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Politician faces party expulsion

LOLA SANCHEZ, a spokeswoman for the Ciudadanos party in Nerja, has been announced as the subject of an internal disciplinary investigation.

The Ciudadanos disciplinary committee explained Ms Sanchez was investigated "for possibly breaching the guidelines issued by the party," adding she had been replaced as spokeswoman. The party explained, "an investigation is currently being carried out by the disciplinary committee."

As reported in last week's *Euro Weekly News*, the town's governing team has been warned it faces losing a vote to approve its €31 million 2017 budget.

A spokesperson for Ciudadanos said, "the government team has blocked major projects in Nerja, including Playazo (costing almost €900,000), Senda Litoral and the fire station... and the health centre."

They added, the council had not done enough to ensure the town's cleanliness, "with tourists and residents complaining on a daily basis."

For her part, Nerja's Mayor, Rosa Arrabal, said, "these are issues we are working on, but they do not only come down to the council."

It's party time! Countdown on to grand start

The final countdown is on to Malaga Feria, the province's greatest public party of the year.

More than two million visitors are expected at the annual event which opens just before midnight tomorrow (Friday) with fireworks followed by an appearance by local singer and songwriter María del Mar Rodríguez Carnero.

Known as La Mari, she will officially open the feria at 11.50pm and will appear with her band Chambao 30 minutes later.

The feria origins date back to the 15th century when Malaga was recaptured from

the Moors, an event celebrated ever since.

Hundreds of fairground attractions, pop-up bars, dance and music and a tremendous party atmosphere attract scores of thousands - both young and old, Spanish and foreign - nightly to the fair area at El Cortijo de Torres.

And the visitors are not just from Malaga City and nearby surrounds.

Spanish families en-masse from Madrid and many other cities travel south to attend the annual event as part of their holidays, and many from inland areas including resident expatriates as well as tourists



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FLASHBACK: A scene from the 2016 day fair.

from throughout Axarquía and elsewhere throng to join the massive celebrations.

Each day the centre of the fair is the Avenida del Marqués de Larios with its roof swathed in canvas to help protect visitors from the sun.

Away from the special fair ground, events spill across the city with museums opening with special displays and horsemen and young women in traditional attire parading

through many streets.

There are special music performances most nights including flamenco displays, and million-seller David Bustamante will be performing at the Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday.

Whilst there is plenty of parking and police to guide drivers for the night fair, visitors to the day fair are advised to park in suburbs and use public transport.

Police protest over pay

APPROXIMATELY 60 Local Police officers in Velez-Málaga have attended a council meeting wearing Pinocchio noses and protesting the council's delay in approving €200,000 worth of pay rises.

Officers staged a second protest, demanding improvements to their headquarters, as well as asking for an increase in staff numbers, saying they believe at least another 50 officers are needed.

The mayor says he is still within the time-frame to approve the pay rises and is working to resolve complaints by the Local Police, which have been "dragging on for years."

Dog census

THOUSANDS of dog owners in Rincon de la Victoria face fines of up to €2,000 for not registering their pet's DNA. The town's council has revealed only 3 per cent of owners have so far complied with a new law which comes in to force on September 24. Council sources say only 300 of the more than 9,700 dogs in the area are registered.

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NEWS EXTRA**Dead faint**

A MOTORCYCLIST, aged 54, has died in Velez-Málaga after apparently fainting at the handlebars. The man was driving along Avenida Juan Carlos I near the El Ingenio shopping centre when it happened.

Green zone

NERJA'S Council has announced it has cleaned bottles and other rubbish from the banks of the Rio Chillar for the second time this summer in an effort to clear the area.

Non-slip

VELEZ-MÁLAGA'S Council has finished its works to improve accessibility in the town's old part. Actions included coating road surfaces with non-slip paint to improve safety.

Visitors celebrate completing their passage Shoeless in Nerja

THOUSANDS of shoes have been pulled from a river.

Unknown to locals, the Rio Chillar was housing a staggering amount of footwear.

The operative services of Nerja have pulled out so many shoes, that they have filled an entire skip.

This occurs due to visitors throwing their footwear over nearby wiring to celebrate completing their passage through the river.

The town of Nerja has

issued a press release asking visitors to behave in a civil manner to avoid damage to marine life.

Another river sweep is scheduled for September prior to the beginning of the rainy season which often draws more rubbish with the flow.

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SHOE STORE: The Rio Chillar in Nerja.

Blaze sweeps Almuñecar

A TREMENDOUS forest blaze created a social media inferno.

Facebook and Twitter feeds were engulfed with photographs of the flame-strewn countryside.

The Almuñecar wild-fire in Velilla centred around the area of Calle de La Romantica, located just above the local beach and behind the Casa Pico restaurant.

There have been no reports of serious injuries but the fast-travelling sea of flames came within a very close proximity of houses and apartment blocks.

A fire engine and total of nine firefighters and personnel of the environmental agency attended the scene, as well as a number Local Police officers.

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Missing manhunt continues...

THE Guardia Civil are continuing the hunt for a missing 68-year-old man who has Alzheimer's, identified only as Antonio A G, who went missing from Velez-Málaga on July 28. Police have appealed for information on his whereabouts using Twitter. According to the Guardia Civil, the man was wearing light coloured trousers and a shirt when he went missing.

Regional hospital overhaul

WORKS have begun to improve the Axarquía Regional Hospital and is being carried out in two phases to ensure medical services are not interrupted. This project will see the number of operating theatres available increase by 25 per cent, from four to five, and the amount of beds in the post-surgery recovery centre double from six to 12.

Full of festivity

ALMUNECAR'S Council has finished preparatory work for this year's Feria, which will host patron saint festivities until Tuesday, August 15. The annual carnival, which began on Monday, sees booths and various attractions fill the area, requiring electrical works, as well as improvements to water supplies and gardening in order to ensure the exhibition ground ready.

Quality beaches

ALMUNECAR'S beaches have been awarded the Q of Quality in recognition of their services, cleanliness and commitment to the environment. Puerta el Mar and Velilla received the flags, which were hoisted by Tourism Councillor, Rafael Caballero, and Beaches Councillor, Luis Aragon. In order to qualify, councils must submit the coastal spots to a maintenance audit every year, and "a more exhaustive renewal process every two years."

Making inroads

ALMUNECAR'S Council has begun work to ease pedestrian access on the

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...24

Hot weather may be what tourists want, but at this time of year millions of others just pray wild fires will not break out. Ian Relf reports.

Living in fear of fire

SPAIN'S southern residents view long dry periods as frequently a harbinger and sometimes killer, and all too often totally destructive, wild forest fires.

The average total burnt area in the EU Mediterranean countries - Spain, Greece, Italy, Portugal and France - has quadrupled since the 60's, with about 1.5 per cent of woodlands lost annually.

Research shows that rural depopulation leads to an increasing number of wild fires, and climate change - with more frequent droughts and rising temperatures - an added factor.

Arsonists, cigarettes, out-of-control garden fires, barbecues, sun shining off a piece of glass: there are many causes of the terrifying annual wild fires that Spain suffers.

Modern firefighting methods see yellow fire planes and helicopters swooping down to collect sea, lake and at times pool water to then drop on out-of-control blazes... but it is often a mammoth and always scary operation that puts lives and homes at risk, as well as valuable natural surrounds.



FOREST FIRES: Can be totally destructive.

Worst blazes this century!

THE most remembered wild fires in Spain this century include:

2003. A late August thunderstorm in Extremadura led to 35,844.19 acres being destroyed.

2004. In total 29,867 acres of forest burned for nine days from July 27 in Huelva with two elderly people killed trying to leave their properties.

2005. A Guadalajara fire caused by a hiker's barbecue burned more than 13,000 acres and killed 11 firefighters.

2006. A total of 95,947.38 acres of forest burned in Galicia, with 281 fires recorded on August 10.

2009. A July forest fire in Tarragona destroyed 2,718 acres in Els Ports Park, with five firemen losing their lives.



WILD FIRES: Can burn for days.

2012. One fire destroyed 13,000 acres in Empordà, while violent wild fires in Valencia that summer burned 45,000 acres in Cortes de Pallas and Andilla.

July drug arrests

JULY saw 16 people arrested for drugs and six distribution points closed.

Raids took place in Cartama, Fuengirola, Málaga City, Mijas pueblo, Torremolinos and Velez-Málaga resulting in large volumes of narcotics being seized.

The haul included 11,500 grams of marihuana, 250 grams of hashish, 18

grams of cocaine and six grams of heroin with other drugs and dangerous objects.

High-speed internet

ALMOST 90 per cent of homes in Velez-Málaga, Torre del Mar and Caleta de Velez now have access to fibre optic broadband, it has been revealed. Technology Councillor, Ana Campos, explained implementation of the service began at the start of last year and is slowly being expanded to include the towns of Benajárfé, Chilches, Almayate, Valle-Niza and Mezquitilla, "where in some areas coverage is already at 50 per cent."

Causing a political stink

POLITICIANS from Spain's central government have written to Nerja Council issuing an ultimatum over the future of the town's sewage plant.

Isabel Garcia Tejerina, Spain's Minister for the Environment, Isolux-Corsan-Corviam, wrote, "our decision is that either another construction company takes over the existing contract or the contract is void and the tender process starts from the beginning."

In her letter to the town's councillor for Infrastruc-

ture, Jose Maria Rivas, the minister asked for a meeting, "as soon as possible so we can hear the council's version of events because I think we are possibly not getting all the details."

Waste is normally expelled 1,500 metres out to sea and broken down by waves but the leak has caused sewage to be expelled much closer to the shore with Nerja's councillor for Infrastructure, Jose Maria Rivas blaming "lack of maintenance over many decades."

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Top 5 stories

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- 1 Devil of a heatwave to sweep Spain with 70 severe weather alerts issued - **27,226**
- 2 British holidaymakers left furious after new EU border checks cause delays across Spanish Airports - **6,627**
- 3 Almost 300 people evacuated as firefighters battle huge wildfire in southern Spain - **4,506**
- 4 Twenty provinces under threat as weather warnings issued for storms and scorching temperatures - **3,723**
- 5 Brits in the sun laid bare in The Secret Life of the Holiday Resort - **3,031**

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Poll of the week

Should toll road fees not be increased thereby attracting more users?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

Given the high number of thefts occurring in supermarket car parks, should there be signs put in place to warn shoppers?

Yes = 90%

No = 10%

Top Social Media comments

Brits in the sun laid bare in The Secret Life of the Holiday Resort - Years ago we would go to an all inclusive holiday for adults only in SPAIN and it really didn't go anything like described on this post. We had a relaxed week away and no chicken nuggets and chips, warm wine or beer and no screaming kids or running for a sun bed at 6am, it was relaxing! And didn't see any body peeing in the pool! *Sue Alchin*

I watched it and felt so glad that I wasn't one of those poor people who would go to an all inclusive holiday in a massive hotel where everyone follow like sheep. It's hilarious in the mornings, you see them all standing at the bus stop with their wrist bands on. Lol. Just need a cattle prod to put them all back in there again!! *Melissa Baker*

Foreign vessels still welcome to fish in UK waters after Brexit says minister - The EU quotas are to ensure fishing is sustainable. Do not reduce this issue to a 'blame' contest. Overfishing in ALL waters is a serious threat to long term stocks. *Geoff Kerr*

Deaf man waits seven hours as Almería hospital uses loudspeaker to call his turn - Poor man! How mean and ignorant of the staff,

surely a member of staff walking through a few times would have noticed he was still waiting and could have checked to see if he was being attended to or not and if not got the ball rolling, or at least the reception should have been more alert. I was in a similar situation in a UK A & E, it was quickly noticed and I was seen, they had lost my first report papers! I do hope this will not be put down to 'one of those things'! *Elizabeth Saunders*

We shouldn't be dictated to (Leapy Lee) - I rarely agree with his self opinionated comments thus it came as no surprise to read his current one. Brexit was, is and will be a disaster. I really do fear for today's youth who will have to face up to its consequences. I do hope that as people become aware of its impact on the country that a second referendum becomes necessary in order to extricate ourselves from this mess. *Nancy Elliott*

Hard-hitting video of animal abuse released by political party in Spain - I stopped watching after a very short while. These vile humans should be named, shamed, prosecuted and severely punished. I'd probably end up in serious trouble myself if I saw this happening but I actually wouldn't care. *Karen Poland*



HIGHS BUT NO LOWS: Severe weather warnings have been issued

TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

On Good Friday in 1930, BBC radio reported "There is no news." Instead, they played piano music.

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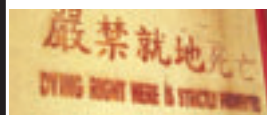
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Lost in translation



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OUR VIEW

The Brexit clock keeps ticking

WITH the clock fast running down to Brexit, a former head of the diplomatic service has indicated that things are not going well.

According to Sir Simon Fraser, there is no clear position and he feels that differences between cabinet ministers are causing delays in putting together a cohesive strategy.

As the UK economy seems to be taking a bit of a knock with retail sales down three months running and the Bank of England adjusting forecasts to show a reduction in growth, the pound has also suffered against the euro.

The Irish government isn't happy about possible border options and MPs can't even agree whether Britain should make a 'divorce settlement' to leave the European Union, let alone how it should be.

Simon Manley, the British Ambassador in Madrid is doing his best to keep people informed but it's certainly an uphill struggle for him as the reality is that there is plenty of speculation but nothing definite for him to confirm.

In the meantime, the EU Brexit negotiator has also suggested that the British position falls far short of expectation and he feels that the British government doesn't really know what it wants.

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Failure to pay up

SIXTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD lottery player, Antonio Diacono, has filed a complaint with the State Lottery after the company allegedly failed to pay his winnings for 10th prize.

Diacono, resident of Almayate, has allegedly lost out on €12,000 after playing the lottery for more than a year.

"I have religiously placed bets with the State Lottery for over a year, and now I have won an important prize, the lottery tells me the prize has been awarded to another," he lamented.

"I have filed a complaint against the Lotteries and State Betting and expect a quick resolution, I feel like I have been cheated after experiencing such luck," he added.

The lottery administration responded with a statement claiming: "This man has not paid for his subscription in over two months, and now he sees that his old numbers have come up, he wants to claim the ticket he sold on months ago."



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New nose



YASMIN: Enjoying the sun.

TWENTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD TOWIE star, Yazmin Okhellou, has landed at Malaga Airport following her recent nose job in Turkey.

The Only Way is Essex stunner showed off plenty of leg and an impressive tan in a black dress as she was greeted by co-stars Lauren Pope and Mario Falcone. Yazmin, who is going out with boyfriend, James Lock, jetted to Turkey last month for surgery to her nose and now plans to spend the next few weeks on the Costa del Sol, where she will be filming scenes for the reality TV show as well as soaking up the sun.

Yacht life

SARA SAMPAIO, the 26-year-old Victoria's Secret model, has been spotted soaking up some rays in a glamorous red bikini aboard a yacht in Ibiza.

The Portuguese-born brunette showed off her stunning figure as she chatted with friends and dried herself off following a dip in the water. The only one of her friends to venture into the water, the model appeared to have been checking out the local marine life, holding a pair of goggles in one hand.

The catwalk star is currently enjoying a tour of Europe over the summer, having already visited Italy and Spain. Before coming away, the star was hard at work, shooting several campaigns for underwear company, Victoria's Secret, as well as appearing in a promotional video for Justin Bieber and David Guetta's latest song, 2U.



SARA SAMPAIO: Showed off her stunning figure.



Royal treatment

SPAIN'S Queen Letizia cut a summery and stylish figure strolling through the streets of Palma, Mallorca with her family this week.

The stunning 44-year-old is staying in the city with her husband, King Felipe VI and their daughters, Leonor and Sofia, aged 11 and 10, at the family's royal residence, Marivent Palace.

The family were taking a

day trip to Palma's Can Prunera Modern Museum when they were snapped by photographers. Queen Letizia, a former journalist, is known for her laid-back style, opting to walk to the cultural site rather than be driven. Wearing a white Adolfo Dominguez dress she was first spotted in in 2011, the mother of two greeted locals and tourists as she made her way through the city.



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NEWS EXTRA**Golden Oldie**

NERJA'S Council has begun the process of organising its second annual senior citizens week, which brings together various groups and organisations from the town to provide activities and talks.

White night

NERJA is hosting its 10th annual Fiesta Blanca celebration on Monday from 9pm to 3am where the Rio Chillar meets Playa el Chucho, with around 3,000 people expected to attend.

Ash stash

TORRE DEL MAR'S Council has distributed 2,400 ash trays for use around the town's beaches in an effort to raise awareness and prevent littering.

Budget fail

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA'S Council has been revealed to have spent 70 and even 100 per cent of its entire annual budget on some items so far this year.

GPS help

VELEZ MALAGA'S Council has announced it is launching GPS devices for Alzheimer's patients after two sufferers went missing in the last month alone. The devices are small, lightweight and can be worn by the patients around the neck.

Bay watch

NERJA'S Council has announced it has upgraded the town's life-guard towers across its beaches. It has explained that the old ones were replaced to ensure the safety of beach workers.

By Sally Underwood

TORROX'S Council has opened up a thousand free parking spaces on its coastline over the summer.

Oscar Medina, the town's mayor, said further signage and lighting has also been installed, in the hope of improving accessibility to the busy tourist destination over the peak season.

Mayor Medina, alongside Paola Moreno, councillor for Infrastructure,

said the move would "ensure a quality stay for residents and visitors. We have created three parking areas, both public and private, at three points around our coast, which is currently very popular."

Councillor Moreno added, "spaces have been made available in Arroyo Manzano and next to Rio Torrox, as well

as in the Espinosa Venta area, all of them under municipal ownership, as well as several additional points in El Morche. Following talks with the current owners of Horto Malaga, there will also be access to this area which, like the others, will be properly marked and illuminated at night."

Free parking

She explained, "the work was carried out over the last few weeks so that at the start of the high season, when occupancy is at 100 per cent, parking is not an inconvenience for anyone in Torrox."

Councillor Moreno also explained plans to "expand the parking area in the vicinity of El Morche." She said, "works are currently underway so we can expand the blue zone parking and hope it will be operational soon."

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PRODUCCIONES INFANTILES: Teaches children about Peneque.

It's all child's play

LA HERRADURA has celebrated its 19th annual puppet festival in an event offering free shows and performances for the town's children.

The event, which took place in Plaza Independencia, hosted "fun and informative" performances from puppeteers from Spain and further afield.

The festival, which brought together four different puppet companies, was

held over three days from 10pm, starting with the company Owl Theatre, which performed a show teaching maths, music and diversity through the story of a cute camel which has four humps.

On Friday, August 4, the company Pequeños Duendes, performed their show Pezci-claje about recycling and urban waste, teaching the importance of looking after the

sea and nature. While on Saturday August 5 Producciones Infantiles Miguel Pino occupied the stage with their work Peneque Fu Man Chi, about Peneque, a brave boy, who in this edition travels to the Far East.

The final night saw The Carriage of the dreams of Andersen present a story about puppeteers and musicians, called Angels of Trapo.

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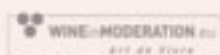
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Two birthday celebrations



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Sheila and Peter cut the cake.

TWENTY friends of the Half Orange Group of Lux Mundi, Torre del Mar recently celebrated the birthdays of two members; Peter and Sheila.

The party was held at the La Plata restaurant in Benajárfar.

The friends enjoyed an excellent meal with a joint birthday cake.

The Half Orange Group for

widows, widowers and singles meets at the Lux Mundi Centre, on the first Monday of the month at 1pm for a bring-and-share lunch. Remaining Mondays offer coffee, walks, visits to places of interest, etc so please join us.

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Encaustic painting exhibition

AN exciting exhibition of Encaustic paintings (this amazing medium is known as hot wax painting, which involves using heated beeswax to which coloured pigments are added) is being presented by renowned international Danish artist Janna Fabian.

Janna has lived for the past 10 years in Spain.

She has exhibited in Denmark and many venues throughout Andalucía plus she is planning one in the US next year.

This exhibition is in Castell de Ferro at the town hall, in the Sala de Exposiciones running from next Wednesday until Sunday September 3 and is open from 8pm to 10pm.

Organisers suggest that this is an exhibition not to be missed, so come to see for yourself Janna's vibrant and affordable abstract paintings in this amazing medium and she will be delighted to offer you a glass of wine.



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Lux Mundi coach excursion to Caceres, Merida and Badajoz

PLEASE come and join friends of Lux Mundi on a joint excursion to Caceres, Merida and Badajoz from both Torre del Mar and Fuen-girola centres, from Monday September 25 until Friday September 29 inclusive.

There will be a four-night stay in four-star Hotel Agora Caceres on a bed and breakfast basis. This modern hotel is located next to the Plaza Mayor and is a two-minute walk from the old town.

Travel will be by coach on the Monday with stops for breakfast and lunch en route, arriving early afternoon in Caceres. The rest of the day and the following day there will be free time to explore this interesting city in western Spain's Extremadura region, founded by the ancient Romans with a mix of Gothic

and Renaissance architecture, with cobbled medieval streets, fortified houses and palaces.

On the Wednesday there will be guided visits of both Merida and Badajoz. Merida was founded by the Romans in the first-century BC with its famous and still-used Teatro Romano, which has a double tier of columns rising onstage.

The ancient Puente Romano will also be visited, a 792m bridge spanning the Rio Guadiana and Badajoz situated close to the Portuguese border with Arab walls, the Alcazaba, Plaza Alta and interesting monuments.

On the Thursday morning the group will travel to the Monastery of Santa Maria de Guadalupe, a UNESCO



HISTORIC CHARM: The magical beauty of Cáceres, Extremadura.

World Heritage Site, where there will be a guided visit and afterwards the coach will travel to Trujillo where the afternoon will be free to explore the sights and to have lunch.

Trujillo contains an important group of churches, castles and manor houses that are built around the Plaza Mayor square and which are declared property of cultural interest.

The return journey will take place after breakfast on

the Friday with stops en route for coffee and lunch, arriving back in Torre del Mar at approximately 5pm.

Ticket Prices: €348pp double room, €398pp single room.

Deposit of €100 due when booking at the centre along with the number and expiry date of passport, DNI or residence card. Final payment is due before the first week of September.

Included in the price are all travel expenses, insurance,

four nights bed and breakfast and all guided visits.

Departures: Viñuela (football pitch) 7.20am, Algarrobo 7.45am (Lidl), Caleta 7.50am (Vets), Torre del Mar 8am (bus station).

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

Please note that bookings cannot be made through the website and credit cards are not accepted.

Please also note that during August the opening times at the centre will be Tuesday and Friday morning only from 10am to 1pm.

The August Friday coffee morning will be held as usual from 11pm to 1pm.

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■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH



» By Linda Hall

A CAMPELLO Town Hall pilot scheme is now providing free WiFi for the Carrer La Mar beach.

Antennas angled towards the beach have been installed at the Biblioplaya open-air library on the promenade and will provide one mega of WiFi connectivity for between 1,000 and 1,500 users. No password is necessary.

The technical installation was carried out by municipal personnel and is currently giving coverage between the Club Nautico to roughly halfway along the promenade.

The town hall decided to provide the service in response to repeated requests from tourists and residents who want an internet connection while they are on the beach, explained Beaches councillor, Cintia Alaves.

The project is still at the experimental stage, the councillor continued, but depending on the public reaction to the initiative this could eventually be extended to all of Campello's beaches.

■ **WiFi: Tourists and residents want a beach connection.**

■ COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

Hot train

AN electrical fault in the AVE Madrid-Alicante left the cars without air conditioning or light, according to a series of reports seen across social media posted by those that were on the train at the time.

Smoke effects

EMERGENCY services in Murcia transferred five people, four men and an 18-month-old girl, to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke inhalation after a fire in a building on Calle Pintor.

Better water

FORMENTERA Council plans to invest more than €3 million to improve the quality of the drinking water. They have approved a project and extended the contract to Hydraqua for a further 10 years.

Brand name

ELCHE Council has approved the start of the procedure to register the mark 'Camp d'Elx' before the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The idea is that everything that is grown in city has its own quality mark when it goes on sale.

Jungle lagoon

RESIDENTS of Blue Lagoon and El Galán have complained to their local council about the condition of the area, saying pot holes, lampposts and abandoned parks make it 'look like a jungle'!

■ COSTA DEL SOL

Sexy fish

RESIDENTS of La Linea were worried that a large orange stain in the local waters was the result of an offshore oil spill. Experts advise that it is simply an excess of anchovy and sardine eggs.

Decent sleep

DREDGING works in Duquesa Port must be suspended between midnight and 6am in order to allow residents a peaceful sleep. In addition work must be completed by mid-August so that rare breeding molluscs are not affected.

Miss Malaga

AFTER three years as a model, Mayte Urbaneja Rojas from Coin will participate in the Miss Spain Malaga qualifier. If successful and she goes on to become Miss Spain, she will enter the Miss Universe competition.

InfoMedusa

RESIDENTS and visitors to Casares beaches can now download an APP 'InfoMedusa' which carries up-to-date information about the number of jellyfish in the water. This is managed by the local first aid service is regularly updated.

Child friendly

HAVING been recognised by children's charity UNICEF as being aware of the needs and growth of children, Marbella Council is now formulating a new policy. It aims to become known as the 'Child Friendly City.'

■ MALLORCA

Rental snoops

ANXIOUS to ensure that illegal renting of accommodation to tourists is no longer profitable the Mallorca government is introducing an online facility to denounce owners.

Surprise death

HEATSTROKE is the suspected cause of the death of a 17-year-old hotel worker in Cala Egos. Lifeguards and Santanyi police officers with a defibrillator tried to save him but it was too late.

Irritating wait

THE lengthy queues at Palma Airport are being blamed in part for lack of action by the National Government according to socialist members of the Balearic Congress. They believe more immigration staff should be employed.

Dangerous goats

ALREADY as wild goats from Serra de Tramuntana come into villages in search of water and pasture there have been road accidents. This migration is due to high temperatures and overpopulation.

Speed king

A YOUNG man from Lluçmajor who claimed his motorbike had been stolen has been convicted in court of driving at 226 kilometres. He was fined and suspended from driving for eight months.

■ COSTA BLANCA NORTH

New intake

LA NUCIA'S mayor was officially introduced to new committee members elected in May to La Nucia's Association of Retirees and Pensioners. This was founded in 2001 and now has more than 300 members.

Tanked up

A DRIVER pulled up in Altea by the Local Police after they noticed he was driving erratically, was found to be six times over the legal limit and arrested on the spot.

Travel help

ALFAZ'S Education department allocated €35,000 in grants for the 155 local students who travelled to and from Alicante's universities during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Track record

REGIONAL rail provider FGV will spend €105,802 on repairing the Loma de Rejas-Carrichal TRAM tunnel between Campello and Villajoyosa where access has been problematical since last winter's storms.

Helping hand

ELDA'S Home Care Service helps an average 78 people a week, most of them over 70, with basic personal attention. There are also home visits for families at risk of social exclusion.

■ COSTA DE ALMERÍA

A classic tribute

MOTORCYCLISTS gathered en masse outside Almeria's Maestro Padilla Auditorium on Sunday morning, gunning their engines in tribute to MotoGP legend Angel Nieto, who died after a crash.

Rusty rail

LOCAL group Friends of the Comarca of Baza have called for the old railway line from Guadix-Baza-Almanzora Lorca to be reopened. The once crucial line has been closed for 32 years.

Red tape

GRUMBLING greeted the decision to change the route of Almeria's Battle of Flores parade. It will not pass the Paseo de Almeria for the first time in decades.

Super cruise

CRUISE ship, the Tui Discovery 2, brought 1,800 tourists to Almeria for a day. The mostly British passengers set off for Granada and Mojacar before setting sail for Ceuta, North Africa.

Big spender

EYEBROWS were raised among football fans when a Chinese businessman was spotted in two photo shoots at UD Almeria's stadium. Sports director Miguel Angel denied any plans to sell the club.

Crude trick

A MAN who used sticky tape to change the licence plate of his mother's car, then sped away from two Almeria petrol stations without paying, was jailed for two years.

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DENMARK



STUBBORN: The late Prince (left) had requested not to be buried next to his wife.

Separate burials

PRINCE HENRIK will not be buried next to his wife Queen Margrethe, as officials say the Prince was unhappy at never being her equal being named just a Prince rather than King.

No smoking

A PROPOSAL to make beaches smoke-free has been welcomed by a cancer concern group, however, there are doubts over how such a law could be enforced.

Human rights

HOMELESS foreigners in Denmark are threatening to go to the European Court of Human Rights claiming the clampdown on the Roma community in Copenhagen is unjust.

Stop and search

COPENHAGEN police have extended a stop-and-search zone which was in place since July 20, in an attempt to stop gang-related crime, following a series of shooting incidents in the city.

GERMANY



Deal done

CARMAKERS have agreed to new engine management software which will improve emission filtering systems and help cut harmful emissions. It comes following the diesel emissions scandal.

Jail term

PROSECUTORS have deemed the former Auschwitz death camp guard is fit

to go to prison. The 96-year-old was convicted of being an accessory to murder.

No stags

THE town of Regensburg is taking action against rowdy stag and hen parties as more than a dozen establishments have signed up to an ini-

tiative to ban them.

Bad eggs

EGGS contaminated with an insecticide are being recalled as thousands have been found in German states. It comes after contaminated eggs were found in the Netherlands and Belgium.

FRANCE



Roman find

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have discovered the ruins of an ancient Roman neighbourhood near Lyon in south-eastern France. It seems the town was abandoned after fires.

Popularity poll

A POLL of registered voters has shown the popularity of new President Emmanuel Macron, is already fading as his approval rating plunged with 49 per cent of those questioned saying they 'disapproved' of the job he was doing.

No fly

AIR FRANCE has expanded its 'no fly zone' area around North Korea after a relatively near miss between a North Korean missile and an Air France flight. Experts say if the jet had taken off minutes later it would have been very close.

Bill approved

PARLIAMENT has approved Macron's new labour bill which is the first major reform during his presidency which aims to tackle unemployment in the country.

BELGIUM



In remembrance

ROYALTY mixed with veterans and relatives in Belgium in honouring the soldiers who died in the battle of Passchendaele during the First World War for the 100th anniversary. It was a 103-day battle in western Belgium.

Illegal immigrants

OVER 3,000 illegal immigrants have been detained in West Flanders since the start of the year. This equates to an average of 100 a week since January.

Sick leave

THE number of workers on long-term sick is slowing down thanks to a number of measures taken by the government to get people back to work quicker. Just under 370,000 people have been on sick leave for more than a year.

All change

THE former Los Angeles Dodgers co-owner Jamie McCourt is now being considered by President Trump to be the US ambassador to France rather than Belgium as previously thought.

NETHERLANDS



Binned baby

AN abandoned baby was found in a rubbish bag near the theatre and the law courts in Rotterdam.

Police have launched an investigation.

Two drinks

TO prevent underage drinking in particular, alcohol abuse prevention lobby Staps, wants festival organisers to limit attendees to just two drinks from the bar. This would then stop them from buying for the under 18s.

DNA delay

A MASS DNA test to help find the killer of an 11-year-old boy who was taken whilst camping in 1998, will now not take place until next year. Around 15,000 men will be asked to voluntarily take part in the project.

Rent rise

OUTSIDE the big cities, property rent prices are rising fast. A report has shown that rents rose by an average 10 per cent in the smaller cities in the second quarter of 2017.

SWEDEN



Festival rapes

POLICE are investigate four cases of rape at a music festival in Emmaboda. Eleven other women reported sexual abuse. It comes after organisers of another music festival called off next year's event following cases of sexual violence.

Bank AI

SWEDISH banks are leading the way in the use of artificial intelligent (AI). It is hoped that using AI for more menial tasks, staff will have more time for more complex tasks.

Nato exercise

THE military is set to hold the 'biggest military exercise in decades' with Nato to try and strengthen the country's defences amid growing fears over Russia. More than 19,000 Swedish troops will take part.

Unusual sale

PERHAPS not the country's most popular property, but an estate agent has on its books a rather unusual find; an atomic bomb proof bunker complete with a decontamination centre and Star Wars-themed floor for sale starting at 995,000 kroner.

NORWAY



Mistaken identity

AN anti-immigration group in Norway mistook a picture of empty bus seats for a group of women wearing burkas. The photo was posted in on a Facebook site titled 'fatherland first' and has been criticised for fuelling Islamophobic hate.

Swan song

AFTER reporting last week that a swan which had attacked young children, was to be relocated, it has now been revealed that the aggressive swan has been killed after a new attack on a 16-year-old girl.

Lightning strike

SUMMER storms left one man being taken to hospital after being struck by lightning at the Vollen Marina near Oslo. He only had minor injuries.

Private preference

NORWEGIANS are the lowest users of public transport in Europe, tied at the bottom of a study, along with the Portuguese. Norwegians seemingly prefer private transport and drive an average of 33km in their car every day.

Barcelona energy

THE Barcelona City Council takes the matter of energy production very seriously and plans to set up a public company to develop green energy.

Prior to this, however, it is introducing 12 large pergolas in public areas which will not just provide cover from the sun, but will have solar panels on their roofs in order to generate electricity which will power street lighting.

Some public buildings will also have panels installed to increase green energy production.

More money for advice

A RECENT report suggests that Spain's consulting business has continued to grow and was worth €1.28 billion in 2016.

The past two years have seen a return to strength after several years in the doldrums and should continue in the immediate future according to Source Global Research, a company with offices in Dubai and the United Kingdom.

Whilst the Spanish economy continues to recover and there is a continued need for cyber security, the only potential pitfall seems to be that

By John Smith

companies are reluctant to see an increase in consultancy charges which were reduced during the years of the financial depression.

According to the report, the financial sector is showing the strongest use of specialist consultants while the public sector, charged with driving down costs is still a difficult market.

Many companies are aware that they have a lot of catching up to do to pull the Spanish digital sector into

the modern age as, although some innovations have been highly successful, many companies still don't invest the sort of money that they should to compete on the international market.

Large companies that want to move forward have sufficient funds to simply purchase existing businesses, thus acquiring niche specialists, but medium sized and smaller companies are finding it more effective to bring in short-term advisors as they try to expand their market penetration.

Electric vehicles

ALTHOUGH the figures are still tiny, sales of electric cars in Spain increased dramatically to 673 vehicles in July.

This represents an overall increase of 81 per cent over July 2016 and, to date, 3,636 of this type of vehicle have been registered in Spain according to the Spanish Association of Manufacturers of Automobiles and Trucks (Anfac).

The hybrid market has seen an even greater boost with 32,072 cars registered - a massive increase of 90.6 per cent.

Anfac claims this is due to a rise in public awareness of the environmental advantages and a wider choice.

Quote of the Week

We are pleased to announce that we will create 900 new jobs within three years," said Fred Patte Amazon director of operations confirming further expansion in Toledo.



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PANAMA CANAL: No payment for additional work.

Panama Canal claim rejected in Miami

A BRIEF statement on the Facebook page of Jorge Quijano, Chief Executive of the Panama Canal Authority revealed that a claim for \$192.8 (€163) million has been rejected.

This will come as bad news to Spanish company Sacyr SA which alongside Belgian, Italian and Panamanian companies had claimed this amount for additional work undertaken on the Panama Canal in 2016.

According to this consortium, the amount represented an unexpected overspend when required

to create a temporary water infrastructure on the Pacific entrance of the canal.

The matter had been passed to an arbitration organisation in Miami who according to Quijano not only rejected the claim but found that the consortium should pay more than \$23 (€19.5) million to the authority to cover its arbitration expenses.

None of this has been formally confirmed by the Miami based organisation, nor has there been any comment at the time writing from the consortium.

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Growing market

ESTATE AGENT Savills which has recently come to an arrangement with Spanish agency Aguirre Newman is excited by the market. It says that investment in Spanish property exceeded €5 billion in the first half of the year.

Euro stronger

DUE to fears that Britain has no viable Brexit plan and the economy may be suspect, the euro has strengthened against the pound once again. Bad news for pensioners relying on sterling income but those who wish to purchase pounds will be pleased.

Madrid in

ALTHOUGH Cataluña is thought of as the financial powerhouse of Spain, a report suggests that 50 per cent more foreign companies invest in Madrid than Barcelona. Informa D & B also said that Madrid has more registered self-employed.

Slow coach government

AMERICAN business research and consultancy company Bloomberg has taken an unusual look at Spain and criticised the government for inactivity.

Speaking to an Oxford University economist, it is suggested that whilst the economy grows,

the government is proceeding at what is described as 'at a snail's pace' with only four laws passed in the last seven months.

The 2017 budget was eventually passed but no significant new reforms have been introduced to help business expansion.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,269.00	-1.50	-0.12	17,620.78
Associated British Foods	3,037.50	-71.50	-2.30	24,320.23
Admiral Group	2,035.00	-133.00	-6.13	6,145.61
Ashtead Group	1,552.50	-91.50	-5.57	8,172.33
Antofagasta	934.50	-7.50	-0.80	9,306.49
Aviva	535.00	1.50	0.28	21,785.26
AstraZeneca	4,560.00	26.00	0.57	57,744.66
BAE Systems	590.00	3.50	0.60	18,772.58
Babcock International Group	907.50	41.50	4.79	4,302.63
Bardays	207.00	-3.35	-1.59	35,515.39
British American Tobacco	5,134.50	77.50	1.53	114,767.04
Barratt Developments	603.50	14.50	2.46	6,228.82
British Land Co	617.50	5.00	0.82	6,345.46
BHP Billiton	1,329.50	-35.50	-2.60	28,671.38
Bunzl	2,277.50	-27.50	-1.19	7,691.40
BP	455.05	-8.25	-1.78	90,998.78
Burberry Group	1,774.00	-15.00	-0.84	7,683.47
BT Group	306.38	-10.37	-3.27	31,130.09
Coca-Cola HBC	2,373.50	25.50	1.09	8,371.66
Carnival	4,767.50	-452.50	-8.67	11,005.33
Centrica	204.00	4.30	2.15	11,318.27
Compass Group	1,620.00	-11.00	-0.67	25,555.65
Croda International	3,853.00	103.00	2.75	4,870.73
CRH	2,698.00	4.40	0.16	22,330.25
ConvaTec Group	284.50	-0.76	-0.27	5,645.61
DCC	6,955.00	-29.43	-0.42	6,195.00
Diageo	2,510.25	7.25	0.29	61,847.57
Direct Line Insurance Group	404.05	-0.42	-0.10	5,545.38
Experian	1,522.50	-11.50	-0.75	14,288.48
easyJet	1,262.00	-3.00	-0.24	5,016.74
Ferguson Ord 10 5366p	4,725.00	53.00	1.13	11,724.60
Fresnillo	1,484.50	27.50	1.89	11,119.72
G4S	341.45	8.25	2.48	5,157.50
GKN	321.25	-3.65	-1.12	5,562.72
Glencore	337.00	-0.80	-0.24	48,243.97
GlaxoSmithKline	1,530.00	-4.00	-0.26	75,153.43
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,423.50	76.50	5.68	6,559.83
Hammerson	590.00	12.50	2.16	4,572.91
HSBC Holdings	764.00	-5.00	-0.65	153,353.35
International Consolidated Air	602.50	-15.00	-2.43	12,681.98
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,323.00	-32.00	-0.73	8,169.58
3i Group	949.50	-2.00	-0.21	9,232.13
Imperial Brands	3,275.00	-33.00	-1.00	31,690.19
Informa	678.50	-32.00	-4.50	5,829.84
Intertek Group	4,635.50	-55.50	-1.18	7,486.91
ITV	174.95	-0.55	-0.31	7,084.72
Johnson Matthey	2,831.50	17.50	0.62	5,386.04
Kingfisher	306.25	-0.75	-0.24	6,730.40
Land Securities Group	1,017.50	-1.50	-0.15	8,113.13
Legal & General Group	272.00	-0.50	-0.18	16,267.80

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.56	-0.25	-0.37	47,771.63
London Stock Exchange Group	3,825.00	-67.00	-1.72	13,454.11
Micro Focus International	2,116.00	4.60	0.22	4,873.87
Mediclinic International	818.25	62.25	8.23	5,356.08
Merlin Entertainments	474.70	-14.70	-3.00	4,701.17
Marks & Spencer Group	337.50	7.00	2.12	5,348.62
Mondi	1,944.00	-34.00	-1.72	9,458.59
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	249.45	-0.35	-0.14	5,842.68
National Grid	957.50	2.50	0.26	32,849.19
Next	4,385.50	-7.50	-0.17	6,471.96
Old Mutual Group	202.75	-2.05	-1.00	10,110.39
Provident Financial	2,198.00	98.00	4.67	3,102.23
Paddy Power Betfair	7,955.00	35.00	0.44	6,617.62
Prudential	1,790.00	-76.00	-4.07	47,980.51
Persimmon	2,385.00	-79.00	-3.21	7,919.31
Pearson	662.50	7.00	1.07	5,503.11
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,450.00	-57.00	-0.76	52,450.07
Royal Bank of Scotland Group (The)	264.50	3.30	1.26	30,500.97
Royal Dutch Shell	2,149.75	-33.25	-1.52	98,128.49
Royal Dutch Shell	2,200.00	-18.50	-0.83	82,662.89
RELX	1,555.00	-123.00	-7.33	17,757.91
Rio Tinto	3,527.50	-18.50	-0.52	48,026.07
Royal Mail	401.50	1.30	0.32	4,016.00
Rolls-Royce Group	957.50	-4.50	-0.47	17,577.52
Randgold Resources	7,200.00	100.00	1.41	6,801.41
RSA Insurance Group	662.00	15.00	2.32	6,631.90
Rentokil Initial	286.50	-5.90	-2.02	5,342.96
Sainsbury (J)	252.90	0.40	0.16	5,524.76
Schroders	3,458.00	-24.00	-0.69	7,833.94
Sage Group (The)	695.00	6.00	0.87	7,350.01
Segro	540.50	0.22	0.04	5,332.06
Shire	4,100.00	81.50	2.03	37,391.13
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,177.50	-101.50	-4.45	5,250.66
Sky	866.00	-102.00	-10.54	16,657.28
Standard Life	448.05	0.95	0.21	8,828.61
Smiths Group	1,565.00	18.00	1.16	6,098.22
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt	411.25	-11.25	-2.66	5,786.84
Smith & Nephew	1,325.00	-3.00	-0.23	11,594.42
SSE	1,390.00	-13.00	-0.93	13,985.28
Standard Chartered	800.00	-2.50	-0.31	26,022.14
St James's Place	1,178.50	-46.50	-3.80	6,459.65
Severn Trent	2,220.00	-52.00	-2.29	5,354.51
Tesco	177.00	-3.15	-1.75	14,739.15
TUI AG	1,265.00	21.00	1.69	7,232.31
Taylor Wimpey	192.95	5.05	2.69	6,386.91
Unilever	4,340.00	-17.00	-0.39	54,765.21
United Utilities Group	905.00	-9.00	-0.98	6,212.00
Vodafone Group	224.60	-0.40	-0.18	59,734.73
Worldpay Group	372.00	1.00	0.27	7,400.00
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3M	207,650	+0,01%	0,030	123.853,05
AMERICAN EXPRESS	85,9700	+0,50%	0,4300	75.995,73
APPLE	156,390	+0,53%	0,820	815.392,44
BOEING CO	237,710	-0,23%	-0,540	140.506,43
CATERPILLAR	114,350	+0,70%	0,790	67.370,11
CHEVRON	110,11	+0,62%	0,68	208.610,18
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,800	+0,76%	0,240	159.001,72
COCA-COLA	45,50	-0,37%	-0,17	194.071,34
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	82,0100	+0,84%	0,6800	71.168,77
EXXON MOBIL	80,21	-0,35%	-0,28	339.871,07
GENERAL ELECTRIC	25,7800	+0,08%	0,0200	223.201,85
GOLDMAN SACHS	229,79	+2,59%	5,80	90.452,43
HOME DEPOT	152,7500	+1,30%	1,9600	182.621,02
IBM	145,16	+0,15%	0,22	135.280,45
INTEL CORP	36,3000	-0,52%	-0,1900	170.936,70
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	93,6600	+1,25%	1,1600	329.589,54
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	133,1800	-0,13%	-0,1700	358.764,69
MC DONALD'S CORP	153,8200	-0,58%	-0,9000	125.374,09
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,10	-0,66%	-0,42	172.588,88
MICROSOFT	72,680	+0,73%	0,530	561.127,03
NIKE	59,76	-0,63%	-0,38	78.413,97
PFIZER	33,6400	+0,63%	0,2100	200.758,29
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,670	-0,21%	-0,190	231.507,71
TRAVELERS CIES	129,69	+0,10%	0,13	35.765,50
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	121,49	+0,32%	0,39	97.002,97
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	194,88	+0,06%	0,11	186.551,13
VERIZON COMMS	48,91	+0,62%	0,30	199.521,96
VISA	100,89	+0,30%	0,30	184.565,14
WAL-MART STORES	80,4800	-0,48%	-0,3900	242.606,89
WALT DISNEY CO	107,6900	-1,31%	-1,4300	168.443,58

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CLOSING PRICES AUGUST 7

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Boingo Wireless, Inc.	\$ 19.21	4.11 ▲ 27.22%
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 16.34	3.04 ▲ 22.86%
Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 8.96	1.63 ▲ 22.24%
GoPro, Inc.	\$ 9.85	1.59 ▲ 19.25%
Hortonworks, Inc.	\$ 14.86	2.31 ▲ 18.41%
T2 Biosystems, Inc.	\$ 2.98	0.40 ▲ 15.50%
Freightcar America, Inc.	\$ 19	2.29 ▲ 13.70%
Epizyme, Inc.	\$ 14.15	1.70 ▲ 13.65%
Empire Resorts, Inc.	\$ 24.50	2.90 ▲ 13.43%
Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.119	0.239 ▲ 12.71%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.94	0.33 ▲ 12.64%
Most Declined		
Electronics for Imaging, Inc.	\$ 26.05	21.61 ▼ 45.34%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	\$ 64.60	33.39 ▼ 34.07%
Veeco Instruments Inc.	\$ 21.85	6.95 ▼ 24.13%
Impinj, Inc.	\$ 37.52	10.40 ▼ 21.70%
Benefitfocus, Inc.	\$ 27.50	7.10 ▼ 20.52%
BlackLine, Inc.	\$ 30.43	7.02 ▼ 18.74%
trivago N.V.	\$ 17.42	3.98 ▼ 18.60%
Immersion Corporation	\$ 6.65	1.46 ▼ 18.00%
LSI Industries Inc.	\$ 6.35	1.30 ▼ 16.99%
Infinera Corporation	\$ 9.57	1.90 ▼ 16.56%
Westmoreland Coal Company	\$ 3.14	0.55 ▼ 14.91%

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Price Movement

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£0.0011

Accumulating Funds

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EUR Currency B

Multi Asset Conservative B GBP

Multi Asset Conservative B EUR

Multi Asset Balanced B GBP

Multi Asset Balanced B EUR

Multi Asset Growth B GBP

Multi Asset Growth B EUR

DEALING PRICE

Price Movement

£0.9824.....

£0.0001

£0.9587.....

£0.0001

£1.1466.....

£0.0033

£1.0714.....

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£1.2964.....

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SECURITY STAFF STRIKE AT EL PRAT BARCELONA AIRPORT

€300,000 fine on the cards

FOLLOWING the breakdown of talks between Eulen and staff, the company that manages security at Barcelona El Prat Airport could be fined €300,000.

Security staff are in conflict with employers as they demand better working conditions and more staff, but this breakdown could cost Eulen dearly as it works under contract from AENA which has overall management of the airport.

The existing agreement allows AENA to take direct action against Eulen and, as its staff are about to undertake a number of potentially crippling strikes during the airport's busiest time, the courts have been asked to approve the levy of two fines, each of €150,000.

Ironically, AENA had already approved an exceptional payment of €425,000 effective from Saturday July 1 in order to allow for the recruitment of additional staff, to ensure that passengers were able to proceed through the airport without unnecessary delay.

AENA has also rejected a request from Eulen to assist in the mediation procedures with its employees, which would be a complete change of procedure, as it has never been involved in trying to settle a dispute between a contractor and their employees.

With the bad publicity arising from passenger delays for passengers from non-Schengen countries, caused by new EU passport checking regulations and now possible long delays to leave, Barcelona could find itself losing a large number of visitors who could easily go elsewhere in the medium term.

The local government has become involved and demanded that a minimum level of service is maintained over each 24-hour period, but as the workers' representatives and the employer appear to be at loggerheads, long delays in very hot conditions will do nothing to sooth passenger



STRIKE THREAT:
El Prat Airport
security staff.

Barcelona El Prat is Spain's second busiest airport after Madrid Barajas with 44 million passengers using it in 2016. Its busiest international

routes are with London airports Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted and passengers from those three airports account for 6 per cent of all movements.

tempers or indeed those of the workers who are handling them.

The Catalan government recognises the concept of the right of workers to strike, but also wants to ensure that highly visible operations such as the important El Prat Airport do not present a negative face internally or to the outside world.

Higher costs for firms

THE 2017 budget deadlock meant that new social security charges for self-employed had to be suspended, but they will now cost an average of €100 per annum.

Many were taken by surprise when they discovered that their monthly payments had risen by 3 per cent after the increase was approved by Congress, although there was a corresponding uplift of the minimum income to be required to pay this contribution.

The actual amount involved will vary depending upon declared income and, as with the UK, the more you earn, the more you pay and even the reduced rate for those aged over 48 has been increased in line with other rates.

IMF SURPRISED BY ECONOMIC GROWTH

As some pensioners benefit from new rules

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) is the latest group to upgrade expectations for the Spanish economy by the end of 2017 by half of 1 per cent.

It now forecasts that growth will rise to 3.1 per cent from its original forecast of 2.6 per cent and confirms that it is surprised how well a number of EU economies, namely, Spain, France, Germany and Italy are doing.

Next year, it expects Spain to lead economic growth within the European Union with a slightly lower 2.4 per cent which will be well above the average, and even beat former 'power house' Germany.

Despite the positive news, the IMF report warns that there are potential pitfalls ahead due to excess capacity, ageing populations and delays in investment, leading to little advance in productivity.

Focusing on Spain, the organisation worries about the high public pension payments - the value of which is higher than the European average - and wants to see an increase in private pension schemes.



MORE MONEY: Pensioners can afford little extras.

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Otherwise, it believes that the age to receive the state pension will have to be increased.

Clearly, this and the demand that pension rises should be capped and IVA be further increased are not popular with Spanish residents, and the National Government, ever-decreasing in popularity, will have to be very careful about its actions.

As opposition parties complain that the new growth in the economy has not been reflected in the day-to-day affairs of those who are in work, one

group will be pleased with the government, as 252,000 women will see additional payments with their pensions.

Those pensioners who had two children will receive at least a 5 per cent bonus and this will be increased for each additional child up to a maximum of four in order to recognise the importance of women who broke their years of social service contributions to increase the population.

More female pensioners in Andalusia than any other province will benefit from this increase.

Beware intelligent appliances

THERE has been a great deal of discussion recently about the safety of intelligent household devices and possible hacking of information.

Equally worrying for some, according to Mintel, the world's largest market intelligence agency with global offices in Europe, the Far East and Asia, is the fact that different companies can purchase information from manufacturers.

The report suggests that in Britain just 30 per cent of those interviewed believed that insurers could be trusted to manage the data, and more than 75 per cent are apprehensive about theft of the information or the fact that it could be sold on.

As more of these sophisticated devices find their way to Spain, similar fears are likely to arise.

FROM IMMIGRANT DISHWASHER TO MICHELIN STAR CHEF

Two special women are honoured

THE Eckart 2017 Award for Innovation has been presented to head Chef María Marte and managing director Luisa Orlando at the Michelin-starred restaurant El Club Allard in Madrid.

An international jury awarded the accolade in honour of Marte's extraordinary career path from dishwasher to Michelin-starred chef, and for Orlando's bold decision, as a manager, to support her from the very beginning.

María Marte's cuisine stands for an innovative concept that melds contemporary cooking methods with Caribbean elements which create a fascinating Mediterranean-Latin-American fusion.

After travelling to Spain from the Dominican Republic in 2003, Marte took on a job as a cleaner and dishwasher at El Club Allard, though her ambition from the outset was to become a chef.

Defying hurdles and prejudices, she managed to fight her way into



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SPECIAL WOMEN: Luisa Orlando and Maria Marte.

a job as a kitchen assistant and by 2006 she became the right-hand woman to Chef Diego Guerrero, who was awarded the restaurant's first Michelin star in 2007 and its second in 2011.

When Guerrero unexpectedly left in 2013, managing director Orlando decided to take a bold and un-

precedented step and appointed former dishwasher María Marte as head chef.

Together, they have successfully defended the two-Michelin star rating of El Club Allard.

Moreover, Marte is the only female from Latin America to currently hold two Michelin stars.

More foreign investment

SPANISH energy distributor Gas Natural Fenosa is selling 20 per cent of its business to two overseas investors for €1.5 billion.

The agreement with Allianz Capital Partners - a London based operation with offices across Europe - and Canadian pension fund CPPIB is likely to be finalised by early 2018 when approved by the different regulatory bodies.

Currently the company has 5.3 million supply points across 1,100 different towns but wants to use the investment to expand its operation to take in many more locations.

This is the third sale of significant percentages of Spanish energy companies to overseas investors so far this year with a total spend of more than €4.5 billion.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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ONE thing that does surprise me (not really!) is why the media has carefully avoided mentioning the fact that the Grenfell Tower block was filled with 99 per cent of ethnic immigrants?

As these apartments were presumably allocated by local council authorities, does this not seem in direct contradiction to the government's oft spouted ambition to do everything in their power to 'integrate immigrant cultures into the British way of life'?

It seems to me that all they achieved in this instance was to create a towering ghetto of people who would, by the very nature of their environmental existence, have found it difficult to take on British culture and values, even if they had wanted to. At best, this biased selection process is a misdirected exercise in culture relationships and, at worse, blatant racism.

I would be extremely interested to know how many of those in charge of tenant selection, were actually immigrants themselves? As time passes, and people of ethnic origins (often quite rightly) move into more and more decision-taking positions, the emergence of reverse racism is subsequently ever-present and needs to be severely dealt with.

I'll cite you one example of what I'm alluding to. My nephew, aged 21, moved back to Northern Ireland after a year working in Spain.

Having no immediate employment, he decided to sign on at the local Social Se-

Immigrants pose threat of reversed racism

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



curity offices. Waiting in the queue he found himself behind two black ladies, colourfully attired in the costumes of whatever country they originated from.

He then patiently stood and waited for some 20 minutes, while the clerk behind the counter, also of ethnic origin, laboriously, and in great detail explained all the benefits that the two enquirers were entitled to.

When they finally moved away, my nephew took up their place and politely explained to the man that he had been out of the country for a year and what was his position regarding any benefits?

Curtly and rudely he was informed he had been out of the country too long and couldn't be helped. Next!

Er, just a minute. The aforementioned woman had never lived in the country.



GRENELL TOWER:
Lessons to be learned.

How come they were entitled to 20 minutes of the clerk's attention, while my nephew, who had been born, bred and previously worked in Northern Ireland, was rudely brushed aside with no explanation whatsoever! Now if that example doesn't smell of reversed racism, I don't know what does.

As more immigrant members of our society move into these higher authoritative positions, they have to be monitored very carefully and deterred in the strongest possible way of practising the racism many of them may well have been have been accusing others of for years.

However misdirected, some will be

hell bent on some form of 'revenge' and, given an inch, the miles they will take will undeniably lead to the demise of our own rights and with it our grasp on society as we know it.

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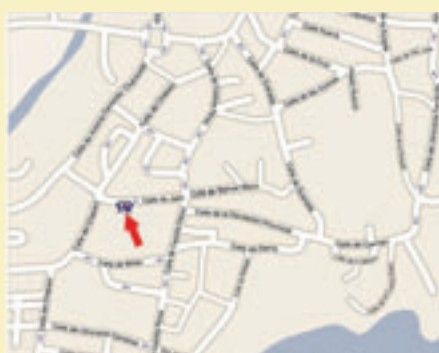
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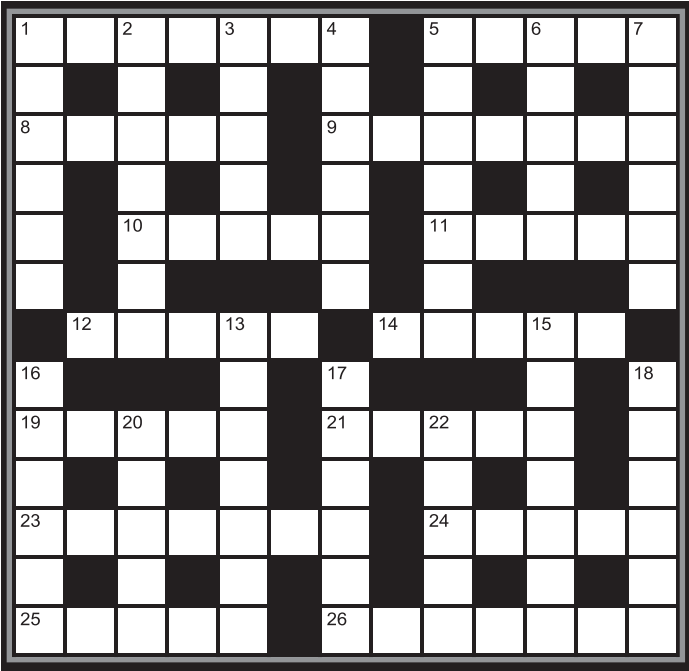
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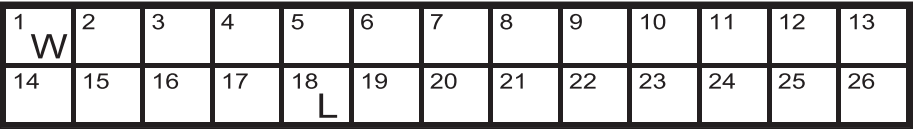
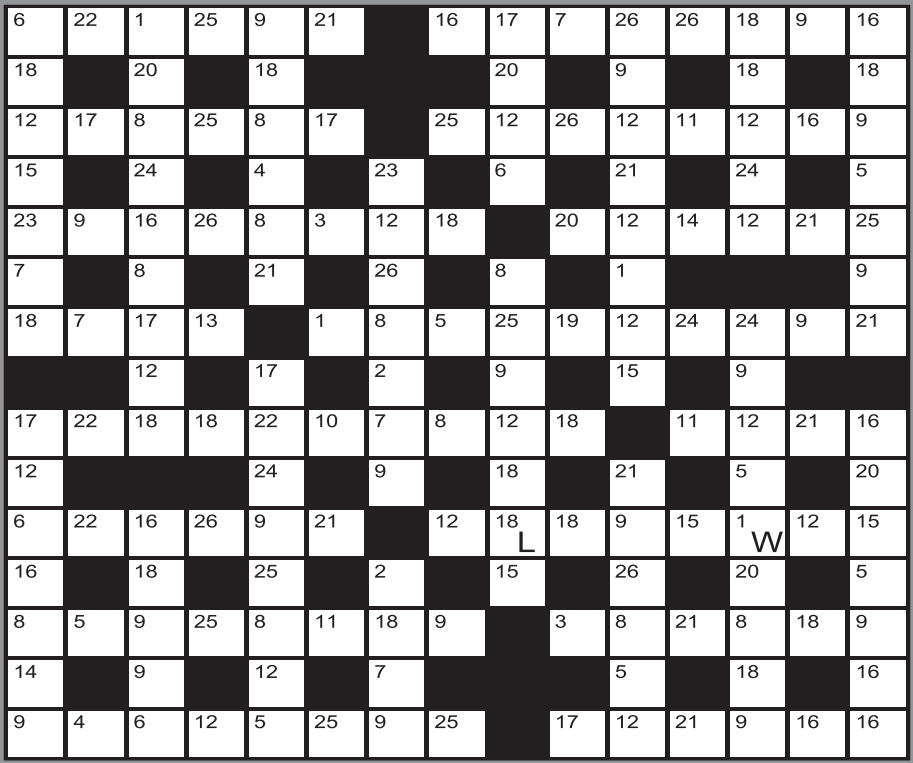
- Across**
1 Frenchman snores awfully during lectures (7)
5 Hurl triangular bandage (5)
8 Perfume from a romantic partner (5)
9 Charge characters in Karakoram pageant (7)
10 Funnily I went for cord (5)
11 Cries out for massages, say (5)
12 A couple get ready to take the strain (5)
14 Sweetener British insert in French cheese (5)
19 Takes a chance, right, and skis off (5)
21 Resin found in the chamber pot (5)
23 Length of life that is left for a gundog (7)
24 Material needed from witness at inquest (5)
25 Put off in high-altitude terrain (5)
26 Isn't USA wrong to provide food? (7)



- Down**
1 Communist leader in last revolution (6)
2 Duck goes in the list as 'fowl' (7)
3 A wild animal but it's all right, a quiet one (5)
4 Awful scene about right PC etc display (6)
5 Organised a miners' conference (7)
6 Foolish characters from Carolina new town (5)
7 Agrees about musical (6)
13 Dismiss bank clerk (7)
15 A bitter cocktail goes to a priest's head (7)
16 Times editor removed (6)
17 Birds sought by golfers (6)
18 Billiards shot from one of the big guns? (6)
20 List second large insect (5)
22 Police searches reveal sculptures (5)

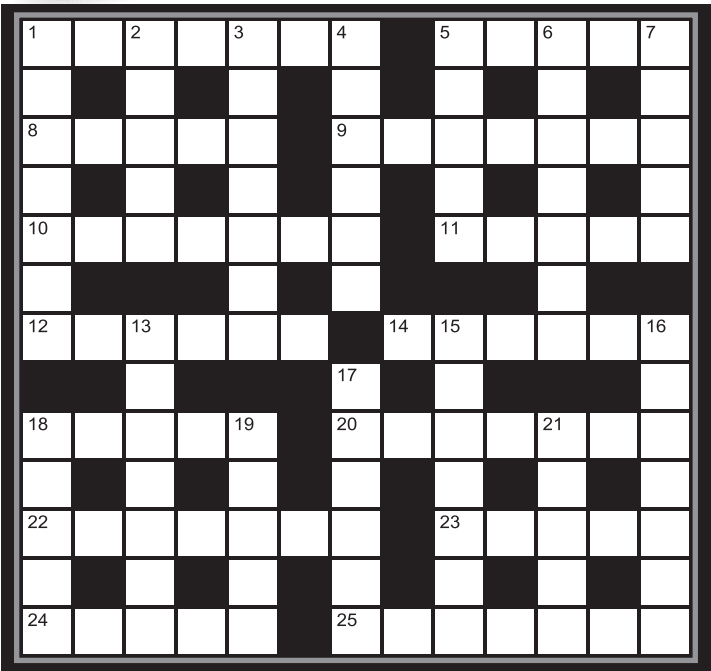
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents W and 18 represents L, so fill in W every time the figure 1 appears and L every time the figure 18 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

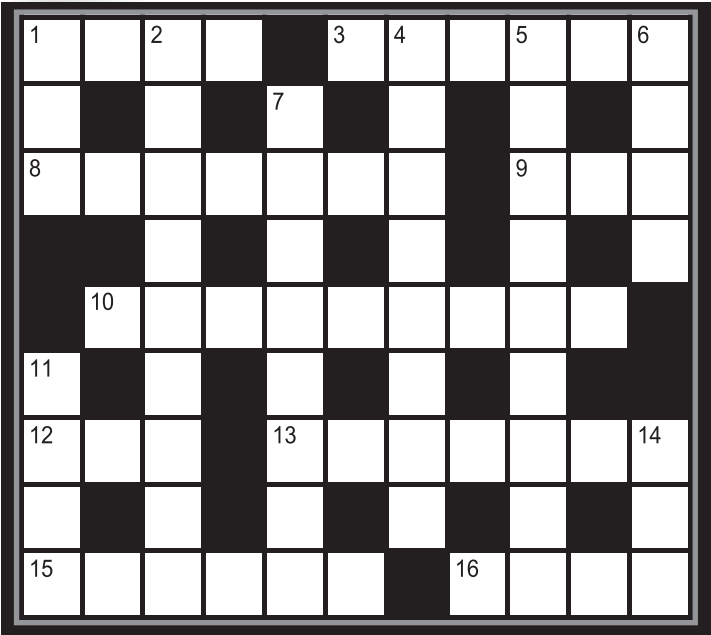
Quick



- Across**
1 Own (7)
5 Aromatic herb (5)
8 Religious ceremonies (5)
9 Without weapons (7)
10 Amount owed (7)
11 Distinctive name of a book, poem, tale, picture, etc (5)
12 Not open or public (6)
14 Give an incentive for action (6)
18 Low waterlogged ground (5)
20 Shelter for ships (7)
22 Personal belief or judgment that is not founded on proof or certainty (7)
23 Find fault with (5)
24 Large, fierce feline (5)
25 Move away, as for privacy (7)
- Down**
1 Possibly (7)
2 Indian instrument (5)
3 Capture in a trap (7)
4 Crush flat (6)
5 Show off (5)
6 Subjective indication of a disease (7)
7 Large, deep spoon for lifting liquid (5)
13 Intense desire for some particular thing (7)
15 Melted cheese on toast (7)
16 Unbearable physical pain (7)
17 Black eye (6)
18 Rather fat or of heavy build (5)
19 Earlier in time (5)
21 Talk pompously (5)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
1 Life (4)
3 Lane (on a road) (6)
8 Recibir (7)
9 Without (3)
10 Joyas (9)
12 Plumilla (de pluma) (3)
- Down**
13 Knee (7)
15 Trains (6)
16 Elbow (4)
- Down**
1 To see (3)
2 December (9)
- Across**
4 Last name (8)
5 Rake (9)
6 Wool (4)
7 Pino (4,4)
11 Nudo (en hilo, cuerda) (4)
14 Year (12 months) (3)

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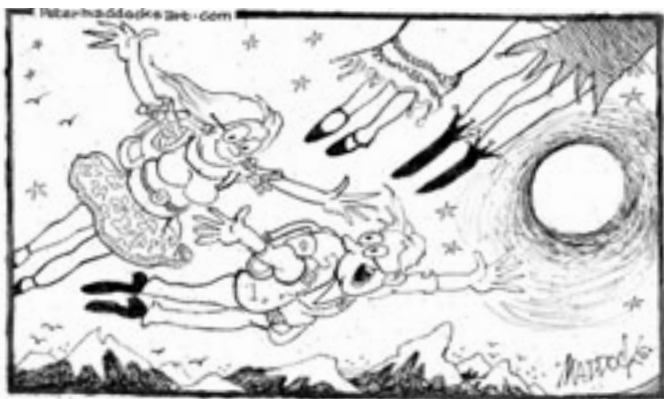
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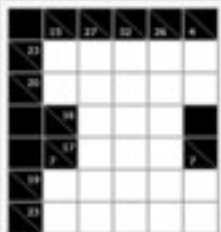
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Kakuro

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


Nonagram

 How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case T) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.

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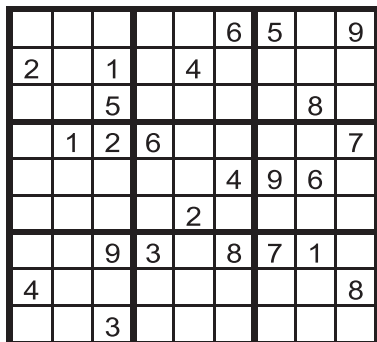
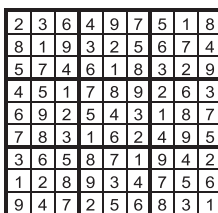
- Average: 10
- Very good: 20
- Good: 14
- Excellent: 26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

 coir core cure curl euru euro lire lore lour lure rice riel rile roll
 role rule uric cruel curie curio icier lucre oiler oriel quire relic
 roque ulcer cirque liquor oilier recoil cliquier LIQUORICE

Sudoku

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


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS
CRYPTIC
Across:

 1 Results, 5 Ceres, 8 Staid, 9 Inspire,
 10 Reptile, 11 Still, 12 Haven, 14 Flash,
 19 Terms, 21 Article, 23 Concoct,
 24 Mario, 25 Sheet, 26 Earldom.

Down:

 1 Resort, 2 Sharp, 3 Luddite, 4 Shiver,
 5 Cases, 6 Raisins, 7 Steals, 13 Arrange,
 15 Latimer, 16 Sticks, 17 Castle,
 18 Reform, 20 Stoot, 22 Cured.

QUICK
Across:

 1 Silver, 4 Spices, 9 Realise, 10 Scrap,
 11 Cats, 12 Complete, 14 Screw,
 16 Knots, 20 Combined, 21 Spot, 24 Opera,
 25 Chemist, 26 Latter, 27 Unless.

Down:

 1 Strict, 2 Least, 3 Evil, 5 Postpone,
 6 Correct, 7 Supper, 8 Below, 13 Delicate,
 15 Comment, 17 School, 18 Hence,
 19 Status, 22 Pride, 23 Keen.

ENGLISH-SPANISH
Across:

 1 Umbrellas, 8 Hermanastro, 9 Pray,
 10 Ants, 13 Tripulación, 14 Refrescos.

Down:

 2 Margarine, 3 Real, 4 Loar, 5 Autentico,
 6 Chupete, 7 Cousins, 11 Huir, 12 Pais.

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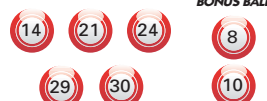
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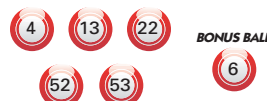
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EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday August 6


YOUR STARS
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AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)

You like to do your own things in your own way and in your own time. That certainly shows this week. It can cause a bit of a stir with family. Even so, it will inspire someone close to step forward and make their own stand. Put someone straight when they step out of line.


PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)

The kind nature that is so much a part of you is only too evident this week. A situation makes you feel frustrated and you need to find a way forward. A bit of expert advice goes a long way even if it does mean that you still have to go it alone. Be strong and remind yourself that this is for someone else.


ARIES
 (March 21 - April 20)

As you prefer living in the here and now, you find it difficult to understand and tolerate people who plot and plan in advance. It is tedious in the extreme to consider every little detail of something which may never happen. Because there is this relaxed attitude, you have developed a larger-than-life personality.


TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)

This time of year reminds you just how much you enjoy home comforts. Plan ahead now for those chilly winter nights when the air is crisp and the wine is mulled. The urge is to work with others this week and that in itself throws up plans for evenings ahead. Having planned a romantic weekend there may need to be some adjustments.


GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)

Your mind, as ever, is changeable. This is a fun time to dabble at this and that to bring a bit of variety to your life and work. Meeting new people and starting new projects means that it is a busy time at work but the rewards are high.


CANCER
 (June 22 - July 23)

This is an emotional week, when it is difficult to keep things to yourself. Get together with others and do a bit of social networking. Talk, and if you cannot bring yourself to confess to a problem, say that it is a friend of yours who has it. Certainly, you need to share this concern to get a balanced picture. Things that are held inside can get blown out of all proportion. Think of something to spice up your love life at the weekend because it is a romantic time.


LEO
 (July 24 - August 23)

There is a highly social week ahead with social gatherings here and there. A trip means that finances start to look brighter. You may find it necessary, if you are to progress, to consider a move to another job or area. Get involved with people who have been in the same situation. This gives you a good guide as to exactly where you want to be. Someone fresh brings a romantic lift to the weekend and you are reminded of how things used to be.


VIRGO
 (August 24 - September 23)

There is a great impatience this week when someone flatly refuses to see something through to the end. You do not admire sloppiness and your reaction shows this. It may be necessary for you to sort out a situation which has been going on far too long. As you dislike loose ends in any respect, your patience may come to an end.


LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)

Energy is high and there is a lot of fun to be had. An invitation sent out brings an old friend to your table. This is not as straightforward as you think it will be. Odd stirrings make you confused. Could it be that going back is the right way to go forward? Remove yourself for a while to consider rather than be torn in two directions at once.


SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)

You feel like a fish out of water in a confused and noisy situation. Perhaps you are not making the right kind of friends, so take control of the quality of people who you associate with. Maybe it is relatives that are causing concern. You cannot choose your relatives, but it is possible to see less of them.


SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)

This is a great social week. Your puppy-like enthusiasm attracts others and a barrage of good vibes comes your way. Indeed, your relaxed attitude allows someone close to get their own life a bit more into perspective.


CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)

People look to you to guide them through the maze of right and wrong this week. Your talent for bringing humour into the most tense situations is invaluable midweek. Summer is a socialising time for you and it is all steam ahead as you issue invitations and receive some back.

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Have you ever been conned?

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WE all see, and some of us even have our favourite 'Looky Looky' men, especially in the coastal regions of Spain where we live.

They sell all sorts of stuff and mostly copies of famous brands and when you buy your Rolex or Louis Vuitton bag you know full well that for 20 or 30 euros it's not real.

Is it correct? Maybe not. The big companies complain it's damaging to their business. Some of us think that the person that buys a 'moody' Rolex for €20 is highly unlikely to buy a real one for €12,000, but it's something that is pretty much accepted rightly or wrongly. But there is a darker side of the fake business and some of it is even life threatening and that is what is making me seriously grumpy.

I've seen copies of famous brand toothpaste, shampoo, booze and cigarettes which all, when tested, contained poisons. Every brand of mobile phone and the accessories, game consoles and most electronic items are being sold, not in the back streets somewhere, but openly on ebay and other online sources. People are looking to buy items for

themselves or as gifts only to find that when it arrives, and sometimes after it blows up or shorts out, that what they have bought is fake and it seems the powers to be can do very little about it.

One of the things to look out for is the price. If you see a brand new iPhone7 for €300 I can almost guarantee it's a fake, even if it's advertised as an unwanted gift. If something looks too good to be true then it most likely is. The other day I was looking for a new keyboard for a Microsoft tablet I have. It's a model which has been superseded but which works perfectly well.

I phoned Microsoft and they didn't have them any more so I looked online and there were loads of them for sale... not one of them real but being advertised as genuine. They were all being shipped from China. I finally found one that actually said it wasn't original but was made to work with the tablet I had, so I've had a punt at that via Amazon. I'll let you know if it works.

It also works the other way round. I put a watch on ebay to sell and the amount of people that tried to get me to deliver it saying payment had been sent was quite astonishing. So be careful when buying and selling. It seems everyone on the internet is trying to con you. It's a shame but that's what greed does. Been conned? Email mikesenker@gmail.com.

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Vehicle transfers

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How can they fix the leak?

Q. I own an apartment in a Community in Mallorca. Last year we noticed a leak in our shower room. Our neighbour above has the same layout so the leak was obviously coming from his shower. Our neighbour said he would "deal with it." I repaired my ceiling and I thought the problem was over.

When we returned to Mallorca in January the shower room ceiling was leaking again. I informed our Administrator and she said she

would ask our community insurance company to investigate.

Three other apartments have had the same shower room leak and the insurance company paid for them to be repaired. My neighbour requested that the Administrator arrange the repair. Since then my neighbour has evaded all appointments for a plumber to call. I am at a loss regarding what steps to take.

P G (Balears)

A. Owners in a Community are obliged to allow entrance into their property for necessary repairs of a problem affecting other owners.

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain



You could suggest that your Administrator inform

your upstairs neighbour that on a certain day at a certain time, she will enter the apartment with plumbers to fix the problem, whether he is at home or not.

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Cover up should be for all!

THE Nicole King article about Time to cover up (*CDS Issue 1674*) was timely given Marbella's plans to introduce laws making it illegal to walk around unclothed except at the beach or pool.

As highlighted from time to time in the *EWN*, many tourists - and I fear occasionally expats - decide it is acceptable to walk around without a shirt, or perhaps in a bikini bottom and top.

In my book it is not, and I am no fuddy duddy.

However, I do not agree with Nicole that 'one important thing differentiates Marbella from the rest of the world is our 'class,' with this backing the plan that wearing clothes is now officially on the citizen conduct code.

What class! Marbella has little if any more than many other places. Many residents and perhaps visitors have money, but many additionally

Early cheers of concern

SIR,

Welcome to Spain.

Hopefully most of the summer visitors will be able to recall all their antics when they return home.

I make this point as at 9.50am yesterday three men - not teenagers but aged in their 50's or 60's - raised three pints of beer in a poolside toast.

Maybe from the UK (I am British myself), or perhaps German or Scandinavian, it does not matter. My surprise was that even before 10 in the morning some



IT'S PARTY TIME: But for some, drinking appears a day-long holiday attraction.

tourists start their day with an alcoholic drink, and the three I saw were clearly keen to record the moment, with a lined up Selfie!

While I am no grumpy pensioner, I question such early habits... even on holiday!

K Becke, Nerja

have shady backgrounds, and in numerous cases, little money.

I have lived in various places in Spain over the last 20 years and feel residents and tourists alike - THROUGHOUT Spain and not just in 'classy' Marbella - should face through laws the need to cover up when out and about... just like in Nice in the south of France, which does have some true class!

N Peden, Sotogrande

Grumpy view

TODAY I reached a new level of grumpiness.

There were several reasons, ie our village of Los Pacos, Fuengirola, has had its one-way system reversed due to roadworks. This normally would just create a 'grump,' but after taking the longer route round I discovered the roadworks had led the normal delivery of the *EWN* to be affected at my two usual pick-up points.

With my grumpiness level rising I was forced to head to Los Boliches in search of the paper on a very hot day and without a bottle of water to hand.

Grumpier by the minute as I go to pick up an *EWN* I trip over the small entrance step and end up on my hands and knees.

EWN in hand, I return home against a seemingly endless tide of 'beach people' dodging around families laden with chairs, rubber rings, parasols, cold boxes, children and all other paraphernalia people seem to find necessary.

Eventually back home hot and sweaty, I pour a glass of cold water and open the *EWN* to my favourite section 'Grumpy Old Man.'

But there is NO 'Grumpy' column to be seen!!

My own grumpy level now reaches the RED zone!

Is Mike Senker not grumpy this week? No, that's not possible, but I need my own weekly Grumpy fix!

Luckily I had some back issues of the *EWN*!

But please *EWN* delivery man get back to normal next week.

Martyn Wood Fuengirola

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We shouldn't be dictated to (Leapy Lee)

Hi Lee

What I cannot understand is why nobody (Not Even the Stays) mentioned the time period that would elapse from Leave to Actually Leaving EU. Something very suspicious about that???

So now we know I am sure the Remain would have won easily... I voted out thinking it was just a matter of a few months and we are out. Now we find 20,000 laws passed by EU have got to be reversed (nice earner for solicitors). So I think what will happen now is after two/three years of rising prices blamed on Brexit etc etc. The People will ask for another vote and May & Co will get what they want a Remain vote at least 90 per cent.

Exactly what she and the rest are aiming for.

Col Bro

UK airports warn of European flight suspensions post-Brexit

IT'S not that non-EU countries can't fly to the EU. The problem is that as the UK has made no firm proposals, there will literally be no rules. A legal vacuum, as stated here. Sure, non-EU flights do land in Europe, but within a defined legal framework. Unless something is agreed, there will be no such framework; there's no blanket third-country plan the UK can just default to. Airlines have to plan a year ahead and with no deal, they couldn't.

Kally

Comments from EWN online

Tame bull planned for Fornalutx correbau

IT'S not good enough. Stop it completely. FOREVER. Spend money Mr Mayor on DECENT tourist attractions, people won't stay away if you STOP CRUELTY.

Wyn

AND the Mayor who should be giving a good example is more interested in the financial status... not with welfare of animal rights...

Nothing surprising about the greed in this government... seems to be the norm here...

Felipe

Brit holidaymakers furious with new border check rules causing delays

WHY are the Brits complaining. The main reason Brexit was voted in, was because Britain wanted more border controls. Do the British public really

think that they should not be subject to the same treatment in other countries??

Even before Britain had the referendum they were the only European country where there were delays at customs. Wake up Brits this is what you wanted.

Malcolm Heaps

Fruit and veg boost for Mercadona shoppers

PROBABLY more to do with shoppers choosing a cheaper item and then producing a ticket for less than the real value and the till not knowing whether the item is what the label says and Mercadona losing money, can't imagine it's for client convenience.

Martin

THE trade off is longer queues at the checkout. *CJ*

Rowdy hen party kicked off flight to Alicante

THERE'S no place in civilised society for people like this.

It is to be hoped that they will have their passports rescinded and put on a permanent flight ban.

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FRIDAY - 11 AUGUST

BBC one **BBC Two** **BBC FOUR** CHANNEL 4. CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Breakfast	7:00am	The TV That Made Me	8:00pm	World News Today	7:00am	Countdown	8:35am	Paw Patrol
10:15am	Animal Park				<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	7:45am	Will and Grace	8:50am	Rusty Rivets
11:00am	Summer Special	7:30am	Animal Park			8:10am	Will and Grace	9:05am	Digby Dragon
	Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am	Summer Special			8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:15am	Peppa Pig
12:00pm	Matron, Medicine and Me: 70 Years of the NHS	9:00am	Bargain Hunt			9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:35am	Mofy
		10:00am	Gardeners' World Coast	8:30pm	Top of the Pops	9:30am	Frasier	9:45am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
12:45pm	Rip Off Britain	10:30am	World Athletics Championships 2017		<i>David Jensen and John Peel present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 10 May 1984.</i>	10:05am	Frasier	10:00am	Floogals
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	2:30pm	Two Tribes			10:35am	Frasier	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
2:00pm	BBC News at One	3:00pm	A Taste of Britain			11:05am	The Big Bang Theory	12:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
	BBC London News	3:45pm	Father of the Bride			11:30am	The Big Bang Theory	1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm		5:15pm	The Life of Mammals	9:00pm	BBC Proms 2017	12:00pm	The Simpsons	1:15pm	Celebrity Big Brother
2:45pm	Red Rock		Antiques Road Trip	11:45pm	Queen: From Rags to Rhapsody	12:30pm	The Simpsons	2:15pm	Home and Away
3:30pm	The Code	6:15pm		12:45am	Queen: The Legendary 1975 Concert	1:00pm	Channel 4 News		
4:15pm	Escape to the Country	7:00pm	Eggheads			1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	2:45pm	Neighbours
	Flog It!	7:30pm	World Athletics Championships 2017	1:45am	Prince: A Purple Reign	2:05pm	Posh Pawn	3:15pm	NCIS
5:15pm	Pointless					3:10pm	Countdown	4:15pm	Jesse Stone: Night Passage
6:15pm	BBC News at Six	9:30pm	Only Connect	2:45am	Top of the Pops	4:00pm	The Question Jury	6:00pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	BBC London News	10:00pm	Gardeners' World	3:20am	The Girl From Ipanema: Brazil, Bossa Nova and the Beach	5:00pm	A Place in the Sun	6:30pm	Neighbours
7:30pm		11:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017			6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:00pm	Home and Away
8:00pm	The One Show	11:30pm	Newsnight	4:20am	This is BBC Four	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:30pm	Still Open All Hours	12:05am	Golf		<i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>	7:00pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	20 Moments That Rocked the 00s
9:00pm	EastEnders	1:15am	First Snow			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:30pm	Celebrity Big Brother
9:30pm	World Athletics Championships 2017	2:50am	Normal for Norfolk			8:00pm	Channel 4 News		
						9:00pm	Animal Rescue Live: Supervet Special	11:00pm	Make or Break
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	3:20am	Fight Game: The McGuigans				The Last Leg	12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
11:25pm	BBC London News	3:50am	This is BBC Two			10:00pm			
11:35pm	Not Going Out					11:00pm	Eden		
12:05am	Strictly Ballroom					12:05am	Rude Tube		

7:00am	Good Morning Britain	7:00am	The Cube	7:00am	Judge Judy	7:00am	The Chase	10:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
9:30am	Lorraine	7:55am	Below Deck	7:20am	Judge Judy	7:50am	Storage Wars Texas	10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:40am	The Royal Heartbeat	8:20am	Storage Wars Texas	11:00am	Football Capital One Cup Final 2013/14
11:30am	This Morning	9:00am	Emmerdale	8:30am	Where the Heart is	8:45am	The Saint Inside	4:00pm	Capital One Cup Final 2014/15
1:30pm	Loose Women	9:30am	Emmerdale	9:35am	Judge Judy	9:45am	Quincy, M.E.	5:00pm	Capital One Cup Final 2015/16
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	10:00am	You've Been Framed!	10:35am	Judge Judy	10:50am	Minder	7:00pm	EFL Cup Final 2016/17
2:55pm	ITV News London	11:00am	The Great Indoors	11:05am	Judge Judy	11:55am	The Professionals	8:00pm	SPFL Matters Carabao Cup Highlights
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	11:30am	Guidance	11:30am	Judge Judy	12:55pm	The Saint Inside	8:30pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
4:00pm	Tenable	12:00pm	Third Wheel	11:55am	Rising Damp	1:55pm	Quincy, M.E.	9:00pm	SPFL Matters Eredivisie Season Review 2016/17
5:00pm	Tipping Point	12:15pm	Third Wheel	12:30pm	You're Only Young Twice	3:00pm	Minder	11:15pm	Coppa Italia Greatest Games
6:00pm	Cash Trapped	12:25pm	Below Deck	1:00pm	The Darling Buds of May	4:00pm	Quincy, M.E.	11:30pm	Coppa Italia Greatest Games
7:00pm	ITV News London	1:20pm	Emmerdale	2:05pm	Heartbeat	5:05pm	Minder	11:45pm	Coppa Italia Greatest Games
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	1:55pm	Emmerdale	3:05pm	The Royal Heartbeat	6:05pm	The Professionals	12:00am	SPFL Matters
8:00pm	Emmerdale	2:30pm	You've Been Framed!	4:10pm	The Darling Buds of May	7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas		
8:30pm	Coronation Street	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	5:20pm	You're Only Young Twice	7:35pm	Storage Wars Texas		
9:00pm	Teach My Pet to Do That	3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:55pm	On the Buses	8:00pm	World Series of Darts		
9:30pm	Coronation Street	4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	6:25pm	Rising Damp	12:00am	First Blood		
10:00pm	Benidorm	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	6:55pm	Heartbeat	1:10am	FYI Daily		
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	1:15am	First Blood		
11:30pm	ITV News London	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	9:00pm	Doc Martin	1:55am	The Professionals		
11:40pm	Inside London Fire Brigade	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	10:00pm	The Street	2:45am	Minder		
12:40am	Tipping Point	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	11:15pm	Law and Order: UK	3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen		
1:35am	Jackpot247	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	12:15am	Wire in the Blood		Text-based information service.		
4:00am	Storage Hoarders	10:00pm	The Hangover Part III	1:20am	Wycliffe	4:00am	Teleshopping		
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen	12:00am	Family Guy	2:25am	Prime Suspect		Shopping from home.		
		12:30am	Family Guy	4:10am	Mr Selfridge				

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SUNDAY - 13 AUGUST

BBC ONE		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	7:20am	A to Z of TV Gardening	8:00pm	BBC Proms 2017	7:15am	Last Man Standing	11:25am	Football on 5
8:25am	Match of the Day			10:20pm	John Denver at Wembley Arena			12:25pm	Football on 5
10:00am	BBC News	8:05am	The Instant Gardener	11:00pm	The Sky at Night	7:40am	Last Man Standing	12:55pm	Haunted Honeymoon
11:00am	Sunday Morning Live	8:50am	Gardeners' World		A look at the world of astronomy.	8:05am	Last Man Standing	2:30pm	Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer	9:50am	Countryfile	11:30pm	Black Roses: The Killing of Sophie Lancaster	8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	3:00pm	Now That's Funny!
1:00pm	Bargain Hunt	10:45am	Saturday Kitchen		Return to Betjemanland	8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond	4:00pm	Disobedient Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:00pm	BBC News	12:15pm	Nadiya's British Food Adventure	12:15am		9:25am	Frasier	5:00pm	Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead	12:45pm	Lorraine's Fast Food	1:15am	The Man Who Fought the Planners: The Story of Ian Nairn	10:00am	Frasier	6:00pm	Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:15pm	Wanted Down Under			2:15am	Russia's Toughest Prison: The Condemned	10:30am	Sunday Brunch	7:00pm	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
3:00pm	Escape to the Continent	1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra	3:35am	How Quizzing Got Cool: Tv's Brains of Britain	1:30pm	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	7:55pm	5 News
4:00pm	Flog It!	2:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017			2:30pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	We'll Take it Away!
5:00pm	Super Small Animals	5:30pm	Britain's Ancient Capital : Secrets of Orkney			3:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	We'll Take it Away!
6:00pm	Songs of Praise	6:30pm	Steve Backshall's Extreme			3:30pm	Volcano	9:55pm	5 News
6:35pm	BBC News					5:35pm	A Place in the Sun	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
6:50pm	Regional News	7:30pm	World Athletics Championships 2017			6:35pm	Homes by the Med	11:05pm	Autopsy
6:55pm	Weather	9:00pm	Secrets of Silicon Valley			7:30pm	Channel 4 News	12:05am	Cory Monteith: The Boy Next Door
7:00pm	Countryfile	10:00pm	North Korea: Murder in the Family			8:00pm	Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb		
8:00pm	Fake or Fortune?	11:00pm	Golf			10:00pm	Valkyrien: The Underground		
9:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017	1:15am	The Body			11:00pm	Gogglebox		
		3:00am	Countryfile			12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown		
11:00pm	BBC News	3:55am	Holby City			1:05am	Ouija		
11:20pm	Regional News	4:55am	This is BBC Two			2:35am	60 Days in Jail		
11:25pm	Weather					3:30am	Gillette World Sport		
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2					3:55am	KOTV Boxing Weekly		
12:30am	Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics								
1:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead								
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event	
7:00am	CITV	7:00am	Mr. Bean	7:00am	Carry on Cruising	7:00am	The Professionals	7:00am	Through the Night
9:25am	ITV News	7:25am	Emmerdale	8:00am	FYI Daily	8:00am	Minder	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Weekend	10:25am	Coronation Street Omnibus	8:05am	Carry on Cruising	9:00am	The Big Fish Off	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:25am	Judge Rinder	12:50pm	Ninja Warrior UK	8:35am	Heartbeat	10:00am	Storage Wars	10:00am	Cricket Writers on TV
11:25am	Long Lost Family	1:50pm	Mr. Bean	9:35am	Heartbeat	10:30am	Storage Wars	11:00am	Sky Sports Today
12:25pm	Love Your Garden	2:20pm	Mr. Bean	10:40am	Murder, She Wrote	11:00am	British Superbike Highlights	12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
1:25pm	ITV News and Weather	2:55pm	You've Been Framed!	11:40am	Murder, She Wrote	12:00pm	MSA British Touring Car Championship	1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
1:30pm	James Martin's French Adventure	3:25pm	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium	12:35pm	The Darling Buds of May	7:15pm	Hat-Trick Heroes	4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
2:00pm	Rebound	4:25pm	FYI Daily	1:40pm	Heidi Wycliffe	7:30pm	Storage Wars	8:00pm	Transfer Centre Sky Sports Tonight
3:00pm	Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 Live	4:30pm	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium	3:55pm	Agatha Christie's Marple	8:00pm	World Series of Darts	8:30pm	20 Years of El Clasico
5:45pm	Bear Gryll's Survival School	5:15pm	St. Trinian's	5:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple	12:00am	American History X	9:00pm	Greatest Games
6:10pm	All Star Family Fortunes	6:15pm	FYI Daily	7:00pm	Midsomer Murders	1:10am	FYI Daily	9:55pm	Football
7:10pm	Local News and Weather	6:20pm	St. Trinian's	9:00pm	Law and Order: UK	1:15am	American History X	12:00am	Through the Night
7:15pm	ITV News and Weather	7:10pm	Hotel Transylvania	11:00pm	Law and Order: UK	2:25am	Brdc British F3 Championship Highlights	1:00am	Through the Night
7:30pm	The Chase	8:10pm	FYI Daily	12:00am	Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.	3:30am	Tommy Cooper	2:00am	Through the Night

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TUESDAY - 15 AUGUST

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
2:00pm	BBC News	4:15pm	Monkey Planet	8:00pm	World News	12:30pm	The Simpsons	2:10pm	Access
2:30pm	Regional News	5:15pm	Great Barrier Reef		Today	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Red Rock	6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your	8:30pm	The River Taff with Will Millard	1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	2:45pm	Neighbours
3:30pm	Impossible		Mouth Is	9:00pm	Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise	2:05pm	Posh Pawn Countdown	3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Escape to the Country	7:00pm	Eggheads		Utopia	3:10pm	Cheap Cheap	4:15pm	I Didn't Kill My Sister
5:15pm	Flog It!	7:30pm	Royal Recipes	10:00pm	This World	4:00pm	Cheap Ep	6:00pm	5 News
6:15pm	Pointless	8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	11:00pm	The Brain with David Eagleman	5:00pm	A Place in the Sun	6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	BBC News	9:00pm	The Big Family	12:00am	A History of Art in Three Colours	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	Regional News		Cooking Showdown	12:55am	Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	The One Show	10:00pm	Seven Days in Summer	2:00am	This World	7:00pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	Britain's Greatest Bridges
8:30pm	EastEnders		Countdown to Partition.	3:00am	Utopia	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
9:00pm	Holby City	11:00pm	Quacks	4:00am		8:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	Celeb Big Brother: Live Eviction
10:00pm	Trust Me	11:30pm	Newsnight			9:00pm	Child Genius	11:00pm	Make or Break?
11:00pm	BBC News	12:10am	Weather			10:00pm	Plane Trouble	12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
11:30pm	Regional News	12:15am	Dangerous Borders			11:00pm	How to Get a Council House		
11:40pm	Weather					12:05am	Delhi Cops		
11:45pm	New Tricks								
12:45am	Scotland's Model Teenager								

3:00pm	Judge Rinder	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	3:05pm	The Royal	12:30pm	The Professionals	9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
4:00pm	Tenable			4:10pm	The Darling Buds of May	1:35pm	The Saint	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
5:00pm	Tipping Point	3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:20pm	You're Only Young Twice	2:40pm	Inside Quincey, M.E.	11:00am	Premier League Daily
6:00pm	Cash Trapped	4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:55pm	On the Buses	4:50pm	Minder	12:00pm	Transfer Centre
7:00pm	Local News and Weather	6:00pm	Judge Rinder	6:25pm	Rising Damp	5:55pm	The Professionals	12:30pm	Sportswomen
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	6:55pm	Heartbeat	6:55pm	Storage Wars Texas	1:00pm	Sky Sports Today
8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	7:25pm	Storage Wars Texas	2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders			9:00pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	7:55pm	The Chase	3:00pm	Live Women's T20 Cricket
11:00pm	ITV News	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	10:00pm	Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans	8:55pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special	7:00pm	Live Tennis: Cincinnati
11:40pm	Martin Clunes Islands of Australia	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	11:00pm	Law and Order: UK	10:00pm	Benidorm	11:00pm	Info Not Available
12:40am	Play to the Whistle	10:30pm	Family Guy	12:00am	Cold Blood	11:00pm	Rambo: First Blood Part II	12:00am	Through the Night
		12:25am	American Dad!			12:00am	FYI Daily		

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12:00pm	Heir Hunters	7:00am	The World's Most Photographed Bargain Hunt	8:00pm	World News Today	9:30am	Frasier	7:00am	Milkshake!	7:00am	Good Morning Britain	12:25pm	Below Deck	7:20am	Judge Judy	7:00am	British Touring Car	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans										
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera	7:30am	Bargain Hunt	8:30pm	The River Taff with Will Millard	10:00am	Frasier	10:15am	The Wright Stuff	9:30am	Lorraine	1:20pm	Emmerdale	7:40am	The Royal Heartbeat	7:30am	Crashes and Smashes	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans										
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2:00pm	BBC News	9:00am	When the Boat Comes in		Two-part documentary revealing life on Fair Isle, Britain's most remote inhabited island.	11:00am	The Big Bang Theory	1:10pm	5 News	11:30am	This Morning	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	9:35am	Judge Judy	7:55am	Storage Wars Texas	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans										
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Ageing with grace

IS your man getting better with age under the Spanish sun? According to new research from leading market intelligence agency Mintel, as many as 75 per cent of men aged 65 and over feel confident about the way they look, compared to just over half (56 per cent) of men aged 16-24 and an average of 61 per cent of all men.

While 67 per cent of all men say they look good for their age, this increases to a self-assured 71 per cent of those aged 65 and over.

Proving Britain's men are happy to accept ageing with grace, almost four in five (78 per cent) men questioned agreed that it is acceptable to have some wrinkles, while 68 per cent said that skin ageing is a natural process that can't be stopped.

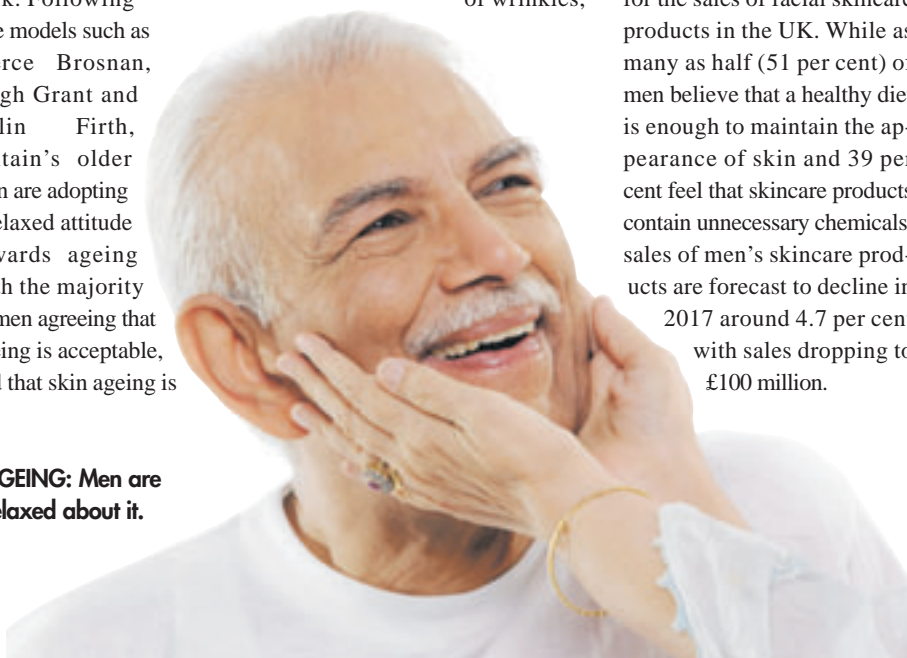
Roshida Khanom, Associate Director, Beauty and Personal

Care at Mintel, said: "Today's older men are brimming with self confidence, with high proportions thinking that they look good for their age and feeling confident about the way they look. Following role models such as Pierce Brosnan, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth, Britain's older men are adopting a relaxed attitude towards ageing with the majority of men agreeing that ageing is acceptable, and that skin ageing is

a natural process. Whilst advertising in the women's facial skincare category often features photo-shopping to optimise the appearance of skin and reduce the appearance of wrinkles,

such images may not appeal to men. Allowing skin to look aged but healthy may instead have greater resonance."

However, this new found confidence is not doing much for the sales of facial skincare products in the UK. While as many as half (51 per cent) of men believe that a healthy diet is enough to maintain the appearance of skin and 39 per cent feel that skincare products contain unnecessary chemicals, sales of men's skincare products are forecast to decline in 2017 around 4.7 per cent with sales dropping to £100 million.



AGEING: Men are relaxed about it.



DVT: Special stockings can be worn during flights.

Avoid DVT

JETTING off this summer? The Spanish Society of Physicians Of Primary Care (SEMERGEN) reminds holidaymakers that flights longer than four hours can increase the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) occurring and in flights of more than 12 hours, the condition increases substantially with the risk higher in those with pre-existing conditions that can increase the risk factor, such as those who have had recent surgery, cancer treatment, trauma, pregnancy or who have previously had DVT.

The condition is a blood clot that forms in a vein when blood slows and thickens and clumps together and mostly occurs in the lower leg.

To help reduce the risk remember to drink lots of water and stay hydrated, keep moving as much as possible, even if you are just doing feet and leg exercises whilst sitting. Special stockings can also be worn during flights to help prevent the condition. For those with any concerns, consult medical advice before flying.

WITH recent reports that men's sperm count is now half what it was in the 1970s, experts recommend simply eating more watercress could help.

Studies have shown the so-called superfood reduces stress-related damage to DNA and has many nutrients that can maintain sperm count levels.

A lecturer in sports and exercise nutrition at the University of Hull told British

Wonderful watercress

press that watercress helps the body to deal with the daily stresses it is exposed and said it had many 'weird and wonderful' chemicals with researchers only just touching the tip of the iceberg into study-

ing in more depth its potential benefits.

It is believed that watercress was fed to the Roman army to give them strength and one cup of watercress contains more than 100 per cent of the daily recom-

mended amount of vitamin K.

It is also full of calcium, magnesium, and potassium which can help lower blood pressure and contains a high level of dietary nitrate which is also known to lower blood pressure and reduce the amount of oxygen needed during exercise, therefore enhancing an athlete's performance when eaten in large amounts.



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“I’ll do it later”

by Johanna Gardener

PRO-CRAS-TIN-ATE. Spell out the word bit by bit and you’ll see in doing so, you’ll put off the inevitable and slow down the task at hand.

It would seem we just love making lists, memos, notes and more pertinently today, downloading reminder apps which jolt us into action to do the things we might not have done yesterday, to plan things for next week which could have been done the week before.

It may be reassuring to know that putting off tasks until tomorrow or ‘hasta mañana’ (as the Spanish say) is a habit inherent to nearly all of us. Yet don’t we realise that this queer obsession with deferring tasks might be just as time-consuming as getting the job done in the moment? Are we creating extra work and stress for ourselves and if so, why on earth do we insist on doing this?

With these hot summer months upon us and our minds and bodies melting in the midday sun, maybe it’s time for a push and NOW!

Interestingly, neuroscientists have provided many reasons for procrastination, highlighting the psychological evaluation of our ac-



PUTTING IT OFF: Procrastinating can cause more harm than good.

tions. Compulsive cleaning before a mountain of papers showing no sign of budging on your to-do pile is certainly not an uncommon trend and a frequent alternative to many of life’s other more arduous tasks.

Researchers say that this can be attributed to a phenomenon known as ‘subjective value.’ We attach higher value to present gains which outweigh the intangible future rewards of meeting that hovering deadline tapping us on the shoulder.

Unsurprisingly, studies confirm that the harder the task, the more we will push it back.

Robert Hanks, in his essay for the London Review of Books, referred to procrastination as a “failure of appetites.”

Hardly making us drool with hunger, the prospect of more difficult tasks holds no inextricable link to our immediate needs or happiness and ultimately seems to proclaim no value at the time. The wicked irony of course is that putting things off carries a lethal sting in its tail. Sleepless nights curtailed with guilt whilst we despair at peeling post-it notes from every surface makes us momentarily realise delaying the task has hardly eased the tortuous dread of doing it... until we return to do it again.

To do or not to do
Change is possible. Psy-

chologists have invited all procrastinators to try to boost the value of what they need to get done. Try to make it personally important to you now. Break it down into smaller chunks and think of immediate bonuses from getting the tasks completed. In nearly every task we do, we can expect some element of personal benefit.

Taking action is like a muscle. The more you work on it the easier it will become.

Habits create momentum which accordingly inspires change. Discipline might feel like a word for teenagers but in making a routine and schedule and sticking by it, you will gain control and a feeling of freedom. Procrastination reflects a perennial struggle with self control so try to get some back to shatter that downward spiral into negativity and worry.

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Halitosis



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WHAT is halitosis?

Halitosis, also known as bad breath, can be defined as the combination of unpleasant odours that are emitted by the mouth. It affects up to half the population.

What causes it?

There are two types of halitosis, oral halitosis and extra-oral halitosis. The first forms in the oral cavity itself, and is usually due to the accumulation of oral biofilm (bacterial plaque) on the tongue.

However it can also be caused by other things such as: Periodontal issues, dental cavities, smoking and others. When halitosis originates from outside the oral cavity, it is called extra-oral halitosis. It tends to be caused by systemic disorders of the upper or lower respiratory tract, the digestive system as well as hepatic or renal illnesses.

Can it be prevented?

Maintaining adequate oral hygiene, including brushing your teeth and

tongue, as well as mouth should be enough to prevent halitosis.

Should I seek medical help?

You should always see a specialist in order to determine the origin of the halitosis and how best to treat it. In most cases it is due to problems within the mouth however sometimes it can be the sign of a more serious illness.

How can I tell if I have halitosis?

In general, halitosis is difficult to diagnose, as it is highly unlikely that a person will notice their own bad breath. In some cases a person merely suspects they have bad breath.

If in doubt, it is worth speaking to people you trust who would be able to notice bad breath. Help from an orthodontic specialist can also aid diagnosis. When diagnosing someone with halitosis, fundamental aspects of their life, such as their general health, their habits, and their oral hygiene are taken into account.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Space mountain



FESTIVITIES: At Glover's studio.

RENOWNED English musician and producer, Martin Glover, has announced the second edition of the Space Mountain Festival in Granada this October.

The event, in which international and national artists, as well as musicians, come together, will see 30 live performances, jam sessions, interactive talks with artists, and audio-visual projections at the musician's studio.

The first immersive arts and music festival open to the public will run from October 6 to 8 in Glover's 'Space Mountain's-tudio, allowing festival-goers the opportunity to see 'music created and mixed live in a professional recording studio with award winning producers.'

Artists The Egg, Alex Paterson, The Orb, Jaz Coleman, Nik Turner, Roger Eno, Solea Morente, Sonido Vegetal, Shpongle, James Monroe, and X-Dream are among those invited.

The studio, located in Albuñuelas, in the heart of the

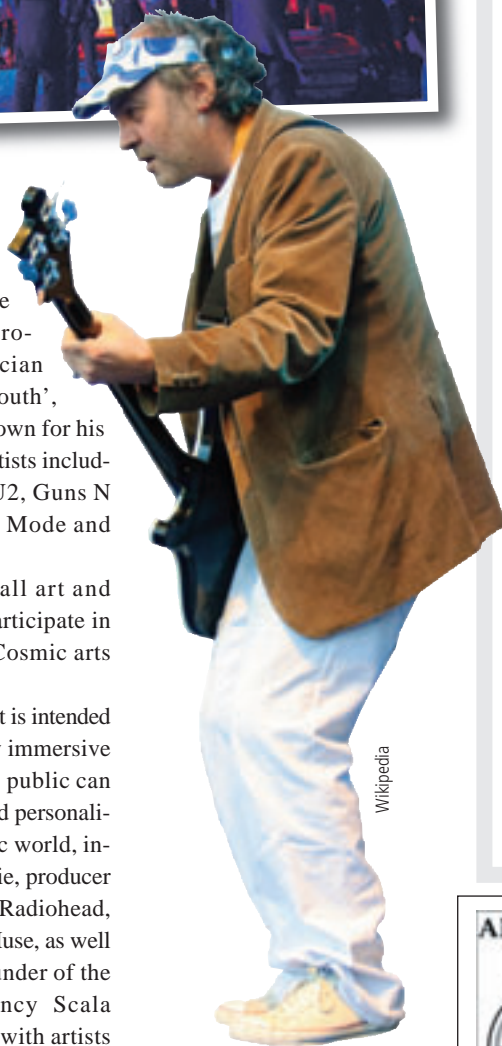
stunning Lecrin Valley, Granada, is owned by the award-winning producer and musician Martin Glover 'Youth', internationally known for his work producing artists including Pink Floyd, U2, Guns N 'Roses, Depeche Mode and Paul McCartney.

Youth invites all art and music lovers to participate in what he calls a "Cosmic arts lab."

This new concept is intended to be the first truly immersive festival where the public can mix with artists and personalities from the music world, including John Leckie, producer of Simple Minds, Radiohead, Stone Roses and Muse, as well as Mim Scala, founder of the well-known agency Scala Browne, working with artists like the Rolling Stones.

Tickets, costing €25 a day, or €50 for three days, can be purchased at www.ticketea.com/entradas-festival-space-mountain/.

Space Mountain Studios.



Martin Glover has produced artists in his time.

Summer jam



JAMMIN': Olga Ruano and Enrique Jimenez discuss the festival.

ALMUNECAR'S fifth Summer Jam Festival is coming to town, offering five hours of live music in El Majuelo Park on Friday, August 18.

The event, which takes place in the park's auditorium, will see hip-hop and reggae performances from Rapsusklei, Sharif, Ikki & Costa, Sho hai, Chuty - BTA, Shabu & El Niño, in one of the biggest showcases of its kind in Andalusia.

Olga Ruano, councillor for Culture, presented the festival alongside promoter and organiser, Enrique Jimenez, from company Boom Bap. Councillor Ruano explained the event has attracted almost a thousand young people in its four previous editions, adding, "This is one of the few

festivals where children can attend accompanied by relatives."

Artists from the Quilate collective explained, "is a unique festival for outdoor audiences in an unbeatable environment." Adding, "this is the summer version of the well-known Boom Bap brand that has taken place throughout Andalusia."

One of the event's main acts, Rapsusklei, is one of the best-known hip-hop artists in Spain and will present his latest work, sixth album, Sharif.

The festival, which will offer five hours of music from 7pm, maintains the price of previous editions at €11. Tickets can be purchased at the tourist offices La Najarra and Viajes Ecuador, Almuñecar, as well as online at www.ticketea.com.

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Allergy or desire

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A FEW weeks ago we featured an article about allergies. I mentioned there are many restaurants now who take the whole allergy thing very seriously. In fact there are laws that govern menus and menu content here in Spain. Staff has to be trained with regard to this.

But it does get a bit silly at times. A young chef in Australia has got to the end of his tether having received three orders in one evening that proves that some people take the opportunity to use 'allergies' as a way to rewrite the menu! His post on Instagram got a huge response from fellow restaurateurs as well as food writers.

As one contributor wrote, "There is nothing wrong with having a food preference or not liking certain foods. Please don't call it an allergy though. True food allergies are rare, but for those who have them they are deadly."

Another said, "As a chef for over 30



NO ALLERGIES: If you don't like something, then just say so.

years I have had enough of fake allergies, it makes a chef's life so hard and the life of allergy sufferers very hard."

Some of the requests that Chefs get are: 'Shellfish allergy but love oyster sauce' - 'Gluten free but love gluten as long as it's not a piece of bread' - 'I'm Vegetarian but I love a chicken wing.' How about Pescaterians that eat chicken?

I used to have a delightful young lady client who was Vegan. She used to eat with us a lot because our chefs could always produce something interesting for her. But on some occasions she would order a Fillet

Steak. Her reason for the change of mind was because she claimed Vegan as her sort of detox and her steak an occasional guilty pleasure. That I understand.

The classic of course is a couple on their first date. When ordering, it is not unusual to hear, "I'm allergic to onions" but invariably they just want to avoid onion breath!

So, the moral of this story is if you have a genuine allergy then say so, If you don't like or want a particular thing, just say so. But don't lead the staff and kitchen into the fear there is an allergy - as that entails many different variants!

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The first man gets
the oyster, the
second the shell.
Andrew Carnegie

Or as *Del Boy* would say:
"The world is your lobster."

Claret or Rioja?

WHEN it comes to Viña Tondonia, most people would not tell the difference. The quality of this wine from Bodega Lopez de Heredia ranks among the best for Rioja aficionados, but with a leaning to French Claret!

In 1877, its founder Don Rafael fell in love with the region and especially with the mythical area around the hilltop town of Haro. He recognised that there was a magical combination of soil and climate which would offer the perfect environment for producing a wine that would eventually become world famous

The fermentation takes place in vast, impressive vats which are up to 140 years old. Beneath the winery is a complex network of underground galleries; hundreds of metres of slowly maturing, home-made barrels filled with ethereal liquid are kept for years before release. They take things to such a distinct level that their Reservas are aged for considerably longer than the minimal legal requirement for Gran Reservas - rather than 18 months + five years, they spend five to six years in barrel, then the same in bottle.

As Luis Gutierrez - *robertparker.com* says, while awarding 93 points to the 2005 vintage explains :

"The 2005 Viña Tondonia Reserva is a blend of 70 per cent Tempranillo, 20 per cent Gamacho, 5 per cent Graciano and 5 per cent Mazuelo from their vineyards in the meander of the Ebro River, where they have some 100 hectares of vineyards. The wine fermented in the original oak vats that are now some 140 years of age. There is no temperature control and malolactic was also in the vat. The wine was transferred to oak barrels where it slowly matured in their deep, humid caves for no less than six years. After this, it was bottled unfiltered after being fined with egg whites. I think the quality gap between Reserva and Gran Reserva has been getting smaller since the 2001 vintage and this 2005 is nothing short of exceptional. It's clean and complex, with more freshness. The wine is very spicy and with a palate that feels very balanced, livelier than in the past. It has a long finish where the flavours are clean. Easy to drink and very pleasurable."

Not one you pick up from the Supermarket on a daily basis, but available at good wine shops at around 20€ a bottle. Santé.

TONDONIA: One of the best.



Apologies and thanks

I WAS a little disappointed, yet pleased, that someone had picked me up on my oyster article of last week.

Perhaps the headline distorted the article. I was not saying that oysters were responsible for food poisoning, but that they did not contribute to the illness any more or less than mushrooms, chicken or shellfish in general.

In fact I think the article showed that oysters were considerably less likely to cause food poisoning than other items. (include mayonnaise and eggs in general)

But I thank Eddie Cheeseman (what a great name for a foodie!) for his contribution to the argument.

A little knowledge can be a very dangerous thing indeed. I used to offer £1,000 to anyone who could find an oyster farmer who told you that you just swallow, and not chew, an oyster,

As you stated oysters are now purified by law, an allergic reaction to them is rare in the extreme. The only thing that can interfere with the cleansing process

is unfortunately human intervention.

As you failed to point out there are now many oysters for sale here in Javea in most supermarkets. French mostly but more recently from areas in Spain. Tortosa (just below Barcelona) and Pontevedra on the west coast, all delicious.

However, they are often displayed in supermarkets standing on end (so all the water falls out) and still no oyster knives on sale with them?

We like to think we had something to do with the increased sales locally following our oyster hut at a seafood festival here in Javea.

Personally I have introduced hundreds if not thousands of people to the delights of oysters (even in schools) for the first time, explaining fully what they were used for, and are used for now, and to date no-one has ever spat one out.

You can be assured that over 95 per cent of people who have a negative response such as 'I don't like them' or say 'Ugh!' when you mention oysters have

never even tried one.

If you do decide to 'have a go' find someone who knows all about them and can open them in front of you.

There is so much material that could have been in your article including the difference between native and Pacific oysters yet you chose food poisoning?

Regards

Eddie Cheeseman
The Oyster Man

Thanks Eddie, as much as I often chew my oysters I do like the squashed sensation at the back of my throat as well, and I certainly agree about the oyster knives. There is surely more damage done by inexperienced 'oyster openers' than there is by eating them!

As to the difference between the different oysters, I am more than happy to receive education! My sister is unfortunately one of those that 'spitting them out' or not even attempting to try them - they fall in to the mussels, clams and snail varieties is her defence and she still insists in branding them as 'bogies'!

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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10,000 approx, the number of oysters consumed, by Eddie over 25 years.

2,000 approx, the number consumed, by yours truly, over a longer period

0 the number either of us can remember working at the time, but just enjoyed the oysters!

Five-star luxury housing

SPAIN'S luxury housing market is now one of the most exciting on the planet. Political stability and a booming economy have seen long waiting lists develop for properties priced at more than €10,000 per square metre.

Barcelona and Madrid are at the centre of the emerging luxury market according to real estate giant Lucas Fox, which manages an international portfolio of high-end homes.

In the capital almost 1,000 properties valued at more than €1.5 million were sold last year. That represented an increase of 60 per cent on the previous year according to data from Engel & Volkers.

Buyers hail from across the globe and most are buying their third or fourth home. Recent months have seen an upsurge in big spenders from Latin America. Wealthy elites place great value in a luxurious property in a European capital where they share the language and have no fear of kidnapping or robbery.

Analysts from Knight Frank expect Madrid's luxury market to grow at a rate of 5 per cent per annum for the next four years, even reaching double digit growth in key neighbourhoods, such as Salamanca.



FIVE-STAR PAD: Madrid the new favourite of global jet-setters.

Helping homes earn more money

DOZENS of new companies have sprung up in Spain, nurtured by the country's booming holiday rental market. The new players manage and promote properties to ensure maximum revenue from the lucrative tourist trade.

Examples are Minty Host and Friendly Rentals, which manage hundreds of city apartments each. Typically they charge between 10 and 20 per cent of the rental fee for their services.

They take professional photos and employ word-smiths to set up an effective online advertisement for the property. Little details are

thrown in to distinguish it from the competition.

Landlords don't have to lift a finger. The rental company will screen potential tourists to suit the owner's preferred

profile. They manage payments online and even deal with any legal difficulties arising from no-shows or property damage.

At present the new breed

of holiday rental companies are strongest in Barcelona, Madrid and Sevilla. It remains much easier to manage and rent apartments in cities with a large tourist

population.

But they are already expanding into the Costas and into the slightly segregated villa and finca rental market. Their emergence has been

welcomed by many landlords eager to capitalise on tourist money but who don't have the time or inclination to deal with holidaymakers on a weekly, even daily, basis.



NICE EARNER: An apartment in Spain can be a goldmine for landlords.

“It remains much easier to manage and rent apartments in cities with a large tourist population.”

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Elegant gardens with little effort

FOR most readers July was a hot, dry rainless month, the exceptions reported being heavy damaging hail storms in Andalucía and along the northern coast line.

Current weather forecasts suggest the drought conditions will continue but with more clouds around and a slight lowering of temperatures. Gardening should be reasonably comfortable now for some weeks.

Over the past 30 years, successful gardening in Spain has had to concentrate on recognising and focusing on the emergent risks such as:

- Less summer rain and later autumn 'gota frias' as a result of concreting the Mediterranean coastline.
- More imported plants as a result of needing to replace the stock of plants killed off in gardens and garden centres by the March 2005 air frosts.
- Large forced versus smaller naturally grown plants for sale.
- Plants for sale designed to be grown artificially.



GARDEN MAINTENANCE: Well manicured yet natural gardens require good planning.

- Failure to use natural and normally safe insecticides and fungicides on a regular basis.
- Increase in non-Spanish gardeners and property purchasers with a genuine interest in gardening.
- Failure for owners and gardeners/odd job men/women to develop garden strategies together.
- Reflecting on this point, what is required from the plots? Here is a basic audit:**
 - Is there shade to be able to sit out during the hottest days or hours?
 - Is there colour all year round without huge water bills? Remember the multitude of greens are the most important.
 - Is there a regular source of salad leaves in large containers, raised beds or in the garden?
 - Is food available from the garden? Leaves, flowers, roots, fruits and meats are more important than local supermarkets.
 - In summer, is essential garden maintenance done before

the sun is hot and sweltering?

- Are there sheltered windless winter spots to enjoy a rest from eating out and internal/external views?

- Is eating at home preferred to eating at restaurants which are struggling to survive?

- Are the kings and queens of the garden the resident owners, family or holidaymakers, pet dogs or invading cats?

There are some more mundane things to think about.

1. Do watering frequencies and volumes need to be increased?
2. Which annuals and perennials need to be pruned to improve their appearance and prolong flowering?
3. What herbs are ready to cut and dry for the kitchen or pot pourris?
4. What shrubs require seasonal pruning, the removal of untidy seeds and dead flowers?
5. Are there signs of insects or fungal attacks that need spraying, preferably with eco sprays like Neem or Propolis?

6. What climbers need to be trimmed back?

7. Do paths, terraces and flowerbeds need sweeping, vacuuming or blowing?

But do stick to priorities. Spanish summers are to be enjoyed.

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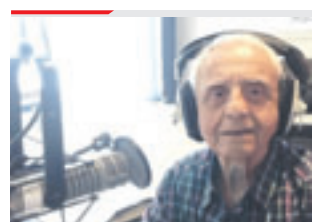
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ANTHROPOMORPHISM. This is the word that is used when it is believed that dogs have the same feelings and emotions as humans and that they understand human language. A mistaken belief, of course. Dogs are not small, furred human beings. They are canines. True, they are man's best friend and companion because their natural instincts and hierarchical society blends into that of humans, and because they show loyalty and devotion

to the hand that feeds them.

As we have seen in the chapter on wolves, this bonding between man and dog happened thousands of years ago when both man and wolf lived similar nomadic lives as hunters roaming the country to seek food.

The dog's adaptation to our way of life was assisted and accelerated by man using selective breeding to develop the most desirable features, first to work for humans and then to turn them into pets.

Even so, there remain, of course, fundamental differences between humans and their dogs. To take just one example, dogs live totally in the present moment.

They do not worry about the past. They do not dream about the future.

They are not endowed with

imagination or feel grief, hate, jealousy or greed or other emotions that bedevil human society. They do have a high sensory ability which can be mistaken for a kind of sixth sense.

They will understand certain words like sit, stay or down require the right reaction if they are to be rewarded with a tit-bit or praise. They will understand whether a tone of voice and facial expressions are good or bad when they are spoken to, in whatever language, but they will not understand longer phrases.

Human emotions are often attributed to dogs when, in fact, they are reacting instinctively. It is assumed that dogs are happy to see their owners when



they return home and it looks pleased and wags its tail. All it is doing is reacting in the same way a wolf puppy reacts when the pack returns with food from a hunt.

It behaved in the same way when it was feeding from its mother along with the rest of the litter. It is true the dog is enjoying a pleasurable experience but it is not pleasure in human

**PACK HIERARCHY:
Dogs have natural
wolf instincts.**

terms.

Another example of anthropomorphism is when it is believed that a dog is 'sulking' when it returns home from a stay in kennels, or is grieving over the death of a member of the family. In the latter case, what it will be feeling is the loss of a higher member of the 'pack' and the anxiety caused by no longer knowing its position in the family hierarchy. It will also be confused by the vibrations of distress it picks up from the family.

Once the 'pack' has settled again, the dog will make a quick recovery, as lives in the present and doesn't mourn the past.

So do not attribute dogs with human emotions. Try to understand their simple canine minds, which are untroubled by so many of our emotions.

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One caveat is that it is the most popular car bought by premier league players on finance. Re-

by Matthew Elliott

gardless of their wealth, finance deals remain as popular among the stars as they are among the public thanks to their flexibility.

Last year more than a million people bought cars in the UK on finance deals. Fear of a ticking debt time bomb won't trouble the top players, many of whom earn in excess of €100,000 per week and could buy a new Mercedes every day if



NIFTY: The Evoque provides camouflage for superstar strikers.

they felt like it.

The Evoque tops a list of the 10 most popular footballer cars and stands out like a sore thumb. Second and third are the Lamborghini Aventador and Mercedes Onyx G6 Coupe respectively.

The best of the rest includes the Bentley Continental GT, Ferrari F12 Berlinetta, Lamborghini

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Phantom menace returns

ROLLS-ROYCE have billed the official unveiling of its eighth generation Phantom as a revolution in luxury. The model features a special bodyshell that can be easily adapted to the whims and desires of wealthy owners.

Each one of the latest generation Phantom can easily be adapted to the driver's aesthetic preferences. It is the world's first mass-produced yet individually-tailored car.

Design director Giles Taylor said the new frame is "scaleable in every dimension" and will form the bedrock of all future Rolls-Royce cars, including the Wraith, Dawn and Ghost.

The luxurious interior pays tribute to the stylish qualities of the first ever Phantom



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released in 1925 but with 21st century technology. Its classic style is attested to by the absolute absence of plastic, with an interior entirely constructed from wood, metal and glass.

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THE Classic Car Club of Andalucia has grown in stature and numbers considerably over the past nine years.

There are a number of celebrity members and motor-sport luminaries as members and a first class number of life-time honorary members. These include former Jaguar works racing driver, Win Percy, former WEC champion and Porsche works racing driver, John Fitzpatrick. These two are still the only Brits ever to have taken on the famous Australian race, the Bathurst 1000 and won it! That was in 1976 and 1980.

Retired McLaren F1 Team boss Jo Ramirez and also one time Ayrton Senna F1 teammate and now Sky TV F1 commentator, Mark Blundell, Dragon's Den TV star and classic saloon racer, Theo Paphitis, and top classic saloon racing driver, Kerry Michael MBE, are also among the glittering list of honorary members. The Club is indeed blessed! At one recent Clubnight it was discovered that no less than five of the members dining together that night had competed on the 1979 International Welsh Rally together but possibly didn't know each other then!

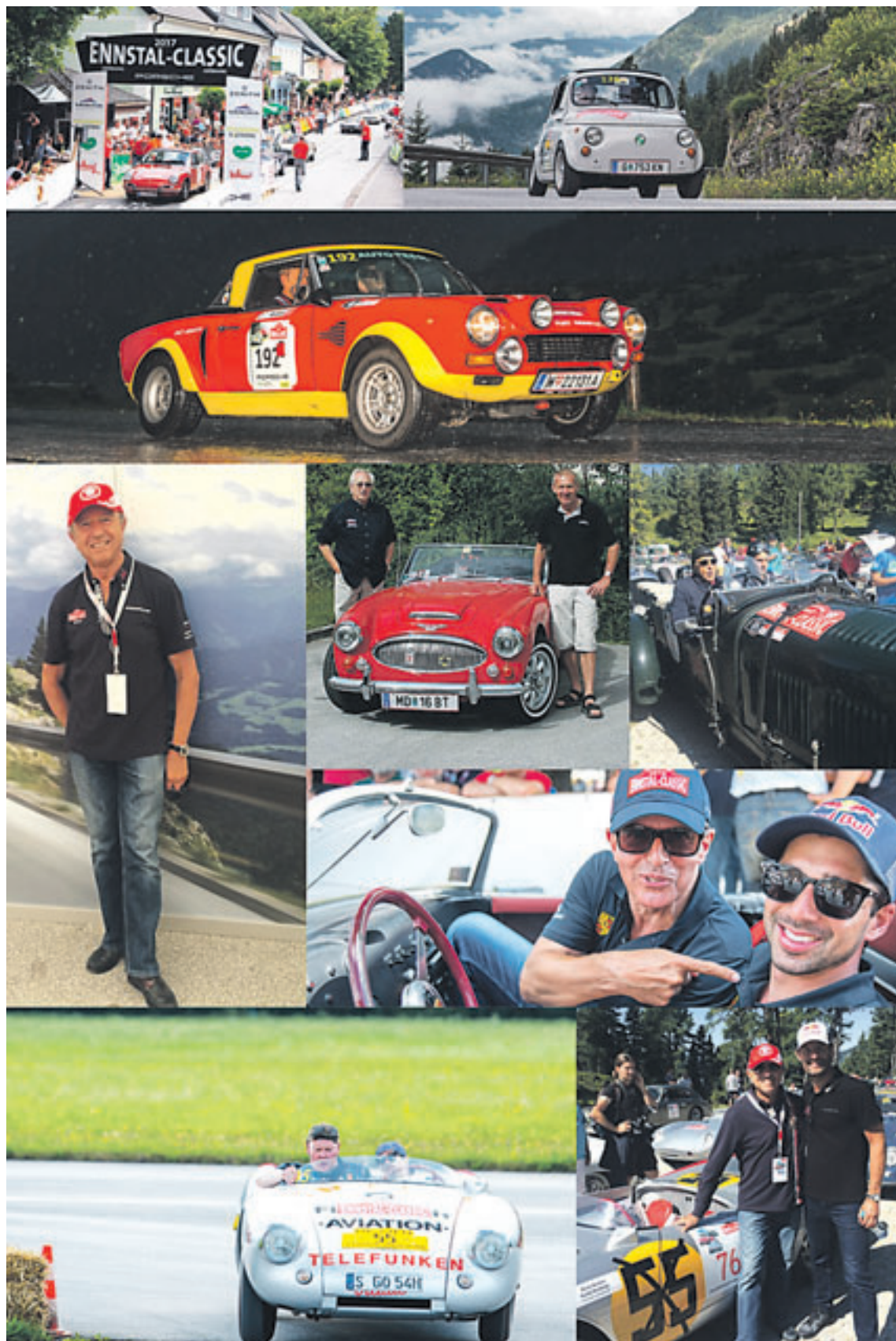
From the world of rallying we have British Open champion and Ford World Championship co-driver Peter Davis. Jackie Ashby, former British Ladies Rally Champion is a member. So too Alison Evans, the only lady to finish the Monte Carlo Rally as a driver and a co-driver. Former British Open Champion and Audi works co-driver, Roger Evans too. Former BL works supported rally driver, Ian Giles, is the Club Presidente and there are many, many more.....

SPV Racing weekend

AT the recent Clubnight there was a talk from the owner of the Le Mans LMP series SVP race team, Lars Lindberg, which was fascinating. SVP Racing are inviting CCCA members to their fun weekend and demonstrations of Pit-Stops etc in Benalmadena Puerto on Saturday and Sunday August 12 and 13. See the Club Facebook pages for more information.

The *Euro Weekly News* itself is very much involved in this superb weekend and will publish more information. Do come along and have a look, there will be something for everyone.

CCCA racing along!



The Ennstal Classic Rally, Austria

WHILST mentioning some notable Club members they are not all retired! Two CCCA members were recently in Austria competing on the famous Ennstal Classic Rally. These were Jo

Ramirez, driving a Porsche 911, and Clément Eijffinger in his very pretty Alfa Romeo. There will be photos from the event on this page. Both cars finished the event and this is what CCCA's Jo Ramirez had to say about the Rally:-

"The Ennstal-Classic is without doubt one of the best, if not the best, Rally in Europe. Run in beautiful countryside around the river Ennstal, between the towns of Grobming and

the Schladming-Dachstein. A region crossing some of the greatest driving roads in the world. This year, on it's 25th anniversary, they seem to have found the very best roads ever, with amazing scenery and almost no traffic at all, wherever you turn your head. It is like a post-card, and you want to stop and take a photo, waiting for Julie Andrews to come down the mountain singing 'The Sound of Music'!

"The Rally is run over three days

with around 450 km for each of the first two days, and a short run on the last day. Almost 270 cars were present from 1924 to 1972. There is a superb dinner party every night, in wonderful locations, and a gala dinner for the prize-giving night. Not only the cars are interesting, but also the people, and a wonderful atmosphere prevails at all times. For me, it is also very special because on this rally I met my partner, Ursula, who was, and still is, an unpaid worker for the Rally.

"When someone enters the rally for the first time they will enjoy it so much they will want to keep going year after year. Stirling Moss has done them all, except this year due to poor health, I have done it for 15 years and counting and five-time Le Mans winner Derek Bell, Jochen Mass, Hans Stuck, Alex Wurz, Rauno Aaltonen, Walter Rohl, Marc Surer and Dieter Quester are also regulars. Mark Webber and Neel Jani did it last year, and came back this year, and so many other personalities from different walks of life also enter and remain fascinated like Rowan Atkinson, Patrick Dempsey, Franz Klammer and many German and Austrian personalities from show business. Wolfgang Porsche, the owner of Porsche, and his son Ferdinand also have become regular participants since Porsche has become one of the Rally's Sponsors.

"As a competition, the Rally has a lot of special stages where you should keep to an average speed of about 50kph over the most twisty and 'up and down' road sections with photo cells hiding all along the stages. It is this which makes the Rally not only skilful but interesting, rather than boring timing controls like those on the Mille Miglia.

"This year the Classic Car Club of Andalucia had two entries, myself and Clément Eijffinger. I entered a Porsche 911 and Clément entered his beautiful Alfa Romeo. We finished almost together in the final classification!

I hope we will both be back next year and maybe with others from the CCCA!"

That's it until next time! Next CCCA events are in September.

Jo Ramirez
MOTORING

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com.

Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con él.



ROOT, batting against South Africa, became only the second Englishman, after John Edrich, to score a half-century in 10 successive Tests.

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AÑORETA

Monday July 24

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD OVERALL WINNER

Peter Garner, Hcp 20 77 net

LADIES

First - Lyn McAllister Hcp 27 74 net

Second - Erica Oxford Hcp 27

MEN

First - Frank Ferdinales Hcp 22

Second - Cliff Elliott Hcp 25

TWO'S

Peter Garner 2, Pete Thompson 9, Frank Ferdinales 9 and John Conlan 9.

This was the monthly medal but only nine of the 21 players opted to play that format, therefore 12 went for the option. The best score of the day was Peter Garner with a score of 93-20, net 73 a great score, Lyn McAllister was only one shot back with 101-27, net 74 the rest of the braves were left well behind.

The Stableford was won by returning Frank Ferdinales who



BAVIERA: The members played a 1-2-3 Waltz and a pleasant breeze relieved the worst of the heat.

has had a month off golf. Second was Lady Vice Captain Erica Oxford and third Cliff Elliott.

BAVIERA

Tuesday July 25

1-2-3 WALTZ

First team

Derek Sibson, John Blanco and Clive Akid 73pts

Second team

Rafael Martin, Jim Paton and John Conlan 69pts

Third team

David Jenkins, Bob Blair and Marlyse Blair 65pts

TWO'S

Ben Bliem 5

Luckily the forecast of 37 degrees was wrong and a pleasant breeze relieved the worst of the heat.

They had a small field made up of teams of three with one four ball just to make scoring fun.

With a scratch score of 72 for the game the winning team's 73 was a magnificent effort. The second team had a creditable 69. Two teams vied for third with equal scores, but no amount of devious adjustments could get the four-man team into the frame. They just didn't do enough with only one point on the 18th.

Having bought eight bottles for two prizes for teams of four, they were able to add in a bottle left over from last week and make three prizes for the three balls, but still couldn't win one.

The two's pot went to Ben Bliem for his 'two' on the 5th.

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