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Four arrested over militant links

Terror probe

By Matthew Elliott

A terrorist propaganda cell active on Mallorca was targeted in coordinated National Police raids early yesterday morning.

Four suspected recruiters for Daesh were arrested as armed officers battered down the doors of multiple addresses in Inca, Ariany and Binissalem.

The raids on Mallorca were coordinated with two further arrests of radical preachers in the UK and Germany. A 44-year-old Imam captured in Birmingham is the leader of the recruitment cell.

Police believe he travelled to Palma in 2015 to set up the Mallorca wing of a pan-European effort to lure young Muslims into violence against the west and fighting jihad in Iraq and Syria.

Daesh is responsible for

attacks on Manchester, London, Berlin, Nice, and Paris as well as bloodshed across the Middle East.

A statement from the National Police headquarters in Madrid said the Mallorca cell had been busy since his arrival. The group praised recent terrorist atrocities across Europe and spread violent ideological material online.

In their possession were videos of extremist Salafi preachers, and detailed blueprints on how to radicalise vulnerable Muslims in Spain and beyond.

As yet there is no indication that they themselves were planning an attack on Mallorca or elsewhere.

The Europe-wide anti-terror organisation was instigated by Spanish intelligence services two years ago. They found a video trail online narrating the story of a young Muslim



ARRESTED: In dawn raid.

resident in Spain who went to fight for Daesh in Syria.

The promoter of the videos was revealed to be the radical Iman based in Birmingham.

European intelligence services spent two years garnering evidence against the preacher, who was extremely cautious. It is expected that he will be extradited from the UK to Spain to face trial.

Bottle stabbing horror

A BRITISH tourist was stabbed with a broken bottle in a sickening attack by two other British men caught on CCTV in a Magaluf hotel.

His attackers were held but later released from police custody, sparking outrage.

The prolonged assault came after the victim reportedly knocked on a hotel room door to ask two Brits to stop pelting people with eggs from their balcony.

He was then savagely beaten, stabbed and kicked in the head while defenceless.

Though the details are hazy the attack seems to have sparked a larger brawl which forced a fourth British tourist to take his chances climbing between balconies to escape. It is believed that he was an acquaintance of the victim desperately trying to elude the attackers.

Revellers down on the street were unaware of the terrifying circumstances and began chanting, shouting and egging him on. Some even flashed laser pens at him, trying to throw him off balance as he clambered along the second floor.

The fight took place at the Coconut Apartments on the Punta Ballena party strip.

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Mistaken identity

A HOLIDAYMAKER sparked chaotic scenes in Magaluf as revellers crowded to get their picture taken with Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman, although it was in fact a man from Luton named Norman.

New horizons

BUDGET carrier easyJet announced two new routes connecting Palma with Bordeaux and Venice, the former route on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the latter Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Up and up

THE average price of a property in desirable southwestern Mallorca has rocketed by 25 per cent since the turn of the year, according to German real estate experts Engel & Völkers.

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

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

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.



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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.

Numbers in the news
14,927 the number of refugees Spain must take in to reach its target in three months



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Off with their heads

TWO militants connected to a far-left separatist group were arrested in Palma for burning photos of King Felipe. The men are members of Arran, a republican outfit which urges its followers to burn effigies and photos of the royal family. The two young activists burned photos of the king and then refused to allow police to search them.

Suicide doubt

THE family of a German expat who allegedly committed suicide while in the custody of Palma police want answers over the 35-year-old's untimely death. Mohamed EA, a German national of Moroccan descent, was found lifeless in his jail cell 90 minutes after being arrested by police following a huge Paseo Marítimo brawl on March 25.

Pop up threat

PIRATE taxis are nothing new but now Mallorca faces a new challenge, from pirate bars, clubs and restaurants. These establishments open without paying any taxes, cram in as many people as they can punting cheaper food and booze, then close either just before police arrive or when they are raided.

Rubbish wars

MANY Palma residents are up in arms over the number of recycling containers that continue to overflow in certain districts of the city, as municipal workers strike over the state of their outdated fleet of vehicles, as contractor Emaya confirmed the first five new lorries will arrive by July 5.

Bottoms up

A SCOTTISH man on a Magaluf lads holiday sparked a social media frenzy after a friend filmed him downing two bottles of Buckfast tonic wine in just 19 seconds without spilling a drop, meaning he drank 23 units of alcohol, five short of the fortnightly recommended

maximum for an adult male.

Bath death

AN inquest in the UK found that a British nanny holidaying in Magaluf drowned in her hotel bathtub after drinking too much. Samantha Johnson from Blackpool was found dead in the room last May after worried

guests saw water spilling out from under her door.

Budget boom

THE new 75 per cent discount on flights between the Balearic Islands for residents came into force at midnight last night (Wednesday), with routes on offer for around €20 each

way, while boat journeys will cost just €12-€18, after the Balearic council increased savings by 25 per cent.

Hate storm

NATIONAL POLICE have arrested a man in Palma de Mallorca for publishing more than 4,000 hate messages on social media targeting LGBTQ, religious and ethnic minorities. Among the more offensive messages was the pro-Nazi tweet 'Adolf Hitler's project was good for Europe.'

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 cobble 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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Injured shark sparks panic

BEACHES across Mallorca have been declared safe after panicked bathers fled Illetes when an injured blue shark was seen thrashing just metres from the shore.

The 1.5-metre long shark has since been captured and put down by vets at the Palma aquarium. It had sustained a severe head injury from a harpoon, believed to have struck the animal before the chaotic scenes on Saturday afternoon.

The response in the international media has provoked some humour on the island. The relatively

docile tintorera was being compared to a fearsome man-eating Great White spanning three-metres long within minutes as video footage of terrified bathers did the rounds.

Unfortunately the real danger in Mallorca's beaches isn't blue sharks but a lack of them and their substantial dwindling in size in recent decades. Fishermen on Mallorca have reported only one incident of a bite in the past 70 years, but worry that their ecosystems are being destroyed by pollution and hunting.

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- 2 No let up for historic heatwave in Spain - **3,296**
- 3 Huge wild fire threatens Doñana national park in Huelva as hundreds evacuated - **2,797**
- 4 Two dead after 'kamikaze' French driver careers into oncoming traffic in Tenerife - **2,462**
- 5 Missing man found dead in Almería - **1,599**

Poll of the week

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Should the Pamplona bull run, and other similar local events held in various towns and villages, be banned?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

On the anniversary of the Brexit vote, do you wish the referendum result had been different?

Yes = 58% • No = 42%

Top Social Media comments

British employee saves Icelandic cat at Alicante Airport: Pleased at the happy outcome but an appalling service from the airline's ground crew/handlers and a traumatic experience for the poor cat and its humans - especially in that heat-wave.

Sir Leapy doesn't sound right: Can't argue with conclusions about Theresa May. Trouble is none of her potential replacements look any better.

50,000 trapped in beachfront town as Huelva fire rages on: How awful! Heart-breaking. Thinking of those fighting the flames and those in danger... I remember this as a lovely part of Spain.

We have ash dropping on gardens in Barrosa at the moment. Really bad you can smell it across from the Bay of Cadiz. Houses gone, animals, even birds are dropping out of the sky!! It is chaotic!!

Soaked and bedraggled fugitive hands himself in to Gibraltar Police: The days of British criminals hiding in Spain seem to be over.

UK Government plans to register EU citizens: I'm married to a Spaniard, been together 17 years and live here in the UK, wonder what happens to people in our situation who have married someone from another EU country.

Photo of the Day. Exhausted firefighters sleep outdoors in Portugal: Definitely heroes. Wonderful job they do, stay safe guys, Bless you xx

Dog beaches to open for summer in Marbella: Totally agree, from experience the dog beaches can be cleaner than some others. Nappies, plastic bags, cans etc left on beaches here by some tourists, on the dog beach people pick up after themselves and their dog. Respect!

British stabbing suspect arrested in Benidorm: Well done to the Local Police. I hope he has the book thrown at him, lock him up in a Spanish prison for a few years then deport him to serve more time in a British prison.

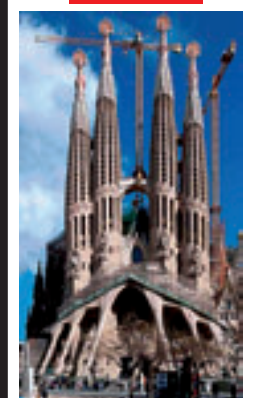


TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Vietnamese language has six different tones, and a change in tone changes the meaning of a word.



The first fish and chips restaurant was opened in 1860 in London by Jewish immigrant Joseph Malin.



The Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona, has been under construction for over 130 years and it's only expected to be complete by 2026.

Did you know?

The parachute was invented before the airplane in 1617 by Croatian inventor Faust Vraneia. Jean Pierre Blanchard was probably the first to use a parachute in an emergency, escaping a hot-air balloon in 1793.

Lost in translation



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Dead man walking

By Matthew Elliott

SHAMED politician Alvaro Gijon has admitted his career is "as good as dead" and quit the Popular Party. His resignation follows witness testimony that the high level PP member enjoyed cocaine-fuelled orgies at the expense of an alleged gangster.

Still, Gijon has volunteered to take toxicology tests to clear his name. He and another senior politician, Jose Maria Rodriguez, have been implicated by a star witness who once ran a Palma brothel.

She claims they were on the payroll of Tolo Cursach, the nightclub boss facing 80 years on extortion, murder and racketeering charges. Last week she testified with visible injuries after surviving an apparent assassination attempt by two hitmen.

Judges are now calling for extra security for witnesses, lamenting that it is nearly impossible to find anyone willing to testify against Cursach, who is now languishing in a mainland prison.

Rival politicians are now calling on the PP to kick Rodriguez out of the party too. Colleagues have so far shown sup-



ALVARO GIJON: His career is over.

port, refusing to condemn the pair without a guilty verdict. But Podemos leaders accuse the PP of behaving like a "crime syndicate following the Omerta code of silence."

Death by misadventure

A BRITISH father-of-seven celebrating his 50th birthday with a trip to Mallorca died due to 'misadventure' after being caught in a thunderstorm while out swimming, an inquest has ruled.

Mike Knight was on his first trip abroad when tragedy struck in September last year. The 49-year-old security guard from Salford was trapped under dangerous waves near Magaluf and sustained severe brain damage, passing away three weeks later at Son Espases hospital.

Bolton Coroner's Court heard this month how Mr Knight went swimming near Palmanova despite a serious storm whipping up, describing himself as a strong swimmer.

When he went out into the water a green flag was still flying. But it changed to yellow while he was out and he almost drowned under the quickly changing tide. When lifeguards rescued him he was unconscious.

It later emerged that he had developed pneumonia and suffered a bowel haemorrhage. His

partner of 10 years told coroners that he had been having a terrific time until then on the island, but that she had no recollection of ever seeing him swim before.

The coroner said in his ruling that he felt Mr Knight "decided

to do the one thing he had probably never done and go into the sea on his first holiday abroad in Majorca."

Alan Walsh ruled death by misadventure, adding that the family man would have been deceived by the strong currents.

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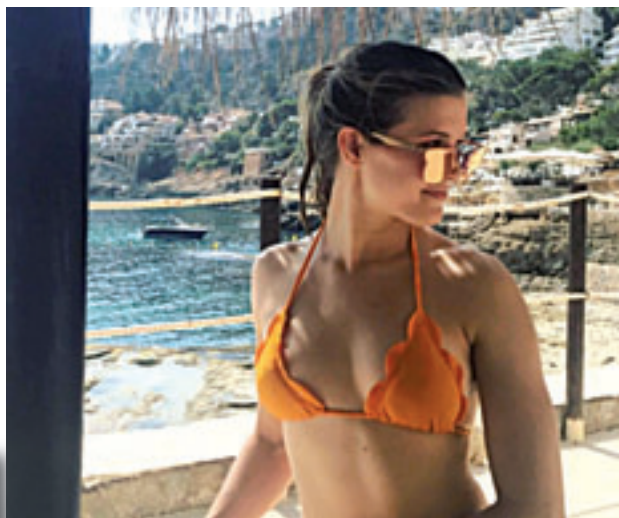
Wow factor

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.

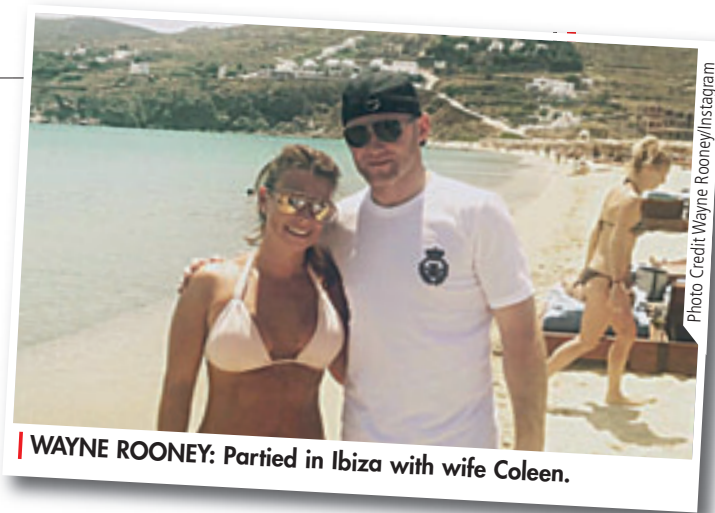


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WAYNE ROONEY: Partied in Ibiza with wife Coleen.

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."



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NEWS EXTRA**Marty McFly**

BACK to the Future star Michael J Fox was spotted touring Andratx during a trip to Mallorca. The 56-year-old Canadian also starred in Spin City and fights for Parkinson's research.

Towel fight

GERMAN tourists have incurred the wrath of beach umbrella vendors in Peguera who are furious that they borrow beach gear from a travel agent office down the road rather than use their merchandise.

Big money

SPENDING from foreign tourists has shot up on the Balearic islands. In April alone foreigners spent over €1.4 billion, which is a rise of 12.8 per cent on last year. Numbers have also risen substantially.

Nude hunt

ANOTHER naked rambler was spotted at Palma airport, weeks after an exhibitionist sparked a police hunt. The latest showman was however wearing shoes and a tight thong last Friday morning.

Sold off

REAL Madrid president Florentino Perez is no longer associated with Son Espases hospital. His company, ACS, built the hospital but have sold it to a French investment bank for €43.3 million.

Boxed in

START up companies can now hire a kiosk in central Palma for €70 per week where they can promote their services to the public in the unusual settings of a newspaper stand.

By Matthew Elliott

Island's 64 commandments

FOLLOWING the recent spate of Brits behaving badly in Magaluf, Calvia's set of 64 public decency rules are getting more airtime as the authorities come under intense pressure to launch a crackdown.

The decency regulations were established last year but locals are at pains to

note that almost every single one of them has been flouted by rowdy Brits in recent weeks.

Aimed at transforming Magaluf from a notorious party zone into a family friendly paradise, most of the rules are common sense.

Uncontroversial demands include no weapons, violence, abusive language, property damage, littering, vandalism and begging.

Bar owners have to reduce decibel levels, not serve food in public spaces, not serve anyone who is drunk, main-

tain good order and respect that people rest from 8pm until 8am.

But some other rules are so blindingly obvious or odd sounding that they could only be made in Magaluf.

These include bans on tree climbing, flower damaging, defecating, drinking from showers, sex in public, tipping people off about police, jumping off balconies and sawing off tree branches.

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FIREFIGHTERS acted quickly to bring a wildfire which yesterday (Wednesday) broke out in Portopetro, Santanyi, under control.

Around two hectares of pine forest was incinerated during the blaze, which forced the evacuation of 15 homes.

Hanging fire

After initially being declared a level two incident due to the flames' proximity to houses, it was swiftly downgraded to level one, the lowest grade, after an aero-

plane, three helicopters, a fire engine with water pump, 26 environmental officers and local brigades from Lluçmajor and Manacor launched their offensive.

The flames eventually subsided following a three-hour battle during which no-one was injured.

Three other fires were also reported in Es Rafal Nou, Marratxinet and Santa Eugenia on Wednesday, but these were smaller and caused no serious damage.

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.

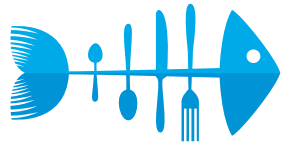
Those affected by the fire seem to have some considerable reason to criticise their council for spending so much money on the refurbishment of the block to apparently make it appear more attractive to visitors and wealthy residents whilst ignoring safety aspects such as internal sprinkler systems.

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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BORIS BECKER: Tennis star trying to sell Mallorcan villa.

Becker goes bankrupt

BORIS BECKER is facing growing pressure to sell his plush Mallorcan villa. The tennis star was declared bankrupt in London earlier this week.

Defence lawyers hoping to prevent the dec-

laration noted he still has a €6 million estate in Son Coll near Arta in his name. Unfortunately the property has been constantly engulfed in controversy since the German legend bought it in 1997 for €500,000.

Becker was forced to demolish much of the estate due to illegal construction. A foreclosure sale has been avoided three times by his crack legal team but his luck appears to have run out.

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Tables truly turned

HAVING successfully gotten the world on side in the battle against British sickness cheats, Mallorca's hotels have set

themselves a new challenge. Prices are expected to rise by up to 10 per cent next season.

The industry has played hard ball with tour operators who urged hotels to keep rates close to this year's levels, already at record highs.

Those who have invested heavily in renovations want a serious return on their money, having transformed themselves into luxury three or four star hotels in just a few years.

Leaders at the Mallorca Hotel Federation are also acutely aware that, with insecurity rising around the world, the island remains a safe bet for millions of European holiday-makers eager to stick to what they know.

Hotels have also improved their business nous. Marketers are now selling rooms directly online in ever-growing numbers, reducing dependence on tour operators.

Meanwhile more computer savvy tourists also prefer booking direct, cutting out the middle men even at the expense of a package deal.

Now the tables have turned and hotels have the upper hand over operators, whom many consider a dying breed.

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DEMOGRAPHICS on Mallorca are bucking national trends with the island being one of the few places in Spain where the number of people born each year is higher than those who die. The population growth is largely driven by foreign-born mothers.

The Balearic Islands top the table when it comes to birth rates among women with foreign passports. Out of every 100 children born last year on Mallorca and the is-

Ticking expat time bomb

lands, 27 have an expat mother. This is well above the Spanish average of 18.

Last year 10,564 children were born on the islands, a decrease of 0.3 per cent on 2015. Meanwhile a total of 8,003 people died, a decrease of 3.8 per cent on 2015.

The figures allow the Balearics to maintain a relatively stable population, unlike mainland Spain which is in the throes of a negative spiral. African refugees are now being planted in Spanish ghost towns in a desperate effort to repopulate them. No

such measures are needed on Mallorca as yet.

Interesting statistics were also shed on weddings registered in the archipelago last year. There were 4,709 marriages on the Balearics in 2016. Among them just 15 per cent were Catholic ceremonies, showing the changing cultural tide. One in four weddings involved at least one foreign national.

Bullfighting debacle

BULLFIGHTING season on Mallorca got off to a disastrous start as the island prepares for strict new laws restricting the sport. A fight in Muro to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arena was supposed to be a major spectacle but instead fell into farce.

Even before it began there was a half hour delay when the matadors refused to compete without first receiving their pay. Only after an insurance representative whizzed round to pay them half up front did the fight get underway.

Later, after the first bull had been killed, the manager of the horses decided he too wouldn't continue without first being paid. The show was interrupted for 30 minutes and resumed again under



BULLFIGHTING: Soon to be much less bloody on Mallorca.

dim lighting after dusk.

The audience grew tetchy and eventually chucked

chairs and other objects into the ring to mark their distaste. Many were expecting more drama and action. Bullfights on Mallorca are set to undergo major restrictions that will make the spectacle far less bloody.

Numbers in the news
€5.7 million is the amount singer Madonna has paid for a palace in Portugal



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NEWS EXTRA

Fatal collapse

A TEENAGE girl was tragically killed when a stone pillar attached to her hammock collapsed on her at an Esporles hostel on Monday. Sant Pere celebrations are cancelled as a mark of respect.

Cool wave

SLEEP is finally on the cards with lower temperatures predicted for the weekend. After reaching the high 30's the mercury will drop to around 27 degrees tomorrow and around 18 degrees in the evenings.

Feast time

THOUSANDS of Muslims gathered in Son Moix stadium to celebrate a feast after finishing a particularly hot Ramadan fasting season. Around 3,000 Mallorcan faithfuls took part in the religious event.

Boris Johnson's take on sickness scams

BRITISH foreign secretary Boris Johnson has expressed his support for new campaign, Stop Sickness Scams. In his *Telegraph* column the conservative politician discussed a letter he received from the Association of British Travel Agents, detailing the astronomical scale of false food poisoning claims from UK tourists in Europe.

Writing that, if the figures are to be believed, 'the digestive systems of the British people had become the most delicate in the world,' the foreign secretary described the scams as an 'injustice.'

'We have all a t

some time been laid low by a dodgy prawn; but these numbers seemed outlandish,' he wrote, adding 'It is deeply unfair on those who genuinely do fall ill, since they may now find themselves the objects of unjustified suspicion.'

'And, of course, it is unfair on the vast majority of British holidaymakers whose costs will inevitably rise to meet the burden of all these bogus claims.'



Johnson's remarks will surely be welcomed by Mallorca's hotel industry which has dealt with a 500 per cent increase in the number of compensation claims since 2013, despite health standards improving.

Threats to ban British tourists from package holidays, raise prices and stop all-inclusive offers seem to have worked. Stop Sickness Scams is a UK-based movement urging the British government to clamp down on insurance scam artists targeting holidaymakers and thus raising costs for honest travellers.

Mallorca police have already arrested two British nationals in connection with soliciting fake food poisoning claims.

BORIS JOHNSON: Knows the perils of an occasional dodgy prawn.

Beware of riot police

POLICE in Palma may soon start using water cannons to disrupt rowdy revellers.

Police officers have been flouting their new heavy duty water tank for cleaning purposes after the recent holidays, but councillors note it could instead be used to disperse unwelcome crowds.

The news comes days after police broke up a huge brawl between German and Polish tourists at the Ballermann nightlife hub. Just a few weeks ago Scotland and England football fans clashed violently on the same streets.

More of the same can be expected during a busy summer. Recourse to the water cannon would, however, be a last resort. Officers are well aware that British and German media would have a field day if a riot broke out, though they would likely enjoy the support of fed up local residents.

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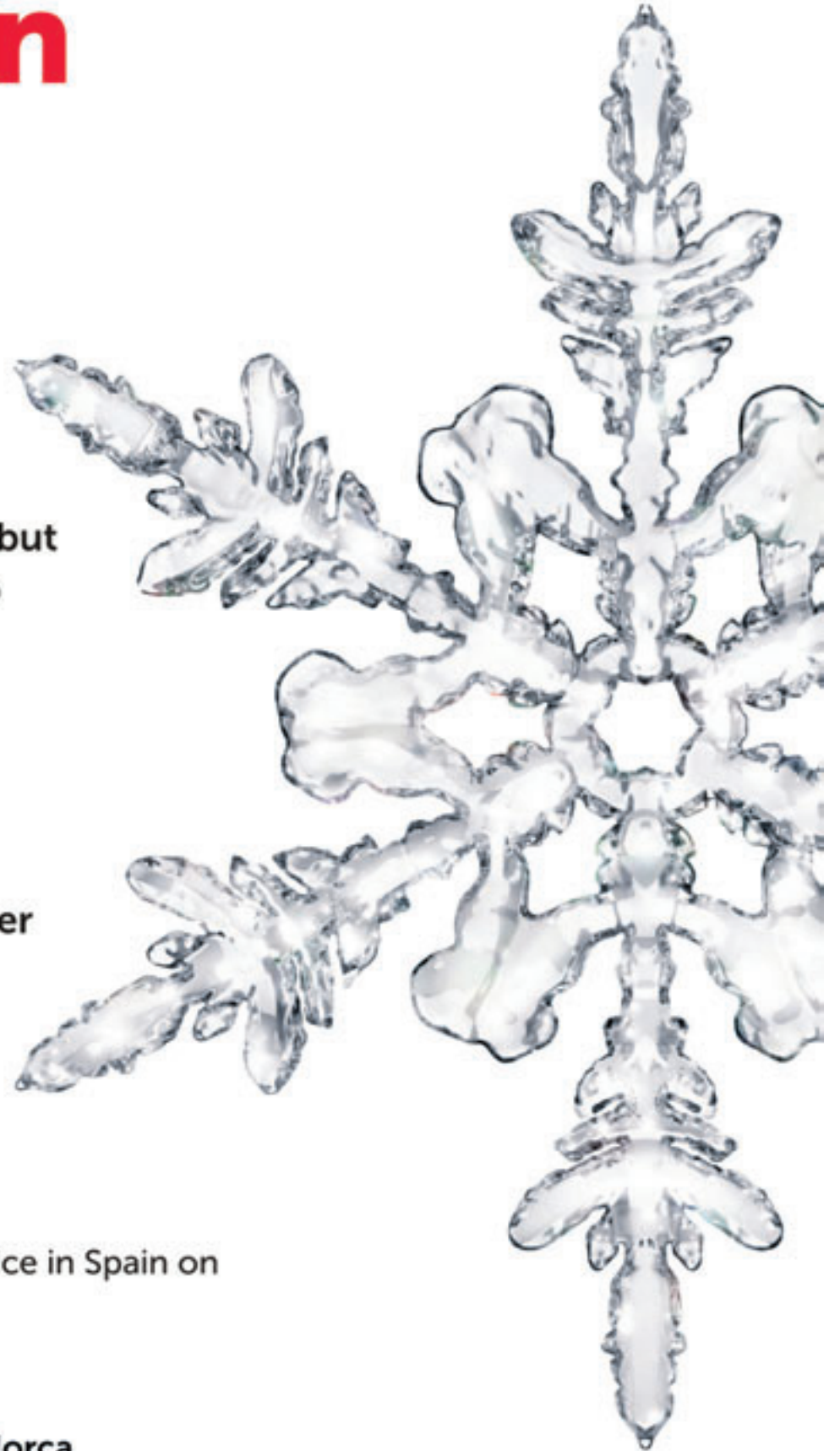
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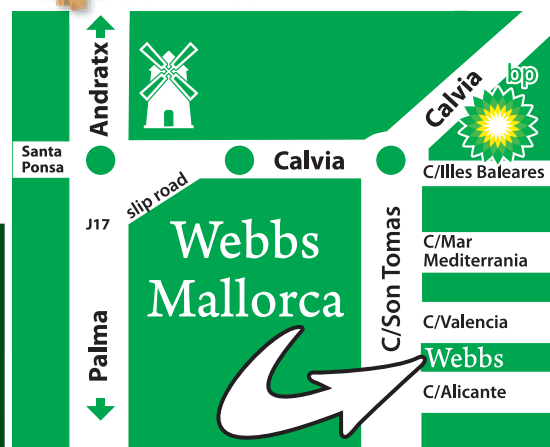
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POLICE are investigating after a video surfaced of youngsters leaping into the sea from a statue in Colonia de Sant Jordi over a bed of rocks amid fears that someone will inevitably be killed.

Crystal clear

THE marine reserve of Cala Ratjada celebrated 10 years of being an officially protected territory. The 11,000 hectare space is now clean, well managed, and secure from cruises and fishing.

In recovery

AN 86-year-old lady crossed a busy Palma street on a red light and was hit by a city bus. She survived but is in serious condition at Son Espases hospital.

Truck smash

A BMW driver was killed when he collided head-on with a truck on the road between Arta and Can Picafort. The vehicle then burst into flames. The truck driver escaped with minor injuries.

Voyage to Deception Island

A DECORATED naval officer is leading a Mallorcan mission to Antarctica to provide logistical support to a Spanish scientific base.

Captain Antonio Donis of the General Command of the Balearic Islands will use his military experience to lead a team of scientists to the vast frozen continent for a chilly four month spell.

The Spanish base in Antarctica is one of the country's oldest but lesser known military missions. That will soon change with updates to the satellite connection allowing scientists there to share their work on social media channels at home.

Researchers at the base study



DECEPTION ISLAND: And the Spanish base Gabriel de Castilla.

earthquakes, volcanoes, climate change and, of course, penguins.

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Donis and his crew will spend the next six months training vigorously for the perilous journey.

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Table of shame

NEW research shows that the Balearic Islands have the unfortunate distinction of being the worst region in Spain for domestic violence. With 20.96 cases per every 10,000 women in the first quarter of 2017, the islands are far above the Spanish national average of 16.03.

Only Murcia, Valencia and the Canaries come close to abuse incidents registered on Mallorca and the islands. From January to March a total of 1,174 Balearic women suffered physical abuse, 380 of them foreign nationals. And these are just the incidents reported to police.

Oil drilling battle looms

MADRID is interfering with Balearic plans to stop oil prospecting in the Mediterranean Sea, around island waters. Measures to protect the islands and the environment against oil drilling were recently unanimously approved by all parties in the Balearic parliament.

But the national government, under prime minister Mariano Rajoy, has vetoed the Balearic bill.

All parties in the national parliament support Rajoy's veto, setting the stage for a regional dispute between

Palma and Madrid.

Spain's national government fear that banning oil prospecting in its deep Mediterranean waters will unnecessarily reduce revenue and ultimately force more spending to meet energy needs.

Balearic politicians are furious because Madrid's use of the veto is supposed to be exercised with restraint.

MARIANO RAJOY:
Prime minister vetoed Mallorca's green energy plans.



Madrid has already wielded it once this year, halting a proposal to establish a flat rate for residents on inter-island flights.

In April the Balearic parliament passed a bill rejecting hydrocarbon exploration in order to 'protect the sea under Spanish jurisdiction from deterioration.'

Deputies were immediately summoned to Madrid to explain the decision.

The national government claims that the matter is under its jurisdiction as they are Spanish territorial waters.

Spain would also have to pay upwards of €160 million in penalties to big oil companies who already have concessions to drill under the seabed.

Numbers in the news

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Sibling abuse

A YOUNG man accused of sexually abusing his six-year-old stepsister faces six years in prison. Repeated incidents allegedly occurred during family trips to Inca over the course of months.

Tourist tax

NEXT year the eco-tax could double. Podemos say their support for the coalition government will depend on a higher tax on tourists that properly compensates islanders for their loss of living standards.

Porn fiend

JUDGES in Palma jailed a man for distributing child pornography from his Palma home. The 31-year-old was caught with 1,500 illegal videos and images during coordinated police raids across Spain.

Tough love

DRIVING topless, bare-foot, with flip flops, sandals or heels is punishable by a €200 fine under health and safety laws. Tooting the horn to hurry people up is also a civil offence.

Gay pride

CITY buses are draped in the rainbow colours of the LGBTQ flag to mark Gay Pride week. Yesterday a rally was held through Palma with colourful festivities throughout the day.

Super cycle

ROUGHLY 250 cyclists sped 93 kilometres across the island to help raise money for charity. The goal is to make hospitals on the Balearics more human. Racers celebrated with a giant paella afterwards.

Profits or peace?

A LONG overdue public debate on the holiday rental phenomenon took place in Sa Riera during a special conference held by the University of the Balearic Islands.

It pitted public questions against a panel of accommodation providers from major global companies, ecologists and hotel chiefs.

Representatives from HomeAway and Airbnb supported their companies' role on the islands, claiming to have generated a combined economic impact of €1.5 billion. They described subtitled accommodation as a legitimate economy which provides essential income to thousands of Mallorcan homeowners.

The Airbnb spokesman

said the companies had democratised tourism by ending the monopoly of hotels and allowing both homeowners and guests access to a truly free marketplace.

“ Green activists say that home rentals should be taxed highly.

A representative for the islands' hotels said that the new industry risked a "speculative apocalypse" driving house prices up and forcing people out of their homes to make way for short term letters.

A lawyer on the panel said that much of the controversy was caused by the wild variety of regulations which apply differently to hotels, apartments and villas.


It was also noted that fines of €4,000 were hardly a deterrent when accommodation platforms can earn €40,000 from one property.

Another sticking point was tax. Green activists have argued that, if the trend is to continue, home rentals should be taxed highly to raise money to protect the environment from the resultant tourist saturation.

Hoteliers agree but many homeowners whose income largely depends on renting out their properties fear that heavy taxation would force them to raise prices and thus lose out to wealthy landlords able to keep rates artificially low.

VILLAS: Home renting can be lucrative but what are long term costs?





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Nightmare scenario confirmed

OLIVE trees across Mallorca face a major cull after summer following recommendations from EU scientists dispatched from Brussels. Hopes that xyella fastidiosa, a bacteria described as 'olive ebola' could be contained without resort to destroying hundreds of thousands of trees appear to have been dashed.

The spread of olive ebola, which poses an existential threat to dozens of plant species, is so severe that it cannot be contained simply by pulling out the thousands of sick trees.

Instead the EU scientists have advised rooting out all plants within a 100 metre radius of any sick trees, which will have a devastating impact on the olive oil and almond indus-

tries. There are at least 1,800 confirmed cases, meaning countless thousands will be removed.

Blockades have already been established around Balearic ports preventing the export of most tree species in case olive ebola spreads to the mainland. It is thought to have first arrived on Mallorca after being shipped to a garden centre, hidden in bark originating from elsewhere in southern Europe.

The EU decision is not final but will be determined in a few months. But farmers across Mallorca are resigned to their fate. In Italy, where one million trees were culled due to the bacteria five years ago, the industry is still trying to recover.



ENDANGERED: Mallorca's olive trees facing severe cull.

NEWS EXTRA

Cave ruined

A CAVE so big it could squeeze in the Palma Cathedral has been closed. Experts say excess hiking is on the verge of destroying Alaro's 'Avenc de Son Pou' cave.

New fleet

PRIVATE bus companies across Mallorca will renew their fleets with 1,000 new vehicles in the coming years. A 60-passenger bus costs around €300,000, with €40 million already being invested this year.

Lethal water

HEAVY metal pollution in the Bay of Palma is posing a severe environmental threat according to island eco-group GOB. They are urging restrictions on cruise boats to allow the waters to recover.

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Diamonds are forever

A SPECIAL concert was held on Tuesday evening to pay tribute to Guy Hamilton, the British film director who died at his home on Mallorca last spring. The tribute was attended by other stars of the British film scene who are on the island for the Atlantida Film Fest.

It was held at the stunning Bellver Castle and

saw the Chamber Film Orchestra perform some big hits from British cinema soundtracks, including Live and Let Die and Goldfinger.

Hamilton died aged 93. He lived in Andratx, fought in the Second World War and directed four Bond films, including The Man With the Golden Gun and Diamonds Are Forever.

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Green fingers



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GREEN FOCUS: Francina Armengol.

THE quest towards energy independence on Mallorca will begin with the output from Alcudia's coal station being halved by 2020. Balearic president Francina Armengol says the move will cut total emissions from the island by 20 per cent.

The older parts of the coal-fired station still emit dangerous sulfur and nitrogen particles in alarming quantities. It has been

at the centre of controversies surrounding Mallorca's continued reliance on fossil fuels despite ample solar and wind power opportunities.

Armengol claims her administration will bolster solar energy output by 10 per cent by 2020 and also stop heavy oil combustion on Menorca, replacing it with natural gas exploitation. That move alone would reduce CO2 emissions

by 33 per cent and particle emissions by 98 per cent.

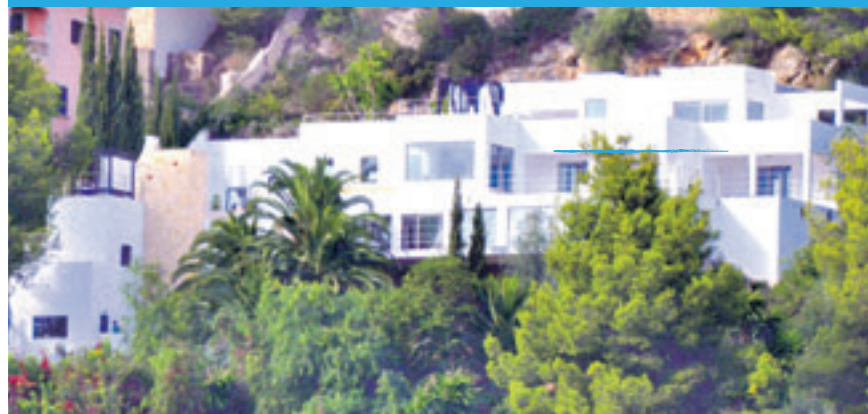
Long term the goal is to see all of the Balearic Islands entirely energy independent by 2050. The islands would be fuelled by completely renewable sources developed on their own territory. Earlier this year experts at the Smart Island Congress described the goal as entirely possible, arguing all that is needed is political willpower.

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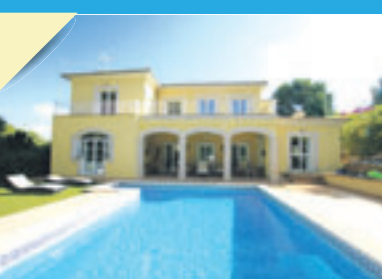
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Bendinat Golf:

Fabulous south facing sea view villa on the golf course.

6 large bedrooms all en-suite

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.



Casa S.M. del Rey

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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Cheaper broadband

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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Associated British Foods	2,917.00	-15.00	-0.51	23,393.97
Admiral Group	2,041.50	5.50	0.27	5,709.89
Ashtead Group	1,637.00	17.00	1.05	7,892.76
Antofagasta	765.00	-7.00	-0.91	7,635.46
Aviva	516.25	-12.25	-2.32	21,484.47
AstraZeneca	5,290.00	-111.00	-2.06	69,717.35
BAE Systems	675.00	25.00	3.85	21,157.58
Babcock International Group	910.00	6.50	0.72	4,532.67
Barclays	198.55	1.00	0.51	33,383.30
British American Tobacco	5,893.00	411.00	7.50	102,265.10
Barratt Developments	553.75	-11.25	-1.99	5,724.74
British Land Co	623.50	2.00	0.32	6,374.53
BHP Billiton	1,130.00	-13.50	-1.18	24,236.02
Bunzl	2,457.00	117.00	5.00	7,848.96
BP	443.05	-13.30	-2.91	89,909.55
Burberry Group	1,764.00	9.00	0.51	7,733.04
BT Group	285.90	0.00	0.00	28,088.79
Coca-Cola HBC	2,266.50	-96.50	-4.08	8,705.80
Carnival	5,015.50	-174.50	-3.36	11,128.21
Centrica	214.40	5.90	2.83	11,337.20
Compass Group	1,684.50	16.50	0.99	27,300.78
Croda International	3,903.50	-39.50	-1.00	5,175.56
CRH	2,873.50	51.50	1.82	23,750.50
ConvaTec Group	336.30	0.90	0.27	6,545.24
DCC	7,032.50	-107.50	-1.51	6,413.23
Diageo	2,271.75	-33.25	-1.44	58,807.52
Direct Line Insurance Group	346.95	-13.55	-3.76	4,907.38
Experian	1,620.50	1.50	0.09	15,135.29
easyJet	1,298.00	-39.00	-2.92	5,310.67
Fresnillo	1,594.00	-11.00	-0.69	11,495.54
G4S	340.75	8.15	2.45	5,160.60
GKN	349.80	3.90	1.13	5,950.85
Glencore	287.88	8.38	3.00	40,571.58
GlaxoSmithKline	1,672.25	-36.25	-2.12	84,685.48
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,339.50	1.50	0.11	6,313.18
Hammerson	592.75	4.25	0.72	4,616.53
HSBC Holdings	670.95	-9.75	-1.43	137,102.81
International Consolidatd Air Grp	602.75	4.25	0.71	12,493.32
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,688.00	301.00	6.86	8,346.27
3i Group	944.25	35.75	3.94	8,755.39
Imperial Brands	3,593.00	18.00	0.50	34,355.40
Informa	680.25	-14.75	-2.12	5,714.48
Intertek Group	4,393.50	-8.50	-0.19	7,131.85
ITV	186.35	3.55	1.94	7,120.95
Johnson Matthey	2,976.00	35.00	1.19	5,686.01
Kingfisher	305.35	2.55	0.84	6,665.97
Land Securities Group	1,060.50	31.50	3.06	8,041.95
Legal & General Group	256.25	-1.15	-0.45	15,311.21
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.68	0.00	0.00	48,079.18

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London Stock Exchange Grp	3,791.00	38.00	1.01	13,060.32
Micro Focus International	2,492.00	32.00	1.30	5,604.22
Mediclinic International	752.00	-5.00	-0.66	5,709.95
Merlin Entertainments	469.95	-20.15	-4.11	4,966.29
Marks & Spencer Group	357.80	14.90	4.35	5,506.21
Mondi	2,011.00	-47.00	-2.28	10,012.12
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	240.95	0.25	0.10	5,628.97
National Grid	1,020.00	20.00	2.00	34,412.34
Next	4,026.00	-21.00	-0.52	5,876.38
Old Mutual Group	196.40	-2.00	-1.01	9,574.00
Provident Financial	2,444.50	4.50	0.18	3,626.88
Paddy Power Betfair	8,712.50	47.50	0.55	7,373.97
Prudential	1,788.00	-9.00	-0.50	46,415.57
Persimmon	2,227.50	-50.50	-2.22	7,015.04
Pearson	710.50	0.50	0.07	5,811.58
Reckitt Benckiser Group	8,132.50	276.50	3.52	55,174.08
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	236.45	-9.15	-3.73	29,310.11
Royal Dutch Shell	1,991.50	-75.00	-3.63	92,466.15
Royal Dutch Shell	2,044.00	-52.50	-2.50	78,561.58
RELX	1,880.50	179.50	10.55	18,129.57
Rio Tinto	3,194.75	142.25	4.66	41,915.93
Royal Mail	439.80	8.10	1.88	4,298.00
Rolls-Royce Group	961.00	19.00	2.02	17,122.51
Randgold Resources	7,147.50	32.50	0.46	6,654.85
RSA Insurance Group	595.00	-26.00	-4.19	6,309.41
Rentokil Initial	286.65	3.35	1.18	5,221.70
Sainsbury (J)	253.50	0.10	0.04	5,482.92
Schroders	3,157.00	0.00	0.00	7,069.98
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Smiths Group	1,619.00	-8.00	-0.49	6,458.07
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	430.35	12.65	3.03	5,800.46
Smith & Nephew	1,410.50	41.50	3.03	12,092.20
SSE	1,501.00	-7.00	-0.46	15,093.23
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Severn Trent	2,388.50	79.50	3.44	5,436.41
Tesco	169.08	2.53	1.52	13,632.55
TUI AG	1,164.50	31.50	2.78	6,610.05
Taylor Wimpey	182.10	2.40	1.34	5,892.77
Unilever	4,519.50	234.00	5.46	55,034.77
United Utilities Group	890.25	-17.25	-1.90	6,126.77
Vodafone Group	223.70	0.00	0.00	59,677.54
Wolseley	4,873.50	8.50	0.17	12,362.88
Worldpay Group	310.00	-5.00	-1.59	6,304.00
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CATERPILLAR	104,110	+0.26%	0.270	61M
CHEVRON	105,00	+0.53%	0.55	198M
CISCO SYSTEMS	32,090	+0.75%	0.240	160M
COCA-COLA	45,25	+0.40%	0.18	193M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	80,9900	-0.43%	-0.3500	70M
EXXON MOBIL	81,61	+0.65%	0.53	345M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	27,5700	+0.07%	0.0200	239M
GOLDMAN SACHS	217,19	-1.17%	-2.58	85M
HOME DEPOT	151,3100	-2.68%	-4.1700	181M
IBM	154,11	-0.19%	-0.29	144M
INTEL CORP	34,1900	-0.49%	-0.1700	161M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	86,8600	-0.18%	-0.1600	308M
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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
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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%
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GlycoMimetics, Inc.	\$ 13.41	1.31 ▲ 10.83%
JMU Limited	\$ 2.28	0.22 ▲ 10.68%
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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
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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.

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.

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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
ticket prices
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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

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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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

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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.

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that the customer is fully covered in the event of any unforeseeable accident."

Helen continues "Most people under insure and so when a claim is made they are often left short of the amount they expected. We try to make sure that this doesn't happen to any of our clients."

The sincerity in Helen's eyes when she said this was more than believable. How refreshing to see an insurance company that really cares about its customers.

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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 peo-

ple 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!

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8:00pm Countryfile		6:00pm Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods are Made	2:35pm The Voice Kids	5:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:40pm Police Interceptors	7:30pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow		7:00pm The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway	4:05pm Bear Gryll's Survival School	6:35pm Homes by the Sea	3:40pm Made of Honour	8:30pm Premier League Legends
10:00pm Poldark		8:00pm Dragons' Den	4:30pm Hulk	7:30pm Channel 4 News	5:40pm 13 Going on 30	9:00pm Premier League Legends
11:00pm BBC News		9:00pm The Life Swap Adventure	7:05pm Local News and Weather	8:00pm Grand Designs	7:30pm The Flintstones	9:30pm Premier League Legends
11:20pm Regional News		10:00pm George Best: All by Himself	7:15pm ITV News and Weather	9:00pm Dunkirk	9:05pm That's So...1984	10:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour Highlights
11:25pm Weather		11:30pm Mock the Week	7:30pm Confederations Cup Final	10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale	9:55pm 5 News	11:00pm Football Gold
11:30pm Miranda Hart - My What I Call Live Show		12:00am White Gold	10:30pm The Loch	11:15pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	10:00pm Big Brother	11:10pm Football
12:30am The Week the Landlords Moved in			11:30pm ITV News and Weather	12:10am Trance	11:05pm OMG: Painted, Pierced and Proud	1:15am The Premier League Years
			11:50pm Lethal Weapon		12:05am The Vow	
			12:45am Take Me Out			
MONDAY 3 JULY		7:30pm Regional News	7:30am Bargain Hunt	6:00pm The Chase	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
	8:00pm The One Show	8:15am Bargain Hunt	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:20pm The Mentor	3:00pm Premier League Legends
	8:30pm Bus Wars	9:00am Antiques Roadshow	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
	9:00pm EastEnders	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	4:30pm Football Gold
	9:30pm The Betrayed Girls	12:00pm The Daily Politics	8:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	5:00pm Football's Greatest
	11:00pm BBC News	12:30pm Wimbledon 2017	9:00pm Amazing Animal Births	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
	11:30pm Regional News	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	9:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Dispatches	8:00pm MotoGP	7:00pm Premier League Legends
	11:40pm Weather	10:30pm Ripper Street	10:00pm Fearless	9:30pm How to Stay Well	9:00pm All New Traffic Cops	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	11:45pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm ITV News	10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	10:00pm Eamonn and Ruth Do Dubai	8:00pm Boxing
	12:15am Have I Got a Bit More News for You	12:10am Weather	11:45pm Killer Women	11:00pm 50 Shades of Gay	11:00pm Big Brother	12:00am Premier League Legends
			12:45am The Kyle Files	12:05am 24 Hours in A and E	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:30am Premier League Legends
	TUESDAY 4 JULY	7:30pm Regional News	7:00am The TV That Made Me	4:00pm David Dickinson's Name Your Price	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News
8:00pm The One Show		7:30am Bargain Hunt	5:00pm Tipping Point	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	3:30pm Premier League Legends
8:30pm EastEnders		8:15am Super League Show	6:00pm The Chase	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	4:00pm Fight Night
9:00pm Holby City		9:00am DIY SOS The Big Build	7:00pm Local News and Weather	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
10:00pm Broken		10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	7:30pm ITV Evening News	9:00pm Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List	8:00pm FIA World Rally	6:30pm Premier League 100 Club
11:00pm BBC News		12:00pm The Daily Politics	8:00pm Emmerdale	9:30pm Supershopper	9:00pm Championship Highlights	7:00pm Premier League Legends
11:30pm Regional News		12:30pm Wimbledon 2017	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	10:00pm Life Behind Bars: Visiting Hour	9:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
11:40pm Weather		9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	11:00pm ITV News	11:00pm First Dates	10:00pm The Hotel Inspector	8:00pm Live Horse Racing: Winning Post
11:45pm Cadet Abuse Cover-Up - Panorama		10:30pm Hospital	11:40pm Davina: Life at the Extreme	12:05am 24 Hours in Police Custody	11:00pm Big Brother	10:00pm Fight Night
12:25am Bus Wars		11:30pm Newsnight	12:40am The Chase		12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:00am Premier League Legends
		12:10am Weather				
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY		2:45pm Wimbledon	8:15am Bargain Hunt	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
	7:00pm BBC News	9:00am See Hear	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:20pm In the Dark	4:45pm Football Gold
	7:30pm Regional News	9:30am Great British Menu	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News	5:00pm Football's Greatest
	8:00pm The One Show	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	5:30pm Football's Greatest
	9:00pm Watchdog Live	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
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	11:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Wimbledon 2017	9:00pm Love Your Garden	9:00pm Ackley Bridge	8:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors	7:00pm Premier League Legends
	11:30pm Regional News	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	10:00pm Joanna Lumley's India	10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	9:00pm The Highland Midwife	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	11:40pm Weather	10:30pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	11:00pm ITV News	11:00pm The Windsors	10:00pm Where There's a Blame, There's a Claim	8:00pm Live Horse Racing: Winning Post
	11:45pm Room 101	11:30pm Newsnight	11:40pm Paul O'Grady for the Love of Animals: India	11:30pm Fargo	11:00pm Big Brother	10:00pm Fight Night
	12:25am Doctor in the House	12:10am Weather	12:45am Piers Morgan's Life Stories	12:30am Life Behind Bars: Visiting Hour	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:00am Premier League Legends

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WOULD your hand luggage pass the test for a trip-savvy, seasoned traveller?

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. Chose 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.

Do you have any great travel tips that you would like to share? Email me and we can publish the best ones next time: christina@globelink.co.uk.

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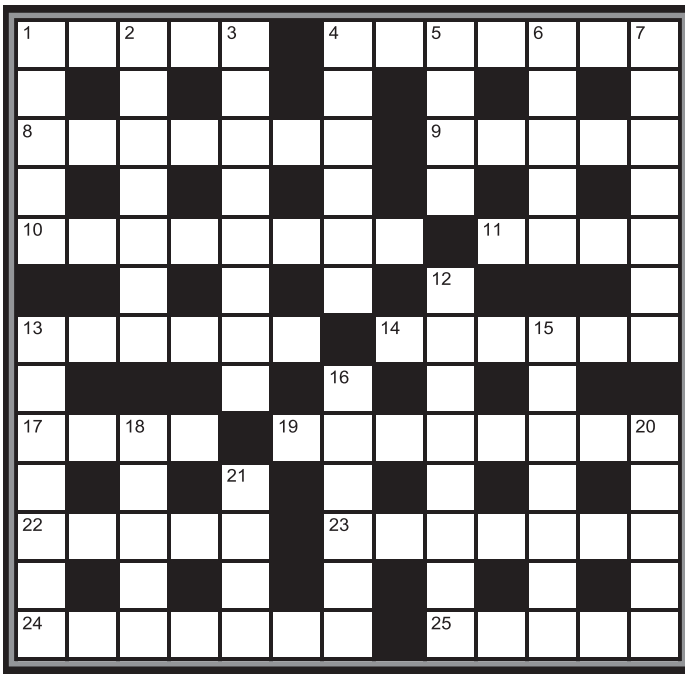
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Cryptic

- Across**
 1 Weapon seen in some circles as a breakthrough (5)
 4 I'm in afterwards as a reformer (7)
 8 Tree rat built a hideaway (7)
 9 Book space for Heather (5)
 10 Ready to destroy red paper (8)
 11 Hard time for an Olympian queen (4)
 13 One not eating more quickly (6)
 14 Gifted characters move restlessly (6)
 17 Usually had a friend (4)
 19 Blame the salesman and the fish (8)
 22 Burning coal in Nuremberg (5)
 23 Light metal ignited him outside the university (7)
 24 Apparition in Hampton maze (7)
 25 Some classicism earned a bad mark (5)

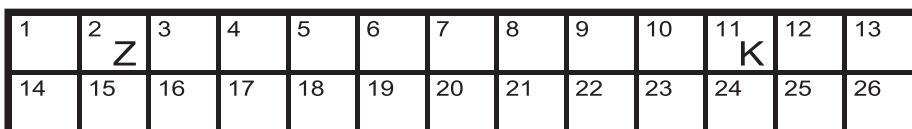
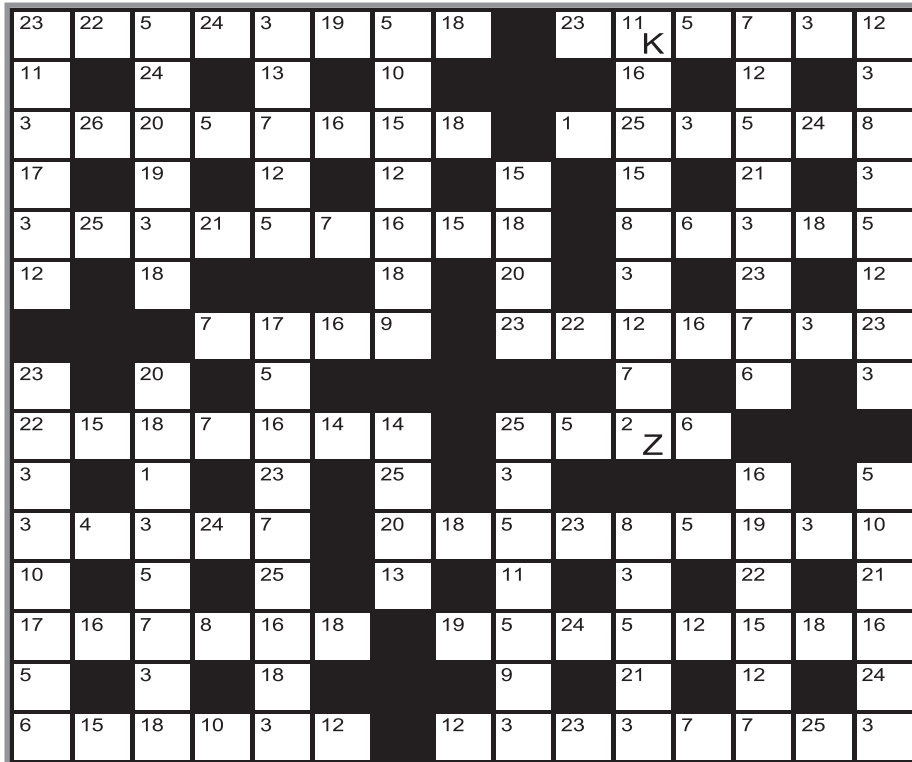


- Down**
 1 Way to strike or flog (5)
 2 Baseball players clubs (7)
 3 Disorganised Eve's late, so gets a lift (8)
 4 Carpenter's tools in the flat he's bought (6)
 5 First sign of taking up barmy army instrument (4)

- 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)

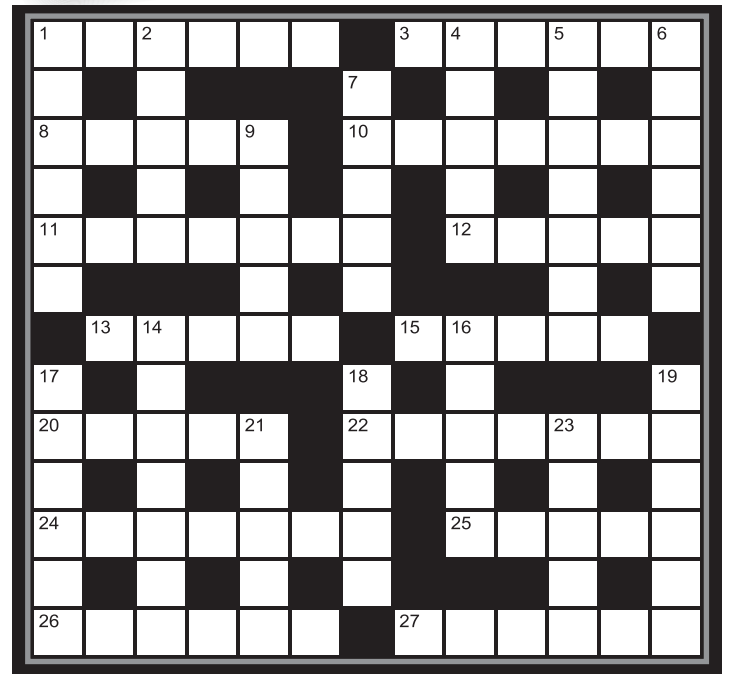
Code Breaker

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

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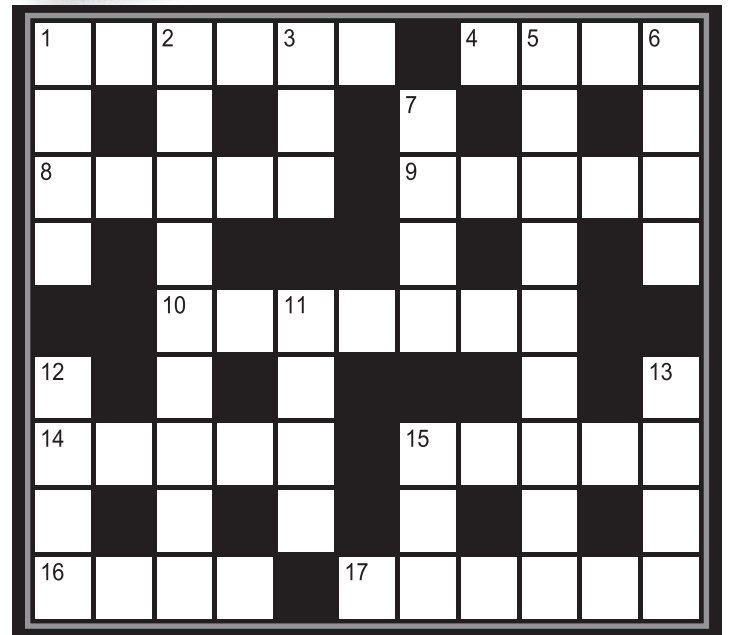


- Across**
 1 Not being in a specified place (6)
 3 Assistant (6)
 8 Velocity (5)
 10 Journals (7)
 11 Absence of sound (7)
 12 Experiments (5)
 13 Disturb the balance or stability of (5)
 15 Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
 20 Watchful (5)
 22 Put into a proper or systematic order (7)
 24 Ahead (7)
 25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

- 16 Buttonhole (of garment) (4)
 17 Agencia (6)
Down
 1 Bolsas (para llevar algo) (4)
 2 Beetroot (9)

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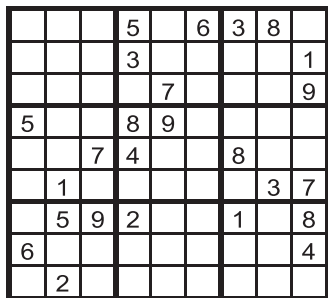
- Average: 7
- Very good: 15
- Good: 10
- Excellent: 19

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

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

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday June 24



IRISH LOTTO

Saturday June 24

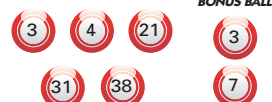


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Tuesday June 20



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.



SAGITTARIUS
(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.

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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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Jellyfish stings part 2



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

Are jellyfish stings dangerous?

In general, although irritating and sometimes painful, jellyfish stings do not tend to cause serious reactions. In some cases, mostly in children and the elderly, there can be extreme reactions that can cause people to die.

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:
jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com

What does your birth month say about your health?

RESEARCHERS from the University of Alicante say they believe that your birth month could be related to what illnesses and diseases may afflict you.

The scientists carried out the study on 30,000 people and mapped birth months to 27 chronic diseases to see if it made a difference to long-term health, and said they found there was a significant impact for some conditions. For example men who were born in September were almost three times more likely to suffer thyroid problems than those born in January.

Their study follows one from Columbia University researchers who found similar results in a study they conducted in 2015.

So what does your birth month potentially tell you about your health and what ailments could you be more prone to?

January

Men; constipation, stomach ulcer and low back pain while for women, they are more likely to suffer from migraine, menopause problems and heart attack.

February

Men; thyroid problems,



BIRTH MONTH: There was found to be a significant impact for some conditions.

heart conditions and osteoarthritis. Women; osteoarthritis, thyroid problems and blood clots.

March

Men; cataracts, heart conditions and asthma. Women; arthritis, rheumatism, constipation.

April

Men; asthma, osteoporosis, thyroid problems. Women; osteoporosis, tumours and bronchitis.

May

Men; depression, asthma and diabetes. Women; chronic allergies, osteoporosis and constipation.

June

Men; heart conditions, cataracts and chronic bronchitis. Women; incontinence, arthritis and rheumatism.

July

Men; arthritis, asthma and tumours. Women; chronic neck pain, asthma and tumours.

August

Men; asthma, osteoporosis, thyroid problems. Women; blood clots, arthritis and rheumatism.

September

Men; asthma, osteoporosis, thyroid problems. Women; osteoporosis, thyroid problems and malignant tumours.

October

Men; thyroid problems, osteoporosis and migraines. Women; high cholesterol, osteoporosis, anaemia.

November

Men; chronic skin issues, heart conditions, thyroid problems. Women; constipation, heart attack, varicose veins.

December

Men; cataracts, depression, heart condition. Women; chronic bronchitis, asthma and blood clots.

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Rock 'n' Roll is here to stay

TICKETS are still up for grabs for the Mallorca 'n' Roll festival taking place in Inca in just a few weeks. The punk rock festival takes place on July 15 at the Cuartel General Luque with tickets starting at just €29.

Headlining are none other than American punk rock legends, Bad Religion, who have sold over five million albums worldwide since storming onto the punk scene during the genre's heyday in 1980. The underground California kings - still going strong and preparing to release their seventh studio album.

The fantastic line-up includes local stars The Goodness, Toy Dolls, and No Children. The festival is a hidden gem on Mallorca for hardcore punk rockers, a demographic not often catered for. The arrival of Bad Religion is a huge coup for organisers and a move which will put Mallorca 'n' Roll on the European festival map.

Deep inside the imagination

TILDA SWINTON: Stars in The Seasons in Quincy at the Museu Mallorca.



FOUR full days of the Atlantida Film Fest are still left with cinema lovers having an excellent selection to choose from. Europe's biggest, entirely free film festival has been a resounding success since it began on Monday. It concludes this Sunday with the debut directorial effort from British actress, Vanessa Redgrave. Before then, there are almost a dozen powerful European films scheduled for showing at three iconic Palma locations.

Tonight for instance, festival goers can watch Park, a stunning Greek film about the ruined Olympic Village in Athens. A once inspiring sight for sports

lovers across the world, it now symbolises the country's economic devastation in the wake of the financial crash. Park is showing at Ses Voltes at 10pm.

“Cinema lovers have an excellent selection to choose from.

Alternatively, there is the Spanish premiere of Voices from Chernobyl, a harrowing look at the nuclear disaster which afflicted countless families in Ukraine and beyond, 30 years ago. It shows late this afternoon at the Ciutat Cinema at 7pm.

Tomorrow at the Ciutat Cinema, the Road Movie shows at 7pm. This is a wild trip into the bizarre reality of Russia's roads, where men fight, tanks roll and people willingly leap in front of cars for insurance money. Directed by Dimitri Kalashnikov, the film also veers into Russia's tense political

scene, evaluating the assassination of a top opposition leader just outside the Kremlin.

Meanwhile, at the Museu Mallorca tomorrow at 9pm, there is a fascinating tribute to John Berger, the great British art critic and writer. Weaving together a quartet of four short films, The Seasons in Quincy: Four portraits of John Berger, is a masterful work featuring conversations with Tilda Swinton and Tim Roth among others.

On Saturday, film buffs are treated to Robinu, a hard hitting documentary on teenage hitmen on the mafia-dominated streets of Napoli showing at the Museu Mallorca. On Sunday, at Ses Voltes, Sea Sorrow from Vanessa Redgrave debuts at 9.30pm, tackling the tough issues surrounding the deaths of thousands of migrants and refugees in the Mediterranean Sea.

Many more films are showing from a broad variety of genres. Tickets are generally free and the full schedule can be found on the Atlantida Film Fest website.

Fireworks at sea for the patron saint of fishermen

SANT PERE festivals are being held across Mallorca until late this evening, with vibrant fishing boat processions in dozens of towns and villages. The terrific yearly spectacle is especially popular in Alcudia and Andratx, which are really pushing the boat out for 2017.

Sant Pere is the patron saint of fisherman

and so, of huge traditional importance on Mallorca and the islands. Typically, there are flamboyant, loud and colourful processions on land and at sea, with tons of food, children's activities, games and free flowing wine.

Major parades take place today in both Alcudia and Andratx, by the port in both

cases. There are also important celebrations in Esporles with fire runs and music concerts planned for this evening. In fact, the party will continue a little longer in Esporles, lasting until tomorrow night, while in Andratx, generous councillors will keep the festivities raging right over the weekend.

Inland, there is also a terrific party in the small village of Buger. While not on the coast, Buger has a special affinity with Sant Pere and will be holding an exciting range of concerts, theatre performances, parades and even fireworks to celebrate. The party in Buger started last week and finishes tomorrow night with the fireworks display.

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Time for networking

AMBITIOUS expatriates interested in meeting other foreigners living on Mallorca for a personal and professional exchange of stories and ideas, are invited to a special networking event on the island. Hundredrooms, one of the world's biggest holiday rental search engines, is holding Hundredmeets, a terrific English language event geared towards business-minded expatriates.

Hundredmeets: Expat like a local takes place on July 27 at the Hundredrooms office in Palma. Spaces are limited and reservations can be made online at www.eventbrite.es.

It is entirely free to attend and the event takes place between 6.30pm and 8pm.

The driving idea between the event is that Mallorca is



NETWORKING: Time to shine for ambitious expats on Mallorca.

far beyond a simple sun and sea destination for many, especially European expatriates. Rather, the island represents substantial and unique business and investment opportunities for thousands of ambitious foreign residents.

Mallorca offers tremendous possibilities for savvy investors thanks to its multilingual and cosmopolitan business world and thriving and affluent expatriate community. At Hundredmeets, guests will be treated to in-

spiring personal stories from successful local expatriates and have the chance to mingle with fellow foreigners, perhaps even securing a business meeting or two.

Among the guest speakers are Balears Travel Bloggers member, Casey Hood from Canada, Urban Drivestyle founder, Ossian Vogel, from Germany and Pep Lemon founder, Cristoph Haffner, also from Germany.

After they share their very Mallorcan success stories, there will be an informal networking session held around the Hundredrooms offices. The experience is sure to offer expatriates from a huge variety of backgrounds, the chance to meet, share ideas and make potentially life-changing contacts.

The Balkan connection

TONIGHT (Thursday) offers a terrific opportunity to see marvellous, Mallorcan-Macedonian singer, Maika Makovski, perform her first gig on the island in more than two years. A Marratxi native, Makovski has lived in Madrid for years whilst touring the world extensively with top acts, including the Dubliners.

She will be bringing music from her latest album, *Chinook Wind*, released in 2016, to her home island for the first time. *Chinook Wind* was her first album in four years, during an intense spell when she truly embraced her Macedonian heritage, travelling around the Balkans.

There she encountered new styles of music and singing which she has now infused into her already successful Catalan-Spanish performances. The 34-year-old plays the guitar, piano and sings in multiple languages.

She plays this evening at Palma's Teatro Principal. Tickets range from €5 to €20 and can be bought online, or at the door if they haven't sold out.



MAIKA MAKOVSKI: Prodigal daughter returns for Palma gig tonight.

Natural rockabilly and much more

ROCKIN MATXIN is a small rock and alternative music festival taking place in Porto Colom this weekend. It has a rockabilly theme and brings live acts from across the islands and beyond.

Tickets are entirely free and the gig lasts well into the night, beginning on

Saturday at 5pm. There will even be a classic American cars and bikes exhibition to add to the authentically rockabilly vibe.

The line-up includes The Cool Daddies, Black Cats, Mad Martin Trio and Los Mambo Jambo. The festival has gone

from strength to strength since it was first formed in 2011 from a merger of the separate Matxin and Rockabilly events.

There are over 11 hours of straight live music and the organisers pride themselves on holding the event in entirely natural surroundings.

Market magic

THERE are two terrific local markets taking place this weekend on Mallorca. On Saturday evening, pay a visit to the lively nightlife hub of La Lonja in Palma for the night market at Passeig de Sagrera. It is open Thursday to Saturday and boasts a tremendous variety of handcrafted goods, far removed from the trashy souvenir shops of the city.

If that's too late try the wonderful Santa Maria del Cami Market, just to the north of Palma, where you'll find one of the island's biggest markets, held regularly on a Sunday. Organic fruit, veg, cheese, meat and wine sourced from surrounding farms is the speciality here. Opens from 9am until 2pm.



Latin sensation to sing

THERE'S still time to grab tickets to see Spanish superstar, David Bisbal, perform at the Son Fusteret Arena on Wednesday July 19.

The Almerian singer-songwriter and TV star arrives on Mallorca for one night only during his heavily-hyped Spanish tour.

Bisbal, 38, has sold over five million records and is one of Spain's biggest ever pop exports. Huge in Latin America, he shot to fame competing in an early edition of a Spanish Pop Idol-type show and went on to hit the big time.

Bisbal is a classic pop artist who always puts on an exciting show.

Tickets are available online.

DAVID BISBAL: Star from Almeria playing in Palma on July 19.

Music under the stars

OPEN Air Concert with Alejandra Burgos and band on Wednesday, July 5 at Finca Hotel Can Estades

On Wednesday, July 5, the popular singer, Alejandra Burgos, with sister Sabrina, bass, Naile Sosa, Percussion, Ana Carla Maza, Cello and special guests, will be performing under the starlight.

With her powerful voice and the wonderful music, they always inspire their audiences. Delicacies will be served from the versatile buffet.

*Reception: 8pm
Concert starts: 8.30pm
Buffet: From 9pm
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Seats are limited!*

Superstar DJs

THE full summer DJ lineup at Magaluf's iconic BH Hotel, has now been revealed. There are some huge names on the weekly hitlist, which begins tonight with London-born rapper Tinie Tempah.

In July, major names include Chase & Status, Craig David and Duke Dumont. In August, Nicky Romero and Ingrosso will be holding the fort.

The biggest summer name confirmed is undoubtedly DJ Tiesto, who mans the stage on August 15. The Dutch icon is considered the greatest DJ in history by many and tickets for his BH show will be hard to come

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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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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



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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.

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Buy yourself a home on love island

MOUNTAINS, beaches, stunning properties, and a thriving expat community, Mallorca has it all. It's little wonder the property market here has excelled even through tougher times on the mainland. Buyers from every corner of Europe have flocked to the island where Mediterranean dreams are made.

Homeowners on Mallorca have the best of both worlds. In and around the spectacular Tramuntana mountains expat havens such as Soller, Pollensa, Esporles and Andratx offer buyers the chance of glorious mountain isolation, yet with the bright lights of Palma only a short drive away.

Even closer are the popular beaches of Calvia and fantastic coastal towns such as Magaluf, Palmanova, and Santa Ponsa. Sandwiched between rural splendour, beautiful beaches and stunning natural parks, almost almost every corner of the island is perfectly situated to realise your Spanish dream.

Though it encompasses almost every kind of geography, Mallorca boasts a variety of terrific closely-knit local



SPANISH DREAM: Almost every corner of the island is perfectly situated.

communities which makes all the difference while living here. Buyers will never be short of property advice, friendships, clubs and activities. British and German expat communities are especially strong and mingle freely.

The island vibe is easily distinguished from the Spanish mainland, with residents of Mallorca actively opting for a more peaceful, measured and community-based way of life. Majestic rural properties are scattered around the hillsides or clustered in gorgeous homes in Deia and Valldemossa.

Across the island vibrant towns such as Inca, Manacor, Alcudia and Marratxi each offer a different pace of life from the other. A strong road and bus network connects the island well and allows for simple, stress-free travel.

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

Trusted and respected by local residents, buyers will find that estate agents on Mallorca are far more concerned with finding the perfect place for their clients, regardless of the effort it takes.

After all, they too live in the com-

munity, send their children to local schools and will quite likely form long-lasting friendships with the very people they find homes for.

Mallorca is also benefiting tremendously from the wider property recovery taking place across Spain. Considered nothing short of miraculous, the speed with which Spain has shot back to the top of the global property market has astounded and impressed observers in equal measure.

Nowhere has Spain's property strength been more evident than in Mallorca, where prices continue to steadily rise, while remaining afford-

able and, crucially, sustainable. Buyers here can be assured that their purchase represents a smart, solid investment that will reap financial and personal dividends further down the line.

Throughout the pages of this special property supplement readers will find just the estate agents and property specialists whom they can trust with their investment. The men and women featured

in these pages have succeeded where many others tried and are well respected in their local communities for their honesty, integrity, professionalism and passion for property.

With a solid national market, healthily rising prices, growing demand and an unrivalled degree of local real estate knowledge, investing in Mallorca is a smart move for the adventurous investor.

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.

Many from wealthy far-east families are looking for a personalised experience with their own studio apartment close to the university and transport links. Spanish students too are increasingly moving to different cities and living away from their families, a vast untapped market GSA will exploit.



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Ref 3059, La Rapita, 189,000€

Semi-detached house with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge with American kitchen, garden and roof terrace. 75m² living area.



Ref 3030, Randa, 290,000€

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Ref 2194, Vallgornera, 180,000€

Apartment with views to the sea. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge, kitchen, laundry room, large balcony, parking place, community pool. Living area 80m².




Ref 2997, Lluçmajor, 175,000€

Charming little chalet with 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bathroom, garage. Electricity with solar panels. House 73m², plus 25m² garage, plus 25m² covered terrace plus 30 m² storerooms.



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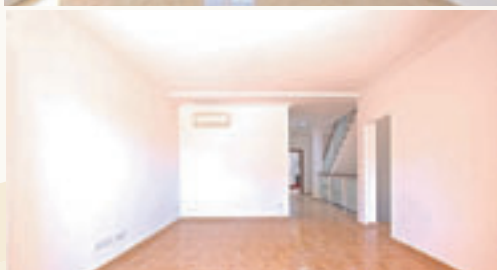
11721 Opportunity. Mediterranean house in El Toro



 580sqm  4  3  Private

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Opportunity. Mediterranean house in El Toro. This house is built on a plot of 580 square metres, the house consists of 2 floors, on the main floor there are 2 double bedrooms both with en suite bathrooms, a living room with access to the terrace and front garden of the house and large kitchen fully furnished and equipped. On the upper floor there are 2 more bedrooms, 1 full bathroom and a guest toilet and a large roof terrace. This house has a large space for 2 or 3 cars in the basement, cellar and a large storage space. This beautiful house is surrounded by gardens and terraces and a nice swimming pool. Located just a few minutes walk from the famous Port Adriano, from its beaches and very close to the golf course of Santa Ponsa.



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

Most banks apply a transfer fee when moving money abroad, but you can avoid this charge by using a reputable currency broker to manage your funds instead. Currency brokers are also able to offer more competitive exchange rates than other providers, potentially saving you thousands on larger transfers.

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With uncertainty likely to remain the watchword as 2017 progresses, it's essential that you have access to expert support and insight when you need to move money from Spain.

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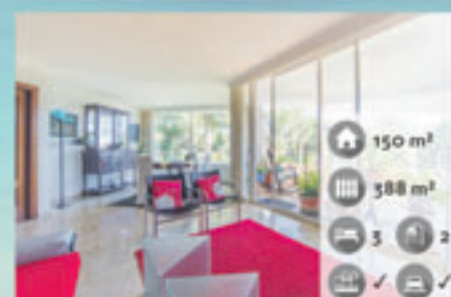
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Touch of a button

'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,



TECH-SAVVY: Home buyers represent a new generation.

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.

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.

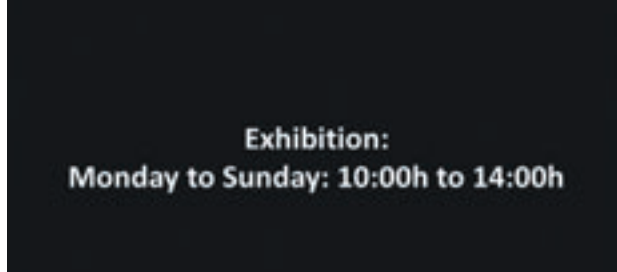
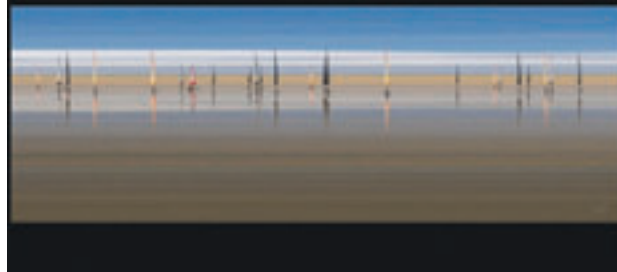


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Capers - A Mediterranean wonder

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FEW plants have the wondrous qualities of the Caper plant (*Caparis spinosa*). To ornamental gardeners it is sometimes called the Flinders Rose.

“The caper buds are the best known part of the plant.”

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.

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



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FLINDERS ROSE: Beautiful flowers of the caper.

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.

Robot takeover

THE advances made in the last few years in household robotics have been unprecedented and nowadays there is a whole army of smart machines ready to help with all your least favourite chores.

Very useful for the less able and the lazy alike, these devices can save hours of time that could be spent in the Spanish sun.

The unrealistic 1950s visions of humanoid metallic ro-

bots taking all our unpleasant jobs in their stride haven't quite come true but the modern robot is built with functionality in mind and often looks similar to its human operated predecessors.

The smart vacuum cleaner is the most affordable and useful every day robot and they often come with a range of different settings. Although lacking in power it can systematically clean the floor or use fitted cameras to plot the best route around your rooms.

Many also include an app available on smart phones which can get the cleaner started before you get home and makes it very user friendly.

Other household robots can mow the lawn, mop the floor, clean the windows, clean out the grill and even clear the gutter.

All of the machines mentioned are now getting cheaper and it's likely they will be-



1950s ROBOT: The modern robot looks nothing like these early ideas.

come a regular member of the household in the coming years.

Household herb garden

GROWING your own herbs is easier than most people think and can be a great way to add a twist to your tapas or boast about your own coriander being in the curry.

The feeling of accomplishment and knowing that you contributed to the cooking process more than most is certainly worth the trouble.

The biggest benefit is that it doesn't matter if you have a tiny apartment in the city or a sprawling finca in the countryside. A herb garden is one of the smallest and easiest ways to grow your own ingredients.

The first step is to pick the perfect container. Whether you use a pot, a box or a bag comes down to taste and all of them will work equally well. Make

sure whichever one you choose that it has drainage; to trap water in with the plant will drown more delicate herbs.

To look after your plants as they grow is easier and needs only a few pointers. When watering your plant, something not to forget to do regularly during the Spanish summer, should always be done in very small amounts in the cooler parts of the day.

Keeping the herbs well trimmed will ensure a healthy plant with a long life, as will moving the pot around the house in different seasons to get the best sunlight.

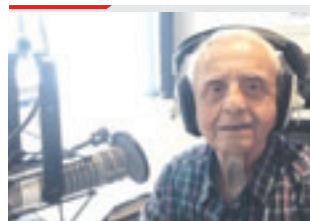
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PUPPY-PROOFING your home protects your possessions from damage and your new pet from unexpected harm. With a little forethought and effort, you can make your house a safe habitat for your new friend while keeping your sanity and maintaining the relationship.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

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.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together....

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 accidents 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 your bedroom for the first week in his secured box and gradually move him to another room.

Because you won't need to worry about your possessions, you can focus on getting to know him.

Do you get this look?

IF every year you find your dog's look more intense as they see you pack your bags and suitcases, book a house-sitter to come and step into your shoes before you go away.

Many people find dealing with the pets' long faces very hard. They often just know you are planning a trip and their urges to 'come play with me' get more regular and more intense. Holiday planning can be stressful enough without worrying that your dog is going to miss you, and perhaps miss their home if you are sending them away too.



It's time to take action to minimise your stress levels and actually enjoy your time off. Why not leave your pets at

DAISY knows when we're planning a trip.

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Annie from Malaga recently called us to thank us for the help we offered her as a Premium Member. We helped her meet up with Rod and Hazel a retired couple who recently house-sat for her while she went on a holiday with family. She was delighted and really happy to meet them.

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The lithium battery-fuelled, lightweight go-kart is built by Canadian engineering company Daymak and costs around €55,000. There are 12 Electric Ducted Fans, eight on either side of the driver’s seat and four crammed behind.

A teaser trailer online shows a suited up driver step into the go-kart, but Daymak’s bold acceleration claims are yet to be confirmed. A slightly slower version is available for €10,000, reaching 100kph from a standstill in under four seconds.

Leaving the nest

POLESTAR is set to become a stand-alone brand under the wider Volvo umbrella. The Swedish firm

is putting its weight behind the technology as it hopes to create a rival to Mercedes’ AMG or BMW’s M brands.

At present, Polestar is mainly an add-on power

pack option for Volvo drivers wanting to crank up the performance levels on their cars. There are engine optimisation options for certain turbocharged models and a few Polestar dominated limited edition models such as the S60 and V60.

That all changes with the decision to make Polestar a “truly differentiated stand-alone brand within the Volvo Car Group” in the words of president Hakan Samuelsson. Polestar will be given ample marketing and engineering freedom

to distinguish itself from classic Volvo styles and expectations.

Polestar, in its new incarnation, will specialise in hybrid and electric high-performance vehicles combining serious power with smooth green energy. Samuelsson envisions a near future where Polestar is a major player in a hugely competitive electric marketplace.

Earlier this month, Volvo announced that some 100,000 cars have now undergone Polestar powertrain enhancements. In just a few days, the heavily hyped XC-60 SUV goes on sale and is expected to showcase the latest in Polestar performance technology.



NEW XC-60: SUV will showcase Polestar’s performance credentials.

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.

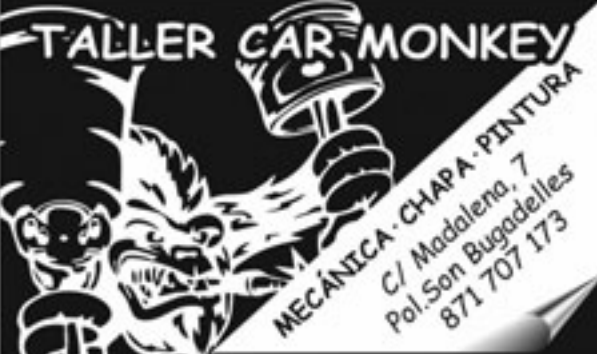
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Bolero wins 21st Superyacht Cup

THE 21st Superyacht Cup Palma came to a successful conclusion with the clear overall winner being the 32-metre sailboat Bolero.

There were three days of intense competition with the 10 yachts crewed by 300 sailors seeing winners in different classes depending on the size of the vessel, with Win Win triumphant in the A class competition and Bolero easily taking the B class laurels.

The regatta boasts that it is

the longest nautical event in Europe together with the most luxurious boats in the world. What's more it is one of the most important nautical competitions from a point of view of finances generated for Palma.

With so many larger vessels in Bermuda competing to qualify for the America's Cup, there is little doubt that many will return for next year's Regatta, swelling the ranks of competitors and also the coffers of Palma businesses.

Up to half price tickets for Southampton show

THEYachtMarket.com Southampton Boat Show returns this summer and if you plan to visit, you have until Sunday to obtain discounted tickets. The 10-day spectacular will see over 500 exhibitors, plenty of global premieres and interactive features. The show promises something for everyone from boat enthusiasts to families looking for an exciting day out.

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Exclusive gathering of yacht owners in Sardinia

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VALENTINO ROSSI:
Won last Sunday's
Dutch MotoGP.

Wimbledon fortnight is set to start

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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 week-

end, 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.

FOOTBALL

Ex-Dutch international Frank de Boer is Crystal Palace's new manager and Argentine Mauricio Pellegrino, who led Alaves to the Copa Del Rey final last season, has taken charge at Southampton.

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

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.

ROUND UP

Not too bad for me at Royal Ascot horse race meeting last week - five selections two winners (including a 5-1 shot), one second and one third... and Irish supremo Aiden O'Brien was the top trainer at Royal Ascot last week - taking the title for a record eighth time.

Team GB won a record eight medals at the recent European boxing championships.

And the Gotland Games, which involves islands with less than 100,000 inhabitants, are taking place in Gutavallen, Sweden. Around 3,000 athletes from 23 islands are competing in 14 different sports.

Young starters

By Tony Matthews

THE Premiership was introduced 25 years ago and owing to the large number of young footballers joining the respective Academies at most of the top clubs, England introduced U16, U17, U18, U19, U20 and U21 teams - to cater for all age groups.

Prior to 1992, England schoolboy, U18 (youth team), U21, 'B' and full international sides, and some years prior to that there were schoolboy, youth and U23 squads.

There are competitions worldwide for each of these age groups... and therefore it gives youngsters a great opportunity to gain experience by perform-

ing in all countries and playing against totally different and unknown op-

ponents.

Some of course hit it off immediately... as they set foot on the road to stardom.

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Lions 'tamed', England cricketers win

Tony Matthews

International Sports

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

Costa de Almeria



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

THERE were mixed fortunes for several European competitors and teams over the last few days, including defeats in rugby, cricket, tennis and football but do not fret, there are many more opportunities coming up for all that to change!

RUGBY UNION

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