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Enough is enough

Hoteliers demand action over Brit claim cheats

By Matthew Elliott

British tourists pretending to suffer from food poisoning landed Mallorca hotels with a combined compensation bill of €50 million last

After seeing no action from the UK government to tackle the sickness scourge, the hotel industry has decided enough is enough.

Hotels on Mallorca and across Spain pledged to hunt down and prosecute any suspected fraudsters at a heated meeting of top industry chiefs in Madrid.

Tourists who are lured into feigning illness by slick legal claims firms will be charged under Spanish criminal law. If found guilty they will return to Mallorca at their peril.

There were roughly 10,000 sickness claims against Mallorca hotels last year. The vast majority are believed to be scams run by multiple compensation claims websites in the UK. Tourists are hounded by cold calling tricksters who encourage them to lie for a

In the UK an Immodium

prescription is sufficient evidence to launch a claim against the tour operator, which pays out and deducts the money from its later payments to the hotel in Mallorca. The number of such scams is expected to skyrocket again this year.

As well as pursuing fake food poisoning claimants under Spanish law, Mallorca hotels are now demanding guests sign a document at check out confirming that they are in good health.

They are working on fairer contracts with British tour operators from a re-



HOTELS: Have pledged to hunt down and prosecute suspected fraudsters.

newed position of strength as Mallorca has very few empty rooms and no shortage of foreign interest.



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Mallorca mourns Manchester dead

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

Many including those in the Balearics observed a minute's silence outside respective town halls, with flags at half-mast to remember those killed and hospitalised in Monday's attack.



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Green scheme

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Popeye pills

POLICE arrested 11 people in a series of raids targeting anabolic steroid dealers in gyms, shops and apartments. The trade flourishes on Mallorca, with dealers exporting drugs to Europe.

Brit dies

A BRITISH tourist, 58. drowned on Menorca after complaining he felt hot and diving into the water at a seaside restaurant. Minutes later shocked diners saw his lifeless body floating near the quay.

Bull run banned



By Matthew Elliott

CORREBOU, the controversial bull run held annually in Fornalutx has been cancelled. The event was one of the major exceptions to a new animal welfare law agreed this month, which expressly permit-

But animal rights activists managed to convince the town hall of the picturesque north-west village that an older law from

1992 forbids the bull run. The 25-year-old Balearic animal protection law stipulates that traditional festivals which lead to animal suffering must have at least a century of history behind them.

When the law was passed Fornalutx Town Hall found evidence the bull run was celebrated in 1892 and the festival was given the green light to continue. But a re-interpretation of the law means they now must prove it has continued uninterrupted

for more than a century. That requires evidence of a Correbou every year since 1892, which Fornalutx Council can't produce.

Banning the bull run on an extreme technicality is part of a wider move to ban all bull-related activities on the islands, without upsetting a Constitutional Court ruling that bullfights are legal. The latest Balearic law bans bloodletting at bullfights and imposes tough health and safety regulations that make holding an event all but impossible.

Daughter's horror discovery

A DAUGHTER who went to her parents' country house near Llucmajor after becoming worried about them found the elderly couple dead in the garden. Their corpses were in a serious state of decay and had been mostly eaten by their seven starving dogs.

The horrific discovery was made on Tuesday, roughly two months after the locals, aged 75, are believed to have died. A preliminary Guardia Civil investigation found that both had died a natural death.

The husband died first. Days later his wife, who suffered from Alzheimer's, also died with no one to look after her. Neither the daughter, nor the rest of the family or neighbours, had much contact with the couple so their deaths went unnoticed.





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Crisis point

AFTER a week which saw more than a dozen migrants sail to Mallorca on three splintered boats, the Guardia Civil has warned that island authorities could soon be overwhelmed by the influx.

The latest arrivals brought the total number of migrants sailing from Africa to land on Mallorca in 2017 to 77. And those are only the ones accounted for. In under five months the total nearly triples the combined intake for 2016, which was 26. In 2015 only three boats reached the island in 12 months.

Flight from hell

A BOOZED up stag do party were arrested by police at Palma airport the second they stepped off a Ryanair flight arriving from Manchester. Witnesses reported the 15-man strong group brawling with one another at 35,000 feet, terrifying other passengers.

One man reportedly stripped down to his boxers on the chaotic flight last Thursday while his friends drank from their own wine and Jagermeister bot-

The flight departed at 6.20am, making it highly likely they had simply continued from the night before.

Island hoppers

RESIDENTS of Mallorca and the Balearic Islands should be entitled to a bigger discount on inter-island flights according to president Francina Armen-

She has reacted furiously to news that Madrid is considering raising the subsidy on flights taken by Canary Island residents from one local airport to another from 50 to 75 per cent.

If Canary Islanders see their state sponsored subsidy rise then Balearic residents should too stated Armengol, who pledged to fight tooth and nail for

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 shoul-

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.



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

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

OMNIVORES: They

eat roots, fruit and

hunt small animals.

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.

Airport boost

FREE parking will soon be a welcome new addition to Palma airport. Work has begun on a special drop off and pick up zone in the arrivals area which cars can use free of charge for 15 minutes.

Although announced last year for completion by spring 2017 the project has suffered typical delays. The latest estimates suggest that the work should be finished by the end of June, though no firm date has been offered.

Package shock

A SHOCK survey found that people who pay for all-inclusive package holidays actually spend more on food and drink despite it being 'free' than those who dine out locally.

One exception to the surprising find is Mallorca, where all-inclusive deals still make financial sense.

Research carried out by the British Post Office found that families on all-inclusive deals spent an average of £271

(€315) on food, soft drinks and booze outside their hotel.

Doctor shortage

THERE are far less doctors on Mallorca and the Balearic Islands than there should be according to a damning new report from the Spanish Society of Family and Medicine.

It reveals that the Balearic Islands has a ratio of 6.3 doctors per 100,000 resi-

This is significantly below the Spanish average of 7.6, and well under the European Union average of 9.7.

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Murder mystery unravels slowly

POLICE are slowly piecing together the horrific murder which shocked Sencelles last week.

Antonio BF, the 40-year-old suspect has reportedly confessed to killing his former lawyer Juan Antonio, 57, found stabbed to death by his sister at the rural property.

The suspect is addicted to cocaine and sought out Juan Antonio to demand money. He claims to have had no violent intentions. But the situation quickly spiralled out of control when the lawyer refused.

He was found with his throat cut by a large blade and multiple other wounds, including a severed finger. Police still haven't recovered the murder weapon. Blood soaked footprints matching those of the suspect were found leading out of the property.

Antonio BF has been remanded in custody while police investigate. He told officers that he has only a sketchy recollection of what happened due to substance abuse. Two months ago he was arrested for sexual assault of a prostitute.

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The total number of news and features appearing in last week's Euro Weekly News Mallorca edition, with 33 local stories.

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 reces-

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 wellstructured 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



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 Eu-

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 soan 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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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,

Numbers in the news 4,000

the number of passports that are either lost or stolen every year in Spain.

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.

Euro Weekly News columnist David the Dogman told us: "This is a wonderful and lovely festival celebrating the giving of the Torah, the Jewish Bible, to the children of Israel after they left Egypt. The custom is to eat sweet things like cheesecake to show the sweetness of the occasion.'



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Holiday time!

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

old squeeze put on a Premier League display as she struggled with her skimpy bikini top before the pair relaxed on loungers.

her debut on Geordie Shore, also sported a miniscule two-piece as she topped up her tan.

ently been invited back for a second series after making a strong impres-

Chelsea star Emily Blackwell avoided a potential wardrobe malfunction by donning an elegant black crochet swimsuit.

dipped her toes in the Med alongside pal Lottie Fitzgerald, who sizzled in a fluorescent

drink at a well-known beach club, clad in a tiny multicoloured bikini.







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BLUEFIN TUNA: Weigh 100kg on average but some are much bigger.

Monster of the deep

By Matthew Elliott

AN enormous bluefin tuna was captured and then released by an astonished fishing crew off the north coast of Mallorca. Captain Vincent Riera and his brother Toni believe the 348kg monster is the biggest tuna ever caught by rod and reel in Mallorcan

Roughly three and a half times the weight of the average adult tuna, the titanic fish was an Atlantic bluefin, a species which enters Mediterranean waters just

once a year. It is heavily protected with strict quotas saving the bluefin from certain extinction.

The Riera brothers head an extremely experienced crew which catches an average of 100 tuna each season. They work closely with American marine biologists to study population growth, movement and health markers of all endangered species in Mallorcan waters.

Bluefin tuna and swordfish are always returned alive and well to the sea to maintain their populations.

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 fover 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 nonexistent 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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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 lan 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 sur-



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

"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

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

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

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 eter-

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

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

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

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 vic-

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.



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, Marti was murdered in prison while awaiting her trial in 1913. In total 12 bodies were found in her home.

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Bond chase

A HELICOPTER and four police speedboats rehearsed stopping a fleeing migrant boat in the Port of Palma to show off their skills to attendees of an illegal immigration confer-

Ward crisis

AN 82-year-old had to wait for 67 hours in the Son Espases emergency ward after staff shortages and overcrowding led to a complete breakdown of services.

Fierce fire

A HUGE blaze destroyed an entire supermarket in Playa de Muro on Saturday. Locals and tourists alike were extremely concerned as the fire spread, only to be battled back by multiple crews.



Ban beach weddings

BEACH weddings organised by foreign tour companies should be banned according to environmental activists Terraferida. The eco protest group, which frequently highlights environmental outrages on Mallorca, urges restrictions on the use of public beaches for private events.

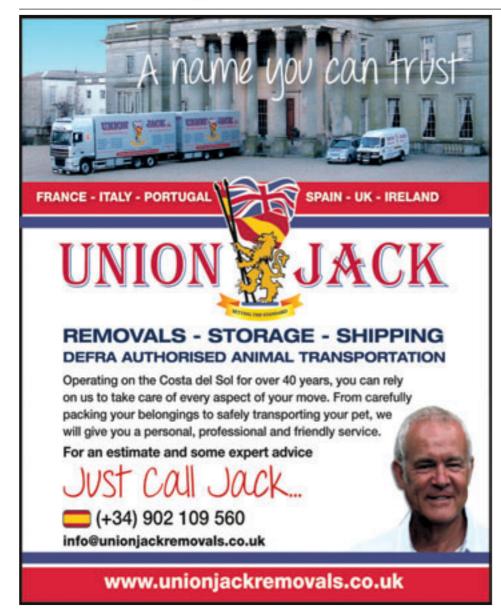
A post online suggested that allowing people, especially tourists, to pay to hire out a beach for a plush do, no matter how romantic, only

GET A ROOM: Beach wedding ban call from Terraferida.

made Mallorca's endemic problem with tourist satura-

The messages comes after Terraferida joined hundreds of protesters in Palma last Saturday in a massive demonstration against overwhelming tourist numbers. Protesters mocked tourists by wearing white socks with their sandals and dragging empty suitcases loudly through the streets of Pal-

An angry manifesto was read out which accused an unholy alliance of tourists, investors, property speculators and landlords of turning Palma into a giant theme park parody of itself, while propelling Mallorca towards ecological catastro-





LEKKERHOMES

Numbers in the news

1,377

hunting licence applications were denied in Andalucia after moves to regulate hunting following pressure from animal rights groups and the younger generation's increased empathy for animals.

€2,783

The amount pet owners pay Ciovert Clinic in Cabra (90kms from Malaga) for radiotherapy treatment, the only Spanish clinic offering the service.

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Euro not quite at the top

Commentary by Moneycorp

EUR weekly currency update

Although it did not quite manage to grab the top slot the euro added an average of 1% against the other dozen most actively-traded currencies, taking two and a half cents off the US dollar and two off sterling. It lost out only to the Swiss franc, which investors saw as an even safer proposition. Their need for safety stemmed mainly from Washington, where the endless flow of controversy surrounding the White House never for a second threatened to let up.

The pound was tested by the UK economic data, some of them good, some bad. Investors were not impressed to see that inflation had overtaken the pace of wage increases but they did approve of the lowest unemployment rate in more than 40 years. Strong April retail sales sent sterling higher on Thursday but buyers lost their nerve later in the day when sterling found itself above US\$1.30.

USD weekly currency update

Among the major currencies only the dollar had a worse week than sterling. It lost two thirds of a cent to the pound and two and a half cents to the euro as well as two and a quarter yen. The US economic data did it no great favours: investors were particularly disappointed by soft retail sales in April and by the slowdown of inflation from 2.4% to 2.2%. However, it was politics that held investors attention and perturbed them most. Al-

most every day saw a new bone of contention laid at the White House door, the most recent being the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the president.

Sterling was looking comfortable against the dollar, especially after some surprisingly strong UK retail sales figures on Thursday. But when the pound got above \$1.30, its highest level in nearly a year, investors bottled out and sterling dropped back

CAD weekly currency update

An almost ecostat-free week provided investors with little to distinguish the Canadian dollar from its commodity-oriented namesakes in Australia and New Zealand. The three were all fractionally higher on the week against sterling, the Loonie adding two fifths of a cent, and about half a cent higher against the US dollar. Investors' main focus during the week was on Washington, where one misfortune after another piled up around the White House. The worsening situation cast growing doubt on the ability of the US administration to deliver the deregulation and tax cuts that had fed enthusiasm for the Loonie, the Aussie and the Kiwi.

Sterling did not have a particularly good week either. Strong UK retail sales data for April briefly removed the downward pressure but when the pound got above US\$1.30 the buying stalled and



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a round of profit-taking quickly undid its gains. **AUD weekly currency undate**

The rumbling storm surrounding the White House showed no sign of dissipating after the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the president. Investors are concerned that the administration will lack the cohesion and the congressional support to bring in the deregulation and tax cuts that were supposed to boost the US and therefore the global economy. That concern weighed on commodity-oriented currencies, affecting the Australian, NZ and Canadian dollars almost equally. The Aussie gained two fifths of a US cent but only added a dozen ticks against the pound despite some punchy Australian employ-

ment figures.

Investors were less than

impressed to receive confirmation that UK inflation had overtaken the pace of wage increases. They looked more kindly on some strong UK retail sales figures for April but the pound had to give all of it back as investors lost their nerve when they saw it above US\$1.30.

NZD weekly currency update

Retail sales in New Zealand were up by 1.5% in the first quarter, more than the expected 0.9%, and the fortnightly GDT index of dairy prices rose 3.2%. Manufacturers' costs increased by 0.8% in Q1 while factory gate prices were up 1.4%, implying better profits for the industrial sector. Beyond that, investors did not have much to go on and the performance of the Kiwi was similar to that of its cousins in Australia and Canada. It strengthened by half a US cent and went up by a quarter of a cent against sterling.

All the commodity-oriented currencies were held back by concern that appetite for their exports would be dented by the US administration's inability to push ahead with the promised deregulation and tax cuts.

Sterling did receive a short-lived boost from stronger-than-expected UK retail sales data. It soon afterwards had to give back its gains when investors took profits once they saw it above US\$1.30.

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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.

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 neg-

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

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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



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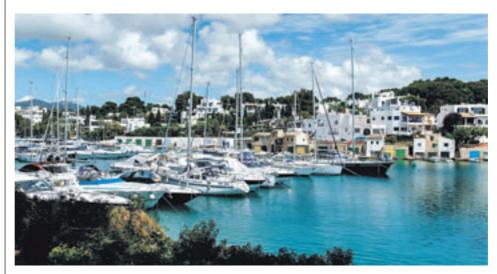


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Flurry of super fines



I CALA D'OR: Popular place for illegal holiday rentals.

FINES totalling a hefty €200,000 are being levelled against a variety of property agencies across Mallorca accused of complicity in illegal holiday home rentals.

Dozens of fines ranging from €6.000-€40.000 have been issued after inspections conducted by Balearic officials before Easter. Fines including the packed Easter week are certain to be much higher.

Offending apartments and villas were found in Palma. Pollensa, Cala d'Or, Capdepera and Arta. One company advertised and let out eight apartments allowing more than one family to holiday in them, a clear violation of strict new rules.

While homeowners who rent out their properties without proper permission face huge fines, the government is instead targeting accommodation platforms and property portals which advertise the rentals online.

The companies can often afford the heavy fines, which would bankrupt the average homeowner looking to earn some side money as a landlord. Officials are also keen to prevent a backlash. Thousands of people across Mallorca rely on letting out their home as a chief source of income.



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Merry minors

CHILDREN under 16 will be banned from not only buying but also drinking alcohol under strict new laws for Mallorca, Doctors have warned that underage drunkenness has doubled in recent years.

Wild goats

FERAL goats are destroying forest habitats across Mallorca according to expert observers who called for a cull of the wild goat population to help regenerate barren woodland.

Profits up

THE Barcelo Group, a major Mallorcan hotel, took in a net profit of € 125 million last year, a 25 per cent increase, with a total turnover of € 2.9 billion.

Watch out!

THE speed camera at kilometre 52 of the Ma-15 at Sant Llorenc des Cardassar is the most lucrative on the Balearics, raking in €467,899 in fines last year.

Step back

WORKERS across Mallorca are actually poorer than they were in 2009. Salaries have risen 5.15 per cent on average but prices have shot up by 8.85 per cent.

Hot air

CIVIL aviators are investigating four serious air incidents on the Balearics last vear including the case of a tourist who crashed his hot air balloon on Mallorca. fracturing his foot.

Triple safe

THE number of bobbies on the beat in Palma this summer will triple compared to last year. A total of 92 units will patrol key tourist and nightlife spots to provide security.

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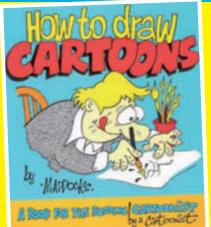


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| EUROWINGS: Not the best company for nut allergy sufferers.

Mother's nutty fury

A BRITISH mother is demanding compensation after she left a London-bound flight from Palma airport when flight attendants refused to stop selling nuts.

Akilah Robertson's twoyear-old son suffers from an extreme nut allergy and, when boarding the flight, she asked staff and passengers to abstain during the journey.

Eurowings staff said they

wouldn't compromise the nuteating freedom of other passengers just for her sake, leaving the mother of two with no choice but to get off the plane.

She waited in Palma airport with her children for eight hours after buying easyJet tickets for a flight home that day, costing £645 (€750).

Ms Robertson claims that Eurowings staff promised to reimburse her but now refuse

her request for compensation.

The Londoner had flown to Mallorca with her friend and the children for an Easter break. On the flight over, Ryanair staff and passengers complied with her request and no nuts were served.

In response Eurowings said it was impossible to completely rid a plane of nut traces and impractical to completely ban their sale.

NEWS EXTRA

Desert loot

THE Balearic environment ministry banned the import of Saharan sand to Mallorca as raw materials in the booming construction industry, arguing it is wrong to loot the natural resources of the Saharan people

Puppet king

GODFATHER of the night Tolo Cursach will be transferred to a mainland jail after his Palma prison crew began intimidating witnesses. The nightclub owner faces charges of murder, drug dealing and corrupting children.

Road threat

LAST year roughly 3,400 drivers exceeded the alcohol limit across the Balearic Islands, A further 700 tested positive for drugs as police conducted a record 130,000 tests.

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.



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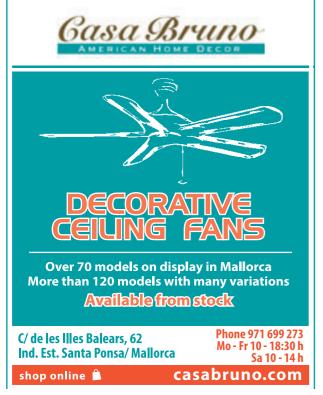
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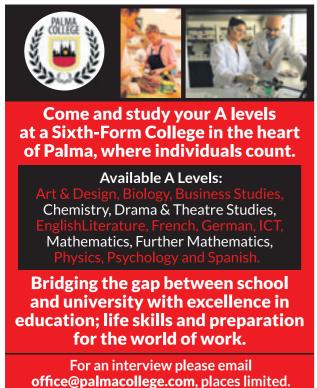


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The British love those Spanish guns

By Matthew Elliott

BRITAIN doesn't only love Spain's weather, it also loves its weapons. A report from the Spanish department of commerce shows that the UK is the biggest buyer of Spanish arms and military equipment in the

In 2016 the British govern-

€1.347 billion on Spanish artillery, purchasing 33.2 per cent of Madrid's total military exports, which amounted to a record €4 billion, up 8.9 per cent on 2015.

Weapons accounted for 1.6 per cent of all Spanish exports last year, which raked in €254

Britain tops a weapons export list that is largely dominated by Middle Eastern and Muslim dictatorships. Egypt comes a distant second, buying €213 million of

AIRBUS A400M: Part of Britain's billion euro trade with Spain.

Spanish military gear, Saudi Arabia spent €116 million and wartorn Iraq €38 million.

Only Germany rivalled the UK, buying €771 million of

Israel, Afghanistan and Turkey each spent hundreds of millions of euros but none hold a candle to the UK, which itself is one of the world's biggest arms

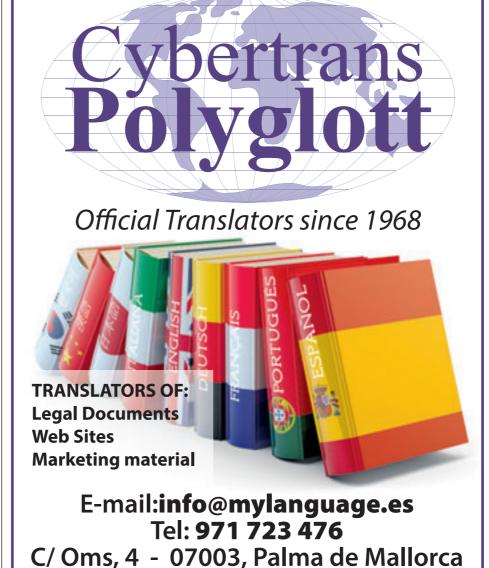
Britain bought four A440M transport aircraft and two MRTT in-flight refuelling aircraft from Spain, as well as parts of an EF-2000 fighter jet.

The bulk of British purchases were made under EU armament programmes. There is no concern that Brexit will stop the deals going through, but the UK departing the EU is expected to jeopardise future agreements.

Numbers in the news

205,857

pets - mostly dogs and cats, but also 139 ferrets and 141 other species were registered in Andalucia last year.







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 govern€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-

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

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

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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 is**h Economy Minister Luis de Guindos**.



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, docker's unions and the European Union which has demanded the ending of what is a closed shop in Spanish

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 low-



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Consumer price index up

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.

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GKN	342.00		-3.25	6,013.94
Glencore	295.00		-0.05	41,888.70
GlaxoSmithKline	1,642.50		-0.30	80,545.37
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1,799.50		3.66	4,079.64
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,428.00		5.23	6,427.02
Hammerson	587.75		1.60	4,600.50
HSBC Holdings	662.50		-0.45	131,680.15
International Consldtd Air			-3.02	12,462.06
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4,288.00	26.00	0.61	8,451.31
3i Group	826.50		-0.24	8,098.63
Imperial Brands	3,645.00		-0.68	34,935.42
Informa	620.75		-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

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	72.15	0.37	0.52	50,936.66
London Stock Exchange Grp		-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) Supermarket		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
		-3.00		
Pearson	695.00		-0.43	5,721.09
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,507.00	-113.00	-1.48	53,049.05
Royal Bank of Scotland Grou		-0.40	-0.15	31,192.81
Royal Dutch Shell	2,117.50	-0.50	-0.02	94,391.12
Royal Dutch Shell	2,210.00	45.00	2.08	80,939.97
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
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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
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TRAVELERS CIES	120,79	-0,07%	-0,09	33M
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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
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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%
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VelocityShares Daily 2x VIX Short Term ETN	\$ 28.17	4.75 ▼ 14.43%
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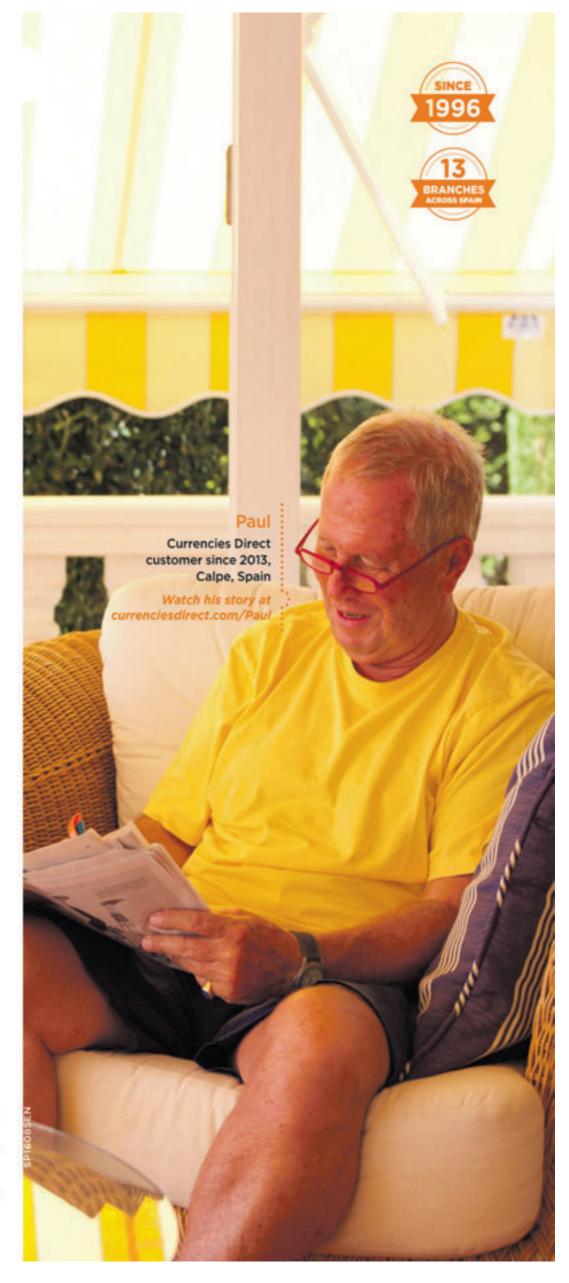
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Britons fear price rises reveals report

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



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

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 cur-

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 anticrisis 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



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 Andalucia, 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 Telecable 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 cre-

Zegona only purchased Telecable 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

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

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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LEAPY LEE SAYS IT OTHERS THINK IT



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

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

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-

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

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 ameniable 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

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

Nora Johnson Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense a crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column,

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 Re-

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,

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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Cava in Catalonia, or Port in Porto?



WHO doesn't love a holiday? And a taste of the local vino once they get there? So why not combine the two and try a wine tasting tour for your next break?

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Take a look at our travel suggestions to inspire your next trip.

The steep-terraced vineyards of Portugal's Douro Valley are among the world's oldest winemaking regions. The landmark Sandeman winery offers a comprehensive tasting centre and is a must for Port lovers. Or chose one of 200 quintas (estates), including Port and DOC winemakers such as Fonseca Guimaraens Port

Italy offers perky Prosecco (and Grappa...)



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

in the unspoilt Dolomite peaks. Try 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 vinevards rarely allow visits and tastings without reservations. Check in advance to avoid missing out on the elegant pinot noirs and characterful chardonnavs.

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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25 MAY	7:00pm BBC News at Six 7:30pm BBC London News 8:00pm The Andrew Neil Interviews 8:30pm EastEnders 9:00pm Kat and Alfie: Redwater 10:00pm The Truth About HIV 11:00pm BBC News at Ten 11:30pm BBC London News 11:45pm Question Time 12:45am This Week	6:15pm 7:00pm Debatable 7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads 8:30pm Great British Menu 9:00pm Rhs Chelsea Flower Show 2017 10:00pm 11:00pm 11:30pm Mock the Week 11:30pm 12:15am Antiques Road Trip Debatable Celebrity Eggheads Menu Henrisch Menu Mess Chelsea Flower Show 2017 Mock the Week Newsnight Horizon	9:30pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards 10:00pm Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera ITV News at Ten and Weather 11:40pm ITV News London 11:50pm On Assignment 12:25am Tipping Point 1:25am Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	6:00pm Four in a Bed 6:30pm Come Dine with Me 7:00pm The Simpsons 7:30pm Hollyoaks 8:00pm Channel 4 News 8:55pm Party Election Broadcast 9:00pm The Supervet 10:00pm How to Get a Council House 12:05am First Dates	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the Labour Party 8:00pm Secrets of Great British Castles 9:00pm Caught in the Act 10:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords 11:00pm 12:05am Murder of Rhys Jones: What Happened Next	7:00pm PL World: End of Season Special 8:00pm Live Super League Super League Round 15 - St Helens v Wigan Warriors. 11:30pm School of Hard Knocks 12:30am Football's Greatest Teams 1:00am Super League Highlights
FRIDAY 26 MAY	9:00pm EastEnders 9:30pm Count Arthur Strong 10:00pm Have I Got News for You 10:30pm Hospital People 11:00pm BBC News at Ten 11:25pm BBC London News 11:35pm The Graham Norton Show 12:25am She's Out of My League	7:00pm Athletics 8:30pm Great British Menu 9:00pm Rhs Chelsea Flower Show 2017 10:00pm Versailles 11:00pm Ql 11:30pm Newsnight 12:15am Later with Jools Holland 2:20am British Jews, German Passports	8:00pm Emmerdale 8:30pm Coronation Street 9:00pm P:00pm Enwer Monsters 9:30pm Coronation Street 10:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather 11:40pm ITV News London 11:50pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show 12:20am Benidorm	6:30pm Come Dine with Me 7:00pm The Simpsons 7:30pm Hollyoaks 8:00pm Channel 4 News 8:55pm Party Election Broadcast 9:00pm Posh Pawn 10:00pm Gogglebox 11:00pm The Last Leg 12:05am Britain Today Tonight Ep6	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of Plaid Cymru 8:00pm The Gadget Show 9:00pm Secrets of Henry Viii's Palace 10:00pm The Queen Mary: Our Royals at Sea 11:00pm Live Championship Boxing 1:00am Super Casino	7:00pm The Fantasy Football Club 8:00pm Super League Gold 8:30pm Live Super League 11:30pm The Fantasy Football Club 12:30am Football's Greatest 1:00am Premier League 100 Club 1:30am Premier League 100 Club
SATURDAY 27 MAY	6:15pm FA Cup Final Arsenal v Chelsea 8:45pm Doctor Who 9:30pm Who Dares Wins 10:15pm Mrs. Brown's Boys 18:00pm Weather 11:05pm Clique 11:50pm Clique 12:35am Match of the Day Swingers	5:20pm 6:00pm 6:00pm Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World 7:00pm 8:00pm Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life 9:00pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 10:00pm 11:00pm Quartet Versailles	5:35pm 6:20pm 7:15pm 7:25pm 7:45pm 9:00pm 10:20pm 10:50pm 11:50pm 11:50pm 12:05am Catchphrase Britain's Got More Talent Local News and Weather ITV News and Weather Take Me Out Britain's Got Talent The Keith and Paddy Picture Show Jaws ITV News and Weather Jaws	4:30pm A Place in the Sun 5:30pm Big House, Little House 6:35pm Location, Location 1:30pm Channel 4 News 8:00pm The Restoration Man 9:00pm Walks with My Dog 10:00pm 12:15am Die Hard 2 2:30am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	6:05pm	3:00pm 6:30pm 9:45pm Scottish Cup Final Highlights 10:15pm 10:30pm 11:05pm Scottish Cup Final Highlights Football Gold Scottish Cup Final Highlights 11:35pm 1:30am Scottish Cup Final Highlights Highlights
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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.

alerts can help vou to monitor the markets.

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

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Three things it helps to know about travel insurance

We hope it won't happen (and fortunately the odds say it won't) but there are plenty of less dramatic situations that are completely unexpected but could ruin your trip.

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

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 you book your trip, you will have cover in

Why annual cover is often the smarter

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

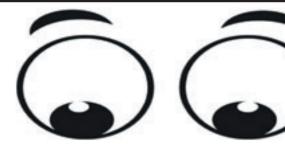
Why the USA might not be in the world

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 ex-

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Anyway, only time will tell



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.

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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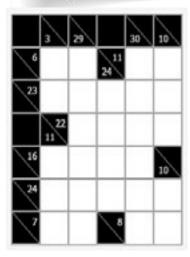




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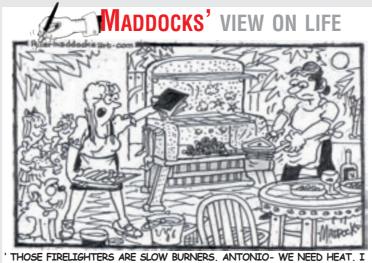
Kakuro



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.

LAST WEEK'S **SOLUTION**

	10	1	160	14	111
H	8	7	4	6	2
1/24	4	5	2	7	6
	1/2	6	8	5	3
P	5	2	6	9	160
7	9	1	3	2	7
13	2	3	7	4	9



THOSE FIRELIGHTERS ARE SLOW BURNERS. ANTONIO- WE NEED HEAT. I AM HALF SCOTTISH SO PUT THIS TORY MANIFESTO ON THE BARBECUE















































YOUR STARS FOR

CANCER 63 (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 O

(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 II (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 M.

(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 X

(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 X

(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

PISCES

(Febraury 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 **Ö**

(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

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 ss 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.



TARGET:

• Average: 10 • Good: 14

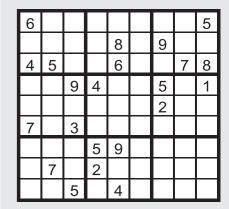
• Very good: 20 • Excellent: 26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Sudoku

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



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Crossword

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

Cryptic

- 1 Fellow approaching US place is a worry-guts (7)
- 5 Where boats may be seen made of tin and aluminium
- 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)

- 1 Passing fancy that is in today and cast off a day later
- 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)

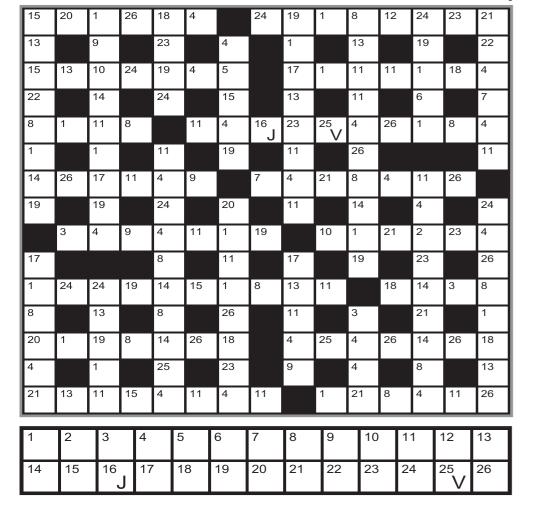
- 13 Milo O'Shea, the Irish actor, reveals cover (7)

- 18 Approaches broken snare (5)
- 20 Bored Tim almost a communist (5)

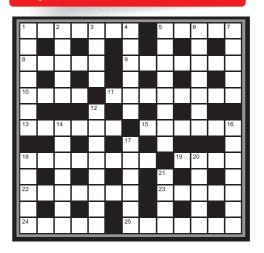
- 15 Butcher gets Ray wheels (7)
- 16 Don't start joking, it's purely visual (6)
- 23 Colour seen in Mogadishu evening sky (3)

Code Breaker

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 cover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control arid.



Quick



Across

- 1 Disordered (7)
- 5 Velocity (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)
- the front (8)
- 19 Small pieces (4)
- 22 One more, in addition to a former (7)
- 24 With the subtraction of (5)
- 25 Excess (7)

- 8 School year divisions (5)

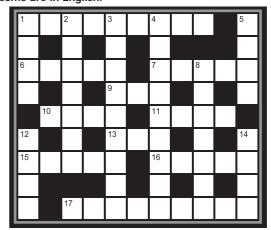
- 23 At or in the front (5)

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)
- 18 Knitted woollen jacket with buttons up 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)

English - Spanish

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



- 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)

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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)

CRYPTIC

1 Cantata, 5 Calms, 8 Motet,

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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

- 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.

- 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

1 Bastar, 4 Seco. 8 Uncertain. 9 Veintidós. 11 Ama de casa.

12 Misa, 13 Escoba,

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

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Looking for clarification

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

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.

Iohn 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



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 people 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)

Still vivid in my mind is seeing him on TV in Parliament... Virtually saying Sadam 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.

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.

>> 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 $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$ likelihood of a Corbyn win. You are right. They do not know what it is ilke 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

Brave baby survives despite odds

A BABY born in India has become the smallest ever to have successful heart surgery.

It is reported that the baby boy was born at just 28 weeks weighing just over one pound.

He suffered from a condition where the two major blood vessels of the heart are connected called Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) which left him struggling to breathe.

As he failed to respond to medication, surgery was the only option, being performed in an intensive care unit with miniaturised equipment as he was too fragile to be moved.

His eyes, lungs and skin were also not fully developed leaving even doctors unable to touch his tiny body, but despite the odds, he survived.



Worrying perception of obesity

AS the number of those classed as obese is on the increase, perhaps even more worrying is the Spanish population's perception of obesity.

A survey presented by the Spanish Society for the Study of Obesity (Seedo) said that 82.2 per cent of those who are obese do not recognise they have a problem and up to 12 per cent of them think they have a 'normal weight.'

President of Seedo, Francisco Tinahones, warned this is "tremendously worrying" with obesity now affecting more than 20 per cent of society, twice as much as 25 years ago.

With obesity being linked to other diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and osteoarthritis, he pointed out the importance of "identifying the problem" so that measures can be taken to alleviate it.

"It is important to change the perception, to see that this is a problem and address it as a disease," said Tinahones.

Children suffering

BEING overweight, a poor diet and lack of exercise are all causing an increase in cases of hypertension in Spain, but not just in adults.

Figures from the Spanish Association of Paediatrics show that five out of every 100 children now have blood pressure higher than it should be for their age. Although less than one in 100 have medically significant hypertension, if the situation continues in youngsters it significantly increases their risk of heart failure or stroke in adult life. Long-term, it can also cause damage to the kidneys, eyes and other organs.

The figures were released to mark World Hypertension Day where the Cardiology Department of the Hospital of Sant Joan, Alicante, warned of the increase of cases of high tension in all ages.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is a chronic problem that often doesn't show clear symptoms so can go undetected.

Are the grandparents to blame for childhood obesity?

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

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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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 it's 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 ser-

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

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 longterm health conditions (such as diabetes or heart problems) are the most at

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: jefemedico@helicopterossanitarios.com

End of summer hair loss

EVER noticed you lose more hair towards the end of the summer? If so, don't worry. it is natural.

According to experts during the summer more hair is needed to help protect the scalp against sunburn, but as the weather begins to cool the hair sheds naturally in larger amounts than normal as it is no longer needed.

So what can you do to help prevent it? Very little it seems and unless you regularly lose more than 100 hairs a day there is nothing to worry about.

Also, carry on brushing and washing hair as normal as to avoid it means that when you do, it will all come out at once, that can be even more alarming.

Most people lose anywhere from 50 to 100 strands of hair daily according to the



American Academy of Dermatology, but hair loss can also occur for a number of other reasons such as med-

Certain medications can trigger hair loss such as those prescribed for acne. Iron deficiencies are the most common cause of hair loss in premenopausal

followed by polycystic ovarian syndrome, leading to excessive amounts of testosterone. Crash dieting and stress can also increase hair

Stay active on holiday

IT'S not the news those of us who look forward to having two weeks off doing nothing, wanted to hear, but a study claims that a two-week holiday can increase the risk of chronic diseases and even premature death.

Whilst it has long been thought that two weeks of relaxing on the beach in the sunshine is good for our well-being, releasing stress and anxiety, a new study by the University of Liverpool claims that this time lounging around affects muscle mass and produces metabolic changes that drastically affect your heart health.

Their study included 28 healthy, physically active people with an average age of 25. They wore an armband to measure their physical activity and completed a dietary journal with assessments at the start of the study and after a 14-day 'holiday' where participants reduced normal activity by around 80 per cent, equating to a drop in exercising from 161 minutes a day to



just 36 minutes, with time sitting around doing nothing increasing.

Even in this relatively short space of time, after the 14-day period of inactivity

the researchers observed noticeable changes in body composition including loss of skeletal muscle mass and increases in body fat.





Rising star and old maestro

AWARD-WINNING mezzo-soprano superstar singer Kate Lindsey is playing the Palma Auditorium tonight with tickets a steal at just €20-32. The show begins at 8pm with tickets available from the auditorium in person or online.

Lindsey is a highly regarded rising star from Virginia who has stolen hearts in acclaimed performances in Don Giovanni, Romeo and Juliet, and Carmen. Her performance tonight is accompanied by a variety of Beethoven symphonies.

This season Lindsey has performed at the Los Angeles Opera, in London's Covent Garden, and worked with the Vienna State Opera. She is considered one of the biggest talents in the business and has recently released a new

Music lovers are being spoiled by the Auditorium this weekend. After Lindsay's performance tonight, the great Miguel Poveda plays tomorrow. The Flamenco star has toured extensively across the world, spreading his unique interpretations of the genre to the United States

The 44-year-old Catalan is hugely popular in Mallorca and tickets are selling out fast. Seats cost between €30 and €70 for the gig, which is likely to be one of the biggest Spanish concerts on the island this year.

OPERA QUEEN: Kate Lindsay is opera's brightest rising star.









PASSION: Estate agency colleagues celebrate the launch of their new glossy magazine.

Party with a passion

LEADING Real Estate Agency First Mallorca's first annual party was a roaring success, and also marked the launch of the new Passion Magazine.

Published by First Mallorca themselves, the glossy publication features the best in real estate and architecture news from the island.



If you want to eat like a King at great prices then come on down to Meson del Rey in Santa Ponsa. It is a traditional Spanish restaurant that does fantastic grilled meats, fresh fish, shoulder of lamb and paellas. With more than 35 years in the restaurant business, Meson del Rey is a big venue with ample space for up to 200 people, making it ideal for events such as weddings, christenings, company meals, etc. Apart from choosing the best dishes on the menu, you can also peruse our highly varied set menus where you can eat for €10 at lunchtime, and 15€ at night on weekdays. €15 on Saturdays and €20 on Sundays. We are open every day of the year. C/Puig de Teix, n 7 · Tel. 971 69 08 15









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Food for the soul

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The masterclass held regularly in Port Adriano has already become widely regarded as one of the best in the country. On Saturday it is set to get even bigger.

The Port will hold its special Sunset Yoga session for the third year running. An estimated 400 people will attend the class, taught by renowned international yoga teacher Xu-

an Lan. She will be accompanied by none other than Almudena Cid, a former Spanish Olympic gymnast. Truly a match made in heaven.

The session begins at 7.30pm on Saturday evening at the Starck Marina, right by the sea and offering perfect views of a stunning sunset as the yoga faithful relax, bend and curl into different pos-

Held entirely outside, the class offers yoga lovers and new practitioners the perfect chance to calm

their souls before a busy summer.

As if that's not enough. Another top yoga teacher is holding a special retreat this weekend. Lucia Liencres will be teaching ashtanga yoga and meditation at her three-day workshop from Friday to Sunday

Held at the Rafael Nadal sports centre in Manacor. where tickets can be bought online, the workshop includes nutrition advice, a medical exam and free access to the fit-

A spoilt for choice spectacle

PALMA DE PRIMAVERA gets underway today, ushering in three weeks of free live music across the city until June 15. The spring programme consists of seven performances from the famous Palma municipal band.

The action begins on Placa Major tonight at 7.30pm with the second gig scheduled for Wednesday evening at Parc de les Estacions.

The spectacle lasts until October with a terrific variety of live performances spread across the summer months. Tonight features Baroque music with Alfredo Ardanaz on violin and Rosa Canellas on cello. Tickets cost €10 at the Casa Museo de Son Marroig.



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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 consultancy which partnered emerging artists with restaurants and hotels, such as the Dorchester Collection's 45 Park Lane, to provide them valuable gallery

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!

DON'T CRY **OVER SPILLED** MILK. BY THIS TIME TOMORROW, IT'LL BE FREE YOGHURT.

Stephen Colbert

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 Wednes-

"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

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.



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

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

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

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!

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By Matthew Elliot

WITH a distinctive expat community considered wealthier and more cultured than their mainland counterparts. Mallorca's property scene has always retained an exclusive air. Much of that is due to Mallorca being an island, with finite resources and strong regulations in place to ensure a balance between beauty and a vibrant property market.

But Mallorca isn't just any island. It's one of the most visited, beloved, beautiful and climatically perfect paradises on the planet. With gorgeous beaches boasting turquoise waters, one of Spain's most dramatic mountain ranges, an historic capital, and unlimited sporting and cultural options, Mallorca possesses all the best elements of Mediterranean Spain.

Little wonder the property market here is so strong. Always one step ahead of the mainland, Mallorca wasn't as badly affected by the crisis as expat hotspots on the Costas. And since Spain's spectacular recovery got underway Mallorca and the Balearics have been at the forefront of its blindingly fast progress.

Though still struggling to find a balance between tourism and sustainability,

the island's property regulations have been designed to reap maximum rewards for owners. Here buyers can be assured that their luxurious property will be protected from aggressive new developments or dramatic price fluctuations.

There is also an extremely well-regarded network of estate and letting agents on Mallorca which has developed organically over the past half century as the island embraced expats from across Europe.

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Throughout the pages of this special property supplement readers will be introduced to many of these local property specialists, all of whom have excellent testimonials and substantial experience in ensuring both expat buyers and sellers get the best possible deal on their Mallorca property.

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Have you felt the bite of Brexit? Let's focus on finances

Believe it or not, it's been twelve months since the UK voted 'Leave' in the EU referendum. The immediate aftermath of the referendum was chaotic to say the least, with Brexit uncertainty causing dramatic shifts in financial markets and momentous fluctuations in pound exchange rates.

Has the situation calmed down over the last year? And how have international currency transfers been affected by Brexit?

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.

The recovery in the pound and the prospect of the UK/EU negotiations running on beyond the two years initially projected are encouraging people to invest in Spanish property now.

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realise you will not even notice the lights in most ceiling fans because they are so streamlined and contemporary. If your room needs overhead light, why not get some from your fan?

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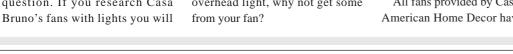
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THERE is nothing better when getting home from a hard day's work, to be able to sit out in the garden and relax. This moment of winding down from the day could be considerably enhanced with a water fountain, as it helps create a tranquil and peaceful atmosphere.

A water fountain is made up of three things, including water, to flow up a pipe in a continuous cycle. A pump is required to propel the movement of water and an apparatus over which the water can flow.

The soothing sounds of water in the garden

To create a tiered water fountain, you would need to take a waterproof pot and drill a hole in the bottom, to feed the plug from the pump through, while the pump is placed inside. Then fill the hole with putty to make it waterproof. A rubber hose should be attached to the pump to be fed through another hole of a slightly smaller pot and repeat this process through the three levels.



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Chicory or endive the choice is yours

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.

An 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 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 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 Cicorium 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 blue flower in late spring.

Well-known developments from Cichorium include Radicchio, 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.



Summer safety



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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 is in shock too fast can cause further prob-



lems, 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 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 pavements 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 loose 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 down your dogs a couple of times every day with the hose, not on the

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 that dogs are not clipped too short otherwise their skins will burn. Dog's coats are for protection against cold weather and the sun.

Meet Hudson, the friendly lab

AS a regular reader of this column you may have noticed that the pets we feature are simply beautiful, though it has to be said that each week I face the extremely tough task of choosing just one pet to bring to your attention.

This week I couldn't resist Hudson who is new on our books. And the housesit he comes with is available for two weeks in July in a charming and characterful village in Oxfordshire, Eng-



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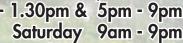
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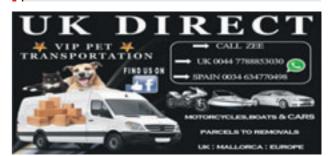
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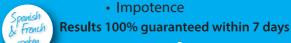
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Apple & Android revolution

By Matthew Elliott

THE new 2017 models of MINI's Clubman and Countryman will come fresh off the production line

equipped



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

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

But undoubtedly the synchronicity with Apple's hugely popular CarPlay smartphone sys-

tem is the big MINI news of summer. By simply plugtheir ging iPhones into the car's USB port, an Applestyle touchscreen will appear allowing drivers to do pretty much everything they can on their phone in

the car while driving

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 **Motoring shorts**

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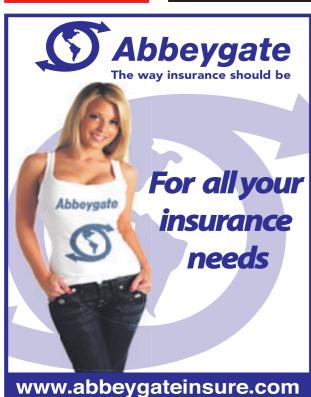
LUXURY cars are being dispensed to wealthy buyers from a gigantic 'vehicle vending machine' in Singapore. The country is notoriously short on space and flush with skyscrapers and rich Chinese businessmen, making the vertical vending machine a natural idea.

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, Toyko and Dubai where space is in short supply, but there is a huge appetite for luxury cars and a personal consumer touch.







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udi A5 S Line

REFINED high performance luxury coupes are a niche market and aimed at very discerning buyers who demand outstanding driving dynamics and cossetted comfort.

Brands such as Mercedes Benz, BMW, Jaguar and Lexus occupy this territory and so too does Audi whose latest sleeklystyled A5 model offers plush techno-laden cabin and sharp performance and handling in an overall package hard to resist.

The new A5 is slightly longer and a tad narrower than its predecessor, with subtle styling details giving it a potent vet classy image.

Prices start at €37,677 (£32,140) and every A5 comes with xenon headlamps, cruise control, 17-inch alloys, climate control, LED running lights, Bluetooth connectivity and Audi's MMI infotainment system.

There are various petrol and diesel engines in the line-up and my test model utilised the

2.0 litre 187 hp diesel mated to a seven-speed auto gearbox and in sporty S Line trim. This version is priced at €44,664 (£38,100). The 0-100 kph time is just 7.7 seconds, top speed 235 kph (146 mph) and the fuel economy 23.8 kpl (67.3 mpg).

Use of aluminium and other lightweight materials means the A5 is 60kg lighter, and with its revised sports chassis gives wonderfully assured handling.

The engine is eager yet smooth and quiet and the power delivery through the auto

and effortless. Suspension is understandably firm but still provides excellent ride comfort and some versions have the option of adaptive damping.

Inside, the cabin has a premium look and feel, and the Audi virtual cockpit - a €293 (£250) option - replaces the analogue dials with a screen version which adds a futuristic touch.

Seating is exceptionally comfortable and the rear seats are roomy for two adults, with head room despite a sloping roofline. The boot space is wide and deep at 465 litres.

Overall, the A5 S Line, with its purposeful looks and engaging driving dynamics, makes a strong statement and given the Audi brand has cooler street credibilty than it its main rivals, the A5 has a telling edge in a sector which is fiercely fought.

> **AUDI A5 S LINE:** Makes a strong statement.



Law to protect local seagrass

A DECISION has been reached concerning anchoring in areas off the coast which are known to have Posidonia oceanica seagrass meadows.

DNA tests around the Mediterranean have shown that this particular species could be the oldest known underwater organism dating back some 200,000 years.

Although it is generally quick to expand in size, the seagrass has been affected by climate change and the government in Mallorca wants to ensure that local meadows are not destroyed by dragging anchors.

To this end therefore, only vessels which use ecologically sound buoys for anchorage will be allowed unless old style anchors are required for legally allowed undertakings and no more than 1 per cent of the meadow is put to risk.

In addition, the removal of dead posidonia will be controlled with manual removal from beaches that have no development so that machinery can only be used on beaches that have been developed.

POSIDONIA oceanica seagrass.





A new Italian superyacht

NEW superyachts demand exceptional finish as well as light throughout the vessel and the new Mediterraneo 35 metre M/Y OLI is a perfect option.

Unveiled at a private event held in Fort Lauderdale, Benetti previewed its new Mediterraneo 116 line which is being produced to the highest of standards in the 100year-old Viareggio Shipyard.

"The usability of the space on board and the solutions proposed," explains architect Giorgio M Cassetta, "are comparable to those typically found on much bigger yachts. We have given the Mediterraneo 116 classical lines and proportions, but with a contemporary twist, because we wanted to create a yacht conceived to tackle

future challenges, but without betraying the spirit of Benetti's most glorious past projects."

The main lounge flows onto the cockpit through an opening over two metres wide and the windows, each measuring three metres, are continuous whilst the dining area has a table seating up to 12 and is surrounded by a walkway so wide it can be used as a balcony to

With five cabins for passengers including the owner's suite and four crew cabins that can sleep seven, the manufacturers believe that this new model combines the luxury of a cruise ship with the advantages of a personal

Palma port plan discussed

THE Balearic Ports Authority is in discussion with the Palma Council about producing a plan for the future of the port.

Recognising the synergy between the port and the city, it is important that in order to make the most from the economic advantages of the port over the next half century that plans are coordinated and agreed.

plan which should take into account the needs of both industry and the city should be completed by the end of the summer and will have far-reaching effects on the future prosperity of Mallorca which is why agreement between all parties is essential.



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Harry 'Kanes' them to claim Golden Boot as Real win La Liga and Maverick



International Sports

A former player, Tony is now the world's most prolific author of football books with 150 published since 1975. He has also been a PE teacher and a policeman, and is now a quiz-or ganiser, fund-raiser, for various charities, and sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio.

Costa de Almeria

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

• Start with football and tonight it's Dundee United v Hamilton in the SPL play-off final at Tannadice... on Saturday we have Arsenal v Chelsea in the FA Cup final and Aberdeen against Celtic in the Scottish Cup final... Sunday sees the FL1 play-off final between Blackpool and Exeter, followed 24 hours later by the Championship play-off final involving Huddersfield and Reading both games are at Wembley. And we have the Copa del Rey final - Barcelona v Alayes - this weekend as well.

- The second one-day England-South Africa cricket international is also on Saturday, at Southampton; the first was at Leeds yesterday; the third takes place at Lords on Monday.
- The French Open tennis Grand Slam tournament starts at Roland Garros without Roger Federer and Maria Sharapova, but Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic, who lost to Alexander Zverev in the singles final of the Italian Open recently, will be there. Djokovic

with have new coach Andre Agassi with him.

- Around 37,000 fans will attend Sunday's Monaco F1 Grand Prix 'live' where Lewis Hamilton will be aiming to repeat last year's victory.
- The two-day IAAF Diamond Athletics League meeting takes place in Oregon, USA tomorrow and Saturday.
- After their respective semi-final victories over Saracens and Leicester, Exeter will play Wasps in Rugby's Union Premiership final at Twickenham on Saturday.
- And on Monday, the World Table Tennis championships begin in Germany and England's cricketers play their third one-day international against South Africa at Lords.



fixtures of 2016-17 produced 37 goals as the top five PL teams were Chelsea (5-1 winners over Sunderland) Tottenham (who hammered Leicester 6-1 and Hull 7-1 in their final two matches), Liverpool (3-0 victors over Middlesbrough), Manchester City (who won 5-0 at Watford) and Arsenal (3-1 winners over Everton). Unfortunately, the Gunners missed out on a Champions League place for the first time in 20

- Manchester United boss Joe Mourinho fielded the youngestever team in PL history last Sunday against Crystal Palace, average age 22 years and 284 days and substitute Angel Gomez became the club's youngest PL player, aged 16 years and 263 days.
- Celtic won the SPL by 30 points, 106-76 from Aberdeen and remained unbeaten in all 38 matches. Now for the treble!
- Over 53,000 fans saw Millwall beat Bradford City 1-0 in last Saturday's FL1 play-off final while York defeated Macclesfield 3-2 in the FA Trophy
- · Last night, Ajax played Manchester United in the Europa League final in Stockholm.
- · England were knocked out of the Euro U17 Championship on

penalties by Spain

- Besiktas (Turkey), FC Copenhagen (Denmark), Cork City (Ireland), Monaco (France), Real Madrid (Spain) and Spartak Moscow (Russia) are the latest clubs to win League titles.
- Harry Kane, scorer of seven goals in Spurs' last two PL games, has won this season's 'Golden Boot' with 29 goals.
- As PL champions, Chelsea receive £38m; Spurs, second. pick up £36.1m, Manchester City third, get £34.2 m and demoted Sunderland receive
- Watford will sack manager Walter Mazzarri while Birmingham boss Harry Redknapp wants Kevin Bond as his assistant. Bond's dad. John, was in charge at St Andrew's in 1986-
- Ross Barclay will cost £50m if and when Everton sell him; Nolito is set join Real Betis from Manchester City and Red Bull Saltzburg are keen on Chelsea teenagers, Jadon Sancho and Dominic Solanke
- Uzbek-born Russian businessman Alisher Usmanov who owns 30 per cent of shares at The Emirates, wants to buy Arsenal outright for £1 billion. "It could be a great move" said ex-Gunner Ian Wright.
- And 'divers' in football next season will be banned!

SPORT IN GENERAL

- Spain's Maverick Vinales won last Sunday's French MotoGP; Johann Zarco (France) was second with Dani Pedrosa (third)
- Ex-USA World MotorGP champion Nicky Hayden (aged 35) has sadly died in hospital after being hit by a car while cycling in Italy. And former GB Olympic discus

thrower, Phillippa Roles has died, aged 39.

- · Spain's Fernando Alonso has had his first practice session for the Indianapolis 500.
- · American, tennis star Nikita Kry-vonos, has been banned for 10 years and fined €18,000 after being found guilty (with others) of attempting to fix the outcome of certain matches.
- Paris and Los Angeles are the likely venues for the 2024 and 2018 Olympic Games respec-
- New Zealander Adam Milne has been recognised as the fastest bowler in world cricket sending down deliveries of 94.8 mph. England's Tymal Mills speed ball is 94.5 mph and Ben Stokes' 93mph.









DID YOU KNOW?

With a total of 368, soccer genius Cristiano Ronaldo has now scored more goals in European League football than anyone else in the history of the game. Recently he broke Jimmy Greaves' 46 year-old record of 366 and has now netted 616 times for three clubs, CP Sporting, Manchester United and Real Madrid, and Portugal in 889 games since 2002.

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El Toro RC win first leg in promotion

THE winners of the Baleares Senior League El Toro RC earned the right to try for promotion into the next league, which include matches, played mostly

on the mainland. The opponents were Quebrantahuesos RFC who won the Aragon Senior

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A try scored in the first few minutes gave the visitors a psychological advantage but they kept the pressure on throughout a very even-tem-





El Toro RC Senior team in Huesca.

pered, but hard-fought match.

The home team crept ahead, gaining 11 points to eight in the lead by half time. During the second

> The veterans match in Son

half, El Toro RC added more points to end this part of the competition with 23 points to 14 for the locals. This gives the home team next week a slight advantage but it will still be a tough match.

Visiting Veterans from Argentina

The first ever team from

Argentina to visit the island made an appearance in Son Caliu on Wednesday evening to play the island's veterans team, The Babarians, which comprises of players from all of the island's clubs. The Virgins, who are based in Tucuman Province, have a long history and welcomed some veteran Mallorquin players in November of last year.

Another event for next week, will be the return match for El Toro RC against Quebranta sos RFC which is on Saturday in Son Caliu with the kick off at



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