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Mystery campaign returns

THE controversial advertising campaign removed from a car park in Torre del Mar two weeks ago has returned in the form of banners flown behind three planes.

The advert, declaring Comeme toerhigo and featuring a picture of a naked woman with the word 'censored' across her buttocks, was flown over beaches in Malaga, Alicante and Cadiz.

Local newspapers reportedly received anonymous calls minutes before the stunt, giving them time to rush to the beach to see the banner.

They added the company responsible is registered in the Central American tax haven of Belize, and that a young man was employed to arrange the initial advertising space in the Torre del Mar car park, paying €80, although he denies being involved.

The campaign's website had been displaying a clock counting down to the time of the aerial campaign, with the message "people of Alicante, Cadiz and Malaga, see you on the beach."

Local Police have said the person responsible could be guilty of at least five crimes.

Politicians demand answers Sewage scandal

By Sally Underwood

Representatives from the PSOE and Podemos opposition parties have demanded answers from Spain's Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, over Nerja's controversial sewage treatment plant.

The outrage comes after the company in charge of completing the project, Isolux-Cosan-Corviam, declared bankruptcy, leaving the plant 96 per cent complete with work on the main pumping station yet to begin.

As a result, the plant is unable to open while untreated sewage continues to pour into the sea, posing an ongoing risk to the marine environment.

Provincial delegates Miguel Angel Heredia and Guillermo Diaz have contacted Madrid criticising the latest delays to the works, and the former said: "The Rajoy government promised that this treatment plant would be fully operational in June 2016, and not only was it not, but now we are back to square one after the company's bankruptcy."

Diaz said he wanted answers "once and for all," asking what the "plan B" is, claiming, "if the government does not have one



FURY: Miguel Angel Heredia (inset top) and Guillermo Diaz want answers.

there will be serious consequences... the only thing visitors and residents of Nerja know for certain is that the works have stopped and the sea remains filthy."

In March a pipe burst 400 metres off Burriana Beach, expelling raw waste into the water and causing a 'geyser' of sewage to appear, with technicians discovering a second hole while repairing it.

Nerja is the only large resort in Malaga Province to still pour un-

treated sewage into the sea via underwater pipes on Burriana and Torrecilla beaches. Waste is normally expelled 1,500 metres out to sea but the leaks have caused it

to be expelled much closer to the shore with Infrastructure councillor Jose Maria Rivas blaming "lack of maintenance over many decades."

Families hit by huge water bill

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE families in Benjarafe's La Esperanza urbanisation face their water supply being cut off after refusing to pay €38,000 in outstanding bills.

The private estate, which is 60 years old, receives a monthly water bill of around €10,000, over four times higher than elsewhere in Velez-Malaga.

Residents say the extortionate rates are due to the poor condition of their water network, with up to 75 per cent of water lost to leaks and illegal connections.

They say water management firm Aqualia refuse to pay for the necessary repair work because the community is privately owned, leaving residents to foot the bill.

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It's electrifying!

MOTRIL'S Council has signed an agreement with Endesa and Iberdrola to guarantee electricity to vulnerable people around the municipality. The scheme will ensure supply to those who default on their payment.

Fruity fame

ALMUÑECAR'S mangoes are set to be the stars of Channel 4's Superfoods programme. The show visited the town's El Pinero tourist farm where they made an extensive report on the fruit.

New record

NERJA Council has revealed that hotel occupancy topped 92 per cent in June, surpassing last year's record, with most tourists coming from Spain, followed by Britain, France and Germany.

Glory days!

WIMBLEDON 2017 proved to be a superb tournament for Spanish tennis. Garbiñe Muguruza became the second Spanish woman to win Wimbledon after defeating Venus Williams 7-5, 6-0 to wrap up her second career Grand Slam tournament. She follows Conchita Martínez, who triumphed in 1994 and coached the 23-year-old rising star during this year's championship.

Twenty-four hours later, 18-year-old Alejandro Davidovich Fokina from Malaga became the first Spaniard to take the hon-

ours in the boys- singles since Manuel Orantes in 1967.

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WINNING PAIR: Garbiñe Muguruza and Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.

Workshop for domestic abuse victims

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has launched a programme to help women who have been the victims of domestic abuse.

The scheme, which will involve five psychologists from the town's Social Intervention and Family Treatment services, aims to allow women to regain control of their lives. They will receive between three and six counselling sessions at the Municipal Women's Information Centre (CMIM), depending on the severity of their condition.

Zoila Martín, councillor for Equality, said "at the CMIM we find a high number of women who require psychological intervention, who especially need immediate attention in a time of crisis, to alleviate as far as possible the effects of, and decrease the scale of, the damage."

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The future is orange

FIVE companies are contributing to a €90,000 study by Malaga University into the cause of bright orange seawater appearing on the Costa Tropical. A probe has revealed that much of the material, which was initially believed to be a mix of red algae and fish eggs, is composed of minerals in suspension.

Fishy business

OFFICERS from the Guardia Civil have confiscated 10 fishing nets and a harpoon used for illegal fishing in Nerja. The raid, which took place on El Salon and Burriana beaches, was coordinated with the Fisheries Inspection Service of the Provincial Delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Fisheries Department of the Junta de Andalucía.

Tragic end

THE body of Torre del Mar resident Manuel Jimenez Rosa has been found in a ditch near the El Ingenio shopping centre after he went missing last week. The alarm was raised after the 80-year-old failed to return home after going for a walk. He is believed to have suffered from a heart condition.

Fatal blast

A 75-YEAR-OLD British resident has died in Nerja after a butane gas bottle exploded inside his mobile home. The victim suffered burns over 60 per cent of his body, particularly on his head and back, and died in hospital after a month-long battle.

Bugging out

VELEZ-MALAGA continued its course of summer lectures by the University of Malaga with a talk on rare diseases. The talk, led by Pablo Lapunzina, scientific director of the Network Research Centre of Rare Diseases (CIBERER), was entitled Rare diseases: the angel of personalised medicine.

Addict killed mother over money

PIERO, the 35-year-old accused of killing his mother in Velez-Malaga last week, is believed to have argued with her over money.

Claiming that he was "out of his mind," he is believed to have been in withdrawal from drug addiction and has now been jailed without bail while he awaits trial.

At his hearing the fisherman from Caleta de Velez expressed remorse for killing his 63-year-old mother, Maria Ines.

She was found in a pool of blood by her ex-husband

after being stabbed in the chest.

On finding Elio on the building's steps, covered in blood, officers initially thought he had committed the crime before learning Piero had handed himself in at a police station shortly before the find, telling officers, "I think I've killed my mother. The knife is on the sofa."

The incident has rocked the family's neighbourhood, with one resident describing Piero as "a very shy and reserved boy," and another commenting, "you would never think something like this would happen."

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...21

On the last Sunday of July, hordes of revellers descend on the small village of San Asensio in La Rioja to shower each other with thousands of litres of pink wine in the annual Battle of the Clarete.

Smelling of rosé!

THE festival takes place on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint James (Dia de Santiago), the Patron Saint of Spain.

Winemakers and co-ops donate up to 40,000 litres of clarete wine, a locally-produced pink tippie, for partygoers to fill their weapon of choice, whether it be water pistols, balloons, bottles or buckets.

The battle commences at 12 noon, when councillors lead the way to the Cerrillo Verballes district, referred to as the Bodegas quarter by villagers since it used to house some 300 private wine cellars.

Once the containers housing the wine are opened, the fun begins, the aim being to douse the enemy, who is anyone in the vicinity, with plonk.

As the wine-soaked madness descends, the compulsory white shirts become a sea of pink as the booze is poured, sprayed or hurled by any means possible.

The only respite is the occasional break for a glass of clarete and a sausage bun known locally as a peñaño, while a tour of local tapas bars is customary in the wake of the two-hour fracas.



SLOSHED: The battle gets underway.

The grape divide

CLARETE is produced exclusively in the Rioja Alta region around San Asensio, Hormilla, Badaran, Azofra, Cardenas and Cordovin, and is a staple in bars of Rioja, Cantabria and the Basque Country.

Despite hundreds of years of history, it remains undefined under Spanish wine rules, being officially classified as a rosé despite a number of key differences.

While rosés are vinified in the same way as white wines, with the skins removed and macerated in the juice before fermentation, the skins are left on the grapes for a short time during clarete production.

In addition, claretes are made by blending red and white

grapes, typically gamacha and viura, whereas rosé from Rioja contains only red varieties.

The result is a pale, orange-tinted wine that is best served between 8-10°C.

Party people

THE battle does not have a long history, having been first fought in 1977 when members of the Peña Clarete social club came up with the idea during a festive meal.

What began as a joke between friends is now a full-blown cultural tradition, with increasing numbers of tourists visiting every year. Its older and more well-known relative is the Battle of the Wine held in nearby Haro every June, which dates back to the late 19th century.



TRUE COLOURS: A Rioja rosé (l) and two claretes.

Coast survey

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Council has announced it has awarded its Strategic Environmental Study to company Grusamar. The survey will look at flood risks and the coastline over around 10 months.

Better access

MOTRIL has opened its disabled access beach services for the summer on Playa Granada. The service, provided by the Red Cross, provides amphibious chairs to enable wheelchair users to access the water.

Radio star

MOTRIL'S Council has launched a promotional campaign on TV and radio encouraging tourists to visit the town. The adverts will emphasise Motril's trade, tourism, sport and culture sectors as well as its cleanliness.

Fine vine

VELEZ MALAGA'S Council has signed a contract to refurbish Torre del Mar's Casa de la Viña. Hermanos Campano SL will spend around three months restoring the historical site.

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- 3 Sweltering temperatures set to return as another heatwave hits Spain - **3,031**
- 4 Fines and tough regulations hit Spain's beaches this summer - **3,016**
- 5 Sex on the Bench: Couple caught on video during daylight romp in Barcelona - **3,000**



A map of Spain's temperature by region provided by AEMET

Top Social Media comments

Lorry drops into the ocean from a Cadiz bridge - Oh poor driver!! Sometimes you can't help doing wrong for doing right. Very pleased he was so gallant, also that he was saved, so lucky someone quick witted was watching and took action. Well done to all. I hope the original drivers and passengers were ok as well. *Elizabeth Saunders*

Spain warned for non-compliance of Plastic Bags Directive - I wish supermarkets in Spain (everywhere) wouldn't use polystyrene and hard plastic containers for meat and fish etc. Such a shame. *Sandra Russell*

UK airports warn EU flights could be suspended post-Brexit - This is one of many things that remain unclear, when anyone points this out Brexiters just shout 'scaremongering' so maybe it just needs to happen, and then we'll see... Not long to go. Also; this warning was made by an Airport Trade Association, Michael O'Leary (CEO of Ryanair) and by their actions, the easyJet board (who have set up a subsidiary company within the EU - Austria). I think it might be reasonable to assume these persons have something of an insight as to the future of EU air travel. Maybe they should just ditch their concerns and call it scaremongering. *Andrew V Smith*

Police shut down gang who targeted Costa del Sol tourists - Scum, just don't leave items in your car unattended. They work in airports, one distracts you asking questions whilst another takes your stuff, they act like lost tourists, if someone asks you something in an airport, look behind you or around you for a person lingering. *Pps Estepona*

Heatwave claims the life of a road worker in Sevilla - Oh no! Not again!! Surely these employers will learn one day they have a 'duty of care' to their employees, and they can and must 'order' the employees to stop work if they endanger themselves. It's all part of 'Health and Safety'. Poor man and his poor family, I do hope his employers 'do the right thing' by them. (I know what I mean by the last remark, but I fear his employer will not) *Elizabeth Saunders*

Swimmer loses rag over red flag in Campello - Must have been in Spain the bulls here have the same reaction to the red flag???? *Patrick Scanlan*
Brits ordered to pay in Thomas Cook's first win against fake compensation claims - Great news. Now it needs Insurance and Travel companies to investigate all suspicious back claims, get a few more people sweating. We are paying for these free loaders. *Ted Milsom*

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Poll of the week

With Marbella seeking to ban shirtless tourists, should beachwear be prohibited in town and city centres?

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Did you know?

Zero scores in tennis are referred to as 'love' because in France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg. French for 'the egg' is 'l'oeuf,' and when tennis was introduced in the US, Americans, mispronounced it 'love.'

Lost in translation



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Little bits on the side

OUR VIEW

Shorter lives for those in England

FOR many years, doctors have been talking about the growth in life expectancy but a new report suggests that this has ground to a halt in England.

For more than 100 years, there has been a steady increase but according to Sir Michael Marmot of University College a study in England suggests that this growth has now slowed to almost nothing.

As governments consistently worry about their ability to cope with paying pensions for the elderly it may well be that the financial situation won't be so bad, but research elsewhere suggests that the English result may be a localised situation.

In other parts of the world, life expectancy continues to increase and it appears unlikely that those living in England have simply exhausted the limits of human life.

Sir Michael suggests that there may be a very real comparison between the last five years of austerity which has seen a reduction of funding for both the NHS and social care and the number of people who have died.

Understandably the British government rejects any suggestion that its policies could have anything to do with this latest study, but for those of us who enjoy the Spanish way of life this may be another justification for living here.

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Three jailed over drugs kidnap

THREE people have been jailed without bail for kidnaping two young men in Vélez-Málaga.

The victims, aged 23 and 29, were treated in hospital following their ordeal and police are now investigating whether they were tortured.

The men had been held hostage in a house in the Cabrillas area after a drugs dispute turned sour.

Concerned relatives called police after the pair went missing, and investigators quickly identified one of the kidnapers, a Moroccan man, before arresting two more suspects the next morning in the Vélez-Málaga wholesale market. The latter pair reportedly resisted arrest, injuring several officers.

Agents from the National Police and Special Operational Security Group were then led to the house where the victims were being held and freed them.



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Hot to tot!

SHE gave birth to twins Sir Carter and Rumi last month.

And pop megastar Beyoncé Knowles, 35, gave the babies their first taste of global stardom by taking to Instagram wearing a men's kimono from Spanish designer Alejandro Garcia Palomo.

The garment is made from vintage silk organza from an old shop in Cordoba, Andalucía, according to its creator.

The post, captioned 'Sir Carter and Rumi one-month today' almost brought the internet to a standstill as it racked up almost 10 million likes.

It comes after the Crazy in Love singer's pregnancy announcement in February became Instagram's most popular post ever.

She now has three children with rapper husband Jay Z, 47, as the newborns join the couple's five-year-old daughter Blue Ivy.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Beyoncé introduces her new twins.

Making a splash

SHE has appeared on the cover of Vogue and Elle, and has modelled for Victoria's Secret. And Australian model Elyse Taylor, 30, displayed her effortless beauty after posting an eye-popping bikini shot to Instagram as she holidayed on the island of Formentera near Ibiza.

But it was only a flying visit for the mum-of-one as she captioned the photo: 'Out Paradise! Missing You Already.'



Photo credit Instagram

SO HOT: Elyse Taylor.

NEW MEASURES FOR AUTONOMOUS WORKERS

Despite a complicated process, these are the provisions that will be present in the new normative to regulate the activity of autonomous workers in Spain.

The Flat Rate, which corresponds to 50 Euro as a temporary contribution to the Social Security. This measure, which was valid for six (6) months, was extended to one year.

On this agreement, it is important to outline the reduction of the time to qualify for this benefit; the required period now will be from five (5) to two (2) years without making contributions to the Special Tax Regime for Autonomous Workers (RETA, for its initials in Spanish), considering the exemption of three years if the autonomous worker is unsubscribed and had already enjoyed the flat rate when he/she was previously registered in the RETA.

The number of workers in the family unit was extended, which until now could only be one member under 45 years-of-age. Now the autonomous worker can hire parents, children, siblings, partners, grandparents, in-laws, grandchildren, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law.

Autonomous workers who are mothers will also be able to enjoy the benefit of the flat rate (50 euros) during the year

following their reincorporation. This is a bonus for women who work on their own and return to their jobs after becoming mothers, within a period that does not to exceed two years from the time they left their self-employment for this reason (only if they choose the minimum basis for their contribution).

In case an autonomous worker hires an employee, the latter will not lose "bonuses or aid prior to the payment of their Social Security contributions."

Still an agreement must be reached on the text of Ciudadanos about the reduction of the surcharges currently present "for the delay in the payment of contributions" and the exemption to the autonomous worker from the fixed fee for those who have an income that does not reach the annual interprofessional minimum wage (€ 9,907.80 per year in 2017).

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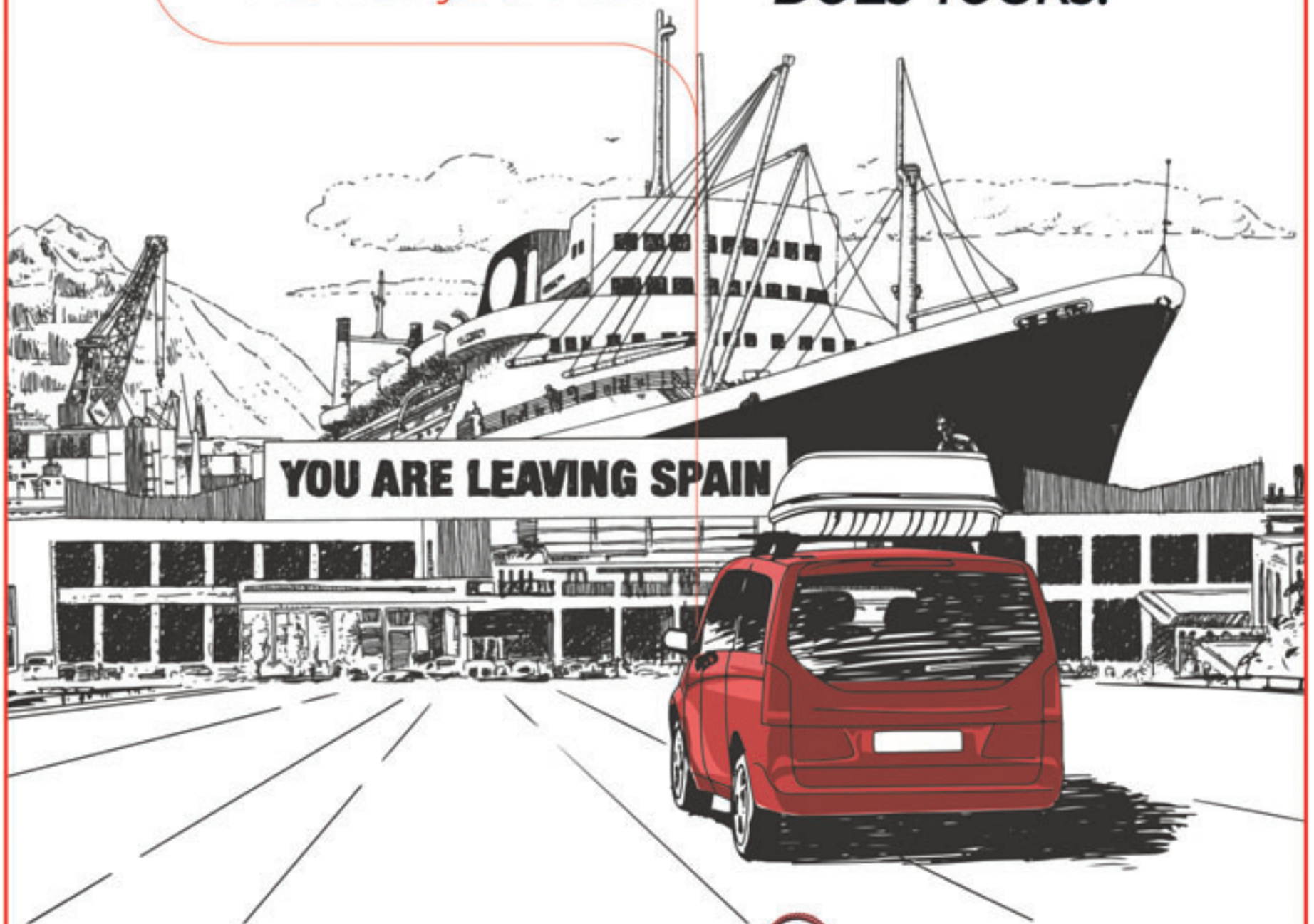
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COUNCIL WORKERS: Discuss the new scheme.

Noise pollution on the hit list

By Sally Underwood

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA'S Council has imposed a series of measures to control noise pollution.

The legislation proposes creating almost 100 'sensi-

tive acoustic zones' where noise and thermal vibrations would be monitored and regulated.

The scheme, which has the support of hotels and businesses, aims to protect the health and rights of resi-

dents, as well as improving the town. The bill establishes a detailed classification of public spaces according to their use. The areas will then be divided into protected zones, acoustically saturated zones, quiet zones and zones of acoustic conflict.

Amplifiers, TVs, videos and radios will not be allowed on terraces or shop façades except with special authorisation. However public musical performances will not be subject to authorisation as long as they do not harm the public.

Under the new law food and drink will no longer be served after 2am and firecrackers and fireworks will be prohibited outside of authorised zones. Pet owners will also be required to take 'necessary measures' to prevent their animal causing disruption to the community. If they are unable to do so and complaints are received from other residents, a series of sanctions will be in place.

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Rolling stones

THOUSANDS are expected to descend on Almuñecar today (Thursday) as the fifth Mineral Fair gets underway.

Culture councillor Olga Ruçano said: "We have to congratulate ourselves that we are able to continue with this type of event, which is not very common in Spain and allows people to know our town though minerals."

She added that the event is set to attract at least 4,000 people, with more than 50 exhibitors, and since it is running alongside the annual jazz festival it means that the mu-



ROCKING IT: Councillor Olga Ruçano (l) presents the fair.

nicipality this week offers a 'complete' experience for visitors.

The exhibition can be found

on Paseo San Cristobal and runs until next Sunday, with admission free from 11am-2pm and 6pm-midnight daily.

Pull the other leg

THE roundabout that connects Avenida Juan Carlos I with Puerta del Mar in Almuñecar is now home to a giant octopus.

Local artist Jose Cabrera is the man responsible for the colourful sculpture, which measures five metres wide by three metres high.

The council are so happy with his work

that they have commissioned a second project to decorate the roundabout at the intersection of Avenida del Mediterraneo and paseos San Cristobal and Colon.

"Since it is in Los Marineros district, I have already sketched a design with an anchor rising out of a fountain," said Mr Cabrera.

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MINUTE'S SILENCE: Was observed outside Motril's Town Hall.

Terror victim remembered

MOTRIL'S Council has held a minute's silence to remember the 20th anniversary of the killing of Councillor Miguel Angel Blanco by ETA, as well as all victims of terrorism.

Blanco was a Partido Popular councillor in Ermua, in the north of Spain, when he was kidnapped on July 10, 1997. The separatist terrorist organisation gave the Spanish government 48 hours to transfer all ETA prisoners to jails in the Basque Country, sparking demonstrations all over the Spain.

The government did not give in, however, and ETA shot Blanco in the back of the

head 50 minutes after the deadline passed before leaving him on the streets of San Sebastian. He died in hospital shortly after.

Motril joined thousands of cities throughout Spain commemorating the date, with Abel Caballero, President of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP), explaining the event remembered, "20 years of a terror, but also 20 years of exemplary and democratic citizen support and gives us the chance to say resoundingly and unanimously 'we have come so far.' This civic response was responsible for first isolating and then ab-

solutely defeating ETA."

He added the event was, "a heartfelt and sincere commemoration of Miguel Angel, of all victims and their families and friends, but also, at the same time, a recognition of and homage to Spanish society."

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Clothes donated to save the planet

THE residents of Rincon de la Victoria have donated 37 tons of used clothing to Humana containers so far this year. The amount collected means saving 118 tons of CO2 emissions going in to the atmosphere, helping the environment.

Residents can deposit clothing, footwear, accessories and home textiles they no longer use.

The free collection service also "allows us to save significant amounts of money on the cost of collecting waste," according to Rincon de la Victoria's mayor, Francisco Salado. He praised "the commitment of locals to helping the environment and the charity, which carries out important social development work."

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NEWS EXTRA**Snappy snaps**

FRIGILIANA is hosting a photography exhibition in its House of Culture from tomorrow at 8pm. The event, entitled Union of Talents, showcases works from various associations across Axarquía.

Clean sweep

A DOZEN cleaners have been employed in Almuñecar to clean up after last week's Virgen del Carmen festivities. The event attracted hundreds of revellers.

Guitar hero

SINGER and guitarist John Pizzarelli has inaugurated Almuñecar's 30th Jazz Festival with a concert alongside Daniel Jobim, performing classics from acts including Cole Porter and Irving Berlin.

Fun run

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Council has organised a healthy two-kilometre run around the town on September 16 in an effort to get the town more active. The event, which starts at 10am will also offer help to those with reduced mobility.

Pest control

FRIGILIANA'S Council has announced workers will be carrying out a disinfection treatment throughout the town's streets in an effort to kill bugs. It has apologised for any inconvenience caused to locals or tourists.

Free parking

FRIGILIANA'S Council has created 20 free new parking spaces on Avenida Principe de Asturias. The council said it remained committed to solving the town's parking problems.

A FIFTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD man has been killed building an illegal pool in the village of Cutar after a dumper fell on his leg.

The vehicle, which was full of building materials, overturned as it climbed a slope, trapping the victim and almost tearing off his leg. His colleagues tried to use a tourniquet to stop the bleeding but the worker had

Blood loss causes death

ruptured an artery, leading to massive blood loss. Health workers arrived, moving the man into an ambulance but he died near to the scene of the accident.

According to local reports, the men were working on a private pool with-

out a licence, and had previously been fined. The vehicle was said to be owned and operated by the deceased and his brother.

Francisco Ruiz, mayor of Cutar, and Jose Gallego, mayor of Benamargosa, both said they were "deeply" sad to

hear of the incident and have passed on their condolences to the man's family. Meanwhile Spain's largest trade union, Comisiones Obreras (CC OO), has pointed out workplace deaths have doubled this year in Malaga, from seven last year to 14 for the same period so far in 2017. They staged a protest against the increase in Malaga on Monday to highlight the issue.

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Police presence

VELEZ-MALAGA'S mayor, Antonio Moreno Ferrer, has guaranteed police will be made available to cover all future events in the municipality after facing criticism from Local Police officers over lack of cover.

Lush gardens

MEZQUITILLA'S gardens and parks continue to benefit from an upgrade after a gymnasium park has been installed this week. Works will now continue to asphalt the VM-7 and VM-8.

School's out

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA'S Council is taking advantage of the academic holidays to upgrade several schools with works including painting, plumbing and masonry work in eight schools.



ALL SMILES: The Spanish Royals visited Oxford at the end of their UK State Visit.

Back on home soil!

THE benefits of closer ties between Spain and the UK could well help both nations in the all-important next 18 months.

With at least 300,000 Brits in Spain and 125,000 Spanish nationals in the UK, the three-day royal visit by King Felipe and Queen Letizia helped nurture cultural and commercial relations between the countries as Britain prepares to leave the European Union.

The UK is the number one destination for overseas Spanish investment, estimated to have reached

around €82.5bn at the end of 2015.

The thorny issue of Gibraltar was barely mentioned during the jam-packed tour, although the King did say he hoped the matter could be resolved in a manner "acceptable to all involved" during a Westminster speech.

A lavish state dinner thrown by the Royals for their Spanish counterparts was attended by the Queen, Prince Phillip, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince Harry and Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall.

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Every Tuesday and Friday in July - Espanish Group at the Centre from 11.30am to 1pm. Improve your level of Spanish and help others improve their English. A €1 donation is appreciated.

Every Wednesday in July - Computer Workshop from 10am to 11.30am. Starting with the basics (e-mails, passwords and security) through to setting up spreadsheets, databases and technical problems. Bring your computer, tablet or smart phone. Cost €4 (includes a drink).

Every Friday in July - Coffee Morning at the Centre from 11am to 1pm. A wonderful opportunity to meet friends and make new ones. Have a cup of

coffee, tea or fruit juice with a piece of home-made cake. Browse the boutique with a wide range of new and nearly new clothing and accessories. There's also a wide stock of second-hand books in English.

Tuesday July 25 - Excursion to Festival of Lorca and Granada. Oh Cuba. Please go and join friends on an excursion to Granada, in the Generalife gardens to see the world premiere of 'Oh Cuba.'

Flamenco ballet in which poetry, music and dance will tackle the revolving relationship between Federico and the Antillean island.

The show counts on a great team of 23 Spanish and Cuban artists headed by Loles Leon in the interpretation, Antonio Carmona in the musical composition and Adrian Galia in the choreography. Diego Franco endorses the Flemish compositions. The dramatisation and direction are by Francisco Ortuño Millan and

original music.

You will arrive in Granada city at approximately 7.30pm where there will be time for you to have a meal. The coach will pick you up at 9.30pm to take you to the Generalife for the show, which starts at 10.00pm. After the show, you will be met by the coach and will arrive back in Torre del Mar at approximately 2am.

Ticket price €35 available at the Centre - limited places only. This includes entrance, bus and insurance. Fundraising event. Departure times Viñuela (football pitch) 4.30pm, Torre del Mar (bus station) 5.00pm, Caleta (opposite the vets) 5.10pm, Algarrobo (Lidl) 5.15pm.

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Health centre addition

■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH



BIGGER: Bernabe Cano (centre) at Pinar de Garaita.

» *By Linda Hall*

THE Pinar de Garaita auxiliary health centre in La Nucia has another primary care doctor.

The town hall, which constructed the centre and ceded the building to the regional government in 2007, added a €26,000 extension with two consulting rooms for a doctor and a nurse.

The Pinar de Garaita centre now has four doctors, three nurses, a paediatrician and an auxiliary, reducing the patient-doctor ratio and waiting times.

“Health care is a priority for the town hall, as we make plain each day,” said La Nucia mayor Bernabe Cano. “When the regional government informed us that more consulting rooms were needed for increased medical staff we got to work straight away.”

Cano went on to say that La Nucia wanted residents to have the best possible health care: “We demonstrated earlier this month by providing a car so that doctors and nurses can make home visits,” he continued.

■ COSTA DE ALMERÍA

Equal space

PEOPLE with reduced mobility finally have seating options on the Almeria to Madrid train route. One carriage has been adapted to have two new disabled spaces and an accessible toilet.

New road

PRESIDENT of Andalucia, Susana Diaz, visited Almeria to snip the red ribbon on the new La Mojonera road in Roquetas which is now in service and expected to relieve tourist traffic.

Tough guy

SUPERHEAVYWEIGHT boxer Aymer ‘Kiki’ won a silver medal at his debut Spanish national championships. The fighting 27-year-old from Almeria is the Andalucian regional champion.

Chem trail

THREE men found with 17 grams of MDMA at the Dreambeach Villaricos festival had their two-year prison sentences upheld after failing to prove they were merely drug users.

Orange punch

CITRUS production soared in Almeria’s 2016/17 season with a total of 216,685 tons of oranges and lemons grown. The total across Andalucia exceeded two million tons.

Hometown heroes

TWO Albox-born talents hit the pinnacle of their respective careers last week. Footballer Diego Capel has won the Belgian championship with Anderlecht, while Dr Luis Martinez has been named the new director of Torrecardenas hospital.

■ COSTA DEL SOL

Pool death

A 64-YEAR-OLD woman has died in a swimming pool in Arriate, Ronda. The victim swam immediately after eating which led to a fatal heart attack, according to medical sources.

On two wheels

A BRITISH motorist has been injured after his car overturned on Avenida Juan XXIII in Malaga. The victim was transferred to hospital with a fractured nose and several minor injuries after his airbag failed to work.

Grounded

CLEANING company Limsa has taken 24 street cleaners off the roads after purchasing the wrong registration. The red licence plates used only authorise the licence holders to drive, which in this case would be the company itself.

Beach access

TORREMOLINOS Council has installed a €16,100 stair lift to the Bajondillo beach in a bid to improve disabled access in the area. Non-disabled users have been asked to pay 50 cents each way to contribute to the upkeep.

Bottle up

THE Mediterranean gin company Larios has launched a limited edition gin bottle to pay homage to Malaga, the city that gave birth to the gin more than 150 years ago.

■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

Good food

CARTAGENA’S Ciudadanos (C’s) group has asked the mayor, Ana Belén Castejón, to arrange a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the possibility of the city being the hosts to the 2018 Spanish Capital of Gastronomy.

In the club

NATIONAL POLICE officers have arrested four prostitutes accused of illegally holding a client for more than 37 hours during which he spent €8,833 on his credit card. They allegedly plied him with alcohol.

Health and fire

RESIDENTS in the southern zone of Alicante have insisted on having their own fire station and a hospital nearer to them. Seven associations are urging the authorities to reform the Miguel Hernandez district of the city.

Power cut

A BREAKDOWN in an underground voltage line from Iberdrola affected 3,000 customers in Elche on Sunday afternoon. The temporary loss of the supply, which lasted 45 minutes, meant many businesses couldn’t close the automatic shutters.

Free meals

THOUSANDS of children in the province of Alicante who eat at least once a day for free thanks to the school canteens might lose this service when they attend different summer schools.

■ MALLORCA

Paraglider crash

AN experience local paraglider died when his craft crashed into the Puig de Son Fe in Alcudia last Monday. He was flying from Andratx to Alcudia, a regular route that he had followed before.

Violent attack

THREE women were injured in a tussle in a bar in Paguera when a man with a history of violence became involved in a dispute. After first pulling a knife, he left and returned with a shotgun.

Private flights

THE use of private aircraft to visit Mallorca has increased by 15 per cent in the past six months, bringing in 21 per cent more wealthy passengers.

Tourist hero

A GERMAN tourist has been hospitalised after being beaten up whilst trying to protect a young woman during a brawl in Playa de Palma. His assailant has been arrested for assault and will appear in court.

Worker’s death

WHEN the interior of a house in Santanyi collapsed whilst work was being undertaken, one person died and two colleagues were seriously injured. The property has now been made safe by the fire brigade.

■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH

Comfort stop

POLICE fined a Muchamiel man slumped in a car parked in mid-street with the lights on and engine running. Although drunk he was not driving, merely resting with the air-conditioning on, he insisted.

Swimming lane

ALTEA now has a swimming lane between the La Olla beach and the Illeta Island, marked out by 60 buoys with ecological anchors to avoid harming the seabed.

Moorish fort

BUSOT is spending €86,000 on turning its 12th century fortress into a visitable tourist and cultural monument in a project that the town hall expects to be finished by October.

Tidy up

MUCHAMIEL Town Hall has contacted the owners of more than 200 plots of unbuilt land, asking them to clear rubbish and vegetation to reduce fire risk and eliminate vermin.

Yacht fire

A BURNING boat was set adrift at Campello’s Club Nautico to prevent flames from spreading and brought ashore once firefighters arrived. Only the interior was affected and no-one was hurt.

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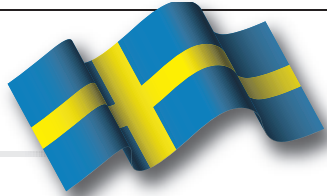
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SWEDEN**PRINCESS VICTORIA:**
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Sales up

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used cars were bought in the first half of the year, than in the whole of last year according to figures from the Swedish Association for Motor Retail Trades and Repairs (MRF).

No aid

SWEDEN will stop aid to any organisations that agree to abide by the anti-abortion rule which was reinstated by Donald Trump in the USA

and withhold abortion services.

President accused

SWEDEN has filed a complaint against the Turkish President accusing him of genocide and war crimes. It is the country's first complaint against a head of state and could see an arrest warrant issued.

GERMANY**Coin arrests**

ARRESTS have been made in relation to the theft of the 'Big Maple Leaf' coin made of 100kg of pure 24-carat gold. The coin was stolen from the Bode museum in March and police have raided homes in Berlin.

€45,000 at auction after realising it was actually a German Enigma cipher machine from the Second World War.

ture and the rise with not enough teachers or classrooms.

Villages resurface

TOURISTS are flocking to see the ruins of abandoned villages under Hesse's Edersee lake. With water levels down, the ruins have resurfaced of three villages which were abandoned when a dam was built between 1908 and 1914.

Not prepared

A **STUDY** has predicted a significant rise in students due to an influx of migrant children and rising birth rates, but warns that Germany is markedly unprepared for the fu-

Enigma sale

A **PROFESSOR** bought a typewriter for €100 and has sold it for

FRANCE**Still welcome**

DESPITE previous negative comments about France and Paris, most French people approve of US President Trump being invited to the annual July 14th parade on the Champs-Élysées in Paris according to a recent survey.

Tax dodge

THE government is appealing a court ruling that France could not claim tax on revenues generated by Google. A court said it not liable for €1.12 billion in taxes.

Speeding up

PROCESSING time for asylum requests will be reduced and housing will be boosted for refugees whilst deporting illegal economic migrants. Last year, France received 85,000 asylum requests.

Working together

FRANCE and Germany have held a joint press conference in which German Chancellor Angela Merkel has vowed a closer alliance and co-operation with France.

BELGIUM**Ban upheld**

BELGIUM'S ban on full face veils has been upheld by the European Court of Human Rights following a case brought by two women who wanted to wear the niqab. Belgium banned wearing it in public in 2011.

Cosmetic surgeries

AROUND 200,000 cosmetic surgery procedures were carried out in Belgium last year, making an average of around 770 per working day. One in eight patients lived abroad, with eyelid surgery being the most popular operation.

Local investments

A **TOTAL** of €42.5 million will be invested in 13 municipalities of Brussels by 2020 as part of 70 projects approved under the 'city policy' plan.

Paddle out

BELGIAN surfers took part in global simultaneous paddle outs to mark the life of the legendary Jack O'Neill, often credited with inventing the wetsuit and founder of the O'Neill surfing brand. He passed away last month aged 94.

NETHERLANDS**Summer holidays**

A **MARKETING** company is predicting an influx of German and Belgian tourists this summer to the Netherlands with 3.6 million foreign tourists this year, 3 per cent more than last year.

Tunnel v bridge

THE infrastructure minister has said she would prefer tunnels for bicycles and pedestrians to link Amsterdam with its northern flank, rather than bridges over the water as they would be too high and steep.

Inherited wealth

FOUR out of every 10 rich people in the Netherlands have inherited their wealth, according to a report. 'Rich' is defined as those with a minimum of €500,000 of disposable assets.

Crash course

CONCERNS have been raised over crash swimming courses with the Royal Dutch Swimming Federation saying the courses may not be enough to properly teach children.

DENMARK**US no go**

DENMARK was noticeably absent from a meeting on the Nordic and Baltic parliaments in Washington DC with top US politicians.

Formula 1

COPENHAGEN wants to host the Danish Grand Prix and has proposed a 4.5 kilometre-long racing track. The hope is that Formula 1 cars would be seen racing through the streets in 2020.

Train trolley

THE refreshment trolley on trains was abolished by rail operator DSB in 2014, but it could be reinstated after a successful trial period although the new version will be stationary on the train, so passengers will have to leave their seat.

Number 10

DENMARK has been ranked 10th best country in the world for immigrants. Neighbouring Sweden came in at number one and Norway at number six.

NORWAY**Peaceful coverage**

NORWAY is supporting media coverage of women, peace and security issues in Myanmar over a 19-month period to highlight the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and peace negotiations.

Medicine wait

PATIENTS with hepatitis C are waiting longer than they should for medical treatment as an American pharmaceutical company has the monopoly on the supply of the medicine.

Murder charge

AN Oslo woman arrested and charged with the murder of her husband, had been granted a restraining order against him after reporting violence in the relationship, but later withdrew it.

Robot ship

A NORWEGIAN tech firm has joined a project to build the world's first fully-automated robot supply ship. The aim is to create a self-drive vessel that can deliver supplies to the offshore energy and fish-farming industry.

Red tape vampire sucks profits

RED tape costs Spanish companies a total of €500 million per year according to the president of the Spanish Confederation of Business Organisations (CEOE). Ana Plaza claims there are 92 pointless regulations which, if slashed, could save Spanish enterprise half a billion euros.

Under the tagline 'smaller is better,' she called for simple and effective legislation. Plaza cited a report released this year revealing there are 900,000 pages of regulation governing private businesses.

Trump taxes Spanish olives

By Matthew Elliott

OLIVES produced in Spain will be stripped of the US import subsidies they enjoy as the Trump administration launches its first protectionist measures on international trade.

Extra tariffs on Spanish-grown olives may be imposed if an ongoing investigation finds trade practices which are 'disloyal' to the United States.

Domestic growers in California believe their Spanish rivals are sold lower than market value due to current international trade

agreements. Bell-Carter Foods and the Musco Family Olive have launched lawsuits through the US-based Fair Trade Coalition for Mature Olives.

They believe that artificial lowering of prices to accommodate the Spanish invasion, known as 'dumping' is hitting their profits directly, and undermining domestic production.

Wilbur Ross, head of the US Department of Commerce, has

pledged a "full and fair assessment" of the situation. Any unfair subsidies will be immediately removed, he said, while reiterating Washington's commitment to "free, fair and reciprocal trade with Spain."

Donald Trump campaigned on a pro-America and protectionist platform. The businessman turned president has made no bones of his intention to slap tough import duties on foreign products to protect domestic interests.

Take it or leave it for shareholders

SHAREHOLDERS in now-defunct Banco Popular have been offered compensation by Santander, which bought its troubled former rival for €1 recently. The compensation plan will cost Santander €680 million but will come in the form of 'loyalty bonds.'

Shareholders who are entitled to compensation must waive any rights to sue Santander for any reason related to the sale. Many large corporations with hundreds of millions in Banco Popular shares will receive no compensation at all.

Quote of the Week

"We need to see the removal of legal obstacles so that Spanish investment funds can compete on an equal footing with international funds," according to venture capitalist Juan Luis Ramirez.



COMEBACK KID: Spain's cooked ham sales soar as fresh meat falls.

Spaniards grow healthier, yet lazier

THE stomach of the Spanish consumer is awash with contradictions as health concerns grapple with budgets to transform supermarket shopping trends.

Meat consumption has fallen considerably according to a report from the Nielsen consultancy, which collects data from supermarkets, butchers, delicatessens, and local minimarkets.

Purchases of fresh meat have dropped 1.2 per cent in 12 months, although rising prices mean that profits haven't taken a hit.

Consumer surveys show that developing attitudes spell trouble for fresh meat. On the one hand people are now growing more health conscious and embracing the emergent vegetarian scene, or at least cutting down on meat.

Meanwhile a different kind of consumer prefers the convenience of pre-cooked meals and packs of cooked chicken, pork and ham.

So while fresh meat sales have fallen, jamon (jam) is making a comeback, with sales rising 4 per cent last year.

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Smart banking

A MOBILE banking survey found that BBVA has the best mobile phone app in the world. The app won plaudits for its different transaction options and ease of use. It beat competition from 53 banks across 18 countries.

Motor demand

SPAIN and Italy are leading the way in new car sales as the growth in registrations slowed across the EU. Demand in Spain is far higher than in the UK, which saw sales dip in June.

Digital spies

NEW technology from Roambee will transform the Spanish logistics sector. Digital devices will be placed on truck, train, boat and plane cargo to monitor temperature, routes and location to help minimise loss and breakage.

Paltry rise for pensions in Spain

PUBLIC pensions in Spain are expected to rise by a paltry 0.25 per cent per annum until 2022. Given the average pension paid by social security stands at €920, the figure would result in an average annual pension increase of less than €3.

The estimate is provided by the Independent Fiscal

Responsibility Authority. Its analysis suggests that an increase higher than 0.25 per cent would throw the social security system into an unmanageable deficit until 2022, when some debts are expected to be cleared.

Inflation forecasts indicate most pensioners will lose purchasing power in the next five years.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,040.50	-76.50	-6.85	15,366.39
Associated British Foods	2,724.50	-130.50	-4.57	23,077.30
Admiral Group	1,967.50	-52.50	-2.60	5,838.04
Ashtead Group	1,580.00	-1.00	-0.06	7,922.71
Antofagasta	822.75	-35.75	-4.16	8,399.50
Aviva	531.00	1.50	0.28	21,553.23
AstraZeneca	4,956.00	-42.50	-0.85	63,453.31
BAE Systems	633.50	21.50	3.51	19,680.16
Babcock International Group	908.75	56.25	6.60	4,332.96
Barclays	207.00	-1.50	-0.72	35,992.34
British American Tobacco	5,285.00	8.00	0.15	98,630.18
Barratt Developments	593.00	7.50	1.28	6,052.44
British Land Co	605.00	-2.00	-0.33	6,204.89
BHP Billiton	1,296.50	-8.50	-0.65	27,245.73
Bunzl	2,357.50	95.50	4.22	7,617.51
BP	446.78	1.98	0.45	88,282.25
Burberry Group	1,662.50	17.50	1.06	7,267.38
BT Group	298.40	-2.25	-0.75	29,910.27
Coca-Cola HBC	2,317.50	81.50	3.64	8,171.90
Carnival	5,092.50	37.50	0.74	10,925.49
Centrica	205.50	-0.80	-0.39	11,553.14
Compass Group	1,590.50	3.50	0.22	25,207.74
Croda International	3,886.50	-9.50	-0.24	5,121.69
CRH	2,703.50	-52.50	-1.90	23,400.77
ConvaTec Group	299.10	0.00	0.00	5,825.15
DCC	6,950.00	-50.00	-0.71	6,301.89
Diageo	2,285.50	0.50	0.02	57,554.88
Direct Line Insurance Group	362.60	-2.40	-0.66	5,073.75
Experian	1,582.00	-6.00	-0.38	14,902.51
easyJet	1,394.50	-16.50	-1.17	5,596.66
Fresnillo	1,472.50	-8.50	-0.57	10,743.91
G4S	339.30	10.50	3.19	5,126.47
GKN	330.00	-0.60	-0.18	5,713.85
Glencore	311.00	-5.10	-1.61	45,278.66
GlaxoSmithKline	1,620.00	11.50	0.71	79,580.00
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,389.00	110.00	8.60	6,104.48
Hammerson	575.00	-9.50	-1.63	4,588.77
HSBC Holdings	739.50	5.60	0.76	149,887.00
International Consold Airlines	604.50	-22.00	-3.51	13,042.78
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,295.00	22.00	0.51	8,169.58
3i Group	926.00	8.00	0.87	8,993.79
Imperial Brands	3,490.00	-9.50	-0.27	33,367.93
Informa	630.25	-33.25	-5.01	5,475.51
Intertek Group	4,376.50	122.50	2.88	6,920.43
ITV	176.90	1.90	1.09	7,137.05
Johnson Matthey	2,922.50	76.50	2.69	5,523.44
Kingfisher	301.00	7.20	2.45	6,586.59
Land Securities Group	1,014.50	-3.50	-0.34	8,026.15
Legal & General Group	259.50	0.10	0.04	15,457.68
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.00	0.06	0.09	48,410.88

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,680.00	-2.00	-0.05	12,853.98
Micro Focus International	2,050.50	-38.50	-1.84	4,706.20
Mediclinic International	812.00	61.50	8.19	5,462.98
Merlin Entertainments	489.70	20.30	4.32	4,865.73
Marks & Spencer Group	332.25	7.25	2.23	5,312.87
Mondi	2,032.50	19.50	0.97	9,910.15
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	245.00	-1.00	-0.41	5,743.53
National Grid	940.50	10.40	1.12	32,091.29
Next	3,675.00	20.00	0.55	5,432.27
Old Mutual Group	196.95	2.95	1.52	9,577.75
Provident Financial	2,283.00	28.00	1.24	3,409.05
Paddy Power Betfair	7,872.50	122.50	1.58	6,588.09
Prudential	1,740.00	-22.50	-1.28	46,260.92
Persimmon	2,337.50	-24.50	-1.04	7,403.90
Pearson	634.25	-1.25	-0.20	5,174.07
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,745.00	1.00	0.01	54,335.35
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	259.25	6.85	2.71	30,572.40
Royal Dutch Shell	2,047.50	-2.50	-0.12	93,076.60
RELX	2,085.00	23.00	1.12	77,700.12
Rio Tinto	3,444.50	-3.50	-0.10	47,123.86
Royal Mail	436.75	35.75	8.92	4,110.00
Rolls-Royce Group	910.00	-4.50	-0.49	17,043.75
Randgold Resources	6,875.00	5.00	0.07	6,373.68
RSA Insurance Group	660.50	19.00	2.96	6,631.90
Rentokil Initial	276.50	2.20	0.80	5,076.55
Sainsbury (J)	244.70	-1.00	-0.41	5,386.80
Schroders	3,229.50	-27.50	-0.84	7,402.23
Sage Group (The)	666.75	-16.25	-2.38	7,317.58
Segro	494.90	0.00	0.00	4,903.70
Shire	4,275.00	105.50	2.53	37,908.68
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,265.00	-57.00	-2.45	5,532.49
Sky	866.00	-104.00	-10.72	16,760.42
Standard Life	408.50	-6.00	-1.45	8,133.80
Smiths Group	1,625.00	0.00	0.00	6,434.37
Scottish Mortgage Investmnt	395.45	-5.25	-1.31	5,655.77
Smith & Nephew	1,315.50	-4.50	-0.34	11,568.17
SSE	1,473.00	-1.00	-0.07	14,847.46
Standard Chartered	785.00	-23.50	-2.91	26,851.58
St James's Place	1,151.50	-19.50	-1.67	6,216.48
Severn Trent	2,278.50	51.50	2.31	5,271.88
Tesco	170.00	-3.50	-2.02	14,141.39
TUI AG	1,164.00	16.00	1.39	6,862.48
Taylor Wimpey	189.15	8.65	4.79	5,994.27
Unilever	4,275.00	11.50	0.27	54,230.48
United Utilities Group	967.00	89.00	10.14	5,956.30
Vodafone Group	220.88	2.08	0.95	58,894.71
Wolseley	4,625.00	-43.00	-0.92	11,927.19
Worldpay Group	450.00	66.00	17.19	7,678.00
WPP Group	1,615.00	62.00	3.99	19,906.07
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APPLE	149,040	+2.26%	3.300	777.279
BOEING CO	208,510	+1.00%	2.070	125.840
CATERPILLAR	108,770	-0.17%	-0.190	64.094
CHEVRON	104,44	+0.53%	0.55	197.811
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,420	+0.83%	0.260	157.051
COCA-COLA	44,68	+0.38%	0.17	190.812
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	84,7500	-0.11%	-0.0900	73.472
EXXON MOBIL	81,28	+0.40%	0.32	344.320
GENERAL ELECTRIC	26,7800	+0.75%	0.2000	232.643
GOLDMAN SACHS	228,60	+0.53%	1.21	90.062
HOME DEPOT	152,8800	+0.19%	0.2900	182.788
IBM	154,24	+0.35%	0.54	144.926
INTEL CORP	34,6800	+1.26%	0.4300	163.261
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	92,2500	-0.28%	-0.2600	327.675
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	132,6000	+0.28%	0.3700	357.310
MC DONALD'S CORP	155,2800	-0.83%	-1.3000	126.564
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,06	+0.45%	0.28	172.509
MICROSOFT	72,780	+2.29%	1.630	561.821
NIKE	58,00	-0.38%	-0.22	76.661
PFIZER	33,4300	+0.63%	0.2100	199.505
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	87,100	+0.16%	0.140	222.768
TRAVELERS CIES	125,72	+0.38%	0.47	35.130
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	123,41	-0.24%	-0.30	98.887
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	186,90	+0.11%	0.21	180.127
VERIZON COMMS	43,56	+0.79%	0.34	177.697
VISA	96,93	+0.78%	0.75	178.993
WAL-MART STORES	76,3400	+3.25%	2.4000	230.187
WALT DISNEY CO	105,0900	+0.68%	0.7100	164.437

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CLOSING PRICES JULY 17

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 9.25	1.80 ▲ 24.16%
Fifth Street Finance Corp.	\$ 5.44	0.77 ▲ 16.49%
AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.40	0.25 ▲ 11.63%
Highpower International Inc	\$ 3.85	0.40 ▲ 11.59%
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.36	1.41 ▲ 10.11%
Fifth Street Senior Floating Rate Corp.	\$ 8.76	0.78 ▲ 9.77%
Frequency Electronics, Inc.	\$ 8.85	0.75 ▲ 9.26%
Nutanix, Inc.	\$ 22.12	1.85 ▲ 9.13%
YY Inc.	\$ 63.79	5.32 ▲ 9.10%
Collectis S.A.	\$ 28.01	2.30 ▲ 8.95%
Janus Henderson Small/Mid Cap Growth Alpha \$	37.90	2.9434 ▲ 8.42%
Most Declined		
CyberArk Software Ltd.	\$ 42.68	8.32 ▼ 16.31%
Verastem, Inc.	\$ 3.715	0.405 ▼ 9.83%
Harmonic Inc.	\$ 4.675	0.475 ▼ 9.22%
Shiloh Industries, Inc.	\$ 8.31	0.80 ▼ 8.78%
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc.	\$ 11.90	0.97 ▼ 7.54%
Cherokee Inc.	\$ 5.55	0.45 ▼ 7.50%
Apollo Endosurgery, Inc.	\$ 6.05	0.44 ▼ 6.78%
Hydrogenics Corporation	\$ 9	0.65 ▼ 6.74%
Acacia Communications, Inc.	\$ 39	2.62 ▼ 6.30%
SAExploration Holdings, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.18 ▼ 5.84%
Fifth Street Asset Management Inc.	\$ 4.30	0.25 ▼ 5.49%

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BARISTAS BEWARE BEAN-LOVER FIGHTBACK

Spanish geniuses invent internet coffee

TWO Spanish companies have created the first espresso machine connected to the internet. The 'coffee machine of the future' isn't only designed to make a better brew, but to also monitor usage and prevent fraud by unscrupulous café owners.

The machine is the brainchild of Iberital and IoTsens. Iberital is a Catalan company which have been making coffee machines for 40 years and now sells them in more than 100 countries worldwide.

They were recently granted EU funds to create the 'coffee machine of the future' and decided that internet connectivity would be fundamental to such an invention. For this they enlisted Spanish tech specialists IoTsens.

IoT refers to the Internet of Things, a quickly growing field in the technology world responsible for all manner of futuristic contraptions, including fridges connected to the internet which can be controlled remotely by mobile phones, and 3D printers.

The new espresso machine sends real time information about its location and consumption to the distributors. In Spain distributors often lease out machines to hotels and bars, expecting to be the exclusive supplier of coffee beans in return.

But all too often clients will buy cheaper coffee elsewhere and neglect machine maintenance. The smart coffee machines will combat this problem by broadcasting detailed information on exactly what beans are being used, when the machines are being cleaned, switched on and off, and maintained.

It will make it almost impossible for baristas to cheat on



SMART: Coffee machine of the future monitors baristas.

suppliers and consumers by providing low-quality coffee beans with excess water, served from an unclean machine.

The new machines also cut energy expenditure by around 50 per cent and use healthier materials which greatly reduce the amount of heavy metals found in a mug of coffee.

Royal Ferraris sold

A PAIR of Ferraris donated by former King Juan Carlos to the Hacienda were auctioned off for a total of €443,842. Tax officials have been trying to offload the luxury cars since 2015, when they aborted efforts to raise a combined €695,000.

The expensive wheels were donated to the King by the United Arab Emirates in 2011. Both are Ferrari FF F151s and were bought last week by two separate private bidders. Neither have more than 800 kilometres on the clock, making them as good as new.

The former king originally donated one of the cars to the Museum of the Royal Guard, but faced pressure to raise public funds from the gifts.

RETAIL WORKERS ON BREADLINE AS SALARIES FALL

Spain's 'third world' wages slammed

SPAIN'S employment minister has urged companies across the country to increase worker's salaries. Fatima Bañez warned that Spain risks having "third world" salaries for another five to 10 years unless pressure is piled on the business community.

Spain sits atop the European league table for stagnant wages. Labour costs in the first four months of 2017 rose by an average of 1.7 per cent across the EU's 28 member states.

In Germany they shot up by 2.5 per cent, in the UK 1.5 per cent. In crisis hit Portugal they rose by 2.6 per cent. Spain posted the lowest figure of the lot at just 0.1 per cent.

Though unemployment figures have gone down as the wider economy recovers, there are still 3.36 million jobless in Spain, meaning companies have little incentive to raise wages.

A report from Spanish employment observation group ANAC



PRIMARK SPAIN: Not one shop employee earns more than €20,000.

found that the salary of the average Spanish worker has actually declined this year, despite overall labour costs rising slightly.

There are now more Spaniards earning €15-20,000 per annum, while less are in the €20-25,000 wage bracket. After taxes and social security payment, the average worker in 2017 clears a little over €800 per month.

Juan Rosell, President of the Spanish Confederation of Business Organisations, has acknowledged that "it's very difficult to get to the end of the month with a salary of €800." He voiced his support for Bañez's call for higher wages.

In the retail industry workers earn an average of just €13,662 gross. Primark recently published a list of all its salaries, showing that not one of its shop workers in Spain earned above €20,000.

Secret aspirin empire

SURGING sales in China have made a northern Spanish factory the world's biggest supplier of aspirin. The German-owned Bayer plant in Asturias celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2017 and is enjoying its most profitable year in history.

The factory was briefly under Spanish control after Germany's Second World War defeat, but has since been bought back. Today it produces 5,500 tons of the acetylsalicylic acid, the active ingredient in Aspirin Cardio.

The drug is rapidly gaining in popularity across Asia as traditional herbal heart disease and painkiller cures are replaced by western pharmaceuticals. More than 200 million aspirin tablets are consumed daily across the world.

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SMILES: Theresa May thrilled to see Spanish companies back investment.

Spain commits to serious UK investment

SPANISH companies pledged to build trains and trams in Britain and commit millions of pounds to their UK interests during King Felipe's three-day state visit to the country.

Prime minister Theresa May was delighted with the flurry of announcements which came after high-level discussions on bilateral trade between the countries, which exceeded €30 billion last year.

"The sheer scale of Spanish investment in Britain demonstrates Spain's continued confidence in the strength of the UK economy, and shows that we can and will maintain the closest possible relationship," the Conservative leader said.

Investment highlights include Spanish manufacturer CAF ploughing €40 million into a Welsh train and tram building factory, and Spanish airport manager AENA pledging €100 million to expand Luton airport.

Despite all the royal pomp of the state visit, King Felipe was keen to get down to Brexit business, directly addressing the bewildered elephant in the room during a speech at Mansion House.

The referendum had "generated uncertainty and doubts for our companies, businesses and especially small and medium-sized enterprises," the King warned, calling for a resolution that minimises trade obstacles.

An estimated 140,000 jobs in the UK depend directly on Spanish investments. There are 261 Spanish companies with British bases across key sectors. The UK is Spain's third largest export market but the number one for foreign investment by Spanish companies.

Not all Spanish leaders are concerned about Brexit. Gerard Lopez, president of huge Spanish IT company Plexus, was optimistic that Britain could become a more attractive business destination.

"The economy, its geographic location and a currency that is respected could make the UK the hub that has the advantages of a certain independence with all the advantages of being an accepted trade partner to the EU and the US," he said, in comments echoed by the head of Telefonica, Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete.

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Pupils get money lessons

BANKERS are touring Spanish primary schools to give future generations a lesson on how to manage their finances. Experts from BBVA have been dispatched to educate the youngsters of the value of saving their pocket money and identifying which expenses are really necessary.

More than a million pupils have been

targeted by BBVA's financial literacy programme. The idea was spawned by concerns that huge chunks of the adult population had little idea of their legal obligations under standard banking contracts. The bank is adamant the project is their social responsibility and not an advertising gimmick.

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I'm up to here with all of it!

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OTHERS THINK IT**



QUITE frankly, I'm just about 'up to here' with all of it. I'm peed off, bored and utterly fed up with, Brexit, Islam, Blair, immigrants, political correctness, welfare whingers, gay rights, racism, all the politicians on the planet and Love Island!

In fact, I'm so sick of all the dissent and conflicting confusion engulfing the human race, that this week I'm not going to mention any of it. (Hurrah) Instead we are going to talk about Snot eels! (Please don't continue this piece if about to plunge your fork into.... well just about anything really!)

It appears that this fish, properly known as hag fish, has been around for some three million years and has developed a defence mechanism which allows it to produce up to five gallons of mucus through the nostrils when distressed. Also labelled the most disgusting fish in the ocean,



SNOT EELS: Left a slimy wake. **ROGER FEDERER:** Well done at Wimbledon.

it is never the less - surprise surprise, considered a delicacy in South Korea. This week a lorry in Oregon, carrying almost three and a half tons of these creatures, overturned, creating a wave of sticky goop that spread across the road engulfing five cars, the occupants and ultimately rescuers in its slimy wake. 'What to tell the dry cleaners?'

Oregon state police posted on Twitter, beneath a picture of one of their officers standing in a torrent of eel mucus. S'not our fault would be a start! You really couldn't make it up.

Moving on to even more utterly irrelevant information; this week the Pope hit back at the constant flow of whinging callers by hanging a sign on his front door which read, 'Com-



galized marihuana, ran out of distribution stocks after just two weeks. Al Fasano (who else!) a co-founder of ReLeaf, a dispensary in Las Vegas said. 'We didn't know the demand would be this intense. All of a sudden you have like a thousand people at your door.' Tick Segerblom (Hi ya Tick) a senator who led the legislation lobby said: 'On behalf of Nevada, I want to tell the world: Watch out. This is the New Amsterdam.' Oh yeah? Bet you ain't got no Tulips!

And as a final final, many congrats to Roger Federer winning this year's Wimbledon. A true gentleman and example to some of the rest of 'em, who think that screaming obscenities across the court can actually help win matches. He did it all without a single grunt as well! Try and make next year's final between yourself and Nadal. We'll all be watching that one.

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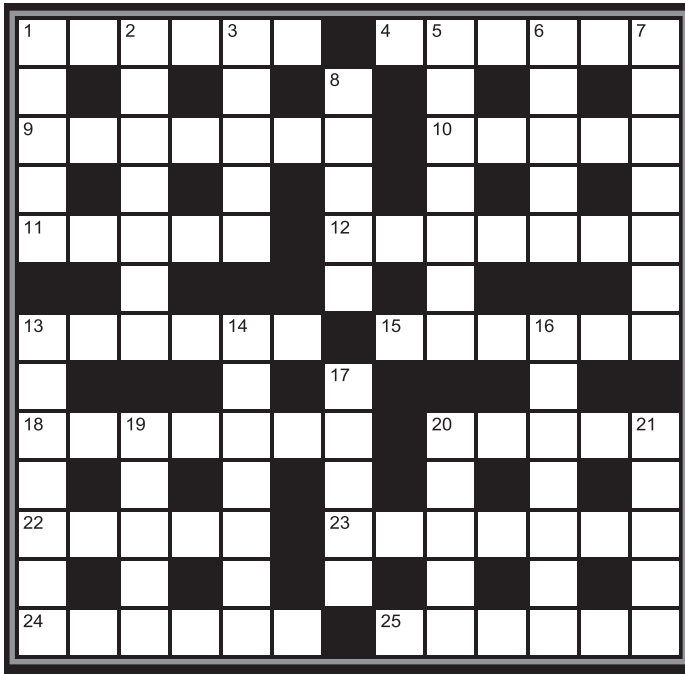
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Volkswagen car, one in drive, perhaps (6)
- 4 Stones, a stage of development (6)
- 9 Make plans for a railhead on the mountains (7)
- 10 Zulu seen by river formerly an African river (5)
- 11 Old birds found in 'El Dorado' doss house (5)
- 12 Soldier is in fishy place in the ocean (7)
- 13 Fight doctor in hide (6)
- 15 Sort of tea found in weather balloons (6)
- 18 Store damaged car at Queen's home (7)
- 20 Shoot second killjoy (5)
- 22 King George and a thousand pounds (5)
- 23 An opening of rice I made (7)
- 24 Untidy diners should be washed with water (6)
- 25 Are odd characters revered? (6)

Down

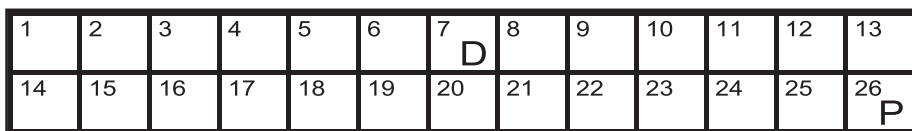
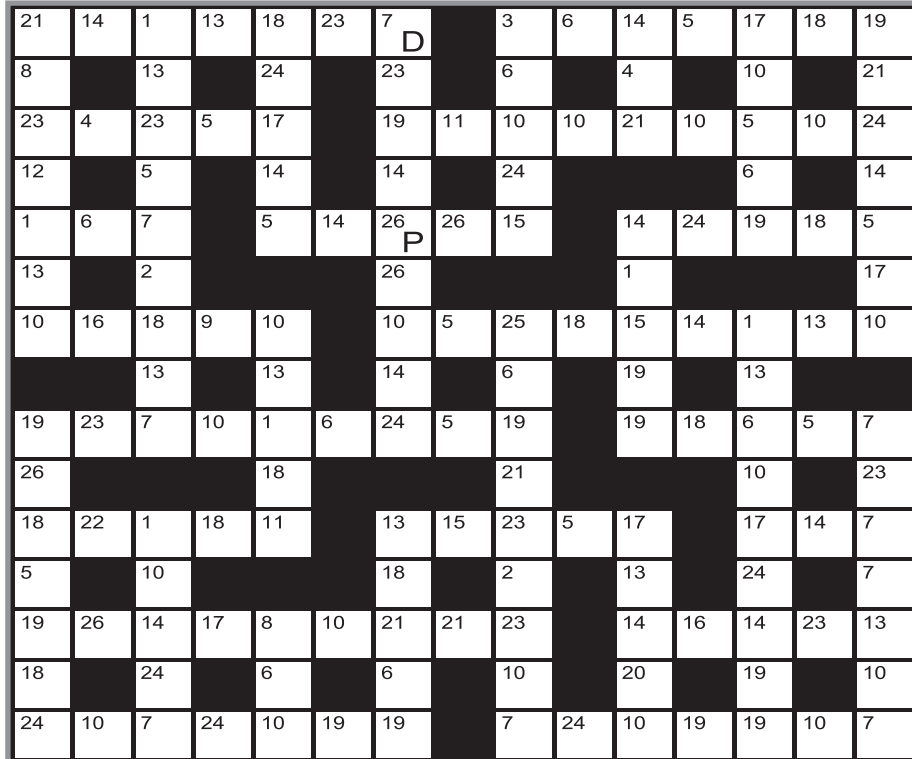
- 1 Brave artist is back in bed (5)
- 2 This would make me a lord (7)
- 3 Labour leader ends loans (5)
- 5 An antelope must laze around with a poorly leg (7)
- 6 A bad night is the whole object (5)
- 7 Clients redesigned designing



- 8 Part time worker has nothing like the rhythm (5)
- 13 One who makes you pay for a warhorse (7)
- 14 Song with odd end for Greek deity (7)
- 16 Check pub that is between a road and a river (7)
- 17 Look in marsh for criminal (5)
- 19 A necklace that is 66 feet in length (5)
- 20 Caught sight of one rushed outside (5)
- 21 Hunger for a bit of meagre Edam (5)

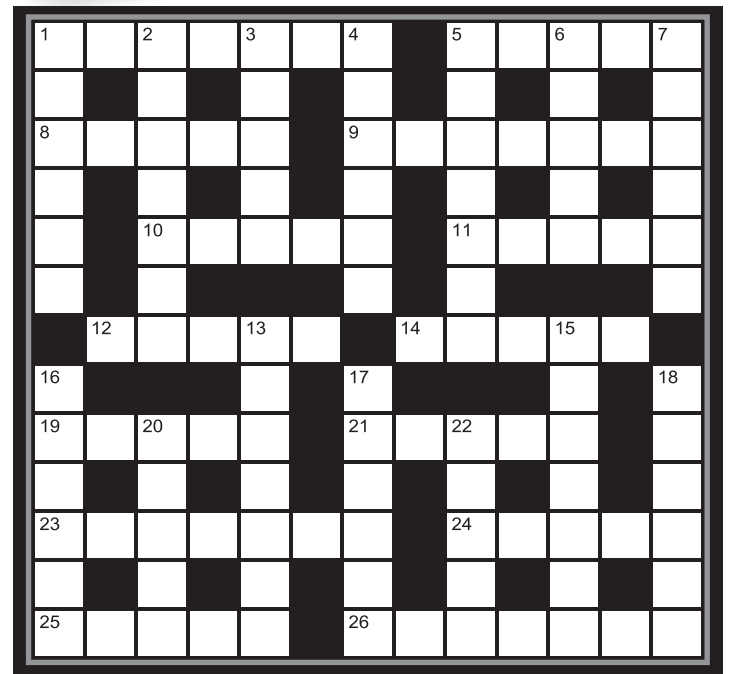
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents D and 26 represents P, so fill in D every time the figure 7 appears and P every time the figure 26 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

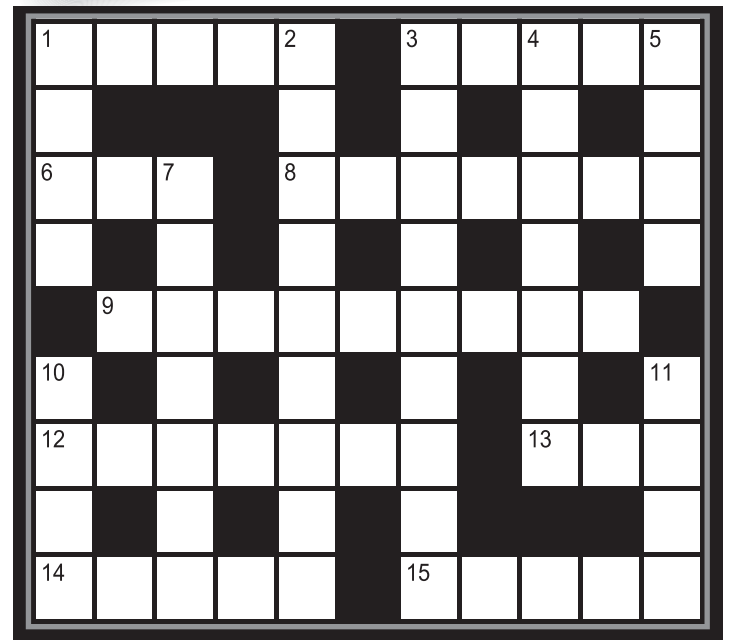
- 1 Envious (7)
- 5 Desist (5)
- 8 Illumination (5)
- 9 Intimidate (7)
- 10 Long seat for more than one person (5)
- 11 Stretched tight (5)
- 12 Blunder (5)
- 14 Pursue (5)
- 19 Happen or occur again (5)
- 21 Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
- 23 Of or relating to the heart (7)
- 24 Develop (children's) behaviour by instruction and practice (5)
- 25 Hoard (5)
- 26 Odd (7)

Down

- 1 Rebuffed by a lover without warning (6)
- 2 Branch of mathematics (7)
- 3 Many times at short intervals (5)
- 4 Calm gently (6)
- 5 Long-legged spotted cat (7)
- 6 Once more (5)
- 7 Number of players in a cricket team (6)
- 13 Pardon (7)
- 15 Lengthen or extend in duration or space (7)
- 16 Bulbous plant (6)
- 17 Adding device (6)
- 18 Outside boundary or surface of something (6)
- 20 Goods carried by a large vehicle (5)
- 22 Change (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Sábana (de cama) (5)
- 3 Pears (5)
- 6 Bird (large) (3)
- 8 Briefcase (7)
- 9 Handball (game) (9)
- 12 Campesino (7)

Down

- 13 Preguntar (3)
- 14 Sheep (5)
- 15 Siete (5)
- 1 Estrella (4)
- 2 Season (for specific activity) (9)

- 3 Popcorn (9)
- 4 Roundabout (7)
- 5 Cantar (4)
- 7 Emanar (7)
- 10 Celery (4)
- 11 Piel (4)

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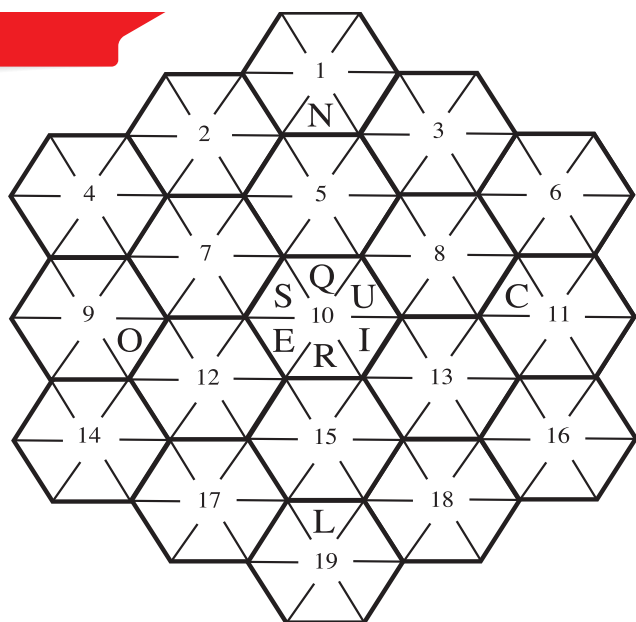
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Hexagram

- ACCUSE
- CELERY
- CYCLIC
- DECADE
- DELETE
- FILLED
- ICICLE
- LAUREL
- LOITER
- MOSAIC
- POSEUR
- SCRIPT
- SQUINT
- SQUIRE (10)
- TAMALE
- TITLED
- TRACER
- TUSSLE
- URGENT



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

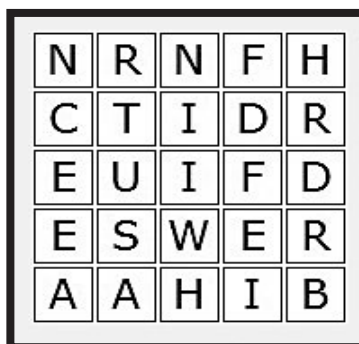
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Omelet 2 Coerce 3 Beyond 4 Covert
- 5 Mythic 6 Member 7 Heroic 8 Mutate
- 9 Stereo 10 Chaste 11 Accrue 12 Heater
- 13 Stride 14 Career 15 Beaten 16 Italic
- 17 Terror 18 Legend 19 Beater.

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: 19
- Good: 26
- Very good: 38
- Excellent: 49

SCORING:

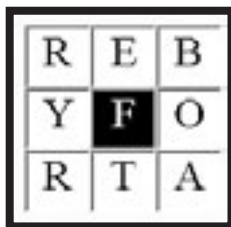
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

erst errs erns emmer fern ferns
femme arts amen answer anthem
anther ante anted ahem atone hart
harts hare harem harm hammer
hammers hand handy hate hated
heme hemmer here dart darts dare
darn darns dame damn damns date
dyne deny jars jammer jammers jade
jehad etna ether

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



TARGET:

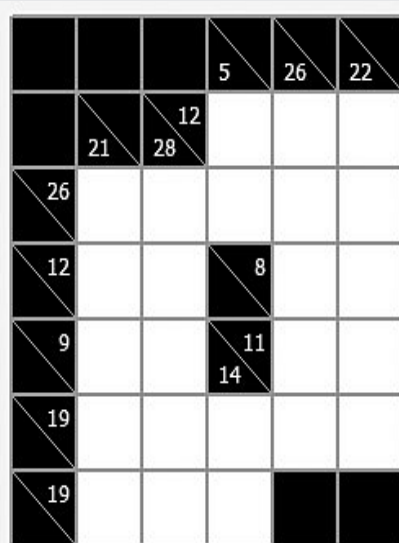
- Average: 6
- Good: 8
- Very good: 12
- Excellent: 15

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

atop pain pair pant part pint pion pita pont porn
port rapt tarp tipi topi trap trip aport apron atrip
inapt orpin paint panto patio piano pinto piton
pitta point print prion tapir patron tarpon tinpot
patriot PARTITION

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 Acta, 3 Cabeza, 8 Trapeze, 9 Sed, 10 Cauliflower, 11 Rat, 12 Ladders, 14 Obrero, 15 Beer.
- Down:** 1 Ant, 2 Traductor, 4 Apellido, 5 Elsewhere, 6 Arder, 7 Legislar, 10 Carro, 13 Sur.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Rampage, 4 Climb, 7 Slang, 9 Epigram, 10 Detract, 11 Keeps, 12 Decide, 14 Robins, 18 Snoop, 20 Prevail, 22 Dragoon, 23 Adapt, 24 Evens, 25 Excited.
- Down:** 1 Resided, 2 Meant, 3 Events, 4 Chick, 5 Israeli, 6 Bumps, 8 Gland, 13 Chorale, 15 Omega, 16 Saluted, 17 Sponge, 18 Sedge, 19 Pious, 21 Abaft.

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Cares, 4 Sirocco, 8 Admiral, 9 Grant, 10 Scary, 11 Rollmop, 12 Seesaw, 14 Crisis, 17 Replace, 19 Perks, 21 Again, 22 Longing, 23 Scatter, 24 Cheat.
- Down:** 1 Chats, 2 Rummage, 3 Sorry, 4 Salary, 5 Regular, 6 Claim, 7 Octopus, 12 Surpass, 13 Against, 15 Surmise, 16 Cellar, 18 Plaza, 19 Panic, 20 Sight.

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In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



A COUPLE of things in the news this week have had me almost stuck for words... only almost. Firstly, Donny Trump. What is it with this man? Forget for one minute that he happens to be the POTUS, the man shouldn't be allowed out on his own never mind be the leader of the USA.

He has landed in France and is met by President Macron and his wife and what does the moron say? Not, 'Hello, nice to meet you?' This berk says to Mrs Macron, 'You are in such great shape.' This is just so wrong in so many ways. It's not something any man should say to another man's wife unless maybe you are at a wife swapping party. What if she was a little more 'cuddly?' Does he say, 'Hey Macy boy, see the wife's a bit of a salad dodger.'

I'm sorry but surely this is just totally unacceptable. Even one French commentator said, 'It's difficult to know exactly what Donald Trump was thinking and wished to express.' Does his mouth have no connection to his brain? And still his loyal lackeys defend him. I watch Fox News and I'm sure they're not watching the same Donny Trump I'm seeing.

Time for him to go. He is a total embarrassment to his country.

The other thing in the news this week was that the London Underground is to stop making announcements to 'Ladies and Gentlemen' because it is upsetting gender neutral people. Really? Really? What is this politically correct brigade about? Are people really offended? And if they are, just deal with it. How can 'Ladies and Gentlemen' be gender unfriendly?

Gay, straight or whatever, matters to me not a jot and if you don't know what you are good luck to you on that too. I hope all works out well for you. If you want to get married and have children go for it, but what's next? How about every speech made at weddings or when someone comes out on stage? Please, please don't tell me that saying 'Good evening ladies and gentlemen' is going to now have to be 'Hello everyone.' LGBT campaigners please don't get offended if someone uses the term sir or madam or ladies and gentlemen if you are a lady with a deep voice or a man with a high voice or that at first view it's hard to tell if you are a man or woman. Nothing you do or say offends me. I want you all to be well and live happy lives. Please PC brigade give it a rest. By the way a recent survey said women who put on weight live considerably longer than men that mention it!

Email me: mikesenker@gmail.com.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Smoking ban welcomed

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



DRIVERS: Would welcome a ban.

SMOKING in cars is not currently banned in Spain, unlike in England, but it would appear that more than half of the population would welcome such a ban.

The figures came following a survey conducted by the Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine, which was made public during this year's World No Tobacco Day campaign, which is a global event promoted by the World Health Organisation.

The survey showed that 51.6 per cent of Spaniards would be in favour of a ban, at least in the presence of minors, following in the footsteps of England, France, Australia and South Africa. A further 38 per cent believe that the ban on tobacco should be advanced even further.

Whilst there are obvious health risks associated to smoking in a vehicle, smoking whilst driving is also a dangerous distraction. It is estimated that lighting a cigarette means you

take your eyes off the road for four seconds. Whilst driving on a motorway at 120km per hour, this would mean you were distracted from the road for at least 132m.

Lighting up can also cause the driver to drop a spark which could potentially fall on the driver or seats causing alarm and a reaction that could turn your attention away from driving and subsequently lead to a more serious accident.

In addition, it is estimated that 3 per cent of forest fires, some 21,000, in the last 10 years were started as a result of cigarette butts being dumped or thrown from a vehicle's window whilst driving. Despite increased campaigns on the dangers of forest fires, particularly at this time of year, discarded cigarettes still remain one of the biggest concerns to forests, fields and wildlife. Those found guilty of throwing objects from cars in motion, including cigarette butts, face fines of €200 and could lose four points on their driving licence.

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Is the painting too expensive?

Q. I live in a small community, consisting of 30 houses and 12 apartments. Our President wants all the properties painted next year as they are 10 years old. However, he says it will cost approximately €35,000 and all property owners will pay the same amount. The owners liv-

ing in the apartments think there should be two prices, one for the houses and another for the apartments. Can our President force us all to pay the same amount next year? Some of us do not have the finances to do this.

J.B. (Costa Calida)

A. The President does not force you to pay. An expense of this nature, and the manner in which it is apportioned, must be voted at the AGM. However, it appears that the house owners have

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



more votes than the apartments. The painting needs to be done, but perhaps the

expense could be spread out over several years. Finally, if some owners feel unfairly treated by a decision of the majority, they can get a lawyer and go to court to have the decision annulled.

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Right man for the job

Cassandra Nash
A weekly look

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

SPAIN'S Attorney General Jose Manuel Maza shilly-shallied over choosing a successor to Anti-corruption Public Prosecutor, Manuel Moix.

Moix was obliged to resign after he was linked to some dodgy decisions and found with a share in a Panama-registered company.

The post has now gone to Alejandro Luzon, an anti-corruption fiscal since the department was created in 1995, and originally tipped to get the job that went to Moix last February.

Luzon was not Maza's first choice, insiders said. For reasons best known to himself he preferred Maria Angeles Montes, a fiscal who had not headed a team since 2011 and lacked experience in finance and



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ATTORNEY GENERAL Jose Manuel Maza (centre).

corruption cases.

Hard to dismiss the suspicion that Maza only chose the best person for the job because all eyes were on him this time.

Definite and indefinite articles

CATALUÑA'S pro-independence politicians continue to push the region headlong into secession with legislation that smacks of dictatorship.

A margin of one vote will be enough for victory, however low the turnout, declared

regional president Carles Puigdemont.

There is discussion as to how the central government can put the brakes on the helter-skelter hurtle towards independence on October 2 should the 'yes' vote win the October 1 referendum.

The Constitution has mechanisms to counteract Puigdemont: Article 155 empowers the central government to suspend an autonomy. Or there's Article 116 that covers sedition but would involve force. Rajoy is said to prefer the Public Safety Law.

A solution that has never been seriously contemplated is a national referendum, something the secessionists would never agree to. They know they would be on a hiding to nowhere.

Simple algebra

IGNACIO ERREJON is the closest Podemos has to a voice of reason and doubtless that's why he is no longer its Number Two or spokesman.

Not long ago he advised party supremo Pablo Iglesias to overcome his obsession

Eye of the beholder

IMAGE should have no bearing on what a female politician does or says.

So it should make no difference that Neus Munte, the Catalan regional government's spokeswoman, crowns the face of a weary bureaucrat with the long blonde hair of an adolescent.

Nor should her extraordinarily amorphous knees colour our view of her and her ambitions for Catalan succession, although she really should avoid short skirts.

Totally unfair, of course: no-one judges Mariano Rajoy, Pedro Sanchez, Albert Rivera and Pablo Iglesias on their looks. Nevertheless it must be admitted that PSOE secretary general Pedro Sanchez, so drop-dead pleasing to the eye, does not live up to his visual promise.

That's another aspect of stereotyping, because a tall, dark and handsome male politician is expected to be a winner too.

It doesn't help that Adolfo Suarez, the Transition's first democratically-elected president, fitted the bill in all respects. Or that so far our Pedro is a winner of primaries but nothing else.

with the PSOE socialists.

Someone could try saying the same thing to the PSOE secretary general Pedro Sanchez who is equally obsessed with Podemos.

Both want to oust the Partido Popular from the government and the institutions but this is unlikely because Pode-

mos and PSOE want to be the only party representing the Left.

Until they heed Errejón's advice they will continue to cancel each other out like two elements in algebra and Mariano Rajoy will sit as pretty as anyone can while presiding a minority government.

Live fast, die young... the curse of The 27 Club

Trudy Stewart
May contain traces of nuts.



THIS Sunday, it will be six years since Amy Winehouse died, aged just 27 years old.

The English soul singer, best-known (ironically) for her song Rehab, died from alcohol poisoning, having been found to have a blood alcohol level over five times the legal drink-driving limit.

Three years before her death, Amy had expressed a fear of dying at that age like so many other influential musicians had before her.

Between 1969 and 1971, Brian Jones (Rolling Stones), Jimi Hendrix (Jimi Hendrix Experience), Jim Morrison (Doors) and Janis Joplin, died aged 27. Although their causes of death were different, they were all known to be users of alcohol and drugs.

It wasn't until Kurt Cobain, lead singer and guitarist of Nirvana, died over two decades later, that the idea of the '27 Club' was born.

Thanks to the internet, there are

various theories why so many celebrities die at this particular age. There are some strange coincidences but no real evidence; for instance, Kurt Cobain, Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix were all found to have white lighters in their possession when they died.

One, more outlandish, theory is the reason for their untimely demise is due to a contract with the devil for fame and fortune which, expires at this age.

There's a legend that blues musician, Robert Johnson, had no talent for the guitar but longed for fame. A voice told him to go to a crossroads by a plantation at midnight, where he was met by the devil in a disguise.

The devil tuned his guitar and offered it to him in return for his soul. He agreed and became a blues sensation overnight but in 1938, aged (you've guessed it!) 27, he was poisoned with strychnine and died.

In 2011, the British Medical Journal (BMJ) published a study into why it's such a deadly age for celebrities.

Their conclusion was that 'The

27 Club is unlikely to be a real phenomenon. Fame may increase the risk of death among musicians, but this risk is not limited to age 27.'

There is an increased risk among musicians in their 20's and 30's, but this seems to be due more to the associated lifestyle of excessive drug-taking and alcohol abuse.

The good news is, that lifestyle is dying out and today's musicians are treating the music industry more like a business than an escape from a troubled life.

While I can't definitively rule out the devil's part in it, the 27 Club will hopefully become just another oddity, unexplained and not claiming any new members.

On an unrelated note, how old is Justin Bieber? I'm ahem, asking for a friend...

AMY WINEHOUSE:
It has been six years since she died at the age of 27.



111,000

Number of digital tracks of Amy Winehouse's music sold in the week following her death.

Manic Street mystery

ANOTHER victim of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle and perhaps the 27 Club, is Richey Edwards from The Manic Street Preachers.

On February 1, 1995 he was due to fly to the US for a promotional tour with band frontman, James Dean Bradfield. Instead it seems, he drove to his Cardiff flat (leaving behind his passport and credit card) then on to a service station near the Severn Bridge, before vanishing.

It is believed he jumped from the bridge but he has never been found. There have since been reported sightings in Goa, India and the Canary Islands but these have never been confirmed. In November 2008, he became officially 'presumed dead.'

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2:00pm BBC News at One	1:00pm The Daily Politics		11:05am Undercover Boss USA	12:15pm House Doctor
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2:45pm Red Rock	2:30pm A Taste of Britain		1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	Lunchtime
3:30pm Escape to the Country	3:15pm Caravanner of the Year		2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	Big Brother
4:30pm Money for Nothing	4:15pm Nature's Miracle Babies		3:10pm Countdown	2:15pm Home and Away
5:15pm Flog It!	5:15pm Secrets of Our Living Planet		4:00pm The Question Jury	2:45pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip		5:00pm A Place in the Sun	3:15pm NCIS
7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:00pm Eggheads		6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm Kidnapped: Desperate Hours
7:30pm BBC London News	7:30pm Letterbox		6:30pm Come Dine with Me	5 News at 5
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9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	9:00pm Golf		8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
10:00pm Who Do You Think You Are?	11:00pm The Mash Report		8:30pm World Para Athletics	9:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:30pm Newsnight		11:00pm Naked Attraction	10:00pm Circus Kids: Our Secret World
11:30pm BBC London News	12:15am 1066: A Year to Conquer England		12:05am Real, Fake or Unknown	11:00pm Big Brother
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12:45am This Week	2:15am Melvyn Bragg on TV: The Box That Changed the World			
1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead				
1:35am BBC News				

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7:00am Breakfast	7:00am The TV That Made Me	4:35am This is BBC Four	Shipping Wars	8:55am Paw Patrol
10:15am Right on the Money	7:30am Right on the Money	8:00pm World News Today	6:05am Location, Location, Location	9:10am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am Bargain Hunt	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	7:00am Countdown	9:25am Digby Dragon
12:00pm Neighbourhood Blues	9:00am Horizon	<i>from a global perspective.</i>	7:45am Will and Grace	9:40am Peppa Pig
12:45pm Rip Off Britain	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	<i>Peter Powell and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 March 1984.</i>	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:50am Wissper
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7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:00pm Eggheads		5:00pm A Place in the Sun	3:20pm NCIS
7:30pm BBC London News	7:30pm Letterbox		6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:20pm Killer Instinct: From the Files of Agent Candice DeLong
8:00pm Celebrity Mastermind	8:00pm Yorkshire Wolds Way		6:30pm Come Dine with Me	5 News at 5
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12:45am This Week	2:15am Melvyn Bragg on TV: The Box That Changed the World			9:55pm Legally Blonde 5 News
1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead				10:00pm Legally Blonde Live Eviction
1:35am BBC News				11:00pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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Chilcot accuses Blair of not being 'straight with the nation' over Iraq

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

WARNING: the following contains strong language right from the start! What the **** ... Well, I'd better tone it down a bit as it's a family newspaper!

I thought at first it was a belated April Fool's joke but no. The BBC interview I just watched is only too true, and my blood pressure's rising rapidly. And not in a good way.

After weeks of depressing news about Brexit, Putin, Corbyn, Trump's latest shenanigans, who unexpectedly emerges in the headlines? Yes. You guessed: Tony Blair.

Tony Blair relied on emotional beliefs rather than facts in his decision to take Britain to war in Iraq, Sir John Chilcot, chairman of the seven-year inquiry into



TONY BLAIR: Relied on emotional beliefs rather than facts.

the legality of the conflict admitted in the interview.

Right, so next time I'm caught out blatantly lying, I can claim I was "from my perspective and standpoint, emotionally truthful." Thanks, Sir John, for clarifying that.

Well, apart from the odd timing of Sir John's admission (the inquiry was published a year ago), what's also striking about the interview are the oddly evasive answers. Makes you wonder why he agreed to it at all.

And as for Blair's decision-making process, what stands out most starkly is the fact that instead of providing a reasoned argument, he'd simply say: "I'm doing this because it's the right thing to do," 'right' having the smug tone of a vicar's inner convictions. Is Sir John correct in describing that as 'emotion'?

Blair meddled in things he didn't bother to analyse deeply and regularly mistook his own personal convictions for facts that they certainly weren't. As-

tonishingly, he still spins this into big bucks. Some people can, apparently, fool others (almost) all of the time.

So, we've now entered the post-truth era where emotions, not facts, inform human behaviour and there is no doubt that Tony Blair acted with total 'emotional' integrity. Lawyers will be doubtless be pondering the extent to which this constitutes a plausible defence against other forms of criminality apart from war crimes. Crimes such as: I just killed my husband/wife/child/friend in an 'emotional' reaction to his/their behaviour? Heck!

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Almería

I just wanted flour

IT looked so simple and I was convinced I could do it. I'd been watching one of the many cookery shows on television, they make it look so easy. Not once did I see this woman searching for kitchen stuff that you know you don't have, or balance one-legged, mountaineer-like, on a stool to retrieve something from the back of an inaccessible, long forgotten, cupboard.

I was baking a cake so flour was essential. I looked at our stocks - zero, so it's off to the supermarket to hunt and gather. Big mistake!

I'm not a natural shopper, so a trip to one of these large malls was daunting, but as far as I was concerned, I was going straight to the supermarket and then home again. Unfortunately not!

The mall was the size of a small town and heaving; there were people meandering aimlessly everywhere, electrically powered taxis flying around with little or no regard to pedestrians and parents pushing buggies overloaded with screaming children in a manner that would make Evel Knievel, or Richard Hammond, blanch.

It wasn't until I'd groped my way through the indoor amusement park, skirted an ice rink and mistakenly joined the queue for a trip down the indoor canal on a gondola, that I finally stumbled upon the supermarket. By this time, my cake making frenzy had lost its impetus. I wanted flour but there were so many different kinds, plain, self-raising, rice... I just wanted flour!!!!

I spotted a person wearing a polo shirt and on the back were the words, "Can I help you?" I was sorry I asked; did I want a stable flour or should the flour be dense? He said more but I'd tuned out. I mumbled thank you and sloped off to buy a cake from the nearest bakery, my appreciation of Mr. Kipling having grown, exceedingly!

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7:00am Breakfast	9:35am Megamind	8:00pm Forest, Field and Sky: Art out of Nature	7:20am Velo Wales	7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live	11:00am Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape	9:00pm The Last Seabird Summer	8:15am Hayfisher 2017	11:20am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:30pm Nadiya's British Food Adventure	12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer	10:00pm I Know Who You are	8:40am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:00pm Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:00pm Bargain Hunt	1:00pm Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen	11:05pm I Know Who You are	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:25pm Police Interceptors
2:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Emma	12:25am Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.	9:35am Frasier	1:25pm Police Interceptors
2:10pm Weather	3:45pm My Friend Jane	1:00am Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.	10:05am Frasier	2:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
2:15pm Athletics	4:20pm Behind Closed Doors	1:35am BBC Electric Proms Duets at the BBC	10:35am Frasier	3:20pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
3:15pm Escape to the Country	5:20pm University Challenge	2:40am BBC Electric Proms	11:05am The Big Bang Theory	4:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:00pm To be Announced	5:50pm Gardeners' World	3:40am BBC Electric Proms	11:35am The Big Bang Theory	5:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:30pm Kung Fu Panda: The Kaboom of Doom	6:50pm The Sweet Makers: A Tudor Treat		12:00pm The Big Bang Theory	8:00pm 5 News
5:50pm Shrek The Third	7:50pm BBC Proms Extra All the talk backstage at the BBC Proms.		12:30pm The Simpsons	8:05pm Funniest Cutest Kittens Ever
7:15pm BBC News	8:30pm Dad's Army		2:00pm Four in a Bed	9:00pm Blind Date
7:25pm Regional News	9:00pm Golf		4:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	10:00pm Big Brother Named and Shamed
7:30pm Weather	11:00pm Performance Live: Why I'm Kicking Off Everywhere		5:30pm Big House, Little House	11:00pm That's So... 1981
7:35pm Pointless	12:00am QI XL		6:30pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it	
8:25pm Pitch Battle	12:45am Cosmopolis		7:30pm World Para Athletics	
10:00pm Casualty	2:25am Tim		8:00pm World Para Athletics	
10:50pm BBC News	4:10am This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.		11:00pm Fast and Furious 6	
11:05pm Weather			1:30am Ramsay	
11:10pm Would I Lie to You?			2:20am 60 Days in Jail	
11:40pm Eagle Eye			3:20am Hollyoaks Omnibus	
1:40am Weather for the Week Ahead				
1:45am BBC News				

SUNDAY - 23 JULY

one	TWO	FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:20am The Instant Gardener	8:00pm BBC Proms 2017 Operation Crossbow	7:00am Last Man Standing	7:00am Milkshake!
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	8:05am Gardeners' World	9:50pm Storyville Series showcasing the best in international documentaries.	7:30am Last Man Standing	11:15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:00am Sunday Morning Live	9:05am The Beechgrove Garden	1:20am After Life: The Science of Decay	8:00am Last Man Standing	11:55am Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer	9:35am Countryfile	2:20am Britain's Whale Hunters: The Untold Story	8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:20pm Police Interceptors
1:00pm Bargain Hunt	10:30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites	4:30pm Natural World	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	1:15pm Police Interceptors
2:00pm BBC News	12:00pm Nigel Slater: Eating Together	5:15pm Flog It!	9:30am Frasier	1:15pm Police Interceptors
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead	12:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	6:00pm Swimming The latest swimming coverage.	10:00am Frasier	2:15pm Police Interceptors
2:15pm Escape to the Country	1:15pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	8:00pm Inside the Factory	10:30am Sunday Brunch with Iceland	3:15pm Igor
3:15pm Money for Nothing	2:00pm Wanted Down Under	9:00pm Golf	1:30pm Eat the Week	4:50pm Little Nicky
4:00pm Oz: The Great and Powerful	3:30pm Maps to the Stars	10:00pm Poldark	2:30pm Eragon	6:25pm Legally Blonde
6:00pm Lifeline	4:30pm The Skin I Live In	11:00pm BBC News	4:30pm The Restoration Man	8:10pm Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud
6:10pm Songs of Praise	5:15pm Countryfile	11:20pm Regional News	5:30pm Homes by the Sea	9:00pm That's So... 1989
6:45pm Pointless	6:00pm Holby City	11:25pm Weather	6:30pm Channel 4 News Euro 2017	9:55pm 5 News
7:30pm BBC News	7:00pm This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.	11:30pm Miranda Hart - My What I Call Live Show	7:00pm Athletics Championships London 2017	10:00pm Big Brother Whitney Houston: Her Greatest Hits
7:50pm Regional News		12:30am Gambit	8:30pm UEFA Women's Euro 2017	11:05pm The Handmaid's Tale
7:55pm Weather			11:00pm The World's Weirdest Weather	1:10am Omg: My Midlife Plastic Crisis
8:00pm Wild Alaska Live			2:40am The Last Leg	2:05am Super Casino Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.
9:00pm Countryfile			4:35am KOTV 2017	
10:00pm Poldark			5:00am Gillette World of Sport 2017	
11:00pm BBC News			5:30am Shipping Wars	

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7:00am CITV	7:00am You've Been Framed Gold!	7:00am Judge Judy	7:00am British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes	7:00am Live Super Rugby
9:25am ITV News	7:25am Emmerdale	7:20am Murder, She Wrote	7:10am Motorsport UK	9:00am The Open Championship Live
9:30am Weekend	10:20am Coronation Street	8:10am Murder, She Wrote	8:00am World Endurance Series 2017	11:30am Live Premier League Asia Trophy
10:25am The Home Game	12:50pm Hulk	9:05am Murder, She Wrote	8:55am Road Racing Series	4:30pm The Open Championship Live
11:25am The Voice Kids Final	1:50pm FYI Daily	10:10am The Darling Buds of May	9:55am World Superbike Highlights	9:00pm Live GAA Football Qualifier
1:10pm ITV News and Weather	3:35pm The Voice Kids Final	11:20am Sparkling Cyanide	11:00am ITV Racing: The Opening Show	10:00pm Live World Matchplay Darts
1:25pm Arsenal v Chelsea Live	5:20pm Babe	12:50pm Wycliffe	12:00pm Tour de France Highlights	12:00am Through the Night
3:55pm Tipping Point	6:20pm FYI Daily	2:30pm ITV Racing Live	12:55pm Tour de France Live	1:05am Football Through the Night
5:00pm The Chase	6:25pm Babe	5:00pm Kate	1:45pm Tour de France Live	3:30am Through the Night
6:00pm Little Big Shots USA	7:15pm The Amazing Spider-Man	6:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple	6:00pm Better Late Than Never	4:00am Through the Night
7:00pm Local News and Weather	8:15pm FYI Daily	8:00pm Mamma Mia!	7:00pm Monster Carp	5:00am Through the Night
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7:20pm You've Been Framed!	10:00pm Love Island	9:00pm Mamma Mia!	9:00pm Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment	
8:20pm Catchphrase	11:05pm Celebrity Juice	10:05pm Foyle's War	10:05pm FYI Daily	
9:00pm The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey	11:50pm Family Guy	12:05am Law and Order: UK	10:10pm Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment	
12:15am ITV News and Weather	12:20am Family Guy	1:05am Law and Order: UK	10:55pm Passenger 57	
12:35am The Chase	12:45am Family Guy	2:05am Law and Order: UK	11:55pm FYI Daily	
1:30am Jackpot247	1:15am American Dad!	3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen	12:00am Passenger 57	
4:00am Who's Doing the Dishes?	1:45am American Dad!	3:30am Teleshopping		
4:50am Nightscreen	2:10am Zack and Miri Make a Porno			

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9:25am ITV News	9:55am Coronation Street	7:25am Sparkling Cyanide	7:15am Minder	8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am Weekend	12:15pm Ninja Warrior	9:20am Heartbeat	8:05am The Saint	8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
10:25am Wild Animal Reunions	1:15pm You've Been Framed Gold!	10:25am Heartbeat	9:05am The Professionals	9:00am The Open Championship Live
11:20am Judge Rinder	2:20pm See Spot Run	11:30am Murder, She Wrote	10:10am The Car Chasers Show	8:00pm The Open Verdict - Live
12:20pm Love Your Garden	3:20pm FYI Daily	12:35pm The Darling Buds of May	10:40am The Classic Car Show	8:30pm Live World Matchplay Darts
1:20pm James Martin's French Adventure	4:15pm Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore	1:45pm Columbo: Agenda for Murder	11:40am The Big Fish Off	12:00am Through the Night
1:50pm ITV News and Weather	5:15pm FYI Daily	3:50pm Wycliffe	12:40pm Monster Carp	12:45am Football Vancouver Whitecaps take on Portland Timbers at BC Place in MLS.
1:55pm Rebound	5:20pm Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore	4:55pm Agatha Christie's Marple	1:45pm Police Academy 3: Back in Training	3:00am Through the Night
2:55pm Tipping Point	6:00pm Smurfs 2	5:50pm Foyle's War	2:45pm FYI Daily	4:00am Through the Night
3:55pm Bear Gryll's Survival School Live	7:00pm FYI Daily	9:00pm Lewis	2:50pm Police Academy 3: Back in Training	5:00am Through the Night
4:25pm Octopussy	7:05pm Smurfs 2	3:30pm Tour de France Highlights	3:30pm Tour de France Live	
7:00pm Local News and Weather	8:00pm Evan Almighty	4:30pm Tour de France Live	4:30pm Fierce	
7:10pm ITV News and Weather	9:05pm FYI Daily	1:00am Wire in the Blood	9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special	
7:30pm The Chase	9:10pm Evan Almighty	2:55am May the Best House Win	10:00pm Tour de France Highlights	
8:30pm Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	10:00pm Love Island	4:35am House Win In Merseyside, dance school owner Vicky shows us her detached 1970s house which has decorative words everywhere, and singer Emma shares her 19th century terrace with her dog George Michael.	11:00pm An Audience with Billy Connolly	
11:20pm ITV News and Weather	11:00pm Love Island		12:10am Crank 2: High Voltage	
11:40pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	1:15am Family Guy		1:10am FYI Daily	
12:40am Take Me Out	1:40am American Dad!		1:15am Crank 2: High Voltage	
1:45am Jackpot247	2:35am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records			
4:00am Motorsport UK				

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Sharp lesson from family nanny

SIR,
Nicole King's recent article Marbella always at your service (*Issue 1669 Costa del Sol*) was interesting.

She highlighted how important good service is, and the fact that many people fail not to realise this... though sadly to me many local businesses like to charge five-star prices but offer only three-star service!

That said, Nicole identified that waiters and waitresses, civil servants, receptionists and secretaries on the first rung of their career ladder are frequently in a position of power and a sound policy is to identify and accept this.

How very true.

Last summer a lawyer friend and her accountant husband when on holiday discovered that their children's nanny in reality sat in the 'power throne,' when on the first day away the 22-year-old made it clear that she viewed the week away as her own holiday.

The wife (a tough nut in many courts I believe) caved in realising

Time to cash in

I WAS amazed to note in your Spanish Facts of Life (*Issue 1670*) that Barcelona and Madrid airports, each voted among the world's Top 10 Airports, are not among those in Spain that make a profit.

“ **Hopefully Madrid and Barcelona airports can join the money makers.**

While it is encouraging to see that Palma, Malaga, Gran Canaria, Alicante-Elche, Tenerife, Gerona, Bilbao and Murcia operate in the black, hopefully now



IN THE RED: El Prat Airport, Barcelona.

by providing services that put them among the world's best, Madrid and Barcelona can soon join the money makers.

I use both fairly regularly and though not my global favourites (Singapore and Dubai take my

vote), on European standards they hold their own, though perhaps not in the same way that Schipol does in Amsterdam.

M Mitchel
Elche

that if she did not, the girl would just leave.

This she could not afford to risk for on returning home she or her husband would then have to stay away from all-important careers to mind the children!

Modern times...

C Walker
Estepona

Be aware

WE felt it might be appreciated by dog owners to know the recent experience we have recently gone through.

It has been confirmed by our vet who examined our dog which died three weeks ago, that he had died as a result of being poisoned.

We believe he ingested the lethal poison whilst on a walk from Tubilitus towards Aldea Beach on Gran Canaria.

All other dog owners locally should be aware of this potential danger.

A Dear
Canary Islands

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The King's Speech - Talks on Gibraltar's future

SPAIN wants Gibraltar to be Spanish.

Remind me... where in Spain are Melilla and Ceuta located?

In Morocco?! Are you sure? Oh yes, I remember now. Spain forcibly seized those parts of Morocco a few hundred years ago, didn't they? That was a bit before the time when Spain GIFTED the Rock to Britain, wasn't it?

I know, it is so easy to forget how these things happened in the past.

William Daysh MBE

Comments from EWN online

» Fines and regulations for Spain's beaches

BLOODY ridiculous, since when has building a sandcastle or playing ball ever been an issue. They need to remember that this country needs its beaches and holiday makers. As for peeing in the sea, why create a rule which is totally unenforceable? Are they going to start having entertainment police in case we all enjoy ourselves too much?

Naimah Yianni

» Pope rules on Communion bread and wine

SO the bread can't be gluten free but it can be GMO??? What planet is he on? Saturn I expect.

Naimah Yianni

» Police shut down gang who targeted tourists

I DON'T think they would like it if I stalked their mam and dad and stole their stuff on a visit. They need to send them back to their country of origin because of breaking the law, forgot where in the EU.

Jason

» Caught wearing only a smile! (Nora Johnson)

I LOVE Google Street View for the way it lets me visit corners of the world I will never see in person. Meantime, there's nothing like sitting at work and being able to 'drop in' and explore some random narrow street in Rome, Paris ... or Sevilla.

Vicky

» Brit couple ordered to pay over fake holiday claims

THESE type of claims are causing price rises for other customers. I hope more holiday companies take note of Thomas Cook and start taking similar actions.

Michael Smith

» EU's response to UK's proposal on citizens' rights

WE are British citizens, (and I for one have worked in the UK for over 40 years, paying tax/nic), understanding that we would continue to be treated in a fair and equitable way if we used our democratic right to move/work/live/retire in a different EU country. Why should we have to do ANYTHING to maintain those inalienable rights?

P Green

» Spain sizzles as alerts issued for 28 provinces

I THINK I need to move to one of the yellow bits. Costa del Sol is gonna be Costa del Hell.

Anne Sewell

Up in smoke!

I HAVE an apartment in El Higureon, Fuengirola (15 years). We have access to lovely beaches. My wife and I are both smokers, tut, tut. We always take some form of receptacle to the beach to put out our stubs, and put them in the bin at the end of the day.

Why can't the appropriate authorities put a sign at the entrance to beaches informing the public that the sand is not an ashtray or rubbish tip? I have to say that in my experience it is the locals who tend to be the main culprits, especially at weekends.

Bill Willis
Fuengirola

Numbers up

MAKE your Sudoku puzzle BIGGER, I am in my mid-70's and I find it difficult to see, even with decent specs.

The Fossil Eagles Nest
San Miguel de Salinas

Editor's note: Following this and other readers' concerns, the grid has been increased in the relevant editions. Thank you for your input.

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MONDAY - 24 JULY

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5:15pm Flog It!	2:00pm Athletics	8:00pm World News	1:05pm Couples Come	2:15pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	3:00pm A Taste of Britain	8:30pm Today	2:05pm Dine with Me	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	3:45pm Natural World	8:30pm Royal Welsh Show	2:05pm Posh Pawn	3:15pm NCIS
7:30pm Regional News	4:30pm Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals	9:00pm Horizon	3:10pm Countdown	4:15pm A Healthy Place to Die: Gourmet Detective
8:00pm The Farmers' Jodi's Lovely Letters	5:30pm Swimming	<i>This episode of Horizon looks at the issues that will change the way we live our lives in the future.</i>	4:00pm The Question Jury	6:00pm 5 News
8:30pm EastEnders	7:00pm Eggheads	10:00pm The Joy of Stats	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:30pm Neighbours
9:30pm Panorama	7:30pm Letterbox	11:00pm Hidden Kingdoms	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away
10:00pm DIY SOS The Big Build	8:00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	12:00am <i>Ground-breaking documentary granting a unique and privileged access into the magical world of whales.</i>	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	7:30pm 5 News
11:00pm BBC News	9:00pm University Challenge		7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm Car Crash TV
11:30pm Regional News	9:30pm Nadiya's British Food Adventure		7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm All New Traffic Cops
11:40pm Weather	10:00pm Ripper Street		8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Eamonn and Ruth: The Millionaires Rulebook
11:45pm Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle	11:00pm Normal for Norfolk		9:00pm Bear About the House: Living with My Supersized Pet	11:00pm Big Brother
12:15am Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You	11:30pm Newsnight		10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	11:00pm Big Brother's Bit on the Side
	12:10am Weather		11:00pm Britain's Benefit Tenants	
			12:00am 60 Days in Jail	



7:30pm ITV Evening News	12:15pm L.A. Story	11:55am Road to Avonlea	12:35pm The Saint	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00pm Emmerdale	12:25pm Vanderpump Rules	12:55pm Wycliffe	1:45pm Gunsmoke	9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30pm Coronation Street	1:20pm Emmerdale	2:05pm Heartbeat	2:50pm Ironside	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00pm Call the Cleaners	1:55pm Coronation Street	3:05pm The Royal Wild at Heart	3:50pm Quincy, M.E.	10:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30pm Coronation Street	3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:10pm Man About the House	4:55pm Minder	11:00am Live Tennis: Hamburg
10:00pm Holiday Horrors: Caught on Camera	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:15pm On the Buses	6:00pm The Professionals	11:00am Live Tennis: Hamburg
11:00pm ITV News	5:55pm Judge Rinder	5:50pm George and Mildred	7:00pm Storage Wars Texas	12:00am Through the Night
11:40pm Killer Women with Piers Morgan	7:00pm You've Been Framed Gold!	6:20pm Heartbeat	8:00pm The Chase	2:00am Live WWE Late Night Raw
12:40am The Kyle Files	7:55pm Step Up	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special	
	8:55pm FYI Daily	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	10:00pm Car Crash Global	
	9:00pm Step Up	11:00pm Law and Order: UK	11:00pm Gangs of New York	
	10:00pm Love Island	12:00am The Street	12:05am FYI Daily	
	11:35pm Family Guy			
	12:30am American Dad!			

TUESDAY - 25 JULY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:30pm Escape to the Country	2:00pm Super League Show	8:00pm World News Today	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	2:15pm Home and Away
4:30pm Money for Nothing	2:45pm A Taste of Britain	8:30pm Royal Welsh Show	2:05pm Posh Pawn	2:45pm Neighbours
5:15pm Flog It!	3:30pm The Best Dishes Ever	9:00pm 10 Things You Didn't Know	3:10pm Countdown	3:15pm NCIS
6:15pm Pointless	4:30pm Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals	10:00pm About Avalanches	4:00pm The Question Jury	4:15pm A Healthy Place to Die: Gourmet Detective
7:00pm BBC News	5:30pm Swimming	10:00pm Dictators and Despots: A Timewatch Guide	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:00pm 5 News
7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Eggheads	11:00pm Mad Dog	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:30pm Neighbours
8:00pm The Farmers' Countryside	7:30pm Letterbox	12:25am World War Two: 1945 and the Wheelchair President	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	7:00pm Home and Away
8:30pm EastEnders	8:00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	1:55am 10 Things You Didn't Know	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:30pm Britain's Greatest Bridges
9:00pm Holby City	9:00pm Inside the Factory	11:00pm Addicted Parents: Last Chance to Kemy Children	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
10:00pm In The Dark	10:00pm Addicted Parents: Last Chance to Kemy Children	11:00pm Detectorists	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm The Hotel Inspector
11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Newsnight	11:30pm Newsnight	9:00pm Craft It Yourself	10:00pm The Hotel Inspector
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side	10:00pm Excluded at Seven	11:00pm Big Brother
11:40pm Weather			11:00pm First Dates	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side
11:45pm New Tricks			12:05am Young and Promising	
12:45am Jodi's Lovely Letters			1:25am Sound and Vision	



3:00pm Judge Rinder	12:25pm Vanderpump Rules	3:05pm The Royal Wild at Heart	10:35am Quincy, M.E.	9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
4:00pm Tenable	1:20pm Emmerdale	4:10pm Man About the House	11:40am Minder	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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7:00pm Local News and Weather	3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	6:55pm Heartbeat	2:50pm Ironside	11:00am Live Tennis: Hamburg
7:30pm ITV Evening News	4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	3:55pm Quincy, M.E.	12:00am Through the Night
8:00pm Emmerdale	5:50pm Judge Rinder	9:00pm Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans	5:00pm Minder	1:00am Live T20 Blast
9:00pm Midsomer Murders	6:00pm Judge Rinder	10:00pm It'll be Alright on the Night's Best of the Worst	6:00pm The Professionals	10:45pm Live World Matchplay Darts
11:00pm ITV News	7:00pm You've Been Framed Gold!	11:00pm Law and Order: UK	7:00pm Storage Wars Texas	1:00am Through the Night
11:40pm Davina: Life at the Extreme	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	12:00am Lewis	8:00pm The Chase	
12:40am Play to the Whistle	10:00pm The Hangover		9:00pm Monster Carp	
1:20am Jackpot247	11:00pm FYI Daily		10:00pm Benidorm	
	11:05pm The Hangover		11:00pm Goodfellas	
	12:00am Family Guy		12:05am FYI Daily	

WEDNESDAY - 26 JULY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	7:00am The TV That Made Me	8:00pm World News Today	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	7:00am Milkshake!
12:00pm Food: Truth or Scare	8:15am Bargain Hunt	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:45pm Rip Off Britain	9:00am Great British Menu		9:35am Frasier	12:15pm House Doctor
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:30am Victoria Derbyshire		10:05am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News
2:00pm BBC News	10:00am BBC Newsroom Live	8:30pm Royal Welsh Show	10:35am Frasier	1:15pm Big Brother
2:30pm Regional News	2:00pm Lifeline	9:00pm Norman Wisdom: His Story	11:05am Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Red Rock	2:15pm Two Tribes	10:00pm Hyper Evolution: The Rise of the Robots	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:45pm Neighbours
3:30pm Escape to the Country	2:45pm A Taste of Britain	11:00pm Mechanical Marvels: Clockwork Dreams	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	3:15pm NCIS
4:30pm Money for Nothing	3:30pm The Best Dishes Ever	12:00am The Renaissance Unchained	2:05pm Posh Pawn	4:15pm Will to Kill
5:15pm Flog It!	4:00pm This Wild Life	1:00am Tails You Win: The Science of Chance	3:10pm Countdown	5 News
6:15pm Pointless	4:30pm Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals	2:00am Voyages of Discovery	4:00pm The Question Jury	6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	5:30pm Swimming	3:00am Mechanical Marvels: Clockwork Dreams	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	7:00pm Home and Away
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8:00pm The Farmers' Countryside	7:30pm Letterbox		6:30pm Come Dine with Me	8:00pm All New Traffic Cops
8:30pm Fugitives	8:00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip		7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
9:00pm Wild Alaska Live	9:00pm The Sweet Makers: A Georgian Treat		7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Extraordinary People
10:00pm Panorama	10:00pm Against the Law		8:00pm Channel 4 News	11:00pm Big Brother
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm Tried and Tasted: The Ultimate Shopping List	12:05am Big Brother's Bit on the Side
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	1:05am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:40pm Weather	12:15am Cleverman		11:00pm The Windsors	2:00am Super Casino
11:45pm Room 101	1:05am Who Do You Think You Are?		11:30pm Fargo	4:10am The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
12:25am Supermarket Shopping Secrets			12:30am 999: What's Your Emergency?	5:00am Britain's Greatest Bridges

7:00am Good Morning Britain	11:00am The Great Indoors	7:00am Man About the House	7:00am The Chase	7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am Lorraine	11:30am Side Effects	7:25am Heartbeat	7:50am Storage Wars Texas	7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:00pm L.A. Story	8:30am Where the Heart is	8:10am Storage Wars Texas	8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am This Morning	12:15pm L.A. Story	9:30am Wild at Heart	8:35am Gunsmoke	8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
1:30pm Loose Women	12:25pm Vanderpump Rules	10:30am Judge Judy	9:35am Ironside	8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	1:20pm Emmerdale	11:00am Judge Judy	10:40am Quincy, M.E.	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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10:00pm Long Lost Family	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	10:00pm From Russia with Love	7:00pm Live T20 Blast
11:00pm ITV News	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	9:00pm Lewis	11:00pm FYI Daily	10:45pm Live World Matchplay Darts
11:40pm Mafia Women with Trevor Macdonald	10:00pm Fast and Furious Five	11:00pm Law and Order: UK	11:05pm From Russia with Love	1:00am Through the Night
12:40am River Monsters	11:00pm FYI Daily	12:00am Sherlock Holmes - The Last Vampyre	12:25am RoboCop 3	3:30am Tommy Cooper
1:35am Jackpot247	11:05pm Fast and Furious Five	2:10am Wycliffe	1:25am FYI Daily	3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen
	12:40am Family Guy	3:10am ITV3 Nightscreen	1:30am RoboCop 3	
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Avoid an upset stomach this summer

SUMMER is a time for travel, fun and exploration, but for some it signals a time of sickness. Around 60 per cent of travellers will suffer from an acute intestinal infection that causes severe diarrhoea commonly known as 'traveller's diarrhoea.'

In four out of 10 cases, it even forces the sufferer to change the course of their journey and may require bed rest for several days. It can also cause vomiting, abdominal pain and fever.

In 90 per cent

of cases, traveller's diarrhoea has its origin in intestinal infections produced by bacteria from contaminated food and beverages.

Several studies indicate that the destination of the trip is the major risk factor associated with this infection, which usually appears during the first week of stay in a foreign country. Intestinal problems are one of the most frequent reasons for medical visits during travel with a higher number of cases of traveller's diarrhoea occurring in the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, South and Central America, and the underdeveloped countries in Africa.

Low-risk areas, with less than 5 per cent,

are North and Central Europe, the United States, Canada, Japan and Australia.

To help combat traveller's diarrhoea, Spanish pharmaceuticals company Ferrer, has developed Xilaplus, a health product formulated from components of natural origin including an active ingredient extracted from tamarind which forms a protective barrier in the intestine, rapidly reducing symptoms and nausea.

But you can also try and avoid contracting traveller's diarrhoea by avoiding eating from street vendors, don't eat raw or undercooked meat, fish and shellfish, only drink bottled water and use it to clean your teeth and avoid ice in drinks. Beware of sliced fruit and vegetables that may have been washed in contaminated water so try and opt for fruit you can peel such as bananas and oranges.

BAD STOMACH: Avoid raw meat. |

AFTER a tweet from a web developer about taking a 'mental health day' off work went viral, more are being encouraged to think about their mental health.

The American worker praised her boss for being

Mental health days

so understanding as she was granted two days leave for mental health purposes and other bosses have been

encouraged to follow suit. Experts say more people should be brave enough to take days off for mental

health reasons and say it is important to actually embrace feelings of sadness. Taking time out to feel

miserable can allow us to better overcome it and it could be the key to happiness as expecting to be

constantly happy can be harmful.

It comes as nearly a third of British workers said they are suffering from anxiety, depression or stress, according to a survey by a management consultancy firm.



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RETIREMENT: Rather than being a fun and frivolous time, can actually be just as stressful as working.

Toxic cocktail awaits retirement

WE are all living longer, but the quality of that life is not as good, as unhealthy lifestyles now mean today's youth can expect to spend their retirement in poor health.

Obesity, lack of exercise and smoking are cited as the main problems leading to what experts are calling a 'toxic cocktail' of back pain, diabetes and dementia.

With women expected to live to an average age of 83 and men until 79, people can expect to spend those last two decades suffering from poor health.

Public Health England said a report found only 57 per cent of English adults carry out the recommended 150 minutes of weekly exercise and 29 per cent do less than half an hour. Two in

every three adults are now also overweight or obese.

A report has also shown that retirement, rather than being a fun and frivolous time, can actually be just as stressful as working, particularly for those leaving lower-paid positions as they struggle with the pressure of making ends meet on their pension.

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Swimming in the sea



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

Are there any benefits to swimming in the sea?

In general, bathing and swimming in the sea does have health benefits. Playing sports, when it is safe to do so, in the water is also highly beneficial. Salt water aids blood circulation and is also good for a person's skin.

Are there groups of people who are at risk when swimming in the sea?

There are certain people for which swimming in the sea could pose risks. The very elderly with severe mobility issues or people with breathing and heart problems could encounter problems when swimming in the sea. However, if the activity is light and controlled by a professional it can still be beneficial.

Can it help with medical problems?

Any activity carried out

in the sea can be beneficial, and also help a person recuperate from joint diseases, a traffic accident or pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases. This is due to the exercises carried out using a wide variety of muscles which can help build fitness and strength.

Can swimming in the sea worsen symptoms of diseases/medical problems?

While carrying out activities in the sea can be beneficial, many people who suffer from heart disease could see their symptoms worse, especially if the physical activity is intense and can lead to thoracic pains or a drowning feeling. This can also happen to people who suffer with severe respiratory diseases, who can see their condition worsen by carrying out activities in the sea.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Will you suffer hearing problems this summer?

OVER 70 per cent of Spaniards will suffer from barotrauma this summer.

Barotrauma is a common complaint of the ear and is caused by increased air or water pressure, such as during flights and scuba diving. This pressure change causes discomfort and leads to perforations of the eardrum which can often heal on its own, but this can take weeks and hearing may be affected during this time.

In Spain, around 40 per cent will suffer when travelling by plane or train, while 31 per cent will be as a result of bathing in the pool or sea, with the number of cases increasing during the summer when more time is spent travelling, swimming and being at the beach.

Summer is also the season in which 36 per cent more Spaniards suffer from earaches, according to data from a recent study by Oi2 Hearing Centres.

They also looked at the awareness of hearing protection and found that 79 per cent of Spaniards said they did protect their ears in summer with different measures. Among them, 20 per cent avoided being exposed to loud noises; 18 per cent tried to keep their ears dry during swimming; 17 per cent avoided contact of water through the use of earplugs; 14 per cent said they avoided unhealthy waters and do not bathe in unhealthy waters; while the remaining 10 per cent claimed they didn't use cotton buds in their ears.

In contrast, 21 per cent of respondents said they did not take any action to protect their ears during the summer.

The Oi2 said that although awareness of the risks is increasing, there is still a long way to go in terms of awareness of the damage hearing can suffer in the summer.

Historical run

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Council has presented the first ever edition of the town's Run through history, which sees runners race through the town's historical sites.

The Councillor for Sports, Maria Jose Roberto, as well as Deputy First Mayor, Marcelino Mendez-Trelles and Rafael Sanchez from CD Axarlon, have announced the details of the event which takes place on August 12 from 9.30pm, setting off from the San Francisco market and ending in the Plaza de la Constitucion.

Councillor Roberto commented, "this attractive route serves a dual purpose; to challenge runners over various different surfaces and also to promote the town's historic centre, bringing its culture and monuments to both locals and tourists." She added, "it is a very special test where we have brought together sports and culture in an urban and natural route

along pedestrianised streets, steps, roads and tracks," explaining it "consists of two great climbs; the first one will be of the castle of the fortress at 132 metres high, and the second of the Hermitage of Cerro de los Remedios at 111 metres high. In addition, runners will have the opportunity to enjoy a route through 18 monuments or places of historical and cultural interest."

Marcelino Mendez-Trelles explained "about 250,000 people visit the Axarquia region at this time of year, creating great tourism potential. This race is one of the initiatives we have created this summer in order to promote the historic centre town," adding, "over the next few days we will present a programme of activities aimed at tourists." He congratulated the organisers of the event, saying, "it will be a success and will serve to promote our historic centre and tourism."



MONUMENTAL RACE: Councillors Roberto and Mendez-Trelles with Rafael Sanchez.

The races distancing of four and eight kilometres will have three categories for juniors, seniors and veterans. Registration involves a €5 fee and can be done at www.dorsalship.es. Children under 12 will be given their own 650 metre race, which will be free.

Irons and knots

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Posito building is hosting an exhibit by award-winning sculptor Oliver Perry, entitled Irons and Knots.

The event, which is open until August 11, involves 33 sculptures created by the American artist who now lives in Frigiliana.

Velez-Malaga's Councillor for Culture, Cynthia Garcia, visited the exhibit at the 18th-century venue. She commented, "the Posito building is hosting a sample of the works of an impressive artist who has been working on different creations for decades and whose works have been exhibited in several countries." She added Oliver Perry was "an artist who has worked with iron and steel, bringing us works that have a great visual impact and that is why we invite residents to come and visit."

The artist was born in 1941 in Pennsylvania and from 1960 to 1967 he was a partner in the Oliver / Wright Associates



CYNTHIA GARCIA: Checks out the exhibit.

architectural design studio in Maryland. In 1968 he travelled to Spain, settling in Axarquia, first in Nerja and later in an estate in Frigiliana.

Perry has hosted several solo exhibitions in Spain, and his work has also been viewed in other countries, including Mexico, Poland, France, the

United States, Denmark or Portugal. He has also received several awards, including first and second prize at the National Engraving Contest in Alcal de Guadaira in Sevilla in 2001 and first prize at the International Sculpture Biennial at Puebla de la Sierra in Madrid.

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Operating costs now account for over 50 per cent of turnover

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RUNNING a restaurant business can be a precarious thing to do as many readers can probably testify. Overheads, as with all businesses, can be a killer and the age old adage has never been truer; 'it's not what you take, it's how much it costs you to take it.'

Here in Spain, not unlike several European countries, the biggest overheads are staff and more importantly social security, currently running at 42 per cent of salary.

The report carried out by ALMR Christie & Co Benchmarking Report says "that while there is confidence in the UK market, overheads have now risen to over 50 per cent." Now I am not sure where they are getting their figures, but in my many years experience the average restaurant works on the following percentages. Thirty three per cent food and

beverage costs and if you are very lucky your wage bill will come in at around 25-30 per cent. With average other expenses, rent, light, sundries, repairs and renewals, legal etc accounting for a further 10 - 15 per cent that would show total overheads running at 75-80 per cent.

This, in principal, shows a gross operating profit of 20 - 25 per cent which is quite acceptable.

So I am intrigued as to where the report finds overheads of 50 per cent which means a gross operating profit of - 50 per cent? Maybe it's me!

“ I wasn't born to follow and I'm not sure I was born to lead, but of what I am certain, is that I was born to fight my way through life - and win.
Anon

2nd is the 1st loser



Jess Folley beat the rest to become the Best - Voice Kids ITV.

AT a time when schools in the UK are changing the face of sports days by taking away the competitive spirit by declaring there are no winners or losers, just participants. What a lot of tosh! I thought schools were meant to prepare children for the real world. A world where they will face competition on a daily basis no matter what they do. I was always led to believe that second was the first loser!

Competition is good and anyone watching the Voice Kids over the weekend saw it at its best. Twelve talented children whittled down to six with only one winner. Camaraderie and benevolence at its best. Adults could learn about being gracious in defeat as those 11 - 13-year-old children were.

You rang M' Lud?

WHEN the first mobile phones came out I admit to being one of the people that wanted to play with this new toy! My first one was actually a car phone.

The set was built into the armrest area with the mechanics in the boot of the car. It had no dialling facility you just lifted the receiver and your call was directed to a Telecom operator who placed your call for you. There was so few of us in my home town at that time the operators knew our positions most of the day and we would leave messages with them to pass on. What fun! Then my first mobile phone over here was in the 90's working for the BBC on Eldorado. A few of us were given the old 'bricks' as a means of keeping in touch.

But who at that time thought the mobile phone would become the most important piece of equipment that we would possess. You can pay bills with it, control your house from it, see people at your door when you're not there, send e-mails, messages, photos, listen to music, watch TV the list goes on. Now you can open doors with it! Well hotel doors anyway. Hilton has begun a roll-out of digital keys across its UK estate, allowing guests to open room doors using their phone.

So far nine Hilton hotels in the UK are employing the beacon technology, which is retrofitted to room locks and allows a guest to open their door when their phone is within range. Some 100 hotels are expected to feature the digital key by the end of the year, with the entire Hilton estate offering the service by mid-2018.

Those currently using digital keys include Hilton London Tower Bridge, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel London ExCel and the recently opened Hampton by



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Hilton Exeter Airport.

Guests activate the service before arrival through the Hilton Honors app. When their phone comes into range they press the button in the app and the green light on the door appears and the lock clicks open.

Through the Hilton Honors app members can now choose their room (Hilton has created floor plans of every floor in every hotel), check in remotely, open their bedroom door and check out.

In the future Hilton plans to introduce a preference setting where its 60 million members can set their preferred temperature, lighting and television - both in terms of preferred channels and apps - in advance.

Amazing? Absolutely! And there's another thing one can do with a smart phone - make phone calls!

Some content courtesy of the Caterer and Hotelkeeper.

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.

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Common sense prevails?

IN the news last weekend I was pleased to hear that the government is thinking of removing the 'sell by' dates from packaging and replacing it with the less idiotic 'best before' date. Regular readers may remember that I wrote an article on this exact subject in edition June 9, 2017.

"Packaging should only carry 'use by' or 'best before' dates, according to new government guidance, while 'sell by' and 'display until' labels currently used by supermarkets will be removed to deter shoppers from throwing away good food.

'Use by' labels should only be used if food could be unsafe to eat after that date, while 'best before' dates should show the product is no longer at its best but is still safe to consume, the advice states.

Foods likely to require a 'use by' date include soft cheese, smoked fish and ready meals, while biscuits, jams, pickles, crisps and tinned foods will only need a 'best before' label."

SORRY, that was an article taken from the *Guardian* on the September 15, 2011 so if they manage to change it, it would only have taken six years!

£12 billion. The amount of food thrown away each year
Of which
5.3m tonnes is still edible - costing UK families
£50 a month

Homes making a splash

SPAIN'S property market throws up a huge variety of business possibilities for savvy entrepreneurs. One of the latest revolves around the country's estimated flotilla of one million private swimming pools.

Most of them were built fairly recently, within the past few decades. But quick construction, cost-cutting and general wear and tear mean that the average swimming pool has a functional life expectancy of around 18 years.

“ New pools built today with modern technology can cost upwards of €30,000.

Yet only a quarter have experienced some form of renovation according to a 2016 study from the Spanish Association of Swimming Sector Professionals (Asofap), which could only exist in Spain.

That is paving the way for a new breed of pool builders. Renovations and new pools in 2017 are slimmer, sleeker and shallower, a place to entertain guests around, rather than to



NEW POOLS: Are slimmer, sleeker and shallower, a place to entertain guests around, rather than to perform laps.

perform laps.

New materials arriving from America can make pools longer-lasting and more cost-effective. Stairs in the pool, underwater benches to sit on, and depth of only 1.4 metres, make changing the water vastly cheaper.

A focus on comfort and aesthetics also make people more likely to use their pools. Hundreds of thousands lie largely empty across the county as owners guiltily never find time to swim, while forking out hundreds of euros per month to keep them clean.

New pools built today with modern technology can cost upwards of €30,000 but are guaranteed to last longer and be used more frequently. Highlights include stainless steel or quartz panelling, sandy areas and palm trees, and saline electrolysis to avoid chemical treatments.



PROPERTY SALES: Are hitting new heights.

Sales skyrocket in Spain

HOME sales are hitting new heights in sunny Spain. Statistics just released show that more properties were sold in May 2017 than in any other month for more than six years.

With 44,782 homes exchanging hands, averaging almost 1,500 each day, the month recorded a 23 per cent jump on April and showed potential investors that Spain's property market is in rude health.

Second-hand homes were the biggest market players,

accounting for eight out of every 10 properties sold. But new builds also saw their numbers shoot up by a healthy 12.6 per cent.

The substantial difference between April and May can be largely explained by the Easter celebrations which saw many buyers, sellers, and agents slip out of market activity for a few weeks.

That suggests that strong sales in May as not an aberration but an example of the market's consistent growth, especially when considered

alongside other positive indicators.

The sales explosion has been concentrated in Madrid and along Spain's Mediterranean coastline, with Andalusia clocking up the highest volume and the Balearics seeing the highest increase in sales.

Data from property appraisers Tinsa shows that in the first half of 2017 prices rose by 2.8 per cent across the country, with the biggest rises in the Balearic Islands at 7.2 per cent. Across major cities it averaged 5.2 per cent.

To lease or not to lease

WITH rents rising astronomically across Spain, buying a property with the intention of renting it out is increasingly appealing for many expatriates.

Short term rentals, largely to tourists, offer the most lucrative, immediate reward. But recent crackdowns on the practice are making it much harder to earn money without going to extensive trouble.

Arduous and expensive registration processes, health and safety requirements, and huge bankruptcy-inducing fines for non-compliance mean now is perhaps not the best time to jump on that particular gravy train.

But the long-term rental market shows few signs of slowing down. In major cities and along the coast, rents have shot up by 10 per cent this year, earning thousands of landlords a small fortune.

The key question is, how long will it last? Carme Trilla, president of the Metropolitan Observatory of Housing, said last week that the rise in rents has "hit a roof." "There will be a bottleneck in price rises be-

cause it is impossible to have sufficient demand with the current rents," she said.

She was referring to Barcelona, where the average rent now stands at €845 per month, but it should only be a

matter of time before rents across the country begin to stabilise.

That still offers a strong window of opportunity for those looking to capitalise on rent rises while they can.



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The marvel of Peru - an overlooked but useful plant

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IF you like a perfumed garden in summer then you need to know about *Mirabilis jalapa*. It was a

very popular garden plant in Victorian times but has lost much of its popularity as it is a herbaceous perennial, meaning it loses its foliage in autumn, withdrawing to just a tuber over

winter before emerging again in spring.

In warmer climates such as the Mediterranean it can also become a little invasive, sprouting from seeds wherever they have fallen. Usually the long dry summer will eliminate escaped plants but care should be taken to not dispose of seed heads carelessly. Despite these drawbacks, it makes a wonderful addition to the garden and is very hardy in a container.

The trumpet like flowers appear in profusion in July and the flowering can last until October. It has a heavenly scent that perme-

ates the zone around the plant. In northern climates it is called the 4 O'Clock or Tea Time plant as the scent is released around this time in the afternoon when the temperature changes with evening approaching.

I have found that the scent is released in the morning in my Mediterranean garden when the coolness of the morning releases the scent filling the house with its perfume through the open windows. The evenings here don't get

cool enough to allow the scent to be released.

I have only the pinky mauve colour from some seeds a friend from London gave me, but they have spread around the garden in an enclosed courtyard wonderfully with only the need to remove ones in inappropriate places.

The colour range of this plant is amazing though. Some flower with red, yellow, crimson or orange colours and combinations of these colours in individual flowers or even different coloured flowers on the same plant. I had some like these growing while living in New Zealand.

The plant itself is attractive with succulent like stems and tropical like foliage that beams with lushness. The stems are delicate and can break off easily but they are quickly renewed with new stems as it is very fast growing up to a metre high and wide. The plant itself though is extremely

hardy due to its tuber root system retaining moisture and nutrients allowing it to survive dry periods very well and renew growth once it receives moisture again.

Over winter I just leave the tubers in the ground where they are but they can be dug up and rearranged or repotted when dormant.

It just needs a reasonably good soil with some added compost or a good potting mixture to grow in and occasional watering and it will return abundant flowers, sweet orange blossom like perfume lush foliage and ease of maintenance.

It was a medicinal plant for the Aztecs in the Peru region of the Andes where it naturally occurs. It has naturalised in many warmer countries around the world and is often called the Beauty of the Night in some languages as it appears to flower and disperse its scent at night in these regions.



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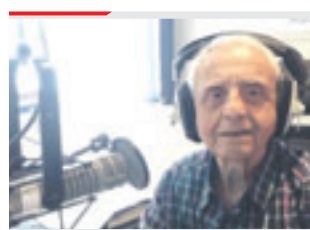
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AT one time fish was thought to be a major cause of skin disease in cats. Now we have all come to realise that the flea is the main culprit when it comes to skin irritation in cats and dogs.

However not many pet owners are aware our pets suffer food allergies which can cause dermatological discomfort. In fact according to Nigel Taylor the Express vet, 1 per cent of all

skin problems in cats and dogs are caused by dietary allergies.

Allergen reactions may be triggered in minutes, hours or days. Once an allergy to a protein is established, sensitivity is often lifelong.

Dogs are mostly sensitive to beef and milk, while cats often do not get on with beef, milk or fish. Some dogs can digest the lactose in cow's milk.

Give a pet dog or cat milk and the undigested lactose provokes an upset stomach in no time. This is not a true allergy but demonstrates how sensitive to certain food pets can be. Stop the milk and your

**MILK: Can
provoke an
upset stomach
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pet's life will look up immediately.

Most pets will react in some way by incorrect feeding and apart from allergic reactions one can expect

flatulence and inconsistent stool quality and large smelly motions. Incorrect feeding can cause failure to put on weight and if the balance of the food is



not correct, a display of hyperactivity or indeed low activity can result.

Most animals can be assessed by their coat and skin vitality. There is always a possibility that the protein is being utilised for energy with a subsequent loss of health and vitality.

Many owners give far too many vitamins and one should remember that a well-balanced diet should not have to be supplemented.

Ritualistic scratching and licking could well indicate that there is an allergic reaction to the food and the eating of grass, twigs and roots sometimes is an indication that the food is not

being digested properly. Tissue stealing and fibre-based destruction could be another indication there is a craving for fibre to help the digestive process.

It is a good idea to speak to your vet about feeding pets and to make things easy for you there are many good commercial dried pet foods with selected proteins like lamb and chicken that are unlikely to cause allergy already in them.

Many pet shops and vets are now selling 'Chewies.' I would steer clear of anything which has a colour additive. Chews have been known to cause hyperactivity and low activity. If your dog needs something to chew then take a look at a Kong Ball or Cube, these can be stuffed with goodies (put some in the freezer) and will occupy your pet for hours.

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Mrs Smith was the first winner of an ongoing competition celebrating Renault’s 40th anniversary. Anyone test-driving a Renault at a dealership is automatically entered into a draw, with 10 winning the chance to drive an F1 car.

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NO longer content with dominating the motoring mass market, Volkswagen has set its eyes on classier rivals, who sell less cars but have cornered luxury buyers.

The brand’s latest coupe, the Arteon, is set to hit European showrooms in autumn 2017 with prices beginning at a hefty €45-50,000.

That puts the Arteon on a direct collision course with BMW, Audi and Mercedes, who have traditionally had little to fear from the scandal-hit German giant.

It is a marked change in direction for the ‘people’s car’ as Volkswagen translates to. News last week that the

VW Golf supplanted the Ford Fiesta as the UK’s best-selling car seemed to confirm that Volkswagen had secured its enormously profitable position among

the motoring gods.

The challenge for Volkswagen is convincing the public to accept the Arteon as a truly premium car, comparable to

the Mercedes C-Class coupe and other established vehicles. Many might be inclined to consider the Arteon merely a fancy upgrade on a budget-friendly model.

Buyers being asked to fork out more than €50,000 may play it

safe with other German cars.

Sensing this, the Arteon comes complete with a range of new and different features to distinguish it from the competition. It has full safety marks, limited self-driving technology, and a crash system which anticipates impact and secures seats and seatbelts in the safest positions accordingly.

There is constant monitoring of steering and braking, with the system able to safely take over driving, flick on the indicators and

take the car to the side of the road if it detects the driver is unresponsive.



PREMIUM: The VW Arteon hopes to crack the elusive luxury market.

Ride of the Valkyries

FOR years a creature of legend, the Valkyrie took one step closer to reality last week when Aston Martin revealed an almost production ready glimpse of its latest hypercar.

Designed by Formula One

engineer Adrian Newey, the Valkyrie is expected to go into production late next year, with just 150 models in the pipeline.

Tipped as the fastest, most powerful non-F1 car in history,

Aston Martin chief Andy Palmer says it will “lap Silverstone as fast as any F1 car.”

It has been described as “95 per cent” done by design director Miles Nurnberger. Projected price is at least €2.5 million for one of the limited edition beasts.

Tweaks will be made until it is perfect in the eyes of Red Bull man Newey. The headline news is that the extraordinary engine will provide 1,000hp, while the car itself will weigh just 1,000kg. That’s an astonishing 1-1 horsepower to weight ratio that will be coupled with some of the finest aerodynamic technology the world has ever seen.

Offering slightly more space than the deceptively compact Valkyrie seems to from a distance, it can cram two normal, even tall, humans into the front seats. They have their feet up just like an F1 car. In the same spirit all the controls are stuck on the steering wheel to maximise space.

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ROGER FEDERER created history last Sunday when he won his eighth Wimbledon men's singles title and his 19th Grand Slam triumph.

Axarquía's best guide to local sport

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GINS at Añoreta and Baviera

MONDAY July 10 was a lovely day to have a dance on the Añoreta golf course (the competition was a Waltz), one, two, three and on and on.

The team that danced off with the first prize was the team of Lola Montero, John Millward, Granville Hirst and Peter Garner with a score of 5 under par, 77 points ahead of Pete Thompson, Lyn and Dan McAllister and Franck Stein with 73 points.

123 WALTZ

1st TEAM

John Millward, Lola Montero Fuentes, Granville Hirst and Peter Garner 77pts

2nd TEAM

Pete Thompson, Dan McAllister, Lyn McAllister and Franck Stein 73pts

TWO'S

Stewart Green 9, McAllister 9 and Dan McAllister 5

Baviera, Tuesday July 11

Having set up a Modified Yellow Ball, with simple instructions, they had a perfect 32 players making eight teams of four.

It promised to be a hot day and the wise buggied, but there was no evidence, in the scoring, of any advantage to this.

Most teams had a blistering start and good front nines but found the back nine a greater challenge.

Captain, John Conlan and Vice Captain, Erica Oxford and her husband Terry, were in the prizes. The winners' score of 152 was closely followed in second place by a 147.

There were three two's on the day.

YELLOW BALL (WITH VARIATIONS)

1st TEAM

Graeme Birch, Rob Nicholson, Ian Paterson and John Bollard 152pts

2nd TEAM

Roy Boutel, Robert Durston, Alison Durston and Judy Howard 147pts



3rd TEAM

Clive Akid, Terry Oxford, Erica Oxford and Jackie Viles 141pts

3rd TEAM

John Dyson, Michael Elsey, Jim Paton and John Conlan 139pts

TWO'S

Graeme Birch 10, John Dyson 15 and Jackie Viles 8.



AÑORETA: (top) Members played a 123 Waltz.
BAVIERA: (above) 32 players in eight teams of four.

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