompanied and imagine the excitement of the many young people who were perhaps attending their first concert alone. Then imagine the horror when they realised that a bomb had exploded and the panic that swept through the crowd as they tried to flee to safety without even knowing where safety lay.

Parents who were waiting to collect their children were in the foyer as the bomb went off and those that survived then had to try to find their loved ones amongst a crowd of stunned and terrified concert goers.

Whilst security was by all accounts tight prior to the concert, it appears on first reports to have been virtually non-existent as the evening was coming to an end and anyone was able to access the foyer to await friends and family.

According to the Greater Manchester Police those waiting included one person carrying an Improvised Explosive Device packed with shrapnel who exploded the bomb and died alongside 21 innocents.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by this pointless act of inhumanity.

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Drought fears increase

THE drought facing Axarquía and Antequera is being 'aggravated' by a lack of infrastructure to import water from other areas.

The underground network, promised 10 years ago, is now said to be starting in October. This is doing nothing to quash drought fears over the summer, however, with Malaga cCity forced to use 1.5 hectometres from La Viñuela reservoir, and 47 hectometres from Guadalhorce.

Following three years of scarce winter rainfall, farmers and politicians are calling on the Junta de Andalucía to sign off on the plans, which would see three pipelines installed.

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Numbers in the news

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Holiday time!

A NUMBER of British TV stars have been causing a stir in glitzy Marbella this week.

Coronation Street's Brooke Vincent was seen soaking up the sun as she hung out by the

pool with footballer boyfriend Kean Bryan.

Kean plays on loan for League One outfit Bury, but his 24-year-old squeeze put on a Premier League display as she

struggled with her skimpy bikini top before the pair relaxed on loungers.

In Puerto Banus, 19-year-old Abbie Holborn, who recently made her debut on Geordie Shore, also sported a miniscule two-piece as she topped up her tan.

She enjoyed steamy flings with both Scotty T and Aaron Chalmers during the show, and has apparently been invited back for a second series after making a strong impression.

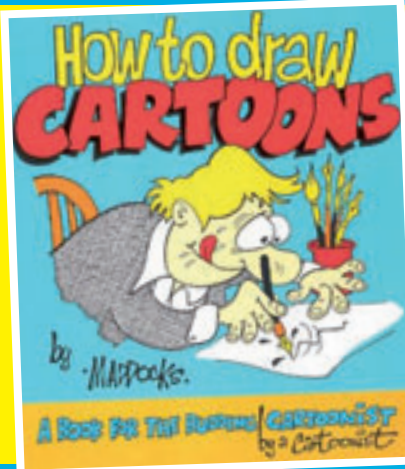
Elsewhere, Made In Chelsea star Emily Blackwell avoided a potential wardrobe malfunction by donning an elegant

black crochet swimsuit.

The 20-year-old sizzled as she dipped her toes in the Med alongside pal Lottie Fitzgerald, who sizzled in a fluorescent peach bikini.

Emily later posted a snap of her sipping a cool drink at a well-known beach club, clad in a tiny multi-coloured bikini.

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New battle after brain scan for Leo the Lion

LAST week four-year-old cancer fighter Leo Bermejo from Almeria travelled to the UK's Alder Hey hospital for an MRI scan following his recent return from 31 sessions of proton beam therapy in Oklahoma.

THE oncologist and radiologist agree that the results show a suspicious mass within the same tumour cavity measuring about 1cm by 0.80cm. There is also another strange area but the oncologist seems confident that this is just inflammation from the proton treatment.

Mum Karen reacted to the distressing news saying, "Our hearts are shattered into a million pieces."

"There is still a glimmer of hope...

I know miracles are possible.

"My beautiful boy couldn't have gone through all of this for nothing... but we are fighting a beast.

"I can't watch my boy fade away in front of my eyes... that's so cruel."

The medical team will discuss Leo's case this week and another MRI will be done in a month to determine how fast this mass is growing.



She said, "The most important thing is that Leo is so happy, he is not in any pain, he would not suffer any more pain having another operation, he would not get more damaged, and he just wants to live like a normal little boy so he deserves to have that final chance at life."

"Everyone I have spoken to have commented how after each

procedure or treatment Leo has just got stronger and stronger... I have to continue fighting for him and do whatever it takes.

"I wouldn't cope. Never mind Sofia losing her best friend and brother.

"The oncologist told me that I have done so much more than some mums would have and given Leo the best chance... but it wasn't good enough. He doesn't deserve this."

Karen has contacted Alder Hey to tell them that if the tumour is progressing to grow that she would like another operation for Leo followed by oral chemo-therapy.

But she knows that if a lumbar puncture test shows positive for cancer cells that they will refuse to operate and it really is over. But, to date, Leo's lumbar puncture results have always been negative.

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To give your support to the ongoing Leo the Lion fundraising campaign here is how you can donate:

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OVER 500 parents have signed a petition demanding the replacement of the playground in the Hacienda Manila area of La Cala del Moral.

The playground had been dismantled without warning before Easter owing to its 'bad condition,' with the council saying at the time it would be replaced 'soon.'

Patience amongst residents is now wearing thin, however, and they have delivered their petition to the town hall, demanding action.

Concha Ramos, one of the mothers concerned about the move said she had met with the councillor for Parks and Gardens, Ezequiel Carnero, who explained the park was taken down because it was "very deteriorated, with

screws and nails coming out, which was a clear danger for little ones."

She added, "he told me that they were looking at installing a new one, but that they had to ask for several budgets beforehand."

She explained the park, which is located near the Nuestra Señora del Rosario church and Supersol, was "very important" because it was a "very pleasant area with many trees, and in winter was comfortable for children, better than on the promenade."

Antonio Sanchez, the councillor for Operation Services, reassured parents that because it was a small park, "it is an investment the council can comfortably make."

It's almost Shavuot!

JEWISH people worldwide are gearing up to celebrate Shavuot, which this year takes place on May 30 and June 1.

The second of three annual Jewish pilgrim festivals, it is also known as the Festival of Weeks or the Feast of the Harvest since it originally marked the end of the seven-week Passover barley harvest and the start of the wheat harvest.

It also commemorates the day that God bestowed the Torah, the central reference text of Judaism, on the Israeli people on Mount Sinai in Egypt over 3,000 years ago.

After counting down the 49 days between the end of Passover and Shavuot, Jews celebrate by lighting candles, decorating their homes with plants, staying up all night to study the Torah, attending synagogue readings of the Ten Commandments and feasting on dairy foods.

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€3 million hotel to open

By Sally Underwood

LA HERRADURA is set to gain a modern and renovated Boutique Peña Parda Bay hotel.

Work is underway on the project and the town's mayor, Trinidad Herrera, visited the works alongside Deputy Mayor, Juan Jose Ruiz Joya, and councillor for Tourism, Rafael Caballero.

The building's architect, Guillermo Sanchez Galdo, explained, "this new project stands on the same site as the last establishment (Hostal Peña Parda) of which only the pillars and ceilings remain. We have had to strengthen the entire structure and create a new floor-plan that will give us a total of 18 rooms on the two beaches, with two restaurants in the lower area. In total will be about 1,000 m2."

One of the promoters of this project, Manuel Lopez, who already has another



ALMOST COMPLETE: The hotel should open for summer.

similar establishment in front of the beach of La Herradura, La Caleta Bay, explained all rooms will have en suite bathrooms and air conditioning and that the service level would meet those of a luxury boutique hotel.

He added, "we hope to open to the public this summer. Between the two hotels

we have added almost 50 high quality rooms to La Herradura, which will be open all year round."

The new project, promoted by the company La Caleta Bay Hotels, is located on a plot of almost 3,000 m2 and will have ample parking area behind the hotel and a sub-tropical garden.

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Numbers in the news

€ 2.2 billion

The projected cost of a leisure and casino complex with beach near Madrid now under local government consideration.

VELEZ-MALAGA is set to be transformed with the glitz and glamour of hosting this year's Miss World Malaga.

The event, which is set to take place at the Ermita del Cerro de San Cristobal, kicks off on June 16. Sergio Hijano, councillor of Fairs and Festivals, said the event was an opportunity for "promotion, since

Miss World

the 35 candidates for Miss World Malaga will be photographed next to the most significant monuments of the city in a promotion that begins in

June and ends with the final on August 5."

He added the contest was, "a job opportunity for everyone involved" and said the council was selling 800 seats to view the show, "which will have to be purchased prior to sale."

Maria Santana, the councillor for Commerce, has announced the hashtag which will be used to follow the various contestants on social media. #SienteVelezMalaga has now been set up and she has encouraged everyone to "follow it to promote the town."

Elisa Paez, the manager of the Association for the Promotion of Tourism of Axarquía, added that participants will get to know Velez - Malaga

"on the tourist train and then travel to the coast to visit Torre del Mar and the Port of Caleta de Velez."

The company Miss Mundo Malaga has selected 35 candidates from a total of 400 women from all over the province who went through rounds of selection. In the two-month contest, only 12 women will go on to the semi-finals, and six of them will enter the final. The winner will be made "ambassador of a social project that is yet to be decided."

The contest's crown is an exclusive creation, made by a goldsmith, which incorporates green and purple precious stones, with jasmine details.



BELLE OF THE BALL: two contestants from Mijas



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READERS Fay and Allan Sweeney recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations from all at the *Euro Weekly News*!

“What a fantastic week celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in Nerja. The weather was perfect and the venue at Hotel Balcon de Europa overlooking the sea was the best we could have hoped for. The tapas, wine and cake were fabulous, we couldn’t have asked for a better night.

“We had all our family and some friends from England and Holland, plus our friends in Nerja. Thanks to Gasoline and Charlee, Paco and Franz for entertaining us, and we would like to thank everyone who gave us presents and cards.

“We had a collection for charity and raised nearly €300, which we have donated to volunteers at Amblatoria, CAS, Manolo Porcapequeña and Cudeca. A big big thank you to you all.”



50TH BASH: Fay and Allan Sweeney.

Lux Mundi head for Jaen

LUX MUNDI Torre del Mar are heading for Alcala la Real in Jaen on June 8.

The cost is €24 per person with pickups including Viñuela football pitch at 7.30am, Torre del Mar at 7.50am, Caleta at 8am and Algarrobo at 8.05am.

There will be a 30-minute coffee and breakfast stop en route, with the bus arriving at Alcala around 10.30am.

The group will visit the famous castle La

Fortaleza de la Mota plus the museum in the Palacio Abacial before some free time to see other landmarks and enjoy some lunch (not included in price).

Leaving Alcala at 3.50pm, the bus will make a stop at the Los Quesos Sierra Sur cheese factory in Ermita Nueva on the way home, setting out for Torre del Mar around 5pm.

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Expats in Spain can finally put painful memories to rest

Sick killer going to hell

With many wishing him an eternity 'rotting in hell,' serial killer Ian Brady made dark funeral arrangements to prepare himself for the Devil, writes David Noon

WHEN Ian Brady's coffin eventually goes up in flames next week there won't be a tear spilt for Britain's most twisted killer.

Responsible for abducting and killing at least five children in the 1960s, Brady's funeral will mark the final chapter for a community tortured by the memories of crimes committed over 50 years ago.

Striking fear into the Manchester community along with his girlfriend Myra Hindley - who died, aged 60 in November 2002 - the Moors Murders changed the face of the North West of England, Britain and beyond.

Some of those who lived through the torment of Brady's sick reign are now residing in retirement throughout Spain, the majority on the Costas.

And despite being over 1,750 kms away from where the crimes took place, they will finally be able to put their painful memories to rest, knowing that the monster responsible for such heinous crimes is no longer on this planet.

British expat Carol Wootton is just one of the thousands now living here.

Residing with her husband in Alhaurin el Grande, Costa del Sol, she still struggles however to escape from the 'truly shocking memories' of the case that she studied while at university.

"A lot of expats, myself included, lived through these dark times," she told the *Euro Weekly News*. "This for us is the final chapter of this heinous behaviour.

"I have many clear and truly shocking memories of this case from listening to evidence in court to talking to friends in the pub. It was horrific."

She added: "This case rocked thousands of normal working class families of Manchester and the surroundings.



IN HELL: Ian Brady died aged 79 at Ashworth high-security hospital.

"The social impact was immense; so many people immediately stopped leaving their kids alone to go to the pub. Something that had previously been unheard of.

"Their palpable fear and abhorrent disgust pulled them together to the heights of which society had not seen since the Second World War.

"They became a close knit community again, and we were very much part of it. This case changed the community and impacted Britain like no other."

And the depth of feeling that swept the nation in the 1960s remains as strong today.

The outpouring of emotion since Brady died aged 79 of lung cancer at Ashworth high-security prison - where he spent much of his 51 years behind bars after being declared 'medically psychotic' - has been overwhelming.

Facebook and Twitter has been full of users wishing Brady an eternity 'rotting in hell.' The *EWN* website has equally been full of comments from expats closing the door on Brady's memory.

From his funeral plans, it would appear that Brady himself was even preparing for a lifetime in the Devil's company.

For much of his time behind bars, the serial killer had been orchestrating a detailed plan for his final send off.

And it looks like the Moors Murderer was preparing himself to meet the Devil when he chose his funeral music.

In his final psychotic missive, Brady is to be cremated to a symphony that charts a murderer's descent into hell.

Hector Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* is about a killer haunted by the spirit of his victims in hell and is largely considered one of the darkest pieces of music ever written.

As Brady's coffin enters the flames, the killer appears to have readied his mind for an eternity in hell. And no one would begrudge him his place beside the Devil.

Brady's last victim and the Spanish shotgun mystery

WHILE most people will be glad to see Ian Brady's corpse go up in flames, the family of his final victim have been left in an eternal limbo.

Brady never revealed the location of Keith Bennett's body, who was snatched in 1964, and he has taken that last secret to his grave.

Despite pleas from Keith's mother Winnie Johnson to Brady, the serial killer never revealed where the 12-year-old lad had

been buried. In fact, he never revealed any details of how he and Myra Hindley killed Keith.

But hope for an answer is not lost. Justice campaigners have found a Spanish-made shotgun that they believe holds the key.

Following 'clues' left in Brady's book *The Gates of Janus*, campaigners, family and friends uncovered a double-barrelled shotgun on Saddleworth Moor while hunting for Keith's grave last year.

While they believe this was the murder weapon used to kill Keith, scientists have so far not been able to connect it to the crime.

Campaigner Erica Gregory, believes that she has cracked the code while reading Brady's book in reverse.

Murder weapon or not, the discovery of the shotgun reveals that even after his death the family and friends of Keith Bennett will continue to seek out the truth.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Given the horrific nature of Ian Brady and Myra Hindley's crimes, should they have been given death sentences, thereby saving UK taxpayers hundreds of thousands of pounds?

To vote, log on to our website www.euroweeklynews.com or see our Facebook or Twitter pages.

Heinous crimes that rocked Britain: Brady's five victims

• **Pauline Reade, 16**

The first victim of the couple's killing spree. Pauline was on her way to a dance when Hindley persuaded her to get in her car. With Brady they drove her to Saddleworth Moor where she was raped, beaten and stabbed.

• **John Kilbride, 12**

Snatched from Ashton market in November, 1963, he was strangled and buried in a shallow grave. John was the second of Brady and Hindley's five victims.

• **Keith Bennett, 12**

Keith disappeared on the way to his grandmother's house. Hindley had lured him into her car and driven him to the Moors where he was murdered. Keith's body has never been found, and the method of killing has been taken to the grave with Brady.

• **Lesley Ann Downey, 10**

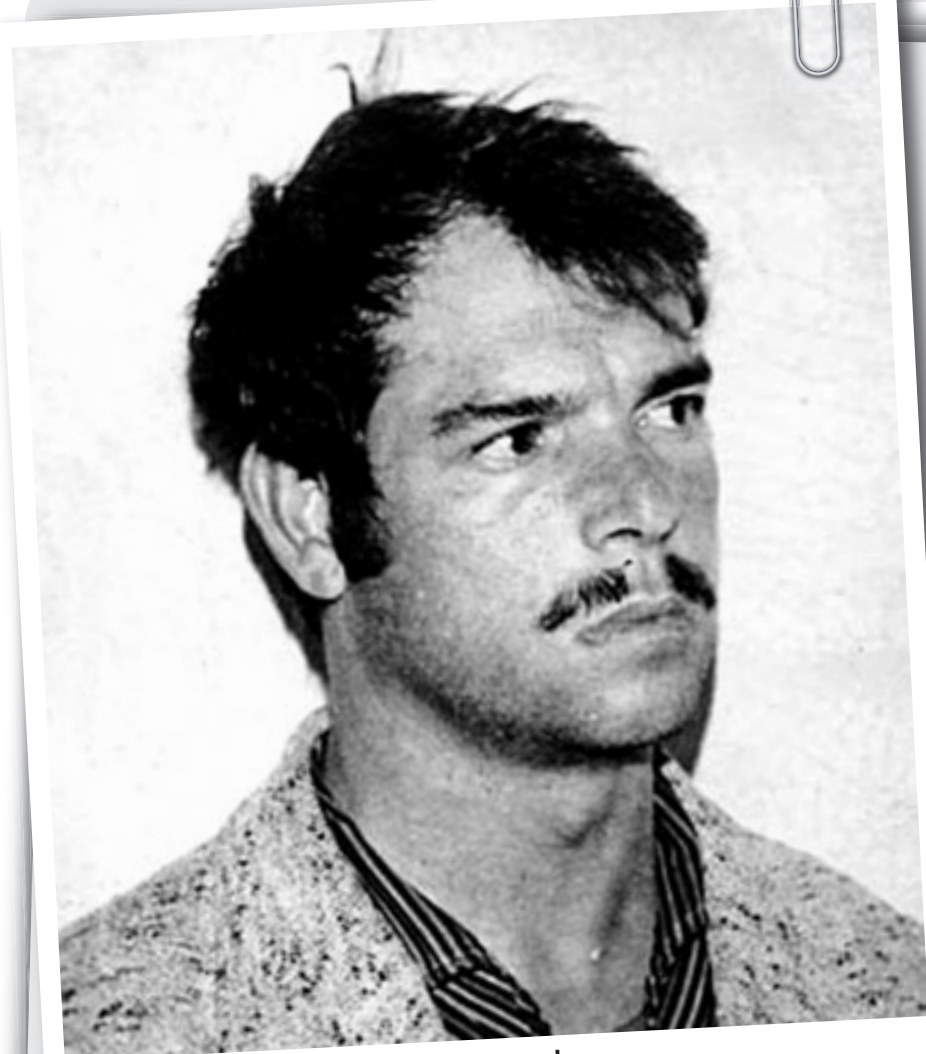
She disappeared on Boxing Day after being snatched from a fair and taken back to Hindley's house. Lesley was brutally assaulted with the ordeal captured on tape.

• **Edward Evans, 17**

The couple's final victim. Edward had just been to see Manchester United play when Hindley lured him in. Brady repeatedly bludgeoned Evans with an axe.



MYSTERY: The body of Keith Bennett has never been found.



MONSTER: Villegas confessed to 48 murders.

Spain's worst killers

• **Francisca Ballesteros**

Known as La Viuda Negra (The Black Widow), Francisca poisoned her husband and three children in Valencia between 1990 and 2004. Killing her first child with a cocktail of drugs and alcohol, Ballesteros waited 14 years before killing her husband and daughter in 2004. She also attempted to kill another son but he survived the attack as his mother fled the city. Sentenced to 84 years in prison in 2005, Ballesteros will die in prison.

• **Manuel Blanco Romasanta**

A travelling salesman who claimed to be a werewolf, Romasanta admitted to 13 murders but was only convicted of eight during his 1853 trial. Handed the death sentence, Romasanta didn't make it to the gallows and died in prison 10 years later where he was being studied by psychologists.

• **Manuel Delgado Villegas**

Known as El Arropiero (The Arrope Trader), Villegas confessed to 48 murders in Spain, France and Italy, during the 1960s and 70's. Found guilty of seven murders, including the killing of his girlfriend, Villegas was detained in a mental institution until his death in 1998.

• **Francisco Garcia Escalero**

A schizophrenic beggar, Escalero remains in a psychiatric hospital after being convicted of 11 murders carried out in the early 1990s. Also known as El Mendigo Asesino, The Killer Beggar, Escalero used his homelessness to lure people towards him late at night.

• **Enriqueta Martí**

A self-proclaimed witch who kidnapped, prostituted, murdered and made potions with the remains of small children in early 20th century in Barcelona, Martí was murdered in prison while awaiting her trial in 1913. In total 12 bodies were found in her home.

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Banco Popular needs a saviour

By John Smith

SADDLED with huge amounts of toxic debt, the Banco Popular needs to find a saviour according to the European Central Bank.

Economy Minister Luis de Guindos invited Spanish banks to submit expressions of interest in taking over Banco Popular but the response has been lukewarm with the most likely bidder being the troubled Bankia which is 66 per cent owned by the Spanish government.

€30 billion

is the value of toxic (bad) debt held by Banco Popular.

With a capitalisation of just €3 billion and 2016 losses amounting to €3.5 billion, Banco Popular does seem to be vulnerable, but according to the minister there will be no rush sale, although he recognises that absorption by another bank and rationalisation of debt

would be sensible.

The other Spanish commercial banks are in the process of building their businesses by increased investment to attract more customers or by the takeover of healthy overseas banking operations such as the recent TSB acqui-

sition.

The bank appears to be operating quite well under its new president Emilio Saracho from a purely operational point of view but the toxic debt it carries, if reversed and converted to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), would be placed just behind Bahrain at the bottom of the world's 100 most successful economies.

If it can dispose of its debt (and Spain already owns the Sareb toxic debt bank) then it would certainly be a viable proposition.

Government gets help from EU law

DUE to an EU directive, Spain is due to unexpectedly reclaim €1 billion from Spanish companies.

This is the amount of money that the Spanish government gave to assist Spanish business to purchase foreign companies and was known as the Trade Fund, but in a ruling by the European Court of Justice it was decided that such state support was against Community rules.

Now the Spanish Tax Authorities have indicated they will collect refunds from companies who received this support from corporate tax returns for 2017 to 2020.

Whilst the companies involved may not be happy it will be a useful bonus.

Quote of the Week

"There are signs of acceleration" in the economy in the first half of the year - including exports, investment and consumption" according to Spanish Economy Minister Luis de Guindos.



International Dockworkers' Council

ON STRIKE: Algeciras dockers.

Port law reforms to be approved

AFTER months of strikes, €21 million in EU fines and parliamentary defeat, the government will finally be able to push through reformed port laws.

This has been a major bone of contention amongst the various political parties, dockers' unions and the European Union which has demanded the ending of what is a closed shop in Spanish ports.

In the lead up to the first vote, many ports saw waves of strikes and with Ciudadanos abstaining

in the vote, the proposed law fell at the first fence.

Now following discussions between the government and various parties in parliament, following some amendments to the proposed bill, the second draft law has been passed.

This will come as a relief to the government which faced additional and increased fines but may see more strikes in the two largest ports of Algeciras and Barcelona which could damage the economy.

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Pension worries

WITH many Spaniards worrying about the lack of money to pay future pensions, it has been revealed that 1.1 million receive two public pensions. With the current workforce not contributing enough to cover pension expenditure, the government needs to consider options.

Mad law

ENVIRONMENTALIST Robert Kennedy Junior visiting Sevilla criticised Spain's lack of support for solar energy. He called it a 'mad law' in favour of the oil companies and stressed the need for the country to become a leader in clean energy.

Electric avenue

NISSAN Spain has asked the government to reduce tax on electric cars to increase sales and save €18 million of fuel costs. Nissan would increase advertising in order to encourage Spanish drivers to switch to electric if tariffs were lower.

Consumer price index up

SPAIN has seen an increase in the General Consumer Price Index for April to 2.6 per cent.

This is an annual review of the cost of a basket of items updated monthly and is considered a very important reflection of the health of a

country's economy which is important when calculating inflation rates.

Main contributors to this latest monthly increase are housing costs, fuel, electricity and leisure.

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InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,288.00	26.00	0.61	8,451.31
3i Group	826.50	-2.00	-0.24	8,098.63
Imperial Brands	3,645.00	-25.00	-0.68	34,935.42
Informa	620.75	-25.75	-3.98	5,306.59
Intu Properties	266.50	1.00	0.38	3,624.73
Intertek Group	4,113.50	-53.50	-1.28	6,681.57
ITV	195.25	-0.75	-0.38	7,728.79
Johnson Matthey	3,117.00	72.00	2.36	5,960.83
Kingfisher	350.75	-17.05	-4.64	8,220.78
Land Securities Group	1,044.50	-24.50	-2.29	8,634.99
Legal & General Group	246.00	-3.10	-1.24	14,941.53

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	72.15	0.37	0.52	50,936.66
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,381.00	-79.00	-2.28	12,018.29
Micro Focus International	2,337.50	-134.50	-5.44	5,525.53
Mediclinic International	882.25	5.75	0.66	6,421.39
Merlin Entertainments	491.75	-22.25	-4.33	5,246.66
Marks & Spencer Group	354.15	-30.75	-7.99	6,216.21
Mondi	1,988.50	8.50	0.43	9,604.25
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	254.65	12.15	5.01	5,654.50
National Grid	1,054.00	0.00	0.00	39,354.82
Next	4,400.00	-21.00	-0.48	6,402.84
Old Mutual Group	193.50	2.50	1.31	9,460.61
Provident Financial	3,148.50	40.50	1.30	4,562.00
Paddy Power Betfair	8,320.00	-60.00	-0.72	7,039.11
Prudential	1,730.00	-26.00	-1.48	45,209.90
Persimmon	2,417.50	-13.50	-0.56	7,473.95
Pearson	695.00	-3.00	-0.43	5,721.09
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,507.00	-113.00	-1.48	53,049.05
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	262.50	-0.40	-0.15	31,192.81
Royal Dutch Shell	2,117.50	-0.50	-0.02	94,391.12
RELX	1,530.00	-96.00	-5.90	17,367.57
Rio Tinto	3,147.50	-20.00	-0.63	42,903.38
Royal Mail	432.50	4.10	0.96	4,336.00
Rolls-Royce Group	840.00	-11.00	-1.29	15,650.34
Randgold Resources	7,367.50	57.50	0.79	6,837.36
RSA Insurance Group	605.00	-4.50	-0.74	6,233.37
Rentokil Initial	239.25	-18.25	-7.09	4,742.16
Sainsbury (J)	268.55	-5.75	-2.10	5,979.37
Schroders	3,098.50	-9.50	-0.31	7,063.20
Sage Group (The)	690.50	-6.00	-0.86	7,511.97
Shire	4,815.00	-37.00	-0.76	43,653.28
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,134.00	-13.00	-0.61	4,970.59
Sky	872.50	-133.50	-13.27	17,207.36
Standard Life	385.00	1.50	0.39	7,610.36
Smiths Group	1,641.00	57.00	3.60	6,441.90
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	384.00	-0.50	-0.13	5,193.96
Smith & Nephew	1,402.00	75.00	5.65	11,480.75
SSE	1,480.50	-28.50	-1.89	15,152.56
Standard Chartered	732.50	-3.50	-0.48	24,275.58
St James's Place	1,118.50	-50.50	-4.32	6,171.28
Severn Trent	2,443.50	5.50	0.23	5,661.83
Tesco	180.65	-1.85	-1.01	15,042.08
TUI AG	1,150.00	19.00	1.68	6,621.79
Taylor Wimpey	203.50	5.50	2.78	6,497.56
Unilever	4,101.50	-36.50	-0.88	52,615.42
United Utilities Group	975.00	-57.00	-5.52	6,921.17
Vodafone Group	220.50	0.20	0.09	58,608.51
Wolseley	4,860.00	-31.00	-0.63	12,229.11
Worldpay Group	309.50	-12.40	-3.85	6,326.00
WPP Group	1,710.00	-7.00	-0.41	21,715.31
Whitbread	4,040.00	-138.00	-3.30	7,577.03

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APPLE	153,060	+0.34%	0.520	797M
BOEING CO	180,760	+1.89%	3.360	109M
CATERPILLAR	102,430	+2.21%	2.210	60M
CHEVRON	106.52	+1.28%	1.35	201M
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,210	-0.54%	-0.170	156M
COCA-COLA	43.90	+0.23%	0.10	187M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	77,8200	+1.01%	0.7800	67M
EXXON MOBIL	81.93	+0.22%	0.18	347M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	28,0500	+2.07%	0.5700	243M
GOLDMAN SACHS	215.39	+0.11%	0.23	84M
HOME DEPOT	156,3000	+0.39%	0.6000	187M
IBM	151.98	+0.80%	1.20	142M
INTEL CORP	35,4000	+0.51%	0.1800	166M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	84,7800	+0.98%	0.8200	301M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	127,0000	+0.02%	0.0300	342M
MC DONALD'S CORP	148,1500	+0.78%	1.1400	120M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63.78	-0.17%	-0.11	174M
MICROSOFT	67,690	-0.03%	-0.020	522M
NIKE	51.77	+0.17%	0.09	68M
PFIZER	32,4600	+0.74%	0.2400	193M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	86,240	+0.43%	0.370	220M
TRAVELERS CIES	120.79	-0.07%	-0.09	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	121.16	+1.50%	1.79	97M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	172.59	+0.66%	1.14	166M
VERIZON COMMS	45.42	+0.84%	0.38	185M
VISA	92.48	+0.84%	0.77	170M
WAL-MART STORES	78,7700	+1.59%	1.2300	238M
WALT DISNEY CO	107,5200	+0.79%	0.8400	168M

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CLOSING PRICES MAY 22

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Sportsman's Warehouse Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.70	0.97 ▲ 20.51%
Vital Therapies, Inc.	\$ 3.125	0.525 ▲ 20.19%
Destination XL Group, Inc.	\$ 2.40	0.40 ▲ 20%
GlycoMimetics, Inc.	\$ 12.76	2.09 ▲ 19.59%
PennTex Midstream Partners, LP	\$ 19.88	3.23 ▲ 19.40%
Calithera Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 16.10	2.40 ▲ 17.52%
Autodesk, Inc.	\$ 109.91	14.08 ▲ 14.69%
AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.65	0.30 ▲ 12.77%
Lonestar Resources US Inc.	\$ 4.27	0.48 ▲ 12.66%
uniQure N.V.	\$ 5.71	0.55 ▲ 10.66%
21Vianet Group, Inc.	\$ 5.51	0.53 ▲ 10.64%
Most Declined		
VelocityShares Daily 2x VIX Short Term ETN	\$ 28.17	4.75 ▼ 14.43%
Highpower International Inc	\$ 4.45	0.50 ▼ 10.10%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 3.76	0.39 ▼ 9.40%
Coherus BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 22.30	2.20 ▼ 8.98%
Halozyne Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 12.91	1.25 ▼ 8.83%
Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 33.31	2.95 ▼ 8.14%
Educational Development Corporation	\$ 7.75	0.65 ▼ 7.74%
NantKwest, Inc.	\$ 3.46	0.29 ▼ 7.73%
MakeMyTrip Limited	\$ 34.65	2.90 ▼ 7.72%
Codexis, Inc.	\$ 4.35	0.35 ▼ 7.45%
Digirad Corporation	\$ 3.75	0.30 ▼ 7.41%

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Britons fear price rises reveals report

ALMOST one year on from the Brexit vote that saw British expat pensioners living in Spain getting less in euros from State pensions due to a fall in the value of Sterling, those that still live in the UK face predicted price rises.

While the outcome of Brexit may be uncertain, Mintel's flagship British Lifestyles report reveals that consumers are braced for an expensive future ahead and that could be increasing depending on the General Election results.

The report states that 83 per cent of Britons are currently concerned about seeing price rises on goods and services, with 59 per cent worried about the mounting cost of groceries, 35 per cent worried about the climbing cost of holidays and 26 per cent fearing that clothes prices will ascend.

The report also looks at what it refers to as the bigger picture and four out of five interviewed are worried about the prospects for the National Health Service (NHS) and since the report was issued, it was almost crippled by the WannaCry virus and has been at the centre of the General Election manifesto



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EXPENSIVE FUTURE: Worry over increase in grocery prices.

promises from all of the main political parties.

Many pensioners who live in Spain have decried the refusal to

pay them the winter fuel allowance, but there may be some comfort in the fact that the Conservatives have stated that if elected,

they will introduce means testing for this allowance which means potential savings of billions of pounds.

Spanish government hopes to be able to influence the eurozone

SPAIN wants to see an overhaul of the eurozone and has offered to lead the way.

The economy ministry has revealed that it has sent a proposal to the European Commission suggesting greater economic unification amongst the 19 members who have adopted the euro as their unit of currency.

“Spain is promoting itself as the one economy that has managed to drag itself out of financial difficulty.”

The government appears united on this proposal, supporting the concepts put forward by recently elected French President Emmanuel Macron and has stated that the euro has been vulnerable to economic influences which led to a painful increase in unemployment in countries such as Spain.

Mariano Rajoy and his ministers want to see a new banking union, introduction of euro bonds, an anti-crisis budget, and a common unemployment insurance scheme which would apply to all members of the eurozone.

The timing of this proposal is crucial as the EU will be shortly reviewing its policy concerning the



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MARIANO RAJOY: Wants to lead the reform of the eurozone.

euro which when implemented will be far reaching, certainly as far as 2025.

Spain believes that having worked its way out of the crisis it is ideally placed to lead the way forward.

In addition to the proposed changes, it is also recommended that the EU increases its ability to oversee the actions of members to ensure that they are

implementing sensible and workable policies in order to grow their economies.

Spain is promoting itself as the one economy in the zone that has managed to drag itself out of financial difficulty by the implementation of painful reform and is proud that it has recently become one of the most successful economies in the EU.

Spain offers to advise the EU on employment

AT a G20 meeting in Germany, Spanish employment secretary Fatima Báñez announced the creation of a specialist employment committee.

Consisting of a number of experts in the field of employment the committee will be charged with making recommendations for future employment options, especially in the digital field.

The minister made it clear as first suggested in a Madrid conference the Spanish government has two aims, firstly to see the increase of pan-European employment at the rate of 500,000 jobs a year and to create a talented employee bank ready for the future.

She believes it imperative to see stability of employment both for the peace of mind of workers but also to increase competitiveness suggesting that as one of the most successful economies in the eurozone Spain can lead with Germany.

“We are aware much remains to be done,” said the minister, who pointed out that Spain faces two essential challenges, cultivating and attracting talent.”

Bad Bank to float shares

BAD BANK Sareb is looking to float shares in a new estate agency which holds properties valued at €11 billion.

Although believed to be State owned, it actually has private investors accounting for 55 per cent of its equity and they are looking to receive a 15 per cent return on their money during the life of the Bank.

In addition to the huge property portfolio, mostly repossessed homes, Sareb has undertaken to fund the building of 3,716 apartments and houses ranging in price from €17,700 to €394,417 across 16 different regions including Andalucía, the Balearics and Valencia.

Although it admits it has lost €751 million since its creation in 2012, it appears confident that as the Spanish economy recovers, it will generate positive revenue through the disposal of more properties.



MAIN SUPPLIERS: Accused of hiding certain information in small print.

Choice of telecoms providers shrinks

By John Smith

AS Spanish telecoms companies look to expand, the latest takeover offer values Zegona's Telecab at €686 million.

According to Basque based company Euskaltel it is prepared to take over debt of €245 million, payment of tax at €15 million and pay the balance in cash and newly created shares.

Zegona only purchased Telecab for a reported €633 million as recently as 2015 and

“ In the past few years, five smaller companies have been taken over.

the share offer which includes a seat on the board of Euskaltel and a 15 per cent shareholding in that entity may well be enough for the offer to be accepted at the AGM in June.

During the past few years four major telecoms companies have between them taken

over five smaller companies, arguably reducing the choice users, although they still compete quite fiercely.

All of the main suppliers of internet connections have however been accused by a consumer group of misleading new customers by hiding certain information in small print or not even mentioning the fact that prices can increase or that with fibre lines no phone line is needed, even though they often insist on charging for one.

Bid to create world's largest toll road operator

AS forecast in our 1660 edition, Italy's Atlantia has bid €16.3 billion to take over Spain's Abertis to create the world's biggest toll road operator.

They had first tried to amalgamate in 2006, but this fell through due to government opposition at the time. However there is no indication that any decision will involve significant government participation and it will be down to Abertis and its shareholders to accept or reject the offer which would create a €36 billion company.

Atlantia are offering a combination of cash and shares in what has been described as a friendly approach whilst a spokesman for the Spanish company said

that although in discussion, the bid had not been requested and main shareholder Caixabank in particular will take its time to consider the offer.

A marriage of the two companies is very much to the advantage of Atlantia (owned by the Benetton fashion family) which has seen income from the Italian market slow down so access to the lucrative French, Spanish and Latin American markets would be attractive.

In turn, some of the concessions that Abertis operates in Spain are due to expire, so its shareholders may well consider this a good time to release a cash amount to invest elsewhere and still keep shares in the new company.

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ALTHOUGH a lifelong Conservative, I must confess I'm becoming extremely worried about Theresa May. Since calling a general election, she appears to be morphing into some sort of cross between Margaret Thatcher and Donald Trump.

As much as I want to accept her as a strong and able leader of the Conservative party, she appears to be making it more difficult by the day.

Whether her ego is getting the better of her, or she is simply not choosing her words as well as she could, I have no idea, but of late it appears there are two parties involved in her campaign; the Conservatives and Ms May. 'My manifesto.' 'My ideas for the future.' 'I this and 'I' that.

She's beginning to sound like a modern day chariot straddling Bo-



MAY/CORBYN: I can't predict the outcome of the televised debate.



Photo by Reuters Media Express

dacia, cleaving her way single handedly to a victorious personal triumph, with or without the support of her own cabinet.

Well I suggest she thinks again (of course she's listening Leapy!) No man or woman is an island. Unfortunately, many voters vote for their favourite politician. If the voters begin to turn against her personally, she could find the euphoria of her present popularity rating

plunging; with the wheels of her upturned chariot spinning like a pair of whirling dervishes as she finds herself relegated to the opposition of a nightmare coalition party that will bring the whole nation to its knees.

Unfortunately this copy has to be in before we see the May/Corbyn televised debate, so I can't predict the outcome, but one thing is to me painfully obvious, Theresa May is

beginning to lose the popularity competition. Corbyn with his, deliberate softly spoken, ban the bomb, rob the rich approach, is looking a more acceptable personality by the day. (Shame about Diane Abbott!)

The fact that he wants more immigration, a dismantling of our nuclear protection. More benefits to the scroungers, and refuses to condemn terrorist organisations, is

small potatoes compared with whether a whole deluge of somewhat politically dithering voters actually like him or not.

It's a sad fact that Theresa May needs to put on her 'kiss me quick' hat, don a more acceptable frock and be a far more amenable party guest if she doesn't want to be short of a seat in the modern day game of political musical chairs.

Are not the pathetic leaders of the European Union acting exactly as we knew they would? Their pouting, childlike attitude to the terms of the UK's departure, is precisely the reason we need to leave this bunch of spoiled brat, unelected wastes of space to their own pathetic devices. Good riddance to them all.

We'll survive. When you're all being over run, don't think UK members will lean over backward to liberate the whole bunch of you for a third time!

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Cava in Catalonia, or Port in Porto?

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Italy offers perky Prosecco (and Grappa...) in the unspoilt Dolomite peaks. Try



WINE TASTING: Create your own perfect blend with a wine tour holiday.

the tiny hamlet of Rolle and Cantina Vigne Matte, with six different prosecco, plus a spectacular vista. Or opt for a Chianti lesson at Siena's Tuscan Wine School, or the famous castle estate vineyards of Fonterutoli and perhaps the medieval town of San Gimignano to savour the Veraccia grapes. Alternatively, head to Piedmont's infamous

Barolo where the Fratelli Barale have operated since 1870.

If you prefer to engage in the age old battle of whether its Burgundy or Bordeaux, head for Chateaux D'Agasacc, or Domaine de la Romanée Conti, France. But note that many vineyards rarely allow visits and tastings without reservations. Check in advance

to avoid missing out on the elegant pinot noirs and characterful chardonnays.

Whether it's Cava in Catalonia or Port in Porto, experience the delights of local wineries whilst staying safe and remembering to buy Travel Insurance. It is not a lifestyle choice: it's a must. Like it or not, as we get older, we're less resilient when travelling away from home. Minor ailments that you usually shrug off may easily turn into health headaches when travelling. Decent travel insurance shields us from the holiday disasters that happen to 'someone else.' Insurance is a small price to pay for peace of mind - especially if that 'someone else' turns out to be you!

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12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera	7:30am	Going Back	8:30pm	Top of the Pops	8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	8:15am	Giving Back	9:00pm	Fossil	8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
2:00pm	BBC News at One	8:15am	A1: Britain's Longest Road	9:00pm	Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures	9:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:30pm	BBC London News	9:00am	Bake Off Crème de la Crème	9:55am	Professor Richard Fortey travels to some of the greatest fossil sites on earth to discover more about the distant past.	9:55am	Formula 1	1:10pm	5 News
2:45pm	Doctors	10:00am	Victoria	11:35am	Monaco Grand Prix Practice 1 Live	10:00am	Monaco Grand Prix Practice 1 Live	1:15pm	Lunchtime
3:15pm	!Mpossible	12:00pm	Derbyshire	12:30pm	A Place in the Sun	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	1:15pm	Police Interceptors
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	1:05pm	Channel 4 News	1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	2:15pm	Home and Away
4:45pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017	2:00pm	Two Tribes	1:55pm	Formula 1	1:55pm	Formula 1	2:45pm	Neighbours
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	2:30pm	Channel Patrol	4:00pm	Documentary about Rohani, an 80-year-old hunter who dives like a fish on a single breath, descending to great depths for several minutes.	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	3:15pm	NCIS
6:15pm	Pointless	3:15pm	Red Rock	4:45pm	The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	4:15pm	Guilty at 17
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	4:00pm	Rosamunde Pilcher's Coming Home	5:15pm	Caribbean with Simon Reeve	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	6:00pm	5 News at 5
7:30pm	BBC London News	4:45pm	Rosamunde Pilcher's Coming Home	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	7:00pm	The Simpsons	6:30pm	Neighbours
8:00pm	The Andrew Neil Interviews	7:00pm	Debatable	7:00pm	Debatable	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:00pm	Home and Away
8:30pm	EastEnders	7:45pm	Celebrity Eggheads	7:45pm	Celebrity Eggheads	8:00pm	Planet Ant: Life Inside the Colony	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
9:00pm	Kat and Alfie: Redwater	8:30pm	Great British Menu	8:30pm	Great British Menu	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast	7:55pm	Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the Labour Party
10:00pm	The Truth About HIV	9:00pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017	10:45pm	Natural World Wildlife documentary.	9:00pm	The Supernet	8:00pm	Secrets of Great British Castles
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	10:00pm	Paula	11:35pm	Planet Ant: Life Inside the Colony	9:00pm	The Trial	9:00pm	Caught in the Act
11:30pm	BBC London News	11:00pm	Mock the Week	1:05am	Top of the Pops	11:00pm	How to Get a Council House	10:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
11:45pm	Question Time	11:30pm	Newsnight	1:40am	Sound of Cinema: The Music that Made the Movies	12:05am	First Dates	11:00pm	Oscar Pistorius
12:45am	This Week	12:15am	Horizon					12:05am	Murder of Rhys Jones: What Happened Next

2:00pm	BBC News at One	7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets	8:00pm	World News Today	7:20am	3rd Rock from the Sun	10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
2:30pm	BBC London News	7:30am	Going Back	8:30pm	The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.	7:45am	Will and Grace	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
2:45pm	Doctors	8:15am	Giving Back	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
3:15pm	!Mpossible	8:15am	A1: Britain's Longest Road	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm	5 News
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	9:00am	The World According to Kids	9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	1:15pm	Lunchtime
4:45pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	10:05am	Fraser	10:05am	Fraser	1:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell	11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell	2:15pm	Home and Away
6:15pm	Pointless	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	12:00pm	A Place in the Sun	12:00pm	A Place in the Sun	2:45pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	2:00pm	Two Tribes	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	3:15pm	NCIS
7:30pm	BBC London News	2:30pm	Family Finders	1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	4:15pm	Fatal Defense
8:00pm	The Andrew Neil Interviews	3:15pm	Red Rock	2:05pm	Posh	2:05pm	Posh	6:00pm	5 News at 5
8:30pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017	4:00pm	The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	3:10pm	Pawnbrokers Countdown	3:10pm	Pawnbrokers Countdown	6:30pm	Neighbours
9:00pm	EastEnders	4:45pm	Rosamunde Pilcher's Coming Home	4:00pm	Fifteen to One	4:00pm	Fifteen to One	7:00pm	Home and Away
9:30pm	Count Arthur Strong	5:15pm	Caribbean with Simon Reeve	5:00pm	Coast v Country	5:00pm	Coast v Country	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:55pm	Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of Plaid Cymru
10:30pm	Hospital People	7:00pm	Athletics	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	8:00pm	The Gadget Show
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	8:30pm	Great British Menu	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace
11:25pm	BBC London News	9:00pm	RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017	8:00pm	Channel 4 News Broadcast	8:00pm	Channel 4 News Broadcast	10:00pm	The Queen Mary: Our Royals at Sea Live
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show	10:00pm	Versailles	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast	11:00pm	Championship Boxing
12:25am	She's Out of My League	11:00pm	QI	9:00pm	Posh Pawn	9:00pm	Posh Pawn	1:00am	Super Casino
		11:30pm	Newsnight	10:00pm	Gogglebox	10:00pm	Gogglebox		
		12:15am	Later... with Jools Holland	11:00pm	The Last Leg	11:00pm	The Last Leg		
				12:05am	Britain Today	12:05am	Britain Today		

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9:30am	Lorraine	7:35am	Below Deck	7:00am	In Loving Memory	7:00am	Sporting Funnies	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:25am	Heartbeat	7:10am	Ax Men	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am	This Morning	9:00am	Emmerdale	8:25am	Where the Heart is	7:55am	Cash Cowboys	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
1:30pm	Loose Women	9:30am	Coronation Street	9:25am	Wild at Heart	8:45am	The Saint	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	10:00am	You've Been Framed!	10:30am	Judge Judy	9:50am	Ironsides	10:00am	PL World: End of Season Special
2:55pm	ITV News London	10:35am	Scorpion	11:00am	Judge Judy	10:50am	Minder	11:00am	Live European Tour Golf
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	11:25am	Below Deck	11:30am	Judge Judy	11:55am	Ax Men	11:00am	Day one of the BMW PGA Championship from Wentworth.
4:00pm	Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh	12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?	11:55am	Road to Avonlea	12:50pm	Cycling	7:00pm	PL World: End of Season Special
5:00pm	Tipping Point	1:25pm	Emmerdale	12:00pm	Felix takes Alec's rifle without permission and with unfortunate consequences.	1:50pm	Counting Cars	8:00pm	Live Super League
6:00pm	Babushka	1:55pm	Coronation Street	1:00pm	The Return of Sherlock Holmes	2:20pm	Counting Cars	8:00pm	Super League Round 15 - St Helens v Wigan Warriors.
7:00pm	ITV News London	2:30pm	You've Been Framed!	2:05pm	Heartbeat	2:50pm	The Saint	11:30pm	School of Hard Knocks
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	3:10pm	The Royal Wild at Heart	3:50pm	Ironsides	12:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
8:00pm	Emmerdale	3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:10pm	On the Buses	4:55pm	Minder	1:00am	Super League Highlights
8:30pm	Tonight: The Leader Interviews	4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:15pm	On the Buses	6:00pm	The Sweeney	1:15am	Super League Gold
9:00pm	Emmerdale	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	6:20pm	In Loving Memory	7:00pm	Cash Cowboys	1:30am	Super League Gold
9:30pm	Joanna Lumley's Postcards	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	6:55pm	Heartbeat	8:00pm	World Series of Darts		
10:00pm	Car Crash	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	8:00pm	The fifth Dubai Masters concludes with the semi-finals and final.		
11:00pm	Britain Caught on Camera	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	11:30pm	From Dusk Till Dawn: The Series		
11:40pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	11:00pm	Law and Order: UK	12:30am	From Dusk Till Dawn: The Series		
11:50pm	On Assignment	10:00pm	Mom	12:00am	Wire in the Blood	1:45am	Fishing Impossible		
12:25am	Tipping Point	10:30pm	Mom	2:05am	The Knock	2:45am	Quincy, M.E.		
		11:00pm	Celebrity Juice	3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen				
		12:00am	Family Guy	3:30am	Teleshopping				

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6:00pm	Babushka	1:25pm	Emmerdale	1:20pm	The Car Chasers	1:50pm	The Sweeney	10:30am	Premier League Legends
7:00pm	ITV News London	1:55pm	Emmerdale	1:50pm	The Sweeney	2:50pm	The Saint	11:00am	Live European Tour Golf
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party	2:30pm	You've Been Framed!	3:55pm	Ironsides	3:55pm	Ironsides	7:00pm	The Fantasy Football Club
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:55pm	Minder	4:55pm	Minder	8:00pm	Super League Gold
8:00pm	Emmerdale	3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	6:00pm	The Sweeney	6:00pm	The Sweeney	8:15pm	Super League Gold
8:30pm	Coronation Street	4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:00pm	Cash Cowboys	7:00pm	Cash Cowboys	8:30pm	Live Super League
9:00pm	River Monsters	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	11:30pm	The Fantasy Football Club
9:30pm	Coronation Street	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	9:00pm	Road Racing Series	12:30am	Football's Greatest
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	9:00pm	Road Racing Series	9:00pm	Road Racing Series	1:00am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	10:00pm	Caught on Camera	10:00pm	Caught on Camera	1:30am	Premier League 100 Club
11:40pm	ITV News London	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	11:00pm	Cycling	11:00pm	Cycling	2:00am	Super League Highlights
11:50pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	10:00pm	Mom	12:00am	Driven to Kill	12:00am	Driven to Kill	2:15am	Super League Gold
12:20am	Benidorm	10:30pm	Mom	1:00am	FYI Daily	1:00am	FYI Daily	2:30am	Football's Greatest
		11:00pm	Celebrity Juice	1:05am	Driven to Kill	1:05am	Driven to Kill	3:00am	The Premier League Years
		12:00am	Family Guy	2:05am	Better Late Than Never	2:05am	Better Late Than Never		
				2:55am	River Monsters	2:55am	River Monsters		
				3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen	3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen		
				4:00am	Teleshopping	4:00am	Teleshopping		

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What will the UK General Election mean for the Pound?

THERESA MAY took everyone by surprise when she announced a UK General Election for June 8. The currency markets responded positively to the news and the Pound strengthened against the Euro following the news. However, the currency remains vulnerable to both political and economic developments.

Why did the Pound rise?

Surprise announcements such as this would usually be expected to weaken a currency, but the Pound strengthened by around 1 per cent following the announcement. This may be due to expectations that the General Election could result in a larger majority for the Conservatives.

Theresa May currently has a majority of 17 but opinion polls suggest she has the potential to increase this, which some claim could strengthen

her hand in Brexit negotiations.

Holding the election now might also strengthen May's position in the final phases of Brexit negotiations. Previously, the General Election was due to be held in 2020, shortly after the scheduled conclusion of talks. This meant there was the potential for EU leaders to use an impending election to put pressure on May. Bringing the election forward could avoid this.

What is likely to happen next?

Based on the reaction to the General Election announcement and the local election results, it is possible that an increased Conservative majority could give a boost to the Pound. However, the decision to hold an election is not without risk. If opinion polls suggest a narrowing of the Conservative lead, or if Theresa

May does not achieve the majority she is hoping for, this could weaken the Pound against the Euro and other major currencies.

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Elections also have a tendency to cause uncertainty in the markets. This could cause some short term fluctuations in the currency markets in the run up to the election, potentially weakening or strengthening the Pound.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Urgent meeting to address drink and drug offenders

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



CYCLE ROUTES:
An urgent review.

AFTER a third cyclist died as a result of injuries sustained when a driver under the influence of drink and drugs ploughed into a group of cyclists, the Director General of the DGT has announced an urgent review to further increase measures made available to prevent such incidents.

Gregorio Serrano said they need to clamp down on habitual drink and drugged drivers following the accident in Xabia, Alicante Province, which injured several cyclists, after it was revealed that the woman driving the car had previously lost her licence four years ago for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. It was also found that the driver had also failed to take the mandatory course required to revalidate the licence.

Serrano has called for an urgent meeting with the Road Safety Committee which will

address 'the growing problem of fatal accidents of cyclists' and will detail the measures the DGT would like to implement.

Serrano has said that reforming the Penal Code is not within the competence of the DGT but they can ensure that the tools to act against offenders are made available.

Serrano added: "The number of cyclists that die every weekend on our roads is unbearable and we are not prepared for anyone to be in fear of not returning home alive." The Strategic Plan for Bicycles has already begun to be drawn up and a working group has been convened to prepare it. The Director General of the DGT said investment in cycle routes and their expansion and maintenance must continue, but ultimately there is an individual responsibility of all road users to ensure their compliance with the rules and laws of the roads.

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Can she reclaim plus valia tax?

Q. I have recently sold a small apartment. Despite selling at a considerable loss, the Mijas Town Hall informs me that I must pay €1,700 'plus valia' tax. I believe that the Supreme Court in Madrid recently ruled the 'plus valia' illegal when there has been a clear loss of value.

I am advised that it is not worth the trouble to oppose the town hall as I would have to pay all legal fees up front and the process could take several years. Is it possible to take a group action against Mijas Town Hall if I could involve some other vendors?

M W (Costa Del Sol)

A. Yes, the Spanish Supreme Court first ruled the plus valia tax unconstitutional in the Basque Country and now has ruled against it for all of Spain. This is the good news. The bad news is that

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain



the law itself is still in place. This means you must pay the tax and then

reclaim it from the town hall. You can start this rectification process without a lawyer. And, no, the class action suit has no advantage because each tax case must be handled separately.

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

Anyway, only time will tell

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I'M going to start today with my least favourite TV reality show host/POTUS - Donny Trump. I just came back from a week's holiday, which happened to be a cruise, and on the ship there were lots of Americans.

I didn't speak to them all, but the ones I did chat with, after the pleasantries, got asked the question, "What do you think about your new President?" And not one of them had anything positive to say about him. In fact their views were quite the opposite and they are all terrified. Now these folks were of all ages and from varied parts of the USA, so it begs the question who did vote for Trump?

Obviously a lot of people did because he is POTUS, but this week he has said one of the dumbest things so far. He thinks that he has been treated worse than any President before him. Err; let's consider that for a moment.

I can think of two others that have had worst treatment - Abe Lincoln and JFK. I mean JFK had his brains blown out and he was a very popular man. What is interesting is watching Fox News, as opposed to all other US news channels, as they are so biased to-

wards him and then there is CNN which is so anti. It is also amusing how the defenders of Trump come up with absolute tosh in his defence. His White House press guy Spicer is just permanently treading water. Anyway time will tell.

For the second time in a few weeks there has been a scream up about a TV advert. The one in question is for McDonald's. It tried to deal with childhood bereavement and they decided, in their infinite wisdom that by telling the kid that his dad loved fillet o' fish as well was somehow going to cheer him up. Who on earth thought up this idea? Even worse, who passed it? How did it ever get to be screened?

Why would any major company want to exploit child bereavement by trivialising it to this level of a fillet o' fish? I'm not saying it's offensive or disgusting, I'm just saying it's bad taste and not a clever marketing decision. Or is it?

It might be just the cynical me thinking that this could be a case that some of these companies now think if they can get people talking about their product in every paper and on every news station, for whatever reason, they could be reaching millions more people.

Some of the articles I have read on this ask what's wrong with it and others, like me, think it's a bad way to advertise. What do you think? Email me mikesenker@gmail.com.



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MONDAY - 29 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:15pm BBC News	12:00pm Secretariat	8:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	4:00pm Fifteen to One	7:00am Milkshake!
7:45pm Regional News	2:00pm Athletics	9:00pm The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal	5:00pm Coast v Country	10:15am The Wright Stuff
7:55pm Weather	3:00pm Golf	10:00pm The Riviera: A History in Pictures	6:00pm Four in a Bed	12:15pm Make You Laugh
8:00pm The One Show	5:00pm Elephant Diaries	11:00pm Kirsty Young: 75 Years of Desert	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	12:40pm Home and Away
8:30pm Rhs Chelsea Flower Show	5:30pm Natural World	11:05pm Arena	7:00pm The Simpsons	1:10pm Neighbours
9:00pm EastEnders	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	11:50pm Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture	7:30pm Hollyoaks	1:40pm 5 News
9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	7:00pm Debatable	12:50pm Francesco's Italy	8:00pm Channel 4 News	1:45pm The Cowboys
10:00pm Doctor in the House	7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads	1:50am Mothers, Murderers and Mistresses: Empresses of Ancient Rome	8:30pm Food Unwrapped	4:10pm The Searchers
11:00pm BBC News	8:30pm Great British Menu	1:50am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	9:00pm The Fake News Show	6:30pm 5 News
11:30pm Regional News	9:00pm Springwatch		9:30pm The Battle for Number 10	7:00pm Neighbours
11:40pm Weather	10:00pm The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway		11:00pm Loaded	7:30pm Home and Away
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More News for You	11:00pm Detectorists		11:45pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	8:00pm Cricket on 5
12:30am The Graham Norton Show	11:30pm Song for Marion		12:45am The Great British Skinny Dip	9:00pm The Kennedy Killing: The CIA Conspiracy
	1:05am Easy Money III: Life Deluxe		1:45am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	10:00pm The Kennedys
	3:05am Countryfile			12:15am Football on 5
				1:15am The Play-Offs: Revolver

TUESDAY - 30 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:45pm Yes Chef	2:45pm Coast	8:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	2:10pm Access
5:30pm Put Your Money	3:15pm Red Rock	9:00pm The First Georgians: The German Kings who Made Britain	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	2:15pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	10:00pm The Secret History of My Family	3:10pm Countdown	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	4:45pm Elephant Diaries	11:00pm Cosmonauts: How Russia Won the Space Race	4:00pm Fifteen to One	3:15pm NCIS
7:30pm Regional News	5:15pm Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve	12:30am Storm Troupers: The Fight to Forecast the Weather	5:00pm Coast v Country	4:15pm Death AI Dente: A Gourmet Detective Mystery
8:00pm The One Show	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	1:30am Deep, Down and Dirty: The Science of Soil	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News
8:30pm EastEnders	7:00pm Debatable	11:00pm First Dates	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours
9:00pm Holby City	7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads	12:05am Gogglebox	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away
10:00pm Broken	8:30pm Great British Menu		7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News
11:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Springwatch		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast
11:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Suspect		8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	8:00pm Police Interceptors
11:40pm Weather	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland		9:00pm Grand Designs	9:00pm Diana: 7 Days That Shook Windsor
11:45pm Election 2017	11:30pm Newsnight		10:00pm Grayson Perry: What Britain Wants	11:00pm Inside Kensington Palace
12:30am Doctor in the House	12:30am Weather		11:00pm First Dates	12:00am Diana
1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead			12:05am Gogglebox	

WEDNESDAY - 31 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
12:00pm Rip Off Britain	7:30am Rip Off Britain	8:00pm 100 Days + Great British Railway Journeys	7:45am Will and Grace	7:00am Milkshake!
12:45pm Close Calls: On Camera	8:15am Yes Chef	8:30pm Bridging the Gap	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00am Gardeners' World	9:00pm Koko: The Gorilla Who Talks to People	9:35am Frasier	12:15pm The Hotel Inspector
2:00pm BBC News	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	10:00pm Documentary telling the extraordinary story of the only 'talking' gorilla in the world.	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:10pm 5 News
2:30pm Regional News	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	11:00pm The Girl Who Talked to Dolphins	12:00pm A Place in the Sun	1:15pm The Gadget Show
2:45pm Doctors	1:00pm The Daily Politics	12:00am Storyville	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:10pm Access
3:15pm !Mpossible	2:00pm Two Tribes	12:25am Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	2:15pm Home and Away
4:00pm Escape to the Country	2:30pm Family Finders	2:25am The Mystery of Murder: A Horizon Guide	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	2:45pm Neighbours
4:45pm Yes Chef	3:15pm Red Rock	3:25am Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture	3:10pm Countdown	3:15pm 5 News
5:30pm Put Your Money	4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British		4:00pm Fifteen to One	6:00pm Neighbours
6:15pm Mouth Is Pointless	4:45pm Elephant Diaries		5:00pm Coast v Country	7:00pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News	5:15pm Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve		6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:30pm 5 News
7:30pm Regional News	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip		6:30pm Come Dine with Me	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast
8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Debatable		7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm Police Interceptors
8:30pm The BBC Election Debate	7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads		7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm The Great Fire
10:00pm The Met: Policing London	8:30pm Great British Menu		8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Springwatch		8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	11:00pm The Butcher Surgeon: What Really Happened?
11:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Springwatch		9:00pm Location, Location, Location	12:05am Nightmare
11:40pm Weather	10:00pm Bake Off Crème de la Crème		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	1:05am Caught in the Act
11:45pm A Question of Sport	11:00pm White Gold		11:00pm Fargo	2:00am Super Casino
12:15am The Truth About HIV	11:30pm Newsnight		12:20am 999: What's Your Emergency?	
	12:10am Weather			

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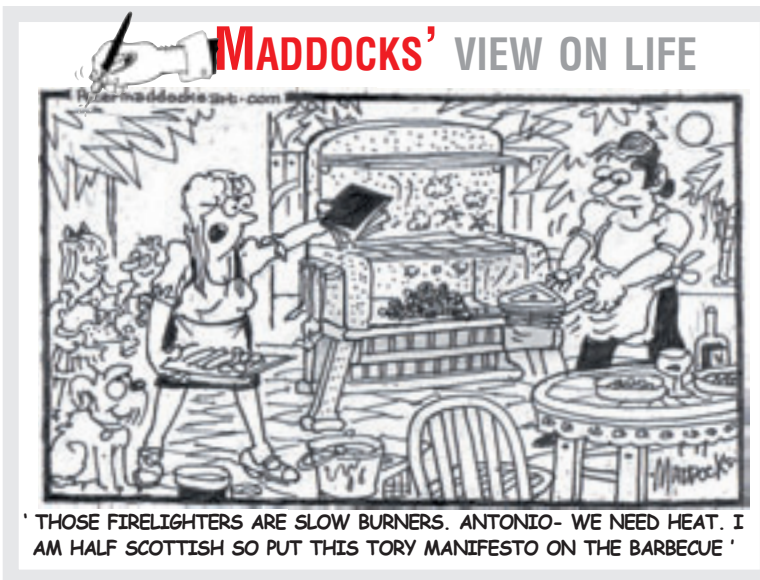
Kakuro

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

	3	29		30	10
6			11		
23			24		
	22				
16					10
24					
7			8		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

	12	24	28	20	16
8	7	4	6	2	
4	5	2	7	6	
	6	8	5	3	
5	2	6	9		
9	1	3	2	7	
2	3	7	4	9	



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

L	A	T
E	W	E
R	I	N

TARGET:

- Average: 10 • Good: 14
- Very good: 20 • Excellent: 26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday May 20

7	8	13	BONUS BALL
29	43	53	16

IRISH LOTTO



Saturday May 20

11	17	29	BONUS BALL
30	38	42	16

EURO MILLIONS



Tuesday May 16

8	11	15	BONUS BALL
20	30		8

Friday May 19

9	11	12	BONUS BALL
19	30		9

LA PRIMITIVA



Saturday May 20

10	24	25	BONUS BALL
31	32	36	9

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA



Sunday May 21

9	33	34	BONUS BALL
42	47		1

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

CANCER ♋

(June 22 - July 23)

Something that you had set your heart on, although still coming, is terribly slow. This is not a time to be a pessimist. Please don't, however, allow your tendency to put all your eggs in one basket trip you up. It is not necessary to go about things the way that you normally do.

LEO ♌

(July 24 - August 23)

You are moving on in an important area but do not burn bridges before you have others to cross. You will know why I mention this later in the week. You are able to influence others far more than you realise, but with your wish to keep things on an even keel you may be giving away too much. You need to keep a balance.

VIRGO ♍

(August 24 - September 23)

Is there a chance that you are burying your head in the sand? It is likely that something happening right in front of you is being overlooked or ignored. You are able to deal with this more easily than you think. Just take one step at a time and stick to your plan. Simply telling someone what to do instead of asking them to do it can work wonders.

LIBRA ♎

(September 24 - October 23)

This is not a time to take anyone for granted. At this time of the year people tend to look at their situation and ask if they are getting enough out of it. Neglecting someone now could store up a lot of problems for the future. Avoid doing anything that could lead to you being blamed later.

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

This is your week to sparkle and show how clever you are. Why be modest? Let others know what you are capable of; your talents will come out sooner or later. Don't be embarrassed when paid a compliment, for it is richly deserved. You have put on a jolly good show of late and it is now time to listen to the applause.

SCORPIO ♏

(October 24 - November 22)

Now is your chance to go straight for what you want. The shock of having this opportunity could cause you to hesitate. Do bear in mind, though, that he who hesitates is often lost. The temptation to keep something for yourself is not selfish but sensible.

SAGITTARIUS ♐

(November 23 - December 21)

A big change means big chances, so don't let small things get you down. In the past six months you have come a long way. You are not back where you started. You are being given the chance to start again, but this time you have far more experience.

CAPRICORN ♑

(December 22 - January 20)

Challenges that do not please you are inevitable. That does not mean that your attitude towards them could not change. Indeed, unless you want to continue to be upset, it must. Luckily, you have mostly had your own way recently.

AQUARIUS ♒

(January 21 - February 19)

You have a chance to give someone great delight, so why not go ahead? Your insecure side tells you that it is too good to be true and there must be a catch.

Why should there be? This is a situation that you may relax into as only you know how.

PISCES ♓

(February 20 - March 20)

Don't look for spooks in the closet when there are none. Not only does it look silly but it wastes good time. Basing your actions on past disappointments can only lead to more of the same. Show confidence in others and they will show it in you. Sometimes, your patience wears thin but it is in your best interests to remain calm.

ARIES ♈

(March 21 - April 20)

Is someone that you are closely involved with trying to drive a hard bargain? Are you surprised at the amount of time and energy that they are throwing at it? It could be that they are more passionate about it than you realised.

TAURUS ♉

(April 21 - May 21)

You have been learning about certain people very fast. Do you feel as though you are in the middle of a soap opera? With the summer sun now high, it is possible that passions will fire up. Everything seems to revolve round one person and it is upsetting everything else.

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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Crossword

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Enjoy filling in the following puzzles and check the answers in next week's edition

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

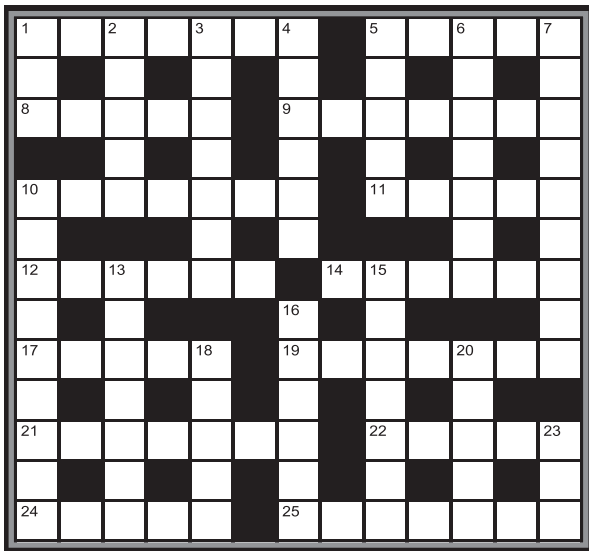
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Fellow approaching US place is a worry-guts (7)
- 5 Where boats may be seen made of tin and aluminium (5)
- 8 Wild Australian animal makes rumpus disappear (5)
- 9 Silver discovered in stylish old US city (7)
- 10 Pass four middlemen looking really laid-back (7)
- 11 Found Hydra making an emotional performance (5)
- 12 She's as strange as parts of a window (6)
- 14 In Fermanagh a staff nurse is appalled (6)
- 17 Congratulate prior to key new start (5)
- 19 Custodian organises car tour (7)
- 21 Two requirements for tennis or another sport (7)
- 22 Flashlight reveals newt or chameleon (5)
- 24 Look at manuscript, it appears (5)
- 25 Remainder of new rise now owing (7)

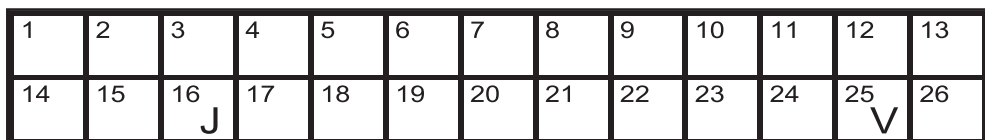
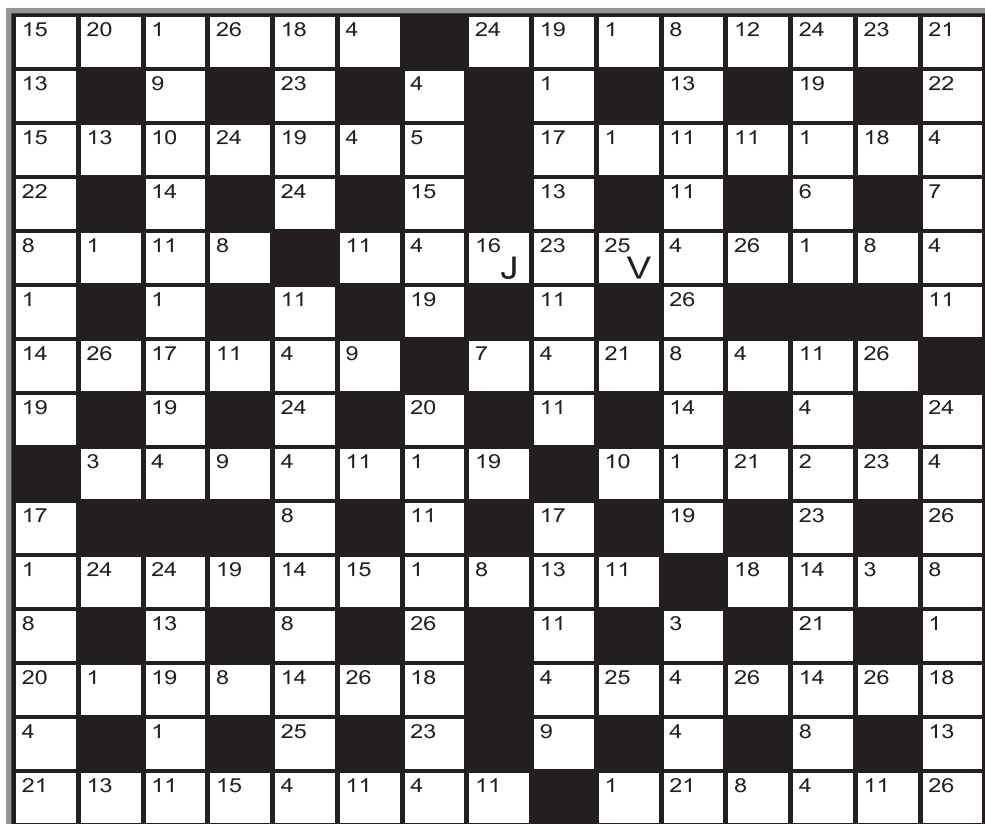
Down

- 1 Passing fancy that is in today and cast off a day later (3)
- 2 Dan is split between the ship and the beach (5)
- 3 Write about a side view (7)
- 4 Watch your heart (6)
- 5 Shed a few tears while cider brewed (5)
- 6 Hard core again rises and falls (7)
- 7 Keep an eye on a new teak floor (4,5)
- 10 Stops open for a change, then schedules for a later date (9)

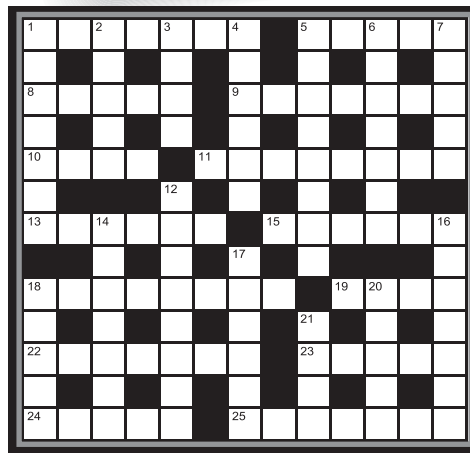


- 13 Milo O'Shea, the Irish actor, reveals cover (7)
- 15 Butcher gets Ray wheels (7)
- 16 Don't start joking, it's purely visual (6)
- 18 Approaches broken snare (5)
- 20 Bored Tim almost a communist (5)
- 23 Colour seen in Mogadishu evening sky (3)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 16 represents J and 25 represents V, so fill in J every time the figure 16 appears and V every time the figure 25 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

- 1 Disordered (7)
- 5 Velocity (5)
- 8 School year divisions (5)
- 9 Open and genuine (7)
- 10 Lacking interest or excitement (4)
- 11 Free-standing post with hooks for hanging headgear on (8)
- 13 Portable computer (6)
- 15 Sex (6)
- 18 Knitted woollen jacket with buttons up the front (8)
- 19 Small pieces (4)
- 22 One more, in addition to a former (7)
- 23 At or in the front (5)
- 24 With the subtraction of (5)
- 25 Excess (7)

Down

- 1 Fortress in or near a city (7)
- 2 Fourth month (5)
- 3 Any piece of work that is undertaken or attempted (4)
- 4 Relaxed and unconcerned (6)
- 5 Suggestive of threatened evil (8)
- 6 Green gemstone (7)
- 7 Abject fear (5)
- 12 Makes a surface shiny (8)
- 14 Make off with belongings of others (7)
- 16 Lives (7)
- 17 Large marine mammal with tusks (6)
- 18 Maintain (5)
- 20 Perfect (5)
- 21 Just (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Cantata, 5 Calms, 8 Motet, 9 Burma, 10 Dispute, 11/19 Dog tag, 12 Valet, 14 Charm, 20 Bobcats, 22 Blade, 23 Drive, 24 Chafe, 25 Torrent.

Down:

- 1 Campus, 2 Noted, 3 Artiste, 4 Arbour, 5 Curse, 6 Leander, 7 Stingy, 13 Algebra, 15 Hoarder, 16 Static, 17 Object, 18 Patent, 20 Blake, 21 Spire.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Serious, 5 Scrap, 8 Links, 9 Rules, 10 Stunned, 11 Owe, 12 Order, 14 Screw, 19 Add, 20 Generic, 22 Close, 23 Inane, 24 Silly, 25 Success.

Down:

- 1 Salary, 2 Rants, 3 Obscure, 4 Strong, 5 Solid, 6 Restore, 7 Pamper, 13 Radical, 15 Cardiac, 16 Famous, 17 Unless, 18 Excess, 20 Glory, 21 Crave.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

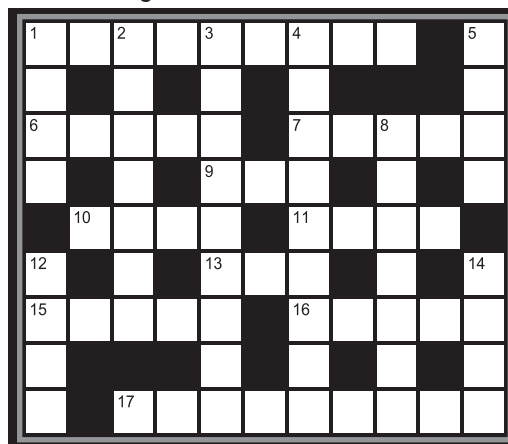
- 1 Bastar, 4 Seco, 8 Uncertain, 9 Veintidós, 11 Ama de casa, 12 Misa, 13 Escoba.

Down:

- 1 Beer, 2 Saucepans, 3 Ascender, 5 Enamorado, 6 Own, 7 Arrivals, 10 Piña, 11 Arm.

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Courgette (9)
- 6 Bordes (de asientos, andenes, pañuelos) (5)
- 7 Fly (insect) (5)
- 9 There (near you) (3)
- 10 Cangrejo (4)
- 11 Arena (tierra) (4)
- 13 Uso (utilización) (3)
- 15 Roncar (cuando se duerme) (5)
- 16 Wheat (5)

17 Traducir (9)

Down

- 1 To fall (4)
- 2 Lizard (large) (7)
- 3 Great grandmother (9)
- 4 T-shirts (9)
- 5 Plomo (4)
- 8 Smile (7)
- 12 Bears (animals) (4)
- 14 Hueso (4)

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Looking for clarification

SIR,

I wonder if there could be some clarification regarding the piece on 'Time for the Spanish tax returns' of the 18-24 May edition. Having been tax residents for some years now and having had to pay income tax every year on our only income of our state pensions, we took your page to our accountant on Friday evening when completing this year's return, and asked why we always pay tax.

He informed us that the €22,000 quoted is for Spanish residents only who earn from a maximum of two jobs. All foreigners are only allowed to earn €11,200 before they have to pay tax.

Were we still in the UK neither of

us would pay tax as our old age pensions do not equate to the level for payment of income tax.

Several of our neighbours here in the Murcia region either don't bother or are also paying tax.

Could your Finance writer please rewrite the section with the correct details, unless it is relevant to the Valencia Region and not Murcia, in which case could that also be put in writing to save further querying of our accountants.

Yours faithfully and a regular reader,

*Richard Prowse
Cartagena*

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your enquiry. As we

said in the piece, Spanish taxation is particularly complicated and this was just a brief indication of what was required. Everything that we have seen suggests that those treated as Spanish residents only need to complete a tax form if they earn above €22,000 and that the €11,200 refers to Spanish residents who have two jobs.

If you own a property then there is also a need to complete a tax return.

You obviously followed the advice received from your local accountant but in the meantime and in time for next week's publication, we will make further investigations into the situation.

Regards,

John Smith

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Dear Loopy Lee,

Whilst I understand you are attempting to garner attention through Katie Hopkins-esque means, I'm afraid your mantra of 'Leapy Lee says it others think it' only reveals the flaw in the claims you make in your latest article, 'They honestly haven't got a clue.'

You see, I am the girl on the left in the photo used to accompany your article, captioned 'YOUNG ADULTS: They simply haven't been around long enough' and I'm writing (age 17) to say that you haven't been around young people long enough if you hold such generalised and ignorant views.

By the time one reaches the age of 16 in the UK, one will have received a secondary education with a curriculum shaped by our very own government. If this education is insufficient in helping them form informed views and gain understanding of our nation's history then that is a failing of education, not young people. Furthermore, should this problem exist, it isn't magically resolved by age 21, the voting age you suggest.

It is important everyone who can

Not in our name



IN PROTEST: At a referendum run on lies.

make an informed decision is given access to the democracy which guides our country. If young people are, as you point out, able to choose to die for their country, then it is simply insulting to deem them 'too inexperienced' to make a choice.

Our lives are impacted greatly by the government in power. Our education is determined by them. How much it costs for us to attend university is determined by them. Our healthcare faces cuts or funding depending on who is elected.

Our freedom to live and work where we want in exchange for membership fees is determined by referenda they hold. With so much at stake, it is clear that young peo-

ple would have every incentive to make an informed vote that best met our interests.

You attempt to silence the voice of young people to advance your conservative agenda because we are naive and will feel that the 'left are the answer,' but my agenda is less partisan. I simply believe that it is important that we have a true and fair democracy.

That is why myself and my friends took to the streets: to protest a referendum that was run on lies (£350 million to the NHS, anyone?) and was, as another of our signs said: 'Not In Our Name.'

Yours truly,

A Disenfranchised Youth

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» Dog park Mijas

I think this is an absolutely fabulous idea. There has never been many areas where dogs can run free without being worried about traffic and to have a proper play area with fun equipment is fantastic.

Jenny Holmes

» Malaga Airport changes

In what commercial airport, anywhere in the world, is it possible to meet and greet a passenger and get them out of the airport in less than 15 minutes? This is just another stealth tax on the ordinary people.

It often takes me over an hour to locate my visitors and get them gathered up before I can leave the airport.

If you try parking outside the airport and wait for a phone-call from your visitors then drive up to the airport to whisk them off, you'll find it impossible to find a waiting area within a kilometre of the set down area. I have tried several times.

Allan Cameron

At least they do not have to pay £3.50 for 10 minutes to drop off at Stansted. Then it goes up to £01.00 for each minute over your allotted 10 minutes up to £25, didn't read any further. Suffice it to say it is very expensive to take a car on or near Stansted.

Baron

» A very dangerous man indeed (Leapy)

Hi Lee

Still vivid in my mind is seeing him on TV in Parliament... Virtually saying Saddam Hussan could deliver a nuclear device to the UK within 20 minutes !!! As he had weapons of mass destruction.

That has got to be the most blatant lie ever spoken in Parliament and has cost thousands of lives since !!!!

Then he is made UK Ambassador to the Middle East. (Unbelievable)

But you can bet lurking in sidelines will be another just like him... Ready to latch on to any Blair success. Mandelson will be right behind him somewhere : The Terrible Twins !!!

The UK TeddyBoy

I am just one of the millions that despise this cretinous creature. I sincerely hope that we are in the majority.

Leo Roy Leon

Surely the most dangerous man is Paul Dacre. Imposing his views, distorting the truth, and making the UK less tolerant. Did he invent fake news before Trump. The latest bizarre line was to publish a story about Gina Miller being found guilty of fraud in the USA. Not the Gina Miller of the UK who disagreed with Paul Dacre. I would not believe a word from the *Daily Mail* whereas I can take Blair with a pinch of salt.

John Booth

» Brexit task force

Bad situation, many expats all over Europe, these are normal people living in foreign countries, a specific task must be put in place to assist these people. There is a big difference between illegal immigrants and people emigrating to other countries for retirement or to have a better life with their own money and work.

Pps Estepona

» They honestly haven't got a clue (Leapy Lee 1662)

Of course you think the voting age should be raised. How else to lessen the increasing likelihood of a Corbyn win. You are right. They do not know what it is like to live under the 'depressing, inept incompetence of a left wing government.' But, oh boy, they surely know what it is like to live under the depressing, inept incompetence of a right wing Tory government. It is all they have known.

Jonathan Whittingham

Timely tips to beat your fear of public speaking at weddings etc

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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CONGRATULATIONS! So you've been invited to give a speech! This could be as best man, father of the bride or whatever for a wedding (like Pippa Middleton's recent extravaganza), an anniversary, business event or other special occasion. But public speaking's a doddle, nothing at all to worry about.

Fortunately, there are ways to make your speech memorable and entertaining at the same time without having to go through a nervous breakdown. You simply have to keep some tips in mind to grab your audience and leave them begging for more.

Use whatever reason you've come together for the occasion as fodder for your speech. If it's a business event, use personal anecdotes about work and colleagues. But best avoid recalling that episode in the mail-



PUBLIC SPEAKING: The best speeches are like the best theatre.

room when the lights failed and you stumbled over Buxom Brenda from Human Resources...

If it's a family celebration, fall back on shared memories but not that time Auntie Ada - the one who's just a bit over-enthusiastic, to put it mildly, about hitting the bottle - handed over your Birthday present. We

can only imagine booze was involved when she re-wrapped it - a half-scoffed box of Black Magic.

Another rule is to stay sociable but NOT sozzled and speak before 11pm. There's nothing worse than seeing your audience slide off the edge of their seats before you do. At 10pm they'll be mellow; by 11pm,

totally knackered.

The best speeches are like the best theatre. There's laughter and there's pathos (though hopefully not because you're experiencing that nervous breakdown).

People often think speeches have to be a barrel of laughs, but if there's one golden rule, it's the following. Check exactly who's in the audience - and their specific occupations - before ending with something like this: "Before departing, I'd just like to leave you with this thought. Why is it, all the people who know how to run this country, are too busy driving taxis or cutting hair?"

And one final rule, don't outstay your welcome, otherwise you'll be nodding off long before they do. In other words: "Be interesting, be brief and be gone."

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This is among the most popular times of year to book a holiday. Here's why it's worth thinking about getting cover for your trip sooner rather than later, plus some tips to bear in mind.

Why last-minute holiday cover could be a mistake

People often think of travel insurance as something that will cover them whilst they are on holiday. But if you get your policy at the same time as you book the holiday, you'll actually get more cover for your money. This is because you will also be covered if you have to cancel your trip under certain circumstances before you are due to travel. If you had decided to wait until the last minute, you would have missed out on this benefit and could end up losing a lot of money if you had to cancel your holiday.

By getting your travel insurance as soon as



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you book your trip, you will have cover in place immediately.

Why annual cover is often the smarter option

Are you planning to take three or more trips in a year? Not many people would take Single Trip cover for every weekend break or for every time they fly to the UK, but an annual policy takes the hassle out of arranging insurance every

time you go away. The cost of annual cover is relatively very favourable compared to Single Trip rates and you'll benefit from continuous cover for all your travel plans.

Why the USA might not be in the world

If you're taking out insurance for a one-off trip or holiday then it's likely that you will tailor your policy so that it is adequate for your destination. However, if you have annual cover and

plan various trips throughout the year, then it's important to make sure that the 'territorial limits' on your policy are sufficient.

Territorial definitions within a policy wording can be different from standard geographical definitions. For example, cover for 'Europe' often automatically includes some North African countries, so there might be no need to pay extra for Worldwide cover if you're travelling to Morocco.

Conversely, not all 'Worldwide' policies cover the USA and Canada, so it's worth checking this if you are planning to travel there. Some providers offer two 'worldwide' options, one that includes the USA and Canada and one where those countries are excluded.

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Prevent heatstroke



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

1. What is heatstroke?

Heatstroke is where a person is exposed to high temperatures for a prolonged period of time, typically during the hottest times of the year.

Most patients suffering from heatstroke tend to have been doing some form of intense physical activity which combined with warm temperatures, lead to the body's core temperature to rise sometimes causing organ and system failure.

2. What are its symptoms?

It begins as mild discomfort, then, as the body's temperature rises, muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting.

It can also lead to chest pains, palpitations, loss of consciousness and in extreme cases heart failure.

3. What can you do if you/someone else is suffering from heatstroke?

Firstly it is important to stop any physical activity you are doing at the time.

Then it is important to find a cool space, drink plenty of liquids (water or isotonic drinks) and cool their skin by spraying them with cool water

and fanning or by using ice packs. If symptoms do not fade after these steps call a hospital.

4. When should you contact emergency services?

You should always contact emergency services for assessment. Although in most cases rest, shaded areas and plenty of hydration are usually enough to recover, it is important to be checked over as heatstroke can lead to organ failure.

5. Who are the most at risk of suffering heatstroke?

Some people are less likely to suffer from heatstroke depending on physical traits and a person's level of fitness.

The elderly, the young and people with long-term health conditions (such as diabetes or heart problems) are the most at risk.

6. How can you prevent heatstroke?

Avoiding strenuous physical activity during the hottest hours of the day and exposing oneself to high temperatures are the best ways to avoid suffering from heatstroke.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Who is to blame?

ARE you a doting grandparent? Well try not to dote too much on the little darlings as you risk leading them into a life of obesity.

A new study claims that children who live closer to their grandparents are more likely to be obese as the older relatives shower their love in food.

The research was conducted by the University of Birmingham in England, as they examined the region of Guangzhou, in southern China and looked at those who left their rural homes where it is more common for grandparents to care for the children.

It is reported that around 15 per cent of Chinese youngsters and teenagers are overweight and the incidences were higher in those children who were left in the care of elders.

In China a chubby child is seen as a symbol of health, prosperity and success but the research said to prevent the rise of obesity there must be an understanding on the causes of childhood obesity.

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Golf tournament returns

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA is set to host its golf tournament again, after a break of over 10 years.

The event, which is taking place this Saturday at the Añoreta golf course, will raise money for local charity, Rincon Contigo, an association which helps impoverished families.

Councillor for Sports, Javier Lopez, launched the contest, which is in its fifth year, at a presentation at the town hall, alongside Mayor Encarnacion Anaya, who expressed her delight at "bringing back this tournament after 10 years, thus fulfilling our commitment this year from the International Tourism Fair (FITUR)."

She added, "we have chosen to bring a charitable twist to this year's contest, putting in a fundraising booth for Rincon Contigo, which is an additional incentive to participate." Ms Encarnacion then went on to thank the Añoreta Golf Club.

The registration period for those wanting to participate will remain open until tomorrow. The club's Director, Angel Acha, explained, "there is a fee of €35 for the general public and €25 for members, which can be paid through our website or by calling the course."



PRESENTATION: The contest was launched at the town hall.

She went on to thank Rincon de la Victoria's commitment to sports tourism, explaining 50,000 golfers had teed off from the course last year.

Mr Lopez commented, "we continue to back golf, positioning the course as a tourist attraction, just as we did last year using the beach as a sports ground."

He added the event, "is expected to attract more than 100 participants from

the town and the rest of Andalucia, who will compete in pairs."

The day will kick off at 9.30am, and will last for around five hours, concluding at 3pm with awards for the first five pairs.

Winners will receive sports equipment, hotel reservations and dinners at local restaurants.

Calling golfers: there is still time to register for the tournament.

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The event's organisers have now confirmed the line-up with additional performances by Rosendo, LA, Matthias Tanzmann and The Royal Room. The festival's promoters have promised a few extra surprises for those attending, however.

The event, which takes place on Torre del Mar's



TWISTED FIRESTARTER: The Prodigy will headline the event.

beach, has been running every year since 2014 and

sees tens of thousands of music-lovers camping out next to the sea.

The festival attracts both national and international acts and plays host rock, pop, metal, fusion, reggae and hip hop music.

The music event attracts young people from all over Axarquia who camp out on the beach and enjoy the music on offer.


Last year, Torre del Mar's town hall announced that

the festival had attracted between €2.5 to €3 million in revenue for the area, attracting around 33,000 visitors to the event each day.

This year's budget has been increased, which has allowed infrastructure improvements to be made, while keeping ticket prices low.

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has passed away at the relevantly young age of 75 from a stroke. Roy Ackerman was indeed a giant of our industry. A bon viveur, the original 'foodie' who liked nothing better than a great meal, a fine bottle of wine, a good cigar and someone decent to share it with. Over the years he accumulated a mass of friends, fans and followers.

He was born in Bristol in 1942. He first started as an apprentice chef, a title he used for a TV programme he later made. His hard work and enthusiasm culminated in the opening of his first restaurant Quincy's Bistro in Oxford in 1975 which is where I first met him.

Even in those days you could see the man was determined to leave his mark on an industry that he loved so much. He joined forces with the late Michael

Golder and between them they forged a formidable restaurant chain - Kennedy Brookes - which went on to operate 130 restaurants and hotels.

Following the sale of Kennedy Brookes, Ackerman went on to be appointed as chairman in myriad restaurant company and consultancy groups including Simpsons of Cornhill, 190 Queen's Gate, the Restaurant Partnership, the Restaurant Factory and, more latterly, Tadema Studios.

His involvement with these businesses resulted in the opening of a plethora of restaurants and concepts in London, among them Bistro Bistrot at the Montague and Bailey's hotels and Refettorio at the Crowne Plaza City, as well as breathing new life into such lauded venues as Elena's L'Etoile, the Gay Hussar and the White Tower.

Ackerman was also something of a Renaissance man, exploring various aspects of the arts, but always with a connection to hospitality. As well as producing a series of highly respected restaurant guides, he launched CoolCucumber TV, an early online food magazine programme. More recently he

headed up Ackerman Studios, an art consultancy which partnered emerging artists with restaurants and hotels, such as the Dorchester Collection's 45 Park Lane, to provide them valuable gallery space.

One of Ackerman's most significant successes came in 1987, when the Licensing (Restaurant Meals) Act came into force. As chairman of the Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain (RAGB), he spear-headed the campaign to reform the archaic licensing regulations of the time and even led a march of 200 RAGB members on Downing Street, two years earlier. The new law enabled alcohol to be served with restaurant meals in the afternoon for the first time, transforming the sector by boosting business and profits.

Ackerman was involved in many other organisations. He was chairman of the Hotel and Catering Training Board and held numerous honorary positions, including president of the Academy of Food and Wine Service, chairman of the governors of the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts and chancellor of the Wine Guild of the United Kingdom.

The late power house that was Roy Ackerman, holding his Industry Award.

Among some of the accolades bestowed on Ackerman throughout his long and illustrious career was an OBE presented to him in 1990 for his work on promoting tourism and training which was followed by the CBE, given for his services to gastronomy in 2004.

Ultimately, Ackerman will be remembered for the kindness and support he showed so many people throughout the industry and his love of life. Hundreds of individuals over the years will have benefited from his willingness to help them in furthering their business ambitions - he would frequently work on a no-fee basis in order to support aspiring young chefs and restaurateurs on setting up their businesses on a confidential basis, as well as supporting community projects and charities.

He leaves behind his wife Sally and their children. Cheers Roy, you gave us a lot, now enjoy the rest!

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN McDonalds TV add which depicts a mother and her son discussing 'his Dad' in the past tense. How he liked this and that and football etc It turns out that the boy had little in common with his late dad, until he arrived with his mother at a McDonald's when it transpired that the boy enjoys a Filet-o-Fish in just the same way that his father did. "That was your dad's favourite too," the mother tells her son in the advert 'getting tartare sauce over his chin!'

Personally I found the ad quite poignant and it was handled well and whatever one's opinion of McDonalds and their food the basis of the ad was to show that memories are good and can be shared with the family.

Would you believe that the company has been made to withdraw the advert?

The company initially said that it had no plans to pull the advert. However, as the number of complaints on social media and among bereavement charities grew, McDonald's announced that the advert would be removed and apologised for the upset it had caused.

A spokesperson for McDonald's said: "It was never our intention to cause any upset. We are particularly sorry that the advert may have disappointed those people who are most important to us - our customers. The last advert was broadcast on Wednesday 17 May.

"We will also review our creative process to ensure this situation never occurs again."

The Advertising Standards Authority, which received more than 100 complaints, said it would be looking at the advert to assess whether to take the matter further.

Someone out there should get a life!!

TRIPADVISOR IS BACK IN THE NEWS, does it ever go away?

This time because, a venue has complained about a review posted by a disgruntle customer. High Rocks, a restaurant and wedding venue in Tunbridge Wells in Kent, has hit back after a visitor left a one-star review on the travel site.

A Sarah Gardner visited the restaurant in March and apparently had a less-than satisfactory experience. She decided to share her opinion about what she felt was 'mediocre' food and 'rude' staff by writing a review.

Within a week, Sarah received a letter from London law firm Cohen Davis Solicitors instructing her to remove the post which they deemed as defamatory and therefore against the law. The letter claimed that High Rocks had caused "financial harm worth tens of thousands of pounds" and the firm intended to prepare a High Court claim against the lady in question.

The law firm, which is owned by Yair Cohen, provided a statement which says that Sarah Gardner had falsely claimed, in three separate TripAdvisor reviews, to have attended their clients' establishment in March 2017 when, on her own admission, apparently she had not.

They claimed that, because of that, her reviews could not be described as a fair and accurate review of her experience or an honestly held opinion. Ms Gardner's false reviews came about because she was banned from booking our client's establishment having been extremely rude and offensive to staff over the telephone. Ms Gardner also claimed to have recorded a telephone conversation with the owner and his wife



The High Rocks Restaurant and Banqueting Suites. Idyllic or Imperfect?

but, when pressed to provide a copy of the recording was unwilling or unable to do so. Her false reviews were noted by many potential clients of event restaurant business and were therefore damaging the venue's reputation.

In response to the claims, Ms Gardner claimed that she was never 'banned' from the establishment and that she was neither offensive, nor loud. It was claimed that she had never visited the establishment, despite her providing proof that she had, consisting of emails, bank statements and photographs, while the venue and their lawyers provided nothing.

She claims that "Mr Cohen is banking on me not contesting the lies, I am unfortunately in this position

because of my honesty and unwillingness to continue to be bullied" Her review has since been removed from the TripAdvisor website. "The reviews were removed due to bullying, not for any other reason," continued Sarah Gardner.

This is not the first time that the High Rocks has been involved in legal action after complaints from clients. Also a look at their TripAdvisor reviews show that of 130 reviews, 84 were excellent (64 per cent) but reading through the comments 10 were average, seven were poor and five were terrible. The poor and terrible reviews did claim that service, attitude and poor staff and food were the main grievances.

Long may the rows continue!

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.

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Chicory or endive the choice is yours

By Graeme Tyrrell

ADDING different varieties of fresh garden vegetables to summer salads is always a passion for connoisseur chefs.

If you have a space for growing salad vegetables there is a huge range of different types, flavours, shapes and uses for the ever increasing possibilities.

The vast array of choices can make selection a difficult task when it is not possible to sample all the possibilities as most are not readily available in stores and even markets have their limitations compared with what is available to grow if you can manage your own salad garden.

A great example is the endive that has evolved from the chicory plant or botanically speaking the Cichorium genus of plants. Basically the top leafy zone of the plant is salad endive and the root is the chicory part that is used as a coffee substitute when ground up, but not always - it's not that simple.

With so many varieties and types of Cichorium available the names are often varied in use and there are many other names used to describe the parts of the plant used and



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A field of healthy Cichorium.

grown in different ways.

This makes the Cichorium plant fascinating in that so many possibilities exist to grow and prepare it. A species of the wild Cichorium grows naturally in Spain and other areas of Europe and is known as blue succory. You can find it in rural areas when it displays its characteristic blue flower in late spring.

With the interbreeding and selection of plants from other countries it has become difficult

to relate what is now available to the original plants.

Well-known developments from Cichorium include Radichio, French endive, sugarloaf/witloof/Brussels chicory, Belgian (red) endive, red chicory, succory, Chioggia, Verona, Treviso, Castelfranco (types), curly endive, escarole, broad-leaved/Bavarian endive, Batavia endive, grumolo, chicory/frisée and scarola.

Cichorium is naturally bitter in taste so much of its selection

and growing methods are designed to make the taste more pleasant. The principal way to do this is through blanching. Blanching is done in two distinct ways.

One is to grow the plant and, when to the required size, wrap it in light proof material to exclude light on the leaves to blanch the leaves of the green colour to produce the whitish yellow leaves with less bitterness. Some varieties can self blanch by their outer leaves, sometimes assisted by tying them closed, protecting the inner part that is the usable part for salads and cooking.

The other method is to grow the plant full season over summer and in autumn dig up the plant, cut the top leafy part off and replant the roots in a dark place covered to exclude light.

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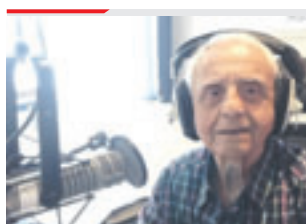
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DURING the summer months responsible dog owners must take vital precautions to protect their pets from the season's many hazards.

Dogs have inefficient cooling systems compared to humans. With sweat glands in its tongue and paw pads, a dog primarily sweats by panting. If something such as a muzzle or a respiratory blockage interferes with its ability to pant, a dog may overheat quickly.

A high temperature of more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit can produce rapid panting, bright red gums, tongue and other mucus membranes, vomiting, watery and bloody diarrhoea and staggering. Thick saliva is also a sign of impending heat stroke. If a dog is not treated immediately it is possible that coma, respiratory collapse and death can ensue.

If your dog shows any signs of heat stroke, cool it off by submerging the dog in tepid water and immediately take it to your vet. Cooling a dog that



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is in shock too fast can cause further problems, and it can actually go hypothermic, which is too low in temperature.

Using ice water to cool your dog may actually prove to be a detriment, it can cause a narrowing of the arteries to the skin, and thus the animal will retain the heat longer. It is also a good idea to make a breeze like a fan, blowing towards the animal; this will allow gradual cooling.

Overheating can occur at any

Summer safety



HEAT STROKE: If your dog starts to pant, stop and give water.

time when a dog is subjected to hot temperatures, humidity and exercise. I do not recommend leaving dogs in cars even with the windows down and certainly never to allow them to travel with their heads out of the car windows.

If ever you see a dog in a car unattended for more than five

minutes call the police, the owners will be fined. It is advisable to carry water in the car, keep the water in the boot of the car and out of the sun; dogs do not drink warm or hot water.

Pay attention to exercise if your dog starts to pant, stop and give water. Sand on the beaches will burn his paws; the pave-

ments can fry an egg, and will also burn your pet's paws. If you are off for the day to the mountain areas pay special attention if the dog has never been above sea level. Some owners condition themselves with a run around the block and expect their dog to run, this is unwise. Never allow your dog

to run behind a car, one day he will run behind another and you will either lose him or he will be killed by other cars.

Exercising young or small dogs needs special attention. One must realise that small dogs take 10 steps to our one, young dogs under 18 months need most of their energy for growing! Dogs in kennels need plenty of shade and water and it is a good idea to hose your dogs a couple of times every day, not on the head or ears.

Finally a lot of thought should go into grooming and clipping your pet. Many owners think it better to clip their pets short in hot weather. I recommend dogs are not clipped too short otherwise their skins will burn. Dog's coats are for protection against cold weather and the sun.

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Best of both worlds

By Matthew Elliott

MOUNTAINS, beaches, stunning properties, and a thriving expat community, Axarquía has it all. It's little wonder the property market here has gone from strength to strength as buyers flock to this tranquil region away from the hustle and bustle of the Costa del Sol.

Homeowners in Axarquía have the best of both worlds. In and around the spectacular Montes de Málaga, expat havens such as Colmenar and Comares offer buyers the chance of glorious mountain isolation, yet with the bright lights of Málaga only a short 40-minute drive away.

Even closer are the popular beaches of Axarquía and fantastic expat towns such as Nerja, Torrox and Torre del Mar. Sandwiched between rural splendour, beautiful beaches and stunning natural parks, almost everywhere in spacious Axarquía is perfectly situated to realise anyone's Spanish dream.

Though it encompasses almost every kind of geography, Axarquía boasts a terrific closely-knit local community which makes all the difference while living here. Buyers will never be short of property advice, friendships, clubs and activities.

The expat vibe is easily distinguished from the

Costa del Sol, with residents of Axarquía actively opting for a more peaceful, measured and community-based way of life. Majestic rural properties are scattered around the hillsides or clustered in white-washed homes in Nerja, Competa and Frigiliana, with friendly neighbours always just a shout away.

When it comes to the property marketplace, Axarquía has many advantages over nearby regions. A smaller size and closer relationships means that real estate agents and local property experts are an integral part of the community, rather than corporate outsiders with little neighbourly knowledge.

Trusted and respected by local residents, buyers will find that estate agents in Axarquía are far more concerned with finding the perfect place for their clients, regardless of the effort it takes. After all, they too live in the community, send their children to local schools and will quite likely form long lasting friendships with the very people they find homes for.

Axarquía is also benefiting tremendously from the wider property recovery taking place across Spain. Considered nothing short of miraculous, the speed with which Spain has shot back to the top of the global property market has astounded and im-



AXARQUIA: Has many advantages over nearby regions.

pressed observers in equal measure.

Nowhere has Spain's property strength been more evident than in Axarquía, where prices continue to steadily rise, while remaining affordable and, crucially, sustainable. Buyers here can be assured that their purchase represents a smart, solid investment that will reap financial and personal dividends further down the line.

Throughout the pages of this special property supplement readers will find just the estate agents

and property specialists whom they can trust with their investment. The men and women featured in these pages have succeeded where many others tried and are well respected in their local communities for their honesty, integrity, professionalism and passion for property.

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Still following the Spanish dream

SPANISH buyers are challenging foreign dominance of the booming luxury homes market, though expat investors still retain a decided edge. Across the board demand is increasing for high-end properties as the market, especially on the coast, continues to strengthen.

The latest figures from the National Institute of Statistics show that sales of homes valued at more than €900,000 increased substantially in 2016. Across Spain sales numbers jumped up by 27 per cent. In Madrid and Marbella it was 31

per cent, on the Costa Brava 34 per cent and in Valencia an incredible 104 per cent.

Brits, Germans and Scandinavians account for a substantial proportion of the plush single family homes on the market. The Europeans are being challenged by the Chinese for relative dominance but there is enough luxury property for everyone.

The favourable international financial climate and ease of financing in Spain makes the country an attractive destination for wealthy investors.



FOREIGN BUYERS: Increased numbers point to a bumper 2017 for the Spanish property market.

New heights for British invasion

MONEY is flowing into the Spanish property market from sun-bound Brits who continue to cement their dominance of the country's lucrative foreign buyers market.

In the first quarter of 2017 foreign nationals purchased roughly 15,000 properties across Spain. That amounts to a 13.1 per cent share of the total market, following on from last year's average of 17 per cent.

Among the foreign buyers, Brits accounted for 14.5 per cent of purchases, by far the largest national contingent. French buyers secured the second highest share at 9.6 per cent, putting Brits well ahead in front.

The next largest nationalities by share of the market were the Germans on 7.7 per cent, Belgian on 6.9 per cent and Swedes on 6.3 per cent, the latter two with less than half the British share.

The data shows that 2017 is so far following the exciting trends set in 2016 which saw foreign buyers continue to flood into Spain, snapping up properties and helping the market soar to fresh new heights.

This year analysts expect foreign buyers to purchase more than half a million homes in Spain, the vast majority second-hand. That would reflect a remarkable rise from roughly 300,000 in 2013.

Brits are leading that charge and have so far defied the pessimistic expectations surrounding Brexit to embrace Spain even more strongly than ever before.

Across the board property portals have reported increased numbers of Brits expressing serious interest in Spanish property after the vote.

All of which points to a bumper 2017 for the Spanish property market.

Energy equality

WHILE Spanish law offers a disincentive to install solar panels, more and more properties across the country are being built with sustainable energy saving measures already in place.

Apartment complexes and corporate buildings boosted by geothermal and solar energy are proving popular among ambitious architects and designers.

Ingenious methods are being employed to help ensure energy costs are kept to a minimum while protecting the environment. The new technology, which includes entire buildings that can recycle energy, is set to truly take off in the next decade.

For property owners this means that, buying a new build apartment in the future could mean the end of separate energy bills. The geothermal solution would see the entire complex kept at a fixed, optimal temperature throughout the year.

No insurance

A SPANISH property association has warned that an astonishing number of people across the country lack adequate building insurance. Arrenta also believes that around four in five building insurance contracts are old, with high premiums.

They advise that owner communities across Spain seek out help from impartial insurance brokers who can offer an expert assessment of the true cost of fixing up community pipes or cleaning graffiti.

Analysis from Arrenta also found that the vast majority of property owners in community buildings have no idea what their building insurance coverage includes or how much it really costs.

Arrenta's findings come amid other surveys which reveal that huge numbers of property owners in Spain do not even have home insurance. A general lack of awareness about the benefits mean that millions of people forego it entirely.



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GBP/EUR parity fears fade

On the eve of the EU referendum, the GBP/EUR exchange rate touched a high of €1.31. The surprising outcome of the vote sent Sterling reeling and by October the pairing had fallen to €1.10. The 21 cent drop had a massive impact on people moving money to Europe, but also meant that those buying pounds with euros were getting more for their money.

For much of the second half of 2016 it was predicted that the pound would fall to parity against the euro (where one pound is worth one euro) but GBP proved tough to crack and actually started clawing back losses in the first six months of 2017.

GBP/EUR approached €1.20 after Prime Minister Theresa May announced plans to hold a snap general election in June on bets a Conservative majority would improve May's hand in Brexit negotiations.

Spanish property purchases still popular

Although the nature of the UK's post-Brexit relationship with the EU is an unknown quantity at the moment, it hasn't put people off buying property in Spain.

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The car showroom from Autobahn Motors stands 15 stories tall and has a stellar variety of Ferraris, Mercedes and Bentleys stashed in 60 slots, four on each floor. Buyers on the ground floor have a touchscreen menu and can simply press a button to have the car of their choice descend on a lift for viewing.

The innovative idea looks set to take over showrooms in places like Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo and Dubai where space is in short supply, but there is a huge appetite for luxury cars and a personal consumer touch.

Apple & Android revolution

By Matthew Elliott

THE new 2017 models of MINI’s Clubman and Countryman will come fresh off the production line equipped with Ap-

ple CarPlay connectivity incorporated into the cars’ infotainment systems. The BMW brand has wheeled out a variety of changes for all cars in the two ranges produced from the summer onwards following customer surveys.

ver friendly adaptations to the fuel gauge and MINI driving modes button are responses to customer requests. There is also a new driver alertness monitor which checks your reaction times and general technique to ensure you’re not about to fall asleep at the wheel.

and using voice commands.

Car-phone connectivity beyond simply playing music is fast becoming a must-have for all new models, demanded by customers from airport car rentals to everyday car showrooms. At the moment Apple is ahead of the curve but manufacturers are set to make Android connectivity just as ubiquitous.

Volvo is working closely with Google to establish Android Auto in all of its new cars within the next two years. There are rumours that the Swedish brand will incorporate new technology that allows autonomous driving applications to be downloaded on phones and easily used while driving.

An example would be the self-park technology already rolled out by BMW. It allows drivers to simply press a button on their phone ordering the car to park perfectly in even the tightest of spaces. They can even step outside the car to carefully check there’s no chance of a mistake.

But undoubtedly the synchronicity with Apple’s hugely popular CarPlay smartphone system is the big MINI news of summer. By simply plugging their iPhones into the car’s USB port, an Apple-style touchscreen will appear allowing drivers to do pretty much everything they can on their phone in the car while driving



BMW CLUBMAN: Next to embrace Apple CarPlay technology.

Rally icon under hammer

RALLY legend Colin McRae’s Subaru 555 is going up for auction. The 1997 Impreza is expected to fetch at least €250,000 as one of the most iconic collector’s items available in the sport.

The Impreza series won three consecutive world titles from 1995-1997 with the 1997 model being the first developed for the new WRC class. It was driven by the late Scotsman during his final season with Subaru before going on to achieve some of the highest honours in Rally Racing.

It was actually tested in Spain where McRae spent weeks getting a feel for the 555 ahead of the Monte Carlo race. He told press at the time that he couldn’t wait to take it on the French track.

He left but Italian driver Piero Liatti duly won first at Monte Carlo in the new car’s, and his, first major victory.

That year also saw wins for the 555 in Sweden, Kenya and across France, clocking up 19 victories.

Two years later in 1999 with McRae out of the Subaru picture, it was even

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 2nd Pete Thompson
 Hcp17 34pts

It looks like it was a good day for scoring at Añoreta and it may be due to Frank being on good form, as he continues with a great score of 36 points, maybe a cut. There were also



BAVIERA: An individual stableford was played.

others who scored well, including the two Peters and Lyn who is back on form.

BAVIERA

May 16

INDIVIDUAL STABLE-FORD

LADIES

- 1st Penny Bentley-Ennis 42pts
- 2nd Gill Boutel 34pts

MEN

- 1st Ian Paterson 38pts
- 2nd George Reid 37pts
- 3rd Graeme Birch 37pts
- 4th Roy Boutel 36pts

TWOS

Graeme Birch 5 & Mark Fulton 15

On a glorious sunny morning 39 players set off on an Individual Stableford game. The forecast was for 28 degrees and calm which is perfect golfing weather. At the event, there was enough high cloud to save us from the worst of the heat. The winning man scored 38 points, but being well beaten by the winning lady who scored 42 points.

Well done PJ.

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