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Gang targeted pensioners

Clinical trial

Police raided a reproduction clinic in Palma as part of a nationwide swoop on crooked pharmacists selling fake drugs to pensioners at half the market price.

Guardia Civil estimate that they swindled a total of €230,000 from the Spanish tax man.

Investigators are also looking for the roughly 200 people who would have used the drugs to see whether they have experienced health problems.

The crooks operated in clinics in Palma, Barcelona and Sevilla.

They deliberately altered the recipes of crucial drugs sold to older people for a wide variety of problems to avoid paying extra to ensure their safety.

The altered drugs were then sold clandestinely at



FAKE: Drugs seized by Guardia Civil in Operation Receton.

the clinics, with the fraudsters encouraging vulnerable old people that they were the real deal, just much cheaper.

Arrests were made in Operation Receton in all three cities yesterday.

The pharmacists have been charged with forgery, crimes against public health and belonging to a criminal organi-

sation.

Police have seized 775 batches of the fake drugs and closed down an entire pharmacy in Barcelona dedicated to their sale.

The Palma clinic also dispensed drugs and acted as a conduit between the manufacturers and those aggressively selling them to unsuspecting patients.

Second commercial airport on the cards?

COMMERCIAL passenger flights may soon be established from the Son Bonet airport on the eastern outskirts of Palma. Balearic transport minister Marc Pons wants the quiet air base to be used for domestic connections to the mainland, Ibiza and Menorca.

First the central government in Madrid will have to surrender authority over the airport to the Balearic authorities. Pons believes a lease scheme could work. The airport is currently used for military, pilot training, taxi, private and business flights.

Pons, a PSOE minister, may face internal opposition from coalition partners Mes, who want Son Bonet to remain a non-commercial airport to prevent more disruption to residents of Palma and Marratxi.

Launched in 1920, Son Bonet was Mallorca's first airport and ran its debut commercial shuttle in 1927. It was the island's main tourist airport until Son Sant Joan opened in 1960.

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Epic duel

RAFAEL NADAL crashed out of Wimbledon, losing to Luxembourg's Gilles Muller in an exhilarating contest. The Mallorcan hero lost 13-15 in the fifth set after almost five hours.

Bus perv

A YOUNG woman uploaded a video to Facebook of a man who sat next to her on a Palma bus and began masturbating. She whipped out her phone and shouted at the pervert.

Super docs

EXPANDED facilities and schedules will see Son Espases perform 224 more surgeries this summer than last. The hospital is desperately trying to slash waiting times.

Official State Visit underway Queens of hearts

By Matt Ford

QUEEN LETIZIA and Queen Elizabeth have been wowing fans during the official State Visit of the Spanish royals, which ends tomorrow (Friday).

The newest consort to a European monarch and the longest-serving British sovereign are clearly enjoying the first official trip by the Spanish Royals for over 30 years, which is taking place at the third time of asking after two earlier cancellations.

It comes as the glamorous ex-journalist and husband King Felipe VI prepare to visit Westminster Abbey accompanied by Prince Harry today, where they will lay a wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior before touring the Abbey with the Dean.

The king will also be joined by Prince Andrew, Duke of York, at

a meeting between Spanish and British business leaders, before enjoying dinner with Lord Mayor of the City of London, Andrew Parmley.

After tomorrow's official farewell by Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, Felipe and Letizia will visit researchers at the Francis Crick Institute, a biological research institute, before heading to Oxford University to view Spanish artefacts.

The regal couple arrived at Luton airport last Tuesday, where they were greeted by Lord-in-Waiting Viscount Brookeborough, before being collected from their hotel by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall yesterday morning.

This was followed by a Ceremonial Welcome with the Queen and Prince Philip at Horse Guards Parade and private lunch at Buckingham Palace before the King made his parliamentary address, after which the party took tea at Clarence House.

But the main event of the day was the glittering state gala dinner at which both the British and Spanish rulers made speeches.

The last State Visit by a Spanish monarch was that of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia in 1986.



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Brexit top of agenda

BEYOND the glamour of the ceremonial events, King Felipe and Queen Letizia travelled to the UK with specific agendas.

In particular, reports in the Spanish media have highlighted the trip as an opportunity to lay the groundwork for bilateral relations between the two countries in the wake of Brexit.

There are reportedly three main themes that the royals hope to tackle during the course of the visit, with the futures of expatriates in both countries top of the list, closely followed by business and future relations.

It comes after British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, confirmed prior to the visit that the UK's approach to talks will focus on education, trade and science.

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Show on the road

AFTER long delays the Consul of Mallorca has decided to go ahead with the expansion of the road between Lluçmajor and Campos into a two-lane expressway. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2018 and the budget has been set at €38 million. Environmental groups say that the four-lane highway will destroy 35 hectares of forest, 2,000 fruit trees, and increase traffic by 10 per cent.

Feeling fine

ALMOST 700 fines were slapped on people breaking Magaluf's latest set of public decency commandments in June alone. Police stopped 472 people dishing out party flyers or selling pirate goods or booze on the street. There were 18 fines issued to tourists engaging in sexual acts in public, and another 34 for those too scantily-clad for the Spanish scene. Almost all offenders were British.

Pirate wars

PIRATE taxis are shifting their operational base to the Playa de Palma after getting a black eye from furious cabbies at the airport. Teams of inspectors have now been deployed to the city's beach to combat the growing illicit trade which is rife along the promenade. Pirate drivers have also been recorded in increasing numbers hovering around outside hotels.

Shark sequel

POLICE officers were called to Cala Major beach to search for a shark spotted by a bather. The incident comes weeks after an injured blue shark sent dozens of tourists into a frenzy when it was seen at Illetes and swimming close to the Cala Major shore. The harmless creature was later put down due to a head injury.

Hacked off

A SENIOR government official on Mallorca has reported her mobile phone being hacked to National Police. Pilar Carbonell is the director general of tourism for the Balearic government and is worried that hackers may have accessed sensitive information. It is unknown

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 20

Spain is the largest olive oil producer in the world, accounting for 44 per cent of the world's annual supply, and the country's love affair with the diminutive fruit shows no sign of decline despite new challenges.

Liquid gold

WITH an estimated 340 million olive trees, Spain produces around 1.2 million tonnes of olive oil per year, enough to fill 400 Olympic swimming pools.

About 45 per cent of the country's olive oil is produced in the Andalusian province of Jaen, where olive plantations occupy 590,000 hectares including 66 million trees.

These account for a fifth of the global olive oil supply, with the region producing more than the entire country of Italy, the world's second-largest manufacturer.

Olive trees are said to have been introduced to Spain by the Phoenicians almost 3,000 years ago, but it was the Romans who started large-scale production, with the Moors later introducing improved growing methods.

Fruity facts

- There are over 100 varieties of olive grown in Spain, but only 24 are regularly used to make oil.
- Olive trees live on average for 3-600 years, with some of the world's oldest examples found in Spain. One individual in Tarragona is said to be over 2,000 years old.
- Despite leading the global production ranking, Spain with 11.3 kilos is runner-up to Greece (12.8 kilos) in terms of per capita consumption.
- The Spanish word for oil, aceite, is derived from the Arabic word al-zait, which literally translates as 'olive juice.'
- There are four types of virgin olive oil, extra virgin, virgin, ordinary virgin and lampante, all of which differ in acidity with extra virgin, the highest grade, having the least.



OLIVE OIL:
Over 100 varieties.

Pressing times

CLIMATE change and growing global demand are putting the squeeze on the industry, but the main threat to the future of Spanish olives may be microscopic.

Dry conditions ravaging the country severely impacted production in 2016, with global supplies down by 11 per cent, and this year's harvest - which takes place in October and November - is expected to be worse.

An even bigger threat may be the destructive bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa*, which has been described as 'olive ebola' after devastating around a million trees in Italy and appearing in Mallorca last year.

The plague was last month detected in mainland Spain for the first time after it was found to have infected almond trees in Guadalest, Alicante, sparking widespread fears.

whether her phone was directly targeted or was merely attacked by a generic virus.

Rush hour

ONE million vehicles are expected on the roads of Mallorca at any one time this summer. The Balearic transport authority has revealed that there are now

853 cars per 1,000 inhabitants across the islands. The transport authority says that nowhere else in Spain comes close to the same number of cars per inhabitant.

Carry on filming

FILM shoot requests for Palma have skyrocketed this year, revealing the city to be a quickly evolving audiovisual

hub. The council claims to have received 96 applications in 2017 so far to film in Mallorca's capital. The news was revealed during a special ceremony introducing the Palma Film Office's new website.

Dirty devil

A DEMONIC man allegedly groped a woman during last week's Capdepera festival. The 34-year-old victim told police that a man dressed as a 'Dimoni' reached up her skirt and rubbed against her. It is the latest in a series of sexual assaults during Mallorca's festival season.

Soul searching over street fight

THE fallout from the recent brawl between German thugs gets deeper by the day.

Palma's new mayor Antoni Noguera has waded in, describing the tourists as "scum."

He is expected to demand action from the German consul in Palma, Sabine Lammers, during a hastily arranged meeting to discuss the recent surge in tourist violence.

The brawl between a group of German men and various promoters on the Playa de Palma went viral on social media and featured on the front page of the *Euro Weekly News* issue 1670.

Within two days Balearic vice-president Biel Barcelo held an

emergency meeting with police and tourist industry leaders.

A ban on all-inclusive alcohol deals was quickly announced at hotels, as was better coordination between police, hotels, and travel operators.

Chief of Palma's Local Police, Josep Palouzie, has been forced to defend his officers, as questions are raised over their capacity. "We cannot provide one policeman for every tourist," he said.

He also argued that people recording more fights on their mobile phones contributes to a sense of increasing chaos and makes the situation appear worse than it actually is.

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- 2 Spain will have no right of veto on Gibraltar - **2,039**
- 3 Outrage as Costa del Sol toll road raises fees - **1,644**
- 4 Glasgow holiday jet diverted to Bristol and three-arrested - **1,508**
- 5 Briton held for €17 million timeshare scam in Malaga - **1,002**

Poll of the week

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With some malls and shops now opening on Sundays to cater for summer visitors and residents, should seven-day shopping be introduced year-round?

■ **LAST WEEK'S POLL:**
 50 years after the introduction of plastic money, do you prefer it to cash?
 Yes = 58%
 No = 42%

Top Social Media comments

Theresa May vows crackdown on Brit holiday fraudsters - Fortunately I am sure that this only represents a small number of Brits and these types have always walked amongst us. It has been going on I am sure for years and it is all of us that pay in the end with higher fees and charges. *Ted Milsom*
Guardia Civil officers save life of terrified Yorkshire terrier - How wonderful! See I told you the Guardia Civil had soft hearts. ♥ *Elizabeth Saunders*

Three men gored at San Fermin Bull Run in Pamplona - I think it's time this was banned!! Obviously people are going to get hurt. This is one tradition I just don't understand!! There are so many people, those bulls are being taunted. And they are scared stiff of course they are going to hurt anything that's in their way. It's very sad!! *Dominique Thomas*
Is it me? - Why on earth do people derive pleasure from this, I just don't get it, OK it's tradition here I understand that bit but the cruelty is despicable! Is it very wrong that I am not upset when these humans are injured even if it's serious. They have a choice, these magnificent animals aren't out for trouble but boy do they get it, they must be so bewildered. Sick sick people!!! *Carol Silverlock*

Spanish minister supports three-day weekends - I'm happy to have salary reduced for a three-day weekend. Work to live, not live to work after 40. *Krishna de Gruchy*

Baggage handler caught hurling suitcases in Ibiza - And they wonder why people object to putting laptops and cameras in the checked bags? *Denise McNamara*

Shirtless holidaymakers face fines in Marbella - When will the Spanish make up their minds do they want tourists or not. This subject is one of the most stupid I've heard. The British are not used to the heat in Spain so take their tops off to cool down.

What is the big deal do you expect tourists to walk about in a shirt and tie? Would some celebrity be arrested if they did it that? Wouldn't do much for getting the jet setters to keep coming back. They would be better concentrating on cleaning up the town around the Costa del Sol. *Bobby-Ruth Johnston*

Foreign police to patrol the streets of Madrid - Personally enjoy watching the Spanish police dealing with them. British police are far too soft. Not to mention the look of fear on them when they realise they are getting lifted and can't speak the language! It's always good for a giggle.



Shirtless tourists are set to face fines in Marbella.

TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Windsor Castle is the largest royal home in the world. It was built by William the Conqueror around AD 1080.



The Hundred Years' War between England and France over succession to the French throne, lasted from 1337 to 1453, so more accurately should be called the 116 Years' War.

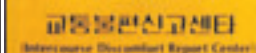
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Did you know?

The Mayday call for help originates from the French word m'aidez, which means 'help me,' - and that is roughly pronounced, 'mayday.'

Lost in translation



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On location with Love Island

By Matthew Elliott

BRITS living on or visiting Mallorca don't just get to watch hit reality television show Love Island, they can also visit the actual locations where the show is filmed.

Though based in the Love Island Villa, which changes its location each year, the show also takes in some of the island's best beaches, hotels, boutique spas and bars, as the singleton contestants are rounded up for dates.

In 2017 the Love Island Villa is in Sant Llorenç on Mallorca's east coast. The remote villa reportedly has an infinity pool and around 200 staff catering to the whims of the resident navel-gazers.

The villa itself isn't open to the public for obvious reasons. But islanders can easily visit the nearby Can Solaies Hotel. The boutique hotel has featured dinner dates and cocktail parties for the



Presenter Caroline Flack / Cala Ratjada.

TV stars, with cameras regularly cordoning off the area for filming.

Further afield in Cala Ratjada the show producers took the female housemates out for a spa treat at the Hotel Lago Garden which has Jacuzzis, Turk-

ish baths and luxurious gardens.

At least three dinner dates have been filmed in the intimate surroundings of Es Pati restaurant in Sant Llorenç, whose chef is famed for his dedication to local Mallorcan products.



Es Pati restaurant in Sant Llorenç.

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Trinny Woodall.

Black magic

THIS morning fashion expert Trinny Woodall is in Ronda, Malaga, for her nephew's wedding, and the 53-year-old star took to Instagram to post a sizzling video after first slipping into a microscopic black bikini.

The mum-of-two sent temperatures soaring as she explained the different ways she could tie her top while flaunting her toned body.

Chynese whispers

KEEPING UP WITH THE KARDASHIANS' producer Ryan Seacrest, 42, is lying low on holiday in the Basque Country and has refused to comment after 30-year-old Rob Kardashian whipped up a social media frenzy by posting a stream of nude photos of his ex-girlfriend Blac Chyna on Instagram while accusing her of having numerous affairs while the pair were together.

Loose woman

KATIE PRICE, formerly known as Jordan, sparked chaos at a Mallorca pool party after firing an air gun at men she fancied, made a series of smutty remarks and poured vodka down eager revellers' throats. The ex-glamour model, 39, who is known for her surgically-enhanced assets, had been drinking all day according to *The Sun*, with several partygoers describing their shock at her raucous antics.



Katie Price.

Cris me quick

HE recently became dad to new-born twins conceived by a mystery surrogate mother.

But football mega star Cristiano Ronaldo is allegedly set to father another child before the year is out after rumours emerged that his 23-year-old girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez is pregnant.

And the glamorous pair set chins wagging this week after stepping aboard a luxury yacht, with the object of Cristiano's affection appearing to show off a growing



Cristiano Ronaldo/Instagram

BABY ON THE WAY? Cristiano and Georgina.

baby bump as she paraded in a revealing string bikini.

The 32-year-old later took to Instagram, posting a snap including Georgina and one of his new arrivals apparently taken at his home.

In the pink!

THEY recently tied the knot with a lavish ceremony at Delamere Manor in Cheshire.

And Jacqueline Jossa, 24, and Dan Osborne, 25, were all smiles after arriving in Spain for a sun-soaked family break.

The Eastenders actress posted a sizzling snap on her Instagram account as she posed by the pool with two-year-old daughter Ella after donning a neon pink bikini.



Instagram

INCREDIBLE HUNK: Dan (centre).

NEWLY-WEDDED BLISS: Jacqueline and Ella.

She captioned the shot: "Me and my little beauty!! Such an amazing trip to my favourite little place!! Back to work, as a married woman. Reading the scripts are getting me excited! Let's do this! X."

New hubby and former TOWIE star Dan also joined the social media blitz as he shared a series of

photos of the family, including one from his stag do beneath which he wrote: "The boys in Vegas for my stag!!"

The couple have been dating since 2013 and went public a year later after previously denying that they were in a relationship.

Their luxurious wedding venue was previously owned by Take That heartthrob Gary Barlow, who sold it for €8.1 million in 2006.

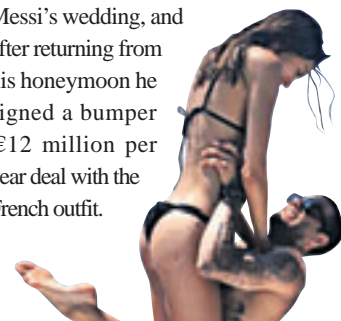
Alves on her mind

HE has signed for Paris St Germain after turning down a reunion with former boss Pep Guardiola at Manchester City.

But Brazilian superstar footballer Dani Alves, 34, showed he has already made the right choice in love after marrying Spanish model Joana Sanz in Ibiza.

The defender left Italian champions Juventus at the end of the season after just a single season in Turin, but his personal life appears far more stable after his 23-year-old wife posted pictures of the intimate ceremony on social media.

It comes after Dani recently jetted to Argentina to attend friend and ex-teammate Lionel Messi's wedding, and after returning from his honeymoon he signed a bumper €12 million per year deal with the French outfit.



SUN-SOAKED: The pair were married in Ibiza.



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NEWS EXTRA**Glam German**

HOLLYWOOD and European film star Nastassja Kinski is on Mallorca to celebrate a Sports for Peace initiative. The 56-year-old plans to make documentaries about the lives of major athletes.

Queen bee

XISCA PALMER, a 17-year-old from Inca, was declared winner of the Balearic Island beauty queen competition. The student will now compete against other Spanish winners to be crowned 'Miss Turismo.'

Sore ankle

A HELICOPTER was deployed to rescue a German hiker who twisted his ankle climbing along the tough Torrente de Pareis gorge on Mallorca's rugged northern coast.

Wrong photo

HOTEL operators on Mallorca have claimed that major website Booking.com is using the wrong photos, often showing more glamorous facilities and even pools which don't exist.

Sick killer

A YOUNG Colombian man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for the murder of his 19-year-old girlfriend in Son Servera in March last year. He strangled her before turning himself in.

Warmed up

WATER temperatures around Mallorca were three degrees higher than the June average. They reached 26.3 degrees, compared to an average of just over 20 degrees in the 1980s and 1990s.

A **GERMAN** family fled from their Palma hotel and caught the first available flight home after hearing someone praying in Arabic in the room next door. The couple grabbed their two children and sped to the airport after the hotel receptionist told them they couldn't change rooms.

They told airport police as soon

as they arrived that someone was reading from the Koran for 25 minutes. The frantic family was still packing their suitcases in the queue and became embroiled in arguments with other passengers waiting to fly.

Terror false alarm

Not taking any chances, National Police opened an investigation and visited the hotel, later saying there was nothing to be alarmed about.

The incident comes weeks after four suspected terrorists linked to a Daesh cell were arrested on the is-

land. It is believed they were planning a knife attack in Inca.

Since then anti-Islam leaflets have appeared around the Mallorcan town. In blood-red lettering they read 'No to Sharia' and feature the Daesh flag with a gun and explosives. As if qualifying the statement to annoy all sides, it also reads 'Refugees welcome.'

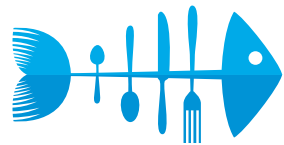
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BULL RUN: At the San Fermin festival.

On the run

RESIDENTS and visitors crowd the streets of Pamplona, Navarra, during one of the daily bull runs at the notorious San Fermin festival, which ends tomorrow (Friday).

OUR VIEW

Overloaded cars are so dangerous

EVERY summer, without fail, there are huge numbers of foreign registered cars driving from France, Germany and Italy en route to Algeciras and Tarifa to catch Morocco-bound ferries.

There is nothing wrong with migrants who want to return home to see their families and in fact they do spend money in Spain even if it is just on petrol, tolls and boat fares, but so many of them are dangerously overloaded.

Most people will have seen old cars, loaded to the gunnels with bodywork almost scraping against the tyres and everything including the kitchen sink tied awkwardly on top of the car or van.

It seems that the police of various forces turn a blind eye to the dangers of these potential death traps and only come out to divert traffic when they have an accident.

Only a few days ago, an estate car which was carrying a load almost as tall as the car was blown over due to high winds, blocking most of the A7 at Pueblo Nuevo de Guadaro and although there appeared to be no injuries to the occupants, this must have been more by luck than judgement!

Whilst it may be a bureaucratic nightmare to stop these cars, something does need to be done, especially as drivers can be very tired after long journeys.

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Wild driver

A DRUNKEN driver with no insurance or valid ITV smashed his car into three parked vehicles in the centre of Inca on Saturday night and was promptly arrested by police.

Sex pest

POLICE arrested a foreign man who allegedly tried to rape a woman at the Playa de Palma hotel they shared. He snuck into her room while her husband was out.

Pool terror

A SWEDISH toddler is in critical condition after almost drowning in the swimming pool of a rented Port d'Andrax holiday home. She was found floating unconscious by her mother.

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Pet visits for patients Puppy love!

PATIENTS in a Balearic hospital will be allowed to have their dogs come and visit them in a pioneering new initiative believed to be the first of its kind in Spain.

The project took seven months of planning and is already up and running, with four dogs having visited their owners.

All dogs who enter the hospital undergo a rigorous screening process. They are dewormed, checked for diseases, and psychologically evaluated by a vet to ensure they're not too loud, nervous or confrontational.

Dogs who pass the test and have their vaccinations in order are given a badge which reads 'Dogspital' and are allowed to roam around certain corridors and rooms with their owners.



DOGSPITAL: Man's best friend may soon visit patients.

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The idea came from doctors hoping to positively improve their patient's mental state. Many are intensely concerned

about either their own well-being, or their pet's while they are in hospital.

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The 'zero cost' project is the brainchild of vets, psychologists, doctors and nurses at Can Misses hospital on Ibiza. If it proves successful the idea will be implemented in Mallorca.



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NEWS EXTRA**Sheep
slam**

A MAN whose sheep ran into the path of a Guardia Civil car on the Ma-15 road was ordered to pay the force €14,826 for damages to the vehicle.

Firing squad

REAL Mallorca released eight members of its first team last week to reduce costs after slipping into Spain's third division. The new manager is on a million euros plus salary.

Bad idea

AN Irishman was hospitalised after becoming the latest tourist to try leaping into a swimming pool from a hotel balcony. He was transferred from Ibiza to Palma's Son Espases hospital.

No dice

WATER parties once popular on Mallorca to celebrate the Indian Holi Festival are banned in Palma due to the drought risk according to a council communique.

Douglas gets desperate

HOLLYWOOD actor Michael Douglas has once again slashed the price of his Valldemossa property. The luxury pad, formerly valued at a cool €50 million is now on the market for a paltry €36.5 million.

The Fatal Attraction star has been trying to sell the 247 acre s'Estaca estate since 2014. Last year he instructed his real estate firm to shave €9 million from the asking price.

Now with another €5 million reduction, Douglas, who bought the home with his ex-wife Diandra Luker in 1989 for around €4 million, has slashed the original asking price by almost a third.

Now being sold by Engel & Volkers, the property even has a new tagline, 'Magic, history, beauty.'

Douglas spent an esti-

ed €7 million on renovations, adding a cinema, pool, wine cellar and library.

Despite the celebrity connection, vineyards, direct Mediterranean access and a spectacular history dating back to the mid 19th century, s'Estaca will still prove a tough sell, with only a select few able to meet even the reduced asking price.

There are disadvantages too. The estate is far from the airport, with a cumbersome and difficult road to civilisation.

DESPERATE: Michael Douglas forced to slash estate price once again.



Social care support

THE Palma Council has announced a €3.6 million investment into social care over the next two years.

Council spokeswoman, Susanna Moll, has announced an increase in funds assigned to the home help service (SAD) for the elderly and disabled in a bid to end the "200 people currently on a waiting list."

The new investment "represents 216,000 hours of care, a 218 per cent increase in the number of hours devoted to our seniors," she added.

The agreement will ensure that people over the age of 60 with mobility issues have access to a family support worker over the next two years.



LAST YEAR'S Cinema a la Fresca.

Outdoor screening

PALMA's outdoor cinema celebrates its 30th birthday this summer with another collection of free screenings. Last summer more than 80,000 spectators enjoyed the Cinema a la Fresca at the Parc de la Mar. This year the cinema will offer 35 films from July 15 to September 10, with major commercial successes, cartoons, inde-

pendent films, documentaries and a live screening of Verdi's opera 'Il Trovatore.'

Among the popular titles are Finding Dory, X-men Apocalypse and Now You See Me 2.

The final night will screen two Island documentaries 'La llave Dali' and 'Sa Fosca' in celebration of local cinematography.

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Swimming with sharks



NOT DANGEROUS: A great hammerhead shark, one of 47 species in the Med.

SHARKS swimming in Mallorca's coastal waters should be protected and perhaps even embraced as a tourist attraction according to a French vet.

Eric Clua, a specialist in marine biology, gave a lecture on shark conservation at the Palma Aquarium last week.

He blamed humans for dwindling shark numbers in Balearic waters caused largely by over-fishing. Sharks reproduce slowly giving populations less time to recover. The illegal fin market in China is a major hindrance to conservation efforts.

Not only should sharks be protected Clua argued, they should be actively reintroduced into the west Mediterranean to

help wider marine ecosystems recover. "The more sharks there are, the more fish there will be," he told attendees.

The Frenchman cited the example of the Azores, Portugal's mid-Atlantic island chain, which can successfully make diving with sharks a thriving tourist attraction. The same species as swims to the south of Mallorca is used.

Clua dismissed the general hysteria provoked by sharks as a fantasy generated by Hollywood films. The danger is extremely low he said.

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Unusual alliance emerges

THE head of Mallorca's hotels has released a damning indictment of tourist trends that shows an unusual alliance between the corporate and left-wing environmental worlds.

Inma Benito, president of the Hotel Business Federation of Mallorca (FEHM), claims that last winter 164,000 tourists stayed in illegally rented rooms on the island. She says that if this continues, the illegal rental economy will devastate the environment and housing market.

Her statement comes as the hotel industry revealed an increase of 15 per cent in profits in the first four months of 2017. This is largely due to demanding the highest average prices on the Mediterranean, as occupancy rates are actually lower than last year.

Benito says the policy of higher prices for less customers is deliberate, bringing in more money while reducing human pressure on the is-



HOTEL INDUSTRY: Revealed an increase in profits.

land. But, conveniently, it will only work if the government clamps down hard on the hotel industry's arch-rival, the holiday rental business.

"This model encourages real estate speculation, preventing access to housing for young people, while stripping towns and neighbourhoods of their identity to engage in mass tourism and turn Mallorca into a theme park" read the statement, perhaps unique in the history of hotel federations.

FEHM, which represents

almost 800 establishments across Mallorca, claims the government is using the same number, 15, of tourist inspectors as it did a decade ago, despite their being 120,000 extra beds on offer.

The federation insists that the government hire an army of inspectors to crack down on illegal rentals. They also want a minimum time limit set on how long people can rent a holiday home for to prevent short term tourists choosing apartments over hotels.



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Early birds

NATURE lovers are being asked by biologists to look out for chicks hatched early from bird eggs across Mallorca this year due to the heat. The species conservation hotline is 971 144 107.

Diver danger

AN illegal fishing net was found lying on the seabed in the Bay of Palma. Police removed the 100-metre net, which could endanger fish and even divers, and will now fine the owner.

Film map

A PROPOSED tourist map will show locations for the countless different films, TV shows and documentaries filmed on Mallorca so visiting film buffs can develop their own magic tour.

Majestic olive now protected
Tree no evil!

By Sally Underwood

FENCING now protects Palma's most famous olive tree. The city council has stepped in with the measure, designed to prevent tourists from climbing on the ancient, gnarled branches in the Cort square.

The Olivera de Cort is believed to be between 500 and 600 years old. It spent centuries in Pollensa before being uprooted and moved to Palma in 1989.

Now standing six metres high, with its roots spreading out seven metres, the tree has become a major tourist attraction.

But the lack of respect displayed by holidaymakers who clamber all over it has infuriated locals, as reported in *Euro Weekly News* issue 1670.

The Balearic government's nature conservation depart-



ANCIENT: Olivera de Cort dates back to medieval times.

ment believes the protections are necessary if the tree is to survive another few hundred

years. Olive trees have been known to live longer than a millennium.

Big stink over waste chaos

OVERFLOWING bins, smashed glass bottles and an almighty stench are the new tourist highlights of Palma as the city reels from mismanagement of the waste collection services.

Cleaning up the filthy streets are the first order of business for new mayor Antoni Noguera. His Mes party have left the blame for the mess squarely at the feet of his predecessor Jose Hila.

The incoming administration and Emaya, the waste contractor, has pledged to invest in a fleet of shiny new bin lorries at a cost of €12 million. The first five arrivals are due this month. Twenty vehicles languishing in garages will also be fixed up.

Emaya CEO Neus Truyol blames bureaucracy for the time taken to purchase new vehicles. He also admits that work needs to be done on the ground. Incredibly, most of the city's 7,000 neighbourhood bins are over 20 years old, despite having a functional life span of eight to 10 years.

A major problem is the needlessly complex new rubbish organisation system. Certain waste is meant to be put out in particular places on allocated days, leading to confusion among residents new to the concept of recycling.

One video doing the rounds online shows a young woman struggling to push down the pedal of a bulky new bin. She pushes down hard and is rewarded with the lid dishing out an upper cut to her chin before giving up and dumping her bag on the street.

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Super slice

A PIZZA competition, held across Mallorca, has declared the Pizzeria El 44 in Colonia, Sant Jordi as the winner of both the best overall pizza and the best made with only Mallorcan products.

Gone digital

PAPER and books are now banned from Mallorcan school Colegio Sant Josep Obrer. Students will now use only mini-laptops provided by the school. Parents are given the password.

Free willy

A WHALE was spotted splashing in the waves roughly 25 miles from the Porto Cristo coast on Mallorca's south-east. A video made by fisherman is getting thousands of hits online.

Pee paint

SPECIAL anti-pee wall paint has been launched in Menorca and may soon be brought to Mallorca. Anyone who urinates against the water repellent substance will see it bounce back over their trousers.



ICALA VARQUES: Idyllic beach faces serious threat say GOB.

Paradise spoiled

ONE of Mallorca's most unspoiled coves is at risk of being ruined by mass tourism according to the Balearic environmental protection group GOB.

Cala Varques, in Manacor, now has hundreds of people crammed in on a daily basis, eroding the beach and rocks and even setting fires and littering.

The estimated 200-300 people who arrive each day, bring hundreds of cars warn the group, which has no designated parking area. Many are ramped up on pavements, with some people even parking

their motors indulgently over fig trees.

The hive also attracts a small army of street vendors and salesmen looking to earn a bob or two. Some tourists have been spotted in various surrounding protected natural areas lighting fires and partying, running the risk of starting a calamitous forest fire.

GOB activists also condemn the uncontrolled anchoring of boats in and around the cove, driving marine life from their natural habitat. Swallow populations, used to fishing in the area, have also been affected.

Wipe the debt sheet

DEBT forgiveness is the latest request Balearic president, Francina Armengol, has made of Madrid.

She urged the national government to cancel the debts owed by Mallorca and the islands as part of a shakeup of the community's financial framework.

After Prime Minister Rajoy acceded to demands to increase the residents' discount on inter-island flights to 75 per cent, Armengol set her sights on securing the same tax regime for the Balearics as enjoyed on the Canaries.

Forgiving the region's debts to Madrid for various infra-

structure projects would be a good place to start she suggested. The PSOE leader also criticised the current distribution of national funds.

The Balearic Islands receive far less than several mainland

regions when adjusted for population and projected demographic growth. Armengol would also like the Balearic parliament to possess more control over the raising and spending of tax.

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Brit flights

FLIGHTS between the UK and Mallorca have been extended next year by Monarch. The airline's summer programme will run through to November to help parents wanting one last pre-Christmas break.

Death riddle

POLICE are investigating the death of a German man in Lluçmajor. The 30-year-old was found unconscious by friends in his hotel room and rushed to a medical centre where he later died.

Stolen time

A WATCH worth €22,000 was ripped from the wrist of a German tourist stuck in traffic in Palma by two men on a moped who reached through his rental car window.

Miss Grand Spain winner represents the Balearics

MARIANA RICO, a 16-year-old born in Venezuela and living in Malaga but competing as Miss Grand Balearics won the Miss Grand Spain 2017 title in Sevilla.

Miss Grand Malaga Anastasia Castillo, a model from Torremolinos had hoped to become the fourth representative of Malaga to win the title which has been contested for just the past five years,

but sadly for her, she was not even in the final five.

The first runner up was Susana Sanchez from Sevilla, second runner up was Carolina Santos competing on behalf of Andalucía, whilst Paola Morales and Alba Lara representing Granada and Jaen respectively finished fourth and fifth.

There was considerable upset

when the contestant from Pontevedra, Jessica Solleiro fell three metres from the stage in the preliminary round, but happily she is recovering without serious injury.

Mariana will be 17 when she travels to Vietnam in October to take part in the Miss Grand International finals and appears to have no worries about the long journey or leaving home for the competition.



1 Miss Balearic 2 Miss Sevilla 3 Miss Andalucía 4 Miss Granada 5 Miss Jaén.

Miss Grand Spain / Facebook

Shady dealings exposed

A PRIVATE company which managed three illegally rented flats faces a €21,000 fine, which might increase considerably as investigations continue.

Agopoli Business owns three historic flats in Palma's sa Gerreria district. The flats are legally protected from rental given the classic status of the buildings.

Ignoring the prohibition, the company rented out the flats to tourists on a weekly, even daily basis. Prices exceeded €150 per night. They also removed the official government façade hanging from each apartment designating them as protected buildings.

Agopoli's ownership have been fined €6,000 per apartment and €3,000 for removing the signage.



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Urban rabbits relocated

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Dan Davison

FRESH START: Rabbits transferred to wildlife centre.

»» *By Linda Hall*

SAN VICENTE now has 80 fewer rabbits but this came at a cost.

The town hall's Health department paid a specialist firm €2,100 to trap and remove the rabbits that have multiplied throughout the town in recent months.

The specialists inspected locations known to have burrows, including Victoria Kent school and Plaza Vicente Malloll, and set about trapping the rabbits with throw nets. They also used muzzled ferrets to flush out the rabbits which, when caught, were transferred to the Species Recuperation Centre in Santa Faz.

Here, Health councillor Begoña Monllor said, they would be able "to continue their life cycle."

Monllor did not rule out further control campaigns as five or six rabbits have since been seen on the recently-cleared land. The councillor also said that analyses of rabbits killed by a dog revealed that none of them were suffering from multiple diseases as Opposition councillors had claimed.

■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH

Cooled down

FOLLOWING three weeks of complaints, air-conditioning in the pensioners' Games Room at Campello's Social Centre was finally repaired after a vital spare part arrived from the unit's manufacturers.

Early start

WORK began on a classroom for 18 two-year-olds at the Balco de Finestrat school under the Generalitat's free schooling programme for children born in 2015.

Swim time

THE Lions' Club, La Caixa Foundation and Campello Town Hall are organising four weeks of beach activities for marginalised minors who would otherwise not have access to them.

Black spot

IN 2015 there were 24 accidents on a 10-kilometre section of Benidorm's N-332 bypass, with 12 occurring at the Alfaz intersection which has since been replaced by a roundabout.

Fire fought

COMMERCIAL premises in La Nucua were gutted after fire broke out in its electrical control panel, requiring two fire engines to control the blaze and prevent it from spreading.

Homes bought

THE €600,000 allocated in San Vicente's participatory budget for social housing for low-income families will be used before the end of 2017 to acquire between six and 10 properties.

■ AXARQUÍA

High temperature

A TWO-YEAR-OLD girl has been rushed to hospital after showing symptoms of heatstroke on Torre del Mar beach. Doctors announced that the infant is battling with a fever, and has since stabilised.

Ambulance accident

AN Ambulance which was on call was involved in a collision in Torrox at the entrance to a tunnel on the A-7. The road was blocked and a paramedic had to be evacuated by helicopter.

Medieval find

POTHOLERS in Motril made a spectacular find in a cave of skeletons, coins and at least 70 other pieces dating back more than 500 years.

Fly-tipping

THERE has been an outbreak of fly-tipping in Almuñecar and although La Empresa de Limpieza involved in cleaning up responds as quickly as possible it needs support. Local residents are invited to contact the company when material is dumped.

Healthy elderly

THE council in Motril is now involved in arranging a selection of activities for the elderly during the summer hoping to assist them to keep fit.

■ COSTA DE ALMERÍA

Bad amigo

POLICE arrested a man believed to have stolen a bank card from a friend and withdrawn €1,900 at ATMs in Almeria. He discovered the number by spying over his friend's shoulder.

Flesh wound

A WOMAN who suffered cuts on her knee after tripping on an uneven sewer lid will be compensated by Almeria Council. But her €25,000 claim was rejected as excessive by judges.

Wearing thin

THE actual number of National Police and Guardia Civil officers across Almeria Province is less than on paper. The deficit is 90 and 95 officers respectively and almost 22,000 across Spain.

Closed doors

A WOMAN and her two young children have been released from hospital after being found with injuries wandering around El Ejido by police. They were allegedly attacked by her boyfriend.

Debt disaster

LAST week's revelation that Albox is the third most indebted municipality in Almeria has sparked a great deal of debate among councillors and critics. The town now owes in excess of €21 million to banks.

■ COSTA DEL SOL

City clean up

TORREMOLINOS Council have spent €44,500 on 112 rubbish bins that will be rolled out across the municipality in order to improve cleanliness and boost the tourism appeal of the town.

Rat pack

CURRO LOPEZ, the local leader in Langunillas, has criticised Malaga Council for failing to deal with a plague of rats that took residence in the area after the demolition of an adjoined house.

Reality check

HUNDREDS of people queued outside the Hotel Room Mate Larioso to audition for the 80th series of Big Brother. Many candidates said they had been queuing for over 24 hours for a shot at reality fame.

Benahavis blaze

ANOTHER forest fire in the Sierra de Benahavis has caused delays along the AP-7 motorway due to the presence of emergency services that were attending the blaze.

Wine shortage

WINE-GROWERS in Mollina, Antequera, have a difficult summer ahead after hot temperatures and drought left the vineyards half empty. Distributors expect to harvest below 2,000 kilograms, 1,500 less than last year.

■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

Copper cops

GUARDIA CIVIL have arrested two men, aged 22 and 24, and are investigating a third for his presumed connection with the robbery of 10 tonnes of copper, steel, metal and electric motors in Bigastro, Alicante.

Just one PC

POLITICAL PARTY Compromis in Orihuela has demanded the council increase the Local Police force using money from the 2017 budget. This is after discovering that there was only one officer on duty on a Sunday.

Roasted veg

FOUR fire engines were needed to put out a fire in a Cox warehouse which stored fruit and vegetables. Smoke from the fire, which was quickly brought under control was visible for miles around.

Heavens open

SIX litres of rain per square metre fell in Torrevieja early last Friday morning. The heaviest falls were recorded in the south of the zone in Orihuela Costa and Pilar de la Horadada.

No Sundays

ABOUT 150 people have taken part in a demonstration against the opening of shopping centres in Alicante on Sundays and holidays. The protest began at the Gran Vía and ended at the Plaza Mar, two of the main commercial zones.

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DENMARK



Time for tea

DENMARK'S first female Muslim MP has faced her critics head on by inviting them to tea to try and change their views. MP Ozlem Cekic has been viciously trolled on social media.

Sensible studying

IT seem youngsters have listened to government advice as applications to study subjects in areas where there is a labour shortage has increased. One such area is IT and the IT University of Copenhagen has seen a 39 per cent increase in applicants.

Priest arrested

A FORMER priest has been charged with 30 separate charges related to sexual abuse of youngsters. The assaults are alleged to have taken place at the 47 year-old's home over a 10-year period.

No pay

A STUDY has shown that 44 per cent of Danes want wages to be deducted from workers who stop for smoking breaks during the working day.



! OZLEM CEKIC: Trolled on social media.

GERMANY

G-20 protests

WATER cannons and pepper spray was used by police as protesters descended on Hamburg ahead of the G-20 summit. Police reinforcements have been drafted in with some 20,000 officers on hand during the summit.

Dark web

A CHILD sex abuse website has been closed by German police after it was

discovered on the dark web. Such pages are not visible through normal search engines but the secret site had attracted 87,000 members.

VW recall

VOLKSWAGEN is recalling some 766,000 cars under the VW brand, Audi and Skoda after detecting a problem with its anti-lock brake systems. Around 385,000 cars in

Germany have already been recalled.

U-Bahn sentence

A 28-YEAR-OLD has been sentenced to nearly three years in jail for kicking a woman down the stairs of a U-Bahn station, a crime he claims not to remember for being drunk. The victim was left with a broken arm and head injuries.

FRANCE

Radical plans

IN a major move to help reduce fossil fuels, France has announced it plans to ban the sale of petrol or diesel fuel cars by 2040 as part of its renewed commitment to the Paris climate deal.

Legal rights

GAY couples have been granted greater legal rights as a high court has ruled that a child born to a surrogate mother abroad can be adopted by the partner of his or her biological father, and become a legal parent.

Veil honoured

HUNDREDS turned out to pay their respects to Simone Veil who died at the age of 89. Veil was the first directly elected president of the European Parliament and fought towards a Europe of peace.

In style

MODELS, celebrities and the biggest names in fashion have flocked to the capital for Paris Haute Couture Week.

BELGIUM

Terror arrests

POLICE are continuing the search for more suspects involved in a terror ring amid fears of a possible attack after a stash of weapons and police uniforms was found in a Brussels suburb.

Easy reading

THE European Parliament is to make books more accessible to the blind and visually impaired following approved new legislation meaning copyright permission will no longer be needed to adapt reading material into Braille or audio books.

Civil case

THE complaints of sexual abuse within the Church by several dozen Belgian victims, has been deemed admissible by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in Strasbourg, meaning a new civil trial could be possible.

Asylum applications

BELGIUM came 12th in the rankings for asylum applications last year in Europe. Across the EU, some 1.3 million applications were made, a fall of 7 per cent compared to the previous year.

NETHERLANDS



Long wait

THE healthcare watchdog has warned that waiting lists to see medical specialists are increasing and in some extreme cases patients have reported waiting up to 48 weeks to see a specialist.

Poison bus

DUTCH scientists say they have developed an electric bus that could run on formic acid, which is the poison found in the stings of ants, wasps and nettles, believing its a cost-effective way to create hydrogen as fuel.

Crime pays?

CRIMINOLOGISTS say those with a conviction for violent crime are more likely to be offered a job than ethnic minorities and those with an Arabic sounding surname.

Costly find

A DUTCH archaeological museum has spent €550,000 on the 3,500 year-old Ommerschans sword which is deemed to be one of the Netherlands' most important bronze age artefacts.

SWEDEN



Women only

SWEDEN will next year host a 'women-only' music festival. It comes following a series of sexual assaults at this year's popular Bråvalla Festival, with four rapes and 23 sexual assaults reported over four days.

Rubbish strike

AROUND 10,000 households in Stockholm were left with their rubbish as binmen took strike action against salary changes. The 50 employees face getting the sack if they do not return to work following their unauthorised strike.

Lost money

OLD Swedish kronor worth 7.7 billion kroner is still out there being stashed away somewhere according to the country's central bank. The notes ceased being legal tender at the end of last month.

Strawberry thieves

STRAWBERRIES, worth up to 70,000 kroner (€7,266) have been stolen from a strawberry farm, which the owner claimed would have required between 15-20 people to pick the strawberries.

NORWAY



Wishful thinking

THE country's 'voluntary' tax plan has received a lukewarm reception since being launched in June and has brought in the equivalent of just €1,160 in extra revenue so far.

Bubble burst

HOUSE prices in Oslo fell 3.1 per cent last month amidst concerns that one of Europe's strongest housing markets could be slowing and falling. Experts said June was one of the weakest on record.

Water ban

WATER restrictions have been put in force in several areas following increased usage and warmer weather. Fines of up to 1,500 kroner (€158) will be issued to those breaking the restrictions.

Pride hate

POLICE in Oslo are investigating four reports of hate crime following the Pride parade in the city on Saturday. Police say three times as many hate crimes were reported in 2016 compared to 2013.

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Dmitri Maradona



MARADONA: Could be made an honorary citizen.

MARADONA may become the latest foreign celebrity to become an honorary Russian citizen. The Argentine icon was in the country for the Confederations Cup and hinted at his desire to become a citizen. A role coaching the national team would then be on the cards, though not before the World Cup.

He said Britain's new aircraft carrier, the €7 billion HMS Queen Elizabeth would be the envy of Moscow. But Major-General Igor Konashenkov retorted that the shiny new vessel was merely a "convenient naval target."

Presidential pow wow

AFTER months of speculation over the Kremlin's role in last year's US presidential election, Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump finally met in person at the G20 summit in Hamburg. Though the countries are on the brink of a new cold war, many believe the leaders share similar goals.

Pilot pardon

A RUSSIAN pilot serving 20 years in an American prison has begged Donald Trump to let him return home. Konstantin Yaroshenko was snatched in Liberia six years ago and flown to the US on drug trafficking charges. His lawyers submitted an Independence Day request for a pardon to the White House.

Metro magic

FOURTEEN new stations are planned to open on Moscow's iconic metro by Christmas. Three have already opened in the capital, each featuring unique architectural designs. The new Shelepikha station will see 13,000 people pass through every hour, while CSKA Moscow's stadium will also be connected.

Lethal storm

AT least two fatalities were recorded in the latest storms to hit Moscow. One of the victims was struck by lightning as meteorologists suggested the storm was the most powerful since 1923. It came just months after 18 people were killed when wild weather in May caused floods and felled trees.

Sitting duck

THE Russian army responded to a sly dig from British defence secretary Michael Fallon.

Heart friendly

MINISTERS have urged their countrymen to swap vodka and moonshine for wine. Agriculture chief Alexander Tkachyov said the state would provide financial incentives for the local wine industry to help boost the country's health. Vodka and other strong spirits were devastating populations, he said.



VINO: Wine may soon be back in fashion across Russia.

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Unfair charges questioned

THE European Court of Justice has made a ruling which may assist travellers within the EU who are penalised for cancelling flights. In a response to a case brought by the German consumer union it has ruled that all airlines operating within the EU have to comply with general consumer rules for unfair terms and to publish clearly details of any cancellation charges on their internet sites.

Swiss invest €450m in Spain

A SWISS investment company has invested €450 million in commercial property in Spain and is now turning to residential builds.

Stoneweg considers that the Spanish market offers a particularly strong opportunity for investment and moved into the market in 2015.

Having raised €1.4 billion from investors around Europe, including Spain as well as the USA, the company believes that their clients are more than comfortable with investment in Spanish real estate.

Whilst initially focusing on com-

mercial property, the fund is now expanding its residential portfolio, working in partnership with local builders and has some €300 million which it plans to invest in property hot spots such as Barcelona and Madrid.

The problem with those two cities is that land is becoming more and more scarce and therefore more expensive and although they have some €1 million plus individual properties under construction, they

By John Smith

are now looking at other areas such as Costa Brava and even Malaga and Sevilla.

Not every project is high end and Stoneweg is more than happy to consider cheaper builds if there appears to be a market and potential profit for their properties.

They have currently committed €150 million on investment and building projects to be completed in 2017 and expect to continue building and selling residential properties and obtaining and leasing commercial properties in 2018.

Tax cuts agreed for low earners

THE cost of tax for 3.5 million Spaniards will drop thanks to a deal between the government and Ciudadanos. Those earning less than €14,000 a year will not pay any tax and there will be a cut in the rate for those earning up to €17,500. In addition, but not yet confirmed, there may be a further reduction for those earning up to €20,000. There will also be a payment of €1,200 to families looking after the disabled or very elderly.

Quote of the Week

It's the European Central Bank, as the single supervisor, and the SRB that executed all the decisions," said Spanish Economy Minister Luis de Guindos when questioned about lawsuits over the sale of Banco Popular.



European Union

SHINZO ABE on left opposite Donald Tusk.

Doors open for deal with Japanese

THE European Union and Japan have confirmed that they intend to enter into a free trade agreement.

EU Council President Donald Tusk and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met the day before the beginning of the recent G20 summit to officially endorse the deal and this action sends a clear message to the increasingly protectionist USA.

Whilst it has been agreed in principle it still needs the approval of EU leaders and will

take several months to negotiate.

This is yet another deal, along with the recent finalisation of the EU-Canada free trade arrangement, that the UK is likely to be excluded from after Brexit.

Depending on the final terms of the Brexit deal, the EU could find itself having trade relationships with nations half way across the world than with its neighbour and former partner.

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Rental growth

CAR rental in Spain could generate €1.6 billion of income during 2017, an increase of 6 per cent over the previous year. The number of companies renting cars and the number of tourists hiring them keep growing according to a report by DBK Informa.

More jobs

THE Spanish government will approve the recruitment of more than 20,000 in the public sector with the majority working in the Tax Authority and Social Services. Once this figure is reached there will also be 5,000 promotions which will need replacements.

Green bonds

SPAIN has climbed to sixth place in the world for the launch of 'green' investment bonds with Iberdrola the energy company being the main issuer. Investors are currently looking to place funds with socially aware companies.

Investors look to buy Spanish bridal boutiques

PRONOVIAS the Spanish bridal shop which has prestige branches around the world is likely to be purchased by four international investment funds for €300 million.

Founded in 1922 by a Turkish immigrant, the company grew over the years until it offers a wide range of special clothing including wedding dresses through 44

owned shops and 79 franchises.

Latest figures show a profit of €22 million, but the company is owned by recently divorced Alberto Ribera and it was known that he was looking for external investment, perhaps in order to make settlement on his former partner. One attraction to the sale is that company debts will also be taken over.

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REVENUE FROM ICE CREAM TAKES SOME LICKING

As the sun shines sales rise

GLOBAL WARMING is helping to encourage the sale of different types of cold and refreshing desserts around the world.

There is evidence of the production of frozen desserts thousands of years ago with the Ancient Greeks and Romans adding flavours to ice brought down from the mountains, although the invention of the modern version is credited to China, with the concept brought to Europe by Marco Polo.

Despite the Chinese involvement, the market has until quite recently been led by the West according to a recent Mintel report but this is now changing with the huge populations of China, India and Indonesia seeing a major growth in consumption.

China is now the world's biggest ice cream market, with sales estimated at 4.3 billion litres in 2016, followed by the US (2.7 billion litres) and Japan (756 million litres) but by head, the biggest purchasers of ice cream are in Norway, Australia and Sweden.

Despite the fact that there seem to be increasing numbers of ice cream parlours opening across Spain, the Spanish are far less adventurous than many of their European cousins in wanting to try new, ethnic inspired flavours.

The production of unusual flavoured ice cream started in the Far East with such exotic flavours as Wasabi, Green Tea, Goat's Cheese and Avocado but moved rapidly to the USA and then Europe particularly Germany, Italy and Poland.

It's not just ice cream that is seeing a growth in popularity as anything iced or frozen, be it cream, sorbet, yoghurt, semifreddo or even gin and tonic lollies are becoming increasingly more popular in the East whilst the West is importing exotic ideas.

Kulfi is coming from India, moochi a frozen rice doughnut filled with ice cream from Japan, rolled ice from Thailand and even booza, a



CHILDREN will always love ice cream.

traditional type of ice cream from Syria and Lebanon which is very slow to melt.

Whilst some health conscious consumers are consciously reducing their ice cream intake, others are involved in the launch of Vegan versions which are seeing a considerable growth in sales as they manage to find entry into national outlets.

One thing that Spain seems determined to do, regardless of trends, is to keep its deep freezes within restaurants and to offer a whole range of frozen desserts to child and adult diners, with the added bonus that guests can still often take the clay containers home with them.

SPAIN WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO FOLLOW A DUTCH IDEA

Green coins for a green plan

TURNING waste plastic into green money works in Amsterdam and an environmental organisation wants to see Spain follow suit.

The Dutch capital has a reputation for being one of the most environmentally friendly and alert capitals in Europe with a huge number of bicycles reducing pollution in the air and much being done to remove waste sensibly.

Appropriately named Wasted Lab has produced a series of green coins which it makes from the plastic handed in to it and in turn, it has negotiated with various stores and organisations around the city to accept the green coins in part payment for products, services or meals.

Anyone who wants to join in has to register with Wasted and receive special bags in which to place plastic of different types for recycling and the positive result is not only do those collectors bring their own plastic but they also pick up plastic in the streets in bins and by canals, increasing the amount that is recycled.

Those companies who accept the green coins are then able to use them to get Wasted to collect their rubbish and dispose of it and in the case of plastic, they will re-



Photo by Wasted Lab

GREEN COINS made from recycled plastic.

ceive green coins as well.

The plastic collected by the Wasted company is used as the main source of material for their range of products. They specialise in the manufacture of recycled and recyclable building block, furniture, facilities for local market stalls and children's games.

So successful has this project been that the company reports that they continue to expand the number of outlets that accept the coins, have an ever-growing army of plastic collectors and the value of the coins is now common knowledge so that the coins themselves are likely to be digitised

by the end of this year.

For countries like Spain who have been lagging behind in the recycling of waste generally and are not on course to comply with European Union directives this could be an ideal way of meeting the requirements at least in the case of plastic and making it worthwhile for individuals to take the trouble to become involved.

Collection of waste in Spain is very regular but in a large number of cases, quite indiscriminate with waste of different types simply being dumped together meaning that recycling is a haphazard and somewhat inefficient undertaking.

Butter shortage forecast

ONE of the largest producers of dairy products in Britain, Arla has warned that there could be a Europe wide shortage of butter in particular by the end of this year.

For a number of years, there was an excess of milk production which when coupled with EU subsidies led to the creation of butter mountains and milk lakes, but with a deliberate sharp reduction in milk yield, the pendulum has started to swing the other way.

Many countries are moving away from margarine and back to butter which means that manufacturers are stretched and although Spain tends not to rely on fresh cream, it is suggested that expatriates' mince pies and Christmas pudding may have to be served with custard rather than cream.

Santander additional share sale

IGNORING the fact that disgruntled former Banco Popular shareholders are working together to try to recover lost money, Santander has invited them to invest more.

All of those former shareholders are being given preferential treatment by way of a discounted price of 17.75 per cent in this new offering to cover the €7 billion needed to cover the acquired bank's estimated bad debts.

The management of Santander is confident that it will sell all of the new shares, but as is normal, has effectively insured itself against being left with shares at an estimated cost of €70 million.

Santander has also indicated that there will be positive trading contribution from Banco Popular of more than €30 million this year.

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THE ROYAL FAMILIES CHAT WHILST BUSINESS CARRIES ON Spanish entrepreneurs visit UK

THE visit of the Spanish King and Queen to the UK was more than just a gesture of friendship between old allies but had economic reasons.

Britain is a major home for Spanish investment and travelling with the Royal Party will be a number of heads of Spanish companies who own large parts of British commerce and industry.

Those who will be participating include Ana Botín, president of Santander; José María Álvarez-Pallete, president of Telefónica; Ignacio Sánchez Galán, president of Iberdrola; Pablo Isla, president of Inditex; Rafael del Pino, president of Ferrovial and Josep Olliu, president of Sabadell.

When one considers that between them they own Santander UK, O2, Heathrow Airport, Zara UK and TSB Bank, their influence in the British economy is significant and they are clearly interested in the future of their investments in the run up to and post Brexit.

Whilst the King and Queen will be enjoying the pomp and ceremony of the first Spanish Official Visit in 31 years, the business owners will be discussing



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KING FELIPE
in the Cortes.

matters with local executives as well as diplomats and political heavyweights.

There was a very exclusive breakfast when the most important of the Spanish industrialists met with Dr Liam Fox, Minister for International Trade who was accompanied by his Spanish opposite number Marisa Poncela García.

This 'closed' meeting was followed by a larger address at the Mansion House where the 'great and good' from both countries had a chance to discuss possible future opportunities and there was a short address from King Felipe.

Whilst Spain and the UK are economically close, there was bound to be some jostling for position, especially as Spain would be happy to take over the role of hosting some of the European Union organisations currently headquartered in London.

The position of Gibraltar will almost certainly not be allowed to become a major point of public disagreement although it will be discussed in private as it does play an important financial role in the economy of the Campo.

The British Ambassador in Madrid had already been briefed to discuss the Catalan independence situation and to distance it from comparison with Scotland and it is probable that the British government will repeat this position during the visit.

The position of expatriates in both countries will be a major topic of conversation as will movement of money and people across borders following Britain's eventual resignation from the 28.

With British industrialists calling for a delay in leaving the Free Trade Agreement, it is also possible that the Spanish visitors will reinforce this suggestion.

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Wheat price to increase

ALREADY the largest importer of wheat in the European Union, it appears that Spain will have to increase imports by 43 per cent this year.

The cause of this is the continuing dry weather which means that forecast production in Spain is down by 1.8 million tonnes.

Much of this requirement is to satisfy the need to feed Spain's huge livestock sector according to research organisation AgroInfomarket.

It isn't just wheat however which will affect the balance of payments as significant increases are expected in importation of both barley and corn, the latter now looking as if it will take over first place in the production of animal feed.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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SPAIN'S increasing economic recovery is having a positive impact on nautical sales in Mallorca.

In the first half of 2017 3,099 new recreational boats have been registered in Spain, this is an increase of 13 per cent from the same time period in 2016.

This is particularly beneficial for the Balearic Islands, Spain's second largest nautical market, which accounts for 16 per cent of the market share.

After a slow recovery in this sector the news of a large surge from the previous year has come as welcome news for retailers. The reason for this is believed to be increased economic and consumer confidence.



NAUTICAL SALES: Are showing an increase.

ONE of Mallorca's chicest communities, Portals Nous has a glamorous history, welcoming royalty, celebrities, wealthy business leaders, and the island's high society to its gorgeous surrounds for decades.

Situated in Calvia, and just 10km west of Palma, the popular and pleasant town started life in the 1930s and now has a modest population of just

over 2,500 people.

It has an abundance of lovely independent shops, and is blessed with one of Spain's most elegant marinas at Puerto Portals.

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thanks to its convenient, yet exclusive, south-west location, Portals Nous boasts a rich cultural diversity and strong international community.

Fortunately Portals Nous has been spared much of the tourist saturation and population over-

load that has caused such controversy across the rest of Mallorca. There are surprisingly few hotels, and an abundance of lavish, isolated villas, that keep the area's property market in extremely healthy condition.

There is a gorgeous white-

sanded beach, spectacular views from up the hill towards Costa d'en Blanes, and some of the island's most exclusive beach bars and restaurants.

The summer residence of the Spanish Royal Family, Marivent Palace, is close at

hand, making a royal stroll just a short drive away.

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Moving after a decade

JAMIE and Louise Redknapp have announced they will be selling their Villa in Mallorca after a decade on the island.

Louise revealed that the Portals Nous area had "captured her heart.

"It's something special at night, when you can see Palma twinkling," she added.

The couple have been married for 19 years and have two sons. Louise has denied rumours the pair are to separate.

Load of rubbish

THE amount of recycled waste being generated by hotels in Calvia has risen significantly in the last year. with Portals Nous' high number of hotels, this is welcome news for the area.

The amount of organic waste being collected by the council between January and April 2017 has increased by 67 per cent from the same time period in 2017.

Other types of recyclable products have also risen in the last year, with glass increasing by 16 per cent. The reason for the change is believed to be better attitudes towards and more effort put into recycling.

Whilst waste collections of products which will not be recycled still makes up the largest group such dramatic increases are positive signs of change.



GOOD HABITS: Recycling seems to be on the rise.

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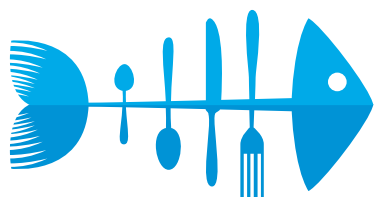
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THE coast around Mallorca, along with a lot of the Mediterranean, has an international reputation for scuba diving.

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For photo opportunities the multitude of colours given off by the thousands of tropical looking fish around the bay around Calvia makes it an ideal site for the activity. Also helping to put this area on the scuba diving map is the well-established port of Portals Nous which offers excursions for professionals.

The larger marine animals which dominate the Mediterranean can also be seen in the area. Bottlenose dolphins and sperm whales have been sighted, as well as basking sharks and scarier looking breeds like the blue shark seen recently near Magaluf.

A photographer recently caught pictures of the incredibly rare monk seal, of which there are only thought to be 500 left in the world. This sparked international recognition and talks by the government of Mallorca to try and support a

monk seal population on the island.

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MARIVENT PALACE is preparing to close to the public two months after opening to them for the Spanish Royal family's annual summer stay.

The palace grounds opened to the public on May 2 after years of support for this decision to be taken. Locals and tourists are now free to roam the grounds which are home to 90 different species of plants and sculptures by Joan Miro, a Barcelona-born artist who adopted Mallorca as his home.

The building itself was built by an artist and collector of Egyptian descent who lived in it until his death. When his widow passed away she left it to the council who gifted it to the Royal Family who maintain ownership today.

After being open for over two months though, the grounds will be closing again between July 15 and



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Don Juan Carlos and Mariano Rajoy meeting in the gardens of Marivent Palace.

September 15.

This is so the Spanish Royal Family can have free reign over the grounds where they spend most of their summers. This tradition goes back to the current King's father and has been

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The second-hand market held in the Son Bugadelles Poligono every Saturday is known to have the most eclectic collection of items on sale. On sale will be second-hand

products, antiques, collectables, furniture and clothes. It is the perfect place to pick up some unique home decorations or a special gift.

Closer to Portals Nous is the Sunset Market which will be running every Wednesday and Thursday throughout August. The theme of this event is everything vintage with strong links to the sea. You can expect high quality food and cocktails, interesting jewellery and other gifts as well as a children's play area. Live musicians will also perform in the evening and don't be surprised to see a few retro campers.

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HIGHLY predictable leftie reaction to the appointment of Sir Martin Moore-Bick as chief investigator of the Grenfell inquiry. "He knows nothing about how these residents live their lives," ranted one dissenter.

Er, just a minute, what on earth has that particular observation got to do with anything? This is an enquiry as to what, or whom was to blame for this tragedy; it has nothing whatsoever to do with how the residents lived. (Unless it transpires the fire was due to a bomb-making factory, as was recently reported on a number of social media sites!)

"We want an unbiased investigation" they ranted on. Ok, so what would make them happy one wonders? An ethnic immigrant on welfare, living in council accommodation? Oh yeah, you're bound to get a completely unbiased result from that particular quarter.



JEREMY CORBYN: Thinks he knows the winner of Love Island!

Sir Martin is a respected judge of some 20 years, his credentials are as long as your arm and utterly impeccable, including commercial law.

I know who I would prefer to investigate my claims and catastrophic losses and with all due respect, it wouldn't be someone whose main criteria was 'knowing how these people live.'

Let this extremely competent ap-

pointee get on with the job he has been assigned to. If, after a respectable time lapse, he and his committee appear to be dragging their feet, by all means kick their backsides into speedier action. Objections to his appointment will only drag the whole thing out even longer.

Surely the victims of this tragedy deserve a great deal more than that?

Corbyn continues on his unrelenting quest to show everyone he truly is a man of the people, particularly the gullible young. Not only did he spout off at Glastonbury, he now gives his opinion on who he thinks should win the brain numbing TV series of Love Island! The mind truly does boggle.



As a matter of interest, it has been assessed that his other, 'catch the young' ploy, ie cancelling student loans, would cost something in the region of £100 billion. Yet another example of his totally irresponsible Christmas present list.

Don't get me wrong, I am seriously disillusioned with the Conservative party at the moment but frankly, the thought of Corbyn, Abbott and the union bullies taking over the country is a far worse scenario.

Personally, I would like to see Farage in number 10. Who knows, in the event of another general election, (heaven forbid!) were he to run, I think he would be in with an extremely serious chance. He certainly talks with more sense than the whole of the rest put together, and at least he's not running scared, as the majority of our illustrious leaders appear to be!

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IN THE BUFF: Your secret is safe with me.

Nora Johnson Breaking Views

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THE recent General Election, with its reports from all over the UK, brought home some memories of old haunts, especially of former, err, homes.

So, idly Google-Maps-Street-Viewing, I zoomed in on one home which was sold to a couple with small boys. Oh, look, I moan to myself, they've taken down my beautiful shutters (so difficult to fit), painted the front door red (was pristine white) and installed window boxes (definitely out of proportion). Plus some god-ugly goalposts for the kids in the garden...

Finally tearing myself away from No 21, I turn my attention to No 23 to check if

that's also become a renovation project. New windows, new coat of paint, new driveway I note absentmindedly. About to turn away - already getting a bit bored - when something in No 23's rear garden catches my eye.

What's that pallid, lumpy mass beside one of the high walls dividing the properties? I zoom in even closer. And all's revealed. Taking advantage of the unexpectedly bright, sunny day of filming and unknowingly caught in its unforgiving glare are our neighbours, Jill and Johnnie. Lying protected by high walls from neighbours' prying eyes but not the camera's - in the buff!

Well, JJ, it could have been worse. Pity that poor bloke caught on camera being arrested, another coming out of a sex shop, the yobbo vomiting while his mate's relieving himself on a hedge and the couple caught ...well, you know.

Street View maps reveal all

sorts of scenes of ordinary daily life depicting all sorts of people caught in all sorts of places they're not meant to be - images available to anyone, remember. But don't worry, JJ, you know your secret's safe with me. Lucky (for you) it hasn't gone on Instagram ... yet!

Finally, many thanks to all of you who purchased my crime thrillers (all profits, as you know, to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity), following my piece here two weeks ago about why and how people lie - and the impact this has on others - a subject that's always fascinated me and inspired all my novels. And keep those donations going to Cudeca!

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

Angus Silvie, Axarquia

Serves to confuse

LIVING abroad when you don't speak the language very well presents plenty of challenges. When I first arrived in Spain I assumed that when they taught you to say 'hablo poco Espanol' to indicate you have a poor grasp of Spanish, it meant 'I have very little Spanish.' So without checking I took 'hablo' to mean 'I have' rather than 'I speak,' because it sounds more like 'have' doesn't it?

So into the shops I went, confidently asking the first shop keeper if she spoke cheese. I got a funny look but she worked out what I wanted so emboldened by my success I continued in this vein for a week or so, no doubt making a complete fool of myself every time, until I checked my translator and the awful truth dawned.

But spare a thought for the Spanish, trying to cater for Brits like me and helpfully translating some of their services into English despite on occasions having a similar lack of linguistic education. Their efforts are very welcome but often amusing and not always helpful when the result of their attempts serves only to confuse.

Restaurant menus have offered 'Toasts of Smoked,' 'Spaghetti Sailor's Blouse' and 'Fried Spawns,' and, in case that wasn't tempting enough, also suggested 'withered sausage,' 'wind of squids,' 'in a mess of shrimp' or 'weak rice.' I went to a Spanish zoo which advised 'Do Not Feed Fingers to the Animals' with a picture of a stick man about to be devoured by a huge crocodile head. Underneath it warned 'Forbidden Get the Body Over The Fence!' The sign was attached to an enclosure full of presumably ferocious flamingos.

I considered offering English proof-reading services for a small fee but then thought, no. These mis-translations and grammatical faux-pas offer amusement and entertainment. Let's keep them as they are!

Readers interested in submitting articles for this guest column should send articles of 3-400 words on topics felt to be of interest to the cosmopolitan EWN readership to editorial@euroweeklynews.com.

Travel

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, capital city of Galicia, has been attracting visitors for hundreds of years.

The city started out as a small settlement by a Roman road but discovery of St James' tomb early in the 9th century led to it becoming a place of Catholic worship at the end of a peninsula at that time dominated by Muslim invaders. Gradually, as penitents started to flock there, Santiago de Compostela grew into a holy city and its Cathedral and numerous monasteries, churches, hospitals to accommodate pilgrims and stately homes formed around magnificent streets and squares, eventually forming the historical centre which today attracts millions of tourists every year.

Yet, although religion is the best-known magnet, you don't have to be religious, or even Catholic, to enjoy a visit to Santiago. The Unesco World Heritage city's impressive architecture, parks and gardens, gastronomy, university and culture (with treasures to view in no less than 16 museums) are all great reasons to plan a weekend visit.

Walking the Camino is the most traditional way to get to Santiago and there are different routes of varying lengths from most of Spain and other parts of Europe. For those who prefer a speedier form of transport, the city is also easily accessible from the rest of the country and continent by plane, train, coach or car.

To make the most of a visit and see as much as possible, the local tourism department recommends a three-day visit and suggests the following schedule:

Start day one by exploring the streets and squares of the historical centre before visiting the

Three days in Santiago

SANTIAGO:
Capital city
of Galicia.



Cathedral. Either join a guided tour or hire an audio-guide from the tourist office to make the most of your visit. Plan to enter the Cathedral not long before noon if you would like to attend a pilgrims' mass which, depending on the calendar of liturgical celebrations, usually employ the famous Botafumeiro censer. No visit to the Cathedral is complete without heading for the roofs for panoramic views of the city.

In the afternoon head for the Cidade da Cultura de Galicia (CdC) museum, which boasts magnificent architecture by Peter Eisenman and holds very interesting exhibitions and cultural activities.

Back in the historical part of the city, there are

two main parks which are worth a visit and offer panoramic views of the area: San Domingos de Bonaval and La Alameda. The first contains two interesting museums: the Galician ethnographical museum (Museo do Pobo Galego) within the former San Domingos convent which includes a beautiful gothic church and fantastic triple Baroque staircase and the Galician Centre of Arts (CGAC) designed by Portuguese architect Alvaro Siza. After visiting these museums, a walk in La Alameda park provides plenty of photo opportunities as it has the best frontal views of the Cathedral on the horizon.

The next day plan a visit to the Mercado de

Abastos market, the main and most traditional in the city and the second most visited place after the Cathedral. Fresh fish and seafood are the stars of the show at this market, which opens every day except Sunday but is busiest on Thursdays and Saturdays, but fruit and veg, flowers, cheeses and other typical produce are also on sale. There are two places within the market which come highly recommended for an authentic Galician lunch. At Punto Kente, for a percentage of what you paid for it, they will cook what you have bought at the market, while at Abastos 2.0 the menu consists of the best of the day's fresh produce presented as mini-delicacies.

Not far from the market is the university's Faculty of Geography and History which is well worth a visit and has an impressive library and a terrace with spectacular views.

In the afternoon take the tourist train for a different view of the city and a relaxed way to sight-see which is apt for all the family. Then head for the shops to pick up souvenirs to take home: Galician crafts, textiles and delicacies come highly recommended. There are many art galleries and monuments, such as the Pazo de Fonseca and the Iglesia de la Universidad (university church) which will complete a pleasant afternoon.

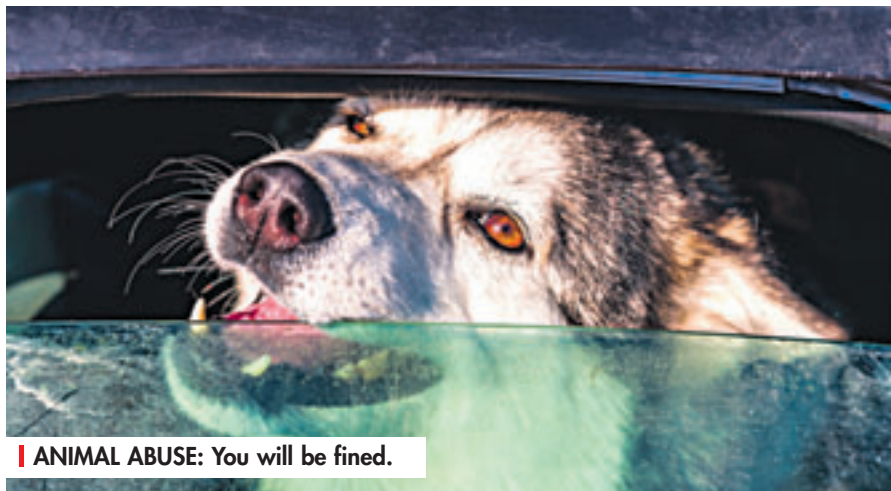
On the third and final day, take the chance to join tours of other parts of Galicia such as Finisterre and Costa da Morte, Rias Baixas or A Coruña or visit nearby monasteries or stately homes.

Then in the evening it's time for a final Galician meal and a walk through the streets and squares, stopping off at a pub in the historical centre for a traditional 'queimada' to ward off bad spirits.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Don't be guilty of animal abuse this summer

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



ANIMAL ABUSE: You will be fined.

A RECENT case has highlighted the dangers of leaving your pet in a vehicle and it could result in the owner being jailed.

The Canine Unit of the Local Police in Alicante have denounced a person for an alleged crime of animal abuse for leaving their dog locked in a vehicle in temperatures above 36 degrees for some time.

Concerned local residents alerted the police of the presence of the dog in a car in a car park which was showing signs of distress and severe discomfort. Police immediately arrived at the scene and seeing the dog was on the brink of suffocation broke the rear window of the vehicle to gain access and successfully rescued the animal. Legal proceedings have now been opened and a formal complaint filed against the owner who is charged with a crime of ani-

mal abuse. The dog is now safe and well and a campaign has started to find it a foster family to care for it.

In addition, the officers who broke into the vehicle discovered it did not have a valid ITV so the car was seized and removed with a tow truck. The owner also faces separate charges for vehicle offences.

As the summer heat continues, police remind all pet owners again about the dangers of leaving animals inside cars where temperatures inside can quickly increase putting the animal's life at risk. In endangering the life of an animal, the offence can carry a prison sentence as well as fines.

If anyone sees an animal left inside a vehicle they are urged to call the police and emergency services straight away.

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

Cyclists have alcohol limits

Q. Two weeks ago, we responded to a series of questions about riding a bicycle. We said that no alcohol limits applied to riders of bicycles. We have now

been corrected by a friend who teaches the rules at a Spanish driving school. We express our thanks to her for setting us straight.

A. THE same alcohol limits that apply to drivers of automobiles also apply to riders of bicycles and even to pedestrians.

These limits would come into effect if an inebriated cyclist causes an accident which involves motor vehicles, or if a drunken pedestrian wanders into the road

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain



and causes an accident to happen.

It is unlikely that the police would stop and fine a bicycle rider who is weaving a bit in the road or

someone stumbling along the beachfront promenade, but the possibility is there.

If a bicycle rider has no automobile licence, he cannot lose any points, but he can be fined.

And if it can be shown that he is the direct cause of an accident, other charges can be brought against him.

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

The most ridiculous thing

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I AM always asked, 'How can you be so grumpy all the time?' And the answer is, 'I'm not.' I never wake up in a bad mood. I never wake up depressed. But, thanks to so many dumb ass things I'm presented with every day, it's hard to not get grumpy on a regular basis.

It's little things that set me off like the idiot that has parked on the pavement outside our apartment when there are parking spaces all over the place. Or the car that is double parked in the middle of the road because he can't be arsed to park a few yards down the road and WALK!!

Then of course there are the most ridiculous things that happen. Mrs S is the proud owner of a new phone. So we decided that it needed a new case so to protect it. Simple job right? Just go and buy one. Oh no. We were in Miramar shopping centre near us which must have 10 phone shops in there selling phones and accessories and we went to them all and couldn't find the type of cover she wanted. Our final stop was Carrefour which, by the way, is one of my favourite shops.

Low and behold - there it was - the perfect cover for her phone. All we needed to do was take it out of the box and double check it was

sturdy enough to protect her means of communication which, by the way, cost more than my first car! Not only was the box sealed at both ends, it also had a thick white plastic band, the type you see round boxes sent for worldwide shipping.

I took it to the assistant who was tiddling about on his computer and asked him if he could open the box so I could see the case properly. 'No sorry, we aren't allowed to open the box.' 'Why?' I asked. 'Company policy,' came the reply. 'Are you nuts? How do I check it's what I want?' 'Well, there is a picture on the front.'

Then came the most incredibly stupid thing I've heard in ages. 'If it's not right you have 14 days to return it.' 'WHAT? I have to buy it, take it home, and open it, then if I don't like it I bring it back?' 'Well, you don't have to take it home. You can open it on the other side of the till after you have paid then return it.' So, should I buy scissors or a knife too so I can cut through the security band? By now I've lost it and am demanding to see a manager and the assistant then realises how stupid the conversation is and picking up scissors, cuts the band, opens the box, takes out the cover and I look at it and say, 'Fine, it's the one we want. Thank you.' He looks at me. I look at him and he says, 'I'm sorry, it's company policy and I know it's ridiculous.' At last common sense prevailed and the purchase was completed. So that's how I become grumpy! What makes you grumpy? email mikesenker@gmail.com



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	7:00pm BBC News at Six	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:30pm Eat, Shop, Save	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News at 5	3:00pm Premier League Legends
	7:30pm BBC London News	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	9:00pm Emmerdale	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
	8:00pm The One Show	12:30pm The Daily Politics	9:30pm James Martin's French Adventure	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	4:30pm Football Gold
	8:30pm EastEnders	1:30pm Wimbledon 2017	10:00pm Killer Women with Piers Morgan	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	5:00pm Football's Greatest
	9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	9:00pm Today at Wimbledon	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Police Interceptors	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
	10:00pm Who Do You Think You Are?	10:00pm Horizon	11:30pm ITV News London	9:00pm Who Wants My Council House?	9:00pm Money's Too Tight to Mention: On Benefits	7:00pm Premier League Legends
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:00pm Mock the Week	11:45pm The Late Debate	10:00pm The Crystal Maze	10:00pm Circus Kids	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	11:30pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	12:10am Fearless	11:00pm Naked Attraction	11:00pm Big Brother	8:00pm Live Super League
	11:45pm Murdered for Being Different	12:15am The Drug Trial: Emergency at the Hospital		12:05am Real, Fake or Unknown	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	11:30pm Boxing Gold
12:45am This Week					12:00am Premier League Legends	
FRIDAY	7:30pm BBC London News	9:00am Gardeners' World	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm Best of Both Worlds	4:15pm A Surrogate's Terror	3:00pm Premier League Legends
	8:00pm The One Show	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News at 5	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
	8:30pm Would I Lie to You?	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:30pm Coronation Street	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	4:30pm Football Gold
	9:00pm EastEnders	12:30pm The Daily Politics	9:00pm The Secret World of Posh Pets	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	5:00pm Football's Greatest
	9:30pm Count Arthur Strong	1:30pm Wimbledon 2017	9:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	6:00pm Premier League 100 Club
	10:00pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	9:00pm Today at Wimbledon	10:00pm Benidorm	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Cricket on 5: England v South Africa	7:00pm Premier League Legends
	10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	10:00pm First Night of the Proms	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:30pm World Para Athletics	9:00pm Lip Sync Battle UK	7:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:00pm Frankie Boyle's New World Order	11:30pm ITV News London	11:00pm The Last Leg	9:30pm The Barbara Windsor Story	8:00pm Super League Gold
	11:25pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	11:40pm The Eubanks	12:05am Naked Attraction	11:00pm Big Brother: Live Eviction	8:30pm Live Super League
	11:35pm Not Going Out	12:05am Top of the Lake	12:10am Joanna Lumley's India	1:10am The Windsors	12:30am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	11:30pm Boxing Gold
12:05am Blades of Glory					12:00am Premier League Legends	
SATURDAY	2:00pm Wimbledon Ladies Final	2:15pm Forbidden Planet	6:00pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	3:30pm World's Most Expensive Cars	6:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	9:20am Rugby Union
	7:25pm BBC News	3:55pm Wanted Down Under	6:30pm Little Big Shots USA	4:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	7:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	11:30am Rugby Union
	7:35pm Regional News	4:40pm Tiger Island: Natural World	7:25pm Local News and Weather	5:35pm Big House, Little House	7:55pm 5 News	1:45pm Live Star Sixes Football
	7:40pm Weather	5:40pm Flog It!	7:35pm ITV News and Weather	6:35pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it	8:00pm Cricket on 5	5:15pm Rugby Union
	7:45pm Pointless	6:25pm Gardeners' World	7:45pm Catchphrase	7:30pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Blind Date	7:10pm Super Rugby Gold
	8:30pm Pitch Battle	7:25pm Wimbledon 2017	8:30pm The Voice Kids Semi-Final	8:00pm World Para Athletics	10:00pm Big Brother	7:15pm Football's Greatest
	10:00pm Casualty	9:00pm Today at Wimbledon	10:30pm ITV News and Weather	11:00pm Championships London 2017	11:00pm FIA Formula E	7:45pm Premier League Legends
	10:50pm BBC News	10:00pm Imagine...	10:45pm Inception	12:30pm The Hunger Games	11:00pm Criminals Caught on Camera	8:15pm Live Star Sixes Football
	11:05pm Weather	11:00pm Mock the Week	1:30am Jackpot247	1:45am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	1:00am Super Casino	11:30pm British GP: Qualifying Highlights
	11:10pm Die Hard with a Vengeance	11:30pm QI XL	4:00am Who's Doing the Dishes?			12:40am La Liga Gold
1:10am Weather for the Week Ahead	12:15am Live at the Apollo					
SUNDAY	7:50pm Regional News	2:45pm Father of the Bride	1:40pm The Voice Kids Semi-Final	1:35pm Formula 1	1:55pm Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 4	1:00pm Live British GP: Pit Lane Live
	7:55pm Weather	4:25pm Wanted Down Under	3:40pm Bear Gryll's Survival School	4:10pm Formula 1	2:55pm Racing Stripes	1:30pm Live British GP: Race
	8:00pm Countryfile	5:10pm Meerkats: Secrets of an Animal Superstar	4:10pm For Your Eyes Only	5:30pm World's Most Expensive Cars	4:45pm Alvin and the Chipmunks	4:30pm Live British GP: Paddock Live
	9:00pm Fake or Fortune?	6:10pm Songs of Praise	6:40pm Local News and Weather	6:35pm The Restoration Man	6:30pm FIA Formula E Live	5:15pm Fight Night
	10:00pm Poldark	6:45pm Flog It!	6:55pm ITV News and Weather	7:30pm Channel 4 News	8:10pm Cricket on 5	5:15pm Football Gold
	11:00pm BBC News	7:30pm Wimbledon 2017	7:10pm The Chase Celebrity Special	8:00pm World Para Athletics	9:00pm That's So... 1981	7:15pm Live Star Sixes Football
	11:20pm Regional News	9:00pm The Lone Ranger	8:10pm The Voice Kids Final	10:30pm The Handmaid's Tale	9:55pm 5 News	7:30pm British GP: Race
	11:25pm Weather	11:20pm Today at Wimbledon	10:00pm The Loch	11:35pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	10:00pm Big Brother	11:15pm British GP: Race Highlights
	11:30pm Would I Lie to You?	12:20am Golf	11:00pm ITV News and Weather	12:35am The Lincoln Lawyer	11:00pm 21 Jump Street	12:15am Premier League Legends
	12:00am The Week the Landlords Moved in	1:20am Athletics	12:20am Judge Rinder's Crime Stories Take Me Out		1:15am Omg: Boy Beauty Addicts	
MONDAY	8:30pm World's Oldest Family	7:00pm Eggheads	7:00pm Local News and Weather	4:00pm The Question Jury	4:15pm Fatal Performance	3:00pm Premier League Legends
	9:00pm EastEnders	7:30pm Letterbox	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:00pm 5 News	4:00pm Spanish Football Gold
	9:30pm Trump's Fortress America - Panorama	8:00pm Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:30pm Neighbours	4:30pm Football Gold
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TUESDAY	7:00pm BBC News	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	4:00pm David Dickinson's Name Your Price	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	4:15pm Stolen Daughter	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Eggheads	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News	10:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
	8:00pm Celebrity Mastermind	7:30pm Letterbox	6:00pm The Chase	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	11:00am Live Test Cricket
	8:30pm EastEnders	8:00pm Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip	7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	7:00pm Sky Sports Special
	9:00pm Holby City	9:00pm Inside the Factory	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News	8:00pm Sky Sports Special
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	11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Detectorists	8:30pm Coronation Street	8:30pm World Para Athletics	9:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies	9:00pm Sky Sports Special
	11:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Newsnight	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	11:00pm Championships London 2017	10:00pm The Hotel Inspector	10:00pm Sky Sports Special
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	11:30pm Regional News	11:00pm Newsnight	11:00pm ITV News	8:00pm UEFA Women's Euro 2017	9:00pm The Highland Midwife	11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten
	11:40pm Weather	12:10am Weather	11:45pm Mafia Women with Trevor Macdonald	11:00pm The Windsors	10:00pm Sarah Payne	12:00am Through the Night
11:45pm Room 101		12:40am River Monsters	11:30pm Fargo	11:30pm Big Brother		
12:25am The Natives			12:35am Young, Single and Racist?	12:30am Big Brother's Bit on the Side		

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

CATALUÑA once had a nationalist but centre-right party. That was the defunct Convergència i Unió (CiU), which slowly foundered thanks to its co-founder, Cataluña's regional president Artur Mas.

He squandered an overall majority with a series of early elections, hoping each time to consolidate his position on independence.

Not only was Mas incapable of listening to the electorate's "thanks but no thanks" but he is no longer regional president although the secessionists forge ahead undeterred.

Meanwhile, up pops Units per Avançar, a new party formed by people close to Josep Antoni Duran Lleida, CIU's other co-founder who threw in the towel in 2016.

The party, nationalist but not separatist, is "a humanist and Christian Democrat party" and does not want the

Boring is the new exciting

October 1 referendum.

Spokesman Carlos Losada believes this will not solve Cataluña's problems and only bring more. Neither was the party worried about being "politically boring" according to Losada.

"Politics don't need to entertain people, they should solve problems," he said.

Unfortunately for their electorates, few politicians anywhere, especially those trying to make a name for themselves and above all the Catalan separatists, would agree.

Something nasty

THE Accounts Tribunal winkled out irregularities at Spain's official gazette, the Boletín Oficial de Estado (BOE).

Orders for paper were fractioned into smaller amounts so they did not have to be put out to tender and 80 per cent of €630,413 in bonuses for 420 employees

went to six executives.

Puts a new slant "leaving no stone unturned" in the fight against corruption because every time another is lifted more sleaze and slime are found underneath.

Smart move

JUAN IGNACIO ZOIDO, Spain's Interior minister has banned all visitors' phones from his office, which must be left at the door. He does not want conversations recorded, Zoido explained, citing the problems this caused his predecessor Jorge Fernandez Diaz. Which suggests that he intends to be equally indiscreet and underhanded but without being found out.

Seen but not heard

PODEMOS supremo Pablo Iglesias criticised Felipe VI's failure to cite Spain's three greatest problems when he addressed parlia-

ment not long ago.

Felipe's speech came on the 40th anniversary of Spain's first post-Franco elections but Iglesias wanted to know why he ignored corruption, social inequality and Cataluña which he euphemistically glossed over as "plurinationalism."

But Felipe is allowed to stick his head in the sand and it's not his job to sort out these huge problems. Politicians are paid to do that, not the head of state.



ARTUR MAS: Incapable of listening.

Caesar's share

THE European Court of Justice rejected an appeal from a Getafe (Madrid) faith school which expected the local council to reimburse a €23,730 building permit for an extension.

The judges ruled that the 400-seat conference room was not destined exclusively for religious use and waiving the permit fee constituted 'prohibited State help.'

Spain's 1978 Constitution separated State and Church, a divorce that everyone accepts apart from the Church, which still doesn't pay

IBI rates.

If it did, the argument goes, it could not support the admirable Caritas. The charity receives a less than admirable 1 per cent of Church funds, begging the question of where the remaining 99 per cent goes.

Brexiters and Kippers may froth at the mouth all they want regarding the ECJ (which they routinely confuse with European Court of Human Rights) but the former has at least saved Getafe Town Hall €23,730.

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Summer Sunday shopping bonus

'SIR,
It is encouraging to see more shops - including some of the leading supermarkets - open on Sundays now that the summer tourist season is in full swing.

I noted in a report (*EWN Issue 1670*) that the Junta de Andalucia has given the green light to scores of shops in Marbella, Mijas, Torremolinos and surrounding areas to open, making life easier for me as a working mother who often finds Sunday the only day time is at hand.

Perhaps as Spain adjusts more to what is now normal in many other European countries, the restrictions at one time I presume introduced on religious grounds will eventually with time be totally lifted.

While it is nice to dream of family days at home on Sundays, life sadly rarely allows it nowadays.

Ruth Binns, Mijas

Dear Leapy

ALWAYS look forward to your col-

Lazy bin use - that stinks!

I WONDER if you can help with trying to educate people regarding the rubbish bins.

It is becoming increasingly annoying in our area (Los Requeñas) Arboleas to find that people are filling the general bins with cardboard and loose garden rubbish.

Also they are putting glass bottles in the yellow rubbish bins which is for plastic. Broken garden furniture and other large pieces of unwanted articles are left at the side of the bins when the tip is only a few metres away. People are either ignorant about where to put their rubbish or are becoming lazy.

Perhaps if one of your journalists or reporters have some spare time, they could write a piece in



RUBBISH BINS: People are ignorant about where to put things.

your newspaper about recycling and basically what goes where. I am sure a lot of people would appreciate it after all most of us from the UK were used to recy-

cling so really there is no excuse not to do it here in Spain.

Many thanks for listening to our rant.

Name and address withheld

umn and while I do not necessarily agree with your views you seem to have a balanced outlook. What concerns me is the popularity that Corbyn and co are seeming to receive. It is so obvious that he targets the gullible and then promises them the earth.

I personally am most disgusted that these people and some so-called celebrities are using awful events like Grenfell to either gain publicity or use as a platform to lie to us.

I cannot understand these despicable people who also seem to blame Theresa May on everything while conveniently forgetting that she was not doing a bad job at getting the UK out of the mess that Blair and Brown caused.

I fear that this leftist onslaught will bankrupt the UK unless the normally complacent majority wakes up and starts being, dare I say it, nationalistic.

*Kenneth Budd
Malaga*

Dog days contd

IN response to Brit Arenander letter in *Euro Weekly News issue 1670* regarding a dead dog on the motorway between Los Gallardos and Mojacar, there are now six dogs on various places on this road in various states of decay. They have been either knocked down by cars or thrown out of moving vehicles. Some of these have been there for months. CAN SOMEONE CONTACT SOMEBODY TO REMOVE THEM?

NO WONDER THIS STRETCH OF ROAD IS CALLED DEAD DOG RUN. HOW CAN PEOPLE DO THIS???

*Trish Foster
Los Gallardos*

No flamenco

THE police in Nerja now take instruments away from people that play without permission, even if they are unaware of local laws. The best part is that when you want to claim your instrument back you need the receipt from when you bought it. Even locals who sit together playing guitar and singing as they always did can be fined up to €500.

So when you sit on a bench and practise, your instrument seems to be in danger... where is the spirit of summer?

*Mathias Hentz
Cortijo San Miguel, Nerja*

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Outrage as Costa del Sol toll road fees rise

GREEDY buggers, no wonder nobody uses the bloody thing. Then we end up with gridlock on the coast road every evening and morning. Pure corporate greed, we should launch a people's investigation into who exactly paid for it and whether the tolls levied in its years of operation have paid back any money borrowed or invested. No doubt they will just keep charging regardless.

Naimah Yianni

» Passengers and pilots (Nora Johnson)

TOO true! Worst ever flight for me was about 15 years ago - I can't recall the airline. We went through some really heavy washing-machine type turbulence after which the pilot, presumably tongue-in-cheek, informed us over the PA system: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm pleased to announce that we have finally regained control of the aircraft."

Chris

» UK government plans to register EU citizens

PM May offered to resolve mutual right to remain last September but Merkel's creatures in EU Brussels refused her offer, unconscionable! "enormous amounts of paperwork ..." Says who? It doesn't seem to prevent the very large numbers applying yearly.

Comments from EWN online

The 'process' is intended to protect British subjects & our way of life & ensure applicants are fit & proper.

It's good enough for applicants from US, RSA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada etc.

CJ

» Foreign police to patrol the streets of Madrid

HEY ho are there really that many foreigners in Madrid that they need to bring in foreign police or is this a step towards a European police force and then a European army? Let's hope not.

Naimah Yianni

@Naimah Yianni - Why? what have you got to fear from greater international police co-operation? We have had Interpol for 94 years (Yes, since 1923) with no problems.

Alan Bowman

» Anti bull fighting protest in Pamplona

WELL done, this really needs to end. I don't think there

is much sympathy any more for morons who get gored while tormenting these poor animals.

Naimah Yianni

» Prison for man who sexually assaulted baby in Alicante

TWO years to reflect on his disgusting behaviour and the shame he's brought upon his family.

I hope the baby grows up with no recollection of this vile event, sadly the baby's mother won't forget.

W

» Three men gored in Pamplona bull run

NEVER mind those idiots, they choose to do that. I feel horrified for those poor bulls that first get chased in the streets and after that die in the arena after being tortured for 20 minutes.

This is the 21 century, but it sure doesn't look like it! Shame on all people that attend this cruel 'fiesta.' I hope they pay their medical treatment out of their own pockets, otherwise our insurance will be more expensive.

Wietse

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Women's wit

'The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.'



By Lucille Ball,
Comedian/Actress

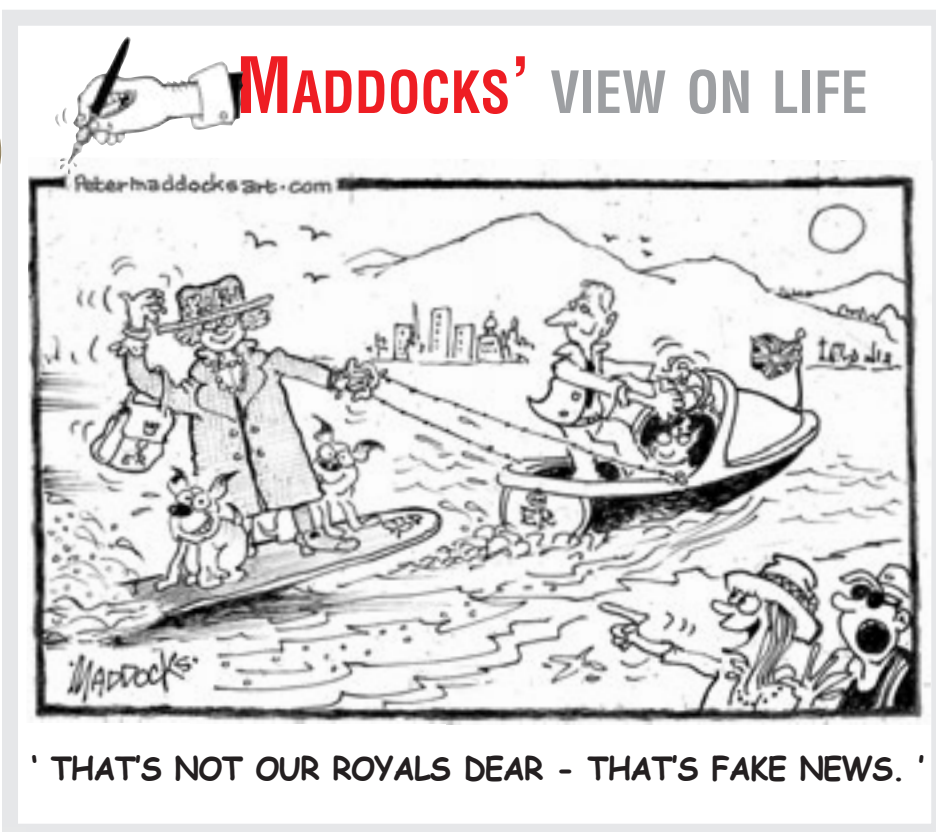
Famous quote

'Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.'

By Groucho Marx,
Comedian/Actor

World of English

'A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.'



' THAT'S NOT OUR ROYALS DEAR - THAT'S FAKE NEWS. '

YOUR STARS

FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

You are in a romantic mood but something is missing from the picture. It is not that you are feeling the need of having more than one string to your bow, it is more that you are tired of using the same old arrows. So, what is out there to fire your imagination? Something really new will not miss the mark with you.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

This is a brilliant week for money and business. Mars is influencing you to be more upfront and practical in your approach. You may feel changes coming on that you would rather deny. Burying your head in the sand is not an option. Take the bull by the horns and you could be surprised at your success.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

You will see the lighter side of life this week when you discover that someone is holding a torch for you. You are flattered and vaguely interested. Your combination of intelligence and humour make you a delightful companion. Venus smiles on all your close relationships and you seem to be able to do no wrong.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

There is much to be tackled this week, but you are wary of making full-on decisions. Taking things one step at a time is the best policy because it gives you space to consider the options. There is a restlessness about you that is hard to pinpoint. Perhaps you are feeling positive but have to hold fire because of others. This is frustrating, but try to relax.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Energy levels go up and down and you seek to ration yours by not going all-out physically. It is still possible to be quite dynamic while planning. Indeed, your clear vision impresses a colleague. If you are due for promotion then some good news is likely. Blow your own trumpet rather than wait for others to do it for you.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

The changes affecting you for the past few weeks continue but you are now getting better at managing their direction. Someone wanting you to take

a logical action should not be allowed to push you forward. When to act will be clear to you.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Someone who has been unhelpful in the past suddenly steps forward. Could you have been wrong about them? Probably not. Keep a clear mind when with them. Saturn influences you to be more organised before a bout of indecision strikes.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

The influence of Venus and Jupiter brings you the influence and status that you deserve. It's not that you haven't worked towards it but now you start to see the benefits. There is an urge to improve your appearance and surroundings to fit in with the 'new you.'



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

During the past few weeks you may have gained a different perspective on life. Your need for a close attachment and harmony in your life should not be underestimated or denied in the name of practicality.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

To be truly happy you need to build on your partnerships. Keep these in balance and everything else will fall into place. Life has taught you some rather harsh lessons recently. The upshot of that is you now feel more in control and more secure.



SAGITARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

There is an all-consuming need to see some reward for all your efforts. There will be those who will tell you that you need to push harder for success. Perhaps you need to be with more like-minded people. Certainly being with the wrong colleagues can bring your spirits down.

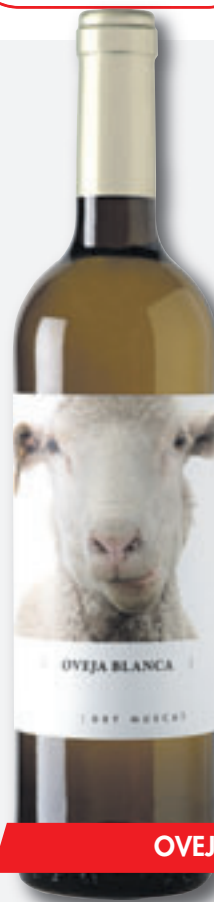


CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

When needed you are sure to be positive this week. On a project, 'striking while the iron is hot' springs to mind. There is much fun to hand but it must be 'work first' at the moment. Some opportunities do not come twice and you need to be aware of them when they present themselves. Spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Spanish wines to drink with a barbecue

TOP 5



OVEJA BLANCA: Intensely aromatic.

MOST of us think of beer when deciding on a beverage to complement our summer barbecues. However, here in Spain, we are blessed with great wine so this year, why not try one (or all, it's a long summer!) of these with your steak and burgers.

1. Bodegas Fontana Oveja Blanca Muscat 2015

From Ucles' cool vineyards at 700-900 metres altitude. Pale, bright yellow and intensely aromatic with aromas reminiscent of lychees, grapefruit and rose petals. A great choice for kicking off your barbecue. Average price is €5. Alcohol

content is 12-13 per cent.

2. Bodegas Fontana Oveja Tinta 2014

If red is your colour, this is another wine from the Ucles' vineyards. Dark, deep, purple-hued, ruby-red colour. Dry and medium-bodied with soft and juicy flavours of raspberries, red plums, liquorice and jam. An ideal accompaniment for grilled food. Average price is €5. Alcohol content is 13.5-15 per cent.

3. Raul Perez Vico 2012

Vico, produced by Raul Perez is a limited-production wine from the Bierzo region. Opaque purple in colour with flavours of black cherry and raspberry. This will shine best with dishes prepared with

savoury spices and wild herbs. Average price is €32. Alcohol content is 13.5 per cent.

4. Wine Atlas Bobal 2014

From Utiel, Requena, just north of Valencia, Bobal is the grape variety. A mouthful of juicy, dark cherries with a hint of liquorice, make this a good wine for red meat. Average price is €7. Alcohol content is 13 per cent.

5. Grupo Matarromera Bodegas Valdelosfrailes 2010

A red wine from Cigales produced by the Valdelosfrailes winery. Dark red and intense with a presence of raspberries and strawberries. This wine works great with barbecued ribs. Average price is €16. Alcohol content is 14.5-15 per cent.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday July 08

(1) (11)
(18) (27)
(32) (50)

BONUS BALL
(25)

IRISH LOTTO



Saturday July 08

(11) (31)
(32) (33)
(38) (45)

BONUS BALL
(37)

EURO MILLIONS



Tuesday July 04

(10) (22)
(25) (37)
(49)

LUCKY STARS
(5) (8)

Friday July 07

(11) (20)
(35) (37)
(45)

LUCKY STARS
(3) (6)

LA PRIMITIVA



Saturday July 08

(3) (16)
(21) (25)
(26) (39)

REINTEGRO
(48) (3)

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA



Sunday July 09

(7) (29)
(40) (41)
(46)

REINTEGRO
(5)

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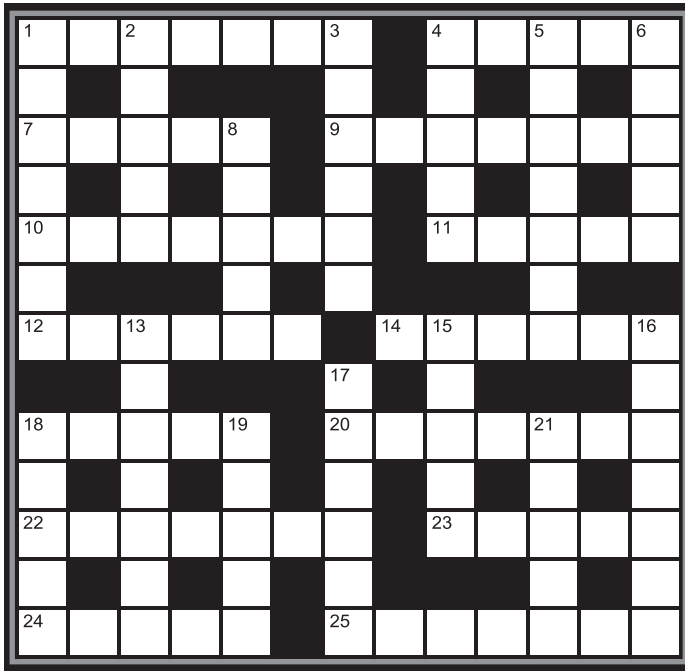
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Cryptic

Across

- 1 Force servant to run riot (7)
- 4 Scale the end of rheumatic arm or leg (5)
- 7 Jargon used in worker's language (5)
- 9 Witticism has a point with farm animals (7)
- 10 Reduce notes on pamphlet (7)
- 11 Looks after wild Pekes (5)
- 12 Choose to have River Police in (6)
- 14 Songbirds start reorganising old rubbish containers (6)
- 18 Meddle with a bent spoon (5)
- 20 Triumph, a real VIP in the making (7)
- 22 Monster devouring head of old mounted soldier (7)
- 23 Girl having exercises to modify (5)
- 24 Robert Louis Stevenson demonstrates an equal chance (5)
- 25 Aroused former spouse gets mentioned (7)



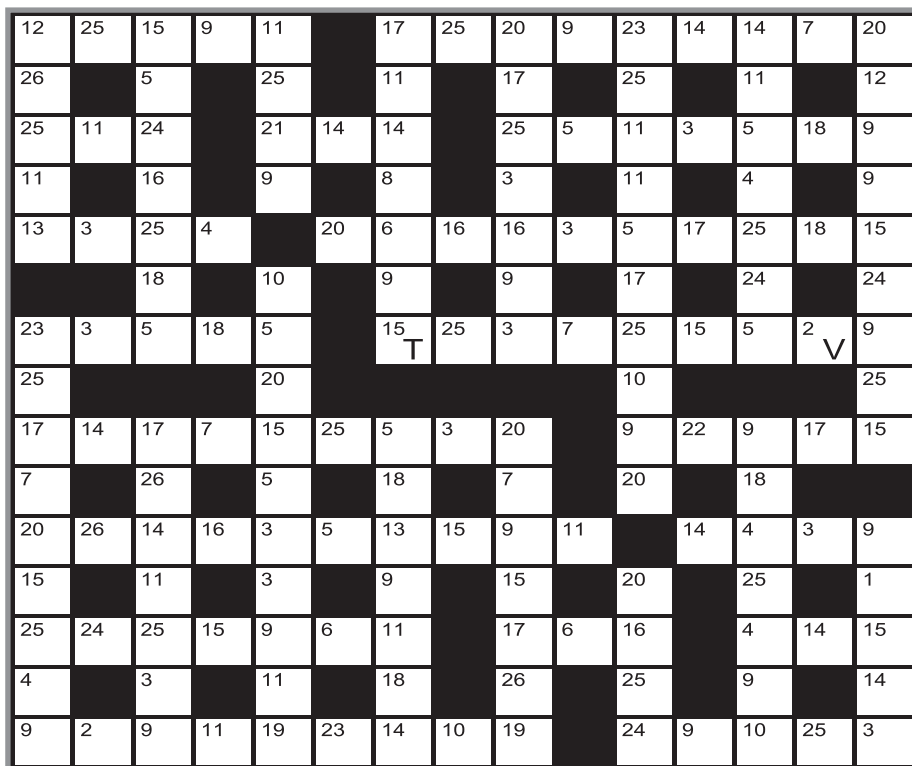
Down

- 1 The side in red lived (7)
- 2 Designed beef, for example, containing nitrogen (5)
- 3 Steven organised these activities (6)
- 4 Stylish knight or small bird (5)
- 5 Salieri composition for Jerusalem resident (7)

- 6 Politician boards double-decker for birthday celebration (5)
- 8 England has no space for an organ (5)
- 13 Capone is in work producing a hymn (7)
- 15 Last letter from the Rome Gazette (5)
- 16 Unhappy about player, but honoured (7)
- 17 Cleaner creating awful smell in area around London (6)
- 18 Edges around plant (5)
- 19 Very religious leaders of parish insist on urban services (5)
- 21 Sailor a foot nearer the stern (5)

Code Breaker

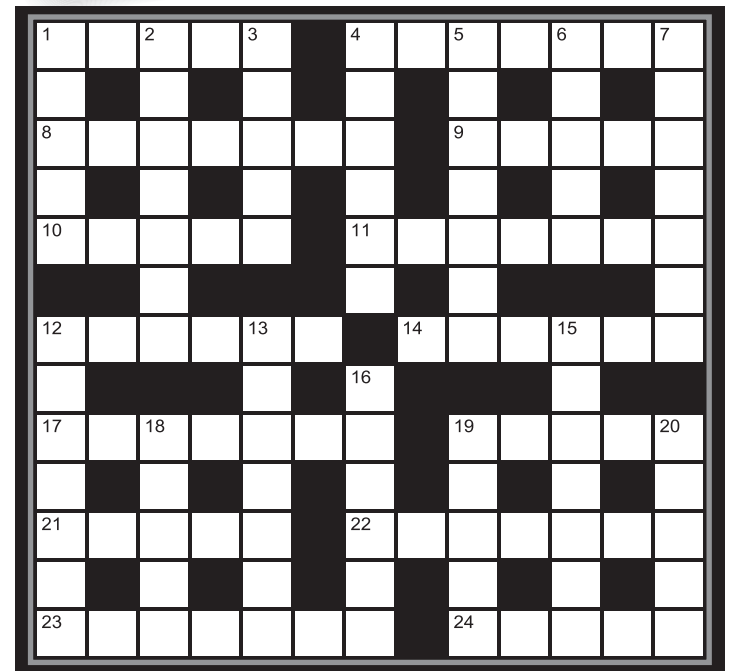
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents V and 15 represents T, so fill in V every time the figure 2 appears and T every time the figure 15 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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
	V											
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	T											

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

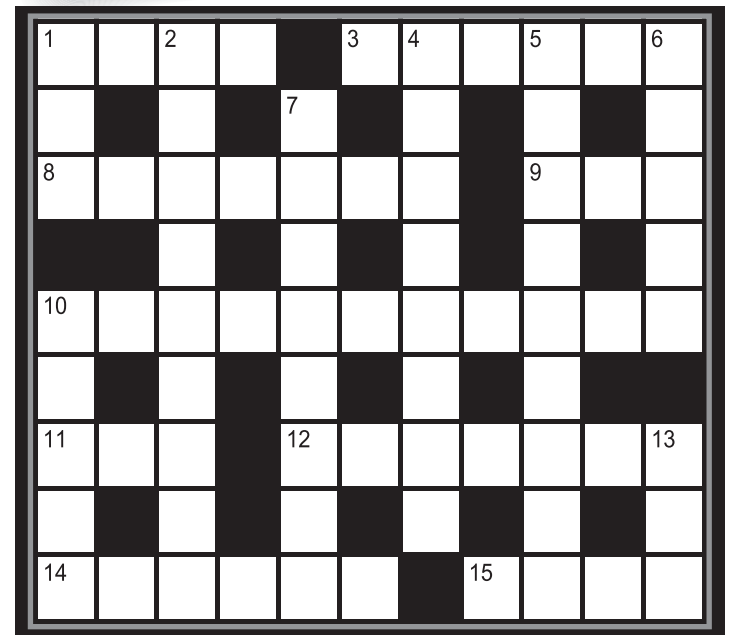
- 1 Has concern (5)
- 4 Desert wind (7)
- 8 Supreme commander of a fleet (7)
- 9 Allow (5)
- 10 Provoking fear or terror (5)
- 11 Pickled herring (7)
- 12 Playground device (6)
- 14 Unstable situation of extreme danger or difficulty (6)
- 17 Put back (7)
- 19 Extra benefits (5)
- 21 Once more (5)
- 22 Prolonged unfulfilled desire (7)
- 23 Disperse (7)
- 24 Defraud (5)

Down

- 1 Informal conversations (5)
- 2 Search haphazardly (7)
- 3 Exclamation indicating an apology (5)
- 4 Pay (6)
- 5 Routine (7)
- 6 Demand or assert as a right (5)
- 7 Eight-armed cephalopod (7)
- 12 Distinguish oneself (7)
- 13 Opposed to (7)
- 15 Infer from incomplete evidence (7)
- 16 Basement (6)
- 18 Public square with room for pedestrians (5)
- 19 Overwhelming feeling of fear and anxiety (5)
- 20 Vision (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Minutes (of a meeting) (4)
- 3 Head (6)
- 8 Trapecio (en gimnasia, circo) (7)
- 9 Thirst (3)
- 10 Coliflor (11)
- 11 Rata (3)

Down

- 1 Escaleras de mano (7)
- 14 Worker (agriculture, industry) (6)
- 15 Cerveza (4)
- 1 Hormiga (3)

- 2 Translator (9)
- 4 Last name (8)
- 5 En otra parte (9)
- 6 To burn (5)
- 7 To legislate (8)
- 10 Wagon (5)
- 13 Southern (side, part) (3)

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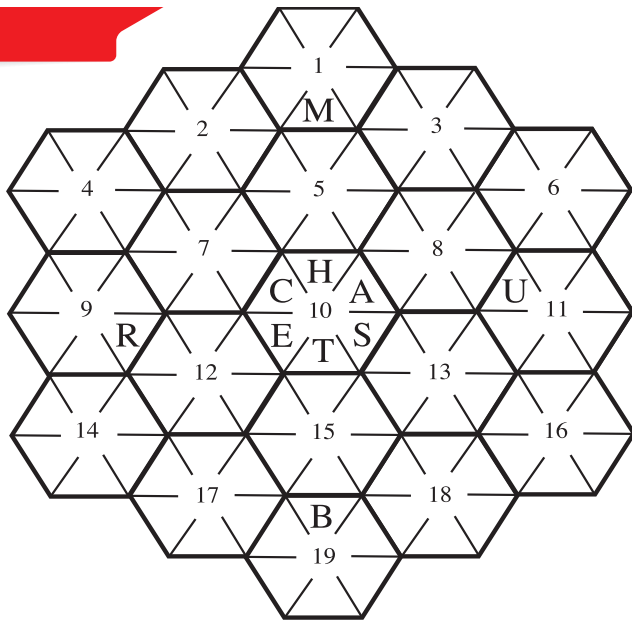
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Hexagram

- ACCRUE
- BEATEN
- BEATER
- BEYOND
- CAREER
- CHASTE (10)
- COERCE
- COVERT
- HEATER
- HEROIC
- ITALIC
- LEGEND
- MEMBER
- MUTATE
- MYTHIC
- OMELET
- STEREO
- STRIDE
- TERROR



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 (**CHASTE**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

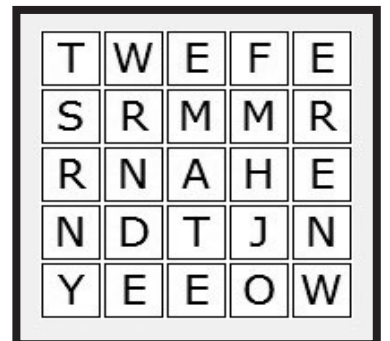
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Cutout 2 Makeup 3 Length 4 Adores
- 5 Apogee 6 Pomade 7 Maraud 8 Vendor
- 9 Detour 10 Revert 11 Unload 12 Aerate
- 13 Letter 14 Tinder 15 Teeter 16 Centre
- 17 Gyrate 18 Chalet 19 Lessee.

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: 18
- Good: 25
- Very good: 35
- Excellent: 46

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

quoit oreo tiro tire tier tear teat goat goad
 gait gain agar again area aria arid rite
 raga retie rete read rear raita rain rata
 radar radio radon raid earn adorn
 aerie ardur arvo iron ordain iota into intro
 indie indri toga toad taro tare tardier tarn
 tiara trod dare data darn dire diet dieter
 drat drier rare rort virago vireo void ovoid
 noria

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



TARGET:

- Average: 7
- Good: 10
- Very good: 14
- Excellent: 18

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aged ague cage chug dang dung egad gaud
 gean hang huge hung cadge caged nudge
 augend change gauche gunned hanged unaged
 changed dunnage handgun UNCHANGED

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 Pebble, 3 Ship, 7 Lie, 9 Derecha, 10 Strongest, 13 Pobreza, 14 Who, 15 Noon, 16 Atasco.
- Down:** 1 Pull, 2 Ladrones, 4 Hacksaw, 5 Plan, 6 Pregnant, 8 Establo, 11 Open, 12 Pozo.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Swarm, 4 Lateral, 8 Eclairs, 9 Cried, 10 Sinister, 11 Gene, 13 Anyway, 14 Teases, 17 Past, 19 Majestic, 22 Crime, 23 Tardier, 24 Slender, 25 Eagle.
- Down:** 1 Seems, 2 Aplenty, 3 Mainstay, 4 Listen, 5 Tact, 6 Raise, 7 Ladders, 12 Rehearse, 13 Aspects, 15 Sitting, 16 Rafter, 18 Seize, 20 Curse, 21 Lead.

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Chips, 4 Rickets, 8 Slander, 9/22 Air bag, 10 Placebo, 11 Mitre, 12 Solemn, 14 Gluten, 17 Chair, 19 Cutlass, 23 Imitate, 24 Termite, 25 Style.
- Down:** 1 Cheap, 2 Install, 3 Spare, 4 Rodeos, 5 Caramel, 6 Exact, 7 Surgeon, 12 Sackbut, 13 Martini, 15 Tragedy, 16 Active, 18 Anger, 20 Traps, 21 Scope.

App of the week



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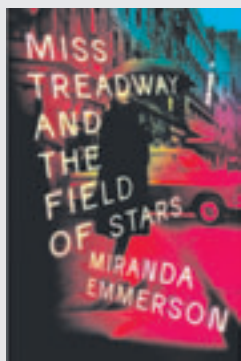


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By Miranda Emmerson

IN this sparkling debut novel, a disparate group of Londoners plunge into a search for a missing American actress.

In the dreary days of November 1965, American actress Iolanthe Green has become the toast of the West End. Charismatic, mysterious, and beautiful, she brings colour and a sprinkling of glamour to the scuffed boards of Soho's Galaxy Theatre. But one evening, Iolanthe walks through the stage door, out into the cold London night, and vanishes.

All of London is riveted as Fleet Street speculates about the missing actress's fate. But as time passes and the case grows colder, only Anna Treadway, Iolanthe's dresser at the Galaxy, still cares. A young woman with a few dark secrets of her own, she is determined to solve the mystery of the missing actress.

A disparate band of London emigres - an Irish policeman, a Turkish coffeehouse owner and his rebellious daughter, and a literature-loving Jamaican accountant - joins Anna in her quest. Each of them has come to London to escape the past and forge a new future. Yet, as they draw closer to uncovering the truth of Iolanthe's disappearance, they may have to face the truth about themselves.

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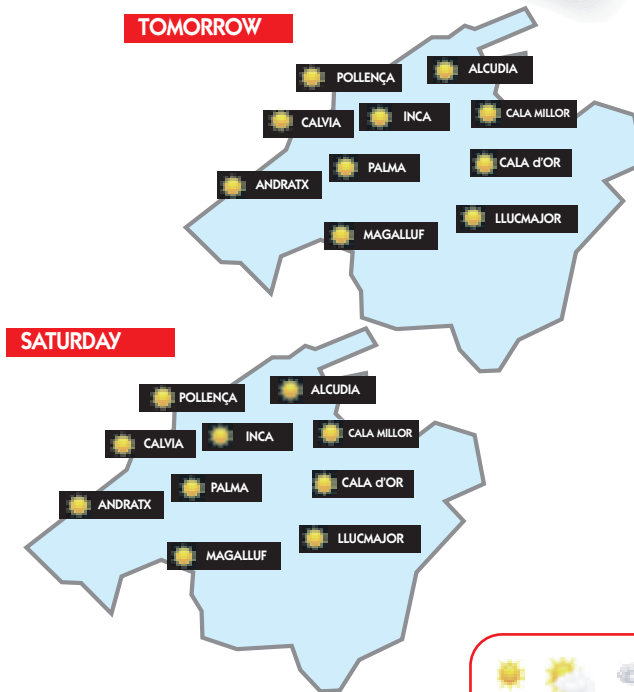
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TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY

Malaga
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Almeria
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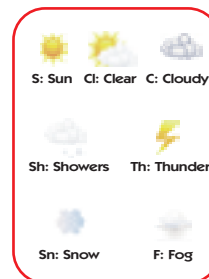
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Benidorm
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Bilbao
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BIRTHDAYS

• **Harrison Ford (75) July 13, Movie Actor**
 This iconic actor's most memorable characters include Han Solo, from the original Star Wars trilogy, Indiana Jones and Rick Deckard, from the 1982 sci-fi classic Blade Runner. He earned Golden Globe Award nominations for his roles in Witness, The Mosquito Coast, The Fugitive and Sabrina.



Harrison Ford.

• **Bill Cosby (80) July 12, Comedian/Actor**
 A stand-up comedian who became known for starring in his own sitcom, The Bill Cosby Show, which aired from 1984 to 1992. He later created the comedy series Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids.
 • **Matthew Fox (51) July 14, TV Actor**
 This actor is best-known for his roles as, Charlie Salinger, on the television show

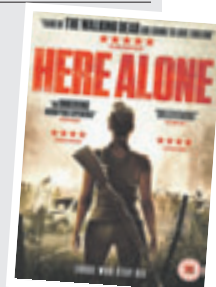
Party of Five and as Jack Shephard, on the television show Lost, where he starred alongside Evangeline Lilly.
 • **Forest Whitaker (56) July 15, Movie Actor**
 This actor won the Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of dictator, Idi Amin, in 2006's, The Last King of Scotland. Other notable films include Battlefield Earth, Taken 3, Rogue One and Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai.
 • **Will Ferrell (50) July 16, Movie Actor**
 This comedy actor rose to fame on

Saturday Night Live. He went on to star in such features as Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, Old School, Step Brothers, and Elf.
 • **Donald Sutherland (82) July 17, Movie Actor**
 This Canadian actor (and Kiefer's dad!) played Hawkeye Pierce in the 1970 movie, M*A*S*H. His other films include The Eagle Has Landed, The Dirty Dozen, Invasion of the Body Snatchers and The Hunger Games franchise.

DVD

Here Alone

Directed by: Rod Blackhurst.
 Starring: Lucy Walters, Gina Piersanti, Adam David Thompson and Shane West.



In this sci-fic movie, a young woman named Ann (Lucy Walters) struggles to survive after a mysterious epidemic decimates society. She leads an isolated life and battles the threat of the bloodthirsty survivors who were infected and lurk outside the forest. But when her supplies run low, Ann must make the desperate journey into town to forage for any remaining food. During one of these raids, she meets teenage Olivia (Gina Piersanti) and her stepfather, Chris (Adam David Thompson). She must choose between safety in numbers or continuing to go it alone.

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.

Word Ladder

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

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Trivia PS

For every human on earth, there are 1.6 million ants.

This week in history

- 1099 - City of Jerusalem is captured and plundered by Christian forces during the First Crusade.
- 1174 - William I of Scotland, key rebel in Revolt of 1173-74, captured at Alnwick by forces loyal to Henry II of England.
- 1223 - Louis VIII becomes King of France upon the death of his father, Philip II.
- 1568 - Dean of St Paul's Cathedral perfects a way to bottle beer.
- 1762 - Catherine II becomes tsarina of Russia, upon the murder of Peter III.
- 1789 - Bastille Day - the French Revolution begins with the fall of the Bastille Prison.
- 1930 - First-ever football World Cup competition begins in Uruguay.
- 1933 - NSDAP (the Nazi party) becomes only political party in Germany.
- 1936 - Spanish generals, Francisco Franco and Emilio Mola, lead a right-wing uprising, starting the Spanish Civil War.
- 1941 - British PM Winston Churchill launched his 'V for Victory' campaign.
- 1985 - 'Live Aid' concerts held at Wembley Stadium (London) and John F Kennedy Stadium (Philadelphia) for African famine relief.
- 2012 - Kim Jong-un is officially appointed Supreme Leader of North Korea.

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MOBILE PHONES: Scientists claim they are making us walk like pensioners.

Are we that phone obsessed we can't even walk in a straight line now?

DO you feel like you are old before your time? Could your mobile be to blame? It may sound a little far-fetched but scientists are claiming that our increased use of mobile phones, particularly as we are out and about walking down the street, is making us walk like pensioners. Taking slower steps, hunched over

our phones as we send messages or check emails en route, is beginning to take its toll on the body and could lead to back and neck problems in the long term.

Scientists from the Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge carried out a study where they fitted 21 people with eye trackers and motion analysis sensors, while nego-

tiating an obstacle similar in height to a kerb. Over 250 separate scenarios were examined as participants read a message on their phone, wrote a message, spoke on their phone and in which they did not use their phone at all.

The researchers found that writing a text was the most demanding activity and led to people looking down at their phone 46 per cent more and they looked down 45 per cent longer when reading a message. They also walked slower whilst reading a message and whilst talking on the phone. It also found that participants using their phone were less able to walk in a straight line leading them to be more at risk from bumping into other pedestrians, lamp posts and other ob-

stacles in the street they would not necessarily notice when looking down on their phones.

The researchers said whilst using their devices they were walking like someone in their 80's and this could affect their lower back and neck by altering their posture over time.

Using phones in the street is already changing some country's policies and in China segregated footpaths have already been introduced in some towns with special lanes for those using their phones.

In the Netherlands, traffic lights have been added into the pavements for phone users who are always looking down for increased safety when crossing the road.

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Back pain



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

How can you relieve back pain?

Back pain can come about due to many different types of illness, but in the majority of cases rest, avoiding heavy lifting or straining postures, analgesics, anti-inflammatories, muscle relaxants or physiotherapy have all proven to be effective in alleviating back pain.

In extreme cases surgery may also be a solution but is only used in a small number of cases where back pain is caused by a specific medical condition.

When should you seek medical attention?

You should always seek medical attention if the pain is severe and/or lasts for a long time. You should see your regular doctor first and afterwards, if necessary, a specialist. Seek medical attention immediately if you feel numbness or tingling around your buttocks or genitals, unexplained weight loss, chest pain as well as back pain

or if there is a swelling or a deformity in your back. These problems could be a sign of something more serious and need to be checked urgently.

What causes back pain?

There can be many causes of back pain but the most common causes are strains or sprains in the back. Other causes such as a slipped disc or muscle and tendon contractures also have additional symptoms, such as numbness, weakness or a tingling sensation.

How can you prevent injuring your back?

The best way to prevent it is to have good posture, especially when sitting. Try not to strain your back by lifting heavy loads or by lifting from an awkward position.

Exercise which strengthens your back muscles can also help prevent back pain, but consult a physiotherapist on what exercises are most suitable for you.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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SUMAQ is the stylish home of Peruvian cuisine which is causing a stir in Mallorca.

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Set in an opulent and welcoming dining space, their menu is a Peruvian fusion full of new and exciting dishes to try, using ingredients and ideas from Peru, Japan, Italy and Spain.

Their tasting menu, for €50, offers diners the perfect way to sample a range of dishes and is four courses with dessert.

Other popular dishes include a confit of duck with cream of balsamic wine and crunchy sweet potato; crispy prawns wrapped with Kataifi pasta with avocado and parmesan cheese and the tiger milk shot, which is both refreshing and a little spicy.

They also serve their take on the Peruvian classic, ceviche, which is fresh raw fish marinated in citrus juices. Sumaq serves their pieces of raw fish marinated with lime, red onion and cilantro making it the perfect fresh summer dish.

Sumaq Restaurant opened in 2013 in Palma de Mallorca and has been providing their quality food and first class service to both locals and holidaymakers ever since.

Due to their popularity, they are pleased to announce their extension, with a second restaurant of Sumaq Portals, opening in Portals Nous, just last week. So head down there now to check out the newest eatery in town, you will not be disappointed.

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The summer cycle has been acclaimed for the skill of professional organists and students, with the organ music being considered part of Mallorca's cultural heritage. It is just one of many musical events across the island this summer, including festivals in Deia and Pollensa.



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Original party girl

PERHAPS the world's most famous socialite and heiress is performing in Mallorca in two weeks. Paris Hilton, the former It-girl and reality TV star, is coming to Tito's nightclub on Palma's Paseo Maritimo on July 27.

The club has opened with a new look after being closed for safety reasons, just before its planned grand opening on April 1.

It has secured perhaps its biggest ever name in Paris Hilton, who will perform as a DJ and star guest to kickstart the summer season.

Just a month later, the club will welcome a real DJ

to take over the turntables. On August 23, French superstar, Bob Sinclair, will make a special guest appearance. The house music legend and now established record producer, is best known for his 2006 World Cup hit single Love Generation.

Other stars slated for appearances at the club, which has gained notoriety since the arrest of its owner Tolo Cursach, include Juan Magan and Cristian Varela.

IT GIRL: Paris Hilton set to play DJ at famous Palma club.



Sunset symphonies

THE final two summer concerts of the Formentor Sunset Classics series are fast approaching.

The next performance is on Friday July 21. Playing is Duo Cassado, a two-piece which features Damian Martinez on the cello and Marta Moll de Alba on the piano. Together they will interpret works from Pizzola, Halter, Schubert and Schumann.

The final concert is scheduled for Friday August 11. Two brothers, Victor and Luis del Valle will play piano pieces from Ravel, Mozart and Gershwin.

Both concerts take place at the prestigious outside surrounds of the Hotel Formentor. Tickets can be purchased online at www.formentorsunsetclassics.com and cost either €50 or €100, depending on the seat.

For those who miss these events, there is still ample time to see other Formentor Sunset Classics scheduled for after summer. On October 6, Russian soprano, Olga Peretyatko, will be singing accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra of the Balearic Islands.

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I WILL never cease to be amazed at the amount of dross that is aired on TV in the name of entertainment; Love Island, Big Brother, Kardashians, The Real Housewives of wherever and the like. But a friend of mine commented about a new (to me) show called Naked Attraction.

For those of you that have not seen this programme the clue is in the title! Boy seeks girl; six young women stark naked parade for said boy! Who then has to strip off as well. Girl seeks boy; Six stark naked boys get ogled at by girl who then has to strip off too. They also have gays, pan sexuals (something involving bread?) bi-sexual and the list goes on. Now let's make something clear, I am not a prude and I love the female form and am happy to see it in all its glory, but I'm not sure that having



By Mamta Bhatt.

A belly - of pork rolls and sushi.

nude bodies in full glare on a dating programme makes for a good base to start a relationship. I always thought that the sexiest part of a relationship was eventually discovering what was beneath the clothes.

Which is probably why the Japanese came up with the 'body table.' Now this could be a new 'dating - food pro-

gramme.' Six girls are laid out and their bodies are covered with Rolls, Dumplings, Sashimi and Sushi and contestants armed with chopsticks start on the belly and have to eat all the food on the rest of the body before they are allowed to take the food from the ultimate erogenous zones! Now that seems the ultimate date - with dinner first!



A place of tranquility - Las Islas Hotel.

An oasis in the proverbial

MY sister came over last week for a few days to see her son and grandchildren so I ventured down to Torreblanca to see sister and nephew to have lunch and celebrate young Noah's birthday. After a pleasant lunch I took Melanie and Richard back to his house, but on the way stopped at the Boutique Hotel that is Las Islas, in that pueblo. It has become one of my sister's guilty pleasures. I have to admit, it seems very incongruous to find a little hotel in the middle of a sprawling urbanisation, but there it is, complete with

pool, tropical gardens and birds. While we did not eat there - having already had lunch - we did have an after lunch drink and I, of course, had to look at the menu. There is a very heavy Lebanese influence and peculiarly mixed with Spanish dishes and just for fun, there's some Greek, Hungarian and even an Oriental Chicken Salad. The restaurant is open for non residents, but they do not normally serve drinks to non residents or non diners. Obviously my sister has some clout here!

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

“ 幸運は残り物に存在する
Translation:
“Luck exists in the leftovers”
Meaning:
“There is luck in the last helping”
Japanese Proverb

In the blue and red

REGULAR readers may remember me mentioning about a wine that I was given a few weeks ago that was disarmingly coloured blue. I said it had a 'nose' like nail polish remover so I didn't drink it, but I did decide I would cook with it. So a chicken dish in white wine (well blue!) was prepared. And guess what? You're right; it turned the chicken - blue!

I did contact the bodega a couple of times to find out more details of Baltar de Alort but I did not receive a reply. I wonder if it is actually a white wine with colourant? If not what makes it blue. I shall have to ask my maestro friend Pancho Campo I'm sure he will know.

While we are talking about wine, I may as well throw my wine corner in and this week I am going to celebrate the Bodega Muga, probably one of the best and most well-known of the Rioja, but on this occasion I am going to talk about their Prado Enea 2009. The interesting thing about this particular wine is that they do not always make it unless it's particularly good. For instance they didn't make it in 2007/8 or 2012/13.

Robert Parker was suitably impressed awarding it 97 points and commented:

“The most classic cuvée was not produced in 2007 or 2008, so we jumped to the phenomenal 2009 Prado Enea. It was produced with grapes from cooler vineyards that enjoyed 20 extra days of slow ripening compared with warmer zones, which provided them with perfect ripeness and deep flavours. This blend of 70 per cent Tempranillo, 20 per cent Garnacha and the remaining 10 per cent between Mazuelo and Graciano had an extended élevage, in this case no less than three years (alternating newer and older barrels). This is still a baby and I know Winemaker Jorge Muga would like to keep it in bottle for longer before selling it, but the commercial pressure is tremendous, as there has been no wine since 2006. The wine has 14.1 per cent alcohol and a surprising 3.34 pH, especially considering 2009 was generally a warm and ripe year. But somehow this cuvée seems to work very well in ripe vintages. The wine feels even younger on the palate, and it still needs to develop some further complexity and the silky texture for which this wine is famous. There is good balance here and all the elements are in place for a nice development in bottle. In fact, it feels like one of the great recent vintages of Prado Enea.”

As I said there was no Prado Enea in 2012 or 2013 but it was produced in 2010, 2014 in small quantities and in 2015. At this quality it represents pretty good value. But again it's not a quaffing wine at 40€ a bottle.

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31.4 billion. The number of bottles of wine bought and sold each year.

36 billion. The number of bottles of wine produced annually.

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

Property surtax needs to be sorted

POLITICIANS should not take their summer holidays without first resolving the controversial issue of surtax being charged on the sale of properties according to a major public body.

Abel Caballero, president of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP), said parliament should not be allowed a break until the complex situation is resolved.

The surtax is an extra tax officially imposed on profits made from the sale of a proper-

ty. But, contentiously, in many cases it applies regardless of whether a profit was made at all. Complex calculations are used to extract a tax even when the seller has made a serious loss on their investment.

The surtax has been successfully struck down by many regional supreme courts in the past year, including in Andalusia. A hefty backlog of cases is now piling up with sellers suing for a return of the tax payment. A typical amount paid ranges from €2,000 to €3,000.

But without a repeal of the



SURTAX: Parliament should not be allowed a break until the situation is resolved.

tax by the national parliament, many homeowners exist within a legal limbo. In some provinces the tax is still charged, in others the situation is entirely unclear, while some have banished it completely, leading to major differences across the country.

Abel Caballero, who is also the mayor of Vigo, wants the government to consult FEMP before August to work towards a uniform revocation of the tax that will ease the uncertainty felt by thousands of people.

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Various building plots with building permission in Vallgornera. Frontline from 600,000€ and third line from 95,000€, around Lluçmajor and Algaida from 110,000€.



Tech advantage in real estate

NEW technologies are making the experience of buying, selling or renting a home in Spain radically different. Those who have access to such technologies through their real estate agent, or other company, are at a real advantage when playing the property market.

One example is virtual reality. Impressive VR technology uses glasses, a computer and 360 degree vision to offer potential buyers a tour of the home without them having to physically visit. A similar experience can be offered by drones, which can explore roofs and

offer aerial views in ways which cannot be rivalled by boots on the ground.

While many might balk at buying a home without personally investigating every corner, a growing number of wealthier foreign buyers are confident in the technology and charmed by the convenience.

A seller who offers virtual reality tours of their home can tap into a vast market of distant buyers who might make only a few physical trips but take hundreds of online tours from the comfort of their living room.

A similar phenomenon is

virtual 'home staging.' This technique uses computer augmentations to apply repairs, upgrades, extensions or redecorations to a property so buyers can visualise exactly what it will look like once they make the changes.

It helps take the guesswork out of imagination, especially for buyers without substantial surveying knowledge. This technology has helped sell properties which were considered almost unsellable in their original state by focusing strongly on their potential.

VIRTUAL REALITY: Offers a tour of the home without a physical visit.



LANDLORDS: Will no longer have any right to anonymity if they rent out their properties to tourists.

Tourist landlords to be named

LANDLORDS who rent out their properties to tourists will no longer have any right to anonymity under a draft bill to regulate the fast-growing industry. Global accommodation platforms operating in Spain, including Airbnb and Homeaway, would be obliged to reveal the identity of any owners posting adverts on their websites.

The companies, which have trampled over the dominance of Spain's hotel industry, would also be compelled to provide the ministry of finance with periodic market reports exhaustively detailing their activity and market trends.

Preventing tax fraud is a central pur-

“ Should the bill become law, it may throw up some interesting facts on the holiday rental phenomenon.

pose of the bill, as is more control over the holiday rental scene, which has operated as a largely underground market for years. The bill will be finalised next week and likely be voted on by

the end of summer.

In the tax year just passed, a total of 21,500 taxpayers across Spain received a letter from the tax man stating that the government was aware they had rented rooms or homes to tourists and expected the profits to be included in their annual tax return.

Should the bill become law, it may throw up some interesting facts on the holiday rental phenomenon.

Activists opposed to tourist rentals in major Spanish cities believe that thousands of rented properties are concentrated in the hands of a surprisingly small number of owners, in many cases large companies rather than private individuals.

Spain tops expat table

FIGURES from one of the UK's biggest property search websites suggest that Spain is by far the most popular choice for Brits looking for a second home or a new life abroad.

Rightmove has revealed that more than 2.5 million searches are made for Spanish properties every month from UK households.

Head of Rightmove

Overseas, Chris Pease, said "Spain's proximity to the UK, cheap flights and short travel time has it consistently emerging as one of the most popular property destinations abroad."

Spain was well ahead of southern European rivals, France, Italy and Portugal, which came second, third and fourth respectively, with Ireland making up the top five.

2.5

million searches are made every month from the UK.

The popular property website said that Alicante enjoyed more searches than any other Spanish region. It also found that Glaswe-

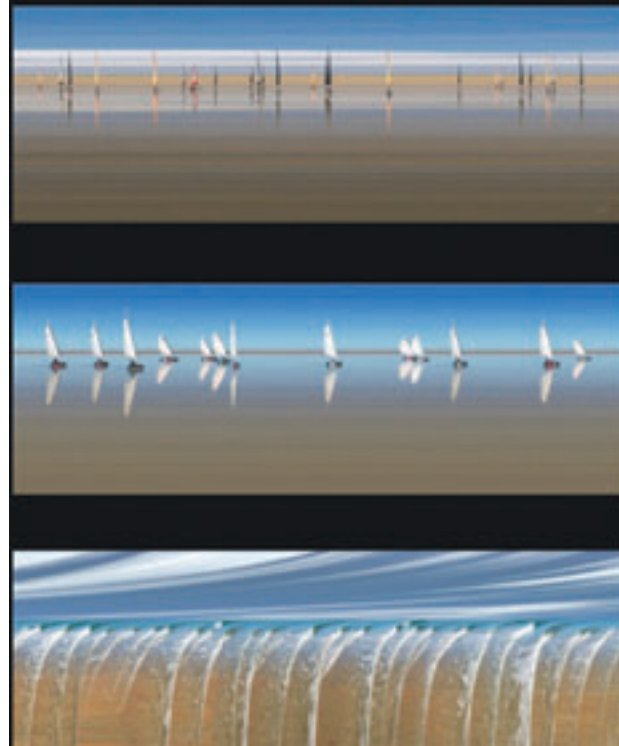
gians and Liverpoolians in particular fancied Spanish properties, while those in London, Cardiff and Bristol opted for France.

Rightmove also noted that, for the average June asking price of a home in England and Wales of £316,000 (€360,000) British buyers could easily acquire a luxury five-bedroomed villa on the Costa Blanca.

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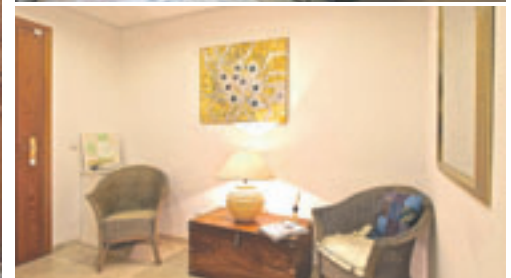
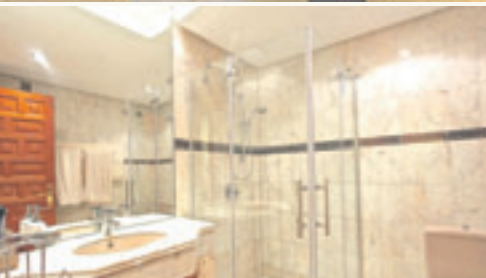
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WHEN people ask me where I'm from and I tell them, Scotland, they're usually always surprised because I 'don't sound Scottish.'

I'm often mistaken for anything from Cornish to southern Irish.

After 12 years of private school, I was left with a rounded out, non-accent; not quite Scottish and not really definable.

A slightly more pronounced accent surfaces when I speak to fellow Scots. I don't suddenly sound like Rab C Nesbitt though, just roll my r's a bit more!

So, because people don't usually guess I'm 'Scotch' (sorry fellow Scots!), I'm usually spared offensive jokes about 'Jocks,' for a little while at least.

When I first moved to England, I was surprised how much I was teased for all the things that marked me out as Scottish.

I got asked the most absurd questions about Scotland and soon realised how many misconceptions there are about us.

Scottish people don't wake up, eat porridge washed down with whisky, go haggis-hunting in a kilt, come home, watch Braveheart (with more whisky), then sing 'Oh Flower Of Scotland' before bed.

We have a rich and varied culture and history, beautiful architecture and amazing examples of engineering at work.

It's not all deep-fried confectionery with a Special Brew palate cleanser, or playing the bagpipes.

There's a lot more to us than our outdated stereotypes would suggest and I think that's true of every country.

Each has its own culture and heritage, making it uniquely different and it's ok to be proud of where you're from.

It is possible to love your country without hating everyone else (though some politicians seem to struggle with that concept).

Patriotism is encouraged when it suits (usually world sporting events), but sneered at when it comes to say, schoolchildren learning Gaelic.

In its ugliest form, that devotion for your country mutates into extremism and we find ourselves in the world we live in today.

Since the Brexit vote, violence

against foreigners has risen. For some, long-buried resentments for 'Johnny Foreigner' are resurfacing.

It's not just the UK either; the Donald used an exaggerated stereotype to justify his wall.

By turning nations into nothing more than caricatures, it's easy to portray them as evil and scary or unlucky and thick.

Sweeping, often inaccurate, generalisations can be made. That's a powerful tool as entire nations are easier to hate than individual people.

There's a great Scottish saying: "We're all Jock Tamson's bairns" and for me, that's true now more than ever.

Although I describe myself as Scottish, in the bigger picture, I'm just another global citizen.

If we could only learn to live alongside each other despite our differences, maybe we really could start making countries great again.

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SCOTTISH PEOPLE:
Don't wake up and go haggis-hunting.

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The amount of cans of Irn Bru that roll off the canning line in Cumbernauld, Scotland every year.



Speaking in tongues

THERE is a rare medical condition known as Foreign Accent Syndrome which impairs the speech muscles leading the sufferer to sound like they're talking in a foreign accent.

It usually arises as a result of brain injury or stroke and there are tales of people waking up from a coma, speaking languages they didn't know previously.

One of the first cases was of a Norwegian woman who was hit by bomb shrapnel resulting in brain injury, during the Second World War. She suddenly had a German accent and was shunned by friends and neighbours who suspected her of being a German spy!

A fusion of religions

ONE of the most important Islamic monuments of the West and one of the most amazing in the world, the Cathedral Mosque of Cordoba is a surprising fusion of Christian and Islamic architecture which sums up the evolution of styles and influences over the centuries.

The site the monument stands on has always been one of worship to different divinities. Under Visigoth domination, the Basilica of Saint Vicente was built there and later part of the land was bought by Muslims to build a primitive mosque.

Gradually the Moorish population increased and the mosque grew, and eventually the basilica was purchased by Abderraman I and demolished to make space for the city's main mosque.

Some parts of the Visigoth construction remain to this day within the first part of the mosque built in 785. Curiously the mosque was constructed facing south, like that of Damascus. This move from the tradition of facing mosques towards the Mecca is believed to have been due to the sandy lands around the nearby Guadalquivir river, which made other plans impossible.

The mosque was gradually adapted and extended to cater for the increasingly large population as Cordoba became the capital



CORDOBA: A surprising fusion of Christian and Islamic architecture.

of the most influential Islamic realm of the west.

Rather than demolishing the mosque once the city had returned to Christian rule, Bishop Manrique and King Carlos V agreed in 1523 to build a cathedral within

the mosque. Three generations of architects were involved in the construction, which displays almost two centuries of architectural evolution.

In a similar way to the mosque-cathedral itself, the clock and bell tower was built

around the existing minaret in a fusion of Moorish and Christian construction.

Another key part of the monument is the Patio de los Naranjos (orange tree patio). In Islamic times the patio was used for public activities such as administration of justice and education. The area was also set aside for women to pray and for ablutions, with water channels under the trees ensuring sufficient water.

Initially the patio was planted with palm trees in the 13th century and there is evidence that orange trees have also been present since the 15th century. Olive and cypress trees were added in the 18th century.

The monument is open to the public from 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and from 8.30-11.30am and 3-6pm on Sundays and religious holidays between November and February, and from 10am to 7pm Monday to Saturday and 8.30-11.30am and 3-7pm on Sundays and religious holidays between March and October.

Tickets can be booked online in advance or purchased at the ticket office on the day at a price of €10 for adults and €5 for 10 to 14-year-olds. Children under 10 enter free of charge.

Various guided tours are also available via www.mezquitadecordoba.org/en.

GRAEME TYRRELL

ONE of the more popular container plants in warm to temperate climates, and a favourite in the Mediterranean region is the Weeping Fig (*Ficus benjamina*).

It is a very strong growing plant but unfortunately it must be kept in a container unless you have a place that can maintain a 30 metre high and up to 40 metres wide tree with roots so strong they can lift up pavements and strangle underground pipes.

This strength however is why it is so good in a container. It has the ability to grow in adverse conditions of minimal water and direct sun for long periods without expiring. It does have its limitation though which, when understood, allow it to grow happily on your porch, terrace or balcony providing its bright green dense foliage reminiscent of a tropical jungle environment.

Its most basic need is to have an appropriate soil mix-

Weeping Fig - happy or sad?

ture that permits free drainage of water while having the capacity to retain moisture in the mix. A good potting mixture with an equal part by volume of pine bark mixed with it can be a good blend. Stones can be used instead of pine bark but as they don't retain moisture the container will need more regular watering.

Light is also an important issue. They will tolerate full sun when established but do well in light shade as a house plant. If you move them from a very light position to one of low light they will most likely lose many leaves but generally recover. Loss of leaves indicates a change of environment for the Weeping Fig but usually they reboot once a balanced environment for them is re-established.

Watering ideally requires that the container is drenched



WEEPING FIG: Ideal for pots.

and then allowed to become touch dry before rewatering. The plant is tolerant of variations of this but if it becomes too dry it may shed its leaves to reflect the degree of dryness and if too constantly

wet it may develop fungal problems in the roots that can cripple the plants vitality. Allowing water to escape from the container when drenching assists with leaching out accumulating salts in

the soil mix. The Weeping Fig is sensitive to salt build up so tap water with high mineral content can be detrimental therefore rain water is better and chemical based fertilisers with high salt con-

tent are detrimental in the long term.

It is best to provide organic fertilisers in liquid form to maintain nutrients but not excessively. As they are inclined to be a large tree, minimal fertilising will assist in managing its size.

They can be potted up into larger containers as they grow but when they reach the maximum desired size, it will be time to re-pot into the same sized container by removing the plant from the container flushing away most of the old soil mixture, prune the roots by about a third and return it to the container with a new soil mix. In this way the plant can last for decades.

I have two 1.5 metres tall that are a 15-years-old and as healthy as can be from caring for them in this way. I think my Weeping Figs are happy.

Ten simple tips for decluttering your home

A CLUTTERED home can lead to a stressful life. There's nothing worse than an attic or basement brimming with things, some of which you may not have used for years.

You don't have to wait for spring to have a clear out. With these simple tips, you can have a clutter-free home and mind.

1. Don't see it as a chore - enjoy it!

Do not focus on how difficult it will be to sort through those jigsaws with pieces missing and decades of junk you and the family have acquired/created. Instead, try to enjoy purging your living space. Letting go can be a joyful experience

2. Break it down into manageable chunks.

If you have a lot of responsibilities then it's probably going to be hard for you to tackle it all at once. Instead, break it down into individual rooms or even cupboard by cupboard, if necessary. Of course, some people will prefer to do it all at once or even a combination of both for the final push.

3. Phone a friend!

Trying to decide what handmade Christmas decoration to keep or whether to bin your dog's discarded tooth can be difficult. That's where having a friend on hand can help as they can advise you without the sentimental attachment. Better yet, if you have grown-up children, get them involved and then they can't blame you for throwing out their favourite, mouldy teddy.

4. The three-year rule.

If you haven't used something for three years, bin it! We are all guilty of keeping things that we're sure we'll find a use for but, if you haven't used something for three years or over, chances are you never will.

5. Allocate three boxes.

Label your boxes Keep, Donate and T h r o w

away. Be ruthless and focus on how much good your unwanted items can do when donated to charity. If you're wasting too much time trying to decide, you might need another box for things you're unsure about, but don't allow that to become a holding pen while you're making up your mind.

6. Organise your shoes.

Shoes have a way of spilling out of the wardrobe and ending up in al-

most every room of the house. With some simple shelving, a hanging shoe-holder or shoe-rack, floor space will instantly open up.

7. Embellish and beautify.

In any space where clutter tends to pile up, embellish with a favourite framed print or something special. Whenever you're tempted to re-use as a dumping ground, you will think twice when you see how good it looks without the clutter.

8. Re-use where possible.

If you've managed to clear out a chest of drawers or Welsh dresser, re-purpose it to clear your other clutter. If it's no longer required, donate or ditch.

9. Purge your paperwork.

If you can't file it or frame it, dispose of it. Of course, some paperwork needs

to be kept for certain time periods and your child may never forgive you for throwing out their first drawing from nursery school, but use your judgement and persist with the purge.

10. Take the 12-12-12 challenge!

This is a simple task of locating 12 items to throw away, 12 items to donate and 12 items to be returned to their proper place.



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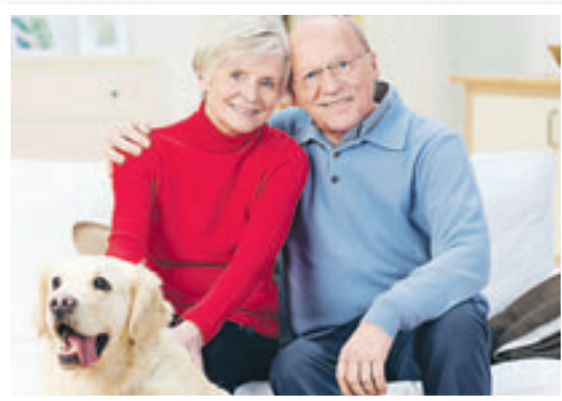
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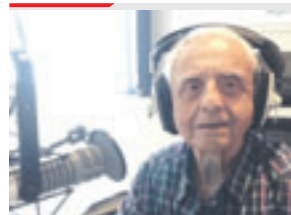
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MANY folk have so many different opinions of the muzzle. Of course anyone that sees a dog with a muzzle automatically assumes that the dog is dangerous.

There are many types of muzzle, but whatever one you choose make certain

that the dog is able to breathe.

The muzzle that I recommend is the Baskerville which is marketed by the eminent Roger Mugford. This is a basket design and allows near unrestricted mouth opening for panting and drinking. These are available at most good pet shops and many vets stock them. They come in 12 sizes to ensure that a good fit is available for most breeds of dogs. Available through The Company of Animals, PO Box 23 Chersey, Surrey KT16 OPU UK. Google them.

I encourage all owners to train their dogs to wear a muzzle, the earlier in the dog's life the better. Most young dogs are destructive;

a muzzle will protect your home from being eaten. A muzzle will ensure that your dog is unable to eat any rubbish or poison on the ground that alone is worth training for.

When visiting the vet it can also be useful for nervous dogs to wear a muzzle and also when a dog has been operated on. Wearing a muzzle is another way to prevent him from licking the wound. In the event of an emergency, if you do not have a muzzle then one can always tie the leash around the dog's mouth to prevent it biting.

I would add that a muzzle does not cure a bad behaviour, but it is useful whilst an effective therapeutic strategy is developed.



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Quote of the Week**

“There is a word to describe this car. It begins with ‘s’, ends with ‘t’ and isn’t ‘soot’.” (On the Vauxhall Vectra VXR)

Some might say...



Volvo embraces electric

VOLVO has announced that, from 2019 onwards, all of its new cars will be electric or hybrid. It is the beginning of the end for the combustion engine’s dominance, which will be phased out after next year.

“Volvo Cars has stated that it plans to have sold a total of one million electrified cars by 2025,” said Chief Executive Hakan Samuelsson. “When we said it we meant it. This is how we are going to do it.”

The Swedish manufacturer has five distinct electric models planned for release in the next five years. All other cars built will be hybrids.

It’s an ambitious move for a company which has yet to release even one production-ready electric vehicle. Sales of its SUV XC90 hybrid have exceeded expectations, however, boosting confidence that eco-friendly is the future.

The model is substantially more ex-

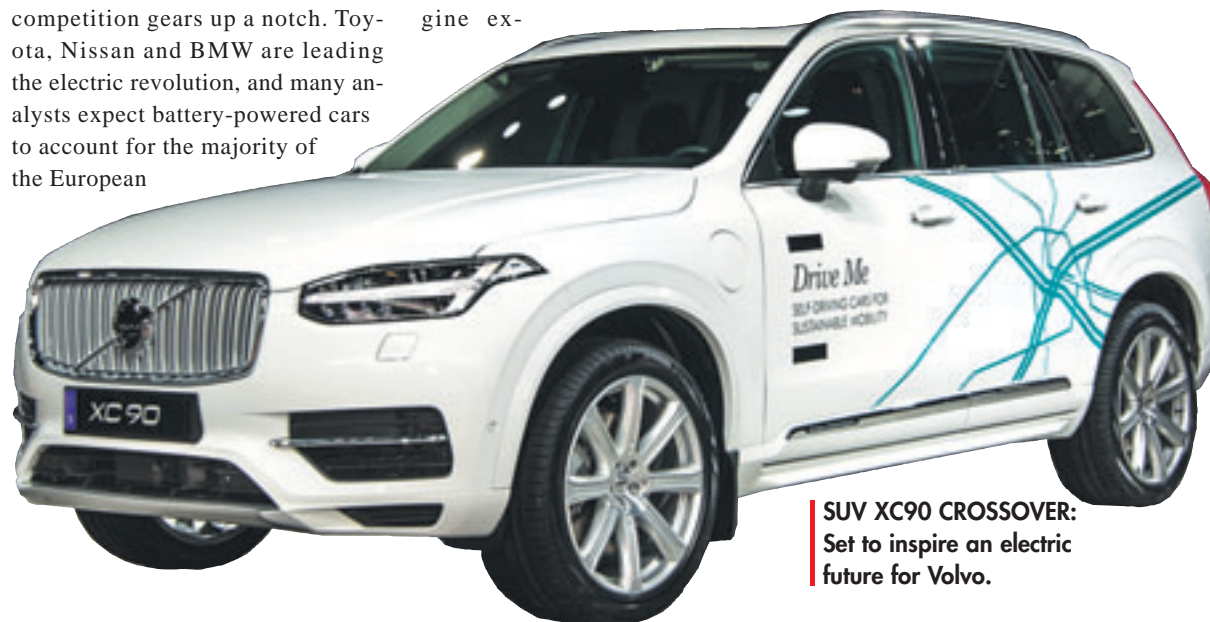
pensive than the diesel equivalent, at roughly €70,000 drivers are forking out an extra €15,000 for superior green credentials.

But prices are expected to drop as competition gears up a notch. Toyota, Nissan and BMW are leading the electric revolution, and many analysts expect battery-powered cars to account for the majority of the European

market within a decade.

Volvo has another ace up its sleeve. The company is owned by Chinese giant Geely, which can put considerable financial might and electric engine ex-

pertise behind the Volvo revolution. Geely also owns a British factory producing the next generation of electric black taxis set to invade London.



SUV XC90 CROSSOVER:
Set to inspire an electric future for Volvo.

Motoring shorts

Deadly dawdling

PARENTS stopping outside schools to drop off and pick up children should have the common courtesy to switch off their engines. That’s the conclusion of a new health report backed by the RAC, Britain’s largest breakdown cover company.

The report from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) says children and older people are acutely threatened by the unnecessary pollution which can lead to serious health problems. It is believed that car fumes contribute to upwards of 20,000 early deaths in the country.

Fines for idling outside schools may be the wake-up calls selfish parents across Europe have long needed.

Speeding in his grave

WINSTON CHURCHILL’S ancestral home welcomed hundreds of supercars to cruise around the gardens and pose for cameras. Blenheim Palace held its Cars at the Palace festival last week as a prelude to its annual supercar meet in September.

Motoring fans got a chance to see some of the supercar world’s finest specimens. A 2003 Porsche Carrera GT turned heads, along with its sidekick, a 911 GT3 RS 4.0, one of just 600 of the acclaimed models in existence.

Not one to be outdone, Ferrari brought along an F12 Tour de France. Its 6.3 litre V12 engine can reach 780hp, allowing it to hit 100kph in just 2.9 seconds. It was more than matched by a 458 Speciale which can strike a top speed of 320kph.

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Welcome to the Volvo Ocean Race

THE sailing world is preparing to descend on the Costa Blanca as the next edition of the Volvo Ocean Race prepares for its launch in October from Alicante. But what is the Volvo Ocean Race, why is it so monumental and why does it attract such global attention?

In this first part of a new series, we look at the history of the race and how it came to the Costa Blanca...

The Volvo Ocean Race began life in 1973 as the Whitbread Round the World Race, named after its sponsors Whitbread.

The British brewing company and the British Royal Naval Sailing Association agreed to sponsor a global regatta, which they called the 'Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race'.

This first name started in September 1973 from Portsmouth in the UK and saw 17 yachts and their crews set off on the 27,500 nautical miles adventure with this first race eventually being won by Mexican amateur, Ramon Carlin.

From 2001 the name was changed to mark its new and current owner Volvo Cars and the Volvo Group and



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now runs every three years, although this is soon to change to every two years following a recent announcement.

Since 2008, the race has started in Alicante and it was during this edition that it included stopovers in India and Asia for the first time, seeing a TV audience of over two billion worldwide during the race.

Now the Volvo Ocean Race is around 45,000 nautical miles and during this nine-month epic race, it sees crews battle some of the world's

most treacherous seas before in-port challenges during the stopovers at host cities.

The crew relentlessly race day and night and for more than 20 days on some of the legs, with the crew being more than just sailors with some being medically trained and other mechanically trained, in order to deal with all potential situations at sea. There is also a dedicated media crew member who will document every triumph and tribulation, mishap and magnificent bit of sailing.

Renowned as the toughest sailing event in the world, it has seen sailors return time and time again to try to conquer the Everest of the sea and all for personal glory and achievement; there is no prize for winning, but seeing your name etched on the winners trophy, following in the footsteps of other heroic legends, seems enough of a prize for these sea-faring adventurers.

The last edition which left Alicante in October 2014, saw Abu

Dhabi Ocean Racing team, skippered by British sailor, Ian Walker, take the coveted title, becoming the first team to win the double, securing both the overall trophy and the in-port race series. That edition also welcomed Team SCA with the first all-female team in 12 years.

This year teams will have to get used to a new scoring system which will give extra points for those teams putting in the strongest performances in the two Southern ocean legs and the transatlantic leg from Newport to Cardiff.

The winner of every leg will receive bonus points and the in-port race series won't count in the overall points, but will remain a tiebreaker in the event of teams finishing on the same points.

The demands are tough, the competition is fierce. Few will complete it and only one team will be crowned the winners but who will it be?

Time will tell after four oceans, touching six continents and 12 host cities...this is the Volvo Ocean Race.

Now that's a head turner

PORTITXOL port in Palma has welcomed an old friend back to her dock. The superyacht C2 anchored just in front of the port on Monday, planning a brief summer stay in Mallorca's waters before sailing off elsewhere.

C2 is owned by billionaire American investor, Ronald Perelman and flies under the Cayman Island flag, regularly visiting Mallorca and other Mediterranean hotspots. She is just shy of 79 metres long and can reach a top speed of 16 knots.

C2 is believed to be named after Perelman's late wife, Claudia Cohen. The yacht can hold 14 guests and 22 crew and has three sister yachts, Ameryllis, Eminence and Titan.

Built in 2008 by Abeking & Rasmussen, C2 was delivered to Perelman the following year. Perelman owns the Revlon Group, which manufactures cosmetic products and is believed to be worth around €12 billion.

The yacht is not available for charter but stars including British singer, Harry Styles and American reality misfit, Kendal Jenner have been spotted enjoying themselves on C2.

Perelman is far from the only billionaire who enjoys boating in Mallorca. His arrival at Portitxol comes just a few weeks after Russian magnate, Leonid



Photo Credit: Wikimedia

C2: Luxurious superyacht docked in Mallorca this week.

Mikhelson, sailed his Pacific superyacht to Palma.

The 85-metre-long monster was built in Bremen's Lurssen shipyard and resembles a warship, with a silvery exterior and helicopter landing strip. It has a top speed of 20 knots, a cinema, and spa. Pacific can often be spotted at Soller port too during its almost constant world tour.



MADNESS: Darwin's Beer Can Regatta at Mindil beach.

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Darwin's wild Beer Can Regatta

ONLY in Australia could a beer can regatta take place. On Sunday, hundreds of sailors raced around the warm waters of Darwin, northern Australia, in vessels entirely constructed of beer cans.

It was the perfect symphony of beer and boating, taken to a new extreme. The rules of the annual Darwin Beer Can Regatta are simple. Boats must be made solely from aluminum beer cans and be prepared for a wild day of racing and competitions.

The main event is the Bat-

tle of Mindil, referring to the beach where the clinking madness plays out. Hundreds of beer boats are sent on a mission to find hidden treasure in the shark and crocodile-infested waters.

Once they have it, they must get it swiftly back ashore without being attacked by pirates. It's essentially a game of individual beer can boat rugby.

The Beer Can Regatta has a surprisingly long history, dating back to 1974 and quickly approaching its 50th anniversary. It might not be one for the boating purists

but, with crowds growing every year, it may soon be one of the planet's longest running regattas.

Unsurprisingly, it began as a beach drinking festival. Then one bloke had a bright idea and the regatta was established. The event is now a family-friendly festival with health and safety rules, trophies, advertising and thousands of attendees.

Beer can boats are fairly easy to construct with videos online showing enthusiasts creating them from a mountain of empty cans in a matter of hours.

Open Golf Championship starts and will a Brit win Wimbledon?

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TENNIS

At the time of going to press, two Brits - reigning champion Andy Murray and Johanna Konta - had reached the quarter-finals of their singles competitions.

But they face strong op-

position from Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Gilles Muller who eliminated Rafael Nadal 15-13 in the fifth set, and from Caroline Wozniacki, CoCo Vandeweghe, Spain's Garbine Muguruza, who k'od 2016 champion Angelique Kerber, Simona Halep, Venus

Williams, Jelena Ostapenko and Svetlana Kuznetsova respectively.

Also Brits Marcus Willis and Jay Clarke ousted reigning champions from France, Herbert and Mahut in the men's doubles, while Jamie Murray and Martina Hingis were still in the mixed doubles at the start of the week.

TOUR OF FRANCE

Halfway through the second week of the 3,600km /2,200-mile race, GB's three-time winner Chris Froome was the overall leader by 18 seconds from Italy's Fabio Aru. Unfortunately two other Brits - Mark Cavendish and Geraint Thomas - are both out after they fractured a shoulder and collarbone respectively. Cavendish was bull-dozed off his

bike by world champion Peter Sagan who was immediately disqualified!

The race ends in Paris on July 23.

FOOTBALL

Romelu Lukaku has joined Manchester United from Everton for £75m (€80m)... Wayne Rooney is returning to Goodison Park after 13 years at Old Trafford... defender Antonio Rudiger has moved to Chelsea for £29m... and Arsenal could sell Alexis Sanchez!

Alex Neil, ex-Norwich boss, has taken over at Preston.

My thoughts and best wishes (and yours, no doubt) go to Ajax midfielder Abdelhak Nouri who collapsed during a friendly last Saturday against Werder Bremen. The Dutchman (20) was said to be 'comfortable and stable' in hospital after suffering a heart spasm. Also we wish Wolves' goalkeeper Carl Ikeme (31) well after he was diagnosed with acute leukaemia.

And the Women's Euro 2017 championship starts tomorrow and ends on August 6.

EVENTS

There are several other sporting events coming up, including football's Gold Cup in USA (until July 26)... the Disability Sports/World Para-athletic championships (July 14-23)... the world swimming and diving championships (from tomorrow until July 20)... and the Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale which starts next Thursday (see my preview).

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My golf preview

By Tony Matthews



The players aiming to win the 2017 Open:

- Brookes Koepka, the recent US Masters winner.
- Hideki Matsuyama will 'soon' become Japan's first Major winner.
- Rickie Fowler has been so near to winning a Major.
- Thomas Pieters certainly has the temperament to win.
- Tyrrell Hatton loves playing on

links courses.

- After a superb US Masters England's Tommy Fleetwood is in form.
- Spain's Jon Rahm could well be the surprise package.
- Dustin Johnson, a champion who doesn't lie down for long.
- Jordan Spieth can easily finish in the top three.
- Masters king Sergio Garcia is also

in fine fettle.

- Rory McIlroy, might, just might, have a chance, likewise Henrik Stenson, Jason Day, Adam Scott, Bill Haas, Brandt Snedeker, Branden Grace, Charl Schwartzel and Emiliano Grillo. Yet we could easily see a rank outsider beat the stars!

Fact: An Englishman has never won on this course!

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Pride of the Lions, victory for England

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

ONCE again, no-one, even those remotely interested in sport, have been disappointed with the action they've seen in various competitions worldwide during the last week... and it will get better!

RUGBY UNION

Last Saturday, the British and Irish Lions came mighty close to beating the New Zealand All Blacks, and in-

deed, winning a thrilling series, by drawing 15-15 in Auckland in the final Test down under... courtesy of Owen Farrell's long-distance penalty kick with just three minutes remaining. The hosts had won 38 games at Eden Park and their last draw was against South Africa over a decade ago. So it's "Well done the Lions - you did GB proud."

CRICKET

Joe Root celebrated his first game as England's captain in terrific style as his team walloped South Africa by 211 runs in the opening Test at Lords. England amassed 458 (Root scoring

190) and 233 while the tourists were dismissed for 361 and 119 ('Man of the Match' Moeen Ali taking 10 - giving him ten wickets overall). This was England's first win over the Springboks at Lords since 1960, doing so inside four days.

The second Test starts tomorrow at Trent Bridge.

And England - after four straight wins - are progressing in the Women's World Cup which continues until July 23. Last Sunday they beat reigning world champions Australia by three runs at Bristol, scoring 259-8 against 256-8.

FORMULA ONE

Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) won last Sunday's Austrian Grand Prix, ahead of Sebastian Vettel and Danny Ricciardo. Lewis Hamilton, annoyed after his team changed a gear box during practice, was subsequently penalised, but after starting eighth on the grid, he drove well to finish fourth. Vettel leads the driver's championship by 20 points from Hamilton (171-151) with Bottas third (136).

The next race is the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday week.



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