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X-Factor

Fugitive child abuser jailed

By Matthew Elliott

A sadistic paedophile who performed on the X-Factor in Britain while on the run from Spanish police had his 23-year sentence confirmed by a Mallorca court.

Manuel Pons Sanchez, 46, was found guilty of raping and abusing his daughter. She was aged just six when the four-year campaign of terror began.

Sanchez, who worked as a hospital porter in Merseyside while a fugitive, was caged last August for the horrific crimes on his home island of Menorca.

He beat and raped Natalia, now aged 22, tying her to a bed and leaving her suffering from crippling anxiety.

Shockingly she was also raped by her uncle and mother's boyfriend as well as her singer father. Sanchez made it to the Boot Camp stage of the popular reality show.

Judge Simon Cowell told him "we like you" after his 2009 audition.

Sanchez even played Fawlty Towers character Manuel in a comedy sketch with Holly Willoughby on spin-off show the Xtra Factor.

Natalia's mother reported his crimes to Spanish police in 2007, three years after he fled to Liverpool. But it wasn't until 2016, after over a decade living in Britain, that the law caught up with Sanchez when he applied for a British passport.

Defence lawyers tried to reduce the sentence, one of the longest ever dished out on the Balearic Islands, be-



MANUEL PONS SANCHEZ:
A 23-year sentence.

cause of the time it took to get the case to trial. On Tuesday Supreme Court judges in Palma rejected the appeal after hearing harrowing testimony from his traumatised victim.

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Love affair over?

SUPERMODEL Claudia Schiffer is selling her Mallorca home. The huge estate in Andratx's Camp de Mar is expected to fetch €4-5 million.

When complete the sale could bring an end to a love affair the iconic German model began with Mallorca when she was still a child. She has since owned two properties on the island.

It is no surprise that Schiffer is selling the sprawling 500,000 hectare family estate on the edge of the Mediterranean. Last year she and British film producer husband Matthew Vaughan were involved in a bizarre legal spat with next door neighbour, former Formula One chief Willi Weber.

Weber accused the couple of chopping down two glorious pine trees on his side of the fence to improve their sea view. He demanded €30,000 compensation and threatened to "plant so many trees they could only smell the sea" before the case was settled out of court.



Claudia Schiffer.

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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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No elite troops

CLAIMS that the UK is sending hundreds of ex-Special Forces troops to Mallorca and other Spanish holiday hotspots this summer have been dismissed in Spain.

After appearing in UK media, the story was not picked up by any Spanish-language media that this newspaper has seen.

No official at any of the local tourist boards we spoke to was able to provide information about the supposed scheme, nor were they aware of it.

A local private security firm said: "This is complete nonsense... we know of no-one in the industry that has any information on this story, no ex-Special Forces we know have been approached and no private companies have been tasked."

Cat genocide

AN animal rights activist has been acquitted by Mallorca judges after she circulated videos online of badly treated cats at a local animal park, accusing the management of illegal extermination.

A petition on Change.org quickly gathered almost 14,000 angry signatures, leading the park's director to take six months off for depression after having activists pray he die of cancer.

The park then launched a defamation claim, accusing her of unfairly ruining its reputation.

Flight of fancy

SPANISH prime minister Mariano Rajoy flew into Mallorca and announced that all Balearic Islanders would get a 75 per cent discount on flights between the islands. Rajoy was speaking at a Popular Party congress in Inca last Saturday.

Balearic president Francina Armengol conversely put her weight behind an increase in the much-needed resident discount last week after Madrid backed a similar move on the Canaries.

Just the bare necessities

A NAKED man, believed to be British, was spotted strolling around Palma's Son Sant Joan airport. Wearing only his birthday suit the middle-aged traveller was caught on tape sitting in the arrivals hall, even getting up to have a wander around.

Bemused tourists simply ignored him and he somehow managed to escape police and security officials, after which grainy images of the disrobed holiday-maker sparked outrage on Spanish social media.

His antics did little to help growing distaste of a certain breed of tourist, especially on Mallorca. People were also flummoxed as to how he managed to get away with it, singling out airport officials for special criticism.

There was consensus that the man was likely on his way to Magaluf. Ironically across Calvia there are strict decency laws in place banning people from even going topless on public streets.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 14

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!

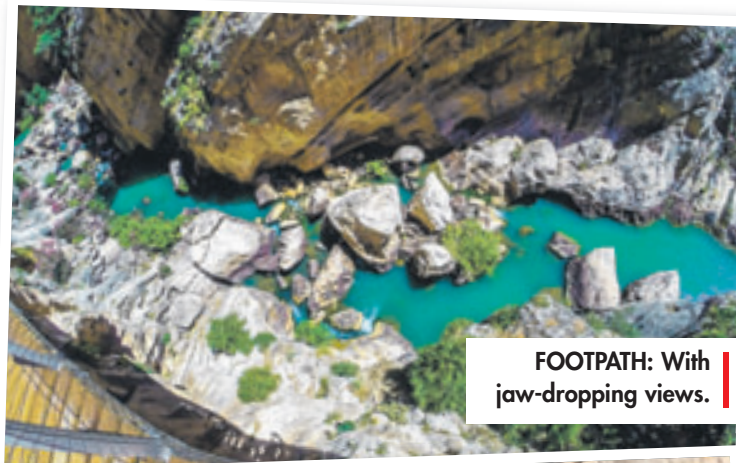
Are you brave enough?

THE Caminito del Rey in Ardales, Malaga, 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.

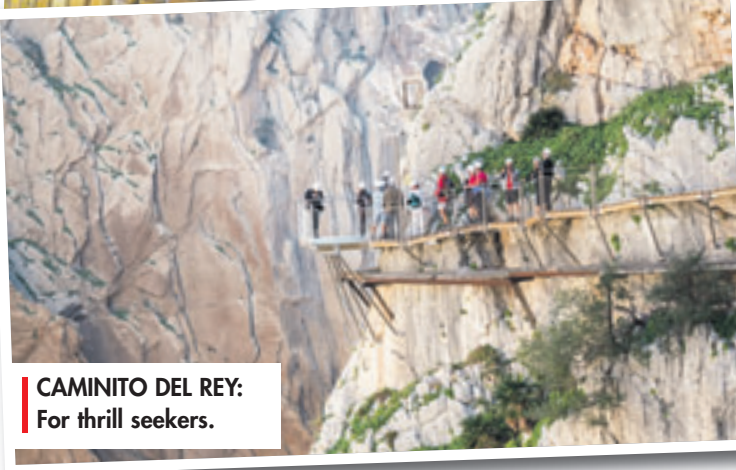
The jaw-dropping footpath which at points rises almost 330ft above the river below, was originally built in 2001 as part of King Alfonso XIII's hydroelectric project to harness the power of three rivers, but swiftly fell into disrepair.

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 Sanlucar 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.

Burning sands Monopoly: Island edition

PROTESTERS greeted the arrival of another freighter loaded with thousands of tons of Saharan sand. Activists from the Sahrawi ethnic group of the wild western Saharan region are accusing Spain of plundering their natural resources for private gain.

Councils across Mallorca are now putting pressure on Madrid to issue a national ban on the controversial imports.

ECO-WARRIORS Terraferida claim that a tiny minority of rich landlords own around half of all Airbnb holiday rental properties on Mallorca.

Just 99 individuals or companies offer tens of thousands of beds according to estimates from the environmentalist group, with one person

owning roughly 800 properties on a different holiday accommodation platform.

Bookings boost

BRITISH interest in Magaluf has skyrocketed in recent months. Analysis from holiday rental search engine Hundredrooms found that searches for accommodation in the popular resort have doubled in the first half of 2017.

In May alone there was a 20 per cent surge in reservations, while June is already 80 per cent booked.

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The total number of news and features appearing in last week's Euro Weekly News Mallorca edition, with 32 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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BRITISH travel operator Thomson is coming under heavy fire from fuming holidaymakers whose dream Mallorca trip turned into a five-star nightmare.

Dozens of excited Brits landed on the island only to find their luxury accommodation at Cala d'Or's Alua-Soul Hotel nowhere near ready.

The luxury resort, where a week

Backlash over holiday hell

at half board costs roughly €1,000 per person, is open now, but was still being renovated during an early May bank holiday rush. Rather than enjoying the 'prime beach postcode' advertised online, tourists were shut-

tled off to a hodgepodge of random sites where Thomson found space.

Now the firm, owned by travel giant TUI, faces a blistering backlash from dismayed Brits who feel betrayed by Thomson.

Many were only told of the change of plans when they embarked on the airport bus. Others were more fortunate, receiving a last minute phone call as they packed their bags, offering them little choice but to reluc-

tantly accept the new reality.

Refunds offered have been paltry, and it is unclear what other messages the company has taken to compensate customers. Fears are growing that they debacle might have damaged Mallorca's reputation too, with the furious families likely to opt for something completely different next year.

Harry's island love nest

PRINCE HARRY'S rumoured ex-flame will be starring in the hit Mallorca-based reality show Love Island. The third season of the raunchy British show kicks off this Monday on ITV2.

TV bosses will be hoping Camilla Thurlow, a former Miss Edinburgh, might spill the beans on her much discussed 2014 evening with the prince, when they allegedly locked lips in a London nightclub.

Neither have suggested they

were ever an item. The 27-year-old isn't the only Love Island celebrity linked with Harry. Show presenter Caroline Flack, 37, described herself as his 'bit of rough' in her 2015 autobiography.

Love Island is a dating reality show that puts a cast of young singles and aspiring celebrities together in a glamorous Mallorcan villa. The public at home then vote for the 'winning couple' to emerge from the wreckage.



CAROLINE FLACK: Called herself Prince's 'bit of rough.'



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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.

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 'Er-rrrr no. Remove.'

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

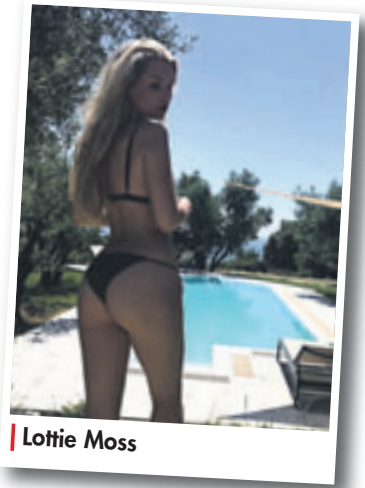
Irish model Vogue Williams, 31, put on a leggy display as she attended the launch of La Sala's new project Mahiki Beach. The winner of Bear Grylls: Mission Survive rocked a black mini dress and nude stilettos stepping out in style.

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



Lottie Moss

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

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A NEW Carrefour opens next week in Sa Coma. The 2,600 square metre space is smaller than Palma's branches but has a bakery, meat, fish and electronic sections.

Bus bonus

TODAY marks the start of an airport bus service to Manacor, Montuiri, Vilafranca, Porto Cristo, and Sa Coma. Tickets on the Aerotib A42 cost between €5 and €12.

Vida loca

SUPERSTAR singer Ricky Martin wooed 8,000 screaming fans at the Palma Arena last night. The Latino heartthrob, best known for *Livin' La Vida Loca*, is enjoying a 13-date tour of Spain.

Spoilt brats

PLAYA DE PALMA residents unleashed a storm of indignation on social media after partygoers from the notorious Ballerman district left rubbish and broken beer bottles on the beach.

Buff body

A BUFF young man from Manacor won Mr Gay Pride Mallorca. Michael Frias will represent the island at a nationwide competition to crown the most attractive gay man in Spain on June 30.

X-rated hens

EIGHTEEN women were ejected from a Palma bound flight at East Midlands airport for wearing t-shirts which were considered offensive by airline staff. Jet2 called police when the ladies refused to cover up.

ACTION to protect isolated elderly residents is being urged in the wake of last week's devastating discovery of a Lluçmajor couple who were dead for months before alarm bells went off.

Horrifically, their starving dogs ate their bodies before they were eventually discovered by their daughter.

Both aged 75, the woman had Alzheimer's and, with no help, died shortly after her husband suddenly passed away. Social services officials

Dog horror plea

have since revealed that the couple twice rejected offers of care.

But many more elderly residents across the island are believed to be in similarly isolated positions. Taking up social aid from the state often means becoming entrenched in a web of bu-

reaucacy they'd rather not have on their plate.

A simple solution, such as a nurse who visits rural homes once a week to check on older residents has been proposed. Various community schemes are in place across Mallorca but it is nearly

impossible to reach everyone.

Meanwhile the head of the Lluçmajor Animal Association has requested help for the three surviving dogs. The male and two females are currently in the animal shelter recovering from the ordeal.

The Lluçmajor chief said they are not monsters, but were simply left with no choice. In contrast they are sociable, well balanced creatures, now in need of love and attention.

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MAGALUF: Two African men were arrested.

'Giant' bear-huggers

British holidaymakers targeted by thieves

By Matt Ford

TWO African men described as "giants" by their British victims have been arrested in Magaluf, Mallorca.

They are suspected of committing a string of violent muggings using a technique police are calling the 'bear hug,' which involves squeezing their targets so hard they are 'nearly asphyxiated.'

As things stand at least three cases have been reported, but local media suggest that more will emerge.

The gang is made up of three men from Senegal and Nigeria, of whom the biggest, described as being 6ft 6ins tall with 'Herculean' arms, remains at large.

They have already spent several months behind bars after carrying out 26 similar attacks in Magaluf last summer, but were set free several weeks ago.

In the last few days, three British holidaymakers reported that they were assaulted by African 'giants,' leading to the new arrests.

All three attacks were identical, with the thieves striking as booze-soaked revellers returned to their hotels after a night drinking on the Punta Ballena party strip.

After sneaking up on their victim from behind, one of the assailants holds them in a tight bear hug so they are unable to breathe while a second attacks with punches from the front.

The third is responsible for grabbing wallets, watches, mobile phones and any other valuables.



All three attacks were identical.

Numbers in the news

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

OUR VIEW

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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.

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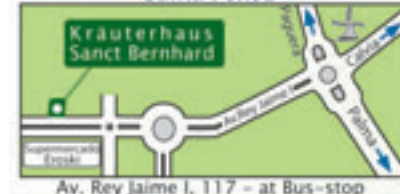
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Tolo's tentacles exposed



MEGAPARK: Tolo's empire dominated Mallorca nightlife.

By Matthew Elliott

HIGH level arrests were made in the investigation into Tolo Cursach, Mallorca's so-called 'Godfather of the night' who faces 80 years on murder and racketeering charges.

Director of Commerce at Calvia Town Hall, Jaime Nadal, and government engineer, Bernardo Rossinyol, were the latest arrests. They are accused of conspiring to protect the interests of Tolo's giant BCM nightclub by deny-

ing licences to rival operators.

The full-blooded investigation has shown just how deep Tolo's tentacles spread in Mallorca's political offices and police departments.

Cursach, who owned the Megapark and a 50 per cent stake in Real Mallorca FC, is set to be moved from Palma prison to a mainland facility.

A gypsy gangster turned witness against Cursach claims to have been intimidated in the wings of Palma prison by foreigners working

for the dapper don, who ruled Mallorca's nightlife for decades. Ico is the son of La Paca, the matriarch of a notorious Son Banya crime clan.

Ico's testimony against Cursach has already landed several senior police officers in prison, and made him a top target for Tolo's retribution. Defence lawyers are appealing

the prison move, arguing that it violates Cursach's right to be presumed innocent.

At the height of his power Cursach owned 30 nightclubs, earned more than €1 million a night and cavorted with Spanish royalty. He is accused of murder, extortion, bribery, fraud, drug trafficking and sexually abusing a minor.

Numbers in the news

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JOHN NOAKES: Beloved Blue Peter presenter died aged 83.

Blue Peter hero John Noakes dies aged 83

DAREDEVIL, action man, one of the greatest presenters in BBC history. The tributes keep rolling in for John Noakes, the former Blue Peter presenter, who has died aged 83. Close family revealed that Noakes, who lived in Andratx, Mallorca with his wife Vicky, passed away in

his sleep on Sunday.

The charismatic West Yorkshire man, often pictured with border collie Shep, joined Blue Peter as the children's show's third presenter in 1965. A memorable 12 years at the helm during a golden age for British television saw him break the 25,000 foot

British parajumping record and shimmy up Nelson's Column without a harness.

His relationship with Shep was so interwoven with his TV personality that the Baron Knights released a 1978 song dedicated to the dog, and people stopped him on the street to ask after Shep, long after his death in 1986.



Noakes suffered from Alzheimer's in his later years.

After leaving the show Noakes and Vicky set sail for the Caribbean in search of a new life. A freak 60-foot wave almost killed them and instead they wound up in Mallorca, where Noakes spent decades before his death.

Noakes suffered from Alzheimer's in his later years and, in 2015, sparked a scare when he went missing from his Andratx home while out for a walk in scorching 35-degree heat.

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Beach rubbish disgrace

A PIONEERING tourist agency in Mallorca, set up more than a century ago to promote the island's interests, denounced the filthy state of Ses Covetes beach.

The Tourist Promotion Board, comprised of local business leaders and professionals, called press to an emergency meeting at the beach.

They showed disturbing ex-

amples of the carelessness and neglect that has led to the once pristine shoreline being littered with rubbish and dangerously unhygienic items.

The group called for a more sustainable attitude to tourism. One that welcomes tourists with open arms, while enforcing strict regulations on littering and pollution.

Without enforcement, they argue, the vast majority of respectful tourists who keep the island's finances afloat, will stop visiting Mallorca, opting instead for cleaner locations.

The emergency summit

came as photos continue to surface online exposing groups of young tourists leaving beer bottles, cigarette butts and plastic packets strewn across the island's most remote beaches.



Emergency meeting was called.



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RAINBOW WARRIOR: The ship was built for Greenpeace in 2011.

A COLOURFULLY painted battle ship will sail into Palma port later this month. The Rainbow Warrior is an iconic Greenpeace vessel touring Spanish ports throughout June to protest the dumping of plastics in the Mediterranean.

The ship's motto is 'less plastic, more Mediterranean' and there are dozens of envi-

ronmental scientists and biologists on board. At each port on the tour they will inform people about the ecological disaster quickly unfolding in European waters.

Scheduled ports are Palma, Valencia and Barcelona. An exact date for Palma hasn't yet been decided. The Rainbow Warrior has docked in Mallor-

ca before, spending three weeks being checked over at a local shipyard last year. In 2014 the ship was opened up to the Palma public for free tours.

The ship was specially built for Greenpeace in 2011 and is itself environmentally friendly. It is the third in a line of Rainbow Warriors. In 1985 the original Rainbow Warrior was bombed and sunk by French intelligence services in the Pacific as she protested against nuclear weapons testing.

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VOLUNTEER mechanics are restoring a rusty Convair 990 aircraft built in the early 1960s which could break the speed of sound but has laid untouched at a Palma air base for 30 years.

Baby scare

A TODDLER fell from a first floor window in Palma, suffering a severe concussion. Terrified onlookers saw his young sibling curiously approach the same window before stepping back from the edge.

Tax wars

MAYORS across Mallorca projected a united front demanding that town halls should see their share of tourist tax revenue after all requests for extra regional funding were rejected last year.

No mates

POLLENSA mayor Miquel Angel lost a vote of no confidence after councillors failed to approve the annual budget. Unless rival parties can form a coalition the budget will pass automatically.

Sex games

A DRUNK German woman fell naked from the third floor of a Palma apartment building sustaining minor injuries. Police suspect erotic play was involved in the plunge.

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Fashion model writes off vintage Ferrari



ELIF AKSU: Was detained after crashing the Ferrari.

AN Austrian 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 was detained at a private airport after reportedly careering into a lorry while behind the wheel of a Ferrari Dino said to be owned by her British squeeze.

The unnamed 44-year-old millionaire, described locally as being of Saudi origin but apparently carrying a British passport was allowed to fly out of the island.

But 25-year-old Aksu, who

has worked for some of the world's top fashion agencies, was handed a court order for driving under the influence without a licence before being released on bail.

The couple and a Saudi man believed to be an employee abandoned the car in the wake of the accident, but witnesses heard them discussing an aeroplane.

Police intercepted them as they were preparing for take-off, according to local reports.

Numbers in the news

31 The percentage of women in Spain thought statistically to be overweight, 9 per cent fewer than men.

NEWS EXTRA

Slave labour

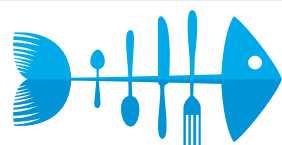
OWNERS of a Palma tapas bar were jailed for treating employees like slaves. They were watched by cameras, called rats, paid less than minimum wage and forced to work well over contracted hours.

DIY bins

HORRIFIED Palma residents accused the council of not emptying public bins for three weeks, forcing some to do it themselves. The council is currently at odds with private contractor Eulen.

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Calanova Cancer Care Charity shop



Paco, Anna-Lisa, Teresa, Angela, Brigitte and Carmen from the shop.



Dr Angel Camejo in Cuba.

ON Friday May 25 the shop presented the Spanish Association of Cancer Care in the Balears (AECC) with a check for €10,000.

Their new President, Dr Javier Cortes received it on

their behalf together with his deputy Ana Belen Vesasco.

In the last couple of months the shop donated two top of the range automatic beds, one to Dime (Paliativo Care) and one to the AECC so that they can help the people that need them... also a cheque was given to The Cancer Support Group for €1,000 and to Dime (Paliativo Care) also €1,000.

At the end of summer 2016 the shop donated all left over summer clothes to the people in Cuba who had been struck by the terrible hurricane in Guantanamo Bay. The clothes were taken to the Caribbean by

the shop's doctor in Palmanova, Dr Angel Camejo. He distributed them directly to the poorest people of this area since they would most likely have ended up on the black market if posted.


At the end of April, Dr Camejo returned to Cuba to continue his work attending those in need, and the shop again sent with him left over light winter clothes, especially childrens' items for those people who live in the mountains and hills around Guantanamo.

On June 3 in Heros Sports Bar and Garden Lounge, Por-

tals Nous at 2pm everyone is welcome to The Epsom Derby Day, the greatest Flat Race in the world!


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All proceeds will be for Meek and Calanova Cancer Care, and tables can be reserved by calling 971 676 467.



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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
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	77,4600	+0.03%	0,0200	69M
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 / %
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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%
Sangamo Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 7.25	0.55 ▼ 7.05%

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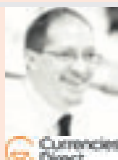
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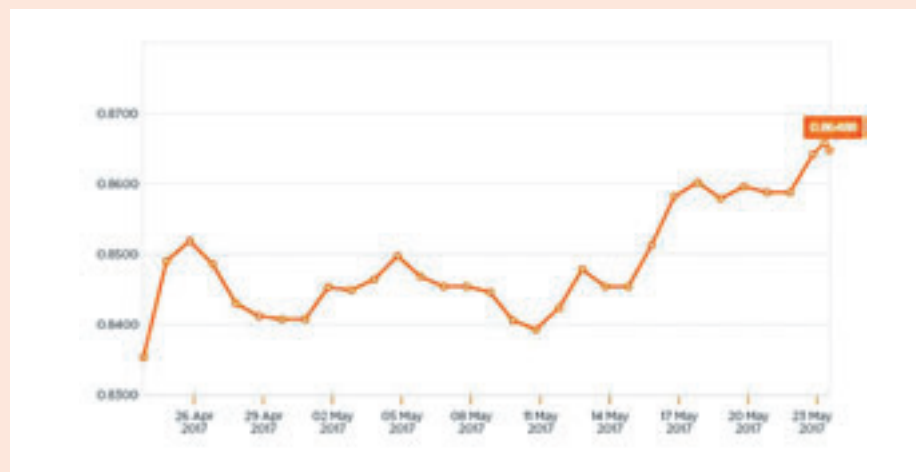
WHAT'S been happening?

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.

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



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Have the dissenters gone quiet?

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
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!?

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IF someone slips or falls and suffers an injury whilst on your property, they could make a claim against you for damages. Public liability insurance will cover you against these types of potential third party claims. Here are some examples so you can better understand the risks involved if you fail to protect yourself against third party liability, also known as public liability.

TYPES OF THIRD PARTY OR PUBLIC LIABILITY

If you own a swimming pool, paddle court or if you are renting out your property as a holiday home, anyone visiting your property could potentially make a claim against you for injury if they hurt themselves. You could be held liable even if it was their fault entirely. This also includes tradesmen entering your property in order to maintain it, such as gardeners, electricians, and swimming pool or boiler maintenance. Public liability insurance will cover you against any potential third party claim resulting from an injury happening on your property. You will need to check which types of third party cover you require for your property and take out a specific policy to cover, for example, medical claims or negligence.

**COVER YOURSELF
AGAINST DAMAGE**

CAUSED TO THIRD PARTY PROPERTY

Should the structure of your property cause any material damage to another property (through explosion, water, or fire damage), you will be held responsible for any costly repairs. To avoid having to foot the repair bill you must take out a home insurance with public liability.

WHAT DOES PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE COVER?

Should a third party injure themselves on your property, they could make a claim against you for medical costs to cover their treatment. This can be expensive, especially if they have private medical insurance. You may also have to pay for any legal costs incurred should the claim require legal representation or court settlement.

Linea Directa can provide you with advice on how to check how much public liability insurance you currently have and provide you with options on how to adequately cover yourself and your family.

We hope the information provided in this article is of interest.

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GEMINI: Listen to your heart when making decisions.

This could be a time of great inspiration

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Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.



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 accounts, 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 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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	7:30pm	BBC London News	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	8:00pm	Emmerdale	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	8:00pm	Secrets of Great British Castles	4:00pm	The Gibraltar Darts Trophy 2017
	8:00pm	The One Show	7:00pm	Debatable	8:30pm	Britain's Got Talent	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	9:00pm	The Great Fire	5:00pm	Football's Greatest
	8:30pm	EastEnders	7:45pm	Celebrity Eggheads	10:00pm	Coronation Street	7:00pm	The Simpsons	10:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	5:30pm	Football's Greatest
	9:00pm	Kat and Alfie: Redwater	8:30pm	Great British Menu	10:30pm	Britain's Got Talent	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	11:00pm	Extraordinary People	6:00pm	WDC Final Gold
	10:00pm	Frank Skinner on Muhammad Ali	9:00pm	Springwatch	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	12:05am	Restless Legs Syndrome: Desperate for Help	6:30pm	WDC Final Gold
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	10:00pm	Paula	11:45pm	ITV News London	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast			7:00pm	The Gibraltar Darts Trophy 2017
	11:30pm	BBC London News	11:00pm	QI	11:55pm	Car Wars UK	9:00pm	The Supervet			8:00pm	Live World Cup of Darts
	11:45pm	Question Time	11:30pm	Election Spy	12:55am	Tipping Point	10:00pm	Catching a Killer			12:00am	Nz Lions Documentary
	12:45am	This Week	11:35pm	Newsnight			11:45pm	One Killer Punch				
12:45am		12:20am	Cricket			12:45am	First Dates					
FRIDAY	6:15pm	Pointless	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	5:00pm	Coast v Country	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	4:00pm	Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby
	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	7:00pm	Debatable	8:00pm	Emmerdale	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:55pm	Party Election Broadcast on Behalf of the Liberal Democrats	5:00pm	Football's Greatest
	7:30pm	BBC London News	7:45pm	Celebrity Eggheads	8:30pm	Britain's Got Talent	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	8:00pm	The Gadget Show	5:30pm	Football's Greatest
	8:00pm	The One Show	8:30pm	Great British Menu	10:00pm	Coronation Street	7:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	The Great Fire	6:00pm	WDC Final Gold
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	9:30pm	Question Time: Leaders Special	10:00pm	Versailles	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	11:30pm	Hijacked	7:30pm	Darts Gold
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:00pm	Have I Got News for You	11:45pm	ITV News London	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast	12:30am	Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera	8:00pm	Live World Cup of Darts
	11:25pm	BBC London News	11:30pm	Election Spy	11:55pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	9:00pm	Posh Pawn			12:00am	Lions Tour Preview
	11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show	11:35pm	Newsnight	12:25am	Benidorm	10:00pm	Gogglebox				
	12:25am	Sliding Doors	12:20am	Later... with Jools Holland			11:00pm	The Last Leg				
12:25am		1:20am	Cricket			12:05am	The Fake News Show					
SATURDAY	6:40pm	Regional News	5:00pm	Flog It!	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	4:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:10pm	The Nightmare Neighbour	12:00pm	Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby
	6:45pm	Weather	6:00pm	Gardeners' World	7:10pm	ITV News and Weather	4:35pm	A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun	7:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	1:00pm	WDC Final Gold
	6:50pm	Raiders of the Lost Ark	7:00pm	Grow Your Own	7:30pm	Take Me Out	5:35pm	Big House, Little House	8:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	1:30pm	WDC Final Gold
	8:35pm	Doctor Who	8:30pm	The Lake District: A Wild Year	9:00pm	The British Soap Awards Live 2017	6:35pm	Location, Location, Location	9:00pm	NCIS: Los Angeles	2:00pm	Live World Cup of Darts
	9:25pm	Casualty	9:30pm	Dad's Army	11:00pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	7:30pm	Channel 4 News	9:55pm	5 News	6:00pm	Rugby League
	10:15pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys	10:00pm	Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution - With Howard Goodall	11:30pm	ITV News and Weather	8:00pm	The Restoration Man	10:00pm	NCIS	8:00pm	Live World Cup of Darts
	10:45pm	BBC News	11:00pm	The Sapphires	11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Final Highlights	9:00pm	Walks with My Dog	11:00pm	NCIS	12:00am	British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
	11:00pm	Weather	12:40am	Cricket	12:45am	The Chase	10:00pm	Legend	1:00am	Super Casino		
	11:05pm	Clique					12:35am	Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy				
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12:35am	The Spectacular Now											
SUNDAY	7:00pm	Question Time Leaders Special	6:10pm	Flog It!	3:25pm	Tipping Point	5:40pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	7:00am	Milkshake!	1:00pm	British and Irish Lions Highlights
	8:00pm	Countryfile	7:00pm	Tribes, Predators and Me	4:25pm	Michael Carrick Testimonial	6:40pm	Homes by the Sea	10:50am	The Fairly Odd Parents	2:00pm	Live World Cup of Darts
	9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow	8:00pm	Dragons' Den	7:15pm	Local News and Weather	7:35pm	Channel 4 News	11:25am	The Gadget Show	6:00pm	British and Irish Lions Highlights
	10:00pm	Planet Earth II	9:00pm	The Life Swap Adventure	7:25pm	ITV News and Weather	8:00pm	The Supervet	12:15pm	Police Interceptors	7:00pm	Darts Gold
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	11:30pm	Weather	11:30pm	Dara O'briain Crowd Ticker	11:00pm	ITV News and Weather	11:00pm	Gogglebox	8:25pm	5 News	7:45pm	Darts Gold
	11:35pm	Election Questions	12:30am	Cricket	11:20pm	Peston on Sunday	11:45pm	Micky Flanagan's Out Out Tour	8:30pm	2012	8:00pm	Live World Cup of Darts
	1:05am	The Women's Football Show	1:20am	Salvage	12:25am	Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera	12:05am		11:00pm	The Expendables 2	12:00am	Premier League Legends
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MONDAY	8:30pm	Suzi Perry's Queens of the Road	7:00pm	Eggheads	8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	2:15pm	Home and Away	6:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
	9:00pm	EastEnders	7:30pm	Springwatch	8:30pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:45pm	Neighbours	6:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
	9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?	8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys	9:00pm	Tonight: The Leader Interviews	8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast	3:15pm	NCIS	7:00pm	Premier League Legends
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	11:30pm	Regional News	11:00pm	White Gold	11:00pm	ITV News	9:00pm	Ackley Bridge	10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	11:30pm	Barclays Premier League World
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	11:45pm	Room 101	11:35pm	Newsnight	11:50pm	Elizabeth: The Golden Age	12:05am	Fargo	12:00am	Big Brother's Bit on the Side	11:45pm	Boxing Gold
12:25am	Doctor in the House	12:35am	Cosby	12:25am						12:00am	Premier League Legends	

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?

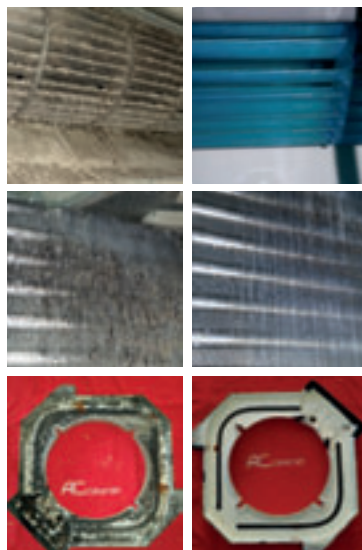
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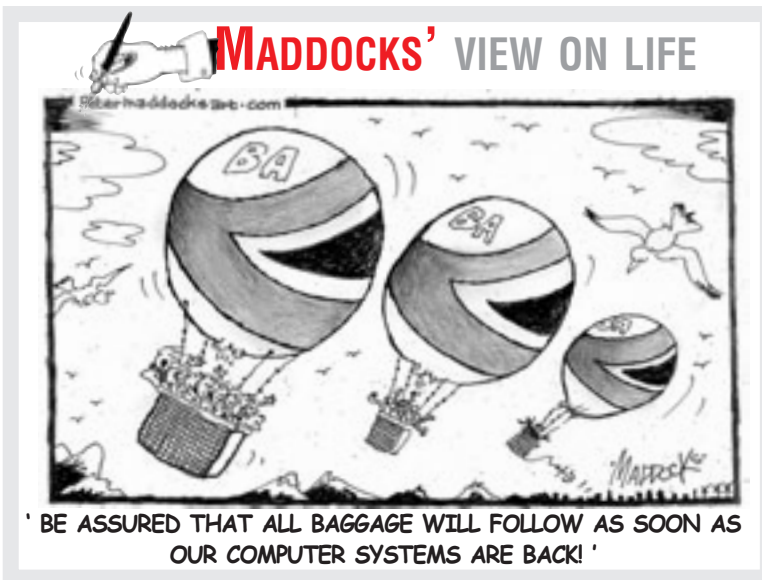
Kakuro

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 wantner 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

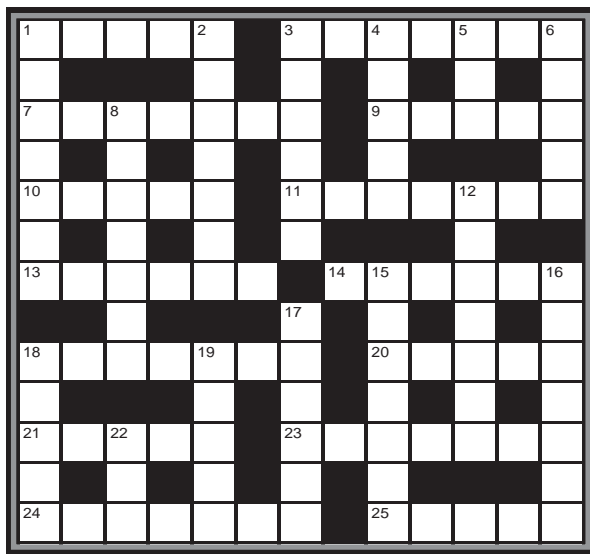
Cryptic

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

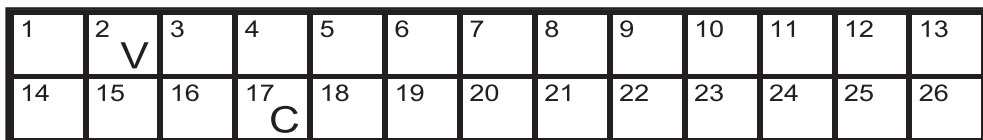
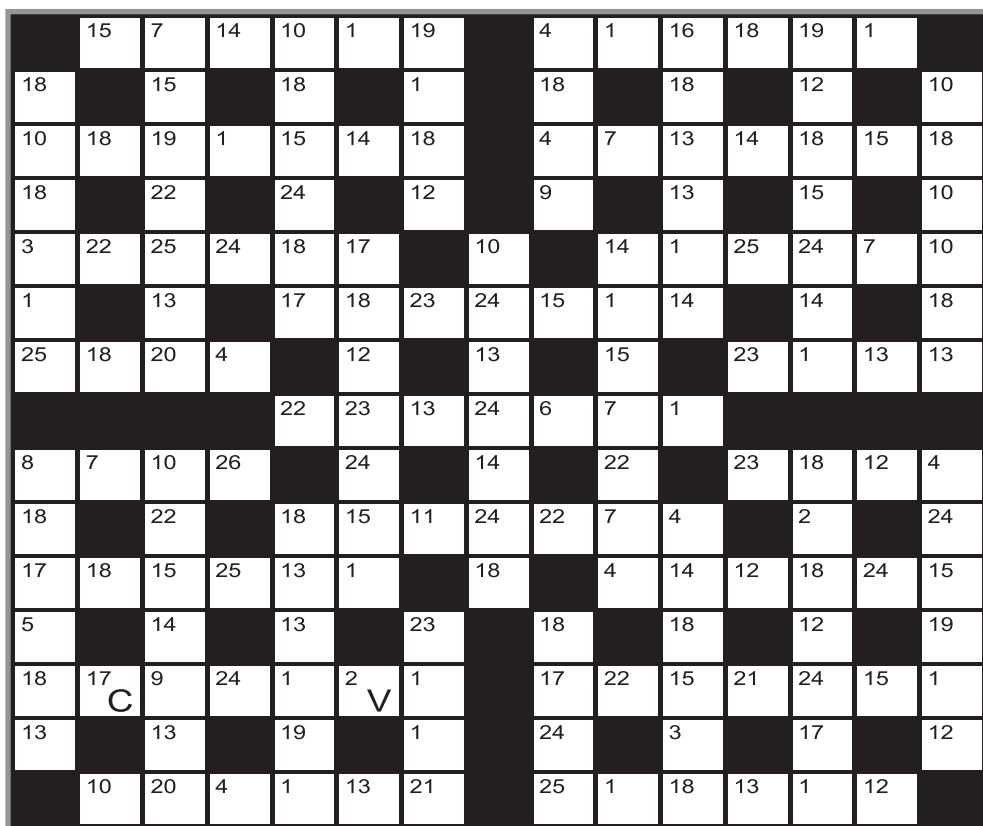
- 1 Steps into one's trousers (7)
- 2 Earmark book (7)
- 3 In Napoli, certainly, a force (6)
- 4 Pick up king, then knight (5)
- 5 Top Hat (3)
- 6 We are in a group that is mellifluous (5)
- 8 A group of supporters went off Flu C ban (3,4)
- 12 Dancing can then charm (7)



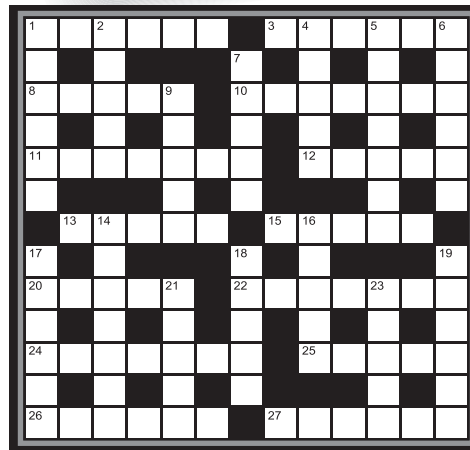
- 15 Fat around a horse will result in a dawdler (7)
- 16 Becomes angry when eccentric reseeds (4,3)
- 17 Quarrel about a scarf (6)
- 18 Note the measure is a sure bet (5)
- 19 Turner is delayed outside hospital (5)
- 22 Machine found in original condition (3)

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

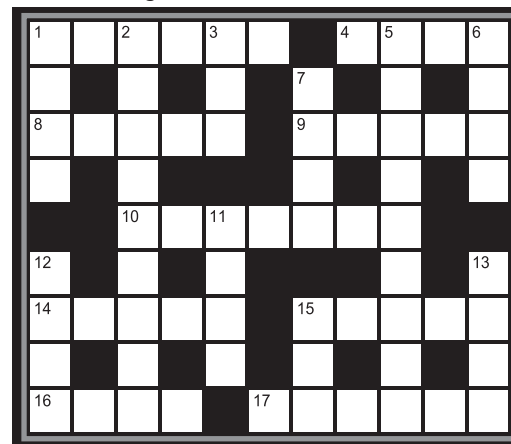
- 1 Not often (6)

2

- 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, caletín, 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 Purlain, 16 Resides, 17 Walrus, 18 Claim, 20 Ideal, 21 Fair.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

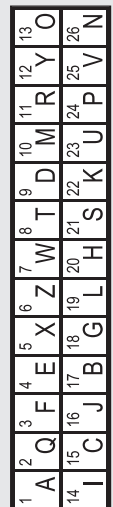
Across:

- 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

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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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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 im-

plications, 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.

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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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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.



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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.

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Easy listening pop maestro

By Matthew Elliott

IN just two weeks global superstar Michael Bolton will bring his Greatest Hits tour to legions of adoring fans at Palma's Son Fusteret arena. The Grammy-winning star, known for his catchy pop-rock ballads, performs on Thursday June 15 in a one-stop Mallorca visit.

Tickets are still available for the event, which will draw thousands of doe-eyed fans to see the 64-year-old Missing You Now singer, who has sold more than 75 million albums worldwide. Much to their relief

BOLTON: Pop maestro shows he still has it.

Bolton will be exclusively singing his greatest hits, which have all stood the test of time.

The American icon has released 35 singles and 17 studio albums. He has starred in countless television shows, including huge hit Dancing With the Stars. His repertoire contains many covers, duets, ballads and a deep focus on blue-eyed soul and crowd pleasing Sinatra and Christmas classics.

Curiously he once opened for Ozzy Osbourne and even auditioned to be lead singer of Black Sabbath before opting for the better mortality rate of easy listening over heavy metal. Since then he has performed with such fellow legends as Pavarotti, Ray Charles, and BB King.

Tickets for his live Son Fusteret show can be bought online and start at €35, ranging all the way up to €1,500 for the best seats in the house.



JAMES RHODES: Renowned pianist performs in Palma this weekend.

Classical music rebel

LUCKY Mallorca music lovers have an incredible opportunity to see acclaimed British pianist James Rhodes perform this Sunday at Palma's Trui Theatre. The musician is perhaps the most famous and admired classical pianist performing in the world today.

A major part of his appeal is the extremely intense, autobiographical performances that separate him from the mainstream. The 42-year-old has

spoken openly of his contempt for the classical music establishment, and prefers to share his music passion more personally, often playing intimate venues in informal clothes and talking with the audience.

His different approach has seen him attract younger admirers who might otherwise never attend a classical performance. Rhodes also has a traumatic history which is both expressed and medicated by his music.

The soft-spoken Londoner was raped as a six-year-old, abused by his PE teacher, tried to kill himself on multiple occasions and was heavily addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Since then he has gone on to become one of the most prominent music figures operating in Britain today.

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In addition, chef Michael is going to prepare delicacies from the versatile buffet.

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Concert starts: 8.30pm

Buffet: from 9pm

Entrance fee per person €16, concert only, plus €23.50 for full buffet and drinks.

Reservations call 971 670 558 or info@can-estades.com. Seats limited!

Perfectly orange festival in Soller

by Matthew Elliott

SUNDAY is the last opportunity for fruit lovers to attend the 11th Soller Orange Festival. The three-week affair concludes this weekend after enjoying record-breaking attendance and quenching the thirst of thousands of sun-soaked, sticky-fingered citrus fanatics.

Citrus groves have been cultivated in Soller for more than 1,000 years, with a special orange tradition later introduced by the Moors. Soller oranges are acclaimed across the world for their uniquely vibrant taste, thanks to a millennium of careful genetic manipulation.

The festival at Port Soller celebrates this fine heritage. Countless oranges are for sale, together with tasting workshops, smoothies, juices, cakes, treats and inventive cuisine, with orange skin and flesh as the central ingredient.

Restaurants will be offering special menus at decent prices while festivalgoers can happily peruse the various stands for a



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bargain. Fornalutx villages also participate and there will even be an orange-soaked gin tasting competition.

The festival comes during a crucial year for the Soller orange. Local farmers are hoping to have special designation of ori-

gin. This would grant it special protection from ruthless fraudsters hoping to pass regular oranges off as Soller-grown.

Already on Mallorca, imposters face €3,000 fines for selling pirate Soller oranges.

British spy exhibit

A NEW exhibition showcases striking photos taken of Mallorca by British spies during the Second World War.

Though Spain stayed out of the conflict, albeit hardly neutral, the Balearics were closely watched by both Allied and Axis powers due to its immensely important strategic location.

The incredible collection depicts images of ports across the islands taken by British fighter jets. It is on display at the Palma Port Authority headquarters until June 17, open from 10am to 2pm and 5pm to 8pm.

The rare aerial photography offers a unique insight into 1940's Mallorca and British wartime spy techniques.




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Catalan infusion

ACCLAIMED Catalan singer Silvia Perez Cruz is performing tonight (Thursday) at the Palma Arena. The superstar's performance begins at 9pm with tickets costing between €25 and €40. Cruz, 34, is a Goya award-winning singer whose first album was nominated as record of the year in both

Spain and France in 2011. She studied flamenco and jazz in Barcelona and has released traditional Catalan folk songs with a sultry spin. Immensely proud of her Catalan roots, she has become a major star on the Balearics and regularly packs out major venues. Her songs have often appeared in soundtracks for some of Spain's most famous films, including *Blancanieves*. Her latest album was entitled *Granada*.

GOYA STAR: Catalan singer performs in Palma tonight



EVERGREEN: Beach Boys playing Barcelona last year.

God only knows

IT'S the final countdown for surf-lovin' psychedelics eager to snap up some of the very few remaining tickets for the Beach Boys. The immortal band are performing live at the Son Fusteret arena on June 18.

Only guitarist Mike Love from the original line-up remains, which is itself miraculous as the California band is more than 50 years old, once rivalling The Beatles for global dominance of the 1960's pop scene. Bruce Johnston fills in for Brian Wilson, who has decided a half century of touring the world is quite enough.

Their Greatest Hits tour will bring all the classics to Palma's biggest open air music venue. *Good Vibrations*, *Wouldn't it*

be Nice, *Surfing USA*, and *California Dreaming* are just some of the massive global hits coming Mallorca's way.

Constantly on tour, the band have performed all across Spain in the past, most recently as last year's Sonar festival in Barcelona.

A gig in Los Angeles just last week was welcomed with rave reviews.

Though not quite the originals, the Beach Boys have clearly still got it and will bring adoring Palma fans a show to remember.

Tickets can be bought through Son Fusteret or Ticketmaster. They begin at €35 up to €55 for seats and €90 for special VIP passes.

“ The Beach Boys have clearly still got it and will bring Palma fans a show to remember. ”

Spuds, shoes and food fests

TAKE your spouse, partner or friend to one of the dozens of markets and fairs taking place on Mallorca this week.

Tomorrow and on Saturday you can learn everything you could ever wish to about the humble spud at the Sa Pobra potato festival.

On both days you can also check out tradi-

tional games and craftsmanship in Biniali's Games Festival. Over the weekend handcrafted shoes from both Mallorca and the mainland are on display at Lloseta's shoe fair.

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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-lilled-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!!

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

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

Nation of homeowners

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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MORE Brits visited Spain than any other country last year. The latest official stats from the British government show that there were 14.7 million individual trips made to sunny Spain in 2016, a record number and a healthy 13 per cent increase on 2015.

With flight companies and tour operators dramatically expanding their Spanish coverage this year, Britain's swooning love affair with Spain has not gone unnoticed by the property industry.

British property developer Taylor Wimpey was already ahead of the curve with its Espana subsidiary. Now Taylor Wimpey Espana is capitalising on the record numbers of Brits visiting Spain to launch an ambitious new expansion.

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most 100 eco-friendly homes on a stunning southern Spanish estate. Homes include solar panels, thermal insulation and even soundproofing. And that's just the tip of the iceberg in Taylor Wimpey's plans.

They, and other major developers, are set to transform the Spanish property scene in coming years. Flush with British, foreign and professional Spanish interest, developers are racing to construct quality new builds with the lashing of luxury wealthier expats now expect.

Boasting one of the strongest property markets in the business, with excellent forecasts for the years ahead, Spain is the number one option both for Brits flying abroad, and high end property developments.



PETITION: To lower construction costs.

Helping future generations

PROFESSIONAL property developers have signed a joint petition to the Spanish government urging fiscal reform to lower construction costs and protect virgin 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 housing market.

APCE believes that by strictly controlling who can build on particularly lucrative new land, the government can ensure that no space is wasted in giving the property market a major boost which could last decades.

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 from the real estate sector, which should listen to younger clients.

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.

Sustainable success

A SWEEPING analysis of the Spanish property scene found that prices have recovered to the same levels seen in 2004. The news is the latest milestone in the country's property recovery, which gathers strength with each passing day.

A thorough analysis from the Real Estate Review Report 2017 said the upward trend in property prices seen in the last few years 'can be sustained,' which is terrific news for homeowners and those interested in engaging with

the property market.

The report cites the continued strength of second-hand housing over new builds, noting that for every new home sold, another eight old ones change hands. It also noted that the number of transactions taking place is roughly half that seen in 2004, figures which are in line with today's market's more sustainable characteristics.

Spain's 'two-speed' market continues to be a sig-

nificant issue when trying to generate averages across the country. Runaway property success is being seen in Barcelona, Madrid and Spain's Mediterranean coastal hotspots, favoured by foreign buyers, while the interior progresses less quickly.

Still, overall experts have described Spain's property market as having reached a comfortable cruising speed that, with care and attention, can be maintained for long term prosperity.



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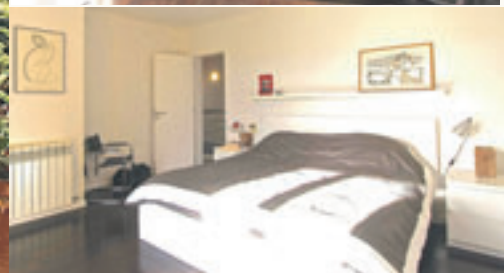
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Agapanthus – the flower of love

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 south-western 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 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



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

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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.

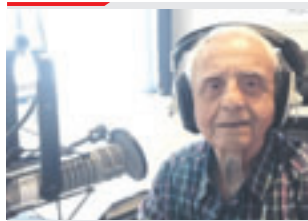
Plant in soil with plenty of compost or add a good water retentive potting mix to the natural soil before planting. They tolerate acid and alkaline soil and don't need a lot of additional nutrients as they may provide only a lot of green leaves and not many flowers. They should also have periods of full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



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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 passenger 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 microchip, 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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Quote of the Week**

“This is the new Maserati 4x4: It’s called the Kubang. Which is probably also the sound it’ll make when the warranty expires.”

Some might say...



Motoring shorts

The glory of Goodwood

MAJOR details regarding the highlights and lineup of the iconic Goodwood Festival of Speed have been announced. The 2017 festival at the grand Chichester estate runs from June 29 to July 2 this year.

It will feature rally cars from the past four decades competing in the Forest Rally Stage. There will be two main celebrations, one over the 20-year anniversary of the latest world rally car regulations, and the other showcasing the ‘game changers’ of motorsport.

Vintage rally cars will include an MG Metro 6R4, Audi Quattro, and even a Citroen 2CV Bibip Dakar from the 1960s.

A new drift stage will see top stars including Vaughn Gittin Jr, James Deane and Dean Kearney compete for Goodwood glory.

Chinese take over Lotus

By Matthew Elliott

CHINESE corporations are making major advances into the global motoring industry. Giant car manufacturer Geely has just announced that it will take over both Proton and Lotus. The multinational based in Hangzhou already owns Volvo and the London Taxi Company.

Geely is taking over the parent company of British sports car maker Lotus and Malaysian-based Proton, DRB-Hicom. The Chinese firm beat off stiff competition from Peugeot and saw its shares skyrocket on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The expansion gives Geely a major name in Lotus which, despite making substantial losses in recent years, retains a giant reputation in the motoring world. It also gives Geely control of a huge Proton-owned production plant in Malaysia with capacity to produce

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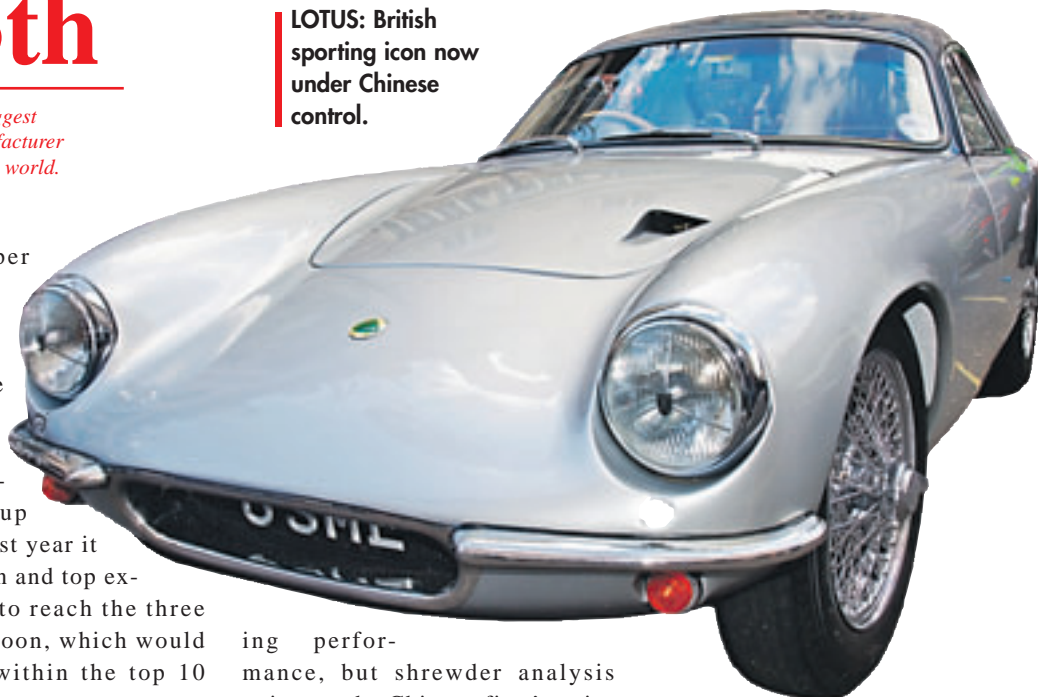
biggest manufacturer in the world.

150,000 cars per year.

Now the 13th biggest manufacturer in the world, Geely sold roughly 300,000 cars before linking up with Volvo. Last year it sold 1.3 million and top executives plan to reach the three million mark soon, which would easily put it within the top 10 worldwide.

There is debate over whether Geely can transform Proton’s flail-

LOTUS: British sporting icon now under Chinese control.



ing performance, but shrewder analysis points to the Chinese firm’s gaining a major position in the lucrative south-east Asian trading mar-

ket with stronger links to India’s billion plus population.

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 model.

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LADY M: Now in Malaga port.

A SUPERYACHT said to have cost \$55 million (€49 million) will be moored at Pier 2 in Malaga port for a few days whilst restocking.

Owned by one of the richest men in the world, the Russian industrialist Alexey Mordashov, the 65 metre M/Y Lady M is believed to have been named after his second wife Marina and was built in 2013 by the Palmer Johnson shipyard in the United States.

Mr Mordashov is the principal shareholder in the Russian conglomerate Severstal and has a personal fortune estimated at \$15 billion (€13.35 billion) so can afford the cost of filling the enormous tank and paying for a crew of 14 to take care of the needs of a maximum of 12 passengers.

Whilst it is not known whether the billionaire is on board the Lady M during the stop in Malaga, the fact that it has its own helicopter pad means that he can easily drop in on the vessel as it makes its way through the Mediterranean.

A new cruise ship for Palma



Photo by Aida.de

AIDA PERLA: Can house 3,300 passengers in comfort.

AS part of its sea trials, the brand new cruise ship Aida Perla sailed into the Port of Palma for a day prior to its official naming ceremony on June 30.

This 300-metre long ship which can house 3,300 passengers in comfort and was only completed at the end of April, has made its way from Japan where it was built to the Mediter-

ranean and will be the 12th of the Aida line which undertakes Mediterranean cruises from bases in Barcelona and Palma.

The official introduction and naming will be undertaken by German TV personality and model Lena Gercke who has been linked for many years with former Real Madrid footballer Sami

Khedira.

With a crew of 900, this modern liner offers a more sporting vacation than some more traditional cruises with a climbing area, water slides, mini golf course as well as a Beach Club and aims to attract a younger audience although it still manages to offer a wide range of food and entertainment.



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International Sports

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Costa de Almeria

Forthcoming Events

- Starting with football and on Saturday in Cardiff, we have the Champions League final between Italian giants Juventus and Spain's La Liga winners Real Madrid who will be aiming to become the first team to retain the coveted trophy since its introduction in 1992 when it replaced the European Cup.
- The Oaks (tomorrow) and the Derby (Saturday) take place at Epsom and my each-way choices are Natavia (in the former) and Yucatan (latter). See my Derby Preview elsewhere.
- Today, England's cricketers, fresh from their ODI series triumph over South Africa which included a dramatic two-run victory in the second encounter at Southampton last

FA CUP WINNERS:
Aaron Ramsey and Rob Holding of Arsenal.

Saturday, play Bangladesh in their first 2017 Champions Trophy tournament at The Oval. It's Australia-New Zealand tomorrow, Sri Lanka-South Africa on Saturday and India-Pakistan on Sunday; England's second match is against New Zealand next Tuesday.

- The French Open Grand Slam tennis tournament continues at Roland Garros - where women's top seed Angelique Kerber suffered a first round exit, as did GB's Dan Evans, while Petra Kvitova has returned to action 25 weeks after a knife stabbing which threatened her career.

ROUND UP

- Last Saturday, Arsenal deservedly won the FA Cup for a record 13th time, beating 10-man and out-of-sorts double-chasing Chelsea 2-1 in the final... Celtic, unbeaten in all domestic matches in 2016-17, claimed a historic treble by lifting the Scottish Cup with a 2-1 victory over Aberdeen... and Barcelona overcame

Alaves 3-1 in the Copa del Rey final... all this after Manchester United had earlier won in Europa League final with a 2-0 win over Ajax.

- After their play-off finals, Huddersfield or Reading will play in the Premiership next season... Blackpool will be in League One... and Hamilton Academical will compete in the SPL.

EXETER CHIEFS:
Beat the Wasps in the Premiership final.



- Around 37,000 fans saw Sebastian Vettel, Kimi Raikkonen (stitched up) and Daniel Ricciardo finish 1-2-3 in last Sunday's F1 Monaco Grand Prix in Monte Carlo where Jensen Button returned for one more race! Lewis Hamilton came seventh and now trails Vettel by 25 points in the driver's championship. The next race is in Montreal, Canada on Sunday, June 11.

- In the Indianapolis 500 in the USA, Spain's Fernando Alonso failed to finish in his first drive in the race due to engine failure.

- In Rugby Union, Exeter Chiefs beat Wasps 23-20 in the Premiership final, Northampton edged out Stade Francais 23-22 in the Champions Cup final and Scarlets lifted the Pro12 trophy with a 46-22 victory over Munster. And two England players suffered irritating injuries in their international friendly win over the Barbarians at Twickenham.

- In boxing, GB's Kell Brook lost his IBF Welterweight world title after an 11th round stoppage against Errol Spence Jr but George Groves is, at last, the WBA super-middleweight champion after beating Fedor Chudinov.

- In athletics, Sir Mo Farah won the 5,000m at the recent Diamond League meeting in Oregon and Holly Bradshaw (pole vault) and Greg Rutherford (long jump) were victors at the Manchester Games which attracted over 100,000 spectators despite the recent bombing which killed 22 people, young and old. Tirunesh Dibaba from Ethiopia won the Great Manchester

City Run (marathon) for the fourth time.

- Tom Dumoulin won the 100th Giro d'Italia cycle race by 31 seconds from Nairo Quintana. Adam Yates was the best placed British rider, finishing a creditable ninth.

- Over the last 12 days, managers David Moyes left Sunderland, Gary Monk walked away from Leeds, Marco Silva quit at Hull and Walter Maserati bid farewell to Watford, replaced by the aforementioned Silva.

- And Italian football international Francesco Totti has retired from top-class football after 25 years.

PREMIER LEAGUE HOT SHOTS

Seventeen English-born players have so far scored 100 or more Premiership goals: Alan Shearer, Wayne Rooney, Andy Cole, Frank Lampard, Robbie Fowler, Jermain Defoe, Michael Owen, Les Ferdinand, Teddy Sheringham, Steven Gerrard, Ian Wright, Dion Dublin, Emile Heskey, Paul Scholes, Darren Bent, Peter Crouch and Matt Le Tissier. Harry Kane (78) will be the next.

MOVING ON!

Senior footballers John Terry and Pablo Zabaleta will have new clubs in 2017-18 and don't be surprised if the following also move on during the summer: Diego Costa, David de Gea, Jordan Pickford (from Sunderland), Michael Keane (Burnley), Romelu Lukaku, the Leicester duo of Riyad Mahrez and Kasper Schmeichel, Virgil Van Dijk and even Kyle Walker, Wayne Rooney, Ross Barkley, Daniel Sturridge and Yaya Toure! We'll see.



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Overall, from TV fees, place money, sponsorship, Chelsea received £153.2m for winning the Premiership title. Second-placed Spurs received £148.5m, while relegated Sunderland got just £99.9m. Manchester United collected £2.4m when they won the first PL title back in 1993... how times have changed!

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ITALIAN football international Francesco Totti has retired from top-class football after 25 years.

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Success for island teams

ALTHOUGH it was a tough match El Toro RC managed to maintain the upper hand and follow through scoring opportunities in the return game against Quebrantahuesos RC from Huesca. The large group of spectators were treated to an exciting match which finished with a win for the home team by 54 points to 19 and promotion to the next league.

U16 School Championships in San Cugat

The boys and girls U16 Balears teams headed to San Cugat to participate in the Spanish School Sevens tournament. The girls finished in sixth place and the boys came fourth after some tough matches against other provinces.



The Balears U18 sevens team.

Balears U18 in Alcobendas Sevens

The Balears U18 sevens team with players from El Toro RC and RC Ponent headed to Alcobendas to take part in the third edition of this trophy. After a very successful weekend they came away with the first place trophy.



The U16 Balears teams and coaches.



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