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British bather saved by heroic trio

All at sea!



LUCKY ESCAPE: The victim almost drowned.

By Matt Ford

A 57-year-old British woman remains in intensive care at the Hospital Comarcal in Velez-Malaga following a dramatic beach rescue.

It comes after the victim almost drowned off Cala de Carabeo in Nerja when she got into trouble 150 metres offshore following a 600-metre swim from nearby Calahonda Beach.

The unnamed swimmer's screams were heard by 37-

year-old Francisco Javier Martin, a National Police officer on holiday from Valencia, and Ivan Merida, 19, a lifeguard from Fuengirola enjoying a day off.

Both plunged into the sea and swam 150 metres out to the distressed bather, who was by that point almost unconscious having swallowed a lot of water.

They were joined by a member of Nerja's beach security team, who rode his jet ski from El Salon beach,

around the Balcon de Europa.

The trio managed to lift the woman onto the vehicle and bring her ashore before carrying her up the stairs linking the beach to Calle Carabeo, an ambulance arriving several minutes later.

She vomited a mixture of water and blood as paramedics administered oxygen, but eventually recovered sufficiently for the journey to hospital.

In the aftermath a stunned

Martin said: "If we hadn't heard her screaming and acted quickly she would have drowned... I hope she recovers well."



KEEN NOSE: Otto sniffed out the stash.

Top dog

Pooch uncovers €7,160 drug haul

OTTO, Almuñecar's newest drug sniffing dog, has busted a British national carrying thousands of Euros in hash and poppy paste used for making heroin.

The arrest was made at the town's bus station, where Local Police often monitor passengers. Otto, a Belgian malinois shepherd, joined the town's canine unit in April after undergoing five months' specialist training in Cadiz, joining the canine unit's other four-legged detective, a Labrador named Negro.

The dogs have been trained to detect hashish, cannabis, cocaine and heroin. Once they have identified a drug, they have been taught to lie motionless so their handler can intervene.

The town's councillor for Security, Juan Hose Ruiz Joya, said the addition of Otto was "one more service we are providing to residents to fight against drugs near schools, bus stations and promenades."

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Give it a rest

OVER 300 people in Torrox have signed a petition calling on Axarquía's Health Service to provide holiday cover for the health centre's resident physiotherapist rather than force the centre's 35 patients to travel to Velez-Málaga.

Tutti frutti

SIGFRIDO FRUIT has signed a contract worth over €1 million to build a 4,472-square metre warehouse in the Tecnoalimentario Park Axarquía Costa del Sol, with work expected to begin soon.

Fatal fall

A 51-YEAR-OLD man has died in transit to hospital after he fell from a height of two metres whilst changing light bulbs on Calle Jovelanos in Málaga City.

Summer sales set to sizzle

THE summer sales have arrived in Spain and with them come incredible bargains as retailers aim

to clear their shelves.

Traditionally the season starts on July 1 and run throughout the summer until late August. However, since the Spanish government has given retail outlets more autonomy to choose when they start and end their sales, there is now some regional variation. Madrid for example will always start a week early whilst other places will continue their sales until the end of September.

Brits travelling abroad for the sales might be slightly disappointed as a less favourable exchange rate than

previous years means they can't get

such big bargains. For everyone living in Spain however it's a great time to buy as retailers slash prices hugely.

The season is often broken into a few different stages. Retailers will start with small discounts of around 20 per cent, and then later as most popular items disappear the price will start to fall until the end of the season when items can go for a 70 per cent discount.

Be careful when showing up at the end of the season, though, as the unbeatable discounts are there because often only the unpopular clothes remain so expect odd sizes and unusual clothes or colours.

For those who prefer a more relaxing experience, online shopping is a genuine option, with websites often displaying similar reductions to those found in shops.

A significant boost to the economy is likely, with 44 per cent of Spanish consumers planning to make purchases in the season and employment in the industry increasing by 30 per cent during these months.



SUMMER SALES: A great time to buy as retailers slash prices hugely.

Numbers in the news
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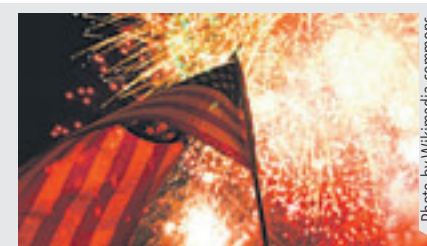


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JULY 4: American Independence Day.

Happy fourth of July!

ONE of the biggest events in the US calendar will take place on Tuesday July 4 when Americans celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of independence from Great Britain.

This leaves those wanting to celebrate from Spain with a problem however, as the day is a holiday in the US but naturally not here and so they are left with no choice but to celebrate on the closest weekend or Tuesday evening.

Fortunately for US expatriates in Spain the holiday is easily transferrable and is normally celebrated with pool parties, BBQs and fireworks, all of which are popular past times among the Spanish.

Some larger organisations get involved including The American Society of Barcelona which will this year be holding a fiesta this Saturday with live music and food.

The US embassy in Madrid occasionally puts on special events as in 2015 when they transformed the Conde Duque cultural centre in Madrid into a Broadway stage, while local American Associations all tend to hold a special lunch.

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€200 million drought threat

IT is feared Axarquía's farmers could lose millions of euros in revenue after water cuts sparked by droughts have damaged mango production. Growers say that the restrictions coupled with current high temperatures are already damaging crops, risking economic losses to the multi-million-euro sector. Since April, Axarquía's farmers have been banned from watering plants one day a week due to low water levels in the La Viñuela reservoir, a first since it became operational in 1986.

In the mix

TWO bus stops in Rincon de la Victoria are featuring new posters bearing a photo of a baby and the phrase, 'my daughter, my son, maybe she's a lesbian... maybe he's gay... maybe transsexual... or even straight.' The campaign, which is the first of its kind in the province, aims to promote sexual diversity and tolerance.

Dumping ground

CLOSURE of two decade-old illegal landfills in Nerja has led to a marked increase in fly-tipping in riverbeds and other public spaces, according to residents and ecological groups. It comes as town mayor Rosa Arrabal and a raft of other politicians remain under investigation over the unlicensed tips, which pose a major environmental risk.

Break the mould

THE presence of furniture left by squatters in the Cueva de la Victoria in Rincon is driving the growth of fungi which threaten the grotto's ancient cave paintings, experts from Nerja's Cave Research Institute have said. Rincon de la Victoria council has pledged to remove the offending items "as soon as possible."

Spick and span

VELEZ-MALAGA and Torre del Mar are set to receive a spring clean ahead of the busy summer season. Environment councillor Marcelino Mendez-Trelles explained there were 50 complaints made about lack of cleanliness in the last

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 18

Every July, thousands of amateur daredevils flock to Pamplona, Navarre, to dash through the city streets chased by a herd of raging bulls in one of the most controversial festivals in Spain, and this year's party is close at hoof, taking place from July 6-14.

Feeling horny

CLAD in white shirts with red scarf and sash, more than 1,000 adrenaline-seekers from all over the world take part in the encierros, bull runs which take place at 8am every morning during the festival.

Each includes six bulls of the toro bravo fighting breed, which can weigh 625 kilos, and three to six steers that help keep the animals together as they career through the cobbled streets, covering the 850-metre course in just two-four minutes.

The city's bull ring marks the fin-



BULL RUN: The adrenaline-seekers dress in red and white.

ish, where most of the bulls are later killed during controversial afternoon bullfights.

Entry is free-of-charge and anyone over the age of 18 can take part with no need to register.

A load of bull

THE bull runs form part of the Fiestas de Sanfermin, or Sanfermines, which honour Navarre's co-patron saint.

The festival first became famous outside Spain after being immortalised in Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel *The Sun Also Rises*, after which the number of foreign visitors snowballed.

Despite its popularity San Fermin is not without its critics and has attracted fierce criticism from animal rights campaigners in particular, who claim the bulls are traumatised and tortured before and after the runs.



INJURIES: Are common at the festival.

Gore blimey!

INJURIES are common at the festival, with dozens of runners injured every year, while 15 people have died since records began in 1924.

In 2009 27-year-old Spaniard Daniel Romero was killed after being gored in the neck, while in 2016 seven people, including six foreigners, were seriously

wounded during a single run.

Hundreds are also hurt during regular bottlenecks at certain points along the course, the most notorious being the entrance to the bull ring and 'Dead Man's Corner.'

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two weeks of May alone, 13 of which related to failing to clear up dog mess.

€1.9m boost

TORROX COSTA'S Caritas building, offering leisure and hotel activities for needy families, has reopened after a 20 month, multi-million-euro refurbishment. Demetrio Fernandez, the Bishop of Cordoba, has announced the complex,

situated next to the lighthouse, will provide 140 hotel rooms, "specially intended for holidays for people without financial resources."

Fatal crash

A 68-YEAR-OLD man from Arroyo de Totalan has died after suffering a heart attack while driving in La Cala del Moral. The man, who was travelling

along Avenida de Malaga with his wife, crashed into a drinks delivery truck causing tailbacks in the direction of Almeria for two hours.

Birthday push

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Regional Drug Addiction Centre has celebrated its 20th anniversary by launching a new programme on breaking dependence. The centre moved to a 400-square metre building in Calle Pescaderia Vieja last year, boosting its staff with a psychologist, doctor, social worker, concierge and leisure time monitor.

Beat the heat this summer

MOTRIL'S Department of Health has published a series of recommendations advising residents how to stay safe in current high temperatures.

Councillor David Martin suggested locals avoid being on the street or playing sports during the hottest hours, between 1pm and 6pm, and drinking more fluids than normal, as well as "resting under the shade if you are away from home."

Other recommendations included avoiding overeating or consuming a hot meal and drinking too much alcohol, in-

stead suggesting locals stick to fruit and vegetables. Mr Martin added particular attention should be paid to safely storing food and medicine in the heat and also explained, "under no circumstances should children, elderly people or animals be left inside a vehicle with the windows closed."

The councillor listed the symptoms of heatstroke, including nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, red and hot skin, a body temperature greater than 40 degrees, instability when standing and walking, even convulsions and coma, advising, "to avoid serious illness, it is advisable to call 112."

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OUR VIEW

London faces tragedy again

THE past week has been a terrible one for London with the death of at least 79 people in the Grenfell Tower fire. Add to this the terror attack on Muslims mowed down after prayers and death seems closer and more random than ever.

It was perhaps sadly inevitable that there would be an attack on a Muslim target by a white van driver and this is what appears to have happened in Finsbury Park leaving one person dead and at least eight badly injured.

Those affected by the fire seem to have some considerable reason to criticise their council for spending so much money on the refurbishment of the block to apparently make it appear more attractive to visitors and wealthy residents whilst ignoring safety aspects such as internal sprinkler systems.

An enquiry will take place into the reasons for the speed in which the building became an inferno and will possibly apportion blame but enquiries take a long time and if it proves to be partially the fault of the Kensington Council, its officers will almost certainly be protected from prosecution.

The government has not fared well following the conflagration and despite offering a £5 million (€5.7 million) fund to assist sufferers it has been suggested that the money has not been forthcoming nor has alternative local housing.

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Workers cleaning up.

In the clear

By Sally Underwood

LA HERRADURA'S council has begun work cleaning the town's channels and roads, starting with Rambla del Espinar.

The work, which involves conditioning the roads around the town's main places of interest ahead of the summer, will focus on removing the grass coating the riverbed after the winter rains and cleaning from the mouth of the beach road up to the sports centre next to the rambla.

The town hall said they have invested "significant economic effort" into ensuring La Herradura is at its best for the tourist season, committing to clearing up Barranquillo la Mazquita and Rambla Las Tejas.



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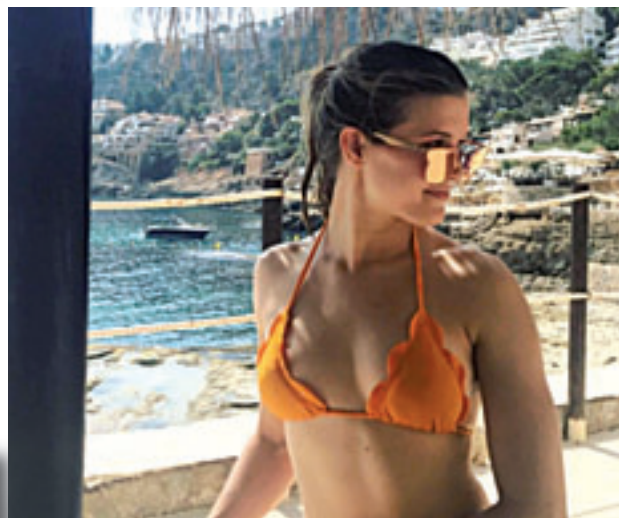
Wow factor

AMERICAN actress Alexandria Daddario's latest movie project, a reboot of 1990s lifeguard series Baywatch, may have flopped at the box office, but the 31-year-old is refusing to keep a low profile with an eye-popping appearance on the cover of men's magazine GQ Spain.



Alexandria Daddario.

Genie in a string bikini



EUGENIE BOUCHARD: A well-deserved tanning session.

SHE was recently beaten by Italian rival Francesca Schiavone in the last 32 of the Mallorca Open. But rising tennis star Eugenie Bouchard, 23, chose the ideal way to get over the loss as she headed to the beach for a well-deserved tanning session and some cooling drinks.

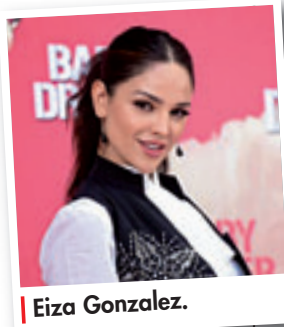
The Canadian made waves earlier this year after accompanying a fan to an NBA basketball game in New York after he tweeted her during the Super Bowl, but this time she had eyes only for hunky boyfriend and professional ice hockey player Jordan Caron.

Cake walk

FOOTBALL superstar Lionel Messi turned 30 last Saturday, and the Argentinian took to Instagram to share a family snap with long-term partner Antonella Rocuzzo and son Thiago, as they posed alongside three giant cakes, one decorated with the Barcelona club crest.

Waist away

MEXICAN siren Eiza Gonzalez, 27, stole the show as she appeared at a promotional event for new movie Baby Driver in Madrid, slipping into a frilled waistcoat dress before posing alongside 23-year-old co-star Ansel Elgort and director Edgar Wright (Shaun of the Dead).



Eiza Gonzalez.



Photo Credit: Wayne Rooney/Instagram

WAYNE ROONEY: Partied in Ibiza with wife Coleen.

Roo's booze cruise

HIS glittering Manchester United career appears to be petering out amid rumours of a summer transfer, but former England captain Wayne Rooney, 31, showed he still has a lust for life as he partied in Ibiza.

After swigging cans of chilled beer on a luxury yacht with stunning wife and mum-of-three Coleen, 31, plus football pals Darren Fletcher, Danny Welbeck, Phil Jones and Alex Bruce, the striker hooked up with a gaggle of celebrities at the Blue Marlin Beach Club.

Both Wayne and Coleen sported painful-looking sunburn after their aquatic adventure, but they continued to soak up the rays while knocking back mixed drinks and chatting to Gossip Girl star Ed Westwick and Real Housewives of

Cheshire's Tanya Bardsley.

As he prepares to head back to the UK, the goalscoring legend is likely to leave the Red Devils before the new season starts, and ex-England boss Sven-Goran Eriksson insists that China would be an ideal destination.

"I haven't spoken to Rooney for a long time, so I don't know what he is thinking, but if he went to China I think he would have a positive experience," said the Swedish coach, who was until recently in charge of Chinese second-division outfit Shenzhen.

"He has a young family but there are international schools in the big cities and I know for sure he would have every help possible to make him settle. He would be made very welcome."

REGULATIONS FOR SEASONAL RENTALS

The best approach is to avoid complicated evasions or forgetting about it, thus, declaring the amount received since the Tax Agency has even resorted to cross-referring data with the digital platforms used for seasonal rentals, where all the information is located.

Despite that, many of the companies that manage such platforms have denied it, insisting that is the responsibility of the owner of the property to provide all data of interest regarding the rental to the Tax Agency.

Declaration in a fiscal year when the property is free:

The Treasury Department requires that the property is declared as a second home that has been free and/or available for its owners, who must pay an amount that is calculated dividing between 12 the result of the 1.1% of the cadastral value (or 2% if the last cadastral revision was performed before 1994).

The result is then multiplied times the number of months during which the home has not been occupied.

Declaration in a fiscal year when the property is rented:

It is worth considering that not all the advantages of the rental of a main residence apply to these specific leases, since the income must be declared as "returns on capital assets."

The information provided in this article is not intended to be legal advice, but merely conveys general information related to legal issues.

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NEWS EXTRA

Chasing rainbows

PEDESTRIANS in Velez-Malaga were given a colourful surprise after the town hall painted a number of zebra crossings in rainbow colours to celebrate International LGBT Pride Day.

Fin down

A SUNFISH weighing more than 70 kilos washed up on Velilla beach in Almuñecar, leaving sun-worshippers gobsmacked as two municipal workers struggled to move it.

Low five

FIVE men have been held on suspicion of committing 27 robberies in bars and restaurants throughout Granada Province, after being caught in the act of trying to force a metal shutter open before fleeing in a stolen car.

Bot chat

MALAGA Provincial Council has organised drone workshops in 18 towns and villages of less than 20,000 inhabitants which are to take place between July and October, with El Borge, Archez and Benamocarra the Axarquía hosts.

Crowd sail

AROUND 8,000 people flocked to Motril port as seven Spanish Navy ships docked last weekend, with the town receiving a 19th century anchor as a commemorative gift from the military fleet.

Up and up

WORK on La Herradura beach continues with the installation of a breakwater which will support a ramp for boats, plus a series of wooden bollards to prevent cars being parked on the sandy strip.

59 cases of domestic abuse probed

By Sally Underwood

ALMUNECAR'S police are investigating tens of cases of violence against women and children, according to the town's councillor for Social Services,

Maria del Carmen Reinoso.

The Local Monitoring Committee for Victims of Abuse has now held a coordination meeting aiming to "prevent violence against women in the area and helping to eradicate gender vi-

olence, as well as improving the quality of life of women who suffer or have suffered violence, as well as that of their children."

Ms del Carmen Reinoso has reported of the cases, 13 are being handled by

the Local Police and 46 by the Guardia Civil. She added 33 per cent of reported cases involve those of a foreign nationality, one involved violence against a child and 31 cases had been reported in the first quarter of 2017.

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QUALITY BEACH: Torre del Mar proudly displays its flag.

Waving the blue flags

By Sally Underwood

THE beaches of Torre del Mar and Benajárfate have once again been awarded blue flags, demonstrating the quality of their cleanliness and environmental controls.

Jesus Perez Atencia, Torre del Mar's councillor for Beaches, joined Maria Jose Roberto,

deputy mayor of Benajárfate in hoisting the flags, which were awarded by the Environmental Education Association (ADEAC).

The emblems, certifying the quality and safety of beaches, are awarded when an area complies with hygiene, sanitary and environmental legislation, as well as ensur-

ing the safety of its users.

Mr Perez Atencia, said in Torre del Mar "we have made a great effort over the last two years across 3.2 kilometres of coastline from the Cafe del Mar to Rio Seco to regain our flags, and most importantly, without having to remove the coastal path."

Maria Jose Roberto, said she was pleased, "Benajárfate's beaches offer high quality facilities and a great day out for our visitors. It makes me proud to see them waving the blue flag for another year." Mr Perez Atencia added, "we can say that more than six kilometres of our beaches have this distinction, covering 3,149 metres of Benajárfate's beaches, including in Las Parras, Paseo Marítimo, Cuartel and Laureles, and Torre del Mar's 3,228 metre beach."

In recent years the quality certifications available for beaches have tripled from 11 in 2015 to 35 in 2016. Among them, in addition to the Blue Flag, are the Quality Q, SICT-ED, Ecoplayas, Accessibility Universal, ISO 14.001 Environmental Certification or UNE 9001 Management Delegation of Beaches.

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BUTT OUT: One of the ashtrays in action.

Keep it clean

ALMUNECAR and La Herradura's Department for the Environment has distributed 3,000 portable ashtrays in an effort to reduce beach littering.

The initiative, which has the support of the cleaning company FCC, marks the beginning of Environment Month, and highlights the town's continued fight to control the number of cigarette butts abandoned on its beaches ahead of summer.

The ashtrays, shaped like cones, have been handed out to bathers and are designed to be shared between users, with each one holding up to 20 ends.

According to Almuñecar Town Hall, cigarette filters are the only waste material resistant to the cleaning machines which go over the area's beaches daily. Carlos Ferron, the coordinator of the campaign, explained, they are "difficult to remove with cleaning machinery and it is therefore necessary to do it by hand, which is inconvenient."

Numbers in the news
75% of young people no longer pick up a book on holiday

Ferron explains, "the idea of this campaign, which raises citizen awareness, is to continue to raise the cleanliness of our beaches."

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HELPING HAND: Miguel Acosta, Zoila Martin and Jose Andres Montoya discuss the course.

Tolerance taught

LOCAL POLICE in Velez-Malaga have taken part in a course learning how to deal with those suffering from mental illness.

The workshop, which was organised by the town's Department of Social Welfare and Equality alongside the Malaga Association of Relatives of Patients with Schizophrenia (AFENES), took place at the Palacio del Marques Beniel.

Zoila Martin, Velez Malaga's councillor for Social Welfare and Equality, explained the class would "equip officers with the tools to help the mentally ill," adding the town had signed up to the scheme "so that Local Police handle situations involving ill mental health sensitively."

The Local Police chief, Jose Andres Montoya, lamented "the frequency with

which the police have to intervene in cases involving the mentally ill," explaining, "the work carried out by the Local Police must be more preventative."

The course was taught by Miguel Acosta, President of AFENES Malaga, his colleague at the association, Juan Francisco del Campo, as well as three psychiatrists and a lawyer.

The event addressed subjects including, 'why people discriminate against mental

illness,' 'major mental disorders requiring action in an emergency,' 'differences between psychotic personalities and people with schizophrenia,' and 'the mental health care model in Andalucia.'

Miguel Acosta, commented, "AFENES want to show the security services how they should deal with people suffering from a mental illness, and encourage officers to talk to and share experiences with mental health professionals."

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Just a number

OVER 900 older people have attended Velez-Malaga's leisure workshops each month so far this year, according to the town's council.

Sergio Hijano, mayor of Velez-Malaga, said 968 places were offered across six workshops in three locations, with 929 places taken up, including courses on crafts, new technologies, ballroom dancing, choir singing and recycling.

Mr Hijano reported the most popular classes were those teaching dance, with 417 places taken up, representing "a full house by older people for every class each month." He added the most popular months so far were February, May and June, with the Capuchin centre being the most visited, followed by Torre del Mar and then Benajafe.

The mayor thanked the



AGEING GRACEFULLY: Older people participate in various workshops around Velez-Malaga.

"broad and consistent participation of the elderly," without which "the council would not exist." He added these activities would continue to be provided, "to tackle issues such as the integration of seniors with

their peers."

The series of workshops will break for July and August, resuming again in September and finishing in December. In January the mayor's area received applications for 1,754 places from 10 towns in the municipality of Velez-Malaga. Mr Hijano reported the largest proportion of users are those aged 71 to 79-years-old.

Numbers in the news
€8.16 million is the amount British tourists lost to holiday scams last year

NEWS EXTRA

Out and proud

NERJA'S Council has hung rainbow banners promoting the rights of LGBTI people from the town halls, as well as the trees on the Balcon Europa and Plaza Cavana.

Art route

FRIGILIANA is preparing to host its first art route from October 6 to 8, offering locals and visitors the chance to view local art in 25 venues across the town from 11am to 2pm and 4pm to 8pm.

Sweet music

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Muvel Museum is continuing its Thursday night events programme with a romantic musical concert tonight by wind quartet Mar Nostrum. Entrance is free while space remains.

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Lux Mundi forthcoming events

THURSDAY July 20 - Coach excursion to Gibraltar.

Ticket price €12 available at the Centre. Proceeds for fundraising. Departure times Puente don Manuel (Bar Mis Tapitas) 6.45, Algarrobo (Lidl) 7.15, Caleta (Vets) 7.20 and Torre Del Mar (Bus Station) 7.30am. Depart Gibraltar 3:30pm approximately. PASSPORTS / ID required.

TUESDAY July 25 - Excursion to 'Festival of Lorca & Granada. Oh Cuba.' Please come and join friends on an excursion to Granada, in the Generalife gardens to see the world premiere of 'Oh Cuba.' Flamenco ballet in which poetry, music and dance will tackle the revolving relationship between Federico and the Antillean island.

Diego Franco endorses the Flemish compositions. The dramatisation and direction are by Francisco Ortuño Millán and original music. You will arrive in Granada city at approx 7:30pm, where there will be time for you to have a meal. The coach will pick you up at

9:30pm to take you to the Generalife for the show, which starts at 10pm. After the show, you will be met by the coach and you will arrive back in Torre del Mar at approximately 2.00am.

Ticket price €35 available at the Centre, limited places only. This includes entrance, bus and insurance. Fundraising event. Departure times Viñuela (Football Pitch) 4:30pm, Torre del Mar (Bus Station) 5pm, Caleta (Opposite the Vets) 5:10pm, Algarrobo (Lidl) 5:15pm.

For further information and bookings please contact the Centre, Torre del Mar Tel 952 543 334 e-mail: luxmundi@lux-mundi.org.

Please note you are unable to make bookings through the website and cards are not accepted.

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It is a change of scene and an opportunity to chat. It is for less able people to come and meet others when going out to a social event is a challenge.

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18 arrested for royalty fraud

By John Smith

AFTER a long investigation, 18 people are to appear in court over an alleged multi-million euro music royalty scam.

The General Society of Authors and Publishers (SGAE) collects royalty fees on behalf of composers and musicians when their works are broadcast in Spain.

There are fees charged for recorded music played in bars, clubs, restaurants and other public places as well as when broadcast on radio and TV.

It is alleged that a number of high ranking members of the SGAE claimed

€100 million

is the amount estimated by the prosecutor to have been earned from fraud in 'The Wheel' case.

that they had made significant changes to certain pieces of music, thus putting them into a non-royalty category and then supplying the original pieces, labelled as adapted, for use by TV stations to play during the night.

Those involved also registered the musical pieces through their own publishing companies and collected royalties through the SGAE, often, it is claimed, charging excessive amounts for the use of the pieces thanks to the

suspected collusion of certain TV producers.

According to the presiding magistrate in this case which is known as 'The Wheel,' the co-founders of Eurodelta Music, Manuel Carrasco and Fernando Bermúdez were heavily involved in this fraud and along with Rafael Tena have been granted bail of €100,000 each after being charged with corruption and belonging to a criminal organisation.

Officers of the SGAE have stated that they have done all in their power to assist the police and tax agency investigation.

Keeping cool costs money

THE hot weather has brought a breath of fresh air to companies selling fans and air-conditioning units as well as larger bills for consumers from the energy companies.

With temperatures around Spain staying high for an extended period of time, people have been rushing to purchase methods of keeping cool.

For those who are too impatient to wait for the installation of air conditioning units, low noise free standing fans have been particularly popular but online retailer Amazon has revealed that sales of air conditioning units have shot up compared to the same time last year.

Quote of the Week

"It would be a mistake if the CETA agreement was not finally approved by Spain," according to Mariano Rajoy on learning that the PSOE would not vote in favour of the Canada EU Trade Agreement.



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King Felipe celebrating BP's 50th anniversary.

More fuel, leading to more deceit

IT is easier to obtain motor fuel than ever before but there are fears that fraud is costing the Spanish government approximately €540 million each year.

The number of petrol stations in Spain continues to increase with a high proportion of the new openings coming from discount operators offering cheaper fuel, but there appears to be reluctance by some operators to properly report IVA collected.

According to the Association

of Petroleum Operators (AOP) there are now, for the first time, more than 11,000 service stations across Spain although the three largest brands, Repsol, Cepsa and BP continue to dominate the market.

Many of the new stations offer a discount of up to 15c when compared to the better known brands but make their savings by cutting back sharply on staff, not offering any shopping or bathroom facilities and purchasing their fuel from different sources.

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CHEAP broadband and mobile contracts form competitors have led to Telefonica losing 51,000 customers in the past four months. This compares with increases for its three largest competitors and the most successful Mas Movil gained almost 100,000 new customers.

Bank strength

THE US Federal Reserve undertakes an annual review of major banks and has announced in advance that two Spanish banks Santander and BBVA are fine. Other banks around the world are being reviewed for capital reserves but these two are safe.

Banco Popular

THERE is a possibility that should shareholders in Banco Popular sue Santander for their losses following the €1 takeover that Brussels may have to pay. EU regulations suggest as it was involved in promoting the sale, it will be responsible for losses.

Bah Humbug is not so real


THE concept of an elderly Scrooge is common in fiction but not so accurate in real life!

Research suggests that the elderly are actually more generous than the young even when they are likely to receive nothing in return.

In a study undertaken by the University of Singapore, it is concluded that age may release different chemicals into the brain which increase feelings of trust in others, especially if their generosity assists the community.

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PROCTER AND GAMBLE	89,420	+0.44%	0.390	228M
TRAVELERS CIES	127,66	-0.51%	-0.65	35M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,22	+0.04%	0.05	97M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	185,25	-0.67%	-1.25	178M
VERIZON COMMS	45,39	-0.07%	-0.03	185M
VISA	95,58	+1.73%	1.63	176M
WAL-MART STORES	74,8400	-0.90%	-0.6800	225M
WALT DISNEY CO	104,3600	+0.13%	0.1400	163M

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 56.06	17.81 ▲ 46.56%
Synchronoss Technologies, Inc.	\$ 16.24	4.06 ▲ 33.33%
IntriCon Corporation	\$ 8.35	1.80 ▲ 27.48%
Approach Resources Inc.	\$ 2.84	0.47 ▲ 19.83%
Microvision, Inc.	\$ 2.25	0.37 ▲ 19.68%
Ascendis Pharma A/S	\$ 26.36	3.33 ▲ 14.46%
Immune Design Corp.	\$ 9.65	1.20 ▲ 14.20%
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 22.65	2.77 ▲ 13.93%
GlycoMimetics, Inc.	\$ 13.41	1.31 ▲ 10.83%
JMU Limited	\$ 2.28	0.22 ▲ 10.68%
Repligen Corporation	\$ 44.20	4.11 ▲ 10.25%
Most Declined		
InVivo Therapeutics Holdings Corp.	\$ 2.85	0.80 ▼ 21.92%
BlackBerry Limited	\$ 9.71	1.35 ▼ 12.21%
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	\$ 29.65	4.09 ▼ 12.12%
Ocular Therapeutix, Inc.	\$ 10.15	1.39 ▼ 12.05%
AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.15	0.25 ▼ 10.42%
Aptevo Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 2.29	0.24 ▼ 9.49%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 3.58	0.37 ▼ 9.37%
American Software, Inc.	\$ 11	0.97 ▼ 8.10%
Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 14.88	1.31 ▼ 8.09%
Altimmune, Inc.	\$ 3.63	0.30 ▼ 7.63%
MediWound Ltd.	\$ 7.2254	0.5746 ▼ 7.37%

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 EUR Currency B
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 Multi Asset Conservative B EUR
 Multi Asset Balanced B GBP
 Multi Asset Balanced B EUR
 Multi Asset Growth B GBP
 Multi Asset Growth B EUR

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 €0.9603.....-€0.0002
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 €1.0821.....-€0.0011
 £1.3057.....£0.0000
 €1.2104.....-€0.0002
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NEW SELF-EMPLOYED RULES TO BE VOTED ON IN CORTES

Social Security costs reductions

IN order to encourage the self-employed to work legally, the Spanish government plans to increase the period of reduced monthly fees of €50 to one year.

This is a special reduction in the rate to be paid to register with the social security department for new self-employed workers, even if the start-up goes on to employ staff.

This is possibly the most important of the concessions being offered to encourage new business start-ups and also those who are working cash in hand to consider registering for the benefits which include medical treatment and pensions.

Additional proposals include women who return to work after giving birth will be able to take advantage of the reduced rate for 12 months and those who employ family members (provided they have not sacked employees in the same position) will be able to extend employment benefits subject to certain requirements.

There will be discounts for those who are out of work for any period of time and also the ability to continue work after retirement age and receive part pension and part salary.

In the event that any person is late in paying their contribution, the 'surcharge' will be reduced for the first month that the payment is overdue and anyone injured whilst travelling to or from work will also be covered by social security.

There will be a €12 per day tax offset for food purchased from a restaurant or café during a weekday if the individual is away from home on business and those who work at home will be able to claim 20 per cent of utility costs including telephone.

As is often the case with Spanish legal matters, there are a number of rules and regulations that have to be met, but generally speaking this is a proposal likely to make life easier and less ex-



SELF-EMPLOYED
protected by
Social Security.

pensive for the self-employed.

Estimates suggest that there are between 3.2 and 3.6 million people working for themselves in Spain but there is a very large additional number who haven't registered, don't pay tax and don't contribute to social security.

It is possible that this new proposal which still has to be voted into law may encourage some of those working but not reporting their income to take advantage of the reduction in cost and increased benefits to register themselves officially.

Spain wants to reduce taxes

IN an interview with the magazine *Values* published by accountants KPMG, Mariano Rajoy has announced that he intends to reduce taxes and review electricity charges.

He was speaking to the magazine as part of its 10th anniversary celebration and spent some time congratulating his government on all that it had achieved to strengthen the economy and to reduce unemployment.

The promise to reduce taxation came with a proviso which was that it could only be done if target deficit figures were reached and this would be known by 2019.

As far as energy is concerned, he pledged to do all that he could to progressively reduce prices although he made no mention of the matter of private solar powered energy which has been problematic for the government in the past.

SOLD AT THE REQUEST OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

Two more banks taken over for just €1

THE European Central Bank warned the Italian government that two of its banks were close to bankruptcy and gave permission for their sale for €1.

Like Banco Popular in Spain, Banca Popolare di Vicenza and Veneto Banca in Italy have been sold to a stronger bank for €1 but there is a considerable difference in the way that private shareholders and investors will be treated.

In the case of the Spanish takeover, Santander are expected to be responsible for the shortfall in accounts of some €7 billion and are not expecting to pay any compensation for losses to shareholders, although they may be sued in a combined action.

The Italian arrangement is completely different as the Italian government has not only agreed to pass only the good parts of the two banks to Intesa Sanpaolo Group but is immediately injecting €5.2 billion into the operation to protect assets and jobs.

In addition however it has put a further €12 billion to one side and retained the bad part of the businesses to cover the likely call from shareholders for compensation and to cover in-



PIER CARLO PADOAN:
Italian Economy Minister.

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vestor's deposits as well as bad debts which might be encountered by Intesa.

According to a statement from the Italian Minister of the Economy and Finance Pier Carlo Padoan, there was no alternative than to undertake this 'bail out' as the alternation could have seen a removal of funds from those and other banks and a possible panic and worsening of the economy in Italy.

It is generally understood that the Italian banking sector has a serious problem with potential bad debt which may total €350 billion in all and represents a little more than 30 per cent of

the Eurozone's total bad debt.

When comparing Spanish and Italian banks, one thing that becomes immediately obvious is that many of the plethora of small regional 'building societies' which existed prior to the financial crisis have been amalgamated into larger banks and in many cases have become much stronger.

This was not of course the case with Bankia which was formed from such a group but arguably, its problems were caused by bad management, coupled with reckless abuse by individuals who are currently on trial.

Banks are in the money

SPANISH banks had a very good first quarter with profits of €3.465 billion, an increase of 17 per cent over the same period last year.

Whilst income has improved in all operating areas, as the economy continues to recover, losses caused by bad debt have also dropped by a significant amount to 5.5 per cent.

According to the report issued by the Spanish Banking Association (AEB) much of the increase is due to improved efficiency leading to greater margins as well as an increase in the value of fees.

Another aspect which has helped is the sale of assets by certain of the banks but in some cases, operating costs have increased and those banks affected will need to consider remedial action.

TOO MANY TOUTS CONTROL TICKETS

Musicians want to protect fans

MANY people in Spain feel that it is totally wrong that 'ticket tout' obtain large numbers of concert tickets and sell them at inflated prices.

In fact it is illegal for tickets to be sold on the streets at higher prices, but owners of websites appear to be protected from the threat of prosecution because the 1982 law didn't envisage the power of the internet.

The Anti-Rebellion Alliance, spearheaded by singer and musician Alejandro Sanz wants to see the law changed to take into account sale through websites and to set a maximum price for any ticket offered for sale by a third party.

One of the problems is that these 'internet tout' speculate on purchasing large numbers so tickets for concerts which they believe will be popular and the artists want to see their



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ALEJANDRO SANZ:
Wants to control
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fans pay the correct price to see their favourite performers.

Profits for the re-sellers can be greater than those earned by the promoter and artists, but the problem has been partially resolved by legislation in Britain and France so the Alliance wants Spain to follow suit.

The Spanish easily adapt to US living

WITH a percentage of young Spaniards considering moving to the USA in order to start their careers many young Americans believe that money buys happiness.

According to a recent Mintel report, a high proportion of those interviewed and aged between 23 and 40 believe that earning money to secure their future is more important than having a good time.

When they do have free time, they are less interested in owning goods than their parents, preferring to be involved in activities, experiences or travelling.

Fifty-one per cent of this group, known as Millennials believe that they understand and can manage their finances well and think their future looks quite healthy.

Interestingly, the report highlights the fact that this group, more than most other generations, wants to have money available for emergencies and also many want to pay utility and credit card bills as quickly as possible.

All are technology aware and a high percentage are happy to use online and mobile banking facilities as they believe that this is a quick and efficient means of dealing with finances.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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



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Will do anything to gain power

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT**



SOME people just never seem to be satisfied. Personally, I thought the recent evacuation of the Camberley high rise apartments was perfectly reasonable and justified.

However unlikely a fire of the Grenfell devastation would have occurred quite so soon (if at all) it was nevertheless a possibility. To hear the moaning and whinging of those evacuated, you would have thought they would have preferred to chance an agonising death than be disturbed 'at that time of the night!'

Well I think Georgia Gould, the Camden councillor who made the decision, was very decisive and extremely articulate in her explanation for the evacuation and had tried a number of alternatives that didn't come to fruition. She simply wasn't prepared to take the risk, however unlikely, of seeing more people perish. Good for her.



CORBYN: Everywhere at the moment.

Have you noticed the sting has also gone out of the left unashamedly trying to turn the whole tragedy into a political incident?

Well I think the reasons come clear in the following text kindly submitted to me by David from the UK. 1. The block of flats was not run by the council, but by the Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation which comprises of eight tenants, four councillors and three inde-

pendent members. Emma Coad elected Labour MP was on this board who are being accused of not listening to tenants. 2. Labour holds the seat the block is situated in. 3. Labour run the London council who manage the un-

derfunded London fire service. (Sadiq Khan produced a report saying the fire service didn't need more funding!) 4. The decision to change contractors during the refurbishment was made by the KTCMO. As was the decision not to spend 138k on sprinklers. 5. KTCMO was formed under the 'right to manage' legislation passed when Labour were in power in 2002. No wonder the Corbynites have changed tack and

shifted to only blaming the government for not handling the aftermath well enough. Typical.

Couldn't believe Corbyn, who seems to be everywhere at the moment, actually turned up at Glas-

tonbury. Blatantly pontificating like some 1960's Guru, he used this opportunity to try and bend the minds of even more youngsters, who have no idea what life would be like should

he and his Marxist party ever to come to power.

His final puffed up 'message' to Donald Trump to 'build bridges not walls,' was pure 'flower power' jargon, Utopian rhetoric that finally petered out when the 60's flower children came of age and began to see sense. Unfortunately the kids lapped it up. No wonder the left want the voting age lowered to 16. It's the same ploy used by Blair and Brown, who let in floods of immigrants purely to obtain their votes.

Labour will do anything to gain power. They have no morals, shame or scruples when it comes to using the gullible to mark an X against their party. I would almost like to see them get in, just to be able to tell these misguided youngsters when the whole country falls apart, 'I told you so.' On second thoughts, perhaps not. Don't forget to download Leapy's book. Leapy Lee, Amazon Kindle, will link you up. Have a rewarding week.

Keep the faith

Love Leapy

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Advertising feature

Off Plan Property Deposit Refunds could help you

IT is a major decision when anyone decides to purchase a new property in Spain and in the majority of cases all goes well.

After the financial crises from 2008 onwards however, a surprisingly large number of building companies were unable to complete projects for which they had received substantial deposits or full payment and it was a heart-breaking time for those who lost large amounts of money.

Whilst for several years it appeared as if the money was lost forever, it might just be possible to be able to recover some or all of it.

In a number of circumstances, it is perfectly

possible to obtain a refund of what you have lost thanks to a ruling by the Spanish government and the involvement of a knowledgeable group of lawyers and advisors.

A very well-informed real estate agent, Sheldon Grossmith found himself in exactly this situation but not only did he have a good idea of the law, he also knew a very astute and successful lawyer who actually

helped him recover his funds.

Now, through his company Off Plan Property Deposit Refunds which is based in Estepona, Sheldon and his Spanish associate will do their best to assist expatriates and Spaniards to recover their funds, even if, as is often the case, they were lost 10 years ago.

The concept is very simple, although recovery can take some time, as banks with whom the original deposit was lodged could well be responsible in law for the refund of the monies lost, provided that they didn't insist that monies lodged were covered by bank guarantees, separate insurance policies or in escrow accounts which many didn't.

Almost none of the money lost was ever in a 'safe haven' and this is where OPP can assist.

Sheldon still remembers how sick and upset he felt when he thought that he had lost such a large sum and wants to help others recover what in some cases could be their entire life savings.

To be fair, he isn't totally altruistic as he will make a charge for putting this together, but this will be on a no win, no fee basis!

Those who have suffered such a loss are invited to get in touch with him and send

him a copy of the original purchase contract and proof of payment (as well as where it was paid to).

A decision as to whether there is a viable case to prosecute can be made very quickly and if the decision is positive then it is intended that there will be a three-way agreement, signed between the person losing the money, OPP and the lawyer who will undertake the case.

Once an agreement to proceed is reached, it is likely to take between 12 and 18 months to obtain a final court ruling and in the event of the Judge making an award to the person whose money has been taken, there will be a 15 per cent charge (plus IVA) from OPP and the lawyers will keep any interest that has been awarded by the court.

Should the case be unsuccessful however, then no costs are charged to the client.

Off Plan Property Deposit Refunds was formed at the beginning of 2016 and as a regular advertiser in *Euro Weekly News* has received a number of enquiries from those who lost money and is currently actively pursuing more than 30 cases.

So if you want to find out more, visit www.off-planpropertydepositrefunds.com or call Sheldon on 642 740 708.



Sheldon Grossmith.

Some dodgy side effects!

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



DO you remember Model 720 - the innocent enquiry that the Spanish tax office made telling everyone they had to declare all worldwide assets valued at over €50,000 or be fined?

We were told it wasn't for any real reason - nobody was ever going to do anything with it. They were just gathering information. Well I have to inform you that surprise, surprise it was absolute lies. Am I shocked? Of course not. Am I peed off? Well, yes I am because I thought if everyone did the right thing, played the game and did the declaration that would be the end of it.

But this week we got a letter from the Spanish tax office telling us that we had underpaid our tax in 2012 which is a load of cobblers. We had paid the tax in the UK for the rental on the property there that we owned and paid the tax here on our rental properties here. The difference is not a fortune and we have given it to our accountant to sort out. His was 'just pay it.' Mine is 'why?' Why should we once again get mugged off? Let me know if you hear of others with this problem.

I was on TRE Viewpoint show talking about the terrible fire that killed all those innocent people recently. I read today that 34 high rise flats in

17 local authority areas have failed fire cladding safety tests. All in the name of 'savings.' It's disgusting and I hope those responsible go to prison!

Mrs S gave up smoking a few months ago but now has started again. So I thought I'd look at some of the things that could help. Vaping is out, as are patches and that gum stuff. Then I saw an advert on US TV for a product called Chantix. I thought to myself 'that looks like a fantastic product.' I'll try and get her some of that. Then, just as the ad was finishing the voice came up and started to reel off the possible side effects.

Here are a few. Abnormal dreams, chronic trouble sleeping, gas, head pain, incomplete or infrequent bowel movements, throwing up, angina, trouble breathing, acute infection of the nose, throat or sinus, drowsiness, dry mouth, excessive sweating, intense abdominal pain, low energy, abnormal heart rhythm, behaving with excessive cheerfulness, delusions, depression, diabetes, giant hives, thought of suicide, paranoia, psychosis, thoughts of hurting or killing others, muscle pain, nosebleeds, ringing in the ears, sensation of spinning - and, as I said this is just SOME of the side effects! What is this stuff? Pass me a ciggy quick! How on earth can you sell a product that can do so much damage? If you get a chance have a look at some American adverts and see how you can die taking something that supposedly helps you stop dying of your original illness!

Email me mikesenker@gmail.com.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

A breath test for passengers?

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

BREATHALYSER TEST: Law changes.



A RECENT story has been circulating on the internet over changes to the law which will come into force in July, stating that a second person in a vehicle must pass an alcohol breathalyser test not just the driver.

The article stated 'A new measure proposed by the Directorate General of Traffic (DGT) will also force drivers and those accompanying the driver, to blow in the BAC test. The new measure will be launched July 1 in order that this summer we can have safer roads in our country and so that at least one of the companions can count as an alternative driver.'

However, the N332 Traffico team, said the message may have been lost in translation and the actual proposal is in the event of a driver being stopped and fail-

ing an alcohol test, a passenger, or the next appointed driver, must prove their sobriety and pass a breathalyser test as well as having all the appropriate documentation and qualifications to drive, in order for the group in the vehicle to continue their journey.

If none can do so, then the vehicle and its occupants, will not be going anywhere.

If a group of people are in a vehicle, only the driver is legally required to remain below the maximum permitted alcohol limit, although the passengers, however much they have consumed, are still required to act in a safe and appropriate manner in the vehicle, although they cannot be called upon to take over the role of the driver.

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

Can they restrict the pool?

Q. On our community we have owners who owe thousands of euros in fees.

Some have let their properties out for years and are not paying.

Perhaps they are not paying tax to the Hacienda either. These tenants and owners use the pool and gardens.

We are told that a law was passed in 2013 to allow communities to stop these

debtors using the community facilities, so my questions are:

a) Can you tell me the wording of this law and its reference?

b) How far can we go to enforce the law? We hope to get some payment if the owners think they will lose their tenants and revenue.

c) How do we report these owners to the Hacienda?

A. First, I advise you to instruct a lawyer. At your AGM you must authorise the President to do this and to proceed legally against the debtors. The law you mention is Ley 8/2013,

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



but it does not specifically authorise the restriction of the swimming

pool. Some communities have now enclosed and locked the pool area and issue keys to the paying owners. Yes, you can report the possible tax dodgers. Let your lawyer do this.

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

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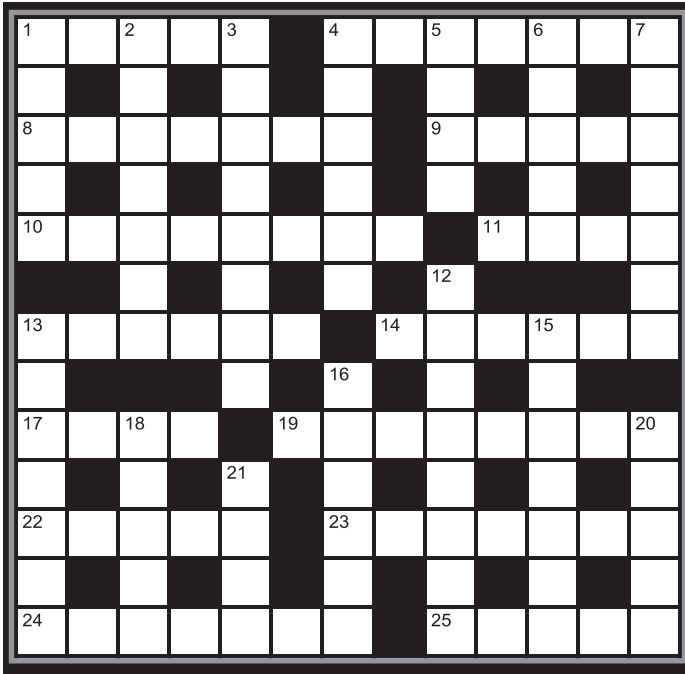
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- 23 Light metal ignited him outside the university (7)
- 24 Apparition in Hampton maze (7)
- 25 Some classicism earned a bad mark (5)

Down

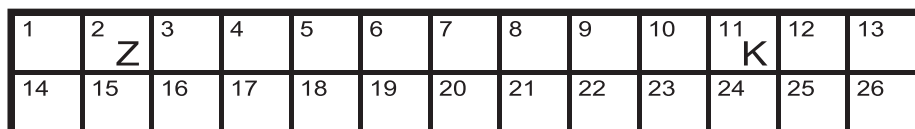
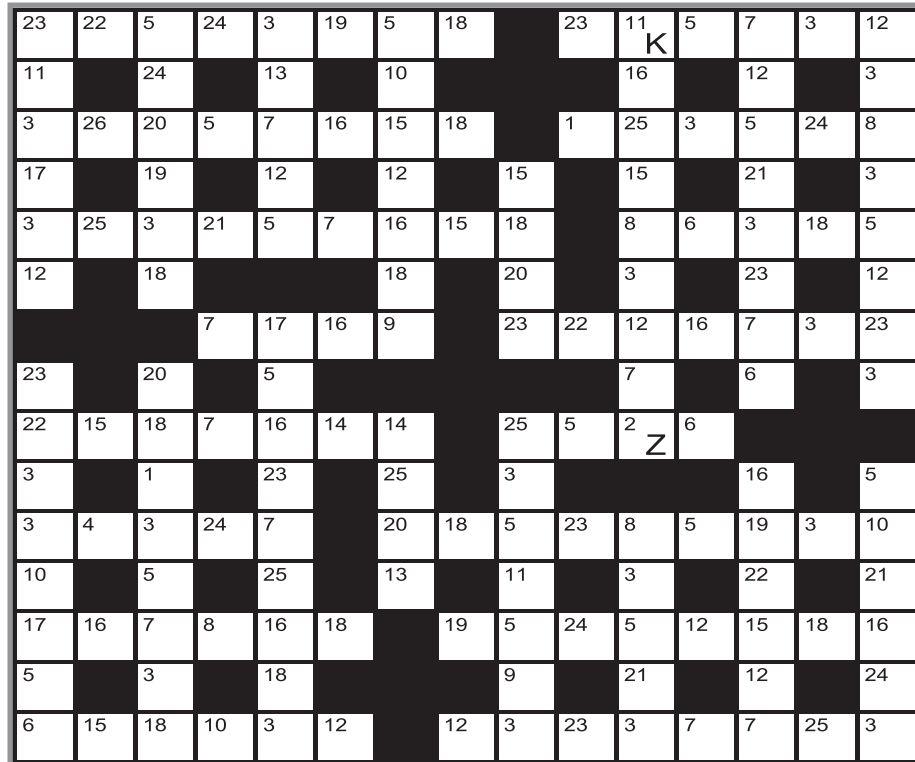
- 1 Way to strike or flog (5)
- 2 Baseball players clubs (7)
- 3 Disorganised Eve's late, so gets a lift (8)
- 4 Carpenter's tools in the flat he's bought (6)
- 5 First sign of taking up barmy army instrument (4)



- 6 Dudley is the new Romeo (5)
- 7 Men rant about last part (7)
- 12 Leaves jet and speeds (8)
- 13 Get angry at a sign of distress (5-2)
- 15 Stone that comes from Tangier (7)
- 16 Wrongly blamed for state of uproar (6)
- 18 Balance parts of Bali, Brazil and Bolivia (5)
- 20 Pigeon poet? (5)
- 21 Humour is about right in this court order (4)

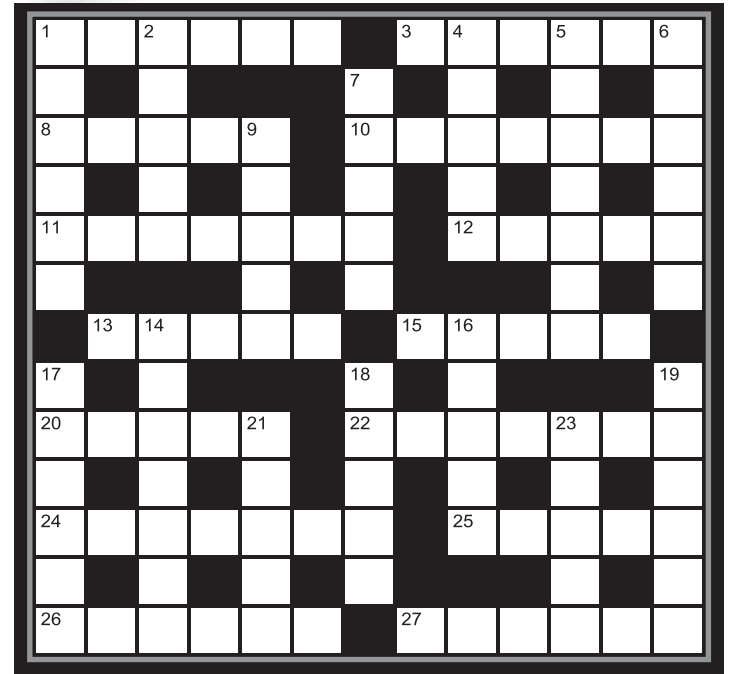
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents Z and 11 represents K, so fill in Z every time the figure 2 appears and K every time the figure 11 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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

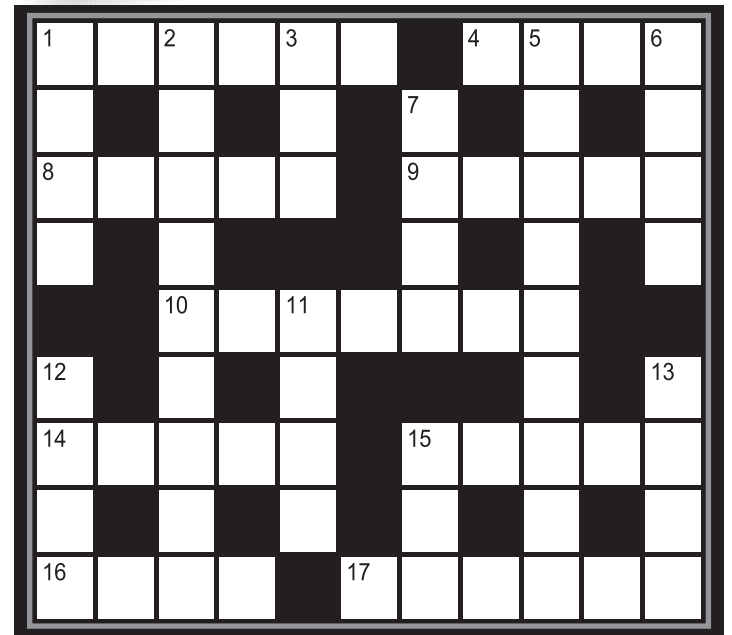
- 1 Not being in a specified place (6)
- 3 Assistant (6)
- 8 Velocity (5)
- 10 Journals (7)
- 11 Absence of sound (7)
- 12 Experiments (5)
- 13 Disturb the balance or stability of (5)
- 15 Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
- 20 Watchful (5)
- 22 Put into a proper or systematic order (7)
- 24 Ahead (7)
- 25 Flat (5)
- 26 Stable (6)
- 27 Dreaded (6)

Down

- 1 Be of service (6)
- 2 Take without the owner's consent (5)
- 4 Precise (5)
- 5 Catholic clerics (7)
- 6 Strive against (6)
- 7 Calculated a total (5)
- 9 Closely compacted in substance (5)
- 14 Get ready (7)
- 16 Relating to the countryside (5)
- 17 Short moral stories (6)
- 18 Great in size (5)
- 19 Uttered a sudden loud cry (6)
- 21 Attempted (5)
- 23 At no time in the past or future (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Cheap (inexpensive) (6)
- 4 Ass (donkey) (4)
- 8 Prawn (5)
- 9 Sobrina (5)
- 10 El más largo (7)
- 14 Shower (5)
- 15 Joke (5)

Down

- 1 Bolsas (para llevar algo) (4)
- 2 Beetroot (9)

- 16 Buttonhole (of garment) (4)
- 17 Agencia (6)
- 3/15 Bolsita de té (3,3)
- 5 Maíz dulce (9)
- 6 Abierto (4)
- 7 Rodilla (4)
- 11 Ordenado (4)
- 12 Hatred (4)
- 13 Perezoso (4)
- 15 See 3

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' A HARD BREXIT IS JUST CUT THE BRITS LOOSE - A SOFT BREXIT IS MAKE SURE THEY NEVER EVER WIN THE EURO SONG CONTEST! '

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.



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



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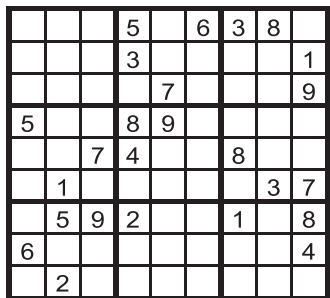
- Average: 7
- Very good: 15
- Good: 10
- Excellent: 19

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

able alba alec bald bale balk bled calk clad clap dale deal kale kelp lace lack lade lake lead leak leap pale peal plea pleb pled alack aleck baled black blade bleak cabal cable decal laced paled pedal place plead balked cabled calked lacked palace placed blacked capable packable BACKPEDAL

Sudoku

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

LOTTERY

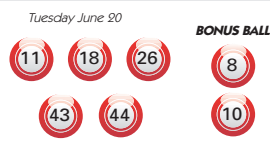
UK NATIONAL LOTTERY
 Saturday June 24



IRISH LOTTO
 Saturday June 24



EURO MILLIONS
 Tuesday June 20



Friday June 23



LA PRIMITIVA
 Saturday June 24



EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
 Sunday June 25



YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)

Putting all of your eggs in one basket is rarely to be advised. It should particularly be avoided this week. For the sake of speed and ease it will be tempting to take short cuts and make decisions that are bland. These will, of their nature, not be of the 'good' or 'great' categories. You are capable of better.

LEO
 (July 24 - August 23)

With high energy you are seeking to get as much done as possible in a small amount of time. Rather than go at it 'hammer and tongs', it could be easier. Let someone help you out. They will find it satisfying and so you will both be happy.

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)

How you feel about someone will change dramatically during the week. This will surprise you. Thinking about it logically, though, you have been missing the point for some time. Someone who you always thought of as a friend turns out to be much more. How you deal with this is very much an individual thing.

VIRGO
 (August 24 - September 23)

You are freer than you imagine. Your imagination is letting you down a bit at the moment. Not for some time have opportunities been throwing themselves at you like this. The question is not if you should take up an offer but rather which one you should choose.

ARIES
 (March 21 - April 20)

With your engine revving and the road ahead clear, a sense of great freedom is with you. There are those for whom this week is a chance to really make headway. For some, though, it is an irksome task. The difference is that some of you are taking a negative attitude. Make sure that yours is positive and you will have a chance to make real progress.

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)

Give others the benefit of the doubt and your infinite patience this week. Situations will change from minute to minute. It would be a waste of energy to take anything at facevalue. Time is often the first thing to solve many problems. As with health, given a few days simple things will sort themselves out.

TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)

Wanting to put things right with someone close is a good instinct to have. It would certainly give you peace of mind. Indeed, this should be a quiet and peaceful week and one that is long overdue. Being successful in business is only one part of success. The light is dawning that what you have always wanted has changed.

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)

Although you are only too aware that you are capable of great good when you put your mind to it, it would be wise to bide your time this week. You may not realise that you are expending too much energy until your weary head hits the pillow. Be kind to your body. Some things that are taken for granted should not be so. This can lead to neglect. In neither home nor business is this recommended.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)

Someone very special could come into your life. You must, however, be at the ball to meet the prince. This opportunity for happiness is not going to jump up and bite you. A phone call could be the start of it all. Accept invitations and get out and about. Be aware of what is going on so that you can be in the right place at the right time.

SAGITARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)

It may seem that everyone wants your attention at the moment. There are times when you would like nothing more than to go away and clear your mind. This is not only possible but essential. You need some quiet moments. Even a day away can renew your spirits and energy.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 23)

What is the reason that you are being held back? Are you sure that you are, in reality, being held back at all? These are not trick questions. Being honest with your answers this week will lift a cloud from your horizon. Perhaps you are seeing ghosts when there are only shadows.

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)

So strong have been the practical considerations of late that you have been in a bad position. You need to live more for the 'now' and less for the 'tomorrow'. Of course, life should be a mixture of both but sometimes it all gets a bit jumbled. Getting a few hours peace and quiet on your own may be all that you need. Getting enough sleep is also important in this situation.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Cycle, 4 Hosts, 8 Prosper, 9 Laird, 10 Torso, 11 Saddles, 12 Nutmeg, 14 Pastor, 18 Panache, 20 Satin, 22 Liner, 23 Tendril, 24 Sober, 25 Calms.

Down:

- 1 Capstan, 2 Choir, 3 Explore, 4 Harass, 5 Solid, 6 Skillet, 7 Aides, 13 Tenants, 15 Arsenic, 16 Rankles, 17 Pewter, 18 Pulse, 19 Carob, 21 Tyrol.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Rush, 3 Progress, 9 Measles, 10 After, 11 Meets, 12 Easier, 14 Errors, 16 Cinema, 19 Battle, 21 Serve, 24 Alike, 25 Dispute, 26 Shepherd, 27 Less.

Down:

- 1 Remember, 2 Share, 4 Rested, 5 Grabs, 6 Extreme, 7 Sure, 8 Closer, 13 Careless, 15 Realise, 17 Insist, 18 Tender, 20 Teeth, 22 Route, 23 Cats.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 2 Araña, 6 Deaf, 7 Draw, 8 Tired, 9 Bite, 10 Roar, 11 Ridge, 12 Burn, 13 Seed, 14 Obras, 15 Pato, 16 Edad, 17 Nests.

Down:

- 1 Películas, 2 Afternoon, 3 Abridores, 4 Addresses, 5 Camareras.

KAKURO



CODE BREAKER

1	Z	B	S	T	F	U	N	I	R	L	K	J	Q
14	W	A	C	D	P	H	X	M	Y	E	O	G	V

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Come on, you know it makes sense

SIR,

The one single factor that separates EU citizens from the British are the identity cards used instead of passports.

An ID card has always been opposed by successive British governments, but it is time to face reality and accept that the advantages far outweigh the inconvenience. These have to be carried at all times and not only provide proof of the holder's identity but are an essential tool to enable police forces, health and administrative departments or stores to be able to carry out instant identity checks. They make life easier for everyone.

In the post Brexit era I firmly believe in the introduction of an EU identity card for British citizens, which would grant everybody legally entitled to obtain one, the same rights as all other EU citizens. This would replace the European Health Insurance Card which will become obsolete after Brexit. This might be seen as a means to carry out the greatest survey of the population since the Domesday Book but it would also identify all those who

Cycling menace

AS a North American cyclist spending part of the year in southern Spain, I was not very surprised to read about your 'Road Rage Alarm' article in your issue no 1666. And as it reminded me of what I recently read about the Spanish police being worried about the increasing number of run-over cyclists, I thought I'd drop you a line.

“ It's a pleasure having you stressed-out folks around.

The by far most ruthless and disrespectful drivers I encounter as a cyclist on rural roads in the



ROAD RAGE: Most disrespectful drivers are British.

province of Almeria (area around Mojacar - Lubrin) are test drivers with a British licence plate.

Sitting in their usually large tank-like SUVs and sports cars they seem to be thinking they are kings on race tracks in this normally so relaxed part of the country. And no, it's not test drivers in

general, it's particularly British test drivers.

Great you are bringing your (traffic) attitude to Spain, thanks! It's a pleasure having you stressed-out folks around.

Jeff Tony Auth,
Washington/Mojacar

have no right to remain in the UK which might be useful at a time when the terrorist threat is real.

Peter Fieldman, Madrid

Changing times

LIFE will never be the same again.

When I first experienced a mobile phone that included a camera, I failed to identify with its need.

Turn the clock forward a few years and in recent weeks my wife and I have had some repairs done to winter storm damage caused to our villa, with an insurance claim covering the costs.

In total three different workmen were involved; a plasterer, then a painter, and finally an electrician.

Each took a photograph on completing his work... using his mobile... presumably for company files. And the insurance accessor who called before approving the work also took a photo, with his mobile, of the damage caused.

Technology has really made modern-life more convenient, and to a degree I accept the changes and improvements, even though at 70+ some are hard to totally grasp!

N Withey
Torre

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New weapons in the fight

»Bring that down to Andalucia!

WE seem to be suffering from a particularly aggressive 'Tiger' mosquito plus the ordinary - and I'm covered in large red bites. The creams from pharmacies seem to agitate them further and the bites blister.

Dave

»800 households to be evacuated from London tower blocks

THE lady council chief who organised this has done a wonderful job and explained everything so clearly - a future prime minister perhaps!

Robert Fudge

Where are they planning to accommodate all those people?

Christina Petrie

»Fortune taped to a man's waist causes bomb scare

IN the US the police would take your money without investigation. All legal.

Nasuno

Comments from EWN online

»A masterclass in how to snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory (Nora Johnson)

SPOT on! We just witnessed a true masterclass in how to lose an election - and one that was supposed to be a certain win. David Cameron was obsessed with 'modernising' the party, but Theresa May, although starting well when she became Prime Minister, gave out confusing messages to voters. There was too much 'I' and not enough 'we' in the Conservative campaign. She seemed to forget that...

Karen

»50,000 trapped in beachfront town as Huelva fire rages on

HOPE every one is ok. I know the scary feeling of flee-

ing a home through a fire scene with young children in the car ...

Kris Jackson

My thoughts are with the firefighters and all of those affected by this fire including the poor animals.

Sallyann Wiseman

Man killed after gunman opens fire during San Juan celebrations in Galicia

ALL these shootings it's getting like another country with lots of Sans in it San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Bernardino.

Michael Hearne

»Cocaine coconuts discovered at Madrid airport

WELL done, lock them up and throw away the key!

Sallyann Wiseman

»Road rage driver released

GOOD God no!! Should have been held without bail... What were they thinking!?

Anne Coyle

Trumped up

LOVED the clip of Trump barging his way to the front at the NATO photo call. To me that totally typifies just what sort of a person he is. The last time I saw posturing like that by a world leader was in old grainy clips of Mussolini, Il Duce himself. That's the man who Leapy Lee drools over. Where's the wall Trump? That was your first priority, remember!

Philip, San Fulgencio

Dear Leapy

OUR neighbour, who has a flat in Spain, has given us a copy of your brilliant article in *Euro Weekly News*. You are so right in condemning Tony Blair. After all, as you say, he was responsible for so many deaths in the Middle East and possibly indirectly responsible for the rise of Daesh and Al Qaeda.

I have always wondered why he was so starry-eyed about George Bush and the two of them together made a really appalling combination! Then, there's his awful money-grubbing wife!

Frances Wood, Woking, Surrey



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As millions of us grab passports and head for our holidays, it is a timely reminder that literally hundreds of thousands of baggage items go missing every year. Usually it's because your luggage is checked onto the wrong plane. Fortunately the airline generally get it back to you within 48 hours. However, what do you do in the meantime?

Our advice is to be 'ever-ready' when you travel and pack smart when it comes to your hand-luggage. It will avoid no end of stress if your luggage does decide to go on a trip of its own.

Here are our Top 10 Essentials to carry in your hand luggage:

1. *Travel documents and valuables*

Carry essentials in an easily accessible separate compartment, or folder. Include passport/visa, boarding pass, reservations, all relevant contact numbers, cash, cards and valuables (including spectacles). Don't keep all cash/cards in one place and ideally split it between you and any travel companion for added security.

2. *Prescribed Medication*

Carry enough medication for at least two days in case your luggage is delayed. It's a good idea to carry the prescription too. Note that you're allowed to carry essential medicines of more than 100ml in your hand luggage, as long as you have supporting documentation from your doctor, or a copy of the prescription.

3. *First aid kit*

Pain killers, indigestion tablets, anti-diarrhea, travel sickness tablets, allergy medication, anti-bacteria gel, plasters, small disinfectant cream etc. You can fit these into a small clear plastic travel/toiletry bag.

4. *Toiletries*

Basics, including travel toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, razor. Save space with travel-size items and keep within carrier regulations with liquids no more than 100ml. Add anything else that's essential to you such as make-up that you really can't live without (you may not be able to buy your preferred brand locally, or it could cost three times the price).

5. *A spare set of clothes*

Trust me, this will save you no end of hassle if your luggage is delayed. Choose light and compact items. It's amazing how small you can fold/roll cotton shorts/trousers and a t-shirt.

6. *Snacks*

It pays to take some food and it saves you paying top prices at the airport. Chewing gum is especially useful as it helps with ear popping and is an instant breath freshener.

7. *Mobile phone / tablet*

Helps stay connected and occupied during the journey. Don't forget earphones.

8. *Portable Charger and Adaptor*

It's well worth carrying these compact items as it could be a real pain sourcing replacements while you're away.

9. *Pen and paper*

Always handy and often overlooked in this digital age!

10. *Travel Insurance*

We would say that wouldn't we? Travel Insurance is a must and comes into its own if your luggage is delayed. Most Comprehensive Travel Insurance policies cover baggage delay, and Globelink is no exception. Your baggage is usually considered 'delayed' if you don't have it after 12 hours. Baggage Delay cover provides a monetary sum to purchase essential items until your luggage turns up, like clothing, medication, and toiletries. Always get confirmation of the delay from your carrier and keep receipts for purchases.

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SATURDAY - 1 JULY

one	TWO	FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:10am A to Z of TV Gardening	8:00pm Britain and the Sea	8:05am Motorsport	11:50am Make You Laugh Out Loud
11:00am Saturday Kitchen	7:55am Carnival Story	9:00pm Nature's Great Events	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
12:30pm Mary Berry Cooks	9:30am The Maggie	Series about the most dramatic wildlife spectacles on our planet.	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm Police
1:00pm BBC News	11:00am Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape	10:00pm Kon-Tiki	9:25am Frasier	1:10pm Interceptors
1:10pm Weather	12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer	11:50pm Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.	9:55am Frasier	1:10pm Police
1:15pm Tennis	1:00pm Food and Drink Bargain Hunt	12:25am Top of the Pops	10:30am Frasier	2:10pm Interceptors
4:00pm Escape to the Country	2:15pm Talking Pictures	12:50am The Old Grey Whistle Test	11:00am The Big Bang Theory	2:10pm The Great
Series which helps prospective buyers find their dream home in the country.	3:00pm Kidnapped	2:20am BBC Electric Proms Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey are on blistering form in a session recorded at the Roundhouse in north London, as the grand finale of the BBC's Electric Proms in 2006.	11:55am The Big Bang Theory	3:10pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:30pm Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade	4:30pm Money for Nothing	3:10am Totally British: 70's Rock N Roll	12:20pm The Simpsons	4:10pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:25pm BBC News	5:15pm Flog It!		12:50pm The Simpsons	5:05pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:35pm Regional News	6:00pm Gardeners' World		1:20pm The Simpsons	6:00pm We'll Take it Away!
6:40pm Weather	7:00pm The Day the Dinosaurs Died		1:50pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm 5 News
6:45pm Pointless	8:00pm Natural World		2:25pm Four in a Bed	7:05pm Funniest Dogs Behaving Badly
7:30pm Doctor Who	9:00pm Manchester International Festival: Everyone Welcome		3:30pm Four in a Bed	8:00pm Blind Date
8:30pm Pitch Battle	9:30pm Dad's Army		4:00pm Four in a Bed	9:00pm Greatest
Talent show in which choirs compete against each other.	10:00pm Melvyn Bragg on TV: The Box That Changed the World		4:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	10:00pm Big Brother
10:00pm Casualty	12:00am Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll		5:35pm Big House, Little House	11:05pm Moments That Rocked Talent Shows
10:50pm BBC News	1:50am This is BBC Two		6:35pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it	12:30am Lip Sync Battle
11:05pm Weather	3:20am This is BBC Two		7:30pm Channel 4 News	1:00am Super Casino
11:10pm Marvel's Avengers Assemble			8:00pm The Autistic Gardener	
1:25am Weather for the Week Ahead			9:00pm Life of Pi	
1:30am BBC News			11:25pm Last Vegas	
			1:30am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	

SUNDAY - 2 JULY

one	TWO	FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	7:20am A to Z of TV Gardening	8:30pm Handmade in Japan	7:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun	7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am Sunday Morning Live	8:05am Gardeners' World Horticultural tips from the gardening experts.	9:00pm Handmade in Japan	7:35am 3rd Rock from the Sun	11:15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:00pm Sunday Politics	9:05am The Beechgrove Garden	9:30pm Schönbrunn Summer Night Concert From Vienna	8:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	11:55am The Gadget Show
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:35am Countryfile News and stories concerning the heart of the British countryside.	11:00pm Storyville	8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:45pm Police
2:00pm BBC News	10:35am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites	12:20am Climate Change by Numbers	8:55am Frasier	Interceptors Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead	12:05pm Wimbledon 2016 Review	1:35am Darwin's Struggle: The Evolution of the Origin of Species	9:25am Frasier	1:40pm Interceptors
2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer	1:00pm Athletics	2:35am Nature's Great Events Series about the most dramatic wildlife spectacles on our planet.	9:55am Frasier	2:40pm Police
3:00pm Money for Nothing	2:00pm Athletics	3:35am Kings of the Ring Danny Leigh explores the elemental drama of the boxing movie. For over 120 years, boxing and film have been entwined and the fight film has been used to address powerful themes such as redemption, race and corruption.	10:30am Sunday Brunch	3:40pm Made of Honour
3:45pm Escape to the Country	6:00pm Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods are Made		1:30pm Eat the Week with Iceland	5:40pm 13 Going on 30
4:45pm Eat Well for Less	7:00pm The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway		2:30pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	7:30pm The Flintstones
5:45pm Songs of Praise	8:00pm Dragons' Den		3:30pm Dante's Peak	9:05pm That's So... 1984
6:20pm Sue Barker: Our Wimbledon	9:00pm The Life Swap Adventure		5:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	10:00pm Big Brother
7:35pm BBC News	10:00pm George Best: All by Himself		6:35pm Homes by the Sea	11:05pm OMG: Painted, Pierced and Proud
7:50pm Regional News	11:30pm Mock the Week		7:30pm Channel 4 News	12:05am The Vow
7:55pm Weather	12:00am White Gold		8:00pm Grand Designs	2:05am Super Casino
8:00pm Countryfile			9:00pm Dunkirk	4:10am The Hotel Inspector
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow			10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale	
10:00pm Poldark			11:15pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	
11:00pm BBC News			12:10am Trance	
11:20pm Regional News			2:00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	
11:25pm Weather				
11:30pm Miranda Hart - My What I Call Live Show				
12:30am The Week the Landlords Moved in				

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2:00pm BBC News	7:00am The TV That Made Me	8:00pm 100 Days + Great British Railway Journeys	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	12:15pm House Doctor
2:30pm Regional News		8:30pm	3:10pm Countdown	1:10pm 5 News
2:45pm Wimbledon	7:30am Bargain Hunt		4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	1:15pm Big Brother
7:00pm BBC News	8:15am Bargain Hunt	9:00pm Colour: The Spectrum of Science	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	2:10pm Access
7:30pm Regional News	9:00am Antiques Roadshow		6:00pm Four in a Bed	2:15pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	10:00pm Science and Islam	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	2:45pm Neighbours
8:30pm Bus Wars	12:00pm The Daily Politics	11:00pm The Hidden Art of Islam	7:00pm The Simpsons	3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
9:00pm EastEnders	12:30pm Wimbledon 2017	12:00am The Secret Life of Waves	7:30pm Hollyoaks	4:20pm The Mentor
9:30pm The Betrayed	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	1:00am Human Planet	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm 5 News
11:00pm BBC News	10:30pm Ripper Street	Nature series that marvels at mankind's incredible relationship with nature in the world today.	9:00pm How to Stay Well	6:30pm Neighbours
11:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Newsnight		10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	7:00pm Home and Away
11:40pm Weather	12:10am Weather		11:00pm 50 Shades of Gay	7:30pm 5 News
11:45pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	12:15am Sudan: The Last of the Rhinos: Natural World		12:05am 24 Hours in A and E	8:00pm MotoGP
12:15am Have I Got a Bit More News for You	1:15am Countryfile			9:00pm All New Traffic Cops
1:00am The Graham Norton Show	2:15am Horizon			10:00pm Eamonn and Ruth Do Dubai



5:00pm Tipping Point	6:00pm Judge Rinder	11:55am Road to Avonlea	5:45pm Football Rivalries	3:00pm Premier League Legends
6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	12:55pm Love Your Garden	6:00pm Arsenal v Spurs.	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:30pm You've Been Framed!	2:00pm Heartbeat	7:05pm The Professionals	4:30pm Football Gold
7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	3:00pm The Royal	7:05pm Storage Wars New York	5:00pm Football's Greatest
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	4:05pm Wild at Heart	7:35pm Storage Wars New York	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	5:10pm Man About the House	8:00pm Tour de France Highlights	7:00pm Premier League Legends
9:00pm Amazing Animal Births	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	5:50pm Rising Damp	9:00pm Better Late Than Never	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
9:30pm Coronation Street	10:00pm Love Island	6:20pm George and Mildred	10:00pm Car Crash Britain	8:00pm Boxing
10:00pm Fearless	11:00pm Family Guy	6:55pm Heartbeat	10:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple	12:00am Premier League Legends
11:00pm ITV News	11:30pm Family Guy	7:55pm Murder, She Wrote	11:00pm Caught on Camera	
11:45pm Killer Women	12:00am American Dad!	9:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple	11:00pm Total Recall	
12:45am The Kyle Files		12:00am The Street	12:05am FYI Daily	

TUESDAY - 4 JULY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
2:00pm BBC News	7:00am The TV That Made Me	8:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:10pm Access
2:30pm Regional News			5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Wimbledon	7:30am Bargain Hunt	9:00pm Britain Beneath Your Feet	6:00pm Four in a Bed	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	8:15am Bargain Hunt	10:00pm The Queen Mary: Greatest Ocean Liner	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
7:30pm Regional News	9:00am Antiques Roadshow	11:00pm Photographing Africa	7:00pm The Simpsons	4:15pm Presumed Dead in Paradise
8:00pm The One Show	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	12:00pm Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track	7:30pm Hollyoaks	5 News
8:30pm Bus Wars	12:00pm The Daily Politics	1:00am The Brits Who Built the Modern World	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm Neighbours
9:00pm EastEnders	12:30pm Wimbledon 2017	2:00am Medieval Lives: Birth, Marriage, Death	9:00pm Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List	7:00pm Home and Away
9:30pm Holby City	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon		9:30pm Supershopper	7:30pm 5 News
10:00pm Broken	10:30pm Hospital Newsnight		10:00pm Life Behind Bars: Visiting Hour	8:00pm FIA World Rally Championship Highlights
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Weather		11:00pm First Dates	9:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather		12:05am 24 Hours in Police Custody	10:00pm The Hotel Inspector
11:40pm Weather				11:00pm Big Brother
11:45pm Cadet Abuse				12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12:25am Bus Wars				



3:00pm Judge Rinder	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:55pm Heartbeat	11:00am Tour de France Highlights	3:30pm Premier League Legends
4:00pm David Dickinson's Name Your Price	4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:00pm The Royal	12:00pm Tour de France Live	4:00pm Fight Night
5:00pm Tipping Point	6:00pm Judge Rinder	4:05pm Wild at Heart	5:30pm Storage Wars	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	5:10pm Man About the House	6:00pm The Professionals	6:30pm Premier League 100 Club
7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:30pm You've Been Framed!	5:50pm Rising Damp	7:00pm Storage Wars New York	7:00pm Premier League Legends
7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	6:20pm George and Mildred	7:30pm Storage Wars New York	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	8:00pm Tour de France Highlights	8:00pm Live Horse Racing: Winning Post
9:00pm Midsomer Murders	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	9:00pm The Booze Cruise Hunt	9:00pm Monster Carp	10:00pm Fight Night
11:00pm ITV News	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	11:00pm Law and Order: UK	10:00pm Benidorm	12:00am Premier League Legends
11:40pm Davina: Life at the Extreme	10:00pm Love Island	12:00am Inspector Morse	11:05pm Eraser	
12:40am The Chase	11:00pm Family Guy		12:05am FYI Daily	
	12:00am Family Guy		12:10am Eraser	

WEDNESDAY - 5 JULY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:00am The TV That Made Me	8:00pm 100 Days + Great British Railway Journeys	7:00am Countdown	7:00am Milkshake! Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.
10:15am Crimewatch		8:30pm	7:45am Will and Grace	
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	7:30am Bargain Hunt		8:10am Will and Grace	
12:00pm Kitchen Garden	8:15am Bargain Hunt	9:00pm Michael Portillo continues his journey from Pembroke Dock to Cambridge.	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:30pm Live with the Hairy Bikers	9:00am See Hear		9:30am Frasier	12:15pm House Doctor
12:30pm Wimbledon	9:30am Great British Menu	9:00pm Sound of Cinema: The Music that Made the Movies	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	1:10pm 5 News
Live coverage of the tennis tournament.	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	10:00pm Spies of Warsaw Classic tale of spying, intrigue and romance, based on the novels of Alan Furst. A German engineer arrives in Warsaw.	12:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	1:15pm Big Brother
2:00pm BBC News	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live		1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	2:05pm Access
2:30pm Regional News	12:30pm The Daily Politics		2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Wimbledon	Political show examining the latest news, views and moves in the world of politics.		3:10pm Countdown	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Wimbledon 2017		4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
7:30pm Regional News	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon		5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	4:20pm In the Dark
8:00pm The One Show	10:30pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show		6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News
9:00pm Watchdog Live	11:30pm Newsnight	11:30pm The Last Dukes	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours
10:00pm The Week the Landlords Moved in	11:30pm Comprehensive coverage of the day's important national and international news stories.	12:30am The Renaissance Unchained	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away
11:00pm BBC News	12:10am Weather	1:30am Natural World	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
11:30pm Regional News		2:30am Climate Change by Numbers	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm The Highland Midwife
11:40pm Weather		3:45am Voyages of Discovery	9:00pm Ackley Bridge	10:00pm Where There's a Claim
11:45pm Room 101			10:00pm Fargo	11:00pm Big Brother
12:25am Doctor in the House			11:00pm The Windsors	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side
			11:30pm Fargo	1:05am In Sickness and in Wealth
			12:30am Life Behind Bars: Visiting Hour	

7:00am Good Morning Britain	10:00am You've Been Framed!	7:00am Man About the House	9:00am Storage Wars New York	2:45pm Great Sporting Moments
9:30am Lorraine	10:35am Scorpion	7:30am Heartbeat	9:30am Storage Wars New York	3:00pm Premier League Legends
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:25am Below Deck	8:30am Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.	10:00am Pawn Stars	3:30pm Premier League Legends
11:30am This Morning	12:25pm Vanderpump Rules	9:25am Wild at Heart	10:30am Pawn Stars	3:30pm Premier League Legends
1:30pm Loose Women	1:20pm Emmerdale	10:30am Judge Judy	10:55am The Professionals	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	2:30pm You've Been Framed!	11:00am Judge Judy	12:00pm Tour de France Highlights	4:15pm Spanish Football Gold
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9:00pm Love Your Garden	10:00pm Love Island	8:00pm Heartbeat	10:00pm British Superbike Highlights	10:00pm Fight Night
10:00pm Joanna Lumley's India	11:00pm Celebrity Juice	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	11:00pm Dr. No	12:00am Premier League Legends
11:00pm ITV News	11:50pm Family Guy	9:00pm Lewis	12:05am FYI Daily	
11:40pm Paul O'Grady for the Love of Animals: India	12:20am Family Guy	11:00pm Law and Order: UK	12:10am Dr. No	
12:45am Piers Morgan's Life Stories	12:50am American Dad!	12:00am Inspector Morse		
1:40am Jackpot247				

SUMMER is here, the perfect time to sip a glass or two of something cold, but are we drinking too much?

A report has revealed that the average British drinker is risking their health by drinking 10 and a half glasses of wine a week and around 21 units of alcohol a week, double the government's maximum safe limit.

The figures were

Drinking double

made based on alcohol sales from 2016, which was then divided amongst the 83 per cent of adults who drink. The figures were worse in Scotland where adults drink an average 24 units a

week.

Whilst worrying, experts say this is the average so in fact there will be some drinking much more than this and others

much less but the Alcohol Information Partnership, which represents the industry, has accused the report of 'scaremongering' saying it is not possible to get an accurate picture relating sales to consumption as alcohol is often bought and then left in a cupboard unopened or is used in cooking.

Campaigners seized on the data to call on the government to impose a minimum price for alcohol to help curb sales.



ALCOHOL: Do you drink too much?

Aim to become mobile AI clinic

STRUGGLING to get to see your doctor? A new self-driving AI clinic that could see patients on the streets could be the answer and could soon become a reality.

The new concept, dubbed 'Aim' plans to use artificial intelligence and smart de-

vices in the home as well as a mobile app to keep track of patient data and have access to accessible diagnostics if a patient couldn't make it to the doctors' surgery.

The American designed mobile clinic would also have a built-in pressure sensi-



'Aim' plans to use a mobile app to keep track of patient data.

tive scale to measure weight, BMI, balance, and posture and would be able to measure respiration and cardiac rhythm. Patients would also be able to consult a specialist, or receive immediate transport to hospital.



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Specsavers Opticas and ONCE launch campaign to support the deaf and blind

JUNE 27, 2017 - On the International Day of Deaf-blindness, Marcelo Rosado, ONCE representative for Andalucía, Ceuta and Melilla and José Ángel Moral-Tajadura, Retail and Business Development Manager for Specsavers Spain held a press conference to announce a new fundraising campaign, which will launch at Specsavers Opticas stores around Spain on Monday July 3.

Specsavers Opticas will be supporting the ONCE Foundation for the Deaf-Blind (La Fundación ONCE para la Atención de Personas con Sordoceguera - FOAPS) over the next six months. They will be offering free comprehensive eye tests at all eight of their opticians and asking patients to donate €1 to FOAPS after their test until the end of the year. Their aim is to



JOINT CAMPAIGN: Will launch around Spain on July 3.

raise €6,000 to fund 400 hours of interpreting for the Deaf-Blind.

All funds raised will be donated to FOAPS to fund interpreters who are crucial

to allow deaf-blind people to lead a full life and communicate. This is part of FOAPS' 10-year anniversary campaign to raise awareness of the issues that deaf blind people face and boost funding so they can help more of these vulnerable people who are totally isolated without their help.

Specsavers' Retail and Business Development Manager José Ángel Moral-Tajadura commented, "One of our key objectives in Spain has been to collaborate with an organisation such as ONCE, which is so important in helping people with sight loss. I hope that this collaboration won't just last for six months, and that we will collaborate with ONCE and their foundations over the long term." He added that his commitment was to beat their €6,000 target and that he would be working closely with all the stores so that in January he can return to ONCE and celebrate the end of a highly successful campaign.

He also commented in his speech that "our eye tests are comprehensive and centered around professionalism and clinical care. We offer eye tests of the back of the eye and take digital retinal photography, as well as other tests which can de-

tect signs related to glaucoma, age related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and other issues. These issues, if not caught early and referred to an ophthalmologist, can cause partial or total sight loss, problems which ONCE understand very well."

ONCE representative Marcelo Rosado explained the very important work that the FOAPS interpreters undertake. He added that there are 100 interpreters working in Spain, offering a very personalised service depending on the level of visual and hearing loss and the different personal situations of each individual. Rosado said that FOAPS is currently offering interpreter service to 377 people; 260 adults and 117 children - more than 46,000 hours in 2017.

"As we add more activities there are more needs and so initiatives such as this one from Specsavers Opticas are very important."

Those who wish to participate in the campaign should visit their nearest Specsavers Opticas store for a comprehensive eye test and donate just €1 between July and December 2017.

Specsavers Opticas have eight stores in Spain, on the Costa Blanca, Costa del Sol and in Mallorca.

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SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

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How can you tell you've been stung?

The area stung tends to become very itchy, followed by intense pain in the area affected. After a few minutes skin will appear red which can in some cases lead to infections, and ulcers.

Is there any aftercare treatment?

You have to keep the affected area clean and cool for several days after being stung to avoid infections. As long as there are no major reactions, the effects of the sting should only last a few days.

Do treatment myths,

such as urinating on the sting, work?

No, urinating on the affected area is unlikely to help. In fact, pouring vinegar over the sting is more helpful as it is proven to help prevent further nematocyst discharge. It does not however, provide pain relief.

Fresh water also worsens symptoms, so make sure to use salt water to relieve pain, but only once the tentacles have been removed using tweezers. DO NOT scrape them off, as this can push parts of the tentacle further into the skin, causing more pain.

Soaking the affected area in hot water also helps reduce pain and inflammation. If there are any severe symptoms, or if a large or sensitive area of the body has been stung, such as the face or genitals, call emergency services for treatment.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Time for bikers' meeting

LA HERRADURA'S El Incer-so bike festival is celebrating its fourth year on July 1 and 2, attracting around 1,500 riders from across Spain and abroad.

The event, which takes place at La Herradura Castle, will offer live music, dancing, DJs, and prizes. According to El Incer-so President, Antonio Matias, "entry costs €10, which includes a gift bag with a t-shirt, a badge, Saturday lunch at noon, two beers, Sunday lunch at noon and a ticket in the raffle."

The festival, which is organised by the council and Peña Motera Motorrox, will offer participants a camping area as well as an air-conditioned enclosure to keep warm. A special prize of €200 will be handed out to the club with the most attendees and there will be plaques for all those attending.



BORN TO BE WILD: Bikers will take part in a rally to Marina del Este.

Those who have not yet registered, will be able to do so on Saturday from 11am.

At 11 pm there will be a live concert along with dancing, finishing with a male and female striptease and

music from Fran DJ.

On Sunday registration opens at 10am, with bikers setting off on a motorway tour to Marine del Este an hour later.

Last year, the event attract-

ed 1,280 people and aims to attract 1,500 this year. Participants will be able to purchase biker products from the festival's various stalls as well as enjoying food, music and a scenic tour.

Shopping and jazz music

ALMUNECA'S shops will be full on July 22 with a late night shopping and jazz festival throughout the town.

The event, which is in its 30th year, sees shops, museums and Almuñecar's castle open until midnight, accompanied by live music performances. German Ureña, president of the traders' guild, and Rafael Caballero Jimenez, councillor for Commerce, have presented the festival, encouraging locals and visitors to get involved.

Mr Caballero Jimenez explained the event "will consist of musical performances taking place from 9pm from jazz groups playing in the Centro Comercial Abierto.

This will be combined with late night opening at monuments such as the Cueva Siete Palacios Museum and the Castillo de San Miguel with free admission from 9pm to 10pm, as well as an exhibition of local artists in commercial showcases."



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP: Rafael Caballero Jimenez and German Ureña launch the event.

The initiative, which has the support of the council's Department of Culture, sees Almuñecar's Trade Association become more involved in cultural activities organised by the council.

The two bodies are now planning further events together which are well-received by locals and visitors, including 'Shopping Night' across several summer nights.

Ticket frenzy for beach festival

THE countdown to this year's Weekend Beach Festival at Torre del Mar continues.

The Prodigy are set to headline the event, which takes place from July 5 to 8, with additional performances by Rosendo, LA, Matthias Tanzmann and The Royal Room.

The event, which takes place on Torre del Mar's beach, has been running every year since 2014 and sees tens of thousands of music lovers camping out next to the sea. Tickets cost from €40 and can be bought at www.weekendbeach.es, with 95 per cent already snapped up.

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Hacked off to Nick

THOSE REGULAR READERS will recall, I have been following the case of Gordon Ramsay's father-in-law Chris Hutcheson. He has been sentenced to six months in prison after admitting conspiracy to hack the chef's computer systems after he was sacked from his role as chief executive of Gordon Ramsay Holdings.

Hutcheson Snr, 69, and his sons, Adam Hutcheson, 47, and Chris Hutcheson Jr, 37, admitted a scheme to hack into Gordon Ramsay Holdings (GRHL) between October 23, 2010 and March 31, 2011. The two sons were given four-month jail terms, suspended for two years.

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It brings to an end a long, bitter quarrel where the whole of Ramsay's wife Tana's family were under investigation. Fortuitously it has come to an end as The Gordon Ramsay Group has announced a return to profit for the first time since 2012, driven by 'strong trading' across its 14 London restaurants, according to audited results

for the year ending August 31, 2016. The 31-strong group reported profit after tax of £739,000, up from £2m loss the previous year, and revenue up 3.2 per cent to £51.9m.

However I don't get the feeling that the family will be gathering for Christmas lunch any time soon.

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A hen's egg is quite simply a work of art - a masterpiece of design and construction with, it has to be said, brilliant packaging.

Delia Smith

It's in the bag



WHICH TYPE OF PLASTIC CAUSES THE MOST PROBLEMS?

MUCH IS MADE about plastic bags and the charges made by supermarkets and other retail outlets. I have never quite understood why such a fuss is made solely about plastic bags. A far greater quantity of plastic is used for packaging. Just about everything in a supermarket comes with a polystyrene type base - covered in plastic film. Other items come packed in sealed plastic bags such as bacon, ham, smoked salmon and the like. Not to mention the small plastic bags for your vegetables and fruit! What happens to all this?

But that's nothing compared to things purchased in a hardware store. Rigid plastic packaging that are lethal to open. The same applies in auto accessory shops and toy stores. And don't let us forget plastic water bottles, oil bottles and even in garages with all the oils, liquids etc all in hard plastic containers. All in all, far greater amounts, than plastic bags. So unless there is a levy to the manufacturers on these containers, then the plastic bag seems to be the only plastic for which there is a charge. There is a difference between the types of plastic of course. The rigid stuff (water bottles, containers etc) can be recycled - hence the reason for our yellow bins.

So what happens to the two cent charge in Spain or the 5p charge in the UK. In the UK the amount of plastic bag usage has gone down by 85 per cent since the introduction of the charge which is pretty impressive. But the UK government made £18 million from this, because 1p of the 5p goes to the chancellor the supermarkets, they then give some of the rest of the 4p to charities. Some as much as the whole 4p and others, a measly 1p. Which charities you may ask? I would like to think it was for cleaning up beaches and oceans!

Here in Spain the charge is two cents. But that is all going to change next year when every retailer will be obliged to charge a minimum of five cents up to an eye watering 30 cents for a bag.

Oh, and what happens to the hard plastic when it is recycled? It goes in to making rigid packaging... funny old world!

Why don't all supermarkets use brown bags like the United States. Destructible, burnable and free of charge!!

Speaking of Nicks!

PLANS TO TRANSFORM two wings of Bodmin Jail in Cornwall into a 63-bedroom hotel have been unanimously approved by Cornwall Council.

Twelve architects submitted proposals earlier this year to redevelop the Grade II-listed jail into a hotel, alongside a visitor experience, teaching and learning resource, and a venue for private hire.

The £30m project could start development in October, with the site scheduled to be completed in 2019. A hotel operator is yet to be named.

Chris Wilkes, the manager of Bodmin Jail, said "We're absolutely



BODMIN NICK - SOON TO BE A PLACE YOU MAY WANT TO STAY!

delighted to have achieved this unanimous decision. It's great news for the jail, for its owners and for not just Bodmin itself but for the whole county."

"Sorry darling, won't be home this evening, I've been detained overnight!!"

Going, Going, Gong

MANY HOSPITALITY NAMES were among the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Throughout the industry, hoteliers, restaurateurs, company directors were awarded a mixture of MBEs and CBEs including a sprinkling of well-known Indian restaurateurs and chefs, especially north of the border. But perhaps better known names to our readers will be that of Delia Smith and Sir Terrence Conran. The latter came to prominence as a designer in the 60's with the iconic Habitat brand. A passionate foodie and wine connoisseur he soon branched out into the restaurant business.

Conran founded Conran Restaurants in 1991 with Joel Kissin before the business (now D&D London) was sold in 2006 to David Loewi and Des Gunewardena as part of a management buy-out. Conran still owns Bibendum in London, which earlier this year was relaunched with



DELIA - QUEEN OF COOKS.

chef Claude Bosi at the helm.

Television presenter and cookery book writer Delia Smith has been on our TV screens for as long as many of us can remember. At 76



CONRAN - BY DESIGN.

years of age, she still writes prolifically but some years ago she decided she did not want to make any more TV programmes as she became disillusioned when she was

asked to entertain rather than educate.

Both were awarded Companions of Honour; she, for services to cookery but Conran for design.

ON THAT NOTE I will bid farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

Garry Waite is a foodie and restaurateur as well as an 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

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the region embraced expats from around Europe.

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

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Saying Adios to Spain? Enjoy serious savings when sending money back to the UK.

If you're planning to send money back to the UK from Spain, getting the right support could make all the difference - particularly in the current climate. While Spain remains one of the most popular European emigration destinations, recent events have left some expats reconsidering their tenure here in Spain.

Since the UK voted to leave the EU in June 2016, it's fair to say that uncertainty has been the order of the day. And with the UK's Brexit negotiations getting a bit of a battering before they'd even begun thanks to the surprising outcome of the 2017 UK general election, the outlook for British nationals living abroad remains murky.

When UK PM Theresa May called for a snap general election back in April, bets that the Conservatives would increase their majority helped the pound climb. However, opposite results have reduced confidence in the government's ability to negotiate a good deal for Britain while the GBP/EUR exchange rate dropped to its lowest levels since November 2016.

While the pound weakness is bad news for anyone needing to buy foreign currency with Sterling, it does mean anyone selling euros for pounds will get more for their money.

So, if you need to move money back to the UK from Spain, what three things should you be aware of?

1. Transfer timing

As the past year has shown, exchange rates are capable of sudden, dramatic movement. The pound dropped 8% in the wake of the EU referendum result and lost 2% on the day after the UK general election.

Timing can make a huge difference when it comes to getting the best return on your currency transfers, so stay up-to-date with the latest news if you want to be able to time your transfer effectively and move your money when the exchange rate is in your favour.

2. Transfer fees

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Woman occupies her own property in Barcelona

THE potential dangers of companies such as Airbnb have been highlighted by the plight of a landlady who has had to occupy her own property.

Although long term rental prices have increased and availability of such property has decreased in Barcelona, a new scam has been uncovered whereby professional tenants obtain multi leases for different apartments.

In this particular case, the landlady signed a rental agreement with an individual charging €950 per month on a long-term lease.

She was however horrified to

discover, after she was unable to contact the tenant, that he had changed the locks and then advertised the property in the tourist area of Barceloneta through Airbnb for €200 a night.

The only way that she could gain access to her own apartment was to book it through Airbnb and once she had gained entry, she changed the locks again and made a formal complaint to the company according to local newspaper *La Vanguardia*.

In fairness to the company, they immediately withdrew the entry on their website, but there are claims that this is not an isolated occurrence but is part of a

professional scam being undertaken in Barcelona at least.

The City Council has an exceptionally low opinion of the internet letting company, fining it €600,000 for advertising properties such as this which do not comply with local short term letting regulations.

The renting of accommodation both short and long term is becoming increasingly popular and lucrative but owners of properties will be well advised to ensure that subletting is banned and that they comply with local and national holiday let regulations where appropriate.



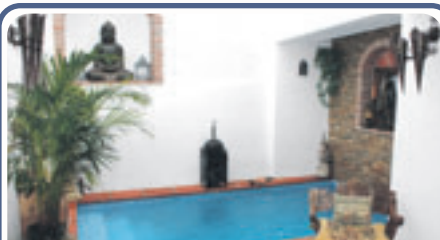
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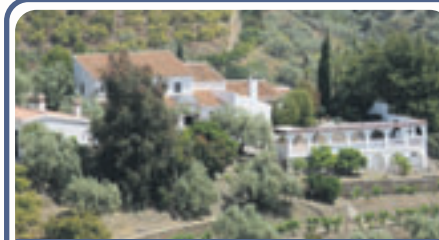
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Banking on the future

A MAJOR British property developer is set to invest €500 million in Spain over the next five years. Global Student Accommodation (GSA) has bought over Nexo Residencies, a Spanish developer of student digs formerly owned by American outfit Oaktree Capital Management.

The move brings GSA hundreds of rooms and apartments in strategic student and central areas of Spain's biggest cities and thousands more which are still being built.

These are award-winning 21st century accommodations that are a far cry from student stereotypes and will fetch high rents from international students.

GSA are banking on Spain's continued evolution as one of Europe's premier student destinations, with hundreds of thousands of youngsters expected to be looking for rooms next year.

Touch of a button

'DIGITAL natives' are posing a new challenge for the real estate sector and property developers. One both arms of the industry are eager to meet.

Tech-savvy home buyers represent a new generation who have very different ideas about what they want from their properties than their parents had.

Robust construction has been substituted by robotic systems and smart designs. Young professionals who grew up with computers now expect a property where electricity, energy, sound and climate control can all be synchronised and changed at the touch of a button.

They want to be able to control the finer points of home living remotely, using smart phones to put the oven on or close the downstairs window.

Such increasing demands have sparked a response. The Spanish Congress of Intelligent Buildings is now in its fourth

year. The most notable evolution has been the application of new technologies in residential homes, rather than being confined to the experimental headquarters of innovation companies.

The trend can only get stronger. Many of the new 'digital natives' are aged 25-40 but already considered dinosaurs by the internet generation hot on their heels.



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Capers - A Mediterranean wonder

GRAEME TYRRELLFEW plants have the wondrous qualities of the Caper plant (*Capparis spinosa*). To orna-

mental gardeners it is sometimes called the Flinders Rose.

The Caper's white petalled flowers with contrasting sprays of long violet stamens and just a single stigma are sweetly and

delicately scented which gives them a unique appeal. Butterflies love caper flowers so they are a good way to attract butterflies to your garden.

But they are not usually grown just for the beauty of their flowers. They are mainly grown to provide the traditional Mediterranean delicacies of caper buds, caper leaves and caper berries.

These are not the only advantage for the Mediterranean gardener who wants to enjoy their time in the garden without too much fuss. The capers are one of the best adapted plants to grow in the Mediterranean climate.

Once established they are about as hardy as a plant can be. They only grow to a maximum one metre high and spread to two metres. They will survive the long hot summers without needing supplementary watering at all. They need minimal pruning as they usually die back in winter, so they just might need clipping back to the stump in winter.



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FLINDERS ROSE: Beautiful flowers of the caper.

Many of my neighbours just cultivate over the capers in their fields with their tractors but the caper plants return again the next spring. The caper's deep root system makes them almost indestructible so you might only need to be sure that where you plant them they can stay.

Capers will also survive in the poorest of soils so any additional soil improvement is to help them thrive rather than survive. They can sometimes

be seen growing in rock crevices and stone walls to demonstrate their strength as a plant.

They will grow in full sun to partial shade. Traditionally in some almond-growing regions they are planted between the well-spaced out almond trees where the sheep are used to keep down the grass and weeds.

Sheep don't usually bother the capers much as capers have

spines to deter the sheep. If you grow them in a domestic garden you can find spineless varieties that make harvesting and caring for the plants much less painful.

The caper buds are the best known part of the plant. They are commonly served along with olives and pickles in Spain. They are also an ingredient in tartar sauce.

Contrary to most fruits or berries, the smaller the bud the greater it is valued, so harvesting the newly formed buds when less than the size of a pea gives the best quality. Early morning before sunlight is on the plant is the best time to harvest. The caper berry is the matured seed after flowering, so the flower buds that are too big to harvest can be left so you enjoy the flower and can later reap the berry. The berry is more commonly used in Greek dishes (Mezze) as are the leaves.

Caper plants are a great way to appreciate the wonders of Mediterranean gardening.



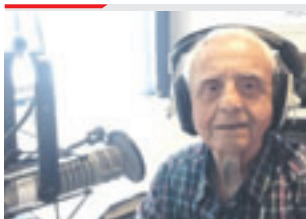
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PUPPY-PROOFING your home protects your possessions from damage and your new pet from unexpected harm. With a little forethought and effort, you can make your house a safe habitat for your new friend while keeping your sanity and maintaining the relationship. Consider these steps.

How should I prepare my home for our new puppy?

Take the following measures:

Keep all poisonous or hazardous items out of your puppy's reach. This includes cleansers, gardening

Puppy-proofing

products, insect sprays, medications and any other harmful items. Puppies can be quite persistent; make sure yours can't get to anything by jumping or nosing open a cabinet door.

Do your best to make electrical and phone cords inaccessible.

Research your plants. Many common household plants are hazardous to dogs. Make sure harmful plants are out of reach and that leaves won't fall where your puppy can reach them.

Make sure your puppy can't access any dangerous areas. Consider everywhere your puppy can reach. Can he fit through railings on the stairs or on a deck and possibly fall? If so, you may need to cover the openings with chicken wire until he's larger.

How can I protect our possessions?

Eager, active pups don't have a concept of how expensive your household objects are. Prevent ac-

cidents by:

Removing expensive rugs and throws until your puppy is older and house trained.

Moving waste bins, toilet paper rolls, tissue boxes, etc, that are within reach.

Keeping children's toys out of reach or in chests with latches.

What puppy supplies should I have on hand?

Prepare for puppy with the following:

A safe and comfortable place for your puppy to sleep

A crate/den/playpen for when you are out

Puppy food, dishes and toys

Cleaning supplies for those inevitable accidents

Collar, leash and pooper scooper

Plan ahead and be prepared for your puppy's homecoming to make the first days with your new companion less stressful and more enjoyable. Let the puppy sleep in

The Rainbow Bridge poem

THE real Rainbow Bridge is near Lake Powell, Arizona, and is a sacred Indian stone bridge.

The legend says:

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All of the animals who had been ill or old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. Her bright eyes are intent; her eager body quivers. Suddenly she begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, her legs carrying her faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

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Plan B for British cars

BRITISH cars are getting more British than ever, just as manufacturers warn a 'hard-Brexit' would be disastrous for the industry. The next two years of negotiations will be crucial but the biggest fear is widespread uncertainty spooking much-needed investment.

The good news is, recent efforts to make the UK's car industry more independent seem to have made a difference. The Automotive Council has revealed that 44 per cent of parts for British cars are now sourced from within the country, the highest level in years, up from 36 per cent five years ago.

Production has shot up under the new laser-sharp focus on building British. The number of British built cars has risen by 72 per cent in under a decade while profits in the industry have skyrocketed.

But, the progress faces derailment if the Brexit talks flounder and UK-EU trade relations revert to World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules. Chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), Mike Hawes, said "no deal is simply not an option."

ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Infiniti Q60 Premium Tech

INFINITI is the stand-alone luxury brand of Nissan, pitched against premium models from BMW, Mercedes, Audi and Lexus.

The latest Infiniti is the Q60, a four-seat, two-door coupe with stand-out styling that turns heads and delivers fast, refined performance. It is also generously equipped – the kit list on my test model ran to 82 individual features!

Q60 prices start at €38,508 (£33,990) with flagship versions up to €52,897 (£46,690). My test model was a mid-range Premium Tech version with a

2.0 litre petrol engine and 7-speed auto gearbox, costing €42,700 (£37,690). With 208 hp on tap, the 0-100 kph time is just 7.6 seconds and top speed is 235kph (146 mph). It is not as 'green' as some rivals, but otherwise performs brilliantly.

Progress is smooth and responsive, with a suitably sporty but not over-intrusive note from the twin exhausts. The auto box is seamless, the steering precise and intuitive, the ride quality understandably on the firm side but overall still very comfortable. I found the Q60 a beautiful, effortless drive. It delivers

on other fronts too. The visual styling is elegant, with a very distinctive look, and the potent front-end design makes German rivals appear rather muted.

In the cabin, the good impression continues with use of quality trim materials. The dashboard is well laid out, with twin dials behind the steering wheel and twin screens on the centre console, one for infotainment and sat-nav, the other for driver-information and connectivity features.

Access to the rear is tight but once inside, the back seats are surprisingly spacious with plenty of legroom, though tall passengers will find headroom slightly compromised. The boot is a large boxy shape, offering 352 litres of space and the rear

seat folds down to accommodate longer items.

Highlights from the 82-item equipment list include alloy wheels with run-flat tyres, BOSE audio system, intelligent cruise control, forward collision warning and emergency braking, blind-spot intervention system and all-round monitor with moving object detection and parking guidance. You also get LED lights, front and rear sensors, dark maple-wood interior trim and memory-linked drivers seat, steering wheel and door mirrors.

The Q60 is more exclusive than most rivals, generously equipped, with great driving dynamics and eye-catching visual cachet. It is a formidable contender in the niche luxury performance sector.

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Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalusia Classic Car Club, the most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

Classic Car Club of Andalusia

All change at the last minute



It's just like someone has thrown the switch..." was the comment of one CCCA member, referring to the way the weather had suddenly just changed, without warning, into that of a typical mid-summer hot Andalusia day. This was the weather for the day of the Club's monthly classic car run held in June.

It was indeed as if someone had thrown the switch and turned up the heat to high-summer levels.

The June CCCA run had originally meant to start from Venta Peligrino, just off the Ojen road above the La Cañada shopping centre. The restaurant suddenly decided to take their annual vacation instead, leaving the Club needing a new start venue. Luckily, another Venta, Venta Barranco, which was only 150 meters further along the same road, saved the day and turned out to be eminently suitable for the Club's needs. Very friendly people who really enjoyed having the CCCA there and provided very good food - especially their full cooked breakfast. Yummy!

In fact, organiser Ian Giles had had to prepare a complete new route at the last minute as the restaurant picked for the lunch had changed their minds about how much they could offer lunch for, and upped the price considerably. Needless to say, that was not acceptable, and so another restaurant was chosen necessitating a complete new route!

A wonderful collection of 40-plus classic cars had gathered at the start, which was not only very enjoyable for the participants but also for the many spectators that stopped just to



have a look at and appreciate these beauties. Spanish people are always so wonderfully enthusiastic when it comes to seeing these classics. It's always a pleasure to show them the cars!

Several new members turned out to sample their first-ever CCCA classic car run and some seemed a little nervous when presented with the Tulip Roadbook for the first time. However, this style of navigation is really easy and all were more than happy by the time they made it to the finish. Not one crew got lost!

More drama unfolded as the cars left Ojen, heading for Coin, as the road was closed due to a horrendous car and truck crash that required the helicopter ambulance to land on the main road to rescue trapped drivers. The road quickly reopened and the route was then unaffected.

The route by-passed Coin and took the new section of A-355 road, cutting out Villafranco del Guadalhorce, and heading for the A-357 to Zalea.

Here the route stopped for its first break of



the day at the ever popular Bar La Herradura where coffee, much-needed cold beers, and tapas were enjoyed by all.

After the break, cars headed for Casarabonela and then Alozaina. A very beautiful and enjoyable part of this run before by-passing Tolox and then Coin again.

Another essential pit-stop was arranged on the Ma3303 at Barranco Blanco, between Coin and Alhaurin, this time to take on supplies of chilled Cava, essential to the well-being of the average classic car nut!

The last section of the route came down from Alhaurin through Puerto Vaca and down towards La Cala where a first class lunch was enjoyed at the excellent Venta Jinete. It must be said that Venta Jinete have always provided thoroughly excellent food and service and is very popular with CCCA members.

All cars made it safely to the finish and it must be said that breakdowns are a very rare thing on these monthly classic car runs, which is testament to the love and care lavished on these cars by their enthusiastic owners.

The next CCCA classic car run is on Saturday, July 8.



The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club

NOT only the CCCA are busy with classic car events but the JEC (Jaguar Enthusiasts Club) are also putting on monthly car runs in a similar style to that of CCCA but for Jaguars of all ages. The cars, that is, not necessarily the owners!

Last Saturday morning the JEC gathered at the Hotel Tamisa Golf to start their run which went to El Refugio near Marbella and then finished with lunch at Sheriffs Bar, on the beach just past La Cala. A number of CCCA members participated as they were already staying at the Tamisa Golf Hotel and were recovering from the CCCA Summer Ball which

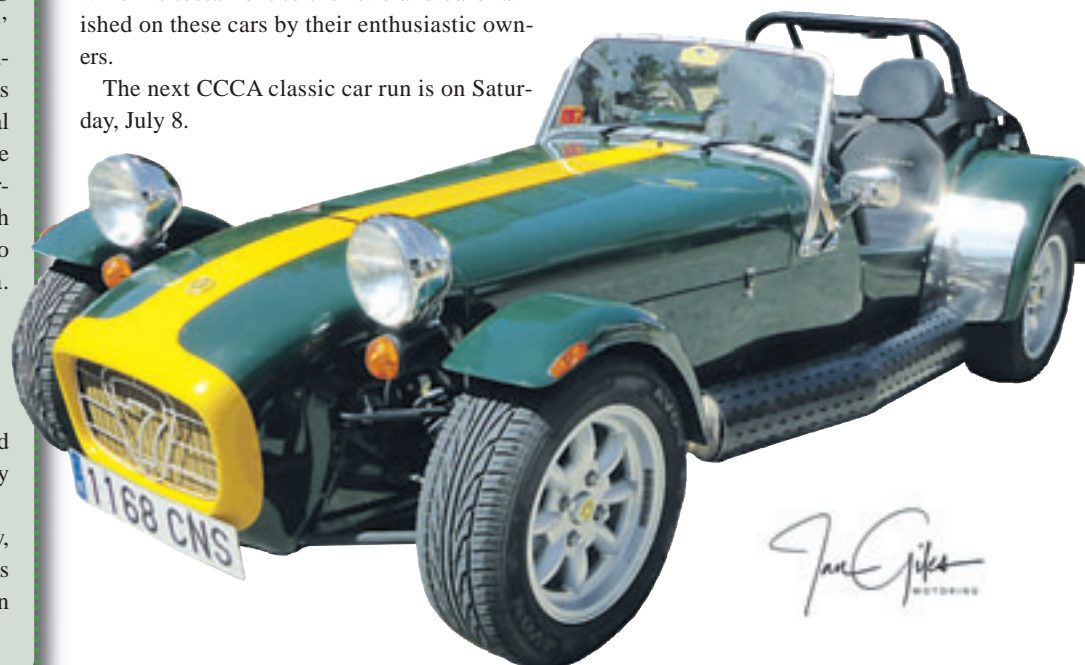
took place there the night before! A few hazy hangovers were reported by some but all had thoroughly enjoyed this traditional, annual event. Food and wines were excellent with near 100 people enjoying all that and especially the entertainment from one of the very best performers on the coast, Johnny G, who kept everyone rocking, rolling and up dancing the night away!

The next CCCA classic car runs will happen in July and August, but will be shorter than usual to try to combat the heat, especially for the bulk of the Club's classic cars that don't have the luxury

of air conditioning!

In September, the Club celebrates its 9th 'birthday' and there will be a celebration party night at Treetops Restaurante in El Chaparral on Tuesday the 5th. The classic car run then on Saturday the 9th will also finish with a huge party at Avanto Beach Club near La Cala. The amazing rock-n-roll band, the Memphis Trio, will be performing live on the decking there overlooking the beach which should provide a memorable day out.

That's it from me for now, I'll be back in two weeks time. Enjoy the photos on this page.



Ian Giles
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Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalusia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com. Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con él.



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lost the first Test by 30 points to 15 against New Zealand at Eden Park in Auckland. The second Test takes place in Wellington on Saturday; the third and final one is back in Auckland on July 8.

CRICKET

England's cricketers have once again beaten South Africa, this time by two wins to one in the T20 series. They won the first game by nine wickets at Southampton; lost the second by three runs at Taunton and won the third by 19 runs in Cardiff. Dawid Malan scored 78 on debut in the latter game.

It's Surrey versus Nottinghamshire in the Royal London 50-over Cup final at Lords on Saturday. And the women's cricket World Cup is now underway but England's lassies didn't start too well, losing their opening Group game against India by 35 runs. Their second versus Pakistan took place on Tuesday.

And the 'voice of cricket', 77-year-old Henry Blofeld, OBE, a BBC Test Match Special commentator for 45 years, will retire in September.

FORMULA ONE

Lewis Hamilton was battered, bumped, hampered and crushed by 'Mad Max' German Sebastian Vettel in last Sunday's hectic Azerbaijan Grand Prix. Daniel Ricciardo (Red Bull) won the race with Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) second and 18 year-old Lance Stroll (Williams) third.

Vettel, who finished 4th in Sunday's Bacu race now leads the driver's championship by 14 points from Hamilton (5th).

MOTOGP

Italian ace Valentino Rossi won last Sunday's Dutch MotoGP in a very exciting finish, ahead of fellow countryman Danilo Petrucci and Spain's Marc Marquez.

CYCLING

On Saturday, the 104th Tour de France gets underway in Dusseldorf. Riders will cover 3,540 kilometres over 21 stages in 23 days.

TENNIS

Spain's Feliciano Lopez won the men's singles title at Queen's club last weekend, while Petra Kvitova triumphed in the women's tournament in Birmingham.

And the ever-impressive Roger Federer is back to form - he won his ninth Halle title in Germany last Sunday.

Wimbledon fortnight starts on Monday... and the draws for both singles tournaments takes place today. And GB's Dan

Evans has tested positive for cocaine.

England meet Germany and Italy played Spain earlier this week in the semi-finals of the European U21 championship.

And it's Chile v Germany and Mexico v Portugal in the Confederation Cup semi-finals.

Liverpool have signed ex-Chelsea star Mohamed Salah from Roma for £34m.



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