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AXARQUIA: Homes were built on non-urban land.

Salesman's €300,000 job secret

POLICE swooped on a sneaky employee accused of stealing electronics worth over €300,000 from his boss's shop over two years. The 48-year-old worked at a computer and tech store in Marbella and allegedly sold the stolen goods on to his Colombian contact in Velez-Malaga.

A suspicious security officer contacted police when almost €13,000 worth of gear went missing in just 12 days. Police tracked the employee, following him to a car park where he handed the expensive loot to his contact. Both men were immediately arrested.

A search of the man's home found a haul of computers, phones, games consoles, and other devices worth at least €30,000. The shop has now catalogued all missing items over the years and reckons 10 times that volume was stolen by the salesman.

Stolen articles were also sold on the blackmarket and online. Police are baffled as to how the man managed to get away with it for so long.

House arrest

Thousands of homes may be illegal

By Sally Underwood

The *Euro Weekly News* has learned that thousands of homes in Axarquía which were built on non-urban land could be affected by recent changes to the state planning law (LOUA).

In October last year, town halls were instructed to take action on potentially illegal homes by preparing a general plan as well as an inventory of all buildings constructed on non-urban land.

Once completed, councils will use the two documents to determine whether each property is legal; 'asimilado como fuera de ordenación,' meaning the property is recognised but subject to further restrictions, or subject to a demolition order.

Local activist group Save Our Homes in Axarquía (SOHA), has contacted this newspaper claiming that around 20,000 homes in Axarquía could be illegal without their owners' knowledge.

They say only 200 property owners have contacted them so far and are calling on others to come forward so they can organise a platform, putting pressure on the council to declare all homes built with town hall licences legal.

Philip Smalley, a spokesman for the organisation says, "owners of homes on non-urbanis-

able land believe that because they have all their paperwork, and no action has been taken against them to date, that they are legal."

He says all property owners will soon receive a letter from the town hall stating what category it has been placed in. Smalley is urging any owners concerned about

the legal status of their property to contact the association at *soha.es* to receive advice and add their voice to the campaign.

The saga follows our earlier exclusive about Janet Hayden, a 70-year-old British woman living in La Viñuela. Janet had bought a plot of land in the area in 2003 and

says she was advised by her legal representative that although the land was not designated for housing, she could secure the appropriate licence by paying a small fine. Janet says she never received a licence, however, and after problems with the property's structure, was ordered to be evicted from her home.

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THE Benalmadena headquartered EWN Media Group's (EWNMG) phenomenal expansion continues.

Yesterday (Wednesday) *Buzz* Newspapers, a Benidorm-based media company formed four years ago on the Costa Blanca and producing two free fortnightly English-language tabloid titles, joined the stable.

Michel and Steven Euesden who head EWNMG plan to immediately stamp their mark on the publications - their first exposure to fortnightly rather than weekly newspaper publishing - by increasing local coverage and printing more *Buzz* copies, a formula that has proved a win-win policy for both readers and advertisers throughout the EWNMG empire.

"We are really excited by this latest inclusion and the added potential it offers," Michel said.

"While many newspapers struggle globally in the ever-changing media world, our own EWNMG ethos for hard work to constantly and professionally provide local readers and advertisers with free easily-available and up-to-date local newspapers remains.

"We look forward to further strengthening the service we as a publishing company offer with



Michel with Steven (left) and Marco displaying some of the EWNMG brands.

EWNMG expands Buzz joins winning team

the *Buzz* titles now added to our previous three different brands."

Over the last three months the EWNMG has expanded from

publishing six weekly editions of the *Euro Weekly News* covering southern Spain from the Costa Blanca down to the Costa del Sol

in addition to Mallorca, to now owning four brands including *Buzz*, in total representing 13 weekly newspapers and two fort-

nightly publications.

The brands in addition to *Buzz* are the founding *Euro Weekly News*, plus the recently acquired *RTN* and *Sol Times*, each with various editions circulated widely to both expatriates and nationals each week.

Marco Baiardo, founder of *Buzz* newspapers, spelled out that the takeover took place after long consideration, and admitted that the change in ownership provides the *Buzz* title with the opportunity "to reach another level by using the skills and experience of EWNMG.

"In addition I will head the *Buzz* sales team for North Costa Blanca and will therefore be able to offer new and existing clients the benefit of three EWNMG newspaper editions, the *EWN*, *RTN* and *Buzz*.

Baiardo says he looked long and hard at the long term picture before agreeing the arrangement with Michel and Steven.

EWNMG was founded more than 20 years ago by Michel and Steven. The first editions of *Buzz* under the new branding will appear next Wednesday.

Michel Euesden confirmed following the latest *Buzz* acquisition that further expansion this year is "a distinct likelihood."

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€500,000 payout

THE Regional Supreme Court of Justice has ruled that the Andalusian Health Service and company Zurich must pay almost half a million euros for failing to properly treat a pregnant woman in Velez-Málaga.

The diabetes sufferer was not properly assessed at her 36 and 38 week scans, according to the ruling, with the girl now having to walk with a cane and unable to wash and dress herself.

Clans kick off

MACHETES, shotguns, pistols, swords and bullet proof vests were seized as police arrested 25 members after a local turf war escalated.

Rising tensions and bad blood between Málaga's deadliest gangs forced police to intervene to keep the peace. Tooled up gangsters had eight catana swords, 13 machetes, a shotgun, revolver, taser, bulletproof vest and ammunition in just one location.

Taxing call

VELEZ-MÁLAGA'S Council has returned €1,288.07 in capital gains tax which it improperly collected from a resident who had transferred his home to his ex-girlfriend. The man had bought the property in 2009 with his then-partner, but when the couple split a year later she continued to live in it and paid the mortgage.

Axe to grind

A 40-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in Periana for attacking his neighbour with an axe.

The alleged assault took place on the village's main street after the accused allegedly insulted the 30-year-old victim's mother, leading

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With mountainous terrain and long coastlines, Spain has plenty to offer adrenaline junkies seeking an extreme sports thrill, with some of the best offerings in Europe you just need to choose your challenge!

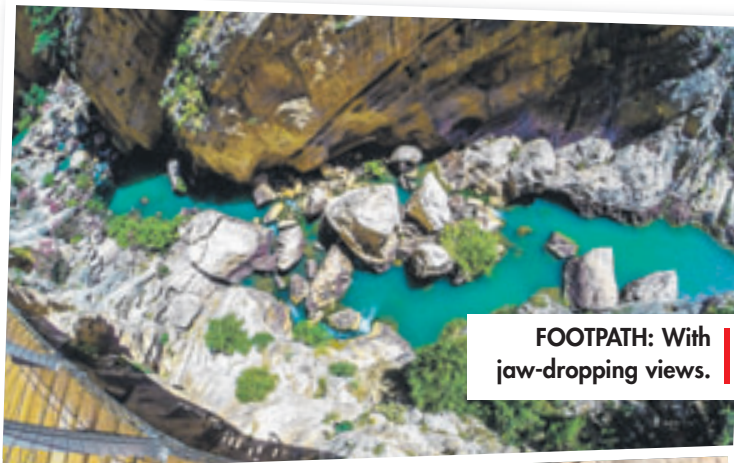
Are you brave enough?

THE Caminito del Rey in Ardales, Málaga, which has been dubbed the world's most dangerous trail, recently celebrated its second anniversary after reopening to the public following a multi-million Euro investment.

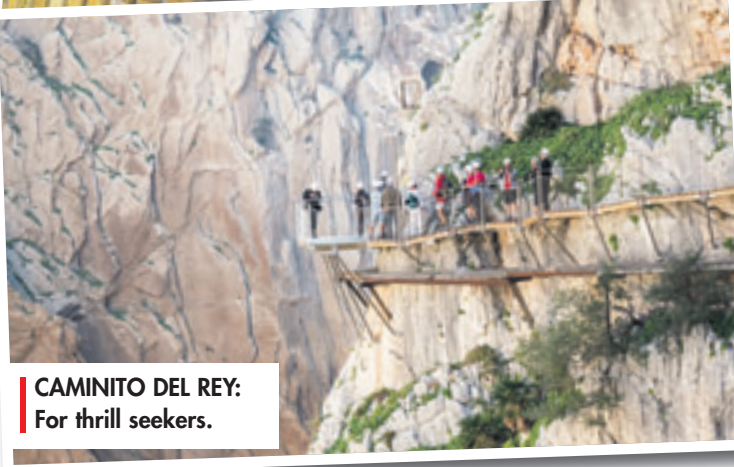
The jaw-dropping footpath which at points rises almost 330ft above the river below, was originally built in 2001 as part of King Alfonso XIII's hydroelectric project to harness the power of three rivers, but swiftly fell into disrepair.

It later became a magnet for extreme climbers, but was closed by authorities after five people plunged to their deaths between 1999 and 2000.

A new walkway with a raft of added safety features opened in 2015 and is now among Spain's most popular tourist attractions, with 600,000 thrill seekers having braved the route.



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From air to sea to snow

IN Sanlúcar de Guadiana, Huelva, visitors can take a death-defying 720-metre, 80 km/h zip line across the border from Spain to Portugal.

As they cross the Guadiana River they literally fly though time as they gain an hour due to the time zone difference between the countries.

Lying at the extreme southern tip

of Spain, Tarifa is the kite surf capital of Europe with its notorious strong winds. With plenty of kite surf schools and some of the best-qualified instructors on the planet, it is the ideal destination to throw out some tricks.

For a real extreme adventure, head to Baqueira in the Pyrenees Moun-

tains, where a number of heliskiing companies operate.

Spain is one of the few countries in Europe where it is legal to jump out of a helicopter onto off-piste slopes of virgin powder snow, although with dangers including avalanches and tree wells, this is not one for the beginner.

him to intervene in her defence.

He was taken to hospital with a wounded head and fractured wrist.

In the swim

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA'S planned indoor, heated, public swimming pool is expected to open at the beginning of next year. The pool, which is 60 per cent completed, having been started in February

2016 and is to cost €3.8 million, will be named after local swimmer, Christian Jongeneel.

Hosed down

A GROUP of firemen have taken to Málaga's streets demanding improvements to their working conditions.

Members of the Rel Cuerpo de Bomberos de Málaga gathered in

full uniform at Parque Martiricos at 11am, waving banners, before heading to the town hall where the council was in session.

Quick-fire fix

A WILDFIRE that broke out in the Benagalbon district of Rincon de la Victoria was brought under control within a few hours.

In addition to 27 forest firefighters and an environmental agent, two helicopters and a fire engine were involved in putting out the blaze.

Axarquía to sizzle at weekend

THE Costa Tropical is expected to bake this weekend, but temperatures of up to 32°C could spell bad news for sun-worshippers.

With the mercury set to soar, experts from state weather agency AEMET have warned that the searing heat will trigger dangerously high UV levels from Thursday.

The blast of heat will see thousands of people hitting the beach, but members of the public are advised to stay out of the sun from 2-5pm and drink plenty of water.

Hot southerly winds are forecast from Friday, with temperatures set to rocket into the 30's on Saturday and Sunday, before cooling as the weekend draws to a close.

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The total number of news and features appearing in last week's Euro Weekly News Axarquía - Costa Tropical edition, with 21 local stories.

Kiwi touch down

NEW ZEALAND'S all-conquering All Blacks have another trophy for the cabinet after winning Spain's top sporting prize for being an 'example of racial and cultural integration.'

The world champions bagged this year's Princess of Asturias Award for Sports, and according to a statement "having become an icon of the sport worldwide, the New Zealand team is also considered an example of racial and cultural integration, conveying values of unity, friendship, solidarity and sportsmanship."

Messi situation

BARCELONA and Argentina football star Lionel Messi has seen his 21-month jail sentence for tax fraud upheld by Spain's Supreme Court.

The five-time world footballer of the year and his father Jorge, who manages his finances, were both convicted last year of defrauding Spain of €4.1 million in a scam involving the star's image rights.

It is unlikely either will serve time, however.

EU intel share

EUROPEAN Union member states must rack up intelligence sharing to help prevent terrorist attacks like the Manchester atrocity which killed 22 people including children and injured 64.

Spain's Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis said everyone had to

Eye on SPAIN

Around the nation in 7 stories

Postcard from Valls



| Grilled onions.

THE Catalan city of Valls is famous for its calcots - a type of scallion or green onion - and the tradition of building human towers, known as castells. With a population of 24,285, it is capital of the Alt Camp comarca and lies 69km from Barcelona and 26km from regional capital Tarragona.

The feasting on calcots is known as a Calcotada. The large sweet-flavoured green onion is barbecued and dipped into a special sauce. The traditional meal continues with the onion being served with meat and sausages grilled over the same coals, washed down with locally produced wines.

Calcots are available December to May and people travel from Barcelona to sample the crop. Grown locally, the vegetable has a protected geographical status in the same way as many wines.

Valls is also the birthplace of castells, a tradition of human tower building that has spread across Catalonia. Historically a small tower was made at the end of a traditional dance but because of the rivalry of different groups taking part - known as colles - the constructions became higher and more complicated.

The festival of Sant Joan in June is the start of the human tower season and the first Sunday after Santa Ursula's Day on October 21 in Plaça del Blat there is perhaps the most important exhibition of castells.

Valls is the birthplace of composer Robert Gerhard, 1896-1970, and visitors can enjoy exploring an old town and its historic churches, chapels and the Call Jueu, the Jewish ghetto near the gothic church of San Joan.

work together to end "once and for all this wretched scourge."

He said some countries were wary of sharing hard-won secrets; but added they must establish a level of trust to "pool the information we have."

Fonsi is cool

A SPANISH-LANGUAGE song has topped the US singles charts more than 20 years after the Macarena sensation, with Puerto Rican singer Luis Fonsi's Despacito.

The tune which features Justin Bieber and rapper Daddy Yankee hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart after being watched 1.5 billion times on YouTube.

Catalan ban

SPAIN'S Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has accused separatist leaders in Catalonia of "threats and blackmail" over reports they would declare independence unless Madrid agreed to a referendum vote on secession.

The country's leader said the move was "intolerable" and would rupture everything the country stood for as he reacted to an article in *El Pais*.

White lines

AN Austrian fashion model has been arrested in Ibiza after allegedly crashing a €450,000 vintage Ferrari while high on cocaine before attempting to flee on her boyfriend's private jet.

Elif Aksu, 25, was detained at a private airport after reportedly careering into a lorry while behind the wheel of a Ferrari Dino.

Birthdays

• Heidi Klum (44) June 1, Model

A German supermodel who appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated, the swimsuit issue and became 'Victoria's Secret Angel.' She is also a businesswoman, fashion designer, singer, author, actress and TV personality, having appeared as host on America's Got Talent.

• Sergio Aguero (29) June 2, Footballer
Argentinian professional footballer who joined the National team in 2006, then was signed up to play for Manchester City in 2011 after he scored 74 goals in 175 games, when playing for Atletico Madrid, between 2006 and 2011. He contributed to Argentina winning an Olympic Gold Medal at the 2008 Beijing games.

• Michelle Keegan (30) June 3, Soap Opera Actress

English actress most well-known for playing the part of Tina McIntyre, in the long-established soap opera, Coronation Street. Before becoming an actress, she worked in a department store then pursued an acting career and has been voted FHM's sexiest woman in the world.

• Angelina Jolie (42) June 4, Movie Actress

American actress who has won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in *Girl Interrupted* in 1999. She became famous for playing Lara Croft in the *Tomb Raider* and other films include *Maleficent* and *By the Sea*. She is currently better known for her roles as a filmmaker, philanthropist and humanitarian.



• Liam Neeson (65) June 7, Movie Actor

This actor has had an extremely successful career, receiving so much critical acclaim for his role in *Schindler's List*, that in 2009 he was made a US citizen. Other films include *Taken* and *Star Wars*. Queen Elizabeth II, appointed him an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

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OUR VIEW

Don't ignore your vote

THIS year, a number of British councils have been efficient in sending out ballot papers to those abroad eligible to vote in the General Election.

If you are one of those who registered to vote by May 22 as you have not been out of the UK for more than 15 years, then once you have received your ballot paper don't forget about voting.

For many expatriates who expected to be able to vote in the next election - following promises in the Conservative manifesto - this has added to the disappointment of missing out on the Brexit Referendum and now this snap General Election.

If you aren't able to appoint a proxy and wish to vote, there is still time to return your ballot paper since the poll doesn't close until 10pm next Thursday, but you might wish to play safe sending it by registered post.

The Conservative and Labour parties have released their manifestos offering very different social policies but both agree that Brexit should proceed, although they differ on terms of negotiations.

The LibDems are offering a second referendum to allow people to vote on the Brexit agreement while the Scottish Nationalists want to remain in Europe.

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Mussel beach fury

A PLATFORM against a proposed mussel farm in Almuñecar has carried out a marine protest near Punta de la Mona.

Several vessels from local dive centres displayed banners declaring, 'no to the Almuñecar mussel farm,' in the water close to the proposed site.

The town's outraged mayor, Trinidad Herrera, has formed a coalition of business groups to oppose the farm, which she claims could damage the local tourist economy, the environment and even the landscape.

She said the farm could generate around €5 to €8 million for the local economy, but only about 10 to 20 people would be employed. However, Herrera claims the knock-on effect of harm to tourism could create an economic loss of €47 million, costing nearly 750 jobs.

The platform points out there are hundreds of divers from local centres and all over the Costa del Sol, who choose the town precisely because of its underwater scenery.



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Fun in the sun

SOME lost their luggage while jetting in, but being deprived of their clothes failed to dampen the spirits as UK reality TV stars swooped into Marbella.

TOWIE's Amber Turner caused a stir after sharing an Instagram photo of Celebrity Big Brother star Jamie O'Hara with the caption 'My fwendsss' during her trip, prompting the ex-Premier League footballer's fashion model girlfriend Elizabeth-Jayne Tierney to respond 'Errrrr no. Remove.'

The Essex siren later left little to the imagination as she showed off her tan in a series of revealing bikinis.

Irish model Vogue Williams, 31, put on a leggy display as she attended the launch of La Sala's new project Mahiki Beach. The winner of Bear Grylls: Mission Survive rocked a black mini dress and nude stilettos stepping out in style.

Also attending the event were veteran reality star Callum Best, former TOWIE heartthrob Mark Wright, and Made in Chelsea bombshell Lottie Moss.

While Callum, 36, kept a low profile, 30-year-old Mark was seen chatting to a bevy of women during an afternoon DJ set.

Meanwhile, 19-year-old Lottie sported a series of skimpy bikinis while puffing on cigarettes and sharing a series of selfies.

She had earlier taken to Twitter to complain about British Airways, as she penned: "Just arrived in Marbella and no luggage, such poor service from Gatwick airport."

Former Made In Chelsea star Ashley James was also a victim of the weekend travel chaos, as she shared a titillating snap of herself naked in the bath with friend and fellow DJ Charlotte de Carle.



Mark Wright

Cruise control

HE'S a Hollywood heavyweight who has recently been busy shooting heart-stopping scenes for the sixth Mission: Impossible movie in Paris.

But 54-year-old actor Tom Cruise displayed a more relaxed side as he hit the red carpet at the Mummy premiere in Madrid alongside co-stars Annabelle Wallis and Sofia Boutella.



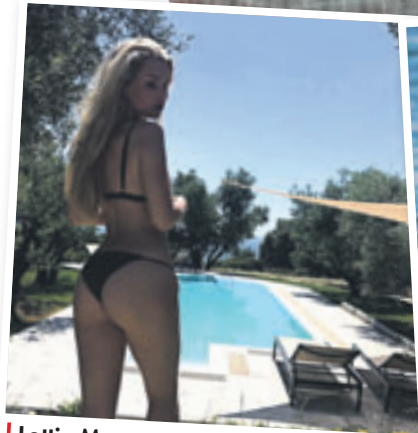
TOM CRUISE: In Madrid.

Sporting a sleek blue suit, the star was all smiles at the first screening of the supernatural horror blockbuster since the London premiere was axed in the wake of the Manchester attack.

He even stretched out a hand to help Annabelle down some steps as she struggled with her long

black and gold gown, before the pair lined up alongside Sofia, who sported a plunging silver number.

The Mummy is a reboot of the 1990s franchise which originally starred Rachel Weisz and Brendan Fraser.



Lottie Moss



Katie McGlynn

Tangerine dream

SHE became famous for her role as frumpish machinist Sinead Tinker in much-loved ITV soap Coronation Street. But Katie McGlynn, 23, showed her outgoing side as she paraded her curves after slipping into a barely-there orange bikini in Mallorca.

The actress seemed keen to show off her newly slender physique as she splashed in the crystal clear shallows, having suffered a gruelling weight-loss regime earlier this year.

Her on screen boyfriend Daniel recently pushed dad Ken Barlow down the stairs after an argument about her, and the stunner certainly stepped up to the mark as she lost two stone after making changes to her diet and fitness schedule.

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FRIGILIANA has hosted an event warning parents and children about the possible dangers of the internet. The class, which took place at the town's House of Culture, taught parents the tools to protect their children.

Green day

ALGARROBO is putting on an environmental volunteering day on July 1. It is calling on all residents over 14 who love their town to get involved and help protect its wildlife.

Net battle

NERJA has hosted the finals and semi-finals of its gold basketball league. The event, which was held at the Pabellon Municipal saw four teams battle it out to be the winner.

Beer cheer

VELEZ-MALAGA has opened a contest to find a design for this year's San Miguel Beer Festival. The contest is open until August 25 and anyone wishing to submit a design can do so at the town hall's Department of Festival.

Tax relief

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Council has received more than 180 claims for a tax rebate from property owners who say they were incorrectly charged for an increase in their homes value. The claims will now be assessed.

Bug busters

NERJA'S Council has teamed up with the Junta de Andalucía to consider offering pesticide courses in the town. Anyone using the chemicals in Spain must now have a licence to do so.

By Sally Underwood

Two kidnapped over €300,000 debt

NINE people have been arrested for kidnapping two men in Malaga who supposedly owed them hundreds of thousands of euros.

The victims had intended to buy gold from the kidnappers at a home in the city when the accused prevented them from leaving, forced them into the back of a van and drove off to-

wards Madrid. One of the two managed to struggle out of his bindings, however, and freed the other before they both jumped out of the back of the van.

The investigating officers found nine people had acted 'in a co-ordinated way,' with three belonging to an organ-

ised crime group and the others hailing from an 'autonomous and itinerant faction.' One man allegedly acted as go-between amongst the two groups.

Police found the accused after identifying the man who rented the van. They worked out he made frequent trips to Madrid and intercepted him,

arresting two others from his gang in the capital on the same day and the others in Alcorcon the next day.

Officers also confiscated two guns, two carbines, a sub-machine gun, documentation, a vehicle, ammunition, a GPS beacon and over €60,000 in cash.

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Crutch murderer jailed

By Sally Underwood

AN 85-YEAR-OLD woman found guilty of murdering her cancer-addled husband with a crutch in Rincon de la Victoria has been jailed for 20 years.

The woman, who claimed she did not recollect the incident, may now apply to the government for a pardon.

The jury found the woman, whose husband had lung cancer, waited until family visitors had left before killing him with his own crutch and then clean-

ing and hiding the murder weapon.

During her trial, prosecutors asserted the woman waited until her husband was resting on a sofa, and, 'unexpectedly, taking advantage of his helplessness, which prevented any effective defence, bludgeoned him.'

The woman is believed to have hit her husband on the head and arms over 40 times, causing 22 head wounds and massive blood loss. The man entered a coma and died at the Carlos Haya hospital the next day.

Investigators initially be-

“ The woman claimed she cannot remember the incident.

lieved the woman's tale that her husband had fallen, but became suspicious when they found blood stains on his own crutch.

The judge found the pre-

meditated nature of the attack, as well as the abuse of trust of a wife murdering her husband were aggravating factors.

Questioned by lawyers during her trial, the woman claimed she cannot remember the incident, suggesting burglars may have entered the property and attacked her husband but maintaining, "I did not hit him with a crutch."

Numbers in the news
£80,000 the cost of an operation a Barcelona neurosurgeon is to perform on a British woman.

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Art world urges Banderas to reconsider cultural project

By Sally Underwood

FIFTY-FIVE artists, writers and composers have signed a letter asking actor Antonio Banderas to reconsider his decision to quit the Astoria culture centre project planned for Malaga.

The group, led by Malaga composer Antonio Meliveo, has called on the Hollywood star, who was also born in the city, to “reflect, have a little patience and return to the path of enlightenment.” They also expressed their “frustration” at the project’s demise.

They explained it would “provide a first-class cultural building for performing arts in Malaga,” adding behaviour by politicians had

been “predictable,” echoing Voltaire’s statement, “Spaniards only know how to do three things; love, fight and act the fool.” They have “affectionately” asked organisers to reconsider their decision and continue with the building.

The proposed multi-million euro project would see the delapidated Astoria and Victoria cinemas transformed into cultural centres providing directing courses, and music and dance workshops.

Actor Antonio Banderas had initially been behind the project until backing out after reportedly being “insulted” by opposition party politicians.

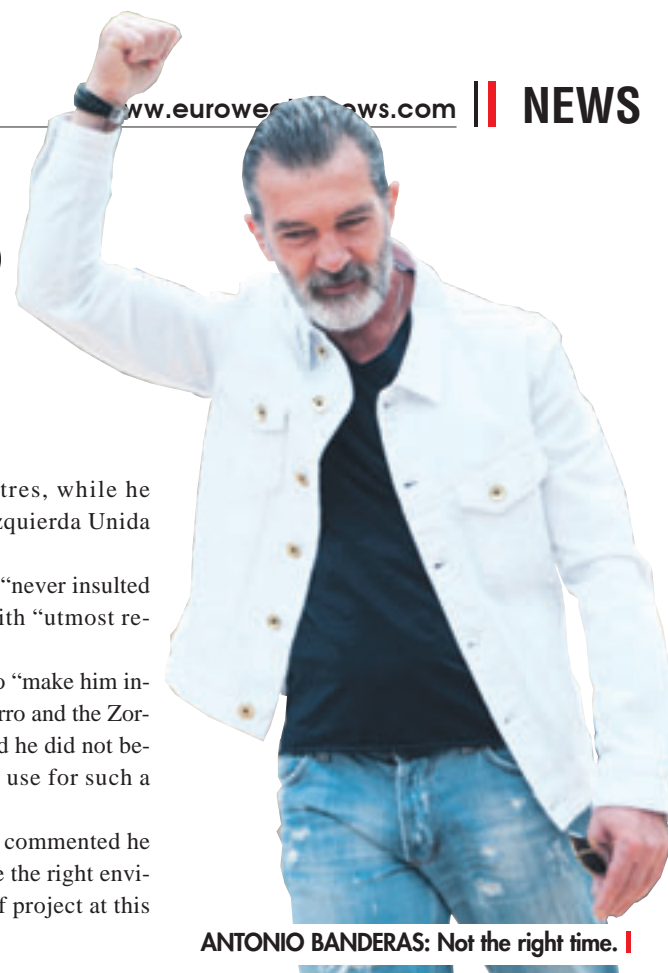
He reportedly believed party Ciudadanos

was uninterested in the centres, while he claimed Eduardo Zorrilla of Izquierda Unida was unfairly critical.

In response, Zorrilla said he “never insulted Banderas” and treated him with “utmost respect.”

He claimed the star wanted to “make him into one of his movie villains. Zorro and the Zorrilla he could call it.” He added he did not believe the project was the best use for such a prime location.

Antonio Banderas has since commented he believes, “Malaga doesn’t have the right environment to develop this sort of project at this point in time.”



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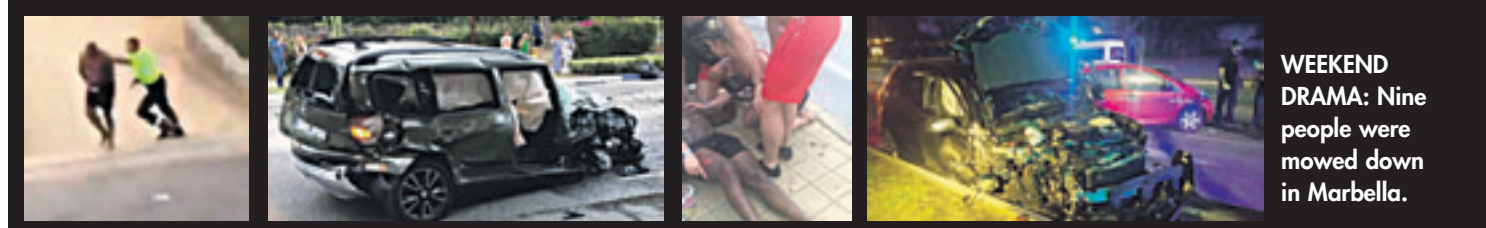
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WEEKEND
DRAMA: Nine
people were
mowed down
in Marbella.



PARTY: At
the Ocean
Club.

Named and shamed

Drug-fuelled British driver faces murder bid charge

TWO Britons who mowed down nine people and ploughed into traffic in Marbella while high on alcohol and drugs have been named as a police probe goes on.

Liam Anthony O'Neill and Marcus Eric Stewart, both 27, appeared before a judge yesterday (Wednesday) after remaining behind bars since the weekend drama unfolded.

Neither was charged but both were remanded in custody as police investigations into whether the pedestrians were deliberately targeted.

While Stewart has not been offered bail, O'Neill has been told he could avoid prison by paying €25,000.

In total 10 people, including the driver, were injured in Sunday's incident, two seriously.

The men, who tested positive for alcohol, cocaine and cannabis, are accused of attempted murder and fleeing the scene before colliding with a number of other vehicles.

Footage has emerged featuring Stewart being marched along by an armed police officer, while another shows him ly-

ing on the road near the crash scene having been told to "shut up" after protesting "I didn't do anything."

Both have UK police records and one is a Marbella resident. However, it remains unclear who was driving the British-plated black Audi Q7 which was written off in the incident.

Investigators say that the Audi had been issued a parking ticket while on a pavement outside the Ocean Club in Puerto Banus, where the men had joined thousands of revellers at the celebrity haunt's lavish Champagne Party, during which more than 6,000 bottles are sprayed.

The vehicle was then parked in an underground park from which it later emerged before

leading police on a chase having slammed into pedestrians.

Contrary to some media reports, a 12-day-old baby was not hurt, although his mother suffered a broken back and fractured hip and the family's dog was killed in a head-on smash with the Audi.

An official for Ocean Club said on Monday: "We would like to express our deepest disapproval to the unjustified behaviour of the driver that injured several people with his vehicle yesterday evening. Our thoughts and heart go out with those wounded and their families. Paying respect to those injured, we have cancelled the Champagne party that was initially scheduled for next Sunday."

Numbers in the news

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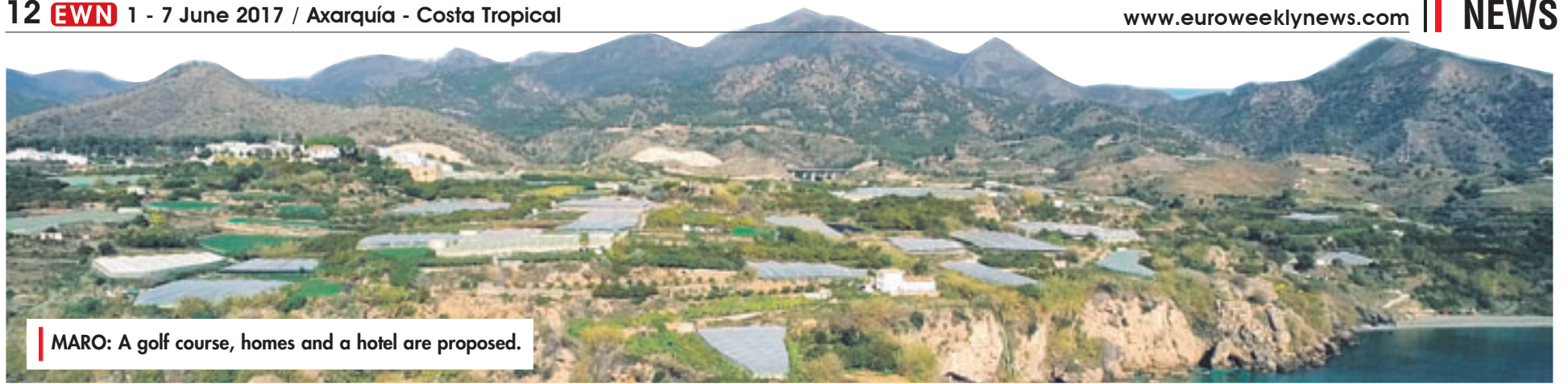
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MARO: A golf course, homes and a hotel are proposed.

Swinging both ways

NERJA Council has met with Larios to agree a series of changes to their proposed golf course in Maro.

made by the previous Partido Popular (PP) council.

Anabel Iranzo, the town's Planning Councillor, commented, "we are negotiating with them, we have asked for changes in the agreement to benefit residents.

"Larios wants to work with the council and is not seeking compensation for land transfers made in the years of a PP government."

While some support for the development has appeared on social media, many residents are still up in arms. In the middle of May, two Larios workers removed a banner protesting its proposed development in Maro less than two hours after it went up.

According to SUR, the group opposing the plans, the workers tore down the sign, "in an abuse of power because it was on public property."

“ We have asked for changes in the agreement.”

The development would see an 18-hole golf course built in the town's old mill, as well as 680 homes and a luxury hotel. Some residents have fiercely opposed the project, collecting over 1,000 signatures, and claiming it would be damaging to the environment.

Larios had agreed a series of modifications to its plans in April 2015, following discussions with Nerja Council but the new town hall team are pushing for further changes to the agreement, which was



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Tributes for young victim

PABLO, a seven-year-old cancer sufferer from La Cala de Moral has passed away after six years fighting the disease, provoking an outpouring of grief from his community.

The boy, who died in the Materno Infantil Hospital, had been the subject of fundraising efforts by well-wishers, gathering money so his parents could temporarily close their business and spend more time with their dying child.

The Saturday before his death, Pablo had fulfilled his greatest wish and received his first communion at Colegio de los Salesianos in Malaga, where his parents, Veronica Arce and Enrique Gutierrez, hail from.

Pablo moved to La Cala del Moral with his family a few years ago. As the boy's illness progressed, the community rallied around him, raising €20,000 for his parents.

Now that's sweet justice

A COURT in Granada has decreed Andalusian farmers can start selling stevia leaves again, following eight months in which the Junta had prevented its sale.

The plant, which is used to create a sugar substitute and is grown in abundance in Axarquia, is cultivated by over 200 Andalusian farmers, across more than 40 hectares, which produces 120,000 kilos a year.

The ruling is considered "a first step in rehabilitating the sugar substitute which is useful for those with diabetes."

Leovigildo Martin, President of the area's producers, said around 40 families in the Malaga area rely on the crop for their livelihood and grow over 25,000 kilograms each year. He commented, "in February I started a protest, standing outside the door of the Delegation of Health in Malaga one day a week," adding the Junta's decision had caused "companies to lose millions."

At the end of last year, company Biostevia was forced to destroy 2,000 kilos of the plant, worth an estimated €16,000. Martin explained that despite the ruling "the damage to many companies and farmers, who have invested almost all of their assets, is already done."

Numbers in the news

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Jazz hands

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Tapas treat

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA is hosting its 19th tapas fair from today until June 4, offering 75 dishes from nine different establishments. Drinks will be offered at reduced prices.



CYNTHIA GARCIA: Stated that those residents who do not comply will face penalties.

Dictatorship deleted

VELEZ-MALAGA'S council is putting forward a proposal asking residents whose properties still feature symbols from Franco's dictatorship to remove them.

Cynthia Garcia, the town's councillor for Culture, Education and Citizen Participation, added those who do not comply would face penalties from the council, explaining, "a breach would result in sanc-

tions such as not receiving public aid."

She added the town hall will also start changing the names of any streets honouring Franco or his generals, such as the Vivar Tellez sports stadium. Garcia claims the buildings which still feature symbols from the dark time in Spain's history are mainly based in the town's centre and in the streets surrounding the

sports stadium. She said the council will then carry out the same scheme in Torre del Mar and Caleta de Velez.

The project has been put in place to fulfil obligations under the Law of Historical and Democratic Memory, and has already been carried out in towns such as Nerja, which is currently changing two road names which were named after Franco's generals.

Sexist poster withdrawn

TORROX Council has reportedly met with the promoters of the San Antonio festival asking them to change a poster for its allegedly sexist content and for encouraging binge-drinking.

The festival, which is due to take place on June 16 and 17 is a favourite among young people, seeing them fill the streets, enjoying a drink. Promoters released a poster showing a bikini-clad young woman next to the slogan 'foam party water party,' and promises of 'beer and wine for only €1.'

Sandra Extremera, the town's councillor for Equality commented, "this morning we asked for the poster to be taken down because we do not think various aspects of it are appropriate." She added, "we have held a meeting with those responsible for it, who have agreed to modify it, understanding its image and content leave it open to criticism." She said, it "will be replaced with another poster in the next few days."

The council claims its intervention is proof of "the government team's commitment to promoting the town's image and creating a healthy culture for its young people," adding, "we have told the company to include messages promoting responsible drinking attitudes, explaining alcohol will not be sold to minors and encouraging moderate consumption."

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NEWS EXTRA

Having a ball

TORROX has rounded off Elderly Month with a gala for its older residents. The event, which took place in the town's Teatro Villa, involved dance activities and was designed to show Torrox's appreciation of its elderly.

Two arrested

TWO men have been arrested in Motril as part of an ongoing investigation which saw 10,000 firearms seized earlier this year. One man was found to have €35,000 and hundreds of cartridges.

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Aena achieves record share

By John Smith

THANKS to purchases made by mainly American banks and investment houses, shares in Aena hit a record €170 on the Spanish stock exchange.

When large corporations such as Goldman Sachs, Charles Schwab and JP Morgan invest in a company's shares, many other speculators follow suit even when company profits obtained are not that high.

Analysts suggest however that with the weakness of the Brazilian

and Chinese economies as well as problems in the US and the UK, sensible money has headed to a safe haven such as Aena which manages airports in Spain and overseas.

Recently, one of the world's largest credit ratings firms, Fitch upgraded Aena's rating to A and the

company continues to turn in increased revenue figures and forecast profits every quarter so whilst other analysts suggest that the shares are over-valued, such a suggestion is being ignored by the large corporate investors.

Latest valuation based on share

€80.9 million

is the profit reported by Aena for the first quarter of 2017.

price which has increased by 14 per cent in the last month shows that Aena is within the top 10 most valuable companies on the Spanish stock market (IBEX) index, being worth more than a number of Banks and other household names.

The reason for the escalation in the price of shares in the company is simply explained by the fact that there are considerably more potential purchasers than sellers and the only way that shares can be obtained is to encourage profit taking with higher bids.

Bid for renewable energy projects

ALERT to the fact Spain needs to increase its production of renewable energy in order to meet EU requirements, new suppliers are being sought.

The government will hold an auction to receive bids for new wind and other renewable projects shortly according to Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy. He made it clear one of the stipulations for the award of any contract would be consumers would not have to pay more for the electricity produced as development costs would be for the winning bidders.

The government hopes that by 2020 renewable projects will account for 10 per cent of Spanish energy production.

Quote of the Week

"Euro area banks are less likely overall to grant loans than they have been on average since 2003," Mario Draghi, President of the European Central Bank speaking in Madrid.

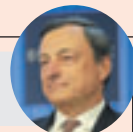


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Ambassador Simon Manley promoting British business.

A hard Brexit is scaring majority

ACCORDING to the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain, more than two thirds of its members are now more sceptical about the results of Brexit.

What worries them most is the possibility of a hard Brexit with 82 per cent saying that the consequences of this, especially the shielding of migratory flows or access to the common market, as well as the establishment of tariff barriers to imports and exports of goods, could negatively affect

their businesses.

They are however more optimistic about the option of a soft exit as more than half believe that it would have no effect or could even be positive for their business.

Importantly however almost all the companies consulted agree that Brexit will have negative consequences on the Spanish economy as it may be more difficult for British companies to invest or want to invest in Spain.

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Foreign owners

DESPITE fears over Brexit, Britons purchase more properties in Spain than any other foreign group. Figures have fallen in the last 12 months but are still significant as far as property sales are concerned.

Gas price

THE cost of an orange butane gas canister has increased by 5 per cent to €14.18. The last increase was in January and the price is set by central government, although gas in silver canisters is not controlled.

Pay TV

IT is reported that more Spaniards are considering pay TV. Sky has indicated that it expects to enter the market. With plans to offer services towards the end of this year, it will be unable to offer Premier League football.

Roam free throughout Europe

TELECOMS group Telefonica has advised its Movistar customers that from June 15 they will be able to use their mobile phones within Europe free of roaming charges. Other mobile phone companies have already implemented this change in or-

der to comply with European Union directives following some 10 years of negotiation between member states and telecoms companies.

Apart from all EU states, this change will also apply in Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

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Anglo American	1,047.75	-4.75	-0.45	14,853.61
Associated British Foods	2,925.00	-25.00	-0.85	23,504.81
Admiral Group	1,905.00	-101.00	-5.03	5,741.21
Ashtead Group	1,545.50	-24.50	-1.56	7,777.94
Antofagasta	801.50	-23.00	-2.79	8,138.25
Aviva	524.50	-2.00	-0.38	21,603.20
AstraZeneca	5,189.00	-38.00	-0.73	65,925.22
BAE Systems	663.00	-2.50	-0.38	20,848.96
Babcock International Group	919.00	-22.50	-2.39	4,805.70
Barclays	211.13	-0.52	-0.25	36,345.12
British American Tobacco	5,515.00	-76.00	-1.36	102,447.64
Barratt Developments	597.25	-3.75	-0.62	6,112.30
British Land Co	629.50	-2.00	-0.32	6,497.84
BHP Billiton	1,198.00	-7.00	-0.58	25,545.51
Bunzl	2,419.50	-17.50	-0.72	8,189.39
BP	469.78	-4.77	-1.01	93,111.14
Burberry Group	1,739.50	-38.50	-2.17	7,772.48
BT Group	312.00	-1.80	-0.57	31,216.01
Coca-Cola HBC	2,269.00	-2.19	-0.10	8,248.17
Carnival	4,600.00	-335.00	-6.79	10,419.45
Centrica	202.60	-0.60	-0.30	11,292.38
Compass Group	1,616.50	-26.50	-1.61	26,638.66
Croda International	3,922.50	-39.50	-1.00	5,172.47
CRH	2,790.00	-14.74	-0.53	23,185.25
ConvaTec Group	292.55	-32.45	-9.98	6,264.23
DCC	7,290.00	-94.26	-1.27	6,581.29
Diageo	2,324.00	-13.00	-0.56	58,512.44
Direct Line Insurance Group	344.80	-0.60	-0.17	4,798.75
Experian	1,621.00	-20.00	-1.22	15,525.36
easyJet	1,335.50	-50.50	-3.64	5,481.47
Fresnillo	1,528.00	-53.00	-3.35	11,613.44
GKN	329.75	-24.75	-6.98	6,000.20
Glencore	288.75	-3.75	-1.28	41,946.28
GlaxoSmithKline	1,628.00	-15.50	-0.94	79,561.91
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1,667.00	-25.00	-1.48	3,995.65
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,390.00	-12.68	-0.90	6,664.18
Hammerson	578.25	-2.75	-0.47	4,600.50
HSBC Holdings	670.50	-4.50	-0.67	134,129.99
International Consltd Airlines Gr	587.25	-26.75	-4.36	13,000.22
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,337.50	-19.50	-0.45	8,635.86
3i Group	857.50	-11.00	-1.27	8,478.03
Imperial Brands	3,650.25	-30.25	-0.82	35,064.85
Informa	680.25	-8.25	-1.20	5,360.15
Intu Properties	265.90	-3.80	-1.41	3,638.28
Intertek Group	4,295.00	-22.20	-0.51	6,962.39
ITV	197.20	-3.00	-1.50	8,010.56
Johnson Matthey	3,175.00	76.15	2.46	5,989.86
Kingfisher	325.45	-2.85	-0.87	7,398.25
Land Securities Group	1,038.00	-37.00	-3.44	8,468.93
Legal & General Group	242.65	-7.65	-3.06	15,012.99

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	71.14	-0.60	-0.84	52,237.24
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,345.50	-45.50	-1.34	11,906.23
Micro Focus International	2,310.00	-108.00	-4.47	5,530.12
Mediclinic International	787.50	-28.50	-3.49	5,960.62
Merlin Entertainments	514.00	-4.50	-0.87	5,256.81
Marks & Spencer Group	370.70	-15.60	-4.04	6,325.07
Mondi	1,957.00	-54.00	-2.69	9,749.92
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	242.30	-5.10	-2.06	5,731.58
National Grid	1,085.50	-5.50	-0.50	40,667.27
Next	4,372.00	-12.00	-0.27	6,473.43
Old Mutual Group	194.40	-2.20	-1.12	9,623.30
Provident Financial	3,088.50	-37.52	-1.20	4,642.03
Paddy Power Betfair	8,315.00	-16.80	-0.20	6,988.59
Prudential	1,734.75	-14.25	-0.81	45,054.76
Persimmon	2,382.00	-61.00	-2.50	7,597.39
Pearson	689.50	-9.50	-1.36	5,675.85
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,715.00	-154.00	-1.96	54,625.39
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	258.30	-3.30	-1.26	31,500.71
Royal Dutch Shell	2,088.25	-29.75	-1.40	94,525.43
RELX	1,647.50	-6.50	-0.39	17,615.22
Rio Tinto	3,145.00	-45.00	-1.41	43,788.70
Royal Mail	429.65	-9.25	-2.11	4,381.00
Rolls-Royce Group	836.75	-36.25	-4.15	15,668.74
Randgold Resources	6,810.00	-390.00	-5.42	6,668.19
RSA Insurance Group	620.00	-2.23	-0.36	6,340.49
Rentokil Initial	242.85	-21.85	-8.25	4,830.35
Sainsbury (J)	269.45	-12.25	-4.35	6,097.56
Schroders	3,125.50	-39.50	-1.25	7,162.65
Sage Group (The)	710.25	-3.25	-0.46	7,717.34
Shire	4,631.25	-20.25	-0.44	42,959.66
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,089.00	-89.00	-4.09	5,107.94
Sky	861.50	-135.50	-13.59	17,207.36
Standard Life	379.75	-4.15	-1.08	7,693.49
Smiths Group	1,569.50	-12.50	-0.79	6,248.13
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	395.50	-4.50	-1.13	5,348.92
Smith & Nephew	1,273.00	-78.00	-5.77	11,743.27
SSE	1,512.50	-6.50	-0.43	15,599.41
Standard Chartered	724.30	-9.20	-1.25	23,914.24
St James's Place	1,120.00	-52.00	-4.44	6,218.83
Severn Trent	2,534.00	-12.14	-0.48	5,996.55
Tesco	183.93	-2.87	-1.54	15,266.89
TUI AG	1,135.50	-33.50	-2.87	6,827.25
Taylor Wimpey	198.45	-1.25	-0.63	6,562.99
Unilever	4,256.75	-53.75	-1.25	54,797.30
United Utilities Group	1,027.50	-7.50	-0.72	7,187.10
Vodafone Group	230.13	-0.07	-0.03	60,724.96
Wolseley	4,605.00	-383.00	-7.68	12,423.87
Worldpay Group	307.40	-10.10	-3.18	6,420.00
WPP Group	1,719.00	-18.00	-1.04	21,881.57
Whitbread	4,025.00	-217.00	-5.12	7,789.75

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APPLE	153,610	-0.17%	-0,260	800M
BOEING CO	186,590	-0.26%	-0,480	112M
CATERPILLAR	105,660	+0.61%	0,640	62M
CHEVRON	104,72	-0.37%	-0,39	198M
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,500	+0.19%	0,060	157M
COCA-COLA	45,39	-0.04%	-0,02	193M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	77,8500	+0.59%	0,4600	67M
EXXON MOBIL	81,55	-0.24%	-0,20	345M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	27,4500	-0.15%	-0,0400	238M
GOLDMAN SACHS	223,53	+0.48%	1,06	87M
HOME DEPOT	154,9000	-1.00%	-1,5600	185M
IBM	152,49	-0.46%	-0,71	143M
INTEL CORP	36,2600	+0.00%	0,0000	170M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	85,3600	+0.01%	0,0100	303M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	126,9200	-0.48%	-0,6100	341M
MC DONALD'S CORP	149,8600	+0.05%	0,0800	122M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	64,92	-0.18%	-0,12	177M
MICROSOFT	69,960	+0.49%	0,340	540M
NIKE	52,59	+0.46%	0,24	69M
PFIZER	32,1400	-0.06%	-0,0200	191M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	87,250	+0.45%	0,390	223M
TRAVELERS CIES	123,66	-0.05%	-0,06	34M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	121,85	-0.33%	-0,40	97M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	177,50	-0.31%	-0,55	171M
VERIZON COMMS	45,32	+0.02%	0,01	184M
VISA	94,67	-0.39%	-0,37	174M
WAL-MART STORES	78,1300	-0.23%	-0,1800	236M
WALT DISNEY CO	108,4100	+1.06%	1,1400	169M

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CLOSING PRICES MAY 29

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Cerus Corporation	\$ 2.35	0.33 ▲ 16.34%
Appian Corporation	\$ 17.11	2.10 ▲ 13.99%
Cellular Biomedicine Group, Inc.	\$ 6.20	0.70 ▲ 12.73%
AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.	\$ 14	1.55 ▲ 12.45%
Nutanix, Inc.	\$ 19.59	2.02 ▲ 11.50%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 2.55	0.25 ▲ 10.87%
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 16.97	1.50 ▲ 9.70%
Trupanion, Inc.	\$ 18.83	1.65 ▲ 9.60%
Xcel Brands, Inc.	\$ 2.40	0.20 ▲ 9.09%
Web.com Group, Inc.	\$ 23.10	1.90 ▲ 8.96%
Infinera Corporation	\$ 10.35	0.84 ▲ 8.83%
Most Declined		
BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 5.77	0.96 ▼ 14.26%
NantKwest, Inc.	\$ 3.775	0.405 ▼ 9.69%
National Research Corporation	\$ 44.71	4.58 ▼ 9.29%
Juno Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 23.30	2.22 ▼ 8.70%
NeuroDerm Ltd.	\$ 21.30	1.95 ▼ 8.39%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 7.78	0.70 ▼ 8.25%
Gridsum Holding Inc.	\$ 11.85	1.05 ▼ 8.14%
Lion Biotechnologies, Inc.	\$ 5.65	0.50 ▼ 8.13%
Geron Corporation	\$ 2.77	0.24 ▼ 7.97%
Ardelyx, Inc.	\$ 4.60	0.35 ▼ 7.07%
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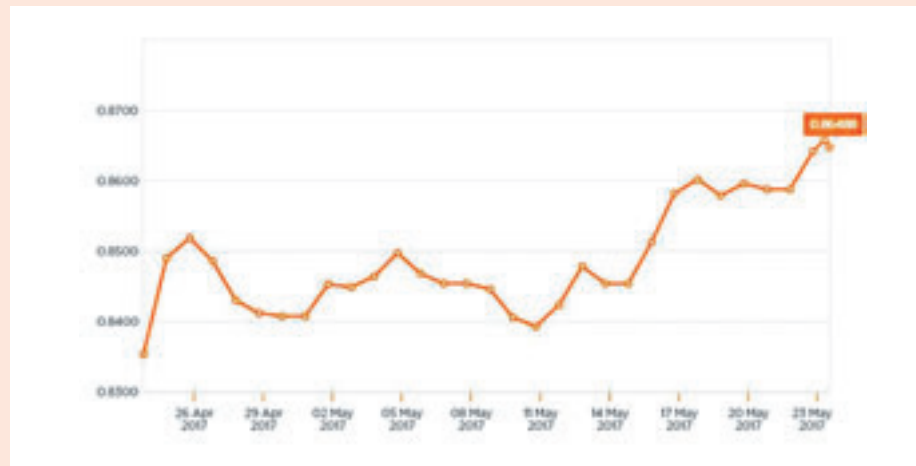
WHAT'S been happening?

The falling odds of the Bank of England (BoE) increasing interest rates in the near future saw the pound drop away from its recent multi-month highs against the US, Australian, New Zealand and Canadian dollars.

Over the past four weeks the GBP/EUR exchange rate has fluctuated between €1.1723 and €1.1990 (a difference of over two cents per pound) while GBP/USD has recovered from a low of \$1.2520 to hit highs of \$1.2985 (a difference of four cents per pound).

Although the news that centrist Emmanuel Macron won the second round of the French Presidential election (beating far-right Marine Le Pen) gave the euro a little boost, the currency's gains weren't as impressive as some had expected.

Concerns the European Central Bank (ECB) plans to keep monetary policy accommodative for some time to come kept the euro under pressure. That being said, the past month has seen



PAST MONTH: The GBP/EUR exchange rate has fluctuated.

EUR/USD see a surge of four cents per euro. The EUR/GBP has recovered from a low, with an improvement of about one penny per euro.

Meanwhile, over in the US President Donald Trump lived up to his reputation for making rash and unexpected decisions by unceremoniously sacking the director of the FBI. Trump's decision raised serious concerns about his leadership and weakened demand for the US dollar, leaving the USD/EUR exchange rate weaker.

What do you need to look out for?

Without doubt, the main pound-moving event

on the horizon over the next four weeks is the UK's general election. The British public will be taking to the polls again on June 8 and as the outcome of the election could significantly change the shape of the UK's Brexit negotiations, considerable GBP exchange rate volatility can be expected.

A Conservative win is expected to be the most pound-positive outcome, while a Labour victory or coalition outcome may send Sterling spiralling lower.

Political motivations will remain one of the

main causes of EUR fluctuations in the weeks ahead as the French legislative elections take place in June. Macron's 'Republic on the Move' party will need to gain support if the new President hopes to push through some of his planned policy changes.

Signs that Macron will struggle to enact change would be euro-negative. Any reports which support the ECB's current plans to leave monetary policy unchanged would also weigh on EUR exchange rates.

The Federal Reserve's hotly-anticipated June interest rate decision on the 14th could also cause euro movement. If the Fed does increase interest rates the US dollar could surge, sending the euro lower in the process. However, if rates remain unaltered or if the central bank indicates that the June rate adjustment could be the last one of 2017, EUR exchange rates may jump as the US dollar falls.

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Ryanair and Air Europa form new partnership

By John Smith

TWO airlines, Ryanair and Air Europa are forming a new flight partnership to offer Air Europa long haul flights through the Ryanair website.

With immediate effect customers can browse and book Air Europa flights on 20 long haul routes from Madrid to 16 countries in North, Central and South America, including Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico and the United States.

The second phase of this Air Europa partnership will be launched later in the year and will allow Ryanair customers to connect onto Air Europa long haul flights through Madrid.

Ryanair is continuing its discussions with a number of other long haul airlines on potential feed and connecting flight partnerships.

In Madrid, Ryanair CEO Michael



Photo by Ryanair

O'Leary said "We are pleased to announce this exciting partnership with Air Europa ...

Ryanair operates over 50 short haul routes to/from Madrid and now our customers can book flights on Air Europa long haul routes to destinations including Buenos Aires, Havana and New York."

Globalia Group - which owns Air Europa - CEO, Javier Hidalgo said "This partnership with Ryanair gives us great satisfaction, and it puts us at the forefront of business and allows us to strengthen our competitiveness. With this agreement Air Europa doubles its connectivity with the European continent adding 53 European cities."

ANNOUNCEMENT of the partnership.

Storage wars as police investigate possible scam

AN investigation into fraudulent pension schemes is being undertaken by the British and Spanish authorities with at least €148 million thought to have been lost.

The investigation has been mounted by the Serious Fraud Office of the Metropolitan Police into at least four UK based companies who have targeted investors overseas, many in Spain, persuading them to buy long leases on rooms in storage houses between 2011 and 2017.

The proposal to these investors was that if they rented at one price, they could then sub-let at a higher price but in most cases this was not possible and often the only beneficiary was the investment company.

A number of companies promoting this type of scheme were made insolvent in 2016 and one adviser has been banned from being a director of a company for nine years after 300 of his clients lost €14 million in a similar scheme.

The investigation will decide whether individuals, many of them pensioners, were deliberately misled and if so, those responsible may well be prosecuted.

Have work will travel for Spanish youths seeking jobs in the US

WITH the lack of work for youngsters in Spain, many have decided, like past generations that they will need to look for work elsewhere.

The stereotype 'Manuel' the good hearted but almost unintelligible waiter in Fawley Towers reflected the fact that in the early second half of the 20th century, huge numbers of Spaniards who could barely speak English found their way to the UK looking for a better life.

Many returned home to enjoy their retirement but there is now a large new breed of well-educated younger people looking to find work and a career outside of Spain and with the uncertainty of future options in the UK, the USA is becoming a very attractive option.

Despite the fact that there has been a serious division in American society with the presidential election results, a recent Mintel survey suggests that a high percentage of Americans believe that they represent a vibrant middle class and at the end of each month have paid their bills and have cash to spare.

The Spanish language is the second most spoken in the USA and at least 41 million peo-



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THE USA: Welcome to the land of opportunity.

ple count Spanish as their primary language and as there is some perceived conflict between Anglo-Saxons and Mexicans within the country, educated Spaniards who speak both English and Spanish are often able to find work.

There are immigration requirements to be overcome but those qualified in Spain and currently with little hope of long term employment here are certainly eyeing up 'the land of opportunity.'

Two troubled banks all set to merge

THE first steps to amalgamate Bankia and Banco Mare Nostrum (BMN), two troubled banks owned by the Spanish government are underway.

BMN was created in 2010 by merging four regional savings banks whilst Bankia was saved by the government as it was crippled by billions of euros of debt.

It is believed by the Fund for Orderly Banking Restructuring (FROB) that merging the two operations will make it easier for the repayment of at least some of the funds pumped into them during the banking crisis although the path to unification will be long.

The first step is for due diligence to be undertaken to ensure that there are no financial restrictions or hidden losses in either organisation now and each will be undertaken by a different set of international accounting firms.

Assuming all proves to be in order the first stage is expected to be confirmed within two weeks and completion should take place by end of 2017.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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Have the dissenters gone quiet?

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OTHERS THINK IT**



I REALLY am so damn tired. Tired of being labelled a racist, tired of being accused of ranting alarmism, and even tired of being consistently exonerated. At the risk of now being accused of being a monotonous bore, I will once again reiterate that, some 30 years ago, I warned that there was an enemy festering within Western communities.

I also stated that if it was not recognised and dealt with sooner rather than later, it would all be too late. Well, I'm afraid it is now far too late. Actually it's been too late for the last 20 years. With this latest Manchester atrocity the situation is now critical.

My other prophecy, that parts of the UK could one day resemble Beirut, is drawing closer by each alarming minute. Make no mistake, despite the admirable 'don't look back in anger' attitude of many good



TOO LATE: With the latest atrocity in Manchester, the situation is now critical.

people, there are others sitting astride tinder boxes of seething anger and highly dangerous frustration. In short, before it all erupts into unthinkable violence and mayhem; something really must be done.

Although I am reticent to expose myself to even more abuse, and although the politicians are also undeniably at fault, the main 'something'

has to emanate from the Muslim communities. It is no longer sufficient for 'moderate' Muslims to say how appalled they are with these atrocities, or that it's 'not happening in their name.'

They simply have to take action that lends some credence to their statements. They need to show they really do want to integrate into

Western cultures and traditions. I'm not saying they should convert from their chosen beliefs, but I am certainly saying they should cease trying to convert Westerners into theirs.

They need to; desist from referring to non-Muslims as 'Infidels.' Stop calling for Sharia law. Stop public flagellation and other alien culture rituals. Call a halt to all

marches and inflammatory banner waving and stop the wearing of the despised full Burka.

All these actions are designed to provoke and intimidate. They must also do more to root out the hate preachers, who teach their brethren that dying in the pursuit of Jihad will result in travelling to some mythical, virgin drenched Shangri La.

All these moves could go a long way to depressurising the cauldron of resentment and anger, which is reaching explosive proportions. If the lid finally blows, it will be an unprecedented disaster for everyone.

In the name of intelligence, sanity and reason, let us really see an effort to integrate, before it all completely disintegrates into a carnage of violence and mayhem, which will lead us all to heaven only knows where.

I await more accusations of ranting alarmism with my usual anticipation. Or have the dissenters now all gone a bit quiet!?

*Keep the faith
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Advertising feature

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THURSDAY - 1 JUNE

BBC ONE BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

10:15am Countryfile Spring Diaries	7:00am Emergency Rescue Down Under	8:00pm 100 Days+ 8:30pm Sounds of the Eighties	7:00am Countdown 7:45am Will and Grace 8:10am Will and Grace 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime 1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	7:30am Rip Off Britain 8:15am Yes Chef 9:00am Bake Off Crème de la Crème	9:00pm <i>Serious and sincere they may have been, never cracking a smile where a tortured, artistic look would do, but this tranche of 80s pop stars know how to make that look work.</i>	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond 9:35am Frasier 10:05am Frasier 10:35am Frasier 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen	2:15pm Home and Away 2:45pm Neighbours 3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
12:00pm Rip Off Britain	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures	12:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 1:00pm Channel 4 News 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me 2:05pm Posh	3:15pm Neighbours 4:15pm Alone in the Wild: Deadly Survival
12:45pm Close Calls: On Camera	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	10:00pm The Great Village Green Crusade	3:10pm Countdown 4:00pm Fifteen to One 5:00pm Coast v Country 6:00pm Four in a Bed 6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News at 5 7:00pm Neighbours 7:30pm 5 News Tonight 7:55pm Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the UK
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	1:00pm The Daily Politics 2:00pm Two Tribes 2:30pm Family Finders 3:15pm Red Rock	11:30pm Engineering Giants 12:30am Catching History's Criminals: The Forensics Story	7:00pm The Simpsons 7:30pm Hollyoaks 8:00pm Channel 4 News 8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	8:00pm Secrets of Great British Castles 9:00pm The Great Fire 10:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
2:00pm BBC News at One	4:45pm Elephant Diaries 5:15pm Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve	1:30am Sound of Cinema: The Music that Made the Movies	9:00pm The Supervet 10:00pm Catching a Killer 11:45pm One Killer Punch 12:45am First Dates 1:45am Bizarre ER	11:00pm Extraordinary People 12:05am Restless Legs Syndrome: Desperate for Help
2:30pm BBC London News	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	2:30am Arena: American Epic		
2:45pm Doctors	7:00pm Debatable 7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads			
3:15pm !Mpossible	8:30pm Great British Menu			
4:00pm Escape to the Country	9:00pm Springwatch 10:00pm Paula 11:00pm QI 11:30pm Election Spy 11:35pm Newsnight 12:20am Cricket			
4:45pm Yes Chef				
5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is				
6:15pm Pointless				
7:00pm BBC News at Six				
7:30pm BBC London News				
8:00pm The One Show				
8:30pm EastEnders				
9:00pm Kat and Alfie: Redwater				
10:00pm Frank Skinner on Muhammad Ali				
11:00pm BBC News at Ten				
11:30pm BBC London News				
11:45pm Question Time				
12:45am This Week				

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11:30am This Morning	7:25am The Cube	7:00am Judge Judy	7:00am Minder	11:00am The Premier League Years
1:30pm Loose Women	8:20am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:20am Heartbeat	8:00am The Chase	1:00pm The Gibraltar Darts Trophy 2017
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	9:00am Emmerdale	8:25am Where the Heart is	9:00am Pawn Stars	2:00pm Great Sporting Moments
2:55pm ITV News London	9:30am Coronation Street	9:25am Wild at Heart	9:30am Isle of Man TT: My Greatest Moment	2:15pm Great Sporting Moments
3:00pm Judge Rinder	10:00am You've Been Framed!	10:30am Judge Judy	10:30am French Open: Roland-Garros Live	2:30pm Great Sporting Moments
4:00pm Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh	10:35am Scorpion	11:00am Judge Judy	4:30pm French Open: Roland-Garros Live	2:45pm Great Sporting Moments
5:00pm Tipping Point	11:25am Britain's Got Talent	11:25am Road to Avonlea	John Inverdale presents live coverage from Paris as the second round of the 2017 French Open concludes, with expert analysis from Marion Bartoli, Jim Courier, Mark Petchey, Fabrice Santoro and Sam Smith.	3:00pm Premier League Legends
6:00pm The Chase	11:55am The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:55pm The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes		4:00pm The Gibraltar Darts Trophy 2017
7:00pm ITV News London	1:25pm Emmerdale	2:05pm Heartbeat		5:00pm Football's Greatest
7:25pm Party Election Broadcast by the UK	1:55pm Coronation Street	Nostalgic police drama series set in a Yorkshire village in the 1960s.		5:30pm Football's Greatest
7:30pm ITV Evening News	2:30pm You've Been Framed!	3:05pm The Royal		6:00pm WDC Final Gold
8:00pm Emmerdale	3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:10pm Wild at Heart		6:30pm WDC Final Gold
8:30pm Britain's Got Talent	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:15pm On the Buses		7:00pm The Gibraltar Darts Trophy 2017
10:00pm Coronation Street	6:00pm Britain's Got Talent	5:50pm On the Buses		8:00pm Live World Cup of Darts
10:30pm Britain's Got Talent	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	6:20pm In Loving Memory		12:00am Nz Lions Documentary
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	6:55pm Heartbeat		
11:45pm ITV News London	10:00pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote		
11:55pm Car Wars UK	10:30pm Family Guy	9:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple		
12:55am Tipping Point	11:00pm Britain's Got More Talent	11:00pm Endeavour		
	12:00am Family Guy	11:00pm Crime drama series about the young Detective Constable Endeavour		
	12:30am Family Guy	12:55am Wycliffe		

FRIDAY - 2 JUNE

BBC ONE BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

10:15am Countryfile Spring Diaries	8:15am Yes Chef 9:00am The World According to Kids	8:00pm World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	7:00am Countdown 7:45am Will and Grace 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:30pm Sounds of the Eighties 9:00pm The Good Old Days 9:50pm Sounds of the Seventies	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond 9:35am Frasier 10:05am Frasier 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen	12:15pm The Hotel Inspector
12:00pm Rip Off Britain	1:00pm The Daily Politics 2:00pm Two Tribes 2:30pm Family Finders	10:00pm Top of the Pops 11:00pm Top of the Pops 12:00am Arena <i>Legendary country music singer-songwriter Loretta Lynn is loved by fans from across the world.</i>	12:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 1:00pm Channel 4 News 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me 2:05pm Posh	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12:45pm Close Calls: On Camera	3:15pm Red Rock 4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British 4:45pm Elephant Diaries 5:15pm The Tea Trail with Simon Reeve	12:00am Top of the Pops 1:30am Top of the Pops 1984 sees Top of the Pops at the height of its 80s' pomp - the year of big hair and big tunes.	2:05pm Posh 3:10pm Countdown 4:00pm Fifteen to One 5:00pm Coast v Country 6:00pm Four in a Bed 6:30pm Come Dine with Me	1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	3:10pm Countdown 4:00pm Fifteen to One 5:00pm Coast v Country 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	2:15pm Home and Away
2:00pm BBC News at One	7:00pm Debatable 7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads	7:00pm The One Show 9:00pm EastEnders 9:30pm Question Time: Leaders Special	9:00pm Springwatch 10:00pm Paula 11:00pm QI 11:30pm Election Spy 11:35pm Newsnight 12:20am Cricket	2:45pm Neighbours 3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
2:30pm BBC London News	8:30pm Great British Menu	10:00pm Versailles 11:00pm Have I Got News for You 11:30pm Election Spy 11:35pm Newsnight 12:20am Later... with Jools Holland	1:30am Top of the Pops 10:00pm Posh Pawn 10:00pm Gogglebox 11:00pm The Last Leg 12:05am The Fake News Show	2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Doctors	9:00pm Springwatch 10:00pm Paula 11:00pm QI 11:30pm Election Spy 11:35pm Newsnight 12:20am Cricket	11:00pm BBC News at Ten 11:25pm BBC London News 11:35pm The Graham Norton Show 12:25am Sliding Doors 2:00am Weather for the Week Ahead	8:00pm Party Election Broadcast 9:00pm Posh Pawn 10:00pm Gogglebox 11:00pm The Last Leg 12:05am The Fake News Show	2:45pm Neighbours 3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
3:15pm !Mpossible			8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	4:20pm Justice for Natalee Holloway
4:00pm Escape to the Country			9:00pm The Supervet 10:00pm Catching a Killer 11:45pm One Killer Punch 12:45am First Dates 1:45am Bizarre ER	6:00pm 5 News at 5 6:30pm Neighbours 7:00pm Home and Away
4:45pm Yes Chef				7:30pm 5 News Tonight 7:55pm Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the Liberal Democrats
5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is				8:00pm The Gadget Show
6:15pm Pointless				9:00pm The Great Fire 10:00pm The Secret Life of the Long-Haul Flight
7:00pm BBC News at Six				11:30pm Hijacked
7:30pm BBC London News				12:30am Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera
8:00pm The One Show				
8:30pm EastEnders				
9:00pm Kat and Alfie: Redwater				
10:00pm Frank Skinner on Muhammad Ali				
11:00pm BBC News at Ten				
11:30pm BBC London News				
11:45pm Question Time				
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7:00am Good Morning Britain	9:00am Emmerdale	7:00am Judge Judy	7:00am Minder	9:30am Live Super Rugby
9:30am Lorraine	9:30am Coronation Street	7:20am Heartbeat	8:00am The Chase	11:35am Darts Gold
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:00am You've Been Framed!	8:25am Where the Heart is	9:00am Pawn Stars	11:45am Darts Gold
11:30am This Morning	10:35am Scorpion	9:25am Wild at Heart	9:30am Isle of Man TT	12:00pm Football's Greatest
1:30pm Loose Women	11:25am Britain's Got Talent	10:30am Judge Judy	10:30am French Open: Roland-Garros Live	12:30pm Football's Greatest
2:00pm ITV Lunchtime News	1:25pm Emmerdale	11:00am Judge Judy	4:30pm French Open: Roland-Garros Live	1:00pm WDC Final Gold
2:25pm ITV News London	1:55pm Coronation Street	11:30am Judge Judy	10:00pm Isle of Man TT	1:30pm Football
2:30pm ITV Racing Live	2:30pm You've Been Framed!	11:55am Road to Avonlea	11:00pm TT Blues	3:35pm Football Gold
6:00pm The Chase	3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	12:55pm The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes	12:00am Last Man Standing	3:45pm Football Gold
7:00pm ITV News London	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	2:05pm Heartbeat	4:10pm Wild at Heart	4:00pm Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby
7:25pm Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats	6:00pm Britain's Got Talent	3:05pm The Royal	5:15pm On the Buses	5:00pm Football's Greatest
7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Britain's Got Talent	4:10pm Wild at Heart	5:50pm On the Buses	5:30pm Football's Greatest
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10:00pm Coronation Street	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	9:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple	6:00pm WDC Final Gold
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11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:30pm Family Guy	11:00pm Crime drama series about the young Detective Constable Endeavour	12:00am Wycliffe	7:00pm Darts Gold
11:45pm ITV News London	11:00pm Britain's Got More Talent	11:00pm Endeavour		7:30pm Darts Gold
11:55pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	12:00am Family Guy	12:00am Wycliffe		8:00pm Live World Cup of Darts
12:25am Benidorm				12:00am Lions Tour Preview

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Talk Radio Europe helping local small businesses



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for a local market.

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SUNDAY - 4 JUNE

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7:00am Breakfast	7:45am Never a Dull Moment	8:00pm Saints and Sinners: Britain's Millennium of Monasteries	8:40am Everybody Loves Raymond	7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am Saturday Kitchen	9:10am Goodbye, Mr Chips	9:00pm The Search for Alfred the Great	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	11:20am The Fairly Odd Parents
12:30pm Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well	11:00am Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape	10:00pm Cardinal	9:30am Frasier	11:55am Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:00pm Bargain Hunt	12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer	10:40pm Cardinal	10:00am Frasier	12:15pm Police Interceptors
2:00pm BBC News	12:00pm Property experts visit three properties before they go up for auction.	11:25pm Sounds of the Eighties	10:30am Frasier	1:15pm Police Interceptors
2:10pm Weather	1:00pm Great British Menu	11:50pm Sounds of the Eighties	11:00am The Big Bang Theory	2:15pm Benefits
2:15pm Escape to the Country	1:30pm Great British Menu	12:20am Lionel Richie: Dancing on the Ceiling	11:55am The Big Bang Theory	3:15pm Benefits
3:15pm Money for Nothing	2:00pm Talking Pictures	1:20am Lionel Richie at the BBC	12:25pm The Simpsons	4:10pm Benefits
4:15pm How to Train Your Dragon	2:30pm Ivanhoe	2:20am Top of the Pops 1984 sees Top of the Pops at the height of its 80's pomp - the year of big hair and big tunes. A BBC ban on Frankie Goes to Hollywood's Relax in January leads to an embarrassing Frankie-shaped hole on the show when it reaches No 1.	1:55pm Come Dine with Me	5:10pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
5:40pm Pointless	4:15pm Natural World	3:25am Top of the Pops	3:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:10pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:30pm BBC News	5:00pm Flog It!	3:25am Top of the Pops	4:00pm Come Dine with Me	7:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:40pm Regional News	6:00pm Gardeners' World	3:25am Top of the Pops	4:35pm A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun	8:05pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:45pm Weather	7:00pm Grow Your Own	3:25am Top of the Pops	5:35pm Big House, Little House	9:00pm NCIS: Los Angeles
6:50pm Raiders of the Lost Ark	8:30pm The Lake District: A Wild Year	3:25am Top of the Pops	6:35pm Location, Location, Location	9:55pm 5 News
8:35pm Doctor Who	9:30pm Dad's Army	3:25am Top of the Pops	7:30pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm NCIS
9:25pm Casualty	10:00pm Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution - With Howard Goodall	3:25am Top of the Pops	8:00pm The Restoration Man	11:00pm NCIS
10:15pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	11:00pm The Sapphires	3:25am Top of the Pops	9:00pm Walks with My Dog	1:00am Super Casino
10:45pm BBC News	12:40am Cricket	3:25am Top of the Pops	10:00pm Legend	
The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.	12:40am Champions Trophy Highlights.	3:25am Top of the Pops	12:35am Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy	
11:00pm Weather	1:30am Versailles	3:25am Top of the Pops	2:50am The Last Leg	
11:05pm Clique		3:25am Top of the Pops		
11:50pm Clique		3:25am Top of the Pops		
12:35am The Spectacular Now		3:25am Top of the Pops		

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7:00am Breakfast	7:00am A to Z of TV Gardening	8:00pm Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble	7:20am 3rd Rock from the Sun	7:00am Milkshake!
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	7:45am The Instant Gardener	9:30pm Egypt's Lost Cities	7:45am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:50am The Fairly Odd Parents
11:00am Pentecost Live	8:30am Gardeners' World	11:00pm Arena	8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond	11:25am The Gadget Show
12:00pm Sunday Politics	9:30am The Beechgrove Garden	12:00pm Southern Rock at the BBC	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm Police Interceptors
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	10:00am Countryfile	1:00am Koko: The Gorilla Who Talks to People	9:00am Frasier	2:15pm One Chance
2:00pm BBC News	11:00am Saturday Kitchen	2:00am Bridging the Gap	10:00am Eating Well with Hemsley and Hemsley	4:05pm 13 Going on 30
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead	12:30pm Great British Menu	3:00am Engineering Giants	10:30am Sunday Brunch with Iceland	5:55pm Dirty Dancing
2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer	1:00pm Great British Menu	4:00pm The Devil Wears Prada	1:30pm Eat the Week with Iceland	8:25pm 5 News
3:15pm Money for Nothing	1:30pm Great British Menu	4:40pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	2:30pm The Devil Wears Prada	8:30pm 2012
4:00pm Shop Well for Less	2:00pm Talking Pictures	5:40pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:30pm The Devil Wears Prada	11:00pm The Expendables 2
5:00pm Escape to the Country	2:30pm Pride and Prejudice	6:40pm Homes by the Sea	4:40pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	12:50am Greatest Disaster Movies
5:45pm Points of View	5:10pm Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants: Natural World	7:35pm Channel 4 News	5:40pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:15am Super Casino
6:00pm Songs of Praise	6:10pm Flog It!	8:00pm The Supervet	6:40pm Homes by the Sea	Live interactive gaming featuring roulette and autowheel.
6:35pm BBC News	7:00pm Tribes, Predators and Me	9:00pm Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge	7:35pm Channel 4 News	
6:50pm Regional News	8:00pm Dragons' Den	10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale	8:00pm Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge	4:10am Top 20
6:55pm Weather	9:00pm The Life Swap Adventure	11:00pm Gogglebox	9:00pm Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge	5:00am Funniest
7:00pm Question Time	10:00pm Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip	12:05am Micky Flanagan's Out Out Tour	10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale	World's Most Pampered Pets
Leaders Special	11:00pm White Gold	5:50am House Doctor	11:00pm Gogglebox	
Countryfile	11:30pm Dara O'brain		12:05am Micky Flanagan's Out Out Tour	
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow	12:30am Cricket			
Planet Earth II	1:20am Salvage			
BBC News				
Regional News				
Weather				
Election Questions				
The Women's Football Show				

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Nothing to hide, nothing to fear

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



CHECKPOINTS:
Do not be alarmed.

REGULAR checkpoints are often carried out on roads as part of routine operations such as combating drink driving, or vehicle inspections. Sometimes they are part of an increase in security and sometimes, although very rarely, they are directly related to a specific threat.

Whilst safe and careful drivers have nothing to worry about, these checkpoints can seem daunting as you approach but remember, they are being conducted for your safety. They are there to catch criminals and those risking road safety, but if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear. But what should you do when approaching such a checkpoint?

Firstly, stay calm. Listen to the instructions given to you by the officers. They may usher your vehicle to a chosen place, ask you to exit the vehicle and they may want to check the contents of your vehicle as well as your docu-

mentation. Allowing them to get on with their duties will have you getting on your way as soon as possible.

Secondly, do not share the checkpoint information with others. Posting this information on social media can alert those who have done wrong about the presence of the checkpoint allowing them to get away.

Finally, do not be overly alarmed. The presence of additional security teams on the streets is not a direct indication of an increase in the threat level. The Spanish Interior Ministry publishes the details of the current threat level on their website www.interior.gob.es. On the right of the web page is a green box marked NAA, or Nivel de Alerta Aniterrorista. Click on this to see the current status level. The level has been a stage four 'high' alert for some time, since June 2015, but all the information is listed on the page.

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

Plusvalia tax – What next?

Q. On May 11 the Spanish Supreme Court ruled that it is illegal for town halls to collect the Plusvalia municipal tax on transfer of properties when a sale is

actually made at a loss. Sellers have four years to reclaim the tax paid. We have received a number of queries about the best course of action.

A. The basic rule is to pay the tax now and reclaim it later. However, some municipalities, like Malaga City, have already stopped collecting the tax on new sales.

This saves legal expenses for the town hall in later cases. Malaga is even setting up a system for sellers



David Searl
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to claim back the tax in a simple process without going to court. But most municipalities have not changed anything. They

continue to collect the tax and wait for the claims to come in. You need to check with your own town hall.

It may take a long time before the Spanish government actually changes the law to make it conform to the Court decision. Until then each town hall can set its own programme.

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

It's all a load of nonsense!

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I GET a letter from the hospital telling me I have an appointment for June 17 and that I need a blood test beforehand. So I go to the clinic to sort it and am told I can't have a blood test until the 19th which, of course, is two days after my hospital appointment.

I try my hardest to explain that is no good but, of course, it doesn't matter. The receptionist tells me to go to the Costa del Sol hospital and try for an appointment there. I said, 'I didn't know you could do that. Why didn't you tell me this before?' Of course, I was told it was because I didn't ask! I then asked if I could go to any hospital or local clinic and they said 'of course' so I went to Las Lagunas and got an appointment straight away. So, the message is, ask if you want to know anything and don't expect any information over and above the answer to the initial question.

On the subject of information I found out something this week which is very interesting. I had to cancel a flight and on telling my pal he asked if I claimed the tax back. I didn't know what he was talking about. As you know, when you book a flight a proportion of

it is tax so if you don't use that flight you are entitled to a tax refund. Now, of course, no-one tells you this and believe me it's not easy getting it back and, of course, there is a service charge but it's worth doing.

I have been watching the UK election build up and, as usual, the interviews fascinate me. These politicians are just incredible how they manage to sit there and not directly answer any question. I saw May being interviewed by Andrew Marr and she was asked the same question three times and she just would not give an answer.

Corbyn is just as bad and on top of that if they do answer it's usually a pack of lies. Just take May's promise when she took over as PM. She insisted there would be no snap election. This, to anyone with any sense, could not be true as she didn't have her own mandate. I'm glad I don't live there anymore.

I certainly do not profess to understand politics at all but I know bullshit when I hear it and listening to all of them I've heard it all before. Student fees will be abolished by the Lib Dems and when they had a chance to try and get it done when they were in a coalition with the Tories they never ever mentioned it again. Now Labour is promising to abolish these fees. But what good is that to the kids that are already £30k in debt?

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MONDAY - 5 JUNE

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
6:15pm Pointless	3:15pm Red Rock	8:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	1:10pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	9:00pm The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank	3:10pm Countdown	1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:30pm Regional News	4:45pm Elephant Diaries	10:00pm The Medici: Makers of Modern Art	4:00pm Fifteen to One	2:15pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	5:15pm The Coffee Trail with Simon Reeve	11:00pm Francesco's Italy	5:00pm Coast v Country	2:45pm Neighbours
8:30pm Suzi Perry's Queens of the Road	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	12:00pm Mothers, Murderers and Mistresses: Empresses of Ancient Rome	6:00pm Four in a Bed	3:15pm NCIS
9:00pm EastEnders	7:00pm Eggheads	11:00pm Party Election Broadcast	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Stolen From the Womb
9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	7:30pm Springwatch	9:00pm Food Unwrapped	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News
10:00pm Doctor in the House	8:00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys	10:00pm Diet Special	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours
11:00pm BBC News	8:30pm Great British Menu	10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away
11:30pm Regional News	9:00pm Springwatch	11:00pm Loaded	8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	7:30pm 5 News
11:40pm Weather	10:00pm Cosby	11:45pm 8 Out of 10 Cats	9:00pm Food Unwrapped	7:55pm Broadcast
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More News for You	11:00pm Detectorists	12:45am Catching a Killer	10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	8:00pm MotoGP
12:30am The Graham Norton Show	11:30pm Election Spy		11:00pm Party Election Broadcast	9:00pm Police Interceptors
	11:35pm Newsnight		11:00pm Cycling Coverage of a cycling event.	10:00pm Big Brother
	12:15am Weather		11:00pm F1: Grand Prix Highlights	10:00pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side
			11:00pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17	1:00am Big Brother
			11:30pm Boxing Gold	
			12:00am Premier League Legends	

TUESDAY - 6 JUNE

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm !Mpossible	8:00pm 100 Days + Great British Railway Journeys	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	1:10pm 5 News	12:15pm Big Brother
4:00pm Escape to the Country	8:30pm The First	3:10pm Countdown	1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	2:10pm 5 News
4:45pm Yes Chef	9:00pm Georgians: The German Kings who Made Britain	4:00pm Fifteen to One	2:15pm Home and Away	2:15pm Home and Away
5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	10:00pm Time Shift	5:00pm Coast v Country	2:45pm Neighbours	3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	11:00pm The Secret History of My Family	6:00pm Four in a Bed	3:15pm NCIS	4:15pm Framed for Murder
7:00pm Eggheads	12:00pm Storm Troupers: The Fight to Forecast the Weather	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Stolen From the Womb	6:00pm 5 News
7:30pm Springwatch	1:00am Inside Einstein's Mind: The Enigma of Space and Time	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News	6:30pm Neighbours
8:00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys	2:00am Bearwalker of the Northwoods	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours	7:00pm Home and Away
8:30pm The One Show		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away	7:30pm 5 News
8:30pm EastEnders		8:55pm Party Election Broadcast	7:30pm 5 News	7:55pm Party Election Broadcast
9:00pm Holby City		9:00pm Tried and Tasted with Michel Roux	8:00pm MotoGP	8:00pm MotoGP
10:00pm Broken		9:30pm Supershoppers	9:00pm Police Interceptors	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
11:00pm BBC News		10:00pm One Born Every Minute	10:00pm Big Brother	10:00pm My Dream Hotel
11:30pm Regional News		11:00pm First Dates	11:00pm Big Brother	11:00pm Big Brother
11:40pm Weather		12:05am 24 Hours in A and E	12:00am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:00am Big Brother's Bit on the Side
11:45pm Newsbeat				
1:15am Weather for the Week Ahead				

WEDNESDAY - 7 JUNE

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	9:00am See Hear	8:00pm 100 Days + Great British Railway Journeys	8:10am Will and Grace	7:00am Milkshake!
12:00pm Rip Off Britain	10:00am Victoria	9:00pm The Men Who Built the Liners	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:45pm Close Calls: On Camera	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	10:00pm Kenneth Williams - Fantabulosa!	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm The Hotel Inspector
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	1:00pm The Daily Politics	11:20pm Parkinson	9:35am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News
2:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Two Tribes	12:00pm The king of chat talks to the hottest names in show business and brings you live performances from the world of entertainment.	10:05am Frasier	1:15pm Big Brother
2:30pm Regional News	2:30pm Family Finders	1:00pm Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways	10:35am Frasier	2:10pm Access
2:45pm Doctors	3:15pm Red Rock	2:30am Decadence and Downfall: The Shah of Iran's Ultimate Party	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	2:15pm Home and Away
3:15pm !Mpossible	4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	3:45am The Men Who Built the Liners	12:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:45pm Neighbours
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:45pm Elephant Diaries		1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	3:15pm NCIS
4:45pm Yes Chef	5:15pm Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth		2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	4:15pm A Deadly Affair
5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip		3:10pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads		4:00pm Fifteen to One	6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Springwatch		5:00pm Coast v Country	7:00pm Home and Away
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8:00pm The One Show	8:30pm Great British Menu		6:30pm Come Dine with Me	8:00pm Police Interceptors
9:00pm Eat Well for Less	9:00pm Springwatch		7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm The Met: Policing London	10:00pm Horizon		7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Documentary taking a look at what goes on in the consultation room.
11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm White Gold		8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Election Spy		9:00pm Ackley Bridge	11:00pm Big Brother
11:40pm Weather	11:35pm Newsnight		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	12:00am Big Brother's Bit on the Side
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12:25am Doctor in the House			12:05am 24 Hours in Police Custody	

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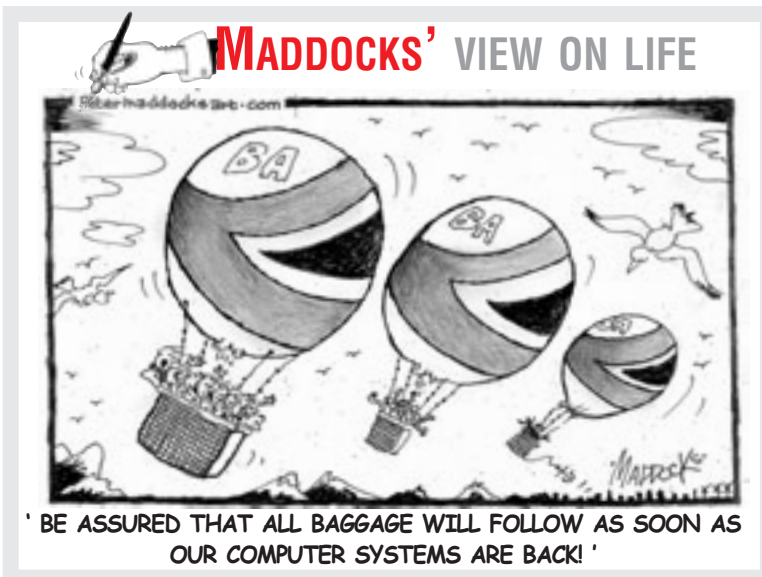
Kakuro

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.

	21	30		32	31
11			12		
23			21		
25					
24					
18					
8			14		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

	1	29	38	18	
4	1	5	6	5	
23	2	9	8	1	3
12		4	9	7	2
14	2	6	5	3	
24	4	3	2	8	7
7	5	2		5	3



Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case T) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.

L	N	A
U	T	O
I	A	D

TARGET:

- Average: 8 • Good: 11
- Very good: 15 • Excellent: 20

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

anew ewer lawn newt twee twin wail wain wait wale wane want ware warn wart weal wean wear ween weir welt went were wile will wine wire wren writ newel newer renew trawl twain twee twine twirl waler water write twiner wailer waiter wantier walter winter renewal tawnier tinware WATERLINE

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday May 27

20	22	31	BONUS BALL
39	41	54	33

IRISH LOTTO

Saturday May 27

2	5	12	BONUS BALL
34	41	47	29

EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday May 23

8	15	25	BONUS BALL
27	42		1
			4

Friday May 26

5	7	26	BONUS BALL
36	39		2
			10

LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday May 27

18	25	26	BONUS BALL
29	30	39	44
			5

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday May 28

1	11	13	BONUS BALL
50	53		1

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

CANCER ♋

(June 22 - July 23)

After a hectic start to the week, things seem to have slowed down. Look carefully at what has happened, but remember that there is no point in worrying over something that you cannot change. Sitting tight and waiting for this period to pass could be the best solution. Certainly, it will prove less stressful than fighting a losing corner.

LEO ♌

(July 24 - August 23)

Money is good and this can make you overconfident. Beware bank managers offering loans in large amounts. Nothing is for free and you need to look carefully at interest rates right now. Another, more personal, investment also needs looking at right now. Are things going exactly the way you want them to?

VIRGO ♍

(August 24 - September 23)

Aim a bit higher than usual and you may be surprised at your success. When seeing the bigger picture, you realise that it is not so daunting after all. If one person can do it, then so can another. It is a matter of how you approach it. What you have to ask yourself this week is why you should accept the minimum when the maximum is so close by.

LIBRA ♎

(September 24 - October 23)

This should be a great time for your finances. Any glitch is likely to be because you have overspent. Even if things still need close attention, you can win if you concentrate. A bit of plotting and planning can work wonders at the moment. Most of your big expenses are behind you and if you can just tighten that belt a wee bit more.

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Partnerships see you leap ahead on something that was a bit stuck in the mud. A leap in your bank balance follows. Some quick decisions may be called for so it is better to share responsibilities, whatever the outcome. You have a chance to show just how clever you can be, but do it because it gives you personal satisfaction rather than to impress.

SCORPIO ♏

(October 24 - November 22)

Although things seem fine, this is not a time to overstretch your finances. Spending a lot this week without thought is problematic later. This is a week of shifting and changing and that certainly means your finances. The other area is your social circle, where people come and go, sometimes without warning.

SAGITTARIUS ♐

(November 23 - December 21)

This is not a particularly lucky week for you, so I would certainly advise caution. Gambling is not recommended. Being clever with money is as much about not spending it as about how you spend it.

CAPRICORN ♑

(December 22 - January 20)

Look at the long-term picture when considering money matters. What seems like a good deal now may not be so a few years down the line. Someone who appears to be telling a lie may simply have either misunderstood or have the wrong information.

AQUARIUS ♒

(January 21 - February 19)

This is a time to consider finances and keep your options open. Someone who tries to get a fast decision out of you by pushing you into a corner is doing you no favours. You will decide what (if

anything) needs to be done when you are good and ready.

PISCES ♓

(February 20 - March 20)

Keep things simple. Getting involved in other people's problems is not for you at the moment. It may be necessary to delay a decision to give yourself time to think. Could you manage a few days away somewhere? Maybe you could stay with a friend or relative. You need some peace and quiet on your own.

ARIES ♈

(March 21 - April 20)

Although things are going pretty well, there are some things that could be just a little better organised. The time and money that this saves could be small, but it's the ongoing positive attitude that counts. There have been times recently when you have wondered if your progress on a certain matter would ever start up again.

TAURUS ♉

(April 21 - May 21)

It is better if you don't get involved in any high profile, high risk business deals. Success is not assured. This is a time for financial consolidation. Count your pennies and see the pounds collecting in the future. On a cold winter's night it can give a pleasant glow to realise your action during the summer is keeping you warm.

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.

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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Crossword

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

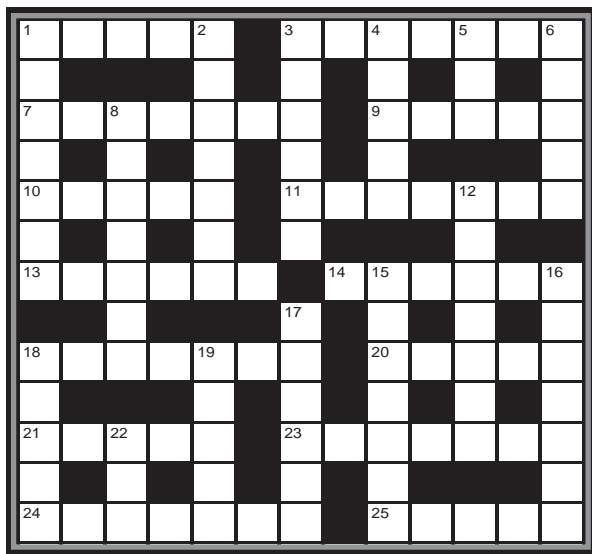
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Across

- 1 Search thoroughly to find first bit of custard in tart (5)
- 3 Father secures footwear for royal residences (7)
- 7 Snub potential fur sale (7)
- 9 A topless specimen is quite enough (5)
- 10 Professor or contributor (5)
- 11 Harmony for a musical performance (7)
- 13 One trading from a basement, by the sound of it (6)
- 14 Obstructs city buildings (6)
- 18 Shoe repairer's dessert (7)
- 20 Open wide to swallow first of red fruit (5)
- 21 A different thing at the end of the day (5)
- 23 Phoney art Cher destroyed (7)
- 24 Watches The Seekers (7)
- 25 Many keen to see a Biblical hero (5)

Down

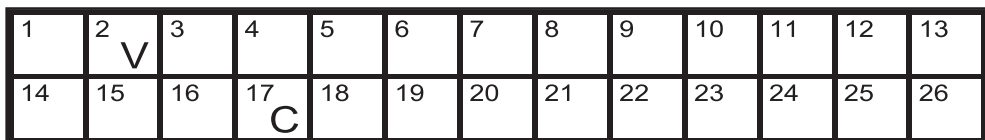
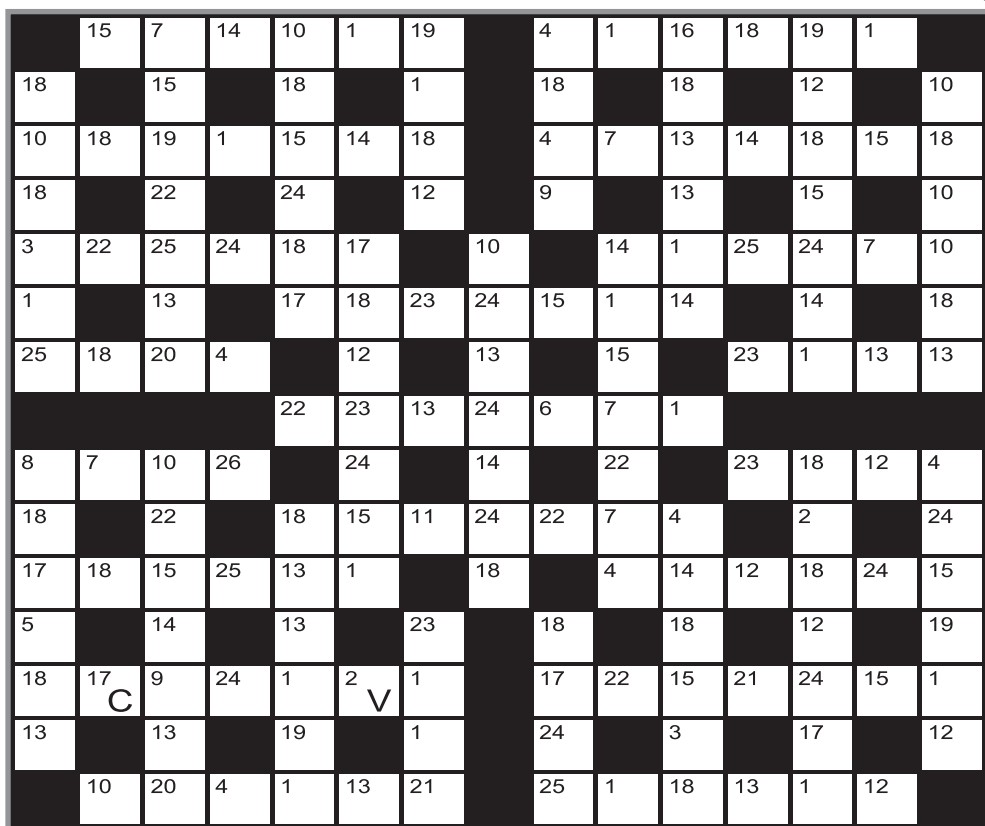
- 1 Steps into one's trousers (7)
- 2 Earmark book (7)
- 3 In Napoli, certainly, a force (6)
- 4 Pick up king, then knight (5)
- 5 Top Hat (3)
- 6 We are in a group that is mellifluous (5)
- 8 A group of supporters went off Flu C ban (3,4)
- 12 Dancing can then charm (7)



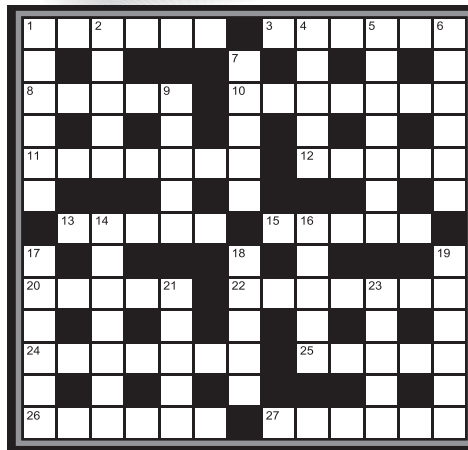
- 15 Fat around a horse will result in a dawdler (7)
- 16 Becomes angry when eccentric reseeds (4,3)
- 17 Quarrel about a scarf (6)
- 18 Note the measure is a sure bet (5)
- 19 Turner is delayed outside hospital (5)
- 22 Machine found in original condition (3)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents V and 17 represents C, so fill in V every time the figure 2 appears and C every time the figure 17 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.

Code Breaker



Quick



Across

- 1 Easy and not involved or complicated (6)
- 3 Lacking intelligence (6)
- 8 Pieces of a chain (5)
- 10 Lacking substance or significance (7)
- 11 Watch attentively (7)
- 12 Selected (5)
- 13 Feeling or showing pleasure or contentment (5)
- 15 Keen (5)
- 20 Fire-raising (5)
- 22 Easily broken (7)
- 24 Extreme greed for material wealth (7)
- 25 One skilled in caring for young children or the sick (5)
- 26 Refuses to accept or believe (6)
- 27 Act on (6)

Down

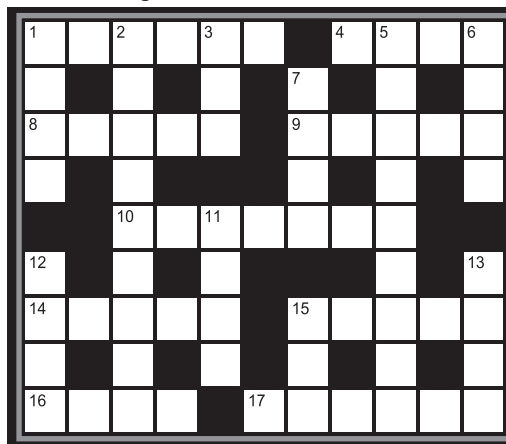
- 1 Not often (6)

Across

- 2 With subtraction of (5)
- 4 Close-fitting soldier's or police officer's jacket (5)
- 5 Present for consideration, examination, criticism, etc (7)
- 6 Force to go away (6)
- 7 Alloy of iron with small amounts of carbon (5)
- 9 Small fragment (5)
- 14 Choose not to consume (7)
- 16 Of or relating to birds (5)
- 17 Source of danger (6)
- 18 Monastery ruled by an abbot (5)
- 19 Of the immediate past or just previous to the present time (6)
- 21 Marked by or showing unaffected simplicity and lack of guile or worldly experience (5)
- 23 Brief and to the point (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Kind (nice) (6)
- 4 Useful (information, advice, tool) (4)
- 8 Pencil (5)
- 9 Otra vez (5)
- 10 Enamel (7)
- 14 Abril (5)
- 15 Flea (5)
- 16 Talón (de pie, calcetín, zapato) (4)
- 17 Zanahoria (6)

Down

- 1 Classroom (4)
- 2 Manzano (5-4)
- 3 Light (not darkness) (3)
- 5 Viajero (9)
- 6 Wool (4)
- 7 Cola (de animal, avión, cometa) (4)
- 11 Leche (de mamífero, planta) (4)
- 12 Lavado (4)
- 13 Último (final) (4)
- 15 Guisante (3)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Fusspot, 5 Canal, 8 Dingo, 9 Chicago, 10 Passive, 11 Drama, 12 Sashes, 14 Aghast, 17 Preen, 19 Curator, 21 Netball, 22 Torch, 24 Seems, 25 Residue.

Down:

- 1 Fad, 2 Sands, 3 Profile, 4 Ticker, 5 Cried, 6 Niagara, 7 Look after, 10 Postpones, 13 Sheathe, 15 Gyrate, 16 Ocular, 18 Nears, 20 Tired, 23 Hue.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Chaotic, 5 Speed, 8 Terms, 9 Sincere, 10 Dull, 11 Hatstand, 13 Laptop, 15 Gender, 18 Cardigan, 19 Bits, 22 Another, 23 Ahead, 24 Minus, 25 Surplus.

Down:

- 1 Citadel, 2 April, 3 Task, 4 Casual, 5 Sinister, 6 Emerald, 7 Dread, 12 Polishes, 14 Purloin, 16 Resides, 17 Walrus, 18 Claim, 20 Ideal, 21 Fair.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Calabacin, 6 Edges, 7 Mosca, 9 Ahi, 10 Crab, 11 Sand, 13 Use, 15 Snore, 16 Trigo, 17 Translate.

Down:

- 1 Caer, 2 Lagarto, 3 Bisabuela, 4 Camisetas, 5 Lead, 8 Sonrisa, 12 Osos, 14 Bone.

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Learning about religion

IT was so good to read the item on Shavuot.

This is a most important festival in the Hebrew Calendar and is certainly enjoyable.

Estepona and District Jewish Community will be hearing about the importance of the date and will enjoy an Afternoon Tea with cheesecake of course.

It is good that we all learn facts about all religions and we thank you for this inclusion.

All good wishes and continued success.

Gerry Crest

Estepona and District Jewish Community

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IN this day and age of average or poor service, it is good to be able to recommend SG Haulage who advertise in this paper.

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Ian Smith, Alicante

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HI Garry,

Read your column with my usual interest as a 'foodie.' I find it great to see the other side of the trade, to that of customer.

I have found that the hardest thing for a restaurant to achieve is consistency, nothing more embarrassing than having a great meal, great service etc, all value for money. You then take friends there having found this 'gem' and the evening is awful, it may be poor food quality, poor service, or whatever but you end up feeling disappointed and bit of a fool. No doubt we have all have had this experience.

But there is no excuse for a lazy or incompetent chef/cook, I have had duck breast, that on the menu states it will be cooked 'pink' unless ordered different, then get an overcooked and dry portion. Now I appreciate that in a busy kitchen a piece of meat may be left too long and therefore not cooked as required, OK.

But when the said breast is sliced it is then obvious that a mistake has occurred, if this is ignored it either means the chef/cook, does not care or cannot see what he has allowed to happen,

Key is training



MOJACAR: Restaurants have cracked it!

either way the problem is unacceptable, now whilst you can send it back and get a replacement, that is not always desirable if the rest of the party have their food and want to eat it, You either wait until they have finished before you eat, or they wait for you.

I am blessed here in Mojacar, there has been somewhat of a revolution in many of our restaurants recently. There is now a cluster of adjacent businesses that have cracked it! Waiting staff, all trained, dressed in smart clean uniforms (black outfits) service is swift, drinks and orders dealt with quickly, and delivered all with a smile.

The menus all offer a reasonable three-course meal at a very

acceptable price €12/13, the menu choices are amazing, catering for all tastes, drinks are not expensive (surprisingly) house wine around the €10 mark.

The greatest benefit is the consistency, of service, prices, menu offerings, portion size, quality and atmosphere.

Long may it continue. The key seems to be TRAINING!

These places are busy summer and winter, the winter being the testing time, when resident expats are picky and only leave warm villas for value and quality.

Love your column, as an ex marketing guy I appreciate your process.

Regards,

James from Turre

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Football most important says Spanish TV presenter

THIS stupid, Antonio Jiménez, is a typical representative of the ultra-fascist 13 TV television network and blatantly supports all performances of the government party, including corruption acts.

He is immoral, unworthy to appear before the public. As a Spaniard, I am ashamed of 'compatriots' like this.

My condolences to the British people.

Un Español

IF this had happened in Spain and he was unsure of the location I wonder if he would have had the same view. Perhaps he cannot remember the Madrid train bomb.

Adrian Brooks

» Giant bear-huggers

SPAIN, like all European countries must wise up and start the deportation of immigrant criminals immediately. Spain owe it to the citizens and holiday-makers.

Spain relies on a lot of tourism and the tourists and Spanish citizens need priority protection because they pay the taxes and in this case didn't commit any crimes, other than believing Spanish authorities would look out for them. Europe needs to take a hardline stance on criminal immigrant criminals.

Theft, rapes, assaults and murders are becoming the normality. This isn't the Europe I grew up in, this isn't the Europe we want for our children.

Voice of reason

» Hotels crack down on fraudsters

THE Brits abroad continue to shame us with their behaviour. I've watched news items about this problem and it is ONLY Brits who do it. It's shameful and embarrassing.

Pamela Howlett

» Man arrested six times in one week

GIVE the guy his money back and put him on a plane to London that's where all the other kranks and undesirables end up, and are welcomed with open arms and an emergency giro, oh and emergency housing.

James Boyle

» Eight injured after drunk driver hits pedestrians

ISN'T it about time there was a zero tolerance policy here for drinking and driving.

Gillian York

JUST so sad. Bloody idiots. Hope they get the book thrown at them. The roads are bad enough, without idiots getting pissed up, then thinking it's OK to get in a car and drive. Scum!

Sandra Christina Furlong

» Brexit Taskforce

I await the UK's reciprocal response for the many more British people living in Spain.

Annie

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Snubs, flops & fashion fiascos

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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

IF you could see inside my head, you'd find some profoundly insightful thoughts about the EU's Brexit negotiation tactics. Before you got there, though, you'd find the following: are Theresa May's 'Legs-it' skirts too short (shorter even than Jeremy Corbyn's defence pledges) and should she have posed for Vogue (and, on a previous occasion, in those 'Trousergate' leather trousers)? But like or loathe her, she's weaponised her wardrobe for the battle ahead, with all hems blazing.

Tim Bell, the advertising guru, was asked to compare the PM with his former boss. "Well I don't think Thatcher would have posed for Vogue," he claimed, snubbing Mrs May. Wrong! Mrs T did four shoots for Vogue, with David Bailey and Mario Testino, including one interview (when Bell worked as her adviser) that began: "I am passionately interested in fashion." But Thatcher didn't dally (or do selfies/belfies like today's slebs) in front of the mirror, and was good to go in four minutes flat.

As for slebs, remember that most of the time we see them, they'll be benefiting from designer clothes, fashion stylists, flattering lighting etc. Clearly, most (though not all) are good-looking, but it'd be hard not to look fabulous when you have a team of professionals (celebrity make-up artists, hair stylists, photographers) whose job it is to do just that.

A friend who used to work in the fashion industry in Paris claims that many models look relatively ordinary in 'real life' (except for their height), but spend an hour in hair and make-up, stand in front of a camera and wind machine, and they're stunners.

And a final rant: all those 'beach ready' articles everywhere now. Why do we let ourselves be exposed to such body-shaming propaganda? It reminds me of the splendid put-down about relationships by Blanche, Deirdre Barlow's mother in Coronation Street. "Good looks are a curse," she reassured her daughter. "You and Kenneth should count yourselves lucky."

So, do excuse me, won't you, while I totter off to get my body 'beach ready' - modelled loosely on that of the occasional whale washed-up here on Spain's beaches...

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



■ Margaret Thatcher poses for Vogue in 1984.

Advertising feature

It is time to enjoy sitting in the garden

AKÍ has over 100 different models

AKÍ Motril is standing out once again in the DIY sector, providing its customers with an extremely diverse collection of garden furniture.

Over 100 models to suit its customers' habits and uses and that includes options for balconies, outdoor dining and conservatories.

But we're already used to the brand not stopping at that, and offering solutions that go beyond furniture, for example decorative products. When it comes to enjoying an outdoor area, accessories and lighting are essential, and it also has solutions (awnings, parasols and loungers) that help sur-



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New base for nutritional pyramid

FOOD PYRAMID: Shows lifestyle is directly related to healthy conditions.



TO mark National Nutrition Day, the Spanish Society of Community Nutrition (SENC) has made a series of recommendations based on a new nutritional pyramid which offers a more holistic vision of food.

It presents an approach focused not only on food, but also takes into account emotional, social, and economic implica-

tions, which are important and related to eating habits.

Whilst the food pyramid cites what foods we should be consuming in greater and lesser quantities, the base of the food pyramid now shows that lifestyle is directly related to healthy conditions:

First, it requires a moderate daily physical activity of about 60 minutes, or walking 10,000 steps would be equivalent. It also alludes to emotional balance.



It is important to adapt physical exercise to our diet.

There is a close relationship between obesity and eating to reduce the negative effect of an emotion.

The balance of energy is another key when it comes to having healthy lifestyles. It is important to adapt physical exercise to our diet, and vice versa to help maintain a healthy weight and look at how food is cooked to reduce calories such as grilling and steaming rather than frying.

Finally, hydration is taken into account as another of the fundamental pillars in the nutritional pyramid. The daily recommended amount, which is set at 2.5 litres for men and at two litres for women, should be increased if it is hot, if sports are performed or for diseases that require a greater consumption of water.

Transgender surgery is on the increase

GENDER reassignment surgeries in the USA are skyrocketing.

As the first ever data of this type is released by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, it shows a substantial increase in demand as more than 3,200 surgeries were performed in America in 2016 to help transgender patients, although surgeons

claim the figure could actually be much higher as there is no uniform way of documenting such surgeries in hospitals.

The Society said an increase in celebrity transitions and more honest and open conversations about the issue is driving the increase.

Increasingly, insurance companies are

offering coverage for surgery for patients with gender dysphoria and gender confirmation procedures can include everything from facial and body contouring to reassignment surgeries including vaginoplasty which is male to female genital surgery and phalloplasty; female to male genital surgery.

Instagram comes out worst

INSTAGRAM is the social network with the greatest negative effect on mental health and well-being, according to a recent survey of 1,500 teens and young adults. Five social networks were included in the research, with YouTube the only site to achieve a net positive score. Twitter finished second followed by Facebook and Snapchat, with Instagram fifth.

Although the photo-sharing platform received positive marks for self-expression and self-identity, it was also linked to high anxiety levels, depression, bullying and 'a fear of missing out.'

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What is arthritis?



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

ARTHRITIS is a common condition that causes pain and inflammation in a person's joints with the most common types being osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

What is the difference between the two?

Osteoarthritis initially affects the smooth cartilage lining of the joint, making movement more difficult than usual and leading to pain and stiffness.

Once the cartilage lining starts to thin out, the tendons and ligaments have to work harder, causing swelling and the formation of bony spurs.

Severe loss of cartilage can lead to bone rubbing on bone, which can alter the shape of the joint and force bones out of their normal position.

Rheumatoid arthritis occurs when the body's immune system targets affected joints, leading to pain and swelling. The outer covering of the joint, known as the synovium, is the first place affected, causing further swelling and a change in the joint's shape. This can cause the bone and cartilage to break down.

What are the symptoms?

The symptoms of arthritis can vary depending on the type, so it is important to get

an accurate diagnosis if you have any of the following: Joint pain, tenderness and stiffness. Inflammation in and around the joints. Restricted movement of the joints. Warm red skin over the affected joint or weakness and muscle wasting.

Who are most likely to suffer from arthritis?

Osteoarthritis most often develops in adults who are in their late 40's or older, and is more common in women and people with a family history of the condition.

Rheumatoid arthritis often starts when a person is between 40 and 50 years old, and women are three times more likely to be affected than men.

How do you treat it?

Although there is no cure for arthritis, there are many treatments to help slow down the condition. For osteoarthritis, painkillers, corticosteroids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs can be used to manage symptoms. In extreme cases, surgery such as joint replacement can be used.

Treatments for rheumatoid arthritis aim to slow down the condition's progress and minimise joint swelling. Analgesics, physiotherapy and regular exercise all can help.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Be flexible to get the most out of workers

SPENDING a lot of time commuting to work is more likely to lead to depression.

A study of more than 34,000 British adults found that commutes, either by train or in the car, of more than half an hour are damaging the nation's health, but are also affecting their productivity at work. Those with commutes of more than an hour each way fared the worst mentally as they were 33 per cent more likely to suffer from depression and 12 per cent more likely to report work-related stress.

These longer commutes also meant many workers were having to skip sleep which was affecting their mental state.

In a bid to reduce the impact of long commutes, employers are now increasingly introducing the idea of flexible working hours and allowing them to spend some time working at home.

The study showed that this flexible working has a positive impact on both employees' physical and mental health and their productivity, with them less likely to be stressed or depressed. These em-



COMMUTING: Is damaging the nation's health.

ployees also had an additional five productive days each year compared to those with no flexible working arrangements.

The study was carried out by Vitality-Health in partnership with the University of Cambridge, across all industries in the UK.

Meanwhile, a study has shown that

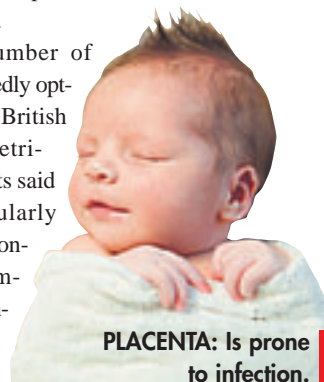
night owls should be able to start work later. According to researchers at the University of Sydney, Australia, bosses would have more productive employees if it recognised some had a different internal body clock meaning they were more night owls, and allowed them to do their job during their own peak hours.

Growing trend of the lotus birth

A LOTUS birth, is an increasingly popular trend amongst new mothers. It involves not cutting the umbilical cord after the baby is born and leaving it attached to the placenta until it falls off on its own.

This method is seen by many as a natural and spiritual option and is common in some cultures such as in Bali before the idea was introduced in the 1980s in the USA and Australia. Followers believe it allows the baby to continue obtaining all the nutrients the placenta has to offer, such as stem cells, before the placenta dries up and that cutting the cord can be traumatic for the infant. However studies are still underway on any potential benefits of the placenta and now experts have warned of the risk of leaving the placenta attached. With some leaving it attached for up to two weeks before it drops off naturally, the British Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists warns about the risks of infection and bacteria developing in the placenta and spreading to the baby.

With a growing number of women in the UK reportedly opting for a lotus birth, the British Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists said the placenta is particularly prone to infection as it contains blood and recommends that babies be monitored carefully for any signs of infection.



PLACENTA: Is prone to infection.

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Say 'cheese' please!

THE Motril Palacio Ventura Art School will display the entries from its ninth ever photography contest from today.

The competition, which draws in around 200 photographers from Spain and Europe, takes place every two years, with its exhibition opening at 8pm at the school.

“The contest helps to revitalise the cultural life of Motril in the field of visual arts.

At the event, awards will be given for first, second and third place, with prizes of €1,000, €500 and €300 respectively.

The director of the School of Art, Ruben Garcia, has invited those interested to attend the opening of the exhibition, where the number of photographs 'cover the exhibition halls.'

Mr Garcia also thanked all those who made the contest possible, including "the council through their Department of Culture, as well as the Commonwealth, Water Services, Port Authority and the company Mayfo." He added, "without their support, this event would not be possible."



CREATIVE BUNCH: Flor Almon poses with school director, Ruben Garcia.

The town's mayor, Flor Almon, explained the contest was "widely known and a national benchmark in the visual arts." She also thanked Garcia "for the work that he does, not only teaching but bringing the academic world and the arts to the whole city."

She added, "that the contest has already reached its ninth edition is a clear sign it is a prestigious event with more and more followers. Its interna-

tional renown and the fact that some 200 works have been presented speaks to its importance."

She concluded, "this contest helps to revitalise the cultural life of Motril in the field of the visual arts, something that we feel tremendously proud of and that we already promote with activities such as the Ramon Portill International Painting Contest, whose awards were given last Friday."

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Gypsy style music 'A la Zingara'

THE Parish Church of the Incarnation of Almuñecar is set to host a concert entitled 'A la Zingara' on Monday June 5 at 9pm.

Directed by Jose Antonio Guerrero, the event, which will star pianist Ambrosio Valera and various outstanding string musicians, will offer free admission and will open with the work 'Serenade for trio of Op 10,' by E Dohnanyi, which will conclude with Johannes Brahms and his work 'String Quartet for Piano and String No 1 in



STAR PLAYERS: The pianist and conductor practise ahead of the concert.

the lower sun, Op 25.'


The title 'A la Zingara' refers to the fourth movement of the Brahms Quartet. It is also a term that refers to all gypsy style inspired music, which is intensely vivid and was developed in Hungary, which is why the expression 'A Hungarian piece' has been used by different composers throughout history.

Although Dohnanyi is Hungarian, there is perhaps

equal or greater folkloric influence in the music of other composers, including Brahms. Curiously, one of the Hungarian composers most influenced by folk music, Bela Bartok, was a student of Dohnanyi.

The concert will feature violinists, Jesus Reina and Anna Margrethe Nilsen, as well as Paul Neubauer, on the viola, and Øyvind Gimse on the cello.

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I DON'T WANT TO JUMP ON THE band wagon regarding the dreadful atrocity that was the Manchester bombing. Nor do I wish to get involved with the political and emotional battles that are going on.

If I voiced my opinion I would probably make my esteemed colleague Leapy Lee look like a liver-liliated-liberalist! I would instead like to talk about the good things that happen in the face of such occurrences. Whether it's the 'Dunkirk' spirit or something built into the British DNA that makes otherwise normal people do extraordinary things, I don't know.

Apart from those people who rushed in to the arena to help the injured while others were rushing out, there were of course all the amazing emergency services such as Paramedics who helped those with the most horrific injuries. From this emerges the usu-



The Modern 'Room at the Inn' Manchester.

al human interest stories such as the man that cradled the little eight-year-old, Saffie-Rose Rousos, as she was dying and asking for her 'mum' and the two homeless men that rushed from their nocturnal resting place, away from the blast, but then returned to care for the fallen.

Those two have been rewarded. One has found his long lost mother and the other became a subject of a 'go fund' giving page on the internet that has raised so many thousands for homeless people.

And then there was the Hospitality Industry. In the early hours of Tuesday morning, Manchester hotels and staff were using the

hashtag #RoomForManchester to offer rooms to anyone displaced by the attack. Hotels around the arena including the nearby Holiday Inn Express, opened their doors to those that were frightened and alone, offering accommodation and refreshment as did McDonald's and other bars and restaurants in the immediate area. The Mancunians are a hardy lot but just like great toffee sweets, have a soft centre.

What really does concern me is a recent admission that there are 3,000 known jihadists in Britain under observation, 500 of which are under constant watch but a further 20,000 that are known, but considered low risk.

Where was the scum bag in Manchester in the pecking order? Yes, in the 20,000 along with the maniac on Westminster Bridge.

Maybe the only sensible thing Jeremy Corbyn has said in a while is that we have to accept the fact we are not winning the war against terrorism. Is Colonel Mike Kemp right? If they don't have British passports, deport them! And for those against whom there is insufficient evidence to prosecute - intern them without trial! Their families too!

Just as well that most of us are not in a position to make such decisions, let's hope our elected leaders - worldwide - are able to sort out the huge problem.

“ About 20 per cent of the population believe themselves to have a food allergy and only about 5 per cent actually do.
John Warner

ALLERGIES - LOVE 'EM OR HATE 'EM they are now part of our lives! When we were younger, I can't remember anyone having food allergies can you? But then I suppose children died from anaphylactic shock without anyone knowing.

What some people considered 'fads' are now being recognised as healthy options. We all know people allergic to nuts for instance. I have a friend that suffered from an allergy to pine-nuts. Not any other, just them. More women than men go gluten free. Celiacs have different sorts of reactions from what they consume than others. Lactose intolerant is another. I had a friend who was allergic to garlic. He only had to smell it and he would come out in a rash.

He's in good company, my friend and colleague, wine aficionado Pancho Campo reacts to garlic and onions. Difficult for a man that loves the Mediterranean diet!! Thankfully he is not allergic to wine!! However a wine merchant friend of mine loves red wine but it gives her an unpleasant reaction so she has to avoid it.

Is there a difference between an allergy and an intolerance? Of course there is. After all we do not refer to Gluten free or Lactose intolerant as allergies, people are just better off without the things that cause them problems. Restaurants are aware of this now, more than ever before. Sandwich group Pret a Manger has seen sales grow 15 per cent to £776.2m, they claim driven by sales in dairy and gluten-free ranges. They introduced a number of dairy-free products in 2016, including a dairy-free, gluten-free soup range all under 250 calories. This recent offering increased UK soup sales by 16 per cent like-for-like. Their dairy-free, coconut porridge, accounts for one in five porridge sales in the UK, and now coconut milk sales exceed soya milk. (Never did understand that stuff!!)

In this day and age, any restaurant worth its salt grinder has now got allergy symbols on their menus. But is it the responsibility of restaurateurs to inform the clients of ingredients in every dish? It's good that the symbols reflect certain allergies and intolerances, Celiac, Lactose, nuts etc. but I know someone who is allergic - yes allergic - to coriander. But not to flat parsley, which is the same family!! And just because it says 'Nut Free,' my dear friend with the pine-nut allergy had to always inform the restaurant that, and sometimes they still used to put 'Pesto' on his dish!!

So while the restaurant has to legally be responsible for allergy training with their staff, they can't do anything without the client informing them. So, no matter how obvious your allergy maybe to you, please inform the restaurant.

Now, I have to admit, that after all my years, I have developed an allergy. After months of a dry hacking cough, I went to my doctor who had allergy tests done on me and - wait for it - I have a dust allergy!! Who would ever have thought? "Excuse me waiter, I am allergic to dust, was it the coco powder on the chocolate cake or the gold dust on the fish, the crushed rhino horn - or have you just not vacuumed in a while?"

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.

DEBIT CARDS WILL OVERTAKE CASH as Britain's most frequently used method of payment by 2018 thanks to the rise in contactless cards. Many years ago I can remember being told that this would soon become the norm. However with people's love of the 'folding' I can't see it disappearing!! I mean imagine a window cleaner or gardener whipping out his contact credit card machine. I don't think so!

Worldpay, which handles 40 per cent of all UK card transactions, said that spending on all forms of contactless systems now accounts for 28 per cent of all non-cash transactions in the UK, with total spend exceeding £10b for the year in 2016. They processed over £1.5b in contactless payments in December alone, with shoppers spending an average of £10.39 per transaction.

Today one in five of us will use the technology at least once a day, rising to a third of people in London. Already more than half of UK shoppers say they'd happily leave their wallet at home and pay for everything on their smartphone instead. It's bad enough to lose your phone at the moment. How often do you hear people say, "my whole life is in that phone," Imagine, "I've got no money - it was all in my phone"!!

The future of all transactions?



But that wonderful activity 'survey' shows that

- A quarter of UK consumers claim they've started avoiding shops that don't take cards, while a third (30 per cent) say they only use cash if absolutely necessary.
- Two-thirds (60 per cent) of 24-34 year olds say they would prefer not to carry cash.
- One in 10 small and independent retailers are still refusing to accept card payments, whilst a further 10 per cent impose a lower limit on non-cash payments.

(information courtesy of Worldpay)

Now, where's my wallet? Ooops! Forgot to plug it in last night!!

SPEAKING OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS, according to new data from Barclay-

card. Spending in pubs and restaurants held up strongly during the month of April, despite a fall in consumer confidence around household finances, The 5.5 per cent increase in overall consumer spending during the month was driven by inflation on essential goods and a late Easter, while meals out during the bank holiday led to a 20.4 per cent and 16.5 per cent rise in spending in pubs and restaurants respectively despite the interest charges levied by credit card companies.

One of the reasons given is that of a warmer climate during that period and a late Easter. But the increase can also be associated with higher prices generally. Food and entertainment spending overall has risen. Which proves that when things are good people comfort eat and drown their sorrows while when things are good people celebrate by wining and dining. It's a win win!!

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SPANIARDS BELIEVE:
Property is best way to
hand over wealth.

Nation of homeowners

SPAIN is a nation of homeowners. New data from a report on the 2017 housing market found that 84 per cent of the population owns at least one home. The figures include couples and adult children who live in the family home.

The figures show a growing property divide with 16 per cent of people owning no home, and another 16 per cent owning multiple homes. One out of every 100 people owns three homes or more. The average number of homes owned by Spanish residents is 1.03.

In the past year 4 per cent of homeowners have purchased a new property. Meanwhile another 4 per cent of properties are owned but unoccupied by families who neither live there, nor rent it out. Eight out of 10 Spaniards live in mortgaged or owned property, compared to

the two in 10 who now rent.

With growing numbers of renters and landlords, three of out 10 Spaniards now have a direct relationship with the real estate sector. Demand for rented flats now exceeds demand for purchase as younger people leave the parental nest but can't afford to buy.

Roughly 7 per cent of homeowners want to buy again in the next two years, while 34 per cent are considering a long term purchase. Those looking to buy in the short term are, on average, a middle class married couple aged around 43.

The survey also found that four in 10 Spaniards believe property is the best way to hand over wealth to their children. Similar numbers consider buying property to be extremely profitable.

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Helping future generations

PROFESSIONAL property developers have signed a joint petition to the Spanish government urging fiscal reform to lower construction costs and protect land against opportunists.

The petition was launched at a real estate conference held by the Employer's and Professionals Association, APCE. It was spurred on by the challenge Spain faces in enabling the country's 14 million young people to access the market.

The vast majority of young professionals aged 25-35 are not buying. New developments with different financial deals might end that problem, but only if the developments are built by professional companies and in a cost effective way APCE argues.

The group also called for a more imaginative understanding of what it means to own property.

For many people today the line between owning, renting and having a mortgage is blurred. Young people also have significant deposits to pay, up to 25 per cent in many cases, which makes them rely on parental loans to get on the property ladder.

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ASTROLOGY: Reach for the stars!

Sun in Gemini: This month the sun is influenced by the airy sign of Gemini. This zodiac sign is symbolised by the twins, a playful and creative influence on your life.

Gemini helps to put others at ease with their friendly communication and flexible nature, so this is a good time to practise loving kindness towards yourself and others. Look for the good in all situations and keep your thoughts positive. Gemini is an air sign, which influences the mind, giving you the opportunity to create more of what you want by keeping your focus positive.

Get in tune with the moon : The new moon in Gemini on May 25 could be a time of great inspiration! Notice the ideas which come to you around this time and share your ideas with others.

Gemini is a sociable sign so accept invitations to meet new people and network as you may just meet the person you need to help you implement your new ideas. The full moon on June 9 is in the adventurous sign of Sagittarius! This fire sign gives you the courage and confidence to take action. Book a holiday to a far flung destination or visit friends overseas to bring new energy into your life.

Numerology: Practice makes perfect

Number 6: Numbers are symbols which carry energy. This number helps you to focus on detail. Check contracts, tidy up ac-

counts, shred old paperwork and get organised! This number encourages you to perfect new skills, so practise anything new with enthusiasm and regularity. To help you relax, spend time in nature, gardening, walking and enjoying the spring sunshine.

On June 21, summer begins. This is a time of great growth so it is worth developing regular routines now to keep you balanced as the busy summer period approaches.

The Tarot: Decision time!

The lovers: The sixth card in the major arcana deck is the card of the lovers. Are you at a fork in the road? Is there a choice you need to make? The month of



GEMINI: Listen to your heart when making decisions.

Gemini can present many different opportunities, so listen to your heart when making decisions. Know what it is that you

need in every aspect of your life and don't compromise. By acknowledging and acting on your deepest needs you will feel better about yourself, and will also be a shining example to others.

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Agapanthus – the flower of love

By Graeme Tyrrell

FINDING plants that will look good, require minimal care to tolerate the long dry Spanish summer, long lived, easily propagated and provide alluring

flowers is a great way to have a bright healthy garden.

Plants that come from Mediterranean regions and around the world provide a good starting point as they are adapted to survive naturally and usually just help to get established.

Mediterranean type climates exist in California including Los Angeles and San Francisco, in parts of Australia around Perth and Adelaide, in southwestern South Africa including Cape Town, sections of Western and Central Asia, and in Central Chile. This gives us a greater variety of plants to choose that will be easy to grow in Spain.

A wonderfully attractive green strappy leaved plant with spectacularly large, either, blue, mauve, pink or white flowers that makes a great under storey plant for treed gardens or shaded balconies and terraces is the Agapanthus.

The name is derived from the Greek agapé, meaning love, and anthos, meaning flower. So it can be interpreted as the Lovely flower or Love flower. It is also known as the African lily or the



AFRICAN LILY: There are many varieties available that have different leaf variations and flower colours.

Blue lily.

There are many varieties available that have different leaf variations and flower colours that have been cultivated by growers which may need additional care with watering in summer, but the original plants are very hardy.

Agapanthus make a great less than metre high border or background hedging. Flowering in late spring until autumn, its showy cluster or umbel of bell-

shaped flowers can be appreciated in summer when flowers are scarcer but more able to be appreciated.

Originating from South Africa in areas of wet winters and long hot, dry summers it has adapted, with its fleshy, rhizomatous root system to store water, to need minimal care once established.

Its main enemies are slugs and snails which can be minimised with a container of stale beer for them to drown happily in or by

trapping with a tile placed near the plants and checked regularly to remove the slugs and snails as they shelter underneath during the day.

Removing the expired browning leaves will keep them looking good and reduce the harbouring of insects.

They are easily propagated by division every few years. Dividing does reduce the production of flowers of the clump so it is best done after flowering has finished for the season in autumn, but it can also be done in late spring. When dug up carefully, it is easy to separate the plants.

Plant in soil with plenty of compost or add a good water retentive potting mix to the natural soil before planting. They tolerate acid and alkaline soil and don't need a lot of additional nutrients as they may provide only a lot of green leaves and not many flowers. They should also have periods of full sun and a bright position to encourage flowering, but do well naturally in the shade under the canopy of trees.



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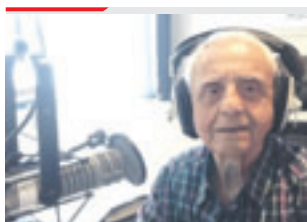
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WITH more and more people owning properties in Spain and spending a large part of their year here, pet travel has increased dramatically with owners preferring to bring their animals with them rather than leave them at home for any length of time.

Pets accompanying their owners on a trip to Spain can be accepted as luggage when the corresponding excess baggage tariff has been paid (regardless of the class in which the passen-

Flying with pets

ger is to fly).

As a general rule, these animals must be checked in and loaded into the hold of the aircraft, where they will be placed in a container (which some airlines can provide) but to be on the safe side it is worth purchasing your own carrier which is IATA approved (and will have a sticker or label stating this).

As only certain airlines and airports in the UK have the facilities to transport pets (BA and Monarch being the main carriers), when making a booking for you and your pet check first that the necessary transport can be arranged.

Animals must carry the correct documentation, either with a pet passport or veterinary certificate or with all required vaccinations (in some countries with an evaluation of antibodies). All animals are identified by a mi-

crochip, and you need the correct documentation for this. Preparing pets for travel can be a lengthy business, with all the health checks, documentation and pet passport. So if you are thinking about bringing your pet into Spain make sure you leave plenty of time to make the necessary arrangements.

You can find more information on the Pets Travel Scheme (PETS) for the UK at www.defra.co.uk.

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ny a passenger with a disability will usually travel in the cabin, unless prohibited by national regulations or the airlines. The dog's transport, whether in the hold or in the cabin, will not be chargeable.

It is not necessary to carry out any special procedure, but the dog must wear a muzzle, collar and lead. If the dog is to travel in the cabin, it will be placed next to the passenger in a place indicated by the crew.

PET TRAVEL: Animals must have correct documentation.



LUQUE: Was shot.

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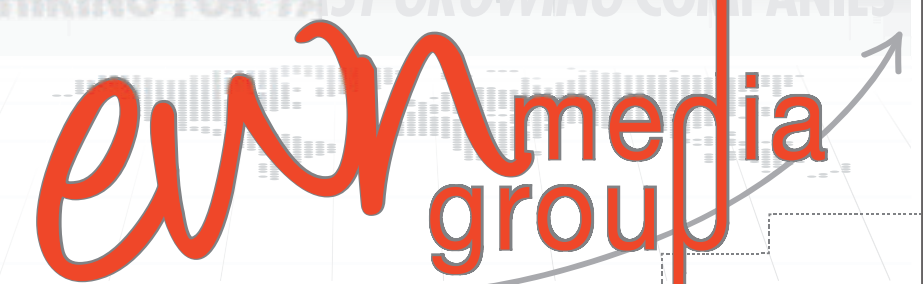
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The planet's most popular sports car

AFTER storming into the European market, the Ford Mustang is now officially the most popular sports car on the planet. Last year more than 150,000 Mustangs were sold across the world, well ahead of major rivals Ferrari and Porsche.

The Mustang's surprisingly late entry to European markets made all the difference with sales outside the US leaping by more than 100 per cent. It was also the most popular 250hp plus sports car in the UK with almost 5,000 shifted in 2016.

Sales this year are continuing the trend, bolstered by rave reviews of the latest edition of the iconic model, which debuted in 1962. The 2018 model is due for release in North America this autumn, and in Europe by next spring. British buyers are opting for the full Mustang shebang. Seven in every 10 UK sales are for the V8 5.0 GT Mustang option.

ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Jeep Renegade

THE Jeep brand dates back more than 70 years, and is widely known as 'the American legend.' While these days Jeep is owned by the Fiat Group, the marque still retains its tough formidable image.

The Cherokee may be the best-known name in the Jeep line-up, but the smaller Renegade, a compact crossover model, is making its mark, appealing to those who want a cool street image yet when necessary, genuine four-wheel drive capability.

Many models in the SUV/Crossover sector have either two-wheel drive or a rather limited 4WD system which cannot cope with difficult terrain. All Jeep 4x4 models can calibrate the differential to maximise grip and control in snow, mud or on rough rocky terrain.

But though the Renegade is a rough-stuff mud-plugger, its

distinctive visual cachet means you can still park outside a trendy cafe and make a style statement.

Renegade prices start at €21,050 (£18,250), with petrol and diesel options and 2WD or 4WD. Many buyers opt for upper range versions laden with extra kit, and Limited models start at €27,998 (£24,265).

My test model was a Limited in 4WD form with auto transmission and with the 138 hp 2.0 litre diesel engine, and that combination costs €33,507 (£29,050).

For that you get a comprehensive spec which includes touchscreen infotainment centre, DAB radio, Bluetooth and sat-nav, plus alloy wheels, heated leather seats, front and rear parking sensors and plenty of safety features including lane departure and front-collision warnings.

The Renegade's styling is

unmistakable - a plus-point in a sector which is quite image-conscious, and while it loves being off road, it is pleasant to drive on the tarmac, at least if the surface is smooth. The firm suspension does jolt in potholes but otherwise, the ride quality in town driving is acceptable.

The overall driving refinement is not as good as rivals such as the Skoda Yeti, Nissan Juke or Mini Countryman but you have to weigh that against the Jeep's superior off-road ability and its more charismatic look.

The 2.0 litre diesel engine pulls well, giving a nippy 0-100 kph time of 9.9 seconds and top speed of 182 kph (113 mph). Fuel economy is 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg).

The nine-speed auto gearbox is excellent,

giving smooth and fluid shifts.

The cabin has a stand-out radically-styled dashboard, unlike anything else in the class. There is a logical layout of instruments and switchgear and the touchscreen is quick to respond.

There is space for four adults in comfort, or five if everyone's friendly! Boot space is adequate at 351 litres and expands to a useful 1,297 litres if the rear seats are folded. Only downsides - a deep load lip and the rear seat doesn't go fully flat.

RENEGADE:
A distinctive visual cachet.



Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

Stats panel:

Model: Jeep Renegade Limited
Engine: 2.0 litre diesel
Transmission: 9-speed automatic
Performance: 0-100 kph 9.9 seconds, top speed 182kph (113 mph)
Economy: 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg)
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The Tulip Rally



ONE of the best known, and historically important, rallies in the world is the Tulip Rally. It started in 1949 and was a long, tough rally that lasted about a week, mostly in Holland.

It was especially popular in the 1950's and 1960's and was an integral part of the European Rally Championship which was hotly contested by the major motor manufacturers.

It was always said 'Win Rallies on the weekend, sell cars on Mondays!' This was also the rally that invented the 'Tulip' system of rally navigation that is still used internationally today.

The CCCA has its own well-developed system based on the Tulip method and makes navigation simple, universal and without need for languages or translations.

The Tulip Rally is still an important event on the Historic European calendar and one of our members, Clément Eijffinger, has just returned from participating in this amazing rally.

Here is what Clément had to say about the event:-

The 64th edition of the Tulpenrallye took place from May 7 to May 13. This international Historic Rally is meant for cars built before 1971 with

participants from Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and the UK. This year the start was in Tegernsee in Germany, just below Munich.

One of our club members Clément Eijffinger (NL) was one of over 200 participants in his Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GT Veloce from 1967.

The Rally took six long driving days on small and narrow roads with a total of over 2,500 kms. The route went from Germany, through Austria and Liechtenstein with the first overnight stop in Feldkirch.

The next day the finish was near beautiful Colmar. From there on the classic cars went on to Strasbourg in France, continuing the next day to Luxembourg.

On the final day the route went from Vaals (in the south of Holland) to Noordwijk, where the rally traditionally finishes (and where, in the past, has also been the starting point).

Also this year some tough regularities and tests on The NürburgRing in Germany were included as part of the programme.

Fortunately, most of the cars made it to the finish, only 10 cars had to retire from the Rally because of mechanical problems, which could not be solved by the breakdown service



that accompanied the classic cars during the whole of the rally.

Some photos of Clément's lovely, classic Alfa Romeo on the Tulip Rally are shown here.

In July, two of our Club members (Jo Ramirez and Clément Eijffinger) are participating in the famous Ennstal Classic Rally in Austria.

This is a three-day regularity event for classic cars. Always hugely popular with competitors and spectators alike, the event produces an amazing entry list with some of the world's

best loved classic cars participating. We wish them all the best for that one!

The Summer Ball

THERE are still tickets available for this superb, annual event. Held at the Tamisa Golf Hotel, there will be canapés and cava on arrival. A superb dinner with all wines included with dining and dancing 'al fresco' around the pool and entertainment from one of the best performers on the coast, Johnny G. Tickets are only €40 pp and can be booked through Club vice-Chairman, Brian Ladd.

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The Tour de Sands

THIS amazing, charity 2,500km cycle ride organised by CCCA member, Jerry Watson, draws to a close today, Thursday June 1 and the last stage is a short one from Alhaurin El Grande to Elviria but will come through La Cala, have a drinks stop at Avanto Restaurante, on the Boardwalk, and another in Cabopino.

Do come out and show your support and donate to the two cancer charities if you can. There are still tickets available for the finish party at

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Avanto on Saturday afternoon, June 3 for those that would like to join the fun.

That's it from me for this time, I'll be back with more news in two weeks time.

The Gibraltar Rally Weekend

LAST weekend saw our friends at the GCVA (Gibraltar Classic Vehicle Association) enjoy their annual weekend of classic motoring.

This year was a huge success with a marvellous turn-out of over 100 classic cars which were on show all day on the Saturday in casemates Square. The cars also went on a really interesting tour of some of the sites in Gibraltar which was good for both participants and spectators alike. Many CCCA members journeyed to Gibraltar to enjoy this classic weekend.

On the following day, Sunday, a special classic car run was organised by the GCVA and started from the Guadarcorte Park Hotel, near Algeciras.

The route covered about 130kms taking in the most beautiful, picturesque area through the Alcornocales Park and the fabulous cork forests. A coffee stop was taken at the Hotel Brenaverde, then on through the Genal Valley and a drinks stop happily received at Los Reales in the Sierra Bermeja, before finishing at the Los Pedreales Park and restaurante near to Estepona around 3.00pm.

A most enjoyable and very well supported classic weekend!

CCCA coming events

THE CCCA has plenty of events coming up, as always. The next Club night and dinner will be at the excellent Tree-tops restaurant at El Chaparral on Tuesday, June 6.

With the weather settled we hope to be dining 'al fresco' outside on the terrace, under the stars which is always very pleasant.

There will be a classic car run organised by Ian and Carol Giles on Saturday, June 10, but the route has yet to be finalised so information will be sent direct to members just before that date.

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com.
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Acompalia Golf Tournament 2017

ON Friday May 19 the Third Acompalia Golf Tournament took place at Los Moriscos course in Playa Granada, Motril.

This great sporting day was held in support of Acompalia, a local charity providing support to people with terminal illnesses, and to their carers throughout the province of Granada.

Chris Oliver, of Acompalia, organiser of the event said:

"We used the playing

formula which was so successful last year whereby golfers formed teams of two with only the best score at each hole counting towards the teams' total.

This meant that everybody had a chance of winning one of the prizes donated by our wonderful sponsors and ensures that all play a full game.

The players appreciated this format which, of course, ensures their enjoyment of the day with all

players having an equal chance of a prize."

Once again, they were very fortunate that Golf International Nerja Society (GINS) designed and impeccably managed the competition.

They devised many on-course extras to add more fun to the game and provide additional ways of winning extra prizes whilst adding more to the funds that were raised.

Acompalia is truly grateful for GINS assistance,

and noted that GINS and its members donated many of the tournament and raffle prizes.

Ron Montero of Motril donated the main prizes, which were presented by Blanco Montero.

They also provided a gift for each player and set up a drinks stall on the course which raised additional funds.

Many local companies also provided prizes, all of which contributed to the success of the day.

After playing golf, everyone had a meal at the Golf Club Bar before being treated to a trumpet recital by the professional musician Mark Schrello. Later Mark gave the winners a fanfare, which he last played at the Nobel Prize ceremony.

First prize and winners of the Acompalia Cup were Jim Henderson and Karen Nuttall with 47 points.

They also received a presentation box of Ron Montero top quality rum.

Second prize went to Stewart Green and Rita McCracken with 46 points and third with 45 points were Cliff and Diana Elliott, and both teams also received a presentation box of Ron Montero.

Jim was last year's win-

ner so he can look forward to an increased handicap next year. It is hoped that he has plenty of metal polish.

In all, 12 prizes were given out resulting in lots of happy golfers and attendees, all agreed that the day had been a great success.

Acompalia is very grateful to all its supporters for their contributions to the event.

Chris added: "This proved to be the perfect event with participants enjoying an excellent day whilst making a significant contribution towards enabling Acompalia to continue providing support to those in need and bringing the establishment of a hospice nearer."

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