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## Hired muscle suspicion

TWO Romanian men have been arrested on suspicion of attacking a key witness in the Tolo Cursach case.

One of the pair has reportedly been identified as the assailant, while the other acted as his accomplice.

In this case, the battered victim is an ex-employee of the Cursach's nightclub Tito's, who had earlier testified that private parties had been organised for police officers, who club management invited to consume drugs and have sex with prostitutes.

Following his testimony the witness told police that Romanian individuals had been watching and following him for days, before he was attacked in the garage of his home last Friday.

After a short probe the two attackers were picked up and were scheduled to appear in a Palma court late yesterday (Wednesday).

## Boozy tourists to be banned? Enough is enough

By Matt Ford

The Balearic Council is to plead with tour operators to stop selling 'drunken tourism' to holiday-makers.

It comes after the latest violent incident on the island, as video of two groups of German tourists brawling in s'Arenal, Palma, appeared on social media, leading Antoni Noguera, mayor of Palma, to demand that Germany ends "junk tourism."

While some witnesses complained that no police were seen throughout the 10-minute punch-up, with the shocking footage showing several men bloodied and beaten while one is left unconscious after being kicked repeatedly in the head while down.

The incident took place in broad daylight and led to a furious response from politicians.

A first meeting between the regional council, municipal delegations from Palma, Calvia and Lluçmajor, and representatives

from the tourism industry was held yesterday (Wednesday) after weeks of discussion over how to solve the problem, which mainly affects Magaluf and s'Arenal.

Biel Barcelo, vice president of the regional council and tourism councillor, said: "We do not want this kind of tourism, we have to carry out each and every action necessary to put an end to it."

Although a handful of firms apparently recognised their responsibility, most reportedly pointed out that they also sell family holidays, and that booze-fuelled revellers head to certain parts of Mallorca because businesses and entire districts cater specifically for them.

Pilar Carbonell, Director General of Tourism, added that work on modifying tourism law is underway, and has already resulted in restrictions to alcohol consumption in all-inclusive resorts.



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VIOLENT: A video was released of German tourists brawling on the island.

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**Final fantasy**

FRESH off his French Open win, Mallorca's favourite tennis champ Rafael Nadal starts Wimbledon as fourth seed. The Manacor man hasn't reached a Wimbledon final since 2011.

**Sweat alert**

TEMPERATURES have cranked up a notch with a mini-heatwave sending the mercury soaring past 33 degrees today (Thursday) and over the weekend. Clearer skies are expected from Sunday.

**Fire fury**

A DRUNKEN arsonist smoked out a family of six he was feuding with from a Son Gotleu apartment block by setting fire to the building. Numerous family members suffered smoke inhalation.

By Matt Ford

KING FELIPE VI and Queen Letizia of Spain are set to travel to the UK for their State Visit from July 12-14.

It comes as the British Royal Family announced that Prince Harry is to undertake his first official role during their stay at Buckingham Palace.

The young prince will escort the Spanish guests on a tour of Westminster Abbey on the third day of the whistle-stop tour, while the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will perform no official role.

He will accompany the pair as they lay a wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior before being taken on a brief tour of the Abbey by the Dean.

The king and queen will also receive the customary Horse Guards Parade and a state carriage procession along the mall before a meeting with Prime Minister Theresa May at 10 Downing Street.

Felipe will address MPs and Lords in the Palace of Westmin-

Prince to escort Spanish Royals  
**Flash Harry!**



**ROYAL TREATMENT: Prince Harry set for first official State Visit role.**

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ster and speak alongside Queen Elizabeth at the traditional State Banquet.

The event was originally due to take place from June 6-8 but was postponed in light of the UK General Election in which the Conservative Party saw their commons majority crumble.

It will be the first State Visit by the Spanish royals since that of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia in 1986, and it remains to be seen whether Felipe chooses to

raise the thorny issue of Gibraltar.

During a 2016 United Nations speech he said: "I invite the UK, on this first occasion at the UN after Brexit, to end the colonial anachronism of Gibraltar with an agreed solution between both countries to restore the territorial integrity of Spain."

British are targeted

A HIGHLY organised criminal gang is behind the disturbing rise in fake food poisoning claims by British tourists according to a Mallorca-based law firm.

Hotels across the island have hired private detectives to investigate the scams, and their inquiries found that the upsurge in claims is directly due to concerted efforts by a Europe-wide network of fraudsters which has likely made millions cheating hotels across the continent.

The looming investigation is set to be the biggest of its kind in the island's history.

The detectives scour social media for incriminating photos showing allegedly sick British holidaymakers boozing, partying and generally having a whale of a time.

The dossier handed to police reportedly contains photos and recordings that contradict food poisoning claims made to tour operators.

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# Attack averted?

TERROR suspects arrested on Mallorca last week were on the verge of committing a massacre in Inca, judges have revealed. It was initially believed that the four members of the alleged terror cell were mere propagandists spreading the violent ideology of Daesh. But one of the suspects told police interviewers that he was preparing to become a martyr by launching a knife attack on innocent civilians in Inca.

## Chick horror

THE blast of heat that has hit Mallorca in recent weeks has exerted a significant negative effect on chicks of the common swift, *Apus apus*. It is a common species in towns and cities across the island, where it tends to nest beneath roof tiles, but the sweltering conditions have caused many nests to dry out or become too warm for the young birds.

## Green mayor

A NEW mayor has been elected by the Palma City Council. Antoni Noguera of the Mes per Mallorca party replaced outgoing leader Jose Hila of the socialist PSOE. Noguera was previously the councillor for urban development. In a sense he becomes Palma's first 'green' mayor as Mes are dedicated to raising environmental awareness on the island and protecting its natural resources.

## Full of bull

THE famous, and increasingly infamous, Correbou bull run in Fornalutx will be even more unrecognisable than previously planned under a new amendment to the Balearic parliament's bill to severely restrict bullfights. The legislation bans blood or the injuring of bulls at bullfights and generates a substantial web of red tape making events almost impossible to hold.

# Operation Curry exposes mafia

AN extortion ring run by Indian gangsters has been broken up by National Police on Mallorca after one man was stabbed during a dispute over alleged blackmail.

An Indian criminal gang was charging local Indian traders and shopkeepers €50 a month to operate on their 'turf' in the protection racket. They took advantage of compatriots who are on Mallorca with no residence permit, making a living by selling beer and water to tourists.

They regularly threatened the traders with violence, or to report them to police if they didn't cough up the money. The situation came to a head last week when two traders refused and one was stabbed in the leg by thugs right on the Playa de Palma.

Police probing the attack subsequently launched an investigation which, with bold disregard for political correctness, they codenamed 'Operation Curry.' They delved deep into the mafia-style extortion syndicate and have now arrested four suspected gangsters.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 19

With over 70 million tourists visiting the country in 2016, Spain's airports are booming, as Madrid and Barcelona both ranked in the 2017 global Top 10 compiled by travel compensation experts AirHelp.

## Flying visit!

MADRID'S Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas and Barcelona's El Prat airports placed seventh and eighth respectively in AirHelp's passenger satisfaction survey.

The former remains the most sizeable airport in Spain covering 3,050 hectares, and also includes the country's biggest terminal. The iconic T4 building was designed by Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners and features a bamboo linear roof structure, plus a series of cutting-edge environmental measures designed to significantly reduce energy consumption.

In addition to trailing Madrid in the



**RECORD-BREAKER:** Madrid airport's Terminal 4.

customer service stakes, Barcelona airport is also the second-largest in the country despite having been extended twice since a major expansion for the 1992 Olympic Games.

Until 2008 the internal Barcelona-

Madrid shuttle service was the world's busiest route with 971 services per week in 2007.

The schedule was reduced with the opening of the high speed AVE train line in February 2008.

## Numbers soar

MADRID-BARAJAS airport topped the 2016 passenger chart, after 50.4 million travellers passed through the hub, while 44.2 million were handled by Barcelona-El Prat in second place.

Completing the top five were Palma de Mallorca with 26.2 million, Malaga-Costa del Sol with 16.7 million and Alicante-Elche with 12.3 million voyagers.

Among these, Madrid was the only airport to register annual growth of less than 10 per cent, with Malaga and Alicante both increasing by more than 15 per cent.

The Huesca-Pyrenees Airport saw the least traffic with just 95 passengers, a nosedive of 193.7 per cent since 2010. It was designed to carry snow-seekers to Pyrenean



**BAD PLANNING:** Huesca-Pyrenees Airport.

Javier Ortega Figueiral/Flickr

ski resorts, but there are none within 100 kilometres.

## Silly money

WITH a population of 46.5 million, Spain has more airports (52) than provinces (50).

Among these, 47 are managed by state air navigation manager AENA, but only six - Palma de Mallorca, Malaga, Gran Canaria, Alicante-Elche, Tenerife Sur, Gerona, Bilbao and Murcia - are profitable.

## Human plague

RESIDENTS of Plaza del Cort in Palma are up in arms over the lack of respect shown by tourists towards the square's famous centenary olive tree, brought from a Pollensa farm in 1989. A local shop owner has now decided to take matters into his own hands and post daily photos of visitors climbing

all over the historic tree.

## Bad guest

A GERMAN tourist was arrested after sneaking into the Palma hotel room of a female guest using the balcony. The terrified woman ran screaming down to the front desk, which raised the alarm.

## Summer lovin'

DATES have finally been set for the island's summer lesbian get-together. The Ella International Lesbian Festival starts on August 31 and runs until September 7 with activities across the island.

## Classy gal

BARONESS Thyssen-Bornemisza, also known as actress, socialite and art collector Carmen Cervera, is selling her Palma palace, built in 1867 and in the plush El Terreno neighbourhood, for €6.4 million.

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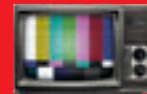
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## Top 5 stories From June 26 - July 3

- 1 50,000 trapped in beachfront town as Huelva fire rages on - **6,078**
- 2 One dead and six injured in multi car pile up in Torremolinos - **3,855**
- 3 Off-duty Guardia Civil officer arrested after allegedly causing Torremolinos crash - **2,890**
- 4 Outrage as Costa del Sol toll road raises fees - **2,705**
- 5 Kentucky Fried Chaos in Benidorm - **1,694**

## Poll of the week

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**50 years after the introduction of plastic money, do you prefer it to cash?**

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**  
 Should the Pamplona bull run, and other similar local events held in various towns and villages, be banned?

**Yes = 67%**  
**No = 33%**

## Top Social Media comments

**Another forest fire breaks out in Huelva** - Oh no! Those poor firefighters! I hope they can get it under control soon then out altogether. They are so brave and seemingly tireless. I thank them for their hard work and dedication.  
**Gaining power (Leapy Lee)** - I am not a Jeremy Corbyn or a Labour supporter, but look at what Theresa May did to cling onto power, a lot of bad apples running our country!  
**60% of Brits want to keep their EU citizenship poll finds** - Depending on the cost, yes. I want to be a European citizen. I've always thought of myself, in order, as European, British, then English. Perhaps, having a German/Danish mother, and a half Spanish father, a French uncle, having lived in England, France, Portugal and Spain colours my view.  
**Outrage as Costa del Sol toll road raises fees** - Their greed is killing people and it's ridiculous as it's actually costing the government more in police and ambulances assisting roadside accidents than hospital bills. There are more frequent accidents because the roads are overloaded due to greed they should in fact cut the toll cost to keep the roads flowing safely!  
**Cataluña in final stages of legalising cannabis** - I think it should be legalised. It would take a lot of

business off the streets and be beneficial to the government tax wise, it's a pretty harmless drug in the short term sense, a lot safer than alcohol, however it can have long term effects from prolonged use, like psychosis, however long term alcohol abuse can do far worse, it's all about finding the right balance, in moderation I think it's fine, but wouldn't advise daily use.  
**All it takes is a gust of wind... (video of fire spreading)** - Why why why. Do these people have no sense at all??  
**Kentucky Fried Chaos in Benidorm** - Kentucky fried KICKIN'!  
**Homeless man filmed before dying outside Malaga airport, court hears** - This is such a horrible story, poor man. These pieces of scum deserve a prison sentence. As we all know the judge and authorities do not mess around. Hope the poor guy is at peace and his family will know that justice was served.  
**Growing concern for British Citizen's rights in EU** - You mean TM's 'Serious and Generous offer' Secure? I think they need to come and join us in the real world and match the EU's position, the 'status quo' nothing less...



550 fire fighters were sent to combat the blaze in Huelva

## TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

India is the only country in the world that has a Bill of Rights for Cows.



The shortest place name is 'Å' with one in Sweden and another in Norway.

Spain was once a number of kingdoms with different languages that became unified in the 15th century. The kingdoms formed the basis for many of the 17 autonomous regions (15 on the mainland and the Balearic and Canary Islands), and the autonomous Ceuta and Melilla enclaves in North Africa that Spain now has.

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## Lost in translation

Toilet button is on your back side

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**Incoming tide**

DOZENS of migrants have been rescued in recent weeks, with one boat found in Ses Salines containing eight people. Eight vessels have arrived this year, while only three made it in 2016.

**New record**

PALMA'S population hit a new record of 434,516 inhabitants, with almost 4,000 new arrivals in 2016, making it the eighth most populous city in Spain.

**Little Italy**

WORKING foreigners now account for almost 100,000 employees across the Balearic Islands, a 10 per cent rise on last year. Italians are the biggest contingent with 11,131 workers on the islands.

**Lonely isle**

FROM January to March this year, Spaniards took 39.2 million domestic trips, with just 528,316 coming to the Balearic Islands, a woeful 1.3 per cent of the total.

By Matthew Elliott

**Eastern promises**

A NEW railway using historic trains may soon be built to connect Sant Llorenç des Cardassar with Son Carrió on Mallorca's east coast. The train track would be a rival to the famous Soller line and be built with funds raised from this year's tourist tax.

Two classic train wagons, fit for purpose, have already been secured. Both were built in Napoli in 1932 and have been used in northern Portugal for decades.

The ambitious scheme is being promoted by the Ferrocaib Foundation, which maintains historical train routes and the association of railway enthusiasts,

Amics del Ferrocarril.

It has the full support of the Balearic government.

The total investment is estimated to cost €4.2 million. So far, €250,000 has been spent on the project. Last year the tourist tax raised more than €33 million for the Balearic Islands, a figure that should be exceeded in 2017.



Photo by Facebook

**INDULGENT:** Helicopter brings selfie-seeker to islet haven.

**Outcry over selfish photo shoot**

AN investigation has been launched after a private helicopter was filmed invading the protected islet of El Toro, for an apparent photo shoot.

Environmental activist group, Terraferida, took the footage and sent the video to the Balearic government, which has pledged to punish the indulgent selfie-taker.

The video shows a man being picked up by a helicopter in El Toro, which is a specially designated ecological haven and protection area for endangered birds. The helicopter then flies low, allowing the passenger to jump out and swim in the

surrounding waters.

He then climbs on land and the helicopter descends. The individual then takes a flurry of selfies, posing next to the helicopter, before telling the pilot to fly back to the Mallorcan mainland.

The environment ministry has already identified the company responsible for the helicopter and are set to press charges. Officials thanked Terraferida for providing the video, which has been broadcast on social media.

Terraferida play an important role in exposing environment crimes on Mallorca and the is-

lands. They have filmed tourists leaving rubbish on pristine, protected beaches, illegal yacht parties, and shamed a golf club which siphoned water from a town supply to water its greens during a severe drought.

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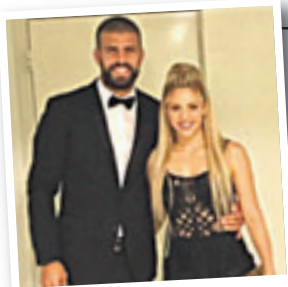
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Stars causing a stir.

## Pique up the pieces

FC BARCELONA defender Gerard Pique, 30, and pop star partner Shakira, 40, caused a stir at Lionel Messi's wedding in Rosario, Argentina last Friday.

After joining a host of stars at the lavish ceremony, Pique reportedly lost €15,000 at a local casino, while his Colombian squeeze sparked a social media storm by choosing a dress she had previously worn for a fashion shoot.

## Daddy's girl

TIFFANY ARIANA TRUMP, 23, youngest daughter of United States President Donald Trump, has been making waves in Marbella after jetting in on a private plane for a break with boyfriend Ross Mechanic, 22. The couple stayed at the Puente Romano Hotel and were reportedly accompanied by agents from the US Secret Service.

## Dinkum digs

AUSTRALIAN cricket legend Shane Warne, 47, is thought to be holed up in a stunning mansion near Marbella after he took to Instagram to caption a photo: 'Home for the next 10 days in Spain, time for some rays & a swim!!!!!!'

He is in Andalucia to celebrate daughter Brooke's 20th birthday with his other kids Jackson and Summer, the quartet later posing together at the Gibraltar border.



Shane with his kids.

HE has sold more than nine million records and 30 million singles worldwide.

And superstar DJ David Guetta seemed inspired by 2009 hit 'When Love Takes Over' as he frolicked with model girlfriend Jessica Ledon on Formentera island near Ibiza.

The 49-year-old split from wife of 22 years Cathy, with who he has two children, in 2014, and has been dating the Cuban temptress for over two years.

## Jess for the record

But the pair clearly remain besotted by one another as they shared a series of steamy embraces on a luxury yacht after 24-year-old Jessica slipped into a barely-there thong bikini before leaping into the crystal clear water as David captured the moment on his phone.

The French maestro has just released a smooth funk remix of

Bruno Mars' Versace on the Floor, and he plainly possesses some debonair charm of his own as his curvaceous partner showered him with hugs and kisses.

It comes after the couple made their relationship public at a 2016 French state dinner at the Elysee Palace in honour of Cuban President Raul Castro.



GOING STRONG: David and Jessica at the Elysee Palace.

## What an Eiffel!

SHE'S been described as famous for being famous.

But 36-year-old former It girl Paris Hilton certainly looked the part as she hosted the Foam and Diamonds Opening Night party at the Amnesia nightclub in Ibiza.

Having slipped into a plunging sheer gold dress decorated with sequins, the hotel heiress completed her outfit with a diamond choker and sparkling crown.

Her 32-year-old beau Chris Zylka, an actor and model, opted to dress down in black t-shirt and matching jeans.

The couple have been dating since the turn of the year and shared a cheeky embrace in front of the cameras before joining thousands of revellers inside the famous club.



Chris Zylka/Instagram

GOLDEN GIRL: Paris poses with Chris.

## Off his broolly

HE has described his teams as playing heavy metal football.

But 50-year-old Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp's softer side was on display as he relaxed on party island Ibiza with wife Ulla Sandrock and friends.

At one point the charismatic German was seen sporting a bizarre multi-coloured parasol on his head before he posed for photos with fans.

He later lounged on an outdoor bed sipping Champagne and smoking, clearly relaxed after recently signing Egyptian forward Mohamed Salah from Roma for a club record fee.

The Scouse club have eight pre-season friendlies lined up before the Premier League campaign gets under way, starting against Tranmere on July 12.



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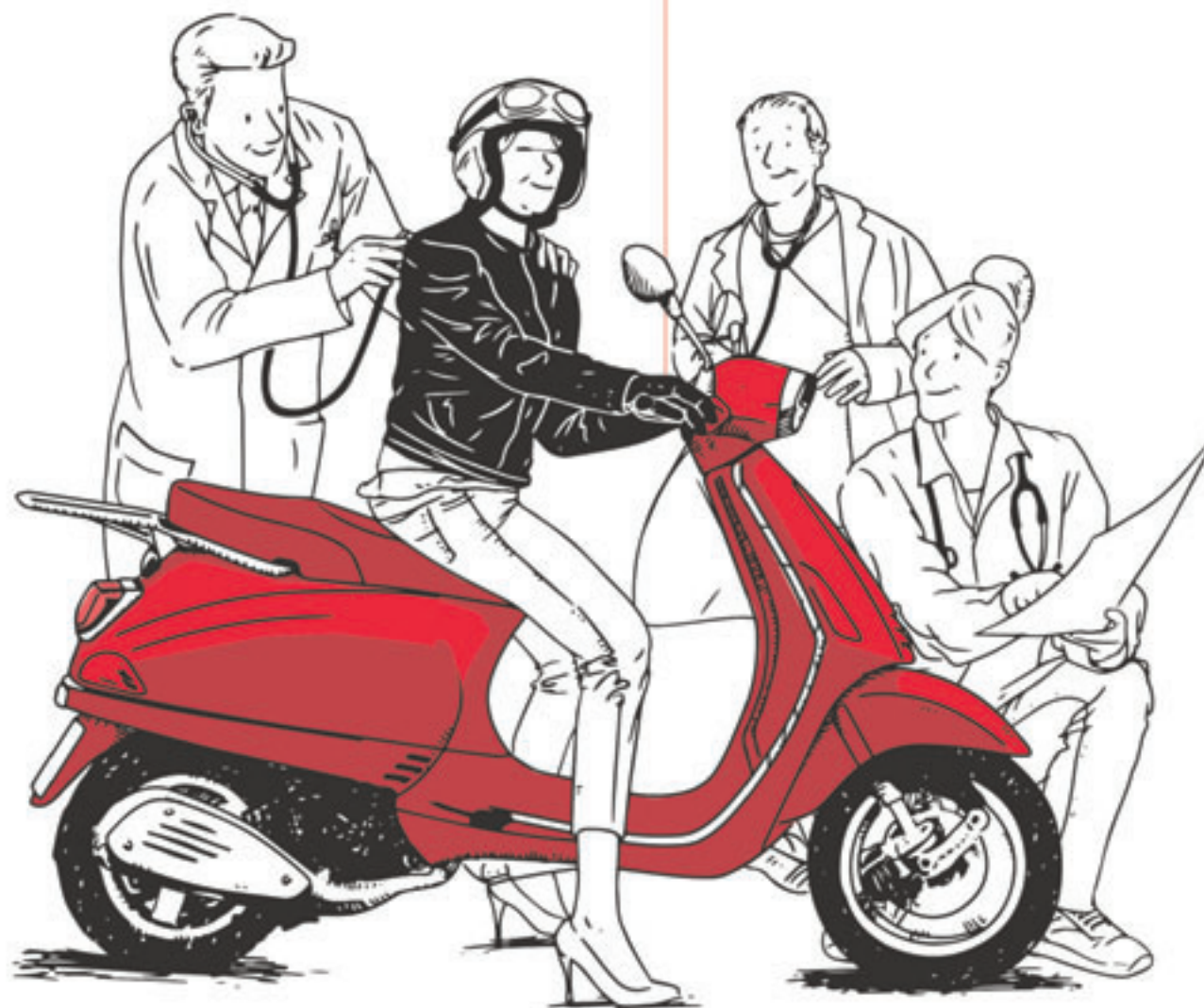
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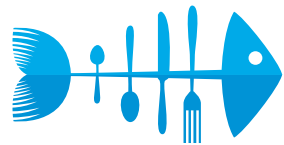


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## OUR VIEW

# The State of the Nation

IT appears that there is the start of a major power struggle within the Conservative party as Prime Minister Theresa May appears consistently out of her depth.

Various ministers are sniping at each other, either directly or indirectly and it looks as if Boris Johnson is lining up against Philip Hammond, two of the favourites to take over from Mrs May if she is forced to resign.

Initial discussions on Brexit haven't been terribly successful and there is still no agreement about the future of British passport holders living in the EU or EU passport holders living in the UK although it appears that Britain is prepared to continue to honour medical arrangements including the EHIC card for holidaymakers.

David Davis walked away from his first meeting with EU negotiator Michel Barnier leaving more questions than answers and the threat of the 'divorce bill' if accepted could mean that Britain could have been better off financially by staying in the EU for another decade.

The Labour Party has revelled in the fact it can appear united and take pot shots at a struggling government which turned to the DUP for support when in fact it could have relied on the absenteeism of Sinn Fein MPs to allow it to rule as a minority government thus saving taxpayers £1 billion.

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## Sex pests hunted

POLICE arrested two men who allegedly targeted drunken young foreign women staggering around the streets of Alcudia. The men acted independently of one another according to the Guardia Civil, identifying their victims as they spilled out of nightclubs and made their way back to hotels.

Police pounced following multiple allegations of sexual assault on vulnerable tourists in recent weeks. One woman was saved from rape in a dark alley only when other passing tourists heard her cry for help.

Another was followed into a car park and molested but managed to escape. Several women reported shifty looking men driving past them and offering a lift to their hotel along with seedy remarks.

Alcudia police are on high alert over summer. Several rape cases involving young female tourists were reported in the area last year.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Cheeky chaps

SUN BED and umbrella lenders on Son Baulo beach in Can Picafort were accused of murky accounting, slapping on an extra €1 surcharge despite prices being fixed by the town hall.

### Flood delay

**FLASH floods struck the south-east of Mallorca last weekend with Campos, Ses Salines and Colonia de Sant Jordi worst affected. The storm front even caused delays at Palma airport.**

### Top tory

*ISLAND conservatives have a new rising star. Marga Prohens is the youthful face of the Popular Party in the Balearic parliament. The self-assured young lady is pro-bullfighting and, so far, scandal-free.*

### Extra earner

ANDRATX mayor, Katia Rouarch, has lent her support to private holiday rentals. The French-born mayor says it's good that residents can earn a little money, while offering tourists more choice.

### Local love

**BASKETBALL star Alba Torrens, composer Antoni Parera, and physicist Alicia Sintes were among residents awarded for their outstanding contribution to the islands at a glitzy Palma ceremony.**

### Fire threat

*FIREFIGHTERS extinguished two small forest fires in Manacor and Portopetro. There were no injuries, but almost three hectares of woodland was destroyed between the two blazes.*

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**INTIMIDATION: Witnesses attacked.**

By Matthew Elliott

A DESCENT into Sicilian Mafia-style violence continued when a state witness, involved in the case against Palma's 'godfather of the

night', was brutally beaten by two unknown assailants.

It is the second attack on a key prosecution witness in the upcoming trial of nightclub boss, Tolo Cursach. The alleged criminal mastermind

is facing 80 years on extortion, murder, and drug trafficking charges.

The latest victim was already under police protection, but last Friday night, officers only escorted the young man to the entrance of the underground car park below his apartment complex.

As soon as he entered the car park, two hired thugs

leapt out of the darkness and put him in hospital. They allegedly warned him against testifying further.

The man, a former employee at one of Cursach's many nightclubs, had gone to police several months ago after being threatened.

He has already testified that drugs were sold openly in Cursach's establishment with the boss's blessing.

Several weeks ago, the prosecution's star witness, a former brothel madam, showed up in closed court with injuries from an apparent assassination attempt.

She had claimed that Cursach funded lavish cocaine-fuelled orgies enjoyed by two, now disgraced, Popular Party politicians.

One of them, former Palma councillor, Alvaro Gijon, quit the party last week over the sex scandal. But, police investigations into his alleged corruption have thrown up even more surprises.

Last week, his mother and father were briefly detained by police. They have appeared before a Palma court charged with money laundering offences. Alvaro's brother, Teofilo, was also arrested and later released on bail.

Police have raided the family home and seized cash and documentation related to companies the Gijon's allegedly laundered money through. Investigators believe the former councillor and one-time rising political star, involved his family in a plot to launder €1 million he gained from bribery.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Glider crash**

A PARAGLIDER crashed near Port d'Alcudia on Sunday after starting from Puig de Sant Marti. The 35-year-old is in hospital with a serious spine injury.

**Beach battle**

ONE man was beaten unconscious as rival groups of German tourists did battle on Palma's beach promenade on Monday evening following a dispute with club promoters.

**Angry line**

TOURISTS took to social media to complain about hour long queues for a taxi from Palma airport amid chaotic scenes at the bus stop as hundreds of weary flyers jostled for position.

**Handy bus**

SHUTTLE buses to Es Trenc beach resumed over the weekend. The number 150 stops at Club Nautico in Sa Rapita and at Ses Covetes right on the beach. Tickets cost €1.50.

**Dirty job**

INSPECTORS slapped fines totalling €43,000 on three Playa de Palma bars and restaurants for being overcrowded or unclean. Inspections are set to surge over summer.

**Pope's pal**

ARCHBISHOP Luis Francisco from Manacor has become a Vatican prefect, and the highest ranking Catholic to hail from Mallorca. It is likely the Jesuit will be made cardinal soon.

**Jet hustle**

GUARDIA CIVIL officers arrested a man suspected of stealing five jet skis from ports across the island, with the intention of scratching off their licence plates for resale on the underground market.

A YOUNG British father died days after he dived from a famous party boat off the coast of Magaluf. Etienne Hampton, aged 29, was on The Britannia with more than 200 other tourists at the end of June when tragedy struck.

He leapt into waters described as 'choppy' by fellow passengers while the boat briefly moored half an hour into the three-hour long booze cruise tour.

**Brit dies after booze cruise plunge**

Horrified passengers saw the electrician, who resided on Jersey and had a four-year-old daughter, motionless under the water.

Several other British tourists jumped in to save him, pulling him back ashore. One passenger who is a nurse in the

UK reportedly tried to resuscitate him before help arrived.

He was taken to Son Espases hospital where he remained in critical condition for two days before dying.

Police are set to launch a formal investigation into the incident. The party

boat featured on the hit 2011 Inbetweeners film.

A Just Giving page set up to fly Etienne's body back from Magaluf to the UK and pay medical expenses managed to raise the target of £8,000 (€9,100) in just four days.

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## Huge savings on inter-island flights

NEW, improved discounts for inter-island travel are now a reality for Mallorca residents. The 75 per cent discount on flight tickets came into force at midnight last Friday.

The savings are potentially huge for island residents. A €120 ticket from Palma to Ibiza for example, would now cost just €30, a wallet-friendly saving of €90.

Ticket prices are especially high over summer, but during the off-season, residents can expect to dart between the islands for as little as €20 on a regular basis.

The drop is so substantial that, president of travel agencies association Aviba, Antoni Abrines, said it was a far bet-



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ter deal for locals than the flat rate, which had previously been called for.

The increased discount came as the Balearic parliament piled pressure on Madrid, demanding the same

benefits afforded Canary Island residents.

Politicians now want to negotiate the same favourable tax regime enjoyed in the Canaries. Balearic president Armemgol, claims Canary tax conditions could help kick-start thousands of new small businesses on Mallorca and the islands.

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# Interest rates may rise

## Commentary by Moneycorp

### EUR weekly currency update

The week was dominated on both sides of the Channel by speculation about the future course of interest rates. On Tuesday the European Central Bank president, Mario Draghi, gave the impression that rates might be about to rise: the following day his lieutenants told Reuters that he had been misconstrued. Bank of England governor Mark Carney was heard to say on Wednesday that UK rates will rise when the circumstances are appropriate, apparently contradicting what he had said a week earlier in the Mansion house speech.

The result is that investors now see a 50% chance of higher UK rates this year and because of that they have stocked up on sterling - or at least covered some short positions. They had an equal appetite for the euro and the two are unchanged on the week against one another. Both are an average of 1.3% higher against the other 11 most actively-traded currencies.

### USD weekly currency update

The US dollar was left behind as the pound, the euro and the Canadian dollar forged ahead. That trio benefited from comments by their central bankers, during a forum organised by the European Central Bank, which led investors to believe they are amenable to raising interest rates when the economic picture allows.

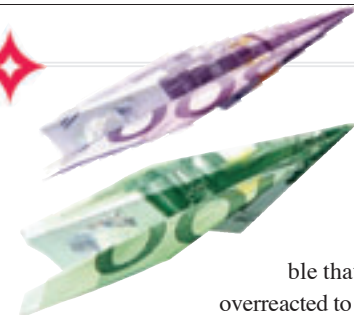
Although first quarter US gross domestic product was revised upwards to show growth of 0.4% the rest of the data were not particularly helpful to the Greenback. The purchasing managers' index readings, new home sales, durable goods orders, pending home sales and weekly jobless claims were all worse than expected.

Overall the dollar weakened by an average of 1.3% against the other dozen most actively-traded currencies. It lost a cent and a third to the Canadian dollar, two and three quarter cents to the euro and three and a quarter cents to sterling.

### CAD weekly currency update

When Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz told a European Central Bank forum that low interest rates 'have done their job' he confirmed investors' expectations that the bank is likely to increase its interest rate benchmark at the policy meeting in a fortnight's time. He echoed the sentiment implied by the heads of the ECB and the Bank of England on the same podium: both seemed to accept that rates could move higher when the economic circumstances are right.

Investors saw it all as positive for the currencies concerned. The Loonie did not see as much buying as the other two, mainly because investors were already fairly well teed up for an increase in a fortnight's time. It strengthened by one and third US cents. The euro and the pound



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both did better, rising by an average of 1.3%. Sterling added one and a quarter Canadian cents.

### AUD weekly currency update

A particularly low-key week for the Aussie brought almost no Australian economic statistics. New home sales went up by 1.1% in April, slightly more than expected, and private sector credit was in line with forecasts, increasing by 5.0% in the year to May. So investors were focusing elsewhere, and with good reason.

The European Central bank chief suggested on Tuesday that when economic conditions are suitable he would consider raising interest rates. His colleague at the Bank of England said a similar thing the following day. Whilst it is quite possi-

ble that investors overreacted to what were really quite anodyne statements of the blindingly obvious, they did react, buying the euro and the pound.

The two were unchanged against one other on the week and sterling added one Australian cent. The Aussie still had a better than average week though, strengthening by one and a half US cents.

### NZD weekly currency update

The Kiwi made fairly steady upward progress against the US dollar, which was held back by mostly disappointing American economic data. Ecostats from New Zealand were better but not much better. Exports and imports both increased by more than expected in May, unfortunately that still left a trade surplus that was smaller than forecast. A 7.0% increase in building permits looked alright though, as did a 10-point improvement in business confidence from 14.9 to 24.8. The Kiwi strengthened by two-thirds of a US cent.

It did less well against the euro and the pound. Both were helped by comments from their respective central bankers, to the effect that their interest rates would be increased when the economic conditions were appropriate. Buyers lined up, taking the pound three cents higher against the Kiwi and leaving it unchanged against the euro.



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**NEWS EXTRA****Square go**

SHAKY video footage showed two groups of African street vendors fighting one another with fists and bottles in Magaluf. One group accused the other of pickpocketing tourists and shaming them all.

**Sex fiend**

AN alleged molester accused of sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl at knifepoint in Lloseta is facing 12 years in prison. The defendant, aged 35, is also charged with another sexual offence.

**Drifting off**

A DRIVER fell asleep at the wheel while cascading down the Palma-Inca motorway at high speed at 5.30am on Sunday morning. The car crashed into a ditch, injuring all five occupants.

# Songbird capture outlawed

SONGBIRD clubs across the Balearic Islands are worried that their hobby is now endangered.

EU regulations banning the capture of songbirds for training and contests are set

to take effect in 2018.

The regulations were passed in 1979 but resisted across Spain until this year, when five autonomous regions caved in to pressure from animal rights activists.

The Balearic government is among them and the decision may spell the end for traditional songbird clubs. Club Deportivo Silvestrista Palmesano, a 60-member club based just outside of Palma, is among them.

Each Sunday the members gather near Pont d'Inca and present their specially trained goldfinches and other songbirds for a mini-tournament on the football pitches.

The vast majority of the birds used are captured, which will become illegal under the new regime.

Club president Pedro Jose Alzamora says that breeding birds in captivity is extremely difficult, while they would not survive flights from the mainland. Ferries would be possible but add an extra expense few members can afford.

He is now collecting signatures for a petition against

the ban. The club consider themselves animal and environmentally-friendly, regularly helping with clean-up efforts around the island. They also expressly forbid the capture and sale of birds

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They will face substantial opposition from animal rights groups, such as BirdLife International, which welcomed the new ban as long overdue.



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# Mystery bidder's right idea

country's most powerful telescopes. It was declared insolvent at the beginning of 2016 and an ill-tempered court battle is now fixing blame for the financial mismanagement.

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for the time being but insolvency administrator Otto Camelle is eager to find a buyer. Though the observatory is being sold at an attractive, knock-down price, it comes attached to a string of complex regulations regarding its future use.

The building permit for instance was granted on condition that it be used for astronomical purposes. This makes turning a profit a more complex endeavour for new buyers.

One broker has suggested transforming Costitx into a hotel reserved almost exclusively for scientific conferences. It could easily become a unique conference venue for physicists and as-



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tronomers, charging substantial rates in the process.

She claims to have received an offer from one private individual, a wealthy astronomy lover, to clear the observatory's debts and allow it to start afresh as a luxury scientific hotel. An-

other offer has come from a private university from an unnamed country who would convert it into a research faculty.

The key question is whether current regulations would allow overnight accommodation at the observatory.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Park piles

A BATTLE between council departments has left the rubbish piling up in Palma's parks and streets, much to the anger of local residents and the disgust of visiting tourists.

### Coke cartel

A COLOMBIAN national, alleged to be the mastermind behind a cocaine smuggling ring from Mallorca to the mainland, was arrested in police raids alongside a dozen other South Americans.

### Health risk

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TWO remote bays could soon be incorporated into the Llevant natural park. Cala Agulla in Cala Ratjada and the Mesquida Bay slightly north are set to be included with the blessing of the Capdepera and Arta town halls.

Last week, a meeting took place in Cala Ratjada between the mayor of Capdepera, Rafel Fernandez, and the Director General for Natural

Space, Miquel Mir. The meeting focused on exploring new avenues of cooperation between local councils and the Balearic government with respect to the natural park. The nature reserve was originally meant to cover 1,672 hectares of prime land and coastline across eastern Mallorca. But the total space has been reduced multiple times over the years after complaints from landowners.

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## Arab nights

TOP brass from the Moroccan government spent just 79 minutes on the first direct flight from Palma to Tangier, now available every Thursday for Mallorca residents looking for a quick inter-continental getaway.

## Flyer fury

ONE HUNDRED Senegalese flyer distributors protested in Palma against their working conditions and the fact they are often treated as delinquents despite being self-employed and paying taxes.

## Traffic chaos

A SEVEN car pile-up at the roundabout of Calle Manacor left at least five people injured and caused enormous delays at rush hour on Monday morning, blocking many motorway access roads.

## Waste not, want not



VITAL: The artificial Cuber reservoir in the Tramuntana mountains.

A WATER awareness campaign has been launched across Mallorca for the second year running. Aimed at both residents and tourists the initiative encourages people to make smart and responsible use of water to mitigate the drought risk over summer.

The campaign has a budget of €130,000 for local adverts and will run for three months. Giant posters will be placed on Palma buses to hammer the message home. There will be 661 radio messages, 4,142 online ads, 15 billboards and 60 television spots.

Minister for the Environment, Vicenc

Vidal said the campaign would be intensified this year after the disastrous drought of 2016. "Water is a scarce good, which we must take care of and know how to manage," he said.

Tourism minister Biel Barcelo said he hoped the water-saving challenge was taken up even by those visiting the islands for just a few days.

The drought situation on Mallorca is far less critical than it was last summer. At present reservoirs are 67 per cent full, compared to just 44 per cent in July 2016. But drought is an extremely unpredictable phenomenon and any water sav-

ings can prove vitally important.

Alongside the adverts, the Balearic government has published a set of recommendations for responsible water usage.

They include taking a bucket into the shower and using water collected to clean the house or water plants. Dishes shouldn't be washed before going in the dishwasher and washing machines should be put on economy mode.

People are advised to secure taps, collect rainwater, put water bottles in the toilet cistern so it doesn't fill completely, and cover any outdoor pools to prevent water evaporating.

## Snake island

SNAKE snares have been distributed to dozens of communities across Mallorca. The Balearic environment ministry dished out a total of 230 traps to concerned councils in Capdepera, Calvia, Llubí, sa Pobla, Sant Joan, Son Servera and Arta.

Specialist snake charmers are also laying traps in the s'Albufera and Llevant natural parks. The measures come after large numbers of horseshoe snakes were spotted across the island.

Recent efforts have seen 63 snakes captured on Mallorca this year. In 2016 the total was just 23. Similar problems are being encountered on Ibiza and Formentera.

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**CARREFOUR: Air conditioning off.**

## Supermarket stench

BRITISH expatriates and tourists have vented their disgust at conditions in the Sa Coma Carrefour. Dozens of turned off customers have turned to social media to make their feelings clear.

Notable complaints include the shop smelling like sour milk and rotting meat. Others say the air conditioning hasn't been on for three weeks, leading to unbearable heat and only making the stench worse.

One cheeky Facebook user even suggested buying food from the supermarket then suing them for food poisoning if it was rancid, a bold move in today's fake sickness claims climate.

The hypermarket opened to great fanfare only a few weeks ago. The Sa Coma Carrefour's own Facebook page now features numerous complaints over the heat and smell from Spanish nationals too.

The company has said it is looking to resolve the situation soon.

# Becker goes for broke



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**TOUGH CALL: Boris Becker has a lot on his plate in Mallorca.**

THE trials and tribulations of troubled tennis star Boris Becker continue. Creditors are now circling his Arta villa like sharks, weeks after the German legend was declared bankrupt.

Courts in Mallorca, the UK and Germany are after the remaining rubble of the 49-year-old's international property portfolio.

It has now been revealed that Becker owes the Balearic government nearly €70,000 in relation to his

Arta property, and interest accrued over fines and missed payments.

He owes thousands more to a Mallorca-based law firm, has neglected mandatory social security contributions and other taxes on the property, and is held responsible for the loss of a tractor on his land.

On the bright side a bill of €550,000 issued by the Melchor Mascaro construction company has reportedly been paid by Becker, whose

lawyers say he will "fully comply with his financial obligations."

The big question for Becker is how much he can raise from the sale of his Arta villa on the north-east of the island. It was valued by Tinsa at €7.2 million in 2007 just before the crisis struck.

More recently it has been advertised online during three aborted efforts to shift it at €12.5 million. But that valuation largely ignored major structural problems with the villa which have seen it described as cursed.

Having been largely abandoned for the best part of a decade, pipes need fixing, the pool is dirty, plaster is crumbling. Becker was also punished for constructing new buildings on the 22-hectare plot without planning permission, then having to tear them down at great expense.

The sale will also have to be quick if Becker is to pay the almost €5 million owed to different interests.

World number one Novak Djokovic reportedly offered to step in and buy the property while he had Becker as his coach. But he and the Serbian have recently parted ways.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Balcony leap

A TEENAGE Brit plunged from the third floor of a Magaluf hostel. The 19-year-old is in intensive care at Son Espases hospital. Police are investigating.

### Ship wreck

DEEP sea divers have found unusual inscriptions on the galley of a Roman shipwreck discovered near Portocristo. Archaeologists reckon the wreck dates from 37-68 AD.

### Rare works

PALMA'S Fundacio Miro is celebrating its 25th anniversary by showcasing an array of works from the great artist never before shown on the island, despite Palma being his adopted city.

### Air strike

AIRPORT workers have voted to go on strike at Son Sant Joan. Disruption can be expected until August at least as they protest over shifts and stagnant wages.

### Moon bus

AN all-night bus will run from Palma to the airport until the end of August, departing from Palma port once an hour. If successful the scheme will extend beyond summer.

### Smart move

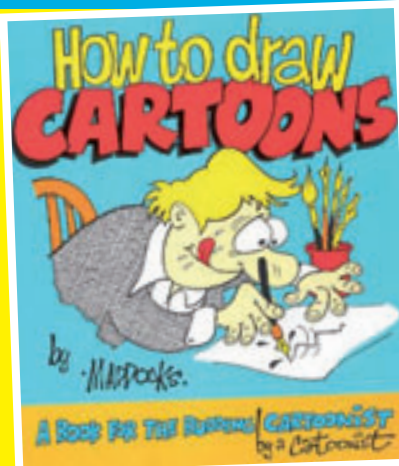
PALMA'S street lanterns have been replaced with LED lamps weeks after a young German boy was almost killed when one fell on him from three metres high.

### Berlin beat

THERE will be no British bobbies on the Mallorca beat this summer but four lucky German policemen will swap their day jobs for beach patrol as part of a European exchange program.

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## Twin plagues strike almonds

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**BLOSSOM:** Sight of almond trees may soon disappear.

ALMOND trees across Mallorca are growing sicker by the day with evidence of their degradation now startlingly visible in the fields of Manacor, Sa Pobla, Inca and Sineu. Trees are bare, lifeless and unable to bear fruit.

Farmers are insisting that the cause of the alarming epidemic is the quickly spreading bacteria *Xyella fastidiosa*, also known as 'Olive Ebola.' They believe the same disease that is likely to spark a mass cull of olive trees on the island is also threatening the critically important almond industry.

That opinion is not shared by government experts who claim a fungal infection is at fault. But

farmers point out that one third of plants affected by so-called Olive Ebola are not olive trees at all, but almond trees.

One researcher has an alternative hypothesis. Eduardo Moralejo believes the bacteria has weakened thousands of almond trees, thus allowing the fungal infection to spread so quickly. Almonds are thus being struck by a double whammy of disease that requires urgent intervention.

A scientific delegation from the EU recently told Balearic officials that the islands would likely be left with no choice but a catastrophic cull of olive trees to stop the bacteria causing irreparable damage to plant life.

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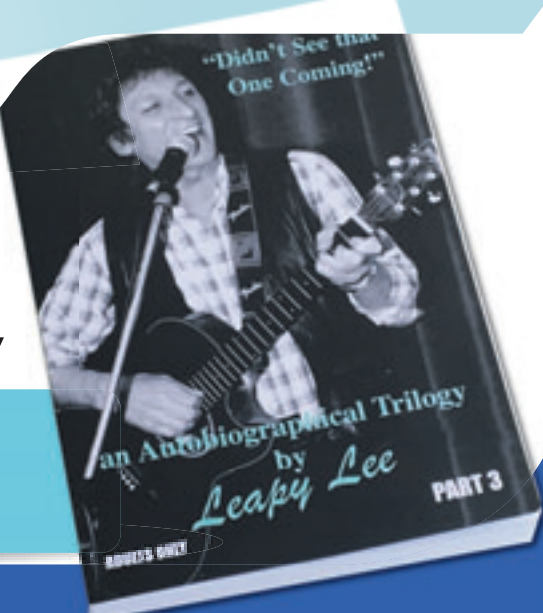
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# Making memories trip to Disneyland Paris for Leo

INSPIRATIONAL cancer fighter Leo Bermejo from Almeria is heading to France with his family for a magical, memory-making five-night trip to the Disney theme park.

A fund launched late last year - and taken up by the *Euro Weekly News* with subsequent widespread publicity reaching hundreds of thousands of people - raised enough money to send him to the United States for cutting edge proton-beam therapy in Oklahoma.

But a recent MRI scan has confirmed the cancer has returned and is growing quickly in different areas of the original cavity.

Speaking about the trip Mum Karen said, "I don't feel one bit excited. I am sure we will all have fun but deep inside our hearts we

will know that it is the beginning of the end for Leo.

"Now we are being forced to think about life without him which seems impossible at the moment. His smile brightens our day every day, his happiness and positivity makes us all better people."

She went on to say, "I am sure emotions will be all over the place. I will watch other families with their healthy children feeling envious. Why can't that be us? Why is it my baby boy that has to go through this.

"He has fought so hard but he has never stopped smiling and he has never shown that he is ready to give up."

The family will travel to Manchester first so that Leo can say 'hello' to his friends there. Then they will all travel to the Disney resort for five nights.

On their return to Spain the family will start arranging palliative care for brave Leo.



**BRAVE LEO:**  
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**FLASHBACK:** Calle San Miguel in Torremolinos, which was among southern Spain's original popular tourist destinations.



**CHANGING FACE:** Calle San Miguel remains popular with locals and tourists alike to this day.

# Spanish Costas are busier, brighter... In living

**Has life become better or worse on the Spanish Costas over the past 30 years? Armed with industrial quantities of Factor-50, author and former resident Terence Kennedy hit the carretera to find out.**

IN the early 80's, hit by a super sales pitch so hard that if it had been the Titanic the iceberg would have sunk, we bought 'our dream home on the Costa.'

Back in the old days some property salesmen were so persistent that once they got a foot in the door, they would keep it there until gangrene almost set in.

We quickly realised - after buying while still a few years short of our 40th birthdays - that we had personally jumped the gun in our own life pattern, and in doing so only succeeded in bringing down the average expat age in our urbanización from 66 to 65.5.

So after completing a book project we eventually sold up and moved on.

Last month - three decades on - we returned to a noticeably busier, brighter and bronzer coast. But has life improved in southern Spain over all those years... for more than perhaps the cement manufacturers?

According to the famous French proverb, 'Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose': the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Well hasta la vista baby; if it weren't for the street sign where we once called home, we felt we could have been on a different planet entirely.

Where our hills were alive with cicadas, now it's cement mixers and a toll road, and what we paid for our house now barely buys a bike-rack.

Where Brits formerly arrived at the airport laden with baked beans, Angel Delight and Marmite, those who still insist they won't eat 'foreign muck' can now buy their own imported choice items in even the smallest supermercados.

## ● Tourism magnet

The statistics are truly astonishing: when we left 30 years ago, officially there were just 250,000 foreign-born people living in Spain.

Today, deep breath, it's 4.5 million, or some 10 per cent of the nation's entire population. The UK's *Financial Times* says Spain is the most favoured destination for other Europeans considering moving, chas-

## Si señor! A truly enviable lifestyle

THERE'S no denying the magnificent quality of life in southern Spain today, with more foreigners than ever able to enjoy it in an era of enormous mobility and cheap travel.

It actually cost us on our visit more to park our car at our home airport Toulouse than the price of the flights from France.

And once settled into the holiday mode where else, for instance, could an everyday gal afford to buy a 'genuine' Gucci bag on the beachfront - or if you prefer Louis Vuitton - with the label changed following a quick dab of glue.

"No problem señor!"

Where else can one live in a t-shirt and shorts for the majority of the year... and skin-cancer be damned?

Where else can you browse happily in fleets of shops called 'Toda Una Euro' and

not actually find anything priced at a euro?

Where else can you brave the throngs of car-hire touts at the airport on arrival and be offered a week's rental for a breathtaking €1.80 (but then read the [very] fine-print: 'Mandatory insurance €200')?

Looking back to the 80's and crossing the dreaded coastal carretera used to be a dice with death. But now all you have to conquer is vertigo as you stride across the overpasses.

There are also many more shops of more variety including the top designer brand names as well as numerous Chinese bazaars that are the equivalent to the 'open-all-hours' corner-stores in the UK.

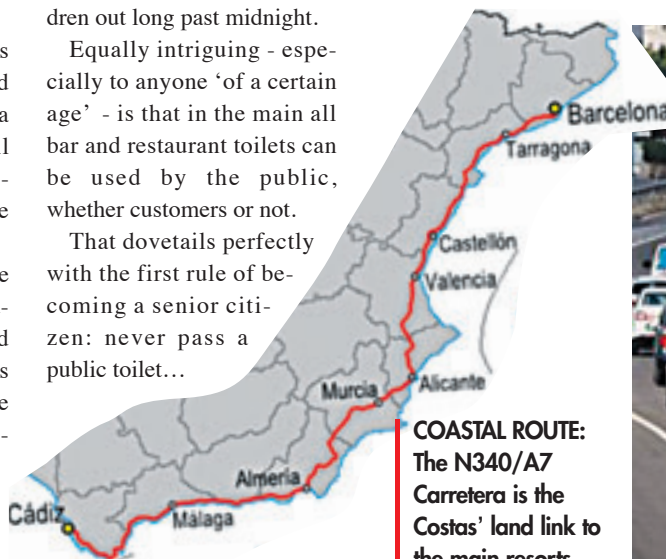
Further food for thought is provided with more restaurants and cafes of every

persuasion than even a customer on steroids could handle.

There's a lifestyle our forefathers could only dream of, in a country where many still believe it is one's birth-right to sleep for three hours in the afternoon and keep the children out long past midnight.

Equally intriguing - especially to anyone 'of a certain age' - is that in the main all bar and restaurant toilets can be used by the public, whether customers or not.

That dovetails perfectly with the first rule of becoming a senior citizen: never pass a public toilet...



**FLASHBACK:** The Plaza de la Costa del Sol in Torremolinos with Fiat 500s the car of the day in the mid 70's.

The old photographs featured are courtesy of Torremolinos Chic Facebook page. Readers with old local photographs which they want to share should contact [es-es.facebook.com/torremolinoschic](https://www.facebook.com/torremolinoschic).



**COASTAL ROUTE:** The N340/A7 Carretera is the Costas' land link to the main resorts throughout Spain.



and more bronzed than 30 years ago

# memory



**SKYLINE CHANGE:** Carihuela Beach today, with Torremolinos a much-changed but ever-popular resort with tourists from all over Europe.



**FLASHBACK:** Carihuela Beach in Torremolinos when the resort started becoming popular with tourists, initially mainly from Scandinavia.

ing what *The Economist* in London says is now the world's 10th-highest quality of life.

The British authorities estimate that the real population of Britpats living in Spain is far bigger than official Spanish figures suggest, at anywhere up to a million. And around 800,000 are permanent residents.

Are you as gobsmacked as I was to learn from the BBC that, contrary to popular belief, only 21.5 per cent are in fact over the age of 65?

Never mind the residents, how about the tourists? As the world's second-biggest tourism magnet after France, Spain has seen numbers rocket to a staggering 75 million annually. That's a whole heap of suntan lotion and Ambar Especial Lager, especially on the Costas!

But let's not wear any rose-tinted glasses. The Spanish coast in the 80's was already far from resembling that fabled and quaint little fishing port with a few bobbing boats that was Torremolinos,

when its first hotel opened on the Costa del Sol in 1960 and helped along with other key resorts of the time to unleash today's torrent of tourists.

Even by the time we hit the coast in the days when shoulder pads and big hair dos were in fashion, and when Wham, Donna Summers and Stevie Wonder were in the British pop charts, you had about as much chance of finding a summer car park space in the major resorts as you did of winning El Gordo.

The song of the cement mixer was already pervasive, as Spanish speculators fell over each other to colonise vast tracts of coastline and were steadily forced further and further inland.

As land pressure increased, buying into a complex which 'overlooks the sea' could mean you'd need to drag your bucket and spade several kilometres each way to get there, up hills which would make ideal Land Rover testing ground.

To an outside eye at least, the worst of the excesses are now past though the development continues apace (and amazingly to this once-burned writer at least, the often-maligned timeshare is actually experiencing a resurgence).

Fewer deserted building skeletons bear witness to the at-times greed and hopeless optimism of the 80's.

## ● Amazing beaches

EU rules have made it marginally less of a paper-chase for expats to live here (but who knows for the Brexpats from 2019!).

Additionally much of the previous corruption has been stemmed as some of the worst offenders - including many mayors and compadres - languish under the state's hospitality.

Polish up the crystal-ball and what might the Costas look like in another 30 years, when the only way this observer might be around is in an urn?

Residents and visitors alike will certainly be fatter, echoing the global obesity trends which are already so flabbily obvious here. It will be (even) hotter thanks to climate change, with Mr Trump's petulant blocking antics a mere speed-bump in history.

Contrary to what you might expect, the currently at times choked summer highways will be quieter and the air will be healthier, once the dawning of the electric car truly has broken.

And keeping fit might mean power-gliding along the growing boardwalk networks along the Costas on walker-drones.

The amazing beaches will still be packed, the beach bars passed from generation to generation will no doubt still be doing a roaring trade, the UK's *Daily Mail* will still insist Germans are buying up 99-year leases on beach deck chairs, and among more sensible Europeans, the Brits will still be burning to a bright-crimson crisp as further proof of constantly living the dream or of a great holiday visit.

## Sunny outlook to taxing thoughts

IN a globalising world Spain may cling on to its unique and familiar habits.

But for how long?

One amazing change noted since the 80's is how industrious the otherwise laid-back Spanish appear to have become.

The Spanish actually spend more time working than many of their counterparts in Europe: 1,691 hours each year while the British put in 1,674 and the Germans just 1,371, says the OECD.

These days statistics also show that almost 60 per cent of Spaniards never have a siesta.

Yet some things have stayed stubbornly the same, including Spain's agonised relationship with Gibraltar.

I found it almost comforting that, just as decades ago, one can still whizz along the carretera and see The Rock rising magnificently out of the mist, yet not encounter a single road-sign pointing to it until virtually within sight of its 'OTT-English' teashops and red telephone kiosks.

Nor are many expats (here's looking at you, the Brits) apparently any more fluent in the local language than they were 30 years ago.

One quick survey recently showed that a third rarely or never meet Spanish people, apart from in shops and restaurants, and that 60 per cent speak little or no Spanish.

Indeed, we met one Brit who is



**GOOD LIFE:** British expats enjoy the Spanish lifestyle... but many still speak only English.

endearingly restricted to ordering petrol in one of the three or four amounts he can actually ask for in Spanish.

Even so he has comfortably lived life in Spain for more than 15 years after a near lifetime working in the Far and Middle East after heading abroad following the still clearly remembered UK miners' strikes and three-day week.

Having at times lived in tax-free states he wistfully points out the only thing nowadays easily obtainable untaxed in Spain - following the 2008 recession and a tightening of council belts - is the sun.

"But hey ho," he jokingly says.

"That's a small price to pay to feel the sun on my back for eight months of every year and to have London less than three hours away."



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magazine editor. Among his books, the eccentric story of their oddball travels was published as 'A Nonsense of Direction' (now out of print but due for re-publication as an e-book). When static, the two now live in SW France.





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# Iberdrola invests in energy upgrades

By John Smith

THE Spanish electricity supplier Iberdrola is to invest €2 billion in a programme to modernise distribution and introduce digital electric meters across the country.

This is part of an ongoing project which has already seen the installation of 9.5 million digitised meters and this will now be extended by a further four million.

Part of the cost will be covered by a significant loan recently agreed between the company and the European

**€500 million**

is the amount that Iberdrola is receiving as a loan from the European Investment Bank to modernise energy delivery.

Investment Bank (EIB) in a bid to meet new legal obligations to upgrade meters and to improve the quality of the service offered.

In addition to the improvement in

service being offered to consumers, it is forecast that the ongoing project will create in excess of 6,000 new jobs with workers either directly involved in installation and upgrading

or in production of the material associated with the work.

As this latest upgrade is rolled out, it will see work taking place in Aragon, Asturias, the Basque Country, Cantabria, Castilla-La Mancha, Castilla y León, Extremadura, Galicia, La Rioja, Madrid, Murcia, Navarra and Valencia.

According to Iberdrola and the EIC, this work will contribute towards a much more reliable delivery of electricity as well as contributing to making its generation and distribution more environmentally sustainable.

## New debut on MAB

THE company which owns La Cañada shopping centre in Marbella has been listed on the Alternative Stock Market (MAB) with a valuation of €2 billion. General de Galerías Comerciales (GGC) owns another five centres throughout Spain as well as many smaller properties.

Share price was set at €79 and the company which is now considered to be the most valuable of its type on the MAB has proven to be an attractive investment as it generates significant rental income and owns all of its properties without any bank borrowing.

GGC chooses its own sites, develops them and then controls their lettings so concentrates on projects it knows and understands.

### Quote of the Week

The problems in BMN's balance sheet have gone to Bankia, which also has its own load of bad assets," according to Bridget Gandy of Fitch Group, on merger of two Spanish banks.



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MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT: Fatima Bañez.

## Robbing Peter to pay Paul

AN announcement has been made by the Spanish Council of Ministers that it will need to find an additional €9.5 billion to pay July pensions.

Minister of Employment Fatima Bañez explained that in order to pay the bonus July pension the government would have to lend this money to Social Security with €5.986 billion coming from government and €3.514 billion coming from the steadily shrinking 'pension piggy bank' or the reserve fund.

The total required to make

the July pension payments is €17.218 billion so in order to be able to meet government obligations, the loan which is interest free and does not have to be repaid until 2028 is absolutely vital.

There are 9.5 million pensioners who receive their normal pensions in July together with this extra summer bonus which is slightly more generous than the British winter fuel bonus that expatriate pensioners do not receive if resident in Spain.

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## Santander service

CUSTOMERS of Banco Santander will be able to make payments from their debit or credit cards using some Samsung Galaxy phones. Samsung Pay is a new option which can be used at establishments that allow contactless card payments.

## Dock strikes

THE unions representing dockers and employers have reached an agreement which will mean the end of strikes and protests. The new laws introduced at the behest of the European Union caused major problems but with employers guaranteeing jobs, the situation is resolved.

## Prices down

AFTER a period of monthly consumer price rises at 3 per cent, May has shown a marked reduction to just 1.9 per cent. This drop is due to a drop in the cost of oil which is reflected in lower electricity and petrol charges.

## New smart Chinese App

THE giant Chinese company Alibaba has signed an agreement with Spain's second largest bank BBVA to introduce a new payment App into Spain.

Chinese tourists will now be able to use the Alipay mobile App through BBVA's Smartpay

service to pay for certain items online.

Shops around Spain are now being encouraged to sign up with BBVA to allow those with Alipay to use the App whilst shopping and thus increasing their attraction to Chinese visitors.

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CLOSING PRICES JULY 3

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,040.25	16.25	1.59	14,383.16
Associated British Foods	2,947.50	11.50	0.39	23,243.55
Admiral Group	2,012.00	9.00	0.45	5,704.19
Ashtead Group	1,594.50	5.50	0.35	7,932.70
Antofagasta	810.75	11.25	1.41	7,881.92
Aviva	530.75	4.75	0.90	21,362.63
AstraZeneca	5,150.00	15.00	0.29	64,996.11
BAE Systems	630.25	-3.25	-0.51	20,170.54
Babcock International Group	889.75	9.25	1.05	4,451.78
Barclays	206.60	3.85	1.90	34,532.98
British American Tobacco	5,229.50	-4.50	-0.09	97,585.33
Barratt Developments	568.75	5.25	0.93	5,674.39
British Land Co	605.75	0.25	0.04	6,235.50
BHP Billiton	1,188.75	12.75	1.08	24,837.96
Bunzl	2,292.00	4.00	0.17	7,684.39
BP	447.65	4.85	1.10	87,163.55
Burberry Group	1,653.50	-7.50	-0.45	7,281.50
BT Group	292.98	-1.77	-0.60	29,358.76
Coca-Cola HBC	2,258.50	0.50	0.02	8,200.96
Carnival	5,070.00	-10.00	-0.20	10,840.14
Centrica	203.45	3.25	1.62	10,996.64
Compass Group	1,615.50	-4.50	-0.28	26,642.93
Croda International	3,907.00	22.00	0.57	5,104.61
CRH	2,746.00	12.00	0.44	22,864.04
ConvaTec Group	319.40	0.20	0.06	6,229.10
DCC	6,962.50	-27.50	-0.39	6,226.18
Diageo	2,262.75	-5.75	-0.25	57,108.25
Direct Line Insurance Group	355.90	0.50	0.14	4,886.75
Experian	1,573.50	-1.50	-0.10	14,815.46
easyJet	1,365.50	6.50	0.48	5,398.06
Fresnillo	1,474.00	-12.00	-0.81	10,950.24
G4S	327.35	0.95	0.29	5,064.40
GKN	326.50	0.50	0.15	5,598.78
Glencore	292.95	5.75	2.00	41,341.70
GlaxoSmithKline	1,633.25	-2.25	-0.14	80,431.53
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,302.00	0.00	0.00	6,175.63
Hammerson	574.75	0.25	0.04	4,557.04
HSBC Holdings	724.35	12.65	1.78	142,696.79
Int. Consolidated Airlines Group	617.75	7.75	1.27	12,786.78
Int. Continental Hotels Group	4,262.00	-5.00	-0.12	8,106.88
3i Group	903.75	1.25	0.14	8,779.71
Imperial Brands	3,454.50	6.00	0.17	33,061.14
Informa	669.25	0.25	0.04	5,512.59
Intertek Group	4,183.00	-34.00	-0.81	6,805.84
ITV	182.95	1.55	0.85	7,302.09
Johnson Matthey	2,889.00	18.00	0.63	5,556.35
Kingfisher	304.60	3.90	1.30	6,650.49
Land Securities Group	1,019.50	6.50	0.64	8,010.32
Legal & General Group	257.70	-0.60	-0.23	15,382.68
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.21	1.06	1.60	47,469.22

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
London Stock Exchange G.	3,654.00	8.00	0.22	12,687.97
Micro Focus International	2,248.50	-22.50	-0.99	5,216.06
Mediclinic International	736.50	-5.00	-0.67	5,466.66
Merlin Entertainments	480.90	0.40	0.08	4,880.96
Marks & Spencer Group	338.30	5.00	1.50	5,415.22
Mondi	2,023.50	9.50	0.47	9,779.05
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	241.15	-0.05	-0.02	5,633.64
National Grid	951.90	0.10	0.01	32,720.95
Next	3,892.50	36.50	0.95	5,670.50
Old Mutual Group	192.50	-0.90	-0.47	9,534.56
Provident Financial	2,393.00	-40.00	-1.64	3,606.13
Paddy Power Betfair	8,187.50	7.50	0.09	6,889.67
Prudential	1,772.50	11.50	0.65	45,536.39
Persimmon	2,264.00	22.00	0.98	6,919.36
Pearson	695.50	4.00	0.58	5,688.19
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,740.00	-44.00	-0.57	54,717.17
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	250.80	3.60	1.46	29,357.62
Royal Dutch Shell	2,050.25	15.25	0.75	91,100.75
RELX	1,651.50	-8.50	-0.51	17,765.69
Rio Tinto	3,283.75	41.75	1.29	44,723.20
Royal Mail	417.40	-3.80	-0.90	4,212.00
Rolls-Royce Group	889.25	-1.75	-0.20	16,395.65
Randgold Resources	6,712.50	-92.50	-1.36	6,396.36
RSA Insurance Group	618.25	2.75	0.45	6,294.08
Rentokil Initial	272.65	-0.65	-0.24	5,021.43
Sainsbury (J)	252.70	1.00	0.40	5,511.38
Schroders	3,113.00	9.00	0.29	7,015.74
Sage Group (The)	683.75	-4.25	-0.62	7,436.45
Segro	489.90	0.70	0.14	4,884.17
Shire	4,231.25	-6.75	-0.16	38,470.06
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,400.50	4.50	0.19	5,674.20
Sky	993.25	-0.75	-0.08	17,087.03
Standard Life	399.70	0.60	0.15	7,900.03
Smiths Group	1,608.00	11.00	0.69	6,315.70
Scottish Mortgage Invest. Trust	400.15	0.35	0.09	5,547.90
Smith & Nephew	1,324.50	-0.50	-0.04	11,593.46
SSE	1,459.50	6.50	0.45	14,659.40
Standard Chartered	781.40	4.20	0.54	25,577.69
St James's Place	1,193.00	11.00	0.93	6,247.93
Severn Trent	2,149.50	-32.50	-1.49	5,150.78
Tesco	169.40	0.60	0.36	13,820.87
TUI AG	1,108.50	-10.50	-0.94	6,568.96
Taylor Wimpey	176.15	-0.05	-0.03	5,765.17
Unilever	4,169.50	14.50	0.35	53,154.23
United Utilities Group	854.25	-13.25	-1.53	5,915.38
Vodafone Group	217.78	0.03	0.01	57,973.61
Wolseley	4,741.50	28.50	0.60	11,927.59
Worldpay Group	320.30	5.50	1.75	6,296.00
WPP Group	1,614.00	-12.23	-0.75	20,553.75
Whitbread	3,977.00	10.00	0.25	7,275.26

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AMERICAN EXPRESS	84.24	0.73%	0.61	75.336M
APPLE	144.02	0.24%	0.34	751.419M
BOEING CO	197.75	0.15%	0.29	119.425M
CATERPILLAR	107.46	1.72%	1.82	63.334M
CHEVRON	104.33	0.20%	0.21	197.811M
CISCO SYSTEMS	31.3	-0.35%	-0.11	156.502M
COCA-COLA	44.85	0.04%	0.02	191.710M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	80.71	0.31%	0.25	70.052M
EXXON MOBIL	80.73	0.04%	0.03	342.032M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	27.01	-0.04%	-0.01	234.858M
GOLDMAN SACHS	221.9	-1.12%	-2.51	87.402M
HOME DEPOT	153.4	0.81%	1.24	183.446M
IBM	153.83	-0.19%	-0.3	144.598M
INTEL CORP	33.74	0.60%	0.2	158.882M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	91.4	0.27%	0.25	324.975M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	132.29	-0.26%	-0.35	356.475M
MC DONALD'S CORP	153.16	0.02%	0.03	124.877M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	64.09	-0.39%	-0.25	175.379M
MICROSOFT	68.93	0.64%	0.44	532.252M
NIKE	59	10.96%	5.83	77.970M
PFIZER	33.59	-0.12%	-0.04	200.520M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	87.15	0.18%	0.16	222.947M
TRAVELERS CIES	126.53	0.11%	0.14	35.363M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122.11	0.38%	0.46	97.854M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	185.42	0.08%	0.15	178.701M
VERIZON COMMS	44.66	0.56%	0.25	182.225M
VISA	93.78	-0.68%	-0.64	173.160M
WAL-MART STORES	75.68	-0.33%	-0.25	228.167M
WALT DISNEY CO	106.25	0.51%	0.54	166.362M

## NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES JULY 3

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
West Marine, Inc.	\$ 12.85	3.20 ▲ 33.16%
ObsEva SA	\$ 8.55	1.05 ▲ 14.00%
Dova Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 22.29	2.48 ▲ 12.52%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 4.68	0.47 ▲ 11.16%
Xcel Brands, Inc.	\$ 3.05	0.30 ▲ 10.91%
Web.com Group, Inc.	\$ 25.30	2.30 ▲ 10%
A. Schulman, Inc.	\$ 32	2.65 ▲ 9.03%
The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	\$ 38.82	3.06 ▲ 8.56%
Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	\$ 12.51	0.90 ▲ 7.75%
CPI Card Group Inc.	\$ 2.85	0.20 ▲ 7.55%
Altimmune, Inc.	\$ 3.20	0.22 ▲ 7.38%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.39	10.12 ▼ 39.67%
Destination Maternity Corporation	\$ 3.23	1.45 ▼ 30.98%
Microvision, Inc.	\$ 2.12	0.19 ▼ 8.23%
VOXX International Corporation	\$ 8.20	0.70 ▼ 7.87%
Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 7.13	0.58 ▼ 7.52%
American Outdoor Brands Corporation	\$ 22.16	1.78 ▼ 7.44%
Conatus Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 5.76	0.44 ▼ 7.10%
aTyr Pharma, Inc.	\$ 3.40	0.25 ▼ 6.85%
MediWound Ltd.	\$ 6.80	0.4999 ▼ 6.85%
Real Industry, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.20 ▼ 6.45%
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# Pound stumbles on GE2017 result

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ONCE again the currency market has been rocked by UK political uncertainty, with the general election triggering notable shifts in the pound.

In the two weeks surrounding the result of GE2017, the GBP/EUR exchange rate shifted by more than €0.026. The euro's gains against the pound may have been more substantial if not for the European Central Bank's (ECB) latest interest rate decision.

### What's been happening?

The year 2017 is certainly shaping up to be as full of twists and turns as 2016.

While election campaigning was suspended in the wake of horrific terror incidents in Manchester and London, the election was held on June 8 as planned. However, the outcome certainly wasn't what Theresa May had planned when she called for the election in April.

Initially the Conservatives were expected to walk the election, increasing their majority and



**OUTCOME:** Interesting to see what happens to the pound over the next few weeks.

strengthening Prime Minister Theresa May's hand in Brexit negotiations in the process.

But the tide of public opinion turned, and in the end May failed to secure the 326 seats needed to form a majority government.

The result wasn't the continuation of the status quo some investors were hoping for and the pound fell by around 2 per cent as a result.

Although the GBP losses were nowhere near as dramatic as the ones recorded in the wake of Brexit, the UK's even more uncertain outlook

did leave Sterling struggling despite Theresa May's swift decision to form a coalition with the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

The euro did come under some pressure of its own however as the European Central Bank (ECB) cut inflation forecasts. The reduction in expectations for inflation reduced the odds of the ECB opting to reduce quantitative easing or increase interest rates in the near future, limiting the euro's gains.

**What do you need to look out for?**

It will be interesting to see what happens to the pound as the dust settles over the next few weeks.

Although it was boosted by the fact that a higher-than-expected number of Bank of England policymakers had voted in favour of raising interest rates, it was also unsettled as the decision to Brexit negotiations are just beginning, and Theresa May had asserted her commitment to continuing with the discussions as part of a minority government.

If it appears that May has lost some of her sway in Brussels as a result of the election outcome, fears that the UK will emerge from Brexit with a bad deal could put the pound under further pressure.

However, some suggest that Theresa May has indeed altered her approach and intends to target a 'Soft Brexit,' which could help GBP climb sharply.

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## WARNER BROS -v- WANDA GROUP Potential *Clash of the Titans*

A MAJOR disagreement has broken out between movie giant Warner Bros and Spanish cinema chain Cinesa over the inclusion of a trailer with Wonder Woman.

The Chinese-owned Cinesa is furious that the Digital Cinema Package file that was supplied to its 45 theatres included a trailer for King Arthur: The Legend of the Sword which is the latest 'blockbuster' from director Guy Ritchie, due for August release in Spain and forecast to lose €130 million.

Warner's have taken this action to embed the trailer with the hugely successful Wonder Woman film to try to promote King Arthur and has refused to remove the trailer from the copies supplied to Cinesa.

In retaliation, Cinesa has either covered the screen with an apology for a technical problem or let the trailer run without sound or in some cases vision which spurred Warner Bros Spain to issue a tweet giving details of competitor cinemas which screen the trailer in full.

Cinesa which is owned by Chinese entertainment company, Wanda has deplored the decision to embed the trailer



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and to tweet the detail of competing cinemas but has also gone on to publicly blame Warner Bros for making it impossible for Spanish audiences to benefit from special offers.

The reason for this, according to Cinesa is the fact that rather than take a percentage of the ticket sales for its movies it instead charges a fixed fee for the screening of films, meaning that unless any cinema is prepared to reduce profits, then no special offers can be made.

Whilst looking at this dispute from a purely national perspective, with just 45

Cinesa cinemas in Spain, Warner Bros is hardly likely to be particularly worried.

However in China, Wanda owns 497 cinemas and 3,947 screens, 661 cinemas and 8,200 screens in the USA and 244 cinemas with 2,200 screens across Europe and this could become a major battle between two giant organisations, especially as the Chinese corporation is also a major producer of films.

Time will tell whether this spat becomes a major war or simply disappears with both sides claiming the moral high ground.

## Germany calling Catalan unemployed

AS the economy in Germany continues to boom, there is a skills shortage which has led companies to recruit workers from Catalonia.

The state of Baden-Württemberg is acutely aware of the lack of young skilled technicians and engineers and has entered into an agreement with the Catalanian government to train youngsters and then offer them jobs.

This is quite a challenge for technicians as they need to be able to speak good German, but the Goethe Institute in Barcelona has been assisting with intensive language courses and provided that applicants accept that the weather in Germany can be less clement than that of Spain, this could be a way forward for the well-educated yet unemployed.

Salaries and living standards are good and it is only a 12-hour drive or two-hour flight from Stuttgart to Barcelona.





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**DONALD TUSK, Justin Trudeau (Canada) and Jean-Claude Juncker discuss CETA.**

## PSOE abstain on CETA vote

AFTER initially indicating that it would vote in favour of the EU-Canada Trade Treaty (CETA), the PSOE Party decided to abstain.

This decision upset the minority ruling PP government as Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy accused the main opposition of potentially making Spain a laughing stock amongst its colleague states in the European Union.

In the event, when the vote was held in the lower house of the Spanish Parliament, it went through with 179 votes in favour

and 79 against, so the abstention of the 81 PSOE MPs effectively made no difference.

The upper house is dominated by PP senators, so its vote is a foregone conclusion.

The European Union voted to enter into this agreement which would make trade between the EU and Canada easier and with less restrictions, but each member state must approve the agreement and then a vote in the European Parliament must ratify the decision before the agreement can enter into law.

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## Young people earn less than those they replace

THERE have been winners and losers in the growth of employment in Spain with workers under 40 seeing a real drop in the value of wages.

It would appear that there is a significant difference between the amounts paid to the young and those over 60 according to a report from the National Statistics Institute (INE) which suggests that age and length of service play a huge role in salaries.

Although these figures are historical, the information is illuminating as they show that as new workers are recruited to replace those who retire, they will invariably

earn less than those they are taking over from.

Average salaries for those under 24 are estimated to be €11,288 which is a massive 5.1 per cent drop on the previous year and in fact all average salaries have been reduced for those up to the age of 50 and it isn't until they break 60 that the average wage increases by 2.6 per cent.

According to the INE report, those who are older and have greater experience are in the main valued by employers whilst younger people are prepared to take lower wages initially in order to obtain work and to start their careers.

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# Either shape up or ship out

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



I DUNNO, perhaps it is me. Of course I sympathise with the victims of the Grenfell horror. Of course I find the initial results of the nationwide fire hazard investigations extremely worrying. What I can't get my head round is all those who are now coming out of the woodwork and using this tragedy to whinge about the conditions they all 'have' to live in. Among others, those who reside on the notorious Broadwater Estate are a case in point.

'Why should we have to put up with these awful slum conditions?' they whine. Why doesn't the government (natch!) do something about it? Well just a minute. Ill-advised as high rise accommodation may have been, they were initially built in good faith. The rules governing public buildings were, and are, far more stringent than private projects. None of them began their existence as slum dwellings.



**BROADWATER ESTATE:** None of the buildings began their existence as slum dwellings.

None of them started out covered in graffiti, with lift shafts stinking of urine, or knee high in rubbish used condoms and drug paraphernalia. Flats originally built to accommodate families of four to six persons were never meant to cope with benefit scroungers boasting 10 or 15 off-springs, or jam-packed with scores of 'sub-lets.'

All these conditions are brought on by those who move into them. Human beings create the environments they reside in. It's time many of these residents started to get their own houses in order, rather than blaming all and sundry for their woes. Stop thinking about their so-called 'rights' and start concentrating more on their own wrongs would be a start.

All over the UK there are scores of high rise estates, which are proudly and properly run by local councils and caring tenants. With their carefully tended gardens, playgrounds for the children and hardworking responsible residents, they are wonderful examples of how decent human beings, however diverse their cultures and backgrounds, can live in perfect-

ly harmonious and orderly surroundings. I suggest those who feel all the blame for their 'misfortunes' lay outside their own walls, either shape up or ship out.

They are a drain on resources, a threat to democracy and utterly useless contributors toward any future of the country that nurtures them.

I do feel sorry for the Yemenis. I always found them an extremely happy and caring people. I shall never forget their kindness when I found myself hopelessly stranded in the desert. Believe me, if I'd also known the steel runway reinforcing I helped deliver to that secret Saudi air base, would one day be used to launch death and destruction among them, I would have 'accidentally' allowed my truck to topple off that extremely precarious mountain pass! (It's in the book!) Let's hope peace and tranquility will once again prevail for these likeable people in the not too distant future.

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"Sometimes it's just bad luck; this week we've had teeth or dentures broken by rock-hard crusty baguettes, olive stones and chocolate kept in the fridge, while on other occasions people fall foul of typical holiday behaviours such as partaking in slightly too much alcohol resulting in a fall or an altercation, often not realising a dentist is needed until the morning after. Variety is the spice of life, and summer is certainly full of it."

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about getting just a 'patch up' for their regular dentist to fix back home. If time allows, Santa Ponsa Dental Practice can restore any smile back to perfection.

"In fact, some regular visitors to the Island have abandoned their UK-based dentist in favour of Mallorca due to the convenience and service provided alongside certain inevitable cost savings.

"You'd also be surprised at the number of holidaymakers who simply walk past, spot the sign, and think 'Oh, I may as well have a check-up and clean while I am here,'" added Howard: "It sounds crazy but some people don't find the time amongst work and family commitments so 'treat' themselves while they're on holiday. Meanwhile, school is out for our regular locally-based clients so we see a lot of children across the peak season too. There's not much time off for a dentist in Mallorca in the summer."

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# Count your current blessings

## Sally Trotman

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



WELCOME to your July 2017 forecast. Every month I write about how the Astrology, Numerology and Tarot for the month ahead effect you, helping you to move forward confidently with your plans. Below is your forecast for July 2017:

### Astrology: feeling secure

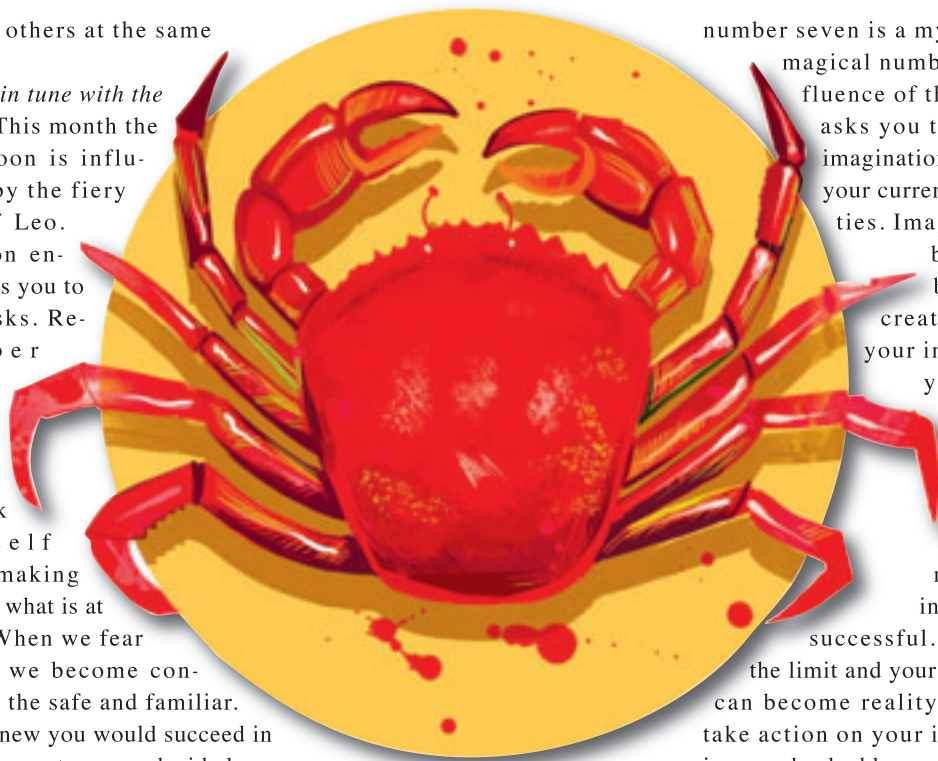
• *Sun in Cancer:* This month the sun is influenced by the sensitive sign of Cancer. This water sign brings the focus to all aspects of your security, from your home to your career.

When you earn your living with a sense of joy and purpose, fully understanding the value of what you do, you can make changes to ensure that you do something which truly fulfils you and em-

powers others at the same time.

• *Get in tune with the moon:* This month the new moon is influenced by the fiery sign of Leo. The lion encourages you to take risks. Remember that security is an illusion, so ask yourself when making changes what is at stake. When we fear change we become confined to the safe and familiar. If you knew you would succeed in whatever venture you decided on, what would you do? Ask yourself what your highest aspiration is this month, and then begin taking steps towards your desired goal.

The full moon on July 7, influenced by the earthy sign of Capri-



corn, will help you to create a practical plan to achieve your most important goals.

### Numerology: Be the change

• *Number 7:* In numerology the

number seven is a mystical and magical number. The influence of this number asks you to use your imagination to expand your current possibilities. Images are the building blocks of creation. With your imagination you can transform an idea into something innovative, inspiring and successful. The sky is the limit and your imaginings can become reality when you take action on your ideas. Your images, backed by correct action, have the power to manifest your dreams. So give yourself permission to dream today!

### The Tarot: New opportunities!

• *The Chariot:* When the time is

right and you are prepared to act with courage, good fortune awaits you. The Chariot indicates a period of change and movement.

This can be an actual, physical move, or a change in your thinking. Look for the opportunities which present themselves this month and go with what excites you!

Become alert to opportunities by counting your current blessings to help you recognise the riches which surround you right now. Keep your expectations positive and know that you are attracting exactly what you need when you need it.

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# Flying by the seat of their pants - passengers and pilots

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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AT this time of year, air travel's uppermost in many people's minds. Not always a pleasant experience what with queuing, flight delays, 'misunderstandings' etc.

easyJet recently denied claims that, ahead of a flight from Malaga to Bristol, its pilot announced there was a '50/50' chance both its engines would work, before asking passengers for a 'show of hands' whether or not they should take off or stay put - triggering panic on board. easyJet subsequently confirmed the 'technical issue,' strongly denying the request for a vote, while one witness said the hysteria may have been a 'misunderstanding.'

Nonetheless, cabin crew do liven things up with the PA system -



**AIR TRAVEL: Pilots can liven things up with the PA system.**

occasionally at the expense of passengers.

On an early flight to Paris, a BA pilot announced: "Good morning ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to inform you that this is my very first flight... (long pause while passengers glared at each other in panic)... of the day." Cue relief all round.

BA again: "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome aboard this British Airways flight to Denver. If your travel plans do not include visiting

Denver, then now would be the perfect time to make yourself known to a member of the cabin crew."

A Virgin flight attendant once announced: "It's customary after a long-haul flight to ask for volunteers to clean the toilets. If you wish to volunteer, please stand up before the fasten seat-belt sign's been switched off."

And this during the safety briefing on the Canadian airline Westjet: "In the event of a sudden drop

in cabin pressure, oxygen masks will drop down. If you're travelling with someone who needs help, put your own mask on first, then help your husband."

After a jet landed at Heathrow in a storm, the Aussie pilot forgot to switch off the PA system. Passengers heard him snigger: "Hell, I need a cool beer and a warm Sheila after that." As a stewardess rushed to warn him, one passenger yelled: "You forgot the cool beer, Sheila!"

All airlines keep handcuffs on board to deal with 'over-boisterous' passengers. Maybe a spare pair of cuffs for 'over-boisterous' pilots too?

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

## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Almería

### Viability of sheds

MY granddad had a shed. It was full of sacks, various garden tools, some sort of noxious liquids for making his plants into Triffids overnight, oh and a mangle. I'm pretty sure if he could see how sheds are being used today then granddad would be astounded. Although we don't know for sure, I would guess he can't get television where he is; I imagine Bolivian prisons are pretty strict!

Yes, things in the shed department have moved on at quite apace since granddad's days of freedom. In fact today there is something called Shedomics research. Honestly, I'm not making it up; people are employed to assess the economic viability of sheds!

I do know how important sheds are though. We lived in New Zealand for a short time and you would often see that a '...real Kiwi bloke's shed...' was a major selling point for a house. I was never able to find out what happened in them though.

But today sheds have taken on a new life. According to Shedomics experts - sorry, no matter how often I say it, it still sounds like it belongs in a Monty Python sketch. Seriously though, they - not the Pythons but the Shedonomists - say that a third of people in the UK want to renovate their shed so they can rent it out.

Which is just as well because the number of people who would like a shedcation - please stop laughing, this is serious stuff!! - has nearly doubled. Forget 5-star hotels or taking to the open road with a tent, people are now looking for a shed away from home.

However, it's not just holidays that have increased the profile of sheds. Apparently, over 10 per cent of men have admitted to planning a surprise for their partner in the shed. You can picture it can't you? Soft music, flowers and then that most romantic of lines, "Darling, I've bought you a new mangle."

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## Cassandra Nash

*A weekly look*

- and not entirely impartial reaction -  
to the Spanish political scene

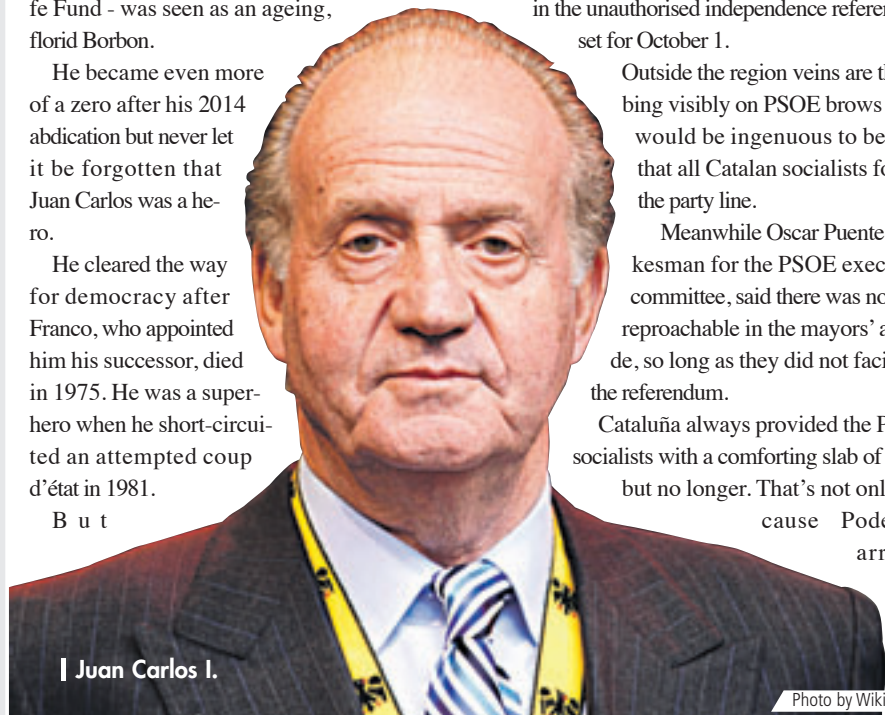
JUAN CARLOS went from hero to zero in 2012 when he broke a hip while elephant shooting in Zimbabwe with his mistress.

The economic crisis was blighting Spanish lives at that time and suddenly Spain's king - then honorary president of the World Wild Life Fund - was seen as an ageing, florid Borbon.

He became even more of a zero after his 2014 abdication but never let it be forgotten that Juan Carlos was a hero.

He cleared the way for democracy after Franco, who appointed him his successor, died in 1975. He was a superhero when he short-circuited an attempted coup d'état in 1981.

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| Juan Carlos I.

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# Passage of time

he was omitted from the celebrations that marked the 40th anniversary of the 1977 elections, the first of the Transition. Sadly, Juan Carlos is now the elderly relative no-one wants at the party.

## Going their own way

SEVERAL socialist mayors in Cataluña will vote in the unauthorised independence referendum set for October 1.

Outside the region veins are throbbing visibly on PSOE brows but it would be ingenuous to believe that all Catalan socialists follow the party line.

Meanwhile Oscar Puente, spokesman for the PSOE executive committee, said there was nothing reproachable in the mayors' attitude, so long as they did not facilitate the referendum.

Cataluña always provided the PSOE socialists with a comforting slab of votes but no longer. That's not only because Podemos

arrived t o

split the vote or because Republican-leaning socialists drifted to the ERC party, but because they want a referendum.

Ironically there are probably more pro-independence voters in the PSOE-PSC than there are in the old centre-right CiU party now reincarnated as the pro-secession Pde-Cat.

## Bought and sold

A PARLIAMENTARY committee has been questioning the former Partido Popular treasurer Luis Barcenás.

They are probing alleged double accounting and irregular donations from big-name compa-

nies that later received juicy government contracts.

Mariano Rajoy, president of the Spanish government, claimed that the committee hearing served no purpose and he was absolutely right.

Barcenás refused to answer questions and after spending 19 months on remand he will never open his mouth again.

The ex-treasurer was bought off in 2009 when Gurtel first came to light, leaving his post but remaining with privileges at PP party headquarters.

He was sold in January 2013 after he blew the whistle when no-one came to his aid once a stash of Swiss money came to light. Apart from Rajoy and his 'stay strong Luis' text message, that is.

Since he left prison in January 2015, however, all is sweetness, light and silence between Barcenás and the party whose funds he so deftly amassed.

Bought, sold and bought again.

PODEMOS spokeswoman

Irene Montero's filibuster during the failed Vote of No Confidence debate fleetingly mentioned the Partido Popular's Abortion Reform Bill.

This was eventually abandoned when it proved to be a vote-loser even inside the PP, but amazingly the now-forgotten legislation is never thrown in Ma-

## Short memories

riano Rajoy's face.

The Bill thought up by former Justice minister Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon, and with which Rajoy was allegedly most happy, would have forced desperate women to return to backstreet butchers if they wanted to

terminate a pregnancy. Not that this would have affected the wives and daughters of the affluent, including - or especially - practising Catholics. As in the Francoist past they would have gone to London, instead. And then to Confession.

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## A mountain of odd socks

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



I'M lying in bed and all of a sudden I hear that dreaded noise. It's the single tone buzz that tells you that there is one serious bad ass mozzie flying round the room. I wave my arms about like a nutter then there is silence. I reach out and get the mozzie spray that I keep next to the bed. I press the nozzle to protect myself from this kamikaze killer... and nothing! I shake the container - there is plenty in there - I press again - still nada.

I don't like waste and I certainly don't like wasting stuff that I've paid for. The case in question this week is products that come in spray form. Either the old-fashioned aerosol type or the newer environmentally friendly pump sprays. Three times this week I've had one sell me short.

The mozzie spray was the first, the second was some glass cleaner - this was even worse as I could actually see, in the clear container, how much was left. It didn't matter how many times I pulled the trigger - not a dribble. The third was a pump action sun cream which just packed up. This one at least I could unscrew and pour it out.

So, as usual, I ask the question - is it only me? I've had expensive eau de toilette atomizers do it and if you have half a bottle of something left do

you take it back to the shop? Well, of course, you can't because you could have had it for a few months. So you have to chuck it out.

There is one mystery in life which I have been trying to solve for years and to this day have got no nearer to solving this problem. Now I know this happens to every man I know and, I bet, to millions I don't. So here's the question. WHERE DO ALL THE ODD SOCKS GO??? I definitely wear two socks and, for sure, I put two into the laundry basket and they are then transferred to the washing machine. And that's when it happens.

One or two disappear into sock land. Somewhere in the world there must be a mountain of odd socks as high as Everest. Where do they go? There was actually a study done which revealed that the average man loses 15 socks a year leaving them with loads of mismatches. So, with the average Brit living to 81 it means you lose 1,215 socks over a lifetime costing you about €3,000.

By the way, that's 84 million odd socks just in the UK and with all these statistics and money spent - guess what - no-one came up with an answer. Makes you wonder doesn't it?

The silly season is approaching. The holiday-makers will arrive and nothing will be the same till mid-September. There will be loads of people about and most will be having a fun time with the family but some will act like idiots. But then, of course, that gives me plenty to be grumpy about!

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	9:30pm Count Arthur Strong	12:00pm The Daily Politics	10:00pm Lethal Weapon	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Cricket on 5: England v South Africa	7:00pm Premier League Legends
	10:00pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	12:30pm Wimbledon 2017	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Blind Date	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	11:30pm ITV News London	9:00pm Gogglesprogs	10:00pm Best of Bad TV: Live and Dangerous	8:00pm Great Sporting Moments
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	10:30pm The Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	11:40pm Joanna Lumley's India	10:00pm The Crystal Maze	11:00pm Big Brother: Live Eviction	8:15pm Great Sporting Moments
	11:25pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	12:40am Tipping Point	11:00pm The Last Leg	12:30am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	8:30pm Live Super League
	11:35pm Not Going Out	12:05am Top of the Lake		12:05am Naked Attraction		11:30pm Boxing Gold
12:05pm Begin Again					12:00pm Premier League Legends	
SATURDAY	1:15pm Wimbledon	9:15am Scott of the Antarctic	5:00pm The Chase	3:25pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	5:55pm Live Super League
	7:25pm BBC News	11:00am Athletics	6:00pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	3:55pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	Catalans Dragons v Wigan Warriors.
	7:35pm Regional News	12:00pm Wimbledon	6:30pm Little Big Shots USA	4:30pm Four in a Bed	7:55pm 5 News	8:00pm British and Irish Lions Tour
	7:40pm Weather	1:15pm Bargain Hunt	7:25pm Local News and Weather	5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	8:00pm Cricket on 5	9:00pm Cricket
	7:45pm Pointless	2:00pm Father of the Bride	7:35pm ITV News and Weather	6:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Blind Date	10:00pm Cricket
	8:30pm Pitch Battle	3:30pm Wimbledon	7:45pm Catchphrase	6:30pm Formula 1	10:00pm Big Brother	10:15pm British and Irish Lions Tour
	10:00pm Casualty	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	8:30pm The Voice Kids	8:00pm Rise of the Planet of the Apes	11:00pm Live Boxing	11:15pm Sporting Greats
	10:50pm BBC News	10:30pm Museum of the Year	10:00pm ITV News and Weather	10:00pm Bridesmaids	1:00am Super Casino	11:45pm Super League Gold
	11:05pm Weather	11:00pm Mock the Week	1:00pm Skyfall	12:20am Red Eye		12:00am Premier League Legends
	11:10pm Little Fockers	11:30pm QI	1:00am The Chase			
12:45pm Tropic Thunder	12:15am 2001: A Space Odyssey					
SUNDAY	7:50pm Regional News	2:15pm The Great Caruso	2:30pm The Voice Kids	4:10pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	4:15pm Inside Windsor Castle	1:00pm Live Austrian GP: Pit Lane Live
	7:55pm Weather	4:00pm Killer Whales	4:00pm Bear Gryll's Survival School	5:10pm Homes by the Sea	5:15pm Inside Windsor Castle	1:30pm Live Austrian GP: Race
	8:00pm Countryfile	4:45pm Money for Nothing	4:30pm Moonraker	6:15pm Channel 4 News	6:15pm Inside Windsor Castle	4:30pm Live Austrian GP: Paddock Live
	9:00pm Fake or Fortune?	5:30pm Rowing	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:45pm Formula 1	8:00pm Cricket on 5	5:15pm Cricket Gold
	10:00pm Poldark	6:30pm Flog It!	7:15pm ITV News and Weather	9:00pm Secrets of the Forbidden City	8:55pm 5 News	5:25pm Cricket
	11:00pm BBC News	7:00pm The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway	7:30pm The Chase Celebrity Special	10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale	9:00pm That's So... 1990	9:00pm Spanish Football Gold
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	11:30pm Sue Barker: Our Wimbledon	10:00pm Foxcatcher	11:00pm ITV News and Weather	12:55pm This Means War	12:05pm The Bounty Hunter	12:00am Premier League Legends
	12:45pm The Week the Landlords Moved in	12:05am White Gold	11:20pm Lethal Weapon			
12:05am News for You		12:20am Take Me Out				
MONDAY	8:30pm Mini Monet Millionaire	7:15am The TV That Made Me	7:00pm Local News and Weather	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	3:15pm NCIS	3:00pm Premier League Legends
	9:00pm EastEnders	7:45am Flog It!	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm Truth and Lies	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
	9:30pm Panorama	8:15am Bargain Hunt	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News	4:30pm Football Gold
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	11:00pm Secrets	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm Amazing Animal Births	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	5:00pm Premier League 100 Club
	11:00pm BBC News	12:00pm The Daily Politics	9:30pm Coronation Street	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News	6:00pm Premier League Legends
	11:30pm Regional News	12:30pm Wimbledon	10:00pm Fearless	9:00pm Dispatches	8:00pm Cricket on 5	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	11:40pm Weather	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	11:00pm ITV News	9:30pm How to Retire at 40	9:00pm All New Traffic Cops	8:00pm Live Horse Racing: Winning Post
	11:45pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	10:30pm Ripper Street	11:45pm Killer Women with Piers Morgan	10:00pm Catching a Killer	10:00pm Silver Service	10:00pm Fight Night
	12:15pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You	11:30pm Newsnight	12:10am Weather	11:25pm 60 Days in Jail	11:00pm Big Brother	12:00am Fight Night
12:45am News for You			12:20am Bodyshockers	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side		
TUESDAY	7:00pm BBC News	8:15am Super League Show	4:00pm David Dickinson's Name Your Price	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm Abducting Zoe	3:00pm Premier League Legends
	7:30pm Regional News	9:00am DIY SOS The Big Build	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm 5 News	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
	8:00pm The One Show	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours	4:30pm Football Gold
	8:30pm EastEnders	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	5:00pm Football's Greatest
	9:00pm Holby City	12:30pm The Daily Politics	7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
	10:00pm In the Dark	1:30pm Wimbledon	8:00pm Emmerdale	9:00pm Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List	8:00pm Britain's Greatest Bridges	7:00pm Premier League Legends
	11:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Today at Wimbledon	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	9:30pm Supersopper	9:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies	7:30pm Premier League Legends
	11:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Hospital	11:00pm ITV News	10:00pm Phil Spencer	10:00pm The Hotel Inspector	8:00pm Live Horse Racing: Winning Post
	11:40pm Weather	11:00pm Detectorists	11:40pm Davina: Life at the Extreme	11:00pm First Dates	11:00pm Big Brother	10:00pm Fight Night
	11:45pm Granddad, Dementia and Me	11:30pm Newsnight	12:40am Play to the Whistle	12:05am 24 Hours in A and E	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:00am Boxing Gold
12:45am Mini Monet Millionaire	12:10am Weather					
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm BBC News	8:15am Council House Crackdown	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	4:15pm Rags to Riches: Ultimate Life	11:20am Live ICC Women's World Cup 2017
	7:30pm Regional News	9:00am Great British Menu	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News	7:00pm Football's Greatest
	8:00pm The One Show	9:30am Great British Menu	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	9:00pm Watchdog Live	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	8:00pm Barclays Premier League World
	10:00pm The Week the Landlords Moved in	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News	8:30pm Football's Greatest
	11:00pm BBC News	12:30pm The Daily Politics	8:30pm Coronation Street	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm All New Traffic Cops	9:00pm Fight Night
	11:30pm Regional News	2:00pm Wimbledon	9:00pm Love Your Garden	9:00pm Ackley Bridge	9:00pm The Highland Midwife	11:00pm Barclays Premier League World
	11:40pm Weather	9:00pm Today at Wimbledon	10:00pm Joanna Lumley's India	10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	10:00pm Where There's a Blame, There's a Claim	11:30pm Boxing Gold
	11:45pm Room 101	10:00pm Gardeners' World	11:00pm ITV News	11:00pm The Windsors	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:00am Premier League Legends
	12:25pm Supermarket Shopping	11:00pm QI	11:40pm Paul O'Grady for the Love of Animals: India	11:30pm Catching a Killer		
12:45am Secrets	12:10am Weather	12:40am Goodwood Festival of Speed	1:45am Ramsay's Hotel Hell			



# Guardia Civil launch summer campaign for safer vacations

THE Guardia Civil has launched a campaign, with the title Ten Hints, which seeks to encourage responsible behaviour while tourists and residents enjoy their well-deserved vacations.

They have produced 17 short video clips which look at safety for individuals and regard for the environment in public and holiday areas.

The advice has been placed in five different categories, all of which appear to be overlooked at times during the summer and when an element of holiday 'excitement' makes people forget the obvious.

In addition to the actual advice, suggestions are made as to the specialist divisions of the Guardia Civil, who are responsible for different areas of policing.

Firstly, the organisation reminds holidaymakers of the im-

portance of protecting the environment and animals. This includes not leaving dogs in hot cars without water and ventilation, individuals not throwing burning cigarette ends away (due to the strong possibility of starting a wildfire) and reminding all that rubbish of any type (including dog excrement) needs to be removed and disposed of properly.

The next topic covered is that of travel by road - which many people do - from holidaymakers travelling to second homes on the coast, to first time visitors driving hire cars.

The most important advice is never drive having taken al-

cohol or drugs, use seat belts at all times, respect the speed limits and never text or use a mobile phone when driving.

Don't make it easy for burglars, especially at home in this very hot weather, by leaving windows and doors open, (particularly when you are sleeping) and be alert to possible thefts on the streets, as mobile phones and bags can disappear in the blink of an eye.

Many tourists enjoy the outdoor life but too many go hiking or

climbing with inadequate clothing, (especially footwear). The advice is to always take sufficient liquid and wherever possible, a mobile phone in case of accidents.

Every summer, reports abound of people drowning (often when caught in treacherous tides or from the shock of diving into very cold water) and children need to be watched at all times, both in the sea and when near swimming pools.

The water can be dangerous so don't drink and then go swimming at night and be careful when out with boats or hiring jet skis.

All of the hints are really quite obvious - but for some reason, when holidays come, common sense can be in short supply - so remember to be careful and save expense, discomfort and possible death as well as upset for all of the family, be sensible!



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## The prevention or reduction of religious radicalism

SIR,

As far as I know the majority of religions practised in the UK are hierarchal in nature thereby the Archbishops of Canterbury/York and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland are the leaders of the Protestant faith, The Chief Rabbi of the Jewish faith and the Archbishop of Westminster of the Catholic faith.

Due to this hierarchal structure any official religious preacher who goes 'off base' is brought to heel by their superiors and corrected. If their conduct does not improve they may lose their positions.

Many people are not aware of the fact that the Islamic faith has no such structure as each mosque chooses its own Imam who is not subservient to any higher authority and may not even be formally educated in his own religion.

Would it not be an idea to make it compulsory that the Imams of all mosques in the UK are responsible to The Grand Mufti (honestly it is an authentic term!) and his council of, presumably, lesser Muftis who would license each Imam and supervise that his teachings are in line with their accredited

### Heaven's above. A locked church!

WHAT a sad reflection of how low some people in modern society will stoop when a church has to lock up to ensure that either vandals or thieves do not take advantage of open doors.



A wise move maybe, but also very sad.

I recently visited a church near our home to light a candle for a sick friend, only to discover that the church was bolted, though fortunately the following day when I returned the priest was there and I was able to spend a few minutes in prayer.



**LOCKED UP:** Various items have been stolen in recent years.

It seems the locked door policy was not taken lightly, but with various items stolen in recent years, as well as some vandalism, the powers-that-be decided to en-

sure future safety.

Wise, maybe, but also so very sad.

*Ted Gallagher  
Aguilas, Murcia*

ed version of the Quran. This would then eradicate the type of teachings and radicalisation of the likes of the Finsbury Park mosque.

*Alister Bottomley  
Pollensa, Mallorca*

### Dog days

SINCE December a dead dog is lying by the side of the road from Los Gallardos towards Garrucha. It's a podenco, probably abandoned by a brutal hunter, then killed by a ruthless driver, then left to rot. I have talked several times to the Local Police in Los Gallardos who say they have called the institution responsible for removing dead animals from the roadsides, but nothing happens.

I have e-mailed SEPRONA (Servicio de Protección de la Naturaleza) several times about this dog, asking if they are responsible for removing it, but no reply. When I tried to send a message from their website a sign turned up saying my e-mail address was not correct, which is nonsense.

Does anybody know which institution is supposed to remove these dead animals? I thought rotting animals by the Spanish roadsides belonged to earlier and darker times. Or are they back?

*Britt Arenander  
Huerta Nueva, Malaga*

### No respect

I DREAD this time of year because the cycle jobs are out in force, especially on weekends. In towns they don't stop at crossings, even when people are half way across them because they have no number plate and know they won't be caught. They pull straight out on roundabouts, forcing cars to stop and they go through red lights. They are all on the clock, trying to knock a minute off their last best time getting from A to B.

*Michael Hill  
Trapiche, Velez-Malaga*

### On the rocks

I HAVE been coming to Orihuela since 2001 and got such a shock when I arrived this week to see the rocky state of Playas Flamenca and Cala Mosca. I am a keen swimmer but I don't know how anyone could negotiate their way into the water on both beaches! The rocks extend well out even to a swimmer's depth.

It is almost literally impossible for anyone to SAFELY enter the water! And to think these beaches have been awarded BLUE FLAG status (or so I believe)!!!

*Name and address withheld*

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## Gaining power (Leapy Lee)

THOSE five points have been taken from a list of 10 that have all been exposed as untrue. Not enough space to explain on here but to complain labour made it political then you do the same is hypocrisy in extreme.

*Paul chalonner*

### » Three dead in Torremolinos crash

IT'S about time the Spanish government started a re-education programme for Spanish drivers. The Spanish are lovely people but behind the wheel of a car they are just crazy. Ok! some expats are no better. But the Spanish have no concept or awareness of danger. When they approach a roundabout or a stop sign they have no intention of slowing down or stopping. It's full speed ahead. Little wonder there are so many accidents.

*Lloyd Lupin*

### » Off duty officer allegedly caused Torremolinos crash

SOBERING, and not just tragic, no parent should EVER bury their own child. One only hopes the courtroom castigates him heavily for this horrific recklessness

### Comments from EWN online

which led to a fatally nightmarish outcome. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

I thought that they are supposed to uphold the law not break it, how can you trust them after this.

*David Kerswill*

### » Sad ending for shark in Mallorca

WHY didn't they take the hook out of the shark's mouth and take him back out to sea. The sea is his home not the humans. Should not have killed him.

*Lilly Spencer*

### » EU citizens must apply for 'settled status'

IF current EU citizens can continue to live in the UK but future ones can't, what happens when the current ones die? Well, if they own a house and have adult children living in their country of origin, they'll find they have a house they can't live in! As new immigrants they would

be refused entry. If Spain reciprocates your families will not be able to move into your Spanish home! They'll be refused entry! Is that what pro-Brexit expats want?

*Brian Eagleson*

### » Trialled for kidnapping her dying husband

Why has she only be charged with Kidnapping? Her Actions Obviously Played A Massive Part in His Suffering, Deteration & His Aweful Death. Its Gotta To Be Murder...Plain & Simple, Too.

*Tomas Kirken*

### » Concerns for Brits rights in EU

IS it any wonder the electorate and expats are confused. They have been lied to throughout, remember the bus... £350m which will go to the NHS?

As for expats getting the same rights in Spain to benefits/housing and healthcare, another lie.

Wake up, you choose to be in Spain.

So under 65yrs old, you pay + pay + pay

Smile that's the way it is and some governments will exploit this.

*Tony*



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## Women's wit

‘I don't exercise. If God had wanted me to bend over, he would have put diamonds on the floor.’



By Joan Rivers,  
Comedian/Actress

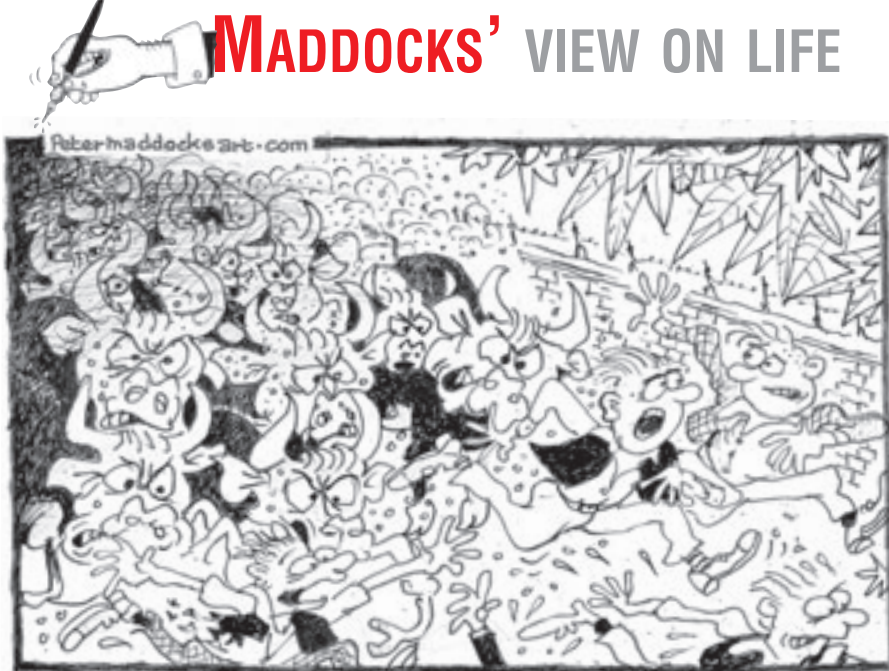
## Famous quote

‘If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this thing is to be remembered.’

By Edgar Allan Poe, Writer

## World of English

‘A buck does funny things when does are present.’



'PAMPLONA? - I WAS LOOKING FOR SPECSAVERS!'

# Naturist Beaches in Spain

**TOP 5**

WITH temperatures soaring, it's getting harder to keep cool right now. Perhaps it's time to be brave, strip off those clothes and head to one of these nudist beaches - no clothes required, but don't forget your sunblock!



**NO CLOTHES: But don't forget the sunblock.**

- Costa Natura Nudist Resort, Estepona, Costa del Sol**  
Opened in 1979, it's located just south of Estepona in the Costa del Sol. The Costa Natura resort is on a public nudist beach. It welcomes families and couples and even provides children's entertainment in the peak season months. The sand and pebble beach stretches out some hundreds metres and gives way to spectacular views of Gibraltar's Rock and Africa's Northern Atlas mountain range.
- Faro de Trafalgar, Cadiz, Costa de la Luz**  
The city of Cadiz is thought to be the oldest settlement in Europe and offers much in the way of cultural heritage as well as sublime beaches. Amongst

these is the Faro de Trafalgar beach, which is dedicated to nudists. The waters and breeze can be pretty fierce so a windbreak is recommended. Other nudist beaches in the Costa de la Luz include Bolonia in El Chorrillo and the idyllic Zahara de los Atunes.

- Playa de la Mar Bella, Barcelona**  
The seaside city of Barcelona has actually clamped down on public nudity. It's best to keep to one of the specially designated beaches to avoid a potential fine. The best pick of the nudist beach-

es along this stretch of coast, is the Playa de la Mar Bella just 2km away from Barcelona's Main Square. Head along the main Barceloneta beach and the designated nudist section is located behind the sand dunes. Other popular spots include the Playa de las Rocas beach and the Playa de Sant Sebastia (Barceloneta) beach, which is also popular with surfers.

- El Torn Beach, Tarragona, Catalunya**  
In southern Catalunya is the city of Tar-

ragona, which boasts Roman history, winding mediaeval streets and one of the most popular nudist beaches in the country. It also happens to be one of largest nudist beaches in Europe. Its relatively isolated location means the beach and its surrounding area have a fairly low degree of occupancy. It's a great setting if you enjoy nature.

- Platja Balmins, Sitges, Costa Dorada**  
The Mediterranean town of Sitges is best known for its International Film Festival and Carnival, which is held annually. The town was popularised during the 19th century when wealthy merchants built their lavish mansions here. Today Sitges is considered the gay capital of Spain and its annual programme of lively and colourful festivals reflect that. Many of the beaches are also gay and nudist friendly, such as the Cala del Home Mort (Dead Man's Beach) and the mixed nudist beach of Platja Balmins which is between the port of Aiguadolc and Sant Sebastia.

# YOUR STARS

## FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
(January 21 - February 19)

Is someone trying to sidetrack you by casting doubt on a relationship or plan? Something is going on so make sure that you have all the facts. It would be gullible of you to take everything at face value. You have good supportive colleagues and may seek their advice. Be optimistic as the weekend comes and remember your sense of humour.

**LEO**  
(July 24 - August 23)

When someone asks you this week where you are going, will you know the answer? You will make progress if you do. If you're not sure, then there is no point in going full steam ahead. This is a week to consider your options on all fronts, particularly in business.

**PISCES**  
(February 20 - March 20)

Showing confidence means others see you as being very much in control. They need to see that you can be trusted. If a plan is not going in the right direction, be prepared to change tack. Changes should not be made to financial plans until you are sure of your ground. Romantically, you are being admired.

**VIRGO**  
(August 24 - September 23)

A personal decision needs to be made. No major changes are necessary so long as you have a firm plan. It is not so much that caution is required, rather more that you should give yourself time to consider. In the longer term, you may see this week as a turning point.

**ARIES**  
(March 21 - April 20)

It is all go for you at the moment. Not only will you be particularly clear-thinking but your intellect will be sharp as a knife. Your enthusiasm spills over from your business life to personal matters, leading to a hectic and eventful time all week. When it comes to romance, a positive and dynamic approach stands you in good stead.

**LIBRA**  
(September 24 - October 23)

This is a week of planning and making changes. Some things click into place and you realise that you are on your way to completing an ambition. The trick is to manage it without upsetting people on the home front.

**TAURUS**  
(April 21 - May 21)

It is now important that you are clear about the person you wish to spend your time with because you may have more than one option. Plans that you started last week are now showing progress. Keeping the pace growing is essential to beat rivals. It is not an easy week by any means but it should not be boring.

**SCORPIO**  
(October 24 - November 22)

Are you putting off a decision affecting others? This is a good time to take the bull by the horns. Keep an eye on finances involving younger people. Sometimes, you are better able to help in other ways, perhaps by giving encouragement or advice.

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)

A tendency to be emotional because of a setback should be avoided. When you feel the pressure rising, remember that nothing is worth risking your health for. Sound out friends and colleagues to avoid over-reacting. It is a week when you realise how someone close is able to be a great help. The question is, can you accept it?

**SAGITARIUS**  
(November 23 - December 21)

Your activities this week may seem to be ones best done alone. To a certain extent this is true.

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 23)

There is sensitivity in your chart. It is possible to overlook someone who needs your time and consideration. You are not a mind-reader and they may not directly seek your help. Be aware, then, of how others are faring.

**CAPRICORN**  
(December 22 - January 20)

Are you feeling less positive than usual? We all do at times. If energy is low get out for a long walk in a relaxing place.

Perhaps watch a film that raises your spirits. There is about you a kind of regret and fondness for the past, but there is nothing wrong with sentimentality so long as it does not cloud your picture of the future. That can be bright indeed.

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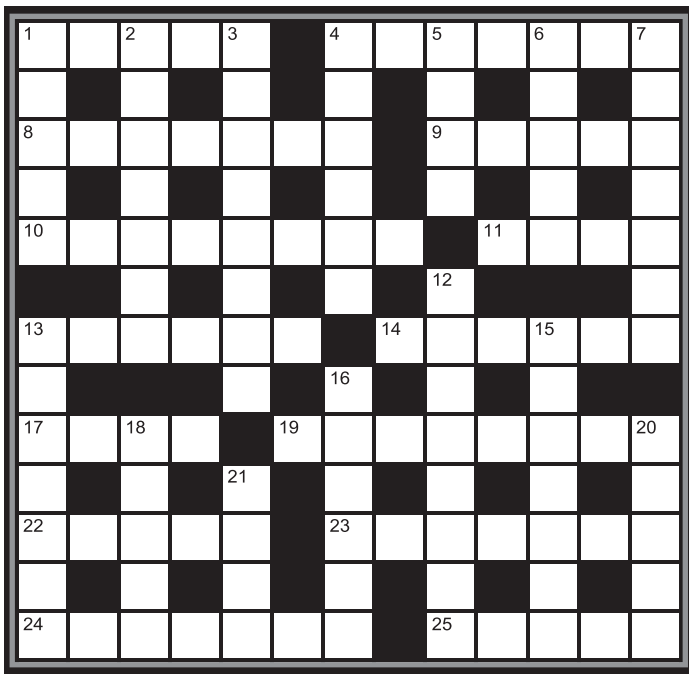
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- Across**  
 1 Point to friendly crowd (5)  
 4 Rate all members of the side (7)  
 8 Cakes mix-up is clear (7)  
 9 Wept whilst mixing cider (5)  
 10 Creepy sibling hiding at home (8)  
 11 Something inherited from an espionage network (4)  
 13 Off around New York, nevertheless (6)  
 14 Rags, as in the river (6)  
 17 Pat's confused about what's gone on (4)  
 19 Splendid joke I fed into Scotsman (8)  
 22 Cliff Richard is miffed Elvis started lawbreaking (5)  
 23 Rider at doctor later (7)  
 24 Southern shark is skinny (7)  
 25 Big Bird beheads Snoopy (5)

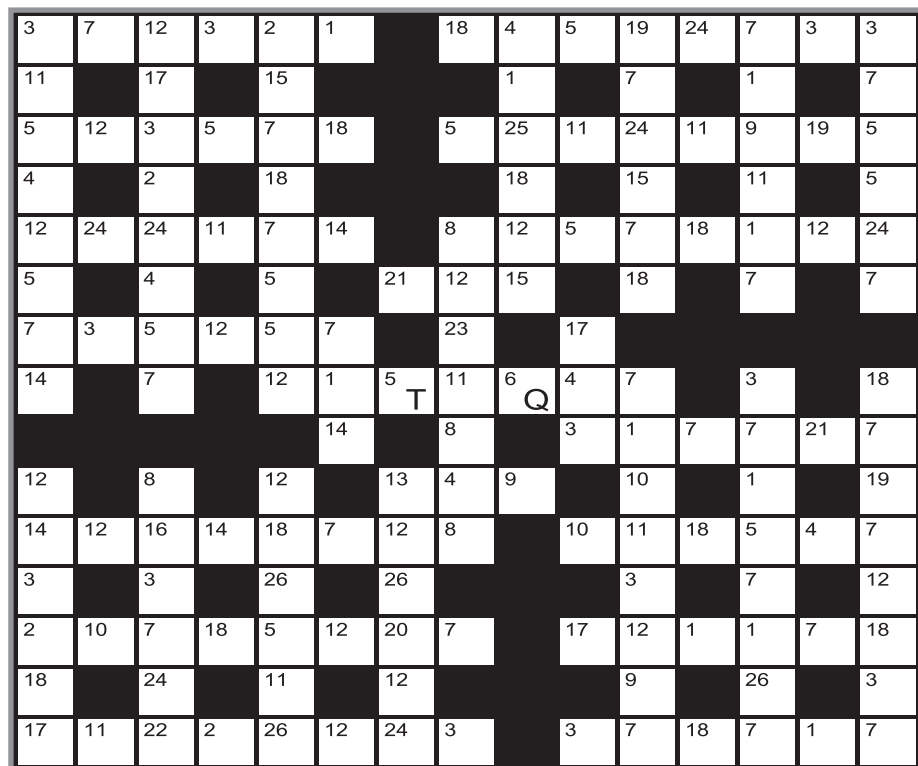


- Down**  
 1 Look at Mississippi, it appears (5)  
 2 Penalty conversion is easily enough (7)  
 3 Chief to remain as support (8)  
 4 In part, cruciverbalist endeavours to pay attention (6)  
 5 Diplomacy is part of the Riot Act (4)  
 6 Erect or demolish, we hear (5)

- 7 Steps the German amongst the lads (7)  
 12 About a motor vehicle or train (8)  
 13 Caps set at different angles (7)  
 15 Meeting involves information technology in fraud (7)  
 16 Regiment in pursuit of support (6)  
 18 Gets a glimpse of what they confiscate, so we hear (5)  
 20 Denounce phoney cures (5)  
 21 Heavy Metal at number one (4)

Code Breaker

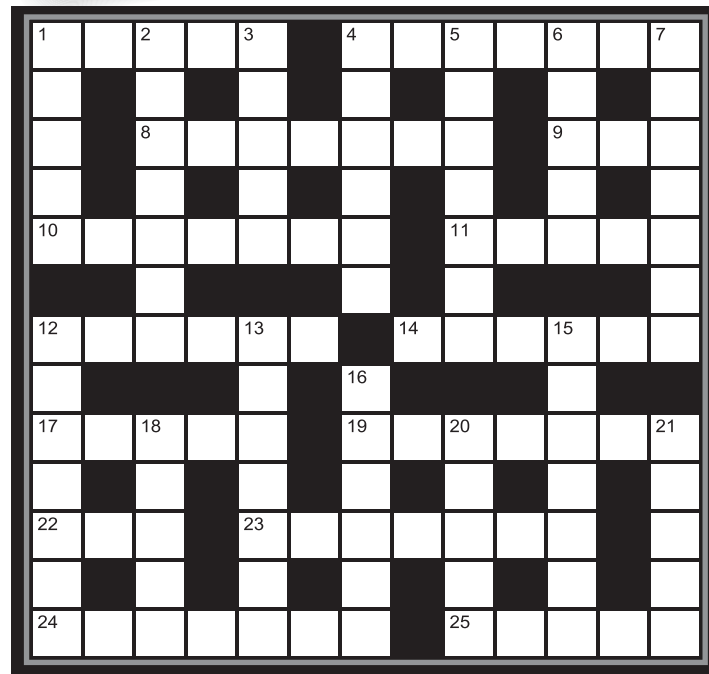
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents T and 6 represents Q, so fill in T every time the figure 5 appears and Q every time the figure 6 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should 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.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				T	Q							
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick

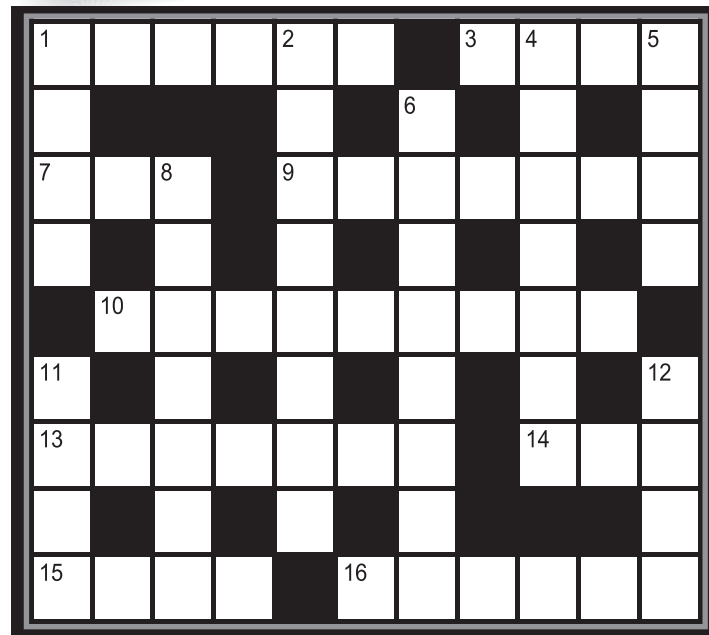


- Across**  
 1 Fried potatoes (5)  
 4 Childhood disease (7)  
 8 Words falsely spoken that damage the reputation of another (7)  
 9/22 Vehicle safety device (3,3)  
 10 Innocuous or inert medication (7)  
 11 Bishop's headdress (5)  
 12 Formal and dignified (6)  
 14 Protein substance that remains when starch is removed from cereal grains (6)  
 17 Seat for one person (5)  
 19 Short heavy curved sword with one edge (7)  
 22 See 9  
 23 Ape (7)  
 24 White ant (7)  
 25 Particular procedure by which something is done (5)

- Down**  
 1 Inexpensive (5)  
 2 Set up for use (7)  
 3 Refrain from harming (5)  
 4 Exhibition of cowboy skills (6)  
 5 Burnt sugar (7)  
 6 Precise (5)  
 7 Doctor who performs operations (7)  
 12 Early wind instrument (7)  
 13 Cocktail made of gin with dry vermouth (7)  
 15 Disaster (7)  
 16 In operation (6)  
 18 Wrath (5)  
 20 Snares (5)  
 21 Range (5)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**  
 1 Guijarro (6)  
 3 Barco (de gran tamaño) (4)  
 7 Mentira (embuste) (3)  
 9 Right (not left) (7)  
 10 El más fuerte (9)  
 13 Poverty (7)  
 14 Quién (3)  
 15 Mediodía (4)  
 16 Traffic jam (8)  
 4 Sierra para metales (7)  
 5 Proyecto (4)  
 6 Embarazada (8)  
 8 Cowshed (7)  
 11 Abierto (4)  
 12 Well (for water) (4)
- Down**  
 1 Tirar (4)  
 2 Thieves (8)

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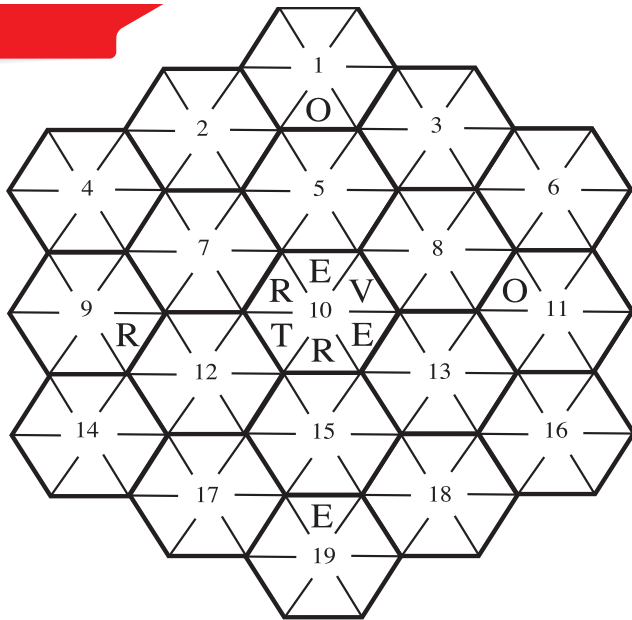
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## Hexagram

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AERATE  
APOGEE  
CENTRE  
CHALET  
CUTOUT  
DETOUR  
GYRATE  
LENGTH  
LESSEE  
LETTER  
MAKEUP  
MARAUD  
POMADE  
REVERT (10)  
TEETER  
TINDER  
UNLOAD  
VENDOR



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**REVERT**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Fiddle 2 Delete 3 Ridden 4 Caress  
5 Inbred 6 Sodden 7 Strain 8 Reason  
9 Sneaky 10 Aboard 11 Leaden  
12 Ideate 13 Teasel 14 Fixate  
15 Cereal 16 Teller 17 Active 18 Neater  
19 Bottle

## Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



### TARGET:

- Average: 10
- Very good: 20
- Good: 14
- Excellent: 26

### SCORING:

4 letters: 1 point    7 letters: 5 points  
5 letters: 2 points    8 or more letters:  
6 letters: 3 points    11 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

elope eloper ahem also aloe hadst hale  
haled halve halo halos have evade echo  
echoer deal deals delve dahl dale drool  
drools droop droops drop drops hole  
holed hold holds hols hove host hoot  
hoots hoop hoops hooper hoopoe hops  
hope hoper hoer chore chorea chop  
chops crop crops creole crept crate crater  
sort erato epos egos arvo arch areola  
areolae atop goos goop goops gear goer  
goat

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



### TARGET:

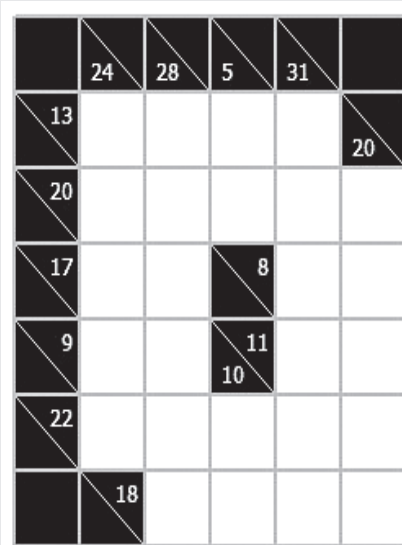
- Average: 5
- Good: 7
- Very good: 10
- Excellent: 12

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

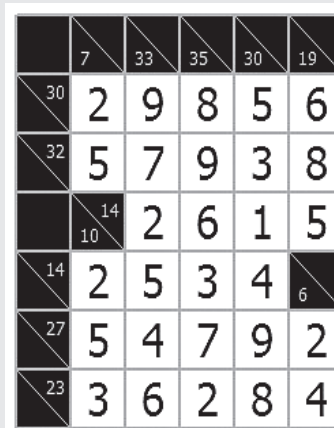
alar alec alee anal carl clan earl elan lace lane  
lean leer rale real reel anele areal canal clean  
clear creel lacer lance learn renal cancel carnal  
cereal crenel enlace lancer leaner cleaner  
clarence CLEARANCE

## Kakuro

Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

#### Across:

1 Barato, 4 Asno, 8 Gamba,  
9 Niece, 10 Longest, 14 Ducha,  
15 Broma, 16 Ojal, 17 Agency.

#### Down:

1 Bags, 2 Remolacha,  
3/15 Tea bag, 5 Sweetcorn,  
6 Open, 7 Knee, 11 Neat,  
12 Odio, 13 Lazy.

### CODE BREAKER

1	B	2	Z	3	E	4	J	5	A	6	Y	7	T	8	H	9	G	10	D	11	K	12	R	13	X
14	F	15	O	16	I	17	W	18	N	19	M	20	U	21	V	22	P	23	S	24	C	25	L	26	Q

### CRYPTIC

#### Across:

1 Sabre, 4 Latimer, 8 Retreat, 9 Broom,  
10 Prepared, 11 Hera, 13 Faster,  
14 Fidget, 17 Ally, 19 Reproach, 22 Ember,  
23 Lithium, 24 Phantom, 25 Smear.

#### Down:

1 Strap, 2 Batters, 3 Elevates, 4 Lathes,  
5 Tuba, 6 Moore, 7 Remnant, 12 Migrates,  
13 Flare-up, 15 Granite, 16 Bedlam,  
18 Libra, 20 Homer, 21 Writ.

### QUICK

#### Across:

1 Absent, 3 Helper, 8 Speed, 10 Diaries,  
11 Silence, 12 Tests, 13 Upset, 15 Brass,  
20 Alert, 22 Arrange, 24 Leading,  
25 Level, 26 Steady, 27 Feared.

#### Down:

1 Assist, 2 Steal, 4 Exact, 5 Priests,  
6 Resist, 7 Added, 9 Dense, 14 Prepare,  
16 Rural, 17 Fables, 18 Large, 19 Yelled,  
21 Tried, 23 Never.

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By Kenneth Johnson

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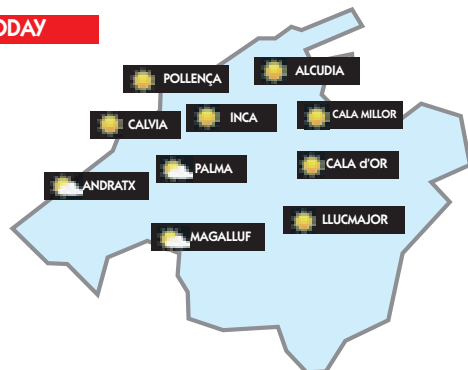
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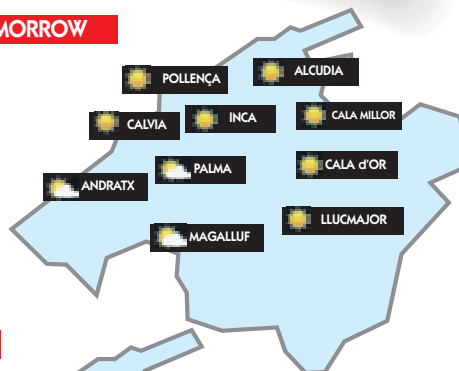
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TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



Malaga

TODAY: MAX 31, MIN 21-C

Fri	-	32	20	-	S
Sat	-	30	20	-	S
Sun	-	31	20	-	S
Mon	-	31	21	-	S
Tues	-	30	21	-	S
Wed	-	32	21	-	S

Almeria

TODAY: MAX 29, MIN 22-C

Fri	-	30	22	-	S
Sat	-	28	22	-	S
Sun	-	29	22	-	S
Mon	-	31	22	-	S
Tues	-	30	23	-	S
Wed	-	31	24	-	S

Alicante

TODAY: MAX 29, MIN 22-C

Fri	-	30	22	-	S
Sat	-	29	22	-	S
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Mon	-	29	22	-	S
Tues	-	29	22	-	S
Wed	-	31	23	-	S

Barcelona

TODAY: MAX 27, MIN 21-C

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Sun	-	28	21	-	S
Mon	-	28	21	-	C
Tues	-	28	21	-	S
Wed	-	29	21	-	S

Benidorm

TODAY: MAX 29, MIN 22-C

Fri	-	29	22	-	Sh
Sat	-	28	22	-	S
Sun	-	28	22	-	S
Mon	-	28	22	-	S
Tues	-	29	22	-	S
Wed	-	29	23	-	S

Bilbao

TODAY: MAX 24, MIN 16-C

Fri	-	24	16	-	Sh
Sat	-	24	16	-	Cl
Sun	-	23	16	-	C
Mon	-	22	15	-	C
Tues	-	24	15	-	Cl
Wed	-	24	16	-	S

Madrid

TODAY: MAX 31, MIN 17-S

Fri	-	32	17	-	Cl
Sat	-	34	19	-	S
Sun	-	36	19	-	S
Mon	-	36	19	-	S
Tues	-	37	20	-	S
Wed	-	39	21	-	S

Mallorca

TODAY: MAX 31, MIN 27-C

Fri	-	30	17	-	C
Sat	-	29	19	-	S
Sun	-	30	19	-	Cl
Mon	-	30	19	-	S
Tues	-	31	20	-	S
Wed	-	31	21	-	S

S: Sun Cl: Clear C: Cloudy  
Sh: Showers Th: Thunder  
Sn: Snow F: Fog

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BIRTHDAYS

• Pamela Anderson (50) July 1 Actress

The former 'Baywatch' star started as a Playboy model of the month. She has appeared on numerous TV shows, including a recurring role on hit sitcom 'Home Improvement.' She initially worked as a fitness instructor in Vancouver.



Pamela Anderson.

• Mel Brooks (91) June 28 Director  
Director of the classic satirical comedies

• Gary Busey (73) June 29 Movie Actor  
He starred in 'The Buddy Holly Story' in

'Blazing Saddles,' 'Young Frankenstein,' 'The Producers' and 'Robin Hood: Men in Tights.' He belongs to an exclusive club of entertainers as the recipient of an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony. In 1961, his comedy career took a leap forward when he and fellow comic, Carl Reiner, created 'The 2000 Year Old Man.'

1978, and has also appeared in 'Point Break,' 'Lethal Weapon' and 'Rookie of the Year.' He was a drummer for country stars such as Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson before becoming an actor. He made his film debut in 1968's 'Wild in the Streets.'

• Mike Tyson (51) June 30 Boxer  
A boxing legend who became the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world in August 1987. He infamously bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear during a match in 1997. His mother died

when he was 16, leaving him in the care of his legal guardian and boxing manager, Cus D'Amato. Tyson retired from boxing after losing to Kevin McBride in 2005.

• Lindsay Lohan (31) July 2 Movie Actress

She first gained recognition for portraying Annie James and Hallie Parker in the 1998 Disney comedy 'The Parent Trap.' She won several MTV Movie Awards for her starring role in 'Mean Girls' in 2004. She began her professional career as a Ford model at the age of three.

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

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

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		8	6				9	
		4	2	8		7		6
						1		

Word Ladder

LOST

Move from the start word (LOST) to the end word (WARS) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

WARS

- CAST
- COST
- LOST
- BARS
- BASS
- BOSS
- LOSS
- LOST
- OR
- WARS
- LSO
- CARS
- CART

DVD

Dunkirk

Directed by: Christopher Nolan.  
Starring: Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy, Kenneth Branagh, Mark Rylance, Harry Styles, James D'Arcy, Fionn Whitehead.



Dunkirk opens as hundreds of thousands of British and Allied troops are surrounded by enemy forces. Trapped on the beach with their backs to the sea, they face an impossible situation as the enemy closes in. In May 1940, Germany advanced into France trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover from British and French forces, troops were slowly and methodically evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found. At the end of this heroic mission, 330,000 French, British, Belgian and Dutch soldiers were safely evacuated.

Trivia PS

Most ambulance sirens were devised to imitate the sound of a woman screaming.

This week in history

- 1099 - First Crusade: 15,000 starving Christian soldiers march in religious procession around Jerusalem as its Muslim defenders look on.
- 1497 - Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama departs on his first voyage - to reach India by sea.
- 1753 - British Museum founded by an Act of Parliament (opens in 1759).
- 1777 - Vermont introduces new constitution making it the first US state to abolish slavery.
- 1778 - American Revolution: Louis XVI of France declares war on the Kingdom of Great Britain.
- 1811 - Venezuelan Declaration of Independence: seven provinces declare themselves independent of Spain.
- 1865 - US Secret Service begins operating under the Treasury Department.
- 1885 - Louis Pasteur successfully tests an anti-rabies vaccine.
- 1917 - British battleship HMS Vanguard explodes at Scapa Flow, killing 804.
- 1940 - Battle of Britain begins as Nazi forces attack shipping convoys in the English Channel.
- 1991 - Boris Yeltsin sworn in as first elected President of the Russian Federation.
- 2005 - Coordinated terrorist bomb blasts strike London's public transport system killing 52 and injuring 700.



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# Alcohol intake



**SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.**

**HOW much alcohol can a person safely have?**

The amount can vary depending on the person. Their age, weight and any pre-existing conditions alongside the situation it is consumed in (with or without food) and the timeframe of the activity (whether it's quickly in a short period of time, or slowly throughout the day).

In general, it is recommended not to go over 30 grams of alcohol a day for men and 20 grams for women. The way to calculate it is simple. You multiply the amount of alcohol consumed in millilitres by the percentage of alcohol in the drink and times 0.8 and finally divide by 100. This way you can tell how much alcohol you are consuming per drink.

**What are the short term risks of drinking too much alcohol?**

Drinking too much alcohol can cause neuropsychiatric disorders which can alter mood and behaviour, cause blackouts and in serious cases lead to comas. It can also seriously affect a person's kidneys and liver.

**What are the long term risks?**

In the long term alcohol can affect almost any part of the body. The organ most usually affected by alcohol is the liver, causing cirrhosis.

However the heart, brain, kidneys and nerves can all be severely damaged by the abuse of alcohol and cease to function correctly.

**How can you tell you are drinking too much alcohol?**

Although this will vary from person to person, it can be potentially dangerous to exceed 30 grams of alcohol in men and 20 in women. However if you find yourself needing a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover, have been criticised by other people for your drinking or feel guilty or bad about your drinking; you may want to consider cutting down on alcoholic drinks.

**Is binge drinking more dangerous than drinking regularly?**

The high consumption of alcohol in a short space of time is, as mentioned previously, quite dangerous and potentially life-threatening. However, drinking responsibly without exceeding the limits mentioned above does not necessarily entail high risks. On the contrary, moderate, or even daily consumption of for example half a litre of beer or two glasses of red wine can be beneficial. Drinking high percentage spirits or beverages sporadically is also not considered dangerous.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to: [jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com](mailto:jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com)

# Feel the burn

WITH temperatures soaring above 30 degrees this summer, even those of us who are careful to stay out of the sun can accidentally burn.

If you have caught too much sun, it is not all bad news as the countryside is full of natural local products bound to help.

Aloe vera, which grows in abundance in Spain is known for its soothing properties. Containing chemicals which reduce inflammation and pain, the plant may help that burn heal quicker. Try cutting off a leaf, opening it up and applying it directly to the affected area, avoiding any open wounds. You could also make your own gel by standing the leaves upright and allowing the plant's resin to drain off for a couple of minutes before removing the lighter gel with a knife.

Locally produced honey can also help treat light burns. A natural humectant with antiseptic properties, this golden liquid will moisturise the skin and reduce inflammation. If you have burnt your face, why not try mixing some honey with your aloe vera gel and making your own face mask. Alternatively



**ALOE VERA: Is known for its soothing properties.**

natively mix honey with oatmeal for an ultra-soothing pack. Leave either of these to work for 10 to 15 minutes and then moisturise immediately.

One of Axarquia's most popular crops is the avocado, which can also work wonders on sunburn. The creamy fruit contains healthy fats, vitamins and antioxidants, making it ideal to soothe sizzled skin. Cut the fruit in half and mash up its inside to form a paste. Mix this with one tablespoon of olive oil or aloe vera gel and once again,

leave on the skin as a mask for 15 to 20 minutes.

Coconut oil, sold in most pharmacies in Spain, will also do the trick, containing chemicals which help reduce inflammation and have antibacterial properties. Used before sun bathing, the oil contains a natural low SPF, and used afterwards it will rehydrate and soothe the skin.

So if you have been caught out so far this year, why not turn to the nature for cheap and effective ways to heal your burn?

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# Live jam sessions

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**THE Inca Jazz Festival takes place this month, with five separate evenings of concerts, workshops and sessions, at the Claustre de Sant Domingo. The first took place this Sunday, leaving another four nights of top jazz performances for music lovers on Mallorca.**

The next is this Sunday with a live concert from Richard Vinton at 9pm. Next Sunday, at the same time, is Enrique Oliver. The last gig will be from the Inca Jazz Reunion on Sunday July 23.

On Friday July 15, a special early evening jazz workshop will take place, lasting three hours, from 5pm until 8pm. Later, there will be a jam session at 10.30pm. Tickets for the workshop are limited and cost €20 for non-members. Entrance to the concerts is free, although the organisers suggest at least a €2 donation to help keep the festival on its feet.

**JAZZ: Inca festival brings top acts for music lovers.**

## Piano festival draws to a close

THE last of a trilogy of concerts at the Valldemossa Charterhouse, takes place this Saturday evening, as the village's piano festival comes to an end.

The final evening will see acclaimed South Korean pianist, Soo-Jung Ann, play Sonatas by Antonio Soller. The 29-year-old has been playing piano since she was six. She won Barcelona's Maria Canals music competition in 2012 and has a diploma from the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

Admission to her performance costs €20 and tickets can be purchased from official festival website [www.piano.es](http://www.piano.es).

The show begins at 8.30pm on Saturday evening at the Charterhouse.

Valldemossa's piano festival is well-regarded in the



**CHARTERHOUSE:** Valldemossa's piano festival concludes at iconic venue.

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Fonsi takes the stage at the Palma bullring on Saturday night at 9.30pm, with tickets starting from €30. Though Despacito made him a household name, even in the English-speaking world, Fonsi has been a top Latin singer and producer for decades.

The Latin Grammy Award-winner has performed in front of Barack Obama and Pope John Paul II and alongside Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears. He has released eight studio albums and was once declared the leader of Latin pop's new generation.

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# Seaside vintage spectacle

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It is the second edition of the show, which only features boats, bikes and cars which are handpicked by a top international jury, led by none other than Prince Leopold of Bavaria.

After the huge success of last year's debut edition, tickets are already selling fast for September with more than half the venues capacity now sold out. Registrations can be made at [www.mallorcaclas sicweek.com](http://www.mallorcaclas sicweek.com).

Though competition is tight for places, the inclusion of certain vintage vehicles has already been confirmed. Around 20 XK and XE-type Jaguars will be dispatched from the British Jaguar Enthusiast Club.

Rolls Royce will be showcasing a 1932 Phantom while



Photo credit: Mallorca Classic Week

## VINTAGE: Organisers are getting into gear for September's vintage fair.

presenting its new eighth generation model. A 1936 BMW 328 Roadster will be shipped over from the BMW Museum in Munich.

Boat lovers are in for a treat with the Amelfis scheduled for an appearance. Formerly owned by Peter Sellers

and enjoyed by Ringo Starr, the yacht is normally moored in nearby Barcelona.

The exact schedule will be released closer to the dates but day one is reserved for perusing the classic models, while the final day will be devoted to a 'Mallorca Sight-

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In the meantime, Port Adriano will surely be swamped with vintage cars, bikes and boats, as thousands of aficionados make the voyage. Completing the festive atmosphere will be food, shopping and live music.

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# Dine alone or in secret?

**M**ANY years ago I was a secret diner. It's a fad that started in the States - where else - and made its way to the UK. Based on the same principles as mystery shoppers, appointed representatives are given certain places to visit. They then report back to the operators with a complete breakdown of everything that happened during their visit. From the welcome received to the quality of the bread and the flavour of the coffee at the end, all have to be meticulously recorded and sent off. In return, the company reimburses the cost to the inspector together with his fee.

Some restaurant chains, including McDonald's, handle their own in-house diners, who travel the group's eateries. Other companies and individual operators em-

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ploy the services of a company.

HGEM in the UK has hundreds of clients and online 'secretshopping.org' handles its fair share too. Although I have been asked by colleagues to do a similar thing as a favour on the coast, there is a distinct lack of companies in Spain doing the job.

There is SMG, an American backed company and mysteryshopperspain.com both of which operate further north of Andalucia. With industry competition so

intense in Marbella I would have thought a company offering such services would be inundated. For many years I have used the tried and tested 'comments form' which asks client to fill in a questionnaire, and in return their names go into a draw for a dinner for two or some such reward.

While these are good to compile information - including contact details - it is often an imposition to the client. I have used secret diners in my places, especially when I know that I will not be there, but it has to be someone you trust and with sufficient knowledge.

If there are operators out there who feel that they should consider this service there is an interesting article on [tabletalktv.com/secret diners](http://tabletalktv.com/secret-diners).

Or, for further information, contact me.

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I say everything is about company. A gourmet meal with an A\*hole is a horrible meal. A hot dog with an interesting person is an amazing meal.”

Chris Rock, Actor/Comedian

## The top dog

ONE of my first 'gastronomic' memories was as a kid leaving the cinema with my parents and being treated to a 'Hot Dog' from the van outside.

Original 'Street Food'? This Frankfurter sausage, covered with onions, loads of German mustard and tomato sauce was the finishing touch to a great night at the movies! I am sure on a blind tasting I would be able to tell it immediately.

My taste buds have certainly changed as I haven't had one for many years - and not sure that I would want one now - but that doesn't mean that they are not still being served.

Just like the fashionable 'Gourmet Burger' there are restaurants extolling the virtues of hot dogs. One such place is the wonderfully named, Dogs 'N' Dough, in Manchester.

After receiving a bad review on TripAdvisor claiming that their 'hot dog was small and gone in four bites,' owner James Black has set up a competition: The Four Bite Challenge.

Sixty guests are being invited to eat a 'dog' consisting of a 100g sausage and 80g brioche bun in four bites and in one minute.

Those that rise to the challenge will win a meal for two... presumably on another day!

This trendy eatery also serves other interesting 'dogs' including the New Yorker (pastrami, horseradish mayo Swiss and jalapenos) and Enter the Dragon (salt and pepper chicken, char sui crackers, spring onion and sriracha - a spicy mayonnaise); pizzas which include the classics plus the Pig Lebowski (pulled pork, crispy bacon, smoked ham and yellow mustard) and Caribbean Dream (rum glazed chicken, pineapple and peppers).

I'm going to contact Mr Black to find out how many people took up his challenge and more importantly how many managed to eat it in four bites and one minute!



**EXTRA ALERT: Just missing the tomato sauce!**



The Great British Menu judges (from left): Oliver, Andi and Mathew.

## Game, set menu and match

THE Great British menu concluded with a banquet at Wimbledon shown on BBC Two.

The fierce competition, tempered by great camaraderie, terminated with four chefs creating the four-course lunch at which I would have liked to have been seated. The chefs were Pip Lacey (starters), a graphic designer turned chef, who runs the kitchens of Angela Hartnett's Michelin star Murano in London; Tommy Banks, (fish course), Michael Bremner (meat course) and Selin Kiazim (dessert).

All dishes were expertly executed and served to a very appreciative gathering of ex-champions, groundsmen, executives and Lawn Tennis Association members.

Now here's the thing! The whole competition was overseen

by three judges.

Oliver Peyton, an Irish restaurateur, has been a judge for years and similarly the distinguished food writer Mathew Fort.

Having been earning some of my living over the years as a food critic, writer and restaurateur, I can understand why these two are judges but, along with many others, according to some Press reviews, I am mystified by Andi Oliver as a judge. A singer and local radio presenter, her passion for food does not match her co-judge's comprehensive knowledge and experience.

Even so she did bring good value to the programme with her huge personality and laugh.

**MY APOLOGIES** to George Bernard Shaw, a literary master, who penned 'the use of exclamation marks in writing is akin to laughing at your own jokes.' I must be a barrel of self-indulgent giggles!!!

**ON THAT NOTE** I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**7 billion**

The number of hot dogs consumed during the peak season in the US - from Memorial Day to Labour Day - which adds up to 818 every second.

Garry Waite is a foodie and restaurateur as well as an Hospitality Management Consultant. If you are contemplating setting up an operation in Spain, or indeed having problems with an existing project contact him on [garryphwaite@gmail.com](mailto:garryphwaite@gmail.com)



# Smooth sailing to 2020

A NEW report on future trends in the Spanish property sector indicates that both prices and the number of transactions will rise steadily on an annual basis until at least 2020.

Average house price rises across Spain will be 7.3 per cent per annum according to Solvia's estimates. That masks substantial regional differences with prices expected to leap 14 per cent in Madrid and stagnate in less populous interior areas.

The report suggests that Spain is in the throes of an expansionary property cycle that is markedly different from the boom of 2002 to 2008. The key difference being that growth will be slower but more stable and consolidated.

Regarding home sales, the data suggests there will be an average annual increase of roughly 7 per cent, leading to a total of 564,000 sales in 2020. The half million mark is a major milestone expected to be surpassed either this or next year.

Construction of new homes should reach 110,000 by 2020, still substantially below the pre-crisis peak years, but more in tune



**FUTURE TRENDS:** Show that both prices and number of transactions will continue to rise steadily.

with sustainable demand.

Another trend will see the re-emergence of the first time buyer who takes out a mort-

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BARCELONA: Rents have shot up.

A LOOMING battle is pitting Spanish professionals and families eager to rent properties against the growing number of tourists holidaying in apartments rather than hotels.

A recent survey found that more than half of people searching for a rental home in Spain in the past year believe the tourist trade is directly responsible for sharply rising prices.

The majority opinion conflicts with data from Fotocasa, a major property portal, which suggests the tourist rental trade influences price rises but is far from the main

# Tenants ver

cause. Market tensions and wider economic shifts are behind the startling 10.5 per cent rental price rises seen across Spain in 2016 according to their analysis.

But that does little to affect perceptions on the ground. The survey found that 75 per cent of would-be renters be-

## Portrait of a buyer

**HOMEBUYERS:**  
Typically married,  
with children.

LESS than one in 20 homebuyers are able to pay in cash, and only one in 10 are capable of financing half of a new home's value with their own savings. The findings come from a 2017 report on housing demand in Spain.

Based on more than 1,100 interviews across the country, the Casaktua report found that 45 per cent of respondents had less than 10 per cent of their target home's value in cash reserves. A similar study last year found that just 20 per cent were in the same position, suggesting a drop in financial capacity.

Age is a key factor. Those aged over 50 could pay an average of 40 per cent of their target home's value up front, or as a deposit. Those aged 24-35 could provide just 17 per cent, with much of that likely due to parental help.

The survey also painted a picture of the average Spanish homebuyer on the market today. They are typically married, with children, and aged between 35 and 49. Most don't care if their home is new or second-hand, 49 per cent prefer apartments, compared to just 10 per cent after townhouses.

They live in cities with populations larger than 200,000 and fittingly have a budget of less than €200,000.







# vsus tourists

lieve renting to tourists is economically advantageous for landlords. Six out of 10 want tougher restrictions on the tourist rental trade, including higher taxes.

Solutions are already being posited on a local level. In Madrid plans to allow neighbourhood communities to

vote on whether homeowners should be allowed to rent properties to tourists are in motion.

If the majority of residents are opposed then no property owner within that territory will be allowed to advertise tourists. Compromises, such as price fixing or type of tourist rental, could also be imposed.

Though rents have shot up across Spain in the past year, only in six regional capitals are they higher than before the crisis. With the exception of Barcelona, Madrid, Palma, Las Palmas, San Sebastian and Girona, major Spanish cities actually have lower rents than in 2007.

# Investment skyrockets

TOTAL real estate investments in Spain have shot up by almost 70 per cent in 2017. In the first half of the year roughly €6 billion was invested in the country's property market.

A substantial portion of the money came from overseas, and all sectors within the industry, from residential, to hotels, retail and offices have experienced growth.

The retail market has performed best. Almost €2.5 billion has been invested in shopping centres this year alone, a rise of 188 per cent on the first half of 2016.

The sale of the gigantic Xanadu shopping centre in Madrid has played a vital role in this growth. Other major shopping investments are underway on the Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca and in Cataluña.

Office space investment shot up by 55 per cent to reach €1.2 billion in just six months. The same volume was in-



**RETAIL MARKET:** Major shopping investments are underway.

vested in hotels, marking an increase of 69 per cent on 2016, when just €711 million was invested.

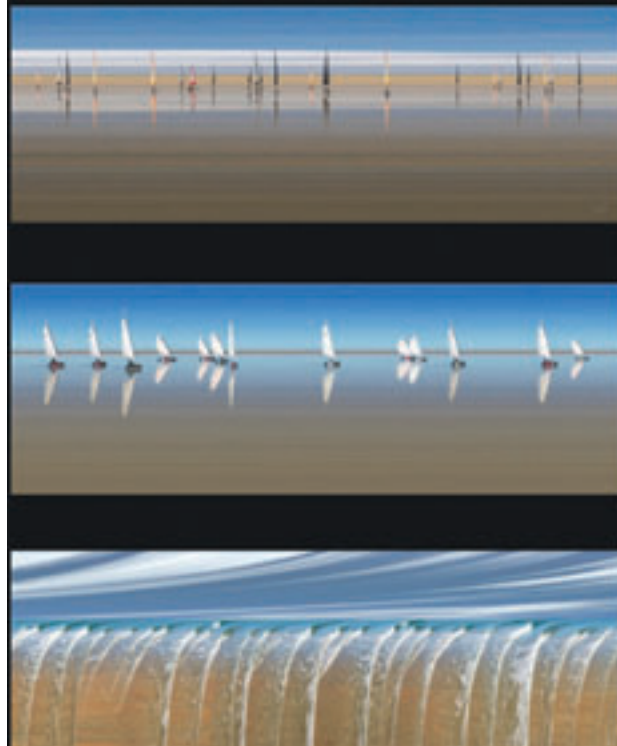
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# Monthly gardening tasks - July

AFTER a sweltering June, weather forecasts, unexpectedly, now indicate that we may have at least two weeks of cooler weather and a few timely thunderstorms to replenish garden water tables.

But we will still need to be daily vigilant as to the survival state of flowering plants, recently planted shrubs and vegetables and water more frequently and deeply where and when required. The compost heap would also benefit from a soaking preferably after a turn.

Apart from the danger of

plants drying out there are three other frequently occurring problems to watch out for during July.

Insect attacks of fruit trees. As soon as they occur spray trees with neem or garlic solutions. If some ends of branches are heavily infested prune off and burn.

Honey fungus attacks of pip and stone fruit trees. Honey fungus appears as drips or lumps of a orangey gluey resin emerging from branches or trunks or covering the clumps of leaves. The easiest ecological natural treatment is a spray or painting of affected areas with

propolis solutions or painting of affected areas with neat propolis. Heavily affected and dying wood is often best cut out and burned.

Mildew attacks of fruit vegetables, including courgettes, squash, tomatoes, peppers and aubergines. The easiest treatment is a light dusting of plants with yellow sulphur powder as a preventive treatment or as soon as a problem rears its head.

If weeds were cleared before or during June these should cause few problems during July but the rampant growth of climbers will need controlling to prevent other

plants from being smothered, pathways from being partially blocked and terraces from becoming partially unusable.

## Summer salad crops

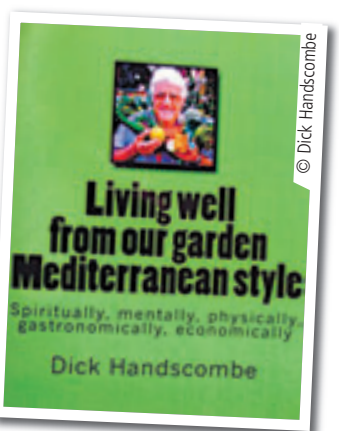
Provided summer salad crops, especially cut and come again leaf and herb crops such as basil, are located in natural shade for the hottest parts of the day or sheltered with a woven plastic shade they can be nursed through July provided they are watered every day and stems showing signs of starting to go to seed are eaten first or used for omelettes or soups.

I have now relocated my salad tub garden to make it look better and provide a surround for a boules court for plastic or metal boules depending on ages and fitness of potential players.

Today I was able to prepare a salad with 30 ingredients from the tubs or nearby raised beds.

Ideas of what can be eaten or drunk from a holistic garden are detailed in the Amazon Create book *'Living well from our garden Mediterranean style.'*

Looking ahead to the autumn and even Christmas harvests, brassicas seeds can



be sown now to produce plantlets for early autumn planting out. Autumn beans can also be sown now in pots or directly in the soil.

Fortunately some cooler weeks are now forecast so do enjoy your garden to the full. [www.gardenspain.com](http://www.gardenspain.com)

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## Sweet basil - the king of herbs

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IF you have a Mediterranean garden of any size or even just space for a few pot plants, then you should seriously consider growing a Basil plant (*Ocimum basilicum*).

It is one of the most popular herbal plants in the Mediterranean for a number of reasons. There is a large number of Basil type species and varieties with a range of uses, forms and flavours from all around the world.

Its use dates back thousands of years with its earliest reference in Indian literature where the Indian Sacred Basil is recognised as holy plant. The stem is used to make the prayer beads for the reciting of mantras on a mala in a similar way to the rosary. It is widely grown in temples and Indian home gardens for its various benefits. It is not widely used in Indian cuisine but is popular in Thai cooking.

The most popular species in the Mediterranean however is the Sweet Basil. Spanish, Italian and Greek cooking would not be the same without Sweet Basil. Having a plant allows you to add fresh leaves to garnish and flavour a wide range of recipes to give them a Mediterranean flavour. The leaves can be dried to bring out more flavours before adding to recipes or used as a herbal tea between meals.

Basil is also used to make essential oils with many benefits and for flavouring vinegar.

The Spanish have a tradition of placing the small leaved Basil (Albahaca) on window sills to keep away flies and mosquitoes. The leaves can also be used to make a natural insect repellent just by using leaves prepared with water and alcohol.



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### SWEET BASIL: Can be grown in a pot.

Placing leaves in the bath will make it more refreshing and may relieve mental fatigue. A few leaves can also be placed in a glass of wine and left to steep for a while to add more flavour to the wine.

“ Plants are readily available in nurseries or supermarkets.

Basil has been used in herbal and ayurvedic medicine for a wide range of benefits.

Just having a plant in the garden, on the balcony or window sill adds aroma to the environment that is refreshing and wholesome. In the garden they can be used as border plants that will make a stroll through the garden more worthwhile.

It is easy to grow but is generally an annual unless in tropical like conditions with year round warmth. It grows quickly from spring to autumn in the Mediterranean. It can be grown from seed in a well drained rich soil in a position with plenty of sunlight to partial shade.

Plants are readily available in plant nurseries or even some supermarkets. A range of interestingly different varieties are available from seed suppliers.

Basil will need the soil to be kept moist but not waterlogged to do best.

The name Basil is derived from Greek origin meaning Royal or Kingly plant. It is sometimes known as Saint-Joseph's-wort. Wort meaning a plant that has been recognised as food or medicinally beneficial.

There is little doubt that it is the King of Herbs.

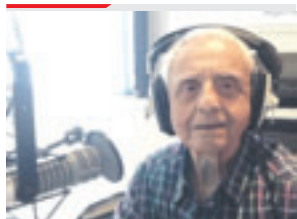


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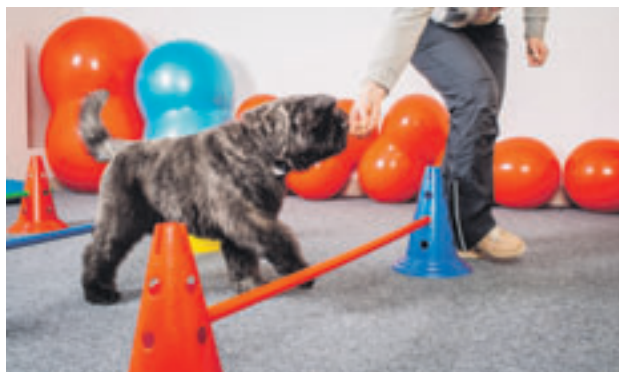


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**DOG TRAINING: Methods vary just as much as dogs and their owners do.**

DOGS want to be trained and there is so much proof that trained dogs are invariably happier than an untrained dog. All trained dogs have happy owners. Great satisfaction can be derived from training a dog. It is not time consuming and most training can be done whilst exercising the dog.

If you do not have the time to exercise your dog then you should not keep a dog.

Training classes undoubtedly contribute to better training of dogs. One great advantage of classes is that they accustom the puppy or young dog to meeting other dogs and owners get an opportunity to meet people with a common interest and often a common problem.

Many people are regarded as experts when they have trained a dog of one breed to a very high standard. Faced with a difficult dog they would not know where to start. Training methods vary just as much as dogs and their owners do. There are however, many ac-

cepted exercises that form a useful basis for most dogs and most owners.

Many people do not fully realise their responsibilities and try very hard to comply and end up with a dog that will bite, causes a road accident, etc, why?

Few owners understand canine mentality.

Owners must not regard dogs as 'almost human' this is an insult to our canine friend. Dog has become man's best friend, not because he is 'almost human' but because he can do so many things that we cannot do. In this day and age we still do not know how dogs do some of these things, such as detecting mines and drugs. Intelligence is not an important factor in a dog's make up.

It is a fact that nearly all problem dogs are very intelligent and certainly a fact that few dog owners understand canine instincts and their importance in the man/dog relationship.

Dogs and indeed all animals learn by association of ideas,

animals do not reason at all, they simply react to what is happening and do not think what has happened or is about to happen. It is believed that they do sometimes work out a problem for themselves.

All training should be based on the assumption that the dog does not reason and that he learnt by association of ideas.

For training purposes we try to create associations we want and avoid those we do not want, by what is known as correction and reward. Correction does not mean beating the dog or jerking him on a choke chain it means any act, which forces the dog to obey, like pushing him into the sit position.

Many dog owners will never know or have any idea of the pleasure they are losing in not having a dog that is trained to be a faithful companion and partner.

A dog will accept a human's a substitute for a canine leader and this willingness to accept a human makes him easier to train than most other animals.

## Little pigs need a sitter

JUST this week I received a phone call from a lovely lady called Norma, who lives on the Costa del Sol. Norma said that she and her daughter had been listening to David the Dogman's Saturday show on TRE for years, and that's how she heard about HouseSitMatch the house-sitters and pet-sitters network online. We had a wonderful chat about holidays, the latest news in Blighty and how we might find housesitters for her two pigs and a dog. I said we'd do our best to help her.

While we wrestled with the telecom lines on the Spanish side, Norma said she was determined for me to get her registered and that we should find her suitable house-sitters who can care for her animals and home, keeping everything safe and secure while she is away on holiday with her daughter this summer. I said I will do my best to make sure all goes well and we find someone she likes.

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Volvo has admitted that, 18 months into its Australian-based kangaroo detection and collision avoidance research, they still can't guarantee that self-driving cars won't wallop a wallaby.

Onboard tech is confused by the hopping antics of kangaroos which makes them seem smaller when in mid-air. The emergency brake and steer function isn't applied until the animal lands and it is too late.

Volvo hopes to safeguard all its latest models against kangaroo collisions. There are an estimated 20,000 each year in Australia with tens of millions in insurance claims.

# Precision engineering

BRITISH luxury supercar firm Aston Martin has produced its first model using a Mercedes engine, a 510hp 4.0 litre twin-turbo. The new DB11 V8 can hit 301kph and reach 100kph from a deadstart in

four seconds.

The Mercedes AMG engine is even specifically designed to sound like an Aston Martin. The British brand say the V8

engine option complements the in-house V12 for the DB11 range.

As well as offering more variety, the V8 is greener, with far less emissions than the V12 and a better score on EU

testing.

To the untrained eye both engines and cars will look exactly the same. Only the driver will feel the difference. More economical, Aston Martin hopes the V8 option will spark renewed interest in the DB11 range across the world.

China especially is a key

target. The country has a booming luxury car market and thousands of businessmen, who sit just under the super-rich bracket. They can fund a supercar but draw the line at over €200,000 for a V12.

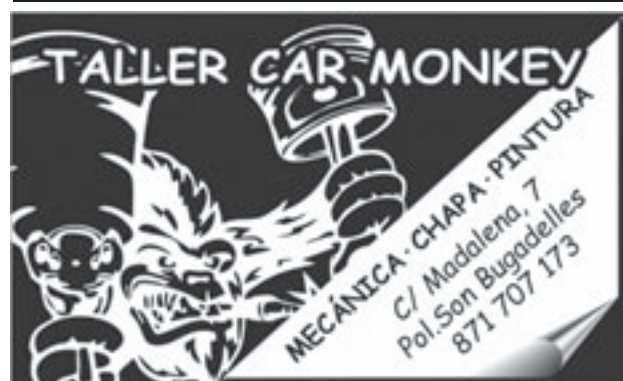
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Aston Martin has also worked with Formula One experts Williams Advanced Engineering to develop its first electric car. The RapidE will have a production run of just 150 units set to be released in 2019. An electric SUV is also in the pipeline.



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sons of both Top Gear and The Grand Tour set to hit the airwaves. The competition will kickstart an excellent summer for car lovers who can watch Clarkson and Co on Amazon and Top Gear's latest American edition.

Top Gear America! launches later this month and stars American actor William Fichtner, Top Fuel Drag driver Antron Brown and car journalist Tom Ford. It's the very first season of

the rejigged US version of the hit British show, itself breaking new ground post Jeremy Clarkson and after the disastrous reign of Chris Evans.

The series starts on July 30 and has promised action from NASCAR, stunt racing, the world's fastest SUV and other madness. The trailer is now viewable online.

The Grand Tour teaser trailer is slated for a July 11 release with the second sea-

son the hit Amazon Prime show scheduled for later in the summer. The release date was pushed back after co-star and former Top Gear presenter, Richard Hammond, narrowly escaped death and needed surgery following a high speed crash.

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THE BMW Group continues to drive sustainable innovation with its future-proof technology and integrated approach.

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The BMW Group is supplying lithium-ion batteries, from its Dingolfing, plant to German company, Torqeedo. The marine drive

system manufacturer is using them for energy storage in its high-performance Deep Blue electric drive systems.

Torqeedo was founded in 2005 in Starnberg, Germany and is a leading provider of electric and hybrid propulsion systems for motorboats as well as sailing yachts and commercial marine applications, such as ferries and water taxis.

High-voltage batteries from BMW i will form an integral part of an environment-friendly, cost-effective, silent alternative to conventional boat propulsion systems.

“We see the decision by Torqeedo to use BMW i high-voltage batteries for their Deep Blue propulsion system as further evidence that we can build the drive

systems of the future, without any need for compromise on performance, innovation and sustainability,” said Dr Alexander Kotouc, Head of Product Management, BMW i.

“This successful transfer of the latest automotive technology to the water is testament to the value of the integrated approach that underpins BMW i” he added.

## Extreme Sailing in Barcelona



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**EXTREME:** Spectators watching the daredevil sailors.

THERE will be four days of Extreme Sailing when this competition, called the Formula 1 competition of the sea, visits Barcelona for the first time.

The event takes place between July 20 and 23 and can be viewed from the beaches of Barcelona, as well as through free online and live broadcasts

and television coverage

Now in its 11th year, the Extreme Sailing Series takes place in eight countries across three continents and lasts for 10 months.

The fourth event of the season will be supported by the FNOB (Fundació Navegació Oceànica Barcelona) and will coincide with the 25th anniversary

of the 1992 Olympic Games. Barcelona joins Qingdao, Rio de Janeiro and Sydney in the list of Olympic venues where the Extreme Sailing Series has appeared.

Daredevil sailors compete in flying catamarans over hydrofoils but, the series also offers a unique VIP experience

where a guest can become a crew member during each of the competitions.

To add to the excitement in Barcelona - which is to be one of the chosen event sites for the next four years - there will also be a race each morning between different Flying Phantom catamarans as part of the 2017 championships.

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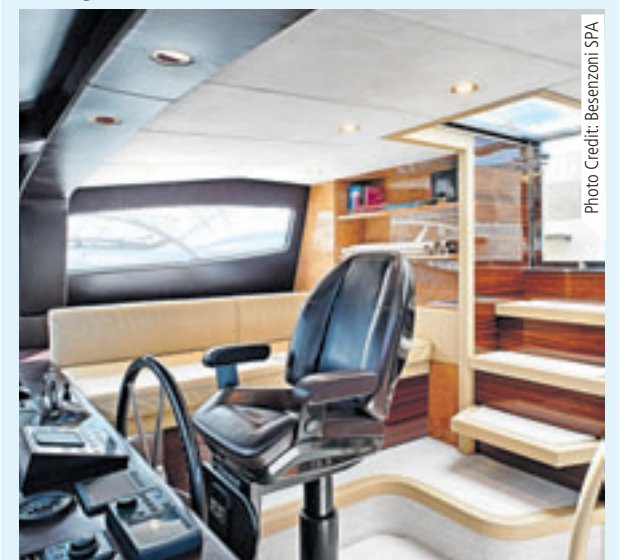


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**STYLISH:** An example of a carbon helm seat.

IT was in 1967 that Giovanni Besenconi founded his company, which makes nautical accessories, in Sarnico, on the banks of Lake Iseo, Italy

What started out as a small craft business has grown until it has seven production centres in the area, all now equipped with cutting edge technology but still relying on human participation and exceptional craftsmanship.

The manufacturing flexibility that the company has preserved throughout the years means that today, alongside its standard production, Besenconi is able to offer a wide range of tailored products,

The company designs and builds products for commercial and leisure boats, characterised by a simple, functional and highly recognisable design and takes orders through its 187 sales offices in 50 countries.

Accessories offered include gangways, tender launch and towing systems (cranes, bridge cranes, hydraulic platforms, sliders), helm seats and chair supports, bathing ladders, table bases, custom projects and carbon manufacture.



# Austrian Grand Prix this weekend and Joe Root captains England

## From Back page

Arsenal could break their transfer record by signing Alexandre Lacazette from French club Lyon for £45m+; WBA have recruited Jay Rodriguez from Southampton for £12m; Liverpool want £70m-rated Naby Keita from RB Leipzig and Chelsea have signed goalkeeper Willy Caballero (35) from Manchester City.

## CYCLING

The 104th Tour de France started on Saturday in Dusseldorf (Germany) and Geraint Thomas became the first Welshman ever to wear the yellow jersey after winning the first stage. The 198 riders, including three-time winner Chris Froome who crashed on day two but recovered, will ride

3,600km (2,200 miles) before the race ends in Paris on July 23.

## MOTOR SPORT

This weekend we have the Austrian F1 Grand Prix from Spielberg.

And Ron Dennis has left McLaren after 37 years with the team.

Meanwhile, last Sunday it was Marc Marquez, Jonas Folger and Dani Pedrosa 1-2-3 in the German MotoGP.

## CRICKET

Joe Root

captains England for the first time in the opening Test against South African which starts today at Lords.

Last Saturday's Royal London Cup final saw Notts

(298-6) beat Surrey (297-7) by four wickets with 13 balls remaining. Surrey's Mark Stoneman (145 n.o.) and Essex's Alex Hales (with a record One Day score of 187 n.o.) were the star batsmen.

England played South Africa yesterday, take on Australia on Sunday and face New Zealand next Wednesday in

the Women's World Cup.

Essex's South African spinner Simon Harmer took 8-36 against Warwickshire and 9-95 versus champions Middlesex in successive matches at the end of last month.

Surrey's Sri Lankan batsman Kumar Sangakkara is

the first player to reach 1,000 runs this season.

This year's Ashes Series is under threat, due to a long-running pay dispute involving the Australian players.

And Henry Blofeld (77), the voice on BBC's Test Match Special for 45 years, will retire in September.

## ROUND-UP

Sir Bradley Wiggins could row for GB in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo!

Ex-Aussie teacher Jeff Horn stunned Manny Pacquiao to claim the WBO welterweight title.

Castleford Tigers are set to win the 2017 Rugby Super League title after beating Hull 24-22 last Friday.



GERMANY: Won first Confederations Cup with victory over Chile.



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## MY WIMBLEDON FACT FILE

MY figures on the two-week All-England tennis tournament which this year has prize money totalling £31.6m...

- 500,000 spectators will attend (493,928 were there in 2015)
- 39,000 is Wimbledon's capacity, with 14,979 seats on Centre Court
- 54,250 balls will be used
- 255 ball boys/girls will look after them
- 330,000 cups of tea/coffee will be served
- 320,000 glasses of Pimms will be prepared
- 230,000 bottles of water will be purchased
- 110,000 pints of beer/lager will be downed
- 29,000 bottles of Champagne will be corked
- 25,000 bottles of wine will be supped
- 30,000 pizzas will be made
- 86,000 ice creams will be sold
- 76,000 sandwiches will be made up
- 44,000 litres of milk will be utilised
- 150,000 scones/cakes/pastries will be eaten
- 16,000 portions of fish and chips will be fried
- 140,000 tubs of strawberries (some with cream) will be eaten
- 23,000 bananas will be skinned
- 130,000 lunches will be prepared by caterers



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Arsenal has broken the club transfer record by signing Alexandre Lacazette from French club Lyon for €53m.

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**Mallorca's best guide to local sport**

# Lions roar back as the Tour de France and Wimbledon begin

## 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

ANOTHER terrific week of sport has passed and as I've said before, there's a load more to come, enough to suit everybody, young and old, male and female!

### RUGBY UNION

Last Saturday, in a tough, physical encounter, the British & Irish Lions beat New Zealand's All Blacks 24-21 to level the series at

1-1. The hosts had Sonny Bill Williams sent-off in the 20th minute while 'Lion' Billy Vunipola gave away five penalties and was then yellow-carded. The Lions scored two tries and Owen Farrell kicked 14 points while Beauden Barrett struck all of NZ's points. The final Test in Auckland on Saturday will be quite a game - watch it on Sky Sport.

### TENNIS

Wimbledon fortnight started on Monday and already there's been some terrific action. In the men's singles, Andy Murray, Roger Federer, Novak

Djokovic (after winning in Eastbourne - his first title this year) and Rafael Nadal, will remain apart until the semi-finals, while Simona Halep, Angelique Kerber, Garbine Muguruza (Spain), Karolina Pliskova (also fresh after a recent Eastbourne victory), Elina Svitolina and Johanna Konta (if fit) should all do well in the women's section. And, of course, there's Jamie Murray in the doubles!

Venus Williams is facing a lawsuit in connection with a car crash in Florida which resulted in the death of a 78-year-old man.

Ex-Italian footballer Pao-

lo Maldini lost his first game as a tennis professional; beaten with his colleague Stefano Landonio in the Milan doubles by Tomasz Bednarek and David Peel in 42 just minutes.

### FOOTBALL

Germany defeated favourites Spain 1-0 in last Friday's European U21 Championship final, having ousted England on penalties (again) in the semi-final.

The Germans then completed a 'summer' double by beating Chile to win the Confederation Cup final.

**JEFF HORN:**  
Won the WBO  
welterweight title.



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