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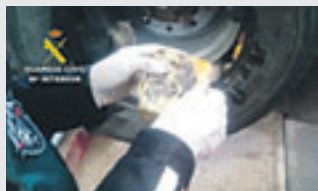
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Monster hash bust

GUARDIA CIVIL officers smashed a drug smuggling ring operating at Almeria Port. A search of a large trailer arriving from Melilla, North Africa yielded 125 kilograms of hashish stashed packages above the wheels. Police also found €52,655 in cash hidden in cars accompanying the trailer.

Guardia Civil officers watched as gang members placed the hash in the wheels once the trailer was loaded. The traffickers were then seen changing the wheels in Almeria, before making their way to various industrial estates across the province.

Rather than act immediately, the Guardia Civil bid their time and detailed the gang's movements, before moving in to secure a major bust.



STICKY BUSINESS: Police uncover huge hash haul stashed in wheels.



DEADLY: Drugs and knife found by police after violent incident.



Photo credit Guardia Civil

Charity thief caught

A HEARTLESS woman who stole 70 t-shirts and €1,200 in cash from a charity stall run by the Almeria Association for Cystic Fibrosis has been arrested by the National Police.

The theft took place several months ago when she literally snatched these items in broad daylight whilst volunteers were dismantling the stand in Calle Reyes Católicos Almeria City.

After considerable investigation, officers managed to identify the thief as a 47-year-old woman who had no previous record.

She has now been formally charged and will appear before the local court in due course but the property of the charity has been found and will be returned.

Man arrested for assault Drug-fuelled frenzy

By Matthew Elliott

A MAN who stabbed his friend during a drug-fuelled house party was arrested by Guardia Civil officers in Roquetas de Mar. The 33-year-old fled the scene in his car, which was later found by police with the occupant in an extremely agitated state.

Police were called to a Roquetas urbanisation when a resident heard screams and saw a violent altercation unfold through a neighbouring window. Officers found one man inside sitting on an arm chair with a severe knife wound in his leg.

The injured man told them that his assailant had

driven off after the assault and was high on a significant quantity of drugs. At the scene police found 110 grams of marihuana, 35 grams of hashish, three grams of cocaine and three tabs of LSD.

When they located their suspect parked on Avenida Juan Carlos I officers conducted a further search,

finding the knife used in the assault and €1,745 cash.

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Marine green grass of home

VOLUNTEERS are being recruited to help conserve the Posidonia marine seagrass of the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park. The Columbares Association is conducting a thorough clean-up of the important wildlife area from Friday to Sunday.

Their efforts are part of the Natura 2000 Network, an environmental protection programme across Andalucía which is partly financed by the European Union.

Posidonia is a type of seagrass endemic to the Mediterranean. Known as 'the lungs of the sea,' it is fundamental to ecosystems but is under

threat from plastic, pollution and coastline construction projects.

During the week, the volunteers will attend meetings with ecologists, local hotels and tourism representatives before travelling around the Natural Park's marine space by kayak, talking to sailors, swimmers, surfers, fishermen and other sea users about the importance of conserving the sea bed.

To close, on Sunday they will visit restaurants and tourist sites, sharing the same message. Participation is free and can be arranged by emailing antoniofriaslopez@gmail.com.

Baywatch crew gets sand-mobile

By *Matthew Elliott*

BEACH police are now patrolling the shores of Mojácar. The new service will see trained officers cruise the 17 kilometres of coastline in a specially-designed vehicle

which can drive across sand.

They will deter thieves, combat crime and provide assistance to tourists and locals along the Paseo Marítimo. Other roles include supporting the Local Police and first responders, and ensuring beachgoers comply with public decency by-laws.

The new beach unit is pencilled in for patrol duty until mid-September. They will work closely with the 24 lifeguards also on duty across Mojácar's beaches to ensure safety for bathers.

Recently the lifeguards have been showcasing their rescue skills on Mojácar beach. World Junior Kitesurfing Champion Osaia Reding volunteered as a drowning 'victim' to help keep first aid crews on their toes.



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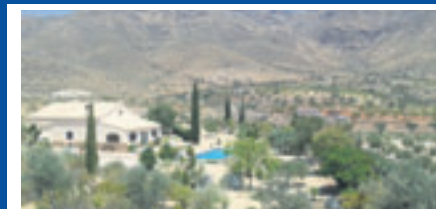
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Leaving the nest

FLAT shares are growing increasingly popular in Almería. The number of people sharing homes with strangers has risen by 14 per cent in the past year. The average Almerian roommate in 2017 is 29 years old and spends €208 each month on a room.

The increase is almost uniform across Spain, with young professionals eager to move out of the family home but unable to afford a mortgage.

Pink power gets star support

A SOLIDARITY campaign to raise cancer-fighting funds in Almería has attracted the support of the province's biggest star, David Bisbal.

The Sports Club are auctioning special pink t-shirts online, with profits going to the Spanish Association Against Cancer in Almería.

The Almería-born singer is once again raising huge funds and encouraging sales of pink t-shirts.

Caught green-handed

A STRONG smell gave away the location of a huge marihuana growing operation in Níjar. Guardia Civil officers arrested one local man aged 29, and seized 31 fully-grown plants from a property in the town.

They were alerted by neighbours who heard constant whirring sounds and could smell the plants from their own homes. The suspect, identified only as JSG, has been charged with cultivating and distributing illegal drugs.

Success network

AFTER the success of similar efforts in Almería and Poniente, the Almanzora Valley is to establish a new employment fair. Young people will be invited to attend with their CVs handy, while budding entrepreneurs will be able to network.

The fair will help promote small and medium-sized businesses and encourage young people to gain professional skills when they finish school to improve their chances in a competitive market.

Video killed the radio star

TWO teenage girls have become Almería's biggest stars on YouTube. Laura Lopez and Alejandra Roda now boast more than half a million subscribers to their social media channel.

Each of those subscribers has specifically signed up to watch the pair's hundreds of videos, in which they dance and sing to popular songs while editing the speed and graphics for comic effect.

Aged just 14 and 15, many of their videos attract hundreds of thousands of views. By virtue of the sheer numbers, they are now the most influential YouTubers in Almería, and among the top in Spain.

The friends began uploading videos two years ago and within just 12 months they had secured 100,000 subscribers. This month they passed the 500,000 milestone and now count netizens in Peru and Uruguay among their fans.

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.

Coastal congestion

A COASTAL relief road will be built to ease congestion along Mojacar's Paseo de Mediterraneo. The Junta de Andalucía regional government has given its blessing to the road, which will run between Paraje de Marinas, and the roundabout near the garage on the A-1203.

It has taken one year to iron out the

specific details despite mounting public pressure to reduce traffic congestion.

Eco warriors

A SHIP commanded by Ecologists in Action has docked at Almería until Sunday while activists campaign locally to protect the Almería coast. Campaign coordinator Jose Garrido expressed grave

concern over the fate of the Aguas river, explaining that the water is used to supply more than six million olive trees, which may also die if the river dries up.

Cooking from scratch

MORE than 200 schools across Almería Province are promoting healthy eating habits. Some 63,000 students are benefiting, as are almost 5,000 teachers.

The programme reinforces the value of traditional Mediterranean cuisine, eating with others and cooking from scratch, rather than processed foods.

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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**



HIGHS BUT NO LOWS: Severe weather warnings have been issued

euroweeklynews.com 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 Almeria 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*

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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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Tourist spending up

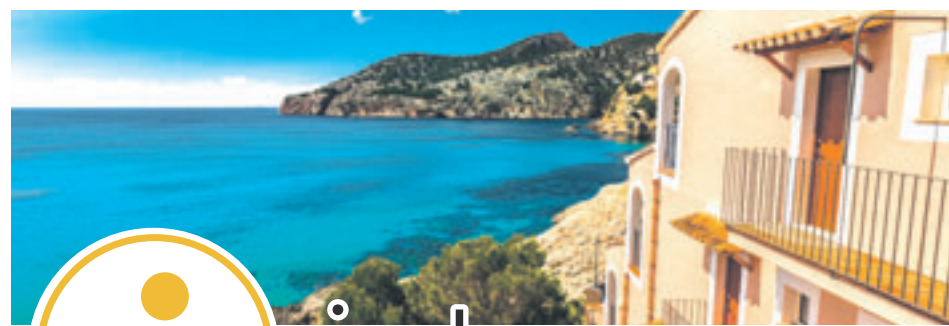
SPENDING by inbound tourists in Spain in the first half of 2017 amounted to €37.22 billion, a 14.8 per cent increase over the same period last year.

According to the Tourist Spending Survey, prepared by the National Statistics Institute the United Kingdom is the top spender with €7.55 billion, (20.3 per cent of the total), followed by Germany, with €5.36 billion (14.4 per cent), and the Nordic countries, with €3.23 billion (8.7 per cent).

Average spending per tourist stands at €1,065 an annual rise of 2.9 per cent.

Barcelona receives the largest tourist revenue, followed by the Canary Islands and Andalucia.

The main destination tourist destination regions with the largest share of tourist spending in June were the Balearic Islands, with €2.13 billion (23.7 per cent of the total), Catalonia, with €2.12 billion (23.6 per cent) and Andalucia (with €1.33 billion (14.8 per cent).



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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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 This fully furnished second floor apartment located in a naturist's paradise on the Bahía de Vera urbanization, comprises of a one of a kind layout different to the other studio apartments of its type.



Vera Playa - 74,500€ (ref: FMDW)
 2 beds • 1 bath • Build: 61m²
 500m from Las Marinas beach with 2 pools on the urbanization; bars, restaurants, shops & public transport all within easy walking distance, the Fuentemar development is an ideal location for all year round holidays.



Palomares - 83,000€ (ref: PDM)
 2 beds • 2 baths • Build: 99m²
 A fully furnished southeast facing duplex with multiple terraces providing generous outside living space to match that of the internal living space. Within walking distance to town and beach.



Vera Playa (Naturist) - 83,500€ (ref: NBVSI)
 1 bed • 1 bath • Plot: 99m² • Build: 48m²
 Fully furnished, well maintained and sensibly priced, this apartment is an excellent option for anyone looking for a low maintenance and low running cost property on Bahía de Vera.



Los Gallardos - 87,500€ (ref: HNOSJ)
 2 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 171m² • Build: 77m²
 Benefiting a south-east orientation with views of Mojácar Pueblo & Sierra Cabrera, with comparatively low maintenance fees the property would make an ideal holiday home or longer term residence.



Vera Playa - 94,950€ (ref: VPAA)
 2 beds • 2 baths • Build: 61m²
 This is a well maintained property, furnished to a high standard & suitable for sleeping 5 people. Located on a gated complex with outdoor & indoor pools making it a great all year round holiday location.



Los Gallardos - 95,000€ (ref: HNAZI)
 2 beds • 2 baths • Build: 95m²
 The apartment is larger than the average penthouse property and has east and west facing aspects, terraces, solarium with views of Mojácar Pueblo, communal swimming pool and off-road parking.



Turre - 114,950€ (ref: TAW)
 3 beds • 2 baths • Build: 119m²
 Located on the edge of the village of Turre this large three bedroom property with off road parking and roof top solarium is well presented and within walking distance of the village centre.



Arboleas - 164,950€ (ref: ABLVS)
 3 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 653m² • Build: 118m²
 This single storey property is presented to a high standard and offers large internal living space, covered external terrace, patios, gardens, pool and parking for multiple vehicles.



Vera Playa (Naturist) - 169,950€ (ref: NIMO)
 2 beds • 2 baths • Build: 114m²
 Located on one of the finest naturist developments in Vera Playa this beautifully appointed and spacious apartment boasts 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms as well as 4 separate terraces.



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NEW DIGS: A panoramic scope of the plot reserved for the residence.

Quality care for seniors

By Matthew Elliott

A NEW care home for Mojacar's senior citizens will be built in the El Palmeral area. It will have the capacity to accommodate 60 people and include a separate day care centre.

The day centre will be able to hold 20 people at a time. The

entire complex will cover a 10,000 square metre area, with roughly three quarters devoted to outside green space.

Built by Mojacar Council, the purpose of the new residence is to increase the independence and life quality of senior citizens. Ideally it will also reduce the stress put on families and informal carers, providing

professional support that can make a substantial difference.

It will be equipped with six single bedrooms, and 27 doubles, each with a private bathroom. There will be physical therapy and medical consulta-

tion rooms, a pharmacy, and an on-site psychologist.

The next step is securing tenders for the construction stage of the project. Proposals have roughly one month to be submitted.

Murky green menace

WILDLIFE is being threatened by pollution in Almería's Andarax park, according to opposition councillors. The PSOE leadership has demanded a study to analyse the water quality of the river as it passes through the popular park.

In recent months a murky green hew has developed on the water surface, leading to fears that duck colonies might be endangered.

PSOE councillor Pedro Diaz described the park as a "broken toy in the hands of the Popular Party" and claimed the spoiled environment was a "metaphor for the party's treatment of Almería."

Noting that the park is traditionally a meeting point for families, Diaz said it is appalling that the city's "green lung" should be left to its fate without proper care and attention.

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Sex tape villain sent to jail

A MAN who threatened to show a sex tape he made with his female colleagues to her friends and co-workers has been jailed. Almeria's criminal court sentenced the offender, aged 25, to six months in prison, also fining him €6 per day during his time inside.

The court heard how the two colleagues had a

short-lived fling, during which the man recorded several sexual encounters on his phone. When she stopped the affair, he grew angry and resentful, then threatened to publicly release the explicit photos and videos.

The woman had not consented to being filmed and had no idea that he possessed any embarrass-

ing material on her. The harassment continued for months, and began to seriously interfere with her work and personal life.

She eventually went to the police.

When officers confronted the young man, he was caught trying to block his mobile phone to hide the evidence.

NEWS EXTRA

Golden 'gag law'

FINES imposed by Spain's controversial 'gag law,' which criminalises many behaviours, raised €5.6 million from Almeria residents last year. Almeria is the third worst offending province in Andalucia.

Alarm bells

SECURITY alarm numbers have sharply risen to 30,000 registered alarms in Almeria, which went off almost one million times last year. The number of 'false alarms' reached roughly 2,566 per day.

Bare beach

NUDISM and pets will be officially allowed on a Costa de Almeria beach under two new proposals made by the PSOE in El Ejido and the UPyD. A deciding vote is expected soon.

Railway rage

THE Platform for the Defence of Almeria's Railways urges for a 'hot autumn' of protest after being snubbed by a visiting government minister. The group calls for a high-speed rather than 'low-cost' link between Almeria and Granada.



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Annual ritual for blind

ONCE charity raises millions for blind members. The National Organisation of Blind Spaniards (ONCE) opened its doors to the Almeria public to give a full accounting of its fundraising efforts.

The annual ritual is an exercise in transparency which shows residents the impact the charity has had locally.

ONCE Director for Andalucía, Cristobal Martinez, reported at the charity's city headquarters that it had raised €37.76 million in lottery ticket sales in Almeria alone last year, an increase of 11.3 per cent on 2015. Across Spain almost €2



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LIGHT: Blind charity offers direction for millions of blind people.

billion was raised in lottery sales.

The increase in Almeria was double the national average, which Martinez attributed to

the "atmosphere of trust" shared by ONCE and the people of the province.

Of the funds raised, €16.5 million was invested in social projects for blind and disabled residents across the Costa de Almeria. This included education, job training and social inclusion programmes.

Some €19 million was distributed in prizes offered by the organisation in its fundraising efforts. Martinez also noted that 116 jobs were created by ONCE in Almeria last year, and the organisation welcomed another 50 blind members.



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It's a doggy dog world

A PET census has found that there are 192,251 animals officially registered as pets across Almeria Province, around one for every three people. The Central Registry of Animals in Andalucía has released its latest breakdown of the pet population, with interesting findings.

Dogs are by far the most popular companions in Almeria, accounting for 178,460 pets. There are just over 12,000 cats, while the third most common household pet is the ferret, of which there are 574.

Among the substantial dog population, 6,306 are deemed potentially dangerous by the state in Almeria Province alone. These breeds typically include Rottweilers, Pit Bulls, and Dobermanns.

The most popular breeds outside the dangerous grouping are Yorkshire Terriers, Spanish greyhounds and German shepherds. The vast majority of cats are European breeds, though there are a sizeable number of Persian and Siamese.

Men are registered as pet owners in the majority of cases, except for cats. More than seven in 10 cat owners in Almeria are female.

Documenting their pets in the Animal Registry is a legal obligation for owners. The registry helps combat disease, recover lost or stolen pets and also intervenes in cases of neglect or abuse.

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HERO: Almeria remembers skateboarder's selfless act with touching tribute.

Plaque unveiled to honour hero skater

A TOUCHING tribute has been paid to a heroic Spanish expat who was murdered by terrorists in London as he tried to save a police officer.

A new skate park in Almeria has a plaque dedicated to the memory of Ignacio Echeverria, banker, who used his skateboard as a weapon against knife-wielding terrorists in June's London Bridge attack.

The Madrid native, aged 39, was an avid skateboarder who lived in London and worked for HS-

BC. He was the only Spanish victim of the June 3 atrocity, in which eight people were killed by Islamic terrorists.

The plaque reads: 'Killed in the attack which took place in London on June 3, his attitude towards terrorism is an example to all citizens.'

The skate park is located near the city's Plaza de la Periodistas and the plaque was unveiled by Almeria mayor Ramon Fernandez-Pacheco.

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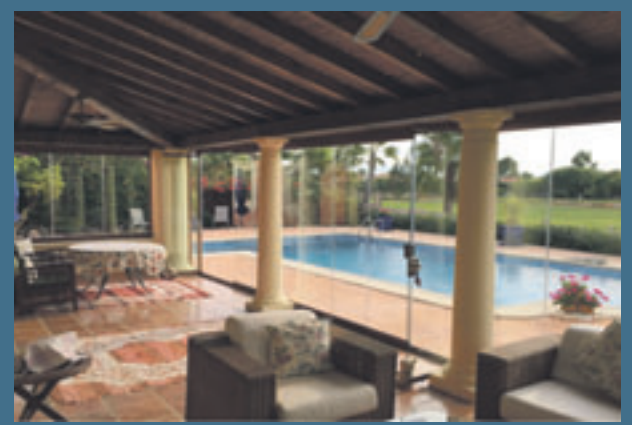


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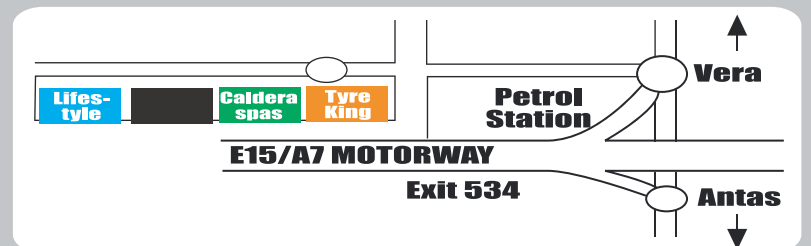
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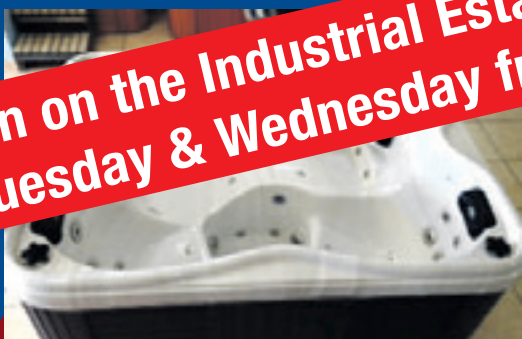
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Super cruise

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.

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.

Class act

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.

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.

Deaf man waits seven hours in hospital

A DEAF man was forced to wait for almost seven hours in the emergency unit of Almeria's Torrecardenas Hospital because his ticket number was called by loudspeaker.

Juan Jose Aguilera later posted a video online detailing his ordeal. In it he states that he made it crystal clear to hospital staff that he was deaf and required special notice.

He had arrived at the province's largest hospital at 11am with a serious inflammation of his foot after a diabetes operation. At 5.30pm, with no indication as to when he would be seen by a doctor, he complained to staff.

An administrator explained that they'd repeatedly called out his number, admitting that no one was sent to locate him, despite his disability.

In his video, Aguilera shows his swollen foot and calls upon Andalucian regional president, Susana Diaz, to adapt hospitals for disabled people, and for hospital staff to come directly to patients, rather than shouting for them.

The video has been spread online by Marea Blanca Almeria, an organisation campaigning for the health rights of public patients across the province.

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Lifeguards simulate rescue on the beach

OSAIA REDING, Junior World Kitesurfing Champion, was 'saved' this weekend by Mojacar's lifeguards in a simulated rescue, the first one in a series planned throughout the summer for

the town's beaches.

Mojacar Council and EBONE, the contracted organisation for beach rescue services, are carrying out these practical exercises so that the lifeguards' skills can

be evaluated and to make sure they are kept ready for action.

In this first simulation, both EBONE and the council were very pleased with the lifeguards' speed and efficiency, which are so vital in the event of any real emergency.

The Mojacar team wanted Osaia to play a major part in this first role-play as a small tribute for her recent success on becoming World Champion. As usual, she was full of fun and played the 'model victim,' saying that "although it was very difficult for me to drown, it was still very amusing."

From the moment they could see she was 'in trouble,' two rescue workers immediately rescued her from the water and in five minutes she was on land being resuscitated.

From being spotted by the guard in the watch tower, anyone in difficulty can be pulled from the water, receive treatment and be carried onto the ambulance in barely 10

minutes, whilst immediate contact is made with Local Police, so that they can ensure a rapid transfer whatever the traffic conditions.

Junior Lifeguard is another activity co-ordinated by Mojacar Council and EBONE throughout the summer, with the aim of making beach-goers aware of the need to follow the guards' instructions and to respect the different coloured flags that show the sea's level of safety for bathing.

These free educational, yet fun, workshops are for children and their parents, which cover basic first aid and CPR as well as how to make first contact by using the emergency 112 telephone number.

The next sessions are planned for August 5, 12, 19 and 26 (Saturdays) from 11.30am to 1.30pm on various Mojacar beaches, with the first taking place opposite the Hotel Indalo, next to the snack bar Camino del Sol.



OSAIA REDING: Played a major part in the exercise.

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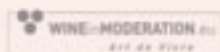
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Dames in Huercal-Overa



THE guest speaker at last month's meeting of the Dames in Huercal-Overa was Andy Walker, a local artist.

He demonstrated, step-by-

step, the technique of producing a watercolour picture along with do's and don'ts to improve skills.

Thanks to Andy it was so in-

teresting.

The Dames meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the tennis club at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

All the news from the RBL, Mojacar

THE Royal British Legion, Mojacar are pleased to announce they are holding a poppy dinner and dancing evening with music by Driftwood, on Saturday October 28 at Avent Hotel (previously Vera Hotel). Tickets will cost €35. The evening will start with cava and canapes followed by a three-course meal. Accommodation is available if necessary.

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Raffle tickets are available now from the Oasis Bar in

Palomares, PC Playa in Mojacar and Total Entertainment in Turre.

For further information or reservations, please contact Christine on 697 887 362 or email at secretary.rblmojacar@gmail.com.

The next branch social meeting will be held on Thursday September 7 at San Bernabe Restaurant, Mojacar, 11.15am.

On Friday September 8 there will be a quiz night with fish and chips (alternative menu available) at the Beachcomber Restaurant at 7.30pm.

Contact Beachcomber or Mick Coote mobile 678 101 471, or email chrisandmickcoote@googlemail.com.

The branch meeting will be held on Thursday September 21 at 11.15am at the Artisan Centre, Mojacar. The guest speaker will be Bryan White, who will talk about life as a marine and more.

For further information on any events or about the Royal British Legion in Mojacar, please email: Christine: secretary.rblmojacar@gmail.com or Andrew: Chairman.rblmoj3485@gmail.com.

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Mojacar **109,950€**



Ref: NW1067 Beds: 2 | Baths: 2
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Valle del Este Golf **139,950€**



Ref: NW1063 Beds: 2 | Baths: 3
Modern duplex with roof terrace overlooking the 12th hole and private grassed garden and covered terrace area.

Cabrera **144,000€**



Ref: NW1064 Beds: 2 | Baths: 2
Beautiful detached villa that forms part of a small community set around a super pool area. Features large front terrace, car port and rear covered terrace with outdoor kitchen.

Los Gallardos **119,950€**



Ref: NW1055 Beds: 3 | Baths: 2.5
Well maintained duplex located on an attractive and popular community with private garden, roof terrace and communal swimming pool.

Mojacar **PROPERTY OF THE WEEK** **Price: 134,950€**



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Ref: NW1054 Beds: 2 | Baths: 2



Turre **179,950€**



Ref: NW1032 Beds: 3 | Baths: 2
Well presented villa located on the desirable Agua Nueva urbanisation. Great interior space, private driveway, large roof terrace and rear terrace area with private pool.

Los Gallardos **199,950€**



Ref: NW1057 Beds: 4 | Baths: 3
Attractive, modern villa with great exterior space, garage, games room, roof terrace and an additional 1 bedroom self-contained annex.

Cariatiz **219,950€**



Ref: NW1056 Beds: 3 | Baths: 2
Stunning modern country villa constructed to a very high standard with private pool. Located 25 minutes from the coast in a peaceful location.

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 Stap, 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

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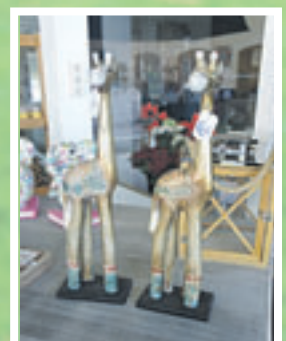
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CHILLY: Snow has only just melted in Murmansk.

Weather chaos

FREAKISH summer weather is causing confusion across Russia. In Murmansk the snow has only just melted, in Moscow dozens have died in hurricanes. Oddly, Siberians are basking in record temperatures reaching almost 40 degrees. Scientists say Arctic winds and southern heatwaves are mixing to create chaotic conditions.

Mercy plea

A GAY Uzbek journalist working for Russian investigative newspaper *Novaya Gazeta* is facing deportation after his asylum request was rejected. Khudoberdi Nurmatov is being supported by Amnesty International from a Moscow detention centre. He faces years in prison in Uzbekistan where homosexuality is a serious crime.

Botched escape

FIVE Moscow gang members made a dramatic escape attempt from court, grabbing the guns of security guards before fleeing. They were gunned down by armed court police, killing three of them. They were members of the Grand Theft Auto crew which executed drive-by shootings on Moscow's ring roads.

Big brother

VPNS, known as internet proxy services which allow users to sneakily visit banned websites, have been officially outlawed by President Putin. The decree strengthens the Kremlin's control of the internet and makes it nearly impossible to surf the web anonymously, or visit unapproved websites.

Pin-up smash

A BIKER girl, who became a smash hit on social media posting pictures of herself performing stunts on her monstrous BMW S1000RR while wearing raunchy outfits, died in a crash near Vladivostok. Olga Pronina, aged 40, has thousands of online followers and 20 years racing experience.

Wicked west

A TOP Russian bishop has called on parents to stop their children going to the west for travel or education. Metropolitan Hilarion, a renowned Orthodox theologian who himself studied at Oxford University, said young people return to Russia with diluted principles and poisonous ideas.

Holiday tax

TOURIST taxes are being imposed in Russia's southern summer holiday resorts. Adults staying in key resorts can be charged up to 100 rubles (€1.4) a night during their stay. The new tax operates in four regions, Crimea, Altai, Krasnodar Krai, and Stavropol Krai.

LUXURY: Tourists to be taxed in Sochi beach resorts.



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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 Pattje 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.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

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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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.

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

temperers 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.

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.

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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



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.

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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

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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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.



GRENFELL 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 accused 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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Hey! Wake up to yet another useless bit of research!

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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DISTURBED sleep can lead to dementia! This according to the latest research that a single night of disturbed sleep increases levels of a brain protein linked to Alzheimer's disease.

But perhaps it's drinking too much coffee that causes us to sleep badly, and so reportedly increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's? But worry not as, according to yet another study, drinking coffee might prevent dementia and even help us 'live longer'!

Well, let's look forward to the next bit of research showing that the two balance each other out. So, we end up living as long as we would have lived

if we'd rarely drunk coffee and always got our eight hours. But hang on! Didn't I read somewhere that eight hours is too much... or not enough?

Next, we're told that petrol and diesel engines will be outlawed by 2040 so we'll be able to breathe again. Diesels were foisted on us because the experts - possibly the same experts who told us about disturbed sleep, coffee drinking and what we can safely consume (wine - good or bad now? Can't keep track) - insisted way back its fumes were the height of cleanliness.

Headlines almost daily about some illness or other are disturbing to the elderly and simply cause anxiety. Generally, it's poor research with little to support the findings conducted by

some second-rate scientists attempting to acquire yet more dosh for some second-rate university. It's not for public consumption, it's scientific rubbish. Trouble is, we taxpayers are paying them to 'research' this pseudo-research. All future entries, please, to: the Annual Epidemic of Blindingly Obvious Medical Studies!

Wouldn't you love to read the methodology section of any of this 'research'? Take another recent

study: 'Many staff who are asked to smile at work are far less cheerful on the inside.' Who would've guessed? The Marriage Foundation says 'marriage is good for you.' Well, I never! Why do so many ineffective, expensive quangos need to justify their existence by assuming the public are gullible idiots?

Finally, let's flash back to Sybil Fawley's Mastermind Specialist Subject (according to Basil): 'The Bleeding Obvious.' 'Nuff said.

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| It's scientific rubbish.

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Almería

I am not growing old

FOR many young energetic people across the world the tribulations of the older generation are of little interest until time reels them in and they suddenly realise they are approaching the decrepitude they thought would never come.

But at least in Spain the family unit tends to be more appreciative of older relatives and less likely to leave them lonely and uncared for when they most need support. The climate here also helps elderly people get out more so that they can stay active. In cooler months the old men in Spain all seem to venture out in brown trousers and a dark red pullover, topped off by a cloth cap.

On formal occasions the same trousers are teamed with a light beige jacket and a pork pie hat. Older Spanish ladies, meanwhile, wear what they want but reach a certain age at which it becomes mandatory to have their hair cut short, permed, and turned copper red. I saw a group of five elderly ladies chewing the fat on the promenade and they looked like unlikely sisters because they all had this same hairstyle. I wonder if when the time comes they go into the hairdresser and ask for 'old lady hair, please.'

Having said that, I just passed a man in the street who cannot have been less than 85, and he was sporting a wavy reddish brunette hairpiece that appeared to be made of nylon. It would have looked better on a lady but 'better' is a relative term here. I have never seen a more obvious syrup in my life. And for any confused Spanish readers, syrup is slang for a wig. To check this just ask any Englishman sporting what looks like a wig and ask him 'is that a syrup, mate?' He will be delighted to tell you.

Personally I am determined never to grow into an old person. Now, time for a walk - where's my pork pie hat?

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What goes around

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

THE PSOE socialist party would be in a very different place today if the late lamented Carme Chacon had scooped 11 more votes in February 2012 to become secretary general.

And if Eduardo Madina had defeated Pedro Sanchez in the 2014 primaries the PSOE would be a little more popular with the public than with its paid-up members.

Andalucia president Susana Diaz, who lost out to Pedro Sanchez in last June's primaries sealed the party's fate three years ago.

She backed Sanchez to keep out Madina whom she allegedly resented for his insistence on holding one-member-one-vote primaries. Proving that what goes around comes around, Diaz now reigns supreme only in Andalucia.

And Madina? He announced recently that he is giving up his seat in the national parliament to leave politics altogether. Also proving that the best man doesn't always win.

So there!

SPAIN'S highest court, the Tribunal Constitucional, suspended Cataluña president Carles Puigdemont's law designed to rush through the Referendum and potential 'Disconnection' without parliamentary debate.

Puigdemont was given 15 days to comply, but since he has already said that he would ignore any order barring him from holding public office neither the tribunal nor the Madrid government need to hold their breath on this one, either.

Friendly persuasion

WITH so much going on elsewhere, the public seems to have forgotten about Iñaki Urdangarin, husband of the King's sister Cristina and former Duke of Palma de Palma.

Urdangarin lost the posh bit of his moniker - although not his wife, yet - because he has been found guilty of siphoning off public funds, influence peddling and fiscal offences.

But the former duke maintained in his recently-leaked appeal against a six-year, three-month prison sentence that he was merely "an amicable enabler," a mediator "unfamiliar with Administrative Law."

The former member of Barça's handball team also claims that he used his "sporting and institutional connections to ensure that Baleares could celebrate tourism and sporting forums or sponsor the world's best cycling team."

No-one's going to argue about any of that but Urdangarin omits to say that he got rich while doing it on the taxpayer's money. Nothing very amicable about that, Iñaki.

Unapologetic silly season

YES, this year's 59th Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes cost the state €73,000.

Yes, the armed forces are underfunded and that money could have been better used.

And yes, the Que viva España conga and the paso dobles between (female) Guardia Civil officers and priests was comedy worthy of the Spanish film director Luis Berlanga.

But anyone wanting to smile despite themselves could do worse than open this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWzcMhzeY>



| LIES: Fernandez Diaz used non-political ends.

In the frame

THE phrase 'political police' does not inspire confidence in a democratic nation and a parliamentary committee decided not long ago that this is exactly what former Interior minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz clandestinely created.

He used his position to wage a dirty war by trying to frame Catalan secessionists and get them for corruption, admittedly not an arduous task judging by the example set by former regional president Jordi Pujol and his family.

Whiter-than-white Fernandez Diaz, who once awarded the Police Medal to the Virgen de Amor and belongs to Opus Dei, clearly did not hesitate to resort to lies and dishonesty to achieve his ends.

And given the way the Cataluña problem is going, it's likely that Mariano Rajoy's government must wish the unfortunate Fernandez Diaz had managed to pull it off.

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	7:00pm	Fake or Fortune?	6:30pm	Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge	6:10pm	All Star Family Fortunes	3:30pm	Volcano	11:00am	Sky Sports Today
	8:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017	7:30pm	World Athletics Championships 2017	7:10pm	Local News and Weather	5:35pm	A Place in the Sun	12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
	9:00pm	BBC News	9:00pm	Secrets of Silicon Valley	7:15pm	ITV News and Weather	6:35pm	Homes by the Med	1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
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	11:30pm	Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics	1:15am		11:35pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	11:00pm	Gogglebox	9:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
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	9:00pm	EastEnders	7:30pm	Royal Recipes	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	5:00pm	A Place in the Sun	2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
	9:30pm	Panorama	8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	3:00pm	Sky Sports Today
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	11:45pm	Have I Got Old News for You	11:30pm	Newsnight	10:00pm	Easyjet: Inside the Cockpit	9:00pm	Child Genius	9:30pm	Football
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WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST	7:00pm	BBC News	6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	5:00pm	Tipping Point	4:00pm	Cheap Cheap Cheap Ep	11:00am	Premier League Daily
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	9:00pm	Celebrity MasterChef	9:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea	8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:00pm	The Simpsons	2:00pm	Sky Sports Today
	10:00pm	My Family, Partition and Me: India 1947	10:00pm	No More Boys and Girls: Can Our Kids Go Gender Free?	8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	3:00pm	Live Women's T20 Cricket
	11:00pm	BBC News	11:00pm	Match of the Day	9:00pm	Love Your Garden	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	7:00pm	Live T20 Blast
	11:30pm	Regional News	11:30pm	Newsnight	10:00pm	Long Lost Family	9:00pm	Child Genius	10:45pm	Masterclass: Kevin Pietersen
	11:40pm	Weather	12:10am	Weather	11:00pm	ITV News	10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E	11:00pm	Info Not Available
	12:15am	Live From the BBC			11:40pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights	11:35pm	The Windsors	12:00am	Through the Night

WALT DISNEY was as American as they came. You can say it out loud: "Mother, apple pie, green back dollars and Uncle Walt."

MOJACAR'S STORY

Don Jacinto, the former mayor of Mojacar frequently told the story that back in the 50's some foreign guys showed up wearing dark suits and wanting to examine all the old archives concerning births in the 1900's. The detectives found little in their search.

Now, here the story divides into two separate directions. The street story of Mojacar is that Walt Disney's real name was Jose Guirao, son of a man by that name and a local beauty, one Isabel Zamora Asensio. It was a scandal for the village. The father died young but the new mother had relatives in Villaricos.

She went there to live, then Boston and sheltered the son with a farming family from Kansas. Consider the logic, 'where else could such a talent have come from but this very CORNER OF ENCHANTMENT.'

The other legend is called the GUAZAMARA tale in which the same woman became romantically

Was Walt Disney from Mojacar?

Ric Polansky



Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.

enlaced with another Mojaquero, Pedro Gonzalez Carillio, married and father of quite a few other children. In her disgrace she left Mojacar and took up residence in nearby Guazamara (some 25 kms away near Pulpi).

Years ago I went there, arriving at the same time as a German TV crew following the same second tale. The beautiful Isabel Zamora was indeed from a section of town called EL Guirao (ring a bell).

The mother, Isabel Zamora then later moved to Murcia, then to Valencia, and it was there that she met the captain of a ship that transported minerals from Villaricos to California. They left together, Isabel becoming the maid in the house of her patron, a Disney, that allowed the boy to use the name. From these basic points

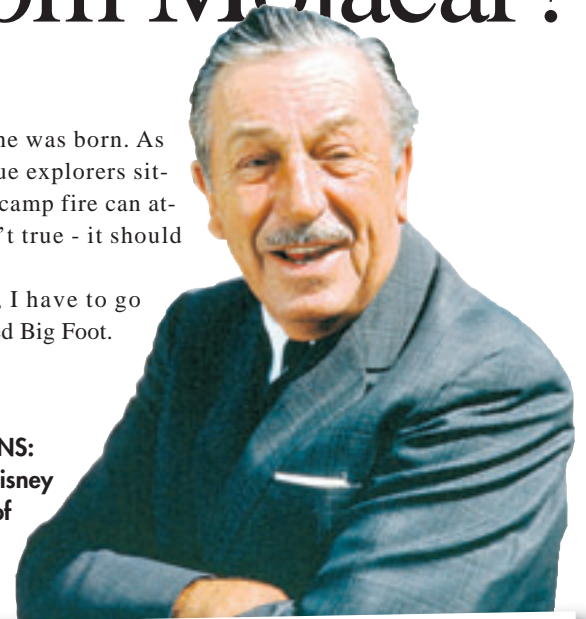
six more tales can be concocted saying variants of the above.

The more recognised public American version had him growing up in Chicago, attending school, moving to Kansas on a farm, then returning to Chicago where he studied at McKinley High and later at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. In 1917 with war spirit moving him he decided to enlist but wasn't old enough. He located his birth certificate, altered it and served as an ambulance driver for the Red Cross. Following the war and a bankruptcy failure from early cartoons he moved to California.

It makes no personal difference to me whether you accept any of these projections. You know the rules, if you want to believe - it's true! I think he did come from Mojacar. Yup, born in the barrior of Espiritu Santo. When you wish upon a star - your dreams will come true. Be adventurous, come over and I will show you the exact

house where he was born. As all of life's true explorers sitting around a camp fire can attest; 'If it ain't true - it should be.'

Excuse me, I have to go outside and feed Big Foot.



REAL ORIGINS:
Was Walt Disney from town of Mojacar.



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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

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



CAR TRANSFERS: Not so complicated.

MANY companies and solicitors can arrange for all vehicle transfers to be done on your behalf when buying a new car. But for those wanting to save themselves a few euros, it is not as complicated or as difficult as you may think. Here we explain the process step by step so you can do it yourself...

If you have bought a new car remember you have 15 days to transfer it into your name. To do this first you must have completed the sales contract and from this date you will be the provisional owner. You then have 15 days to complete the transfer process. During this time you need to collect the following documents: the sales contract signed by both parties; a photocopy of the seller's ID; the original logbook (permiso de circulación) and the ITV paperwork; last year's Suma tax and application to change the ownership which is the 'solicitud

cambio de titularidad.' This can be downloaded from the DGT website or obtained from the Traffic office.

With these documents in place you can call the 060 number to make an appointment.

Next go to the Tax Office (Hacienda) and pay the Transfer Tax (transmisiones patrimoniales) which is form 620. This form can be downloaded from the Ministry of Treasury website at www.agenciatributaria.es.

After paying the tax, go to the Traffic Office where you will pay a fee, depending on the vehicle you are going to buy, and give them the receipt you got when you paid the 620 form, along with all your documents. In a few minutes the vehicle transfer will be made and you will then be the legal owner.

and you will officially and legally be the new owner of your vehicle.

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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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The Jump dropped by Channel 4 for 2018

WINTER sports reality TV show *The Jump* will be taking a 'rest' in 2018, Channel 4 has said. The broadcaster said the programme had been a "hugely successful brand," but would not be shown at the same time as the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

The show sees celebrities take on challenges like speed skating and ski-jumping and has run for four seasons. But 34 contestants, including actress Tina Hobley and *Strictly Come Dancing* star Ola Jordan, have been injured.

Jordan suffered a leg injury while former *Coronation Street* star actress Hobley broke her arm in two places. There have also been injuries to: Former gymnast Beth Tweddle - broke two vertebrae in her neck and had to have part of her hip removed. Former swimmer Rebecca Adlington - dislocated shoulder. Made in Chelsea star Mark-Francis Vandell - fractured ankle. Former athlete Linford Christie - pulled hamstring. *Girls Aloud* star Sarah Harding - injured ligament. Model Heather Mills - knee and thumb injury.

Made In Chelsea star Spencer Matthews was the latest winner of the show, which has been presented by Davina McCall.



THE JUMP: Has been a hugely successful brand for the last four years.

A spokeswoman for Channel 4 said: "The *Jump* has been a hugely successful brand for Channel 4 over the last four years."

The boyfriend of fashion designer Gianni Versace has described a forthcoming TV drama depicting the star's murder as "ridiculous." Antonio D'Amico was Versace's partner for 15 years. He found the

designer after he was shot in Miami in 1997. D'Amico said an early image from FX's *American Crime Story*, which shows the reaction of his character - played by Ricky Martin - was wrong.

"The picture of Ricky Martin holding the body in his arms is ridiculous." The 58-year-old told *The Observer* newspaper he had not been consulted for the series, which will be titled *American Crime Story: The Assassination of Gianni Versace*.

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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

Editor's note: Our apologies over the hiccup in deliveries.

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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 correbou

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. *CJ*

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Women's wit

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Joseph Conrad,
Polish-British writer

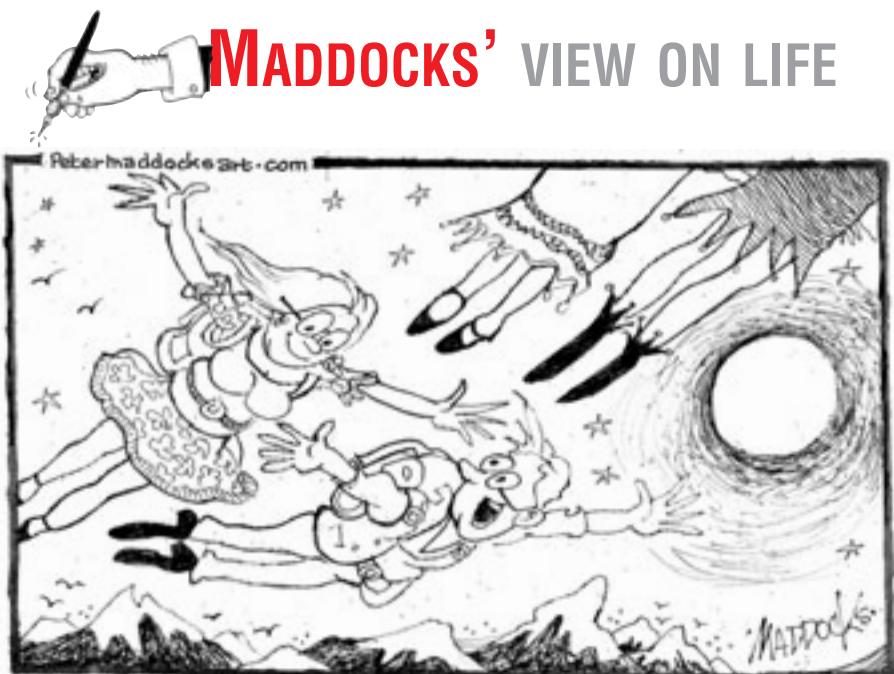
Famous quote

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away."

Antoine de Saint-Exupery,
French writer and poet

World of English

It's better to love a short person than not a tall.



'WHEN YOU THINK OF THE HOURS WE SPENT IN THE AIRPORTS BEFORE OUR DAUGHTER WENDY MARRIED PETER PAN!'

Cycle routes in Spain

WITH summer hotting up, why not take the opportunity to explore some of the country's most picturesque routes by bike. With the wind on your face and some of Spain's breathtaking beauty to blow you away, here's our top five suggestions to consider.

1. Vía Verde de Ojos Negros (from Teruel to Valencia)

This route runs for 160km in two stages though of course there is endless beauty along the way. The route will take you along disused railways and is the longest of a nationwide networks of via verdes (rail trails). The first of two stages is in Teruel passing through the stunning Sierra Menera whilst the second draws you down into the interior of Valencia right down to a shimmering coastline.

2. The Transpirenaica (Cabo de Higuer to Cabo de Creus)

An extensive trans-Pyrenees route along the southern slopes of



SPIRITUAL NATURE: The Camino de Santiago.

the outstanding mountain range from the Cantabrian coast to the Mediterranean in Girona. Part of Europe's marked system of footpaths and cycle tracks, it is not only a cycle track but one geared to the perfect all-round tour complete with stop-offs in charming villages filled with history, quaint bars and of course, natural beauty.

3. The French Way of the Camino de Santiago

The famous Camino de Santiago has become the mecca not just for Christians but for lovers of a challenge and a route which embraces nature, spirituality and tranquillity. The French way which runs for 800km between Saint Jean de Pied de Port, in France,

and the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela (northwest Spain) is manageable at any time of the year given the cooler climates.

4. The Vía de la Plata Route

The Via de la Plata or 'cobblestone way' comprises 26 towns and cities dotted along the way stretching from Gijon on the Cantabrian coastline to Sevilla in Andalucia. The route comes complete with an app and special passport giving cyclists plenty of discount opportunities to be found along this ancient trade route dating back to before the Romans.

5. The Camino del Cid

'The Way of El Cid' well-known for its historical relation to the famous medieval knight is a cultural route spanning the country from northwest Castilla to the southeast Mediterranean coastline. There are various theme-based itineraries available depending on the distance and story you wish to follow.

TOP 5

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

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.

SAGITARIUS (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.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday August 5

(14) (24)
(30) (45)
(49) (56)

BONUS BALL

(27)

IRISH LOTTO



Saturday August 5

(17) (20)
(26) (28)
(36) (47)

BONUS BALL

(42)

EURO MILLIONS



Tuesday August 1

(14) (21)
(24) (29)
(30)

LUCKY STARS

(8) (10)

Friday August 4

(29) (30)
(36) (40)
(41)

LUCKY STARS

(2) (9)

LA PRIMITIVA



Saturday August 5

(6) (10)
(17) (26)
(44) (49)

REINTEGRO

(21) (3)

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA



Sunday August 6

(4) (13)
(22) (52)
(53)

REINTEGRO

(6)

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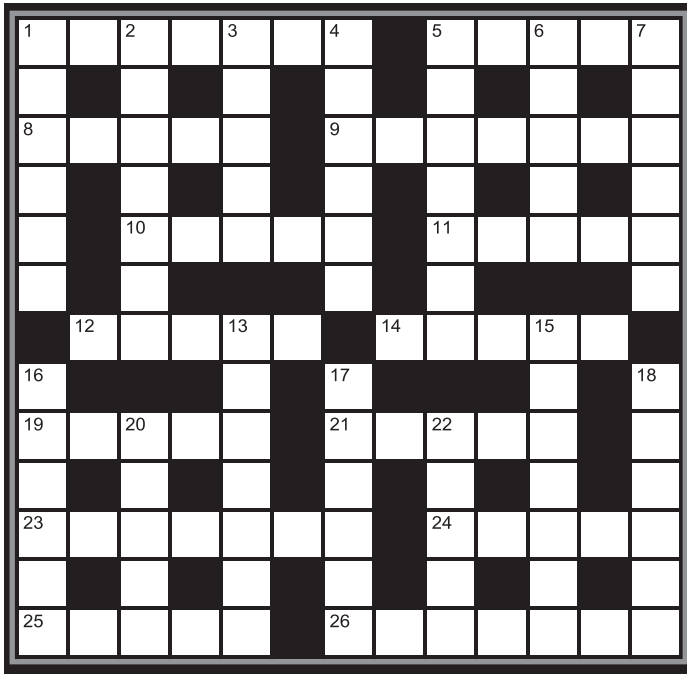
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Cryptic

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

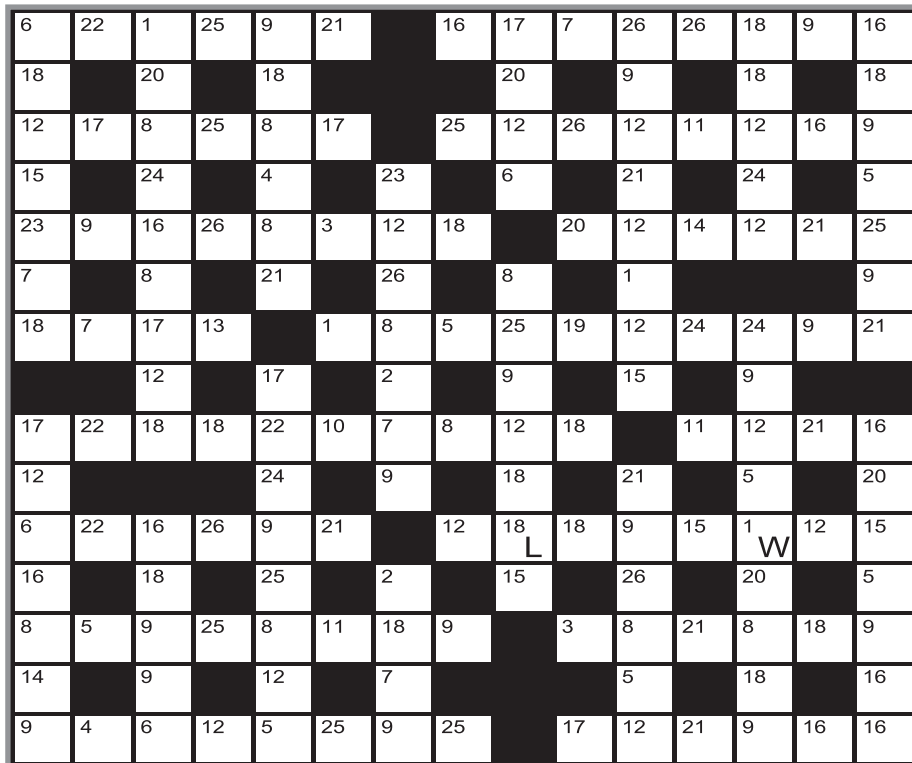
- 1 Communist leader in last revolution (6)
- 2 Duck goes in the list as 'fowl' (7)
- 3 A wild animal but it's all right, a quiet one (5)
- 4 Awful scene about right PC

- 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

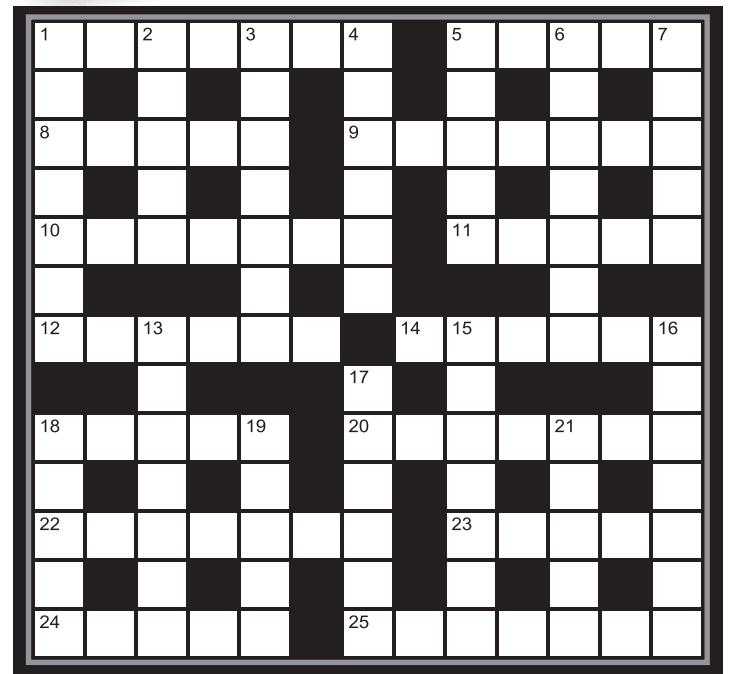
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents W and 18 represents L, so fill in W every time the figure 1 appears and L every time the figure 18 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

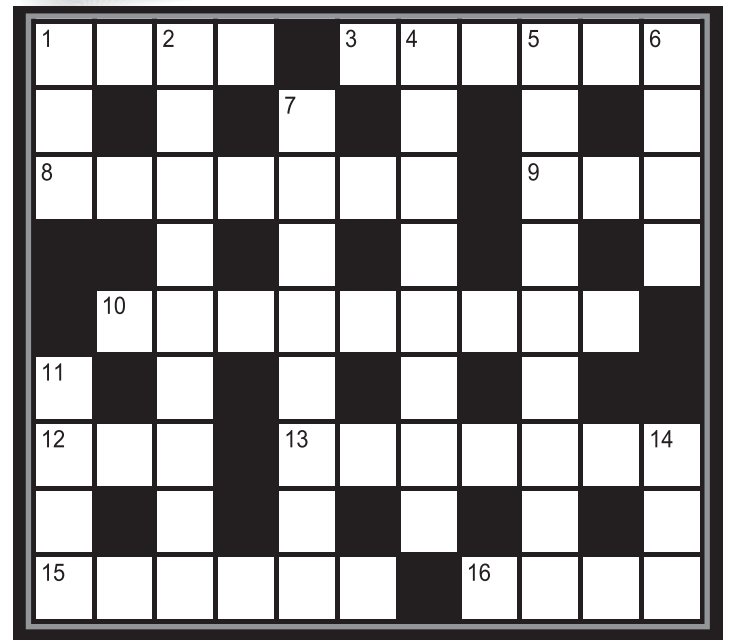
- 1 Own (7)
- 5 Aromatic herb (5)
- 8 Religious ceremonies (5)
- 9 Without weapons (7)
- 10 Amount owed (7)
- 11 Distinctive name of a book, poem, tale, picture, etc (5)
- 12 Not open or public (6)
- 14 Give an incentive for action (6)
- 18 Low waterlogged ground (5)
- 20 Shelter for ships (7)
- 22 Personal 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 (8)
- 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)
- 1 To see (3)
- 2 December (9)

- 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)

CROSSWORD PAGE

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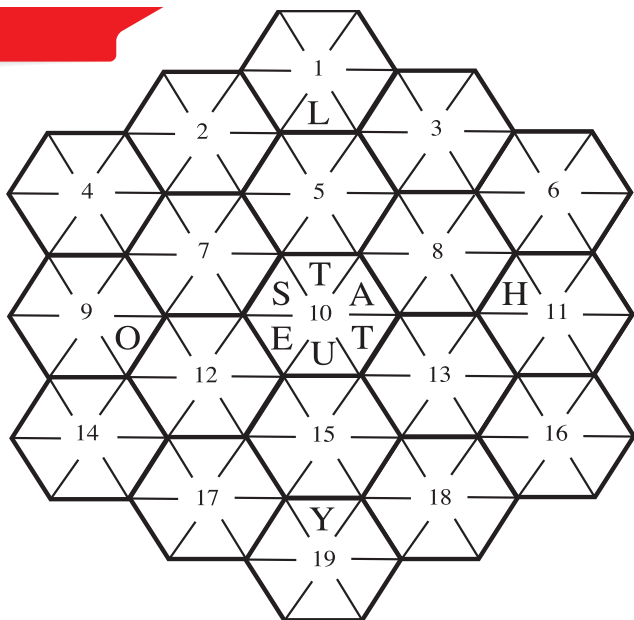
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Hexagram

- CHEESE
- CURLEW
- EMPLOY
- ESCROW
- GEYSER
- HECTIC
- KITTLE
- MUSKET
- OCELOT
- PLAQUE
- PLUCKY
- ROTTEN
- SCYTHE
- SECOND
- SLOPED
- SOPHIA
- STATUE (10)
- STEELY
- TELLER



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

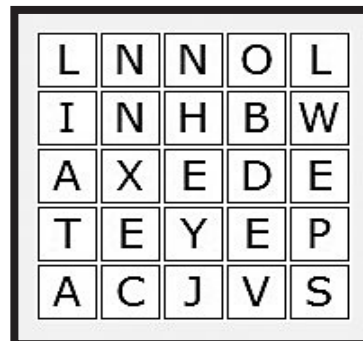
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Linkup 2 Winter 3 Legate 4 Marker
- 5 Auntie 6 Apogee 7 Penmen 8 Relate
- 9 Orange 10 Pulley 11 Street 12 Geyser
- 13 Tattle 14 Inhere 15 Corset 16 Fiasco
- 17 Eerily 18 Induct 19 Odious.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 16
- Very good: 32
- Good: 22
- Excellent: 42

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

sett fuse futile fuel fueling furl
furling fern flit fling butts butt
butte buttes butting buteo bust
buff buffs buffet buffer betting
being bite bites bitt biotite bile
bing belie berlin bling effs effuse
elite elites hoeing hong

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.



TARGET:

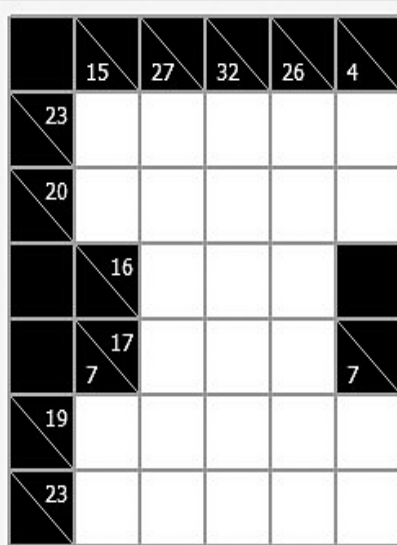
- Average: 10
- Good: 14
- Very good: 20
- Excellent: 26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 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.

CODE BREAKER

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

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 Stoat, 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.

App of the week



PIANISTA

A rhythm game that sets itself apart from others by leaning towards classical music. Want to feel like Mozart? Beethoven? The game offers three speeds, various difficulties and a 50-stage campaign. A fun and addictive game available free on Android.



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BOOKS



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The story follows Tom Hazard who in the eyes of all those around him might just appear your average 40-year-old but who inside is harbouring a deeper, stranger and even more dangerous secret.

Suffering from a rare condition, Tom has been alive for centuries and has sailed through 'Elizabethan England to Jazz-Age Paris, from New York to the South Seas.' He has seen time pass and lived its history. Yet Tom is craving to settle within a present 'normality' whilst burning to escape a past riddled with a more fiery past.

Throughout the novel, we see Hazard struggling to zigzag between identities, dodging his own fears of resurging buried secrets from his past.

In this novel, Haig succeeds in bringing the reader on a journey of self acceptance.

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weather

TODAY

TOMORROW

Malaga
Today: Max 26, Min 21-SH
Fri - 27 20 - CI
Sat - 27 20 - CI
Sun - 28 20 - S
Mon - 29 21 - S
Tue - 31 22 - S
Wed - 32 22 - S

Almeria
Today: Max 28, Min 22-SH
Fri - 29 21 - CI
Sat - 30 22 - S
Sun - 31 23 - C
Mon - 32 24 - C
Tue - 31 24 - C
Wed - 31 24 - S

Bilbao
Today: Max 19, Min 12-C
Fri - 22 10 - CI
Sat - 25 12 - S
Sun - 26 15 - S
Mon - 27 16 - CI
Tue - 24 16 - C
Wed - 28 16 - C

Madrid
Today: Max 28, Min 13-S
Fri - 31 16 - S
Sat - 34 18 - CI
Sun - 35 20 - C
Mon - 34 19 - S
Tue - 35 19 - S
Wed - 36 19 - CI

Alicante
Today: Max 27, Min 21-C
Fri - 28 21 - CI
Sat - 29 22 - S
Sun - 29 23 - C
Mon - 31 24 - S
Tue - 31 24 - S
Wed - 32 24 - S

Benidorm
Today: Max 25, Min 21-TH
Fri - 28 21 - CI
Sat - 28 22 - S
Sun - 29 23 - C
Mon - 30 23 - S
Tue - 31 24 - S
Wed - 31 24 - S

Mallorca
Today: Max 25, Min 19-SH
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Sat - 29 21 - CI
Sun - 30 21 - C
Mon - 31 22 - S
Tue - 33 23 - CI
Wed - 33 23 - S

Barcelona
Today: Max 24, Min 19-C
Fri - 25 19 - C
Sat - 27 20 - S
Sun - 28 20 - CI
Mon - 29 21 - S
Tue - 29 21 - S
Wed - 30 22 - S

S: Sun

Cl: Clear

C: Cloudy

Sh: Showers

Th: Thunder

Sn: Snow

1457: Oldest known exactly-dated printed book. The 36-line Bible is the first to be printed using mass-produced movable metal type in Europe.

1498: Venezuela is discovered as Christopher Columbus lands at the mouth of the Orinoco River.

1620: Mayflower sets sail from Southampton, England, with 10 Pilgrims

1743: Boxing rules are formulated for the first time by boxer John Broughton under the 'Mr Broughton's Seven Boxing Rules.'

1851: Singer sewing machine is patented by American Isaac Merritt Singer along with partner Edward Clark.

1908: First Model T car is produced by Ford Motor Company. It becomes known as the most influential car of the 20th century.

1939: Russian 'Romantic music' late-Romantic period, Sergio Rachamaniov makes his last appearance in Russia before his death.

1997: Convicted City bomber Timothy McVeigh is formally sentenced to death for detonating a truck bomb in front of a federal building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people.

2008: Usain Bolt sets a new world record of 9.69 seconds for 100m sprint at Beijing Summer Olympics.

This week in history

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BIRTHDAYS

August 12, Cara Delevingne (25) Fashion Model
This stunning fashion model became the face of Burberry, Chanel, Moschino, Oscar de la Renta and Stella McCartney. She also starred in some films notably Paper Towns and Suicide Squad.

August 13, Steve Higgins (54) Comedian
Best-known for his starring role in sketch comedy show *The Higgins Boys* and Gruber. He has also written and produced for *Saturday Night Live* and announced *The Tonight Show* with

Jimmy Fallon.

August 14, Mila Kunis (34) Movie Actress
Before becoming famous for film appearances in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, *Friends with Benefits*, *Ted* and *Black Swan*, Kunis gained her place in the celebrity world for her role as Jackie Buckhart in TV series *That '70's Show*. Her debut film casting was in the 1995 film *Piranha*.

August 15, Mark Labbett (52) TV Show Host
The famous face as a Chaser on US game

show, *The Chase*, the Welsh-born TV show host also appeared on *Mastermind* in 1999.

August 16, Madonna (59) Pop Singer
Diva, singer, actress and mother, Madonna has become one of the most prominent faces in the pop world. In the 1980's she became a major pop icon and has since sold over 300 million albums across the world. She also starred in award-winning film *Evita* for



Robert de Niro

which she won a Golden Globe for Best Actress.

August 17, Robert de Niro (74) Movie Actor
Legendary film actor De Niro could not be forgotten for his roles in numerous blockbuster films. He has appeared in *The Deer Hunter*, *Mean Streets* and *Cape Fear* as well as winning two Academy awards for his role in 1980 boxing film *Raging Bull* and 1974 masterpiece, *The Godfather*.

DVD



Wakefield
Directed by Robin Swicord
Starring: Bryan Cranston, Jennifer Garner

THIS story is told from the point of view of Howard Wakefield (Bryan Cranston), a successful attorney who falls into an absurd, sinister trap of obsession and voyeurism. We first meet Wakefield commuting home from New York City when he finds himself falling asleep in the attic above his garage. However Wakefield has no intention of leaving the attic to reassure his frantic wife and family. Instead he decides to squat there and to use it as a spying bunker.

As the plot and psychological undercurrent of the film begins to ripple, we will see him observing every move of his wife Diana (Jennifer Garner) and his family, witnessing their every move without him as he becomes caught up in a narcissistic web of power, in the knowledge that he alone carries the key to his whereabouts.

Sudoku

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

Word Ladder

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

CITE

- NEWS
- CUTE
- NETS
- CITE
- SLIN
- JO
- BITS
- SEWS
- BITE
- (NETS)
- CITE
- SEWS
- OR
- SETS
- SEWN
- SITS
- SLEN
- SITE
- NUTS
- CITE
- CUTS
- Solution

NEWS

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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		5					8	
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				2				
		9	3		8	7	1	
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Trivia PS

Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so they don't drift apart.

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.

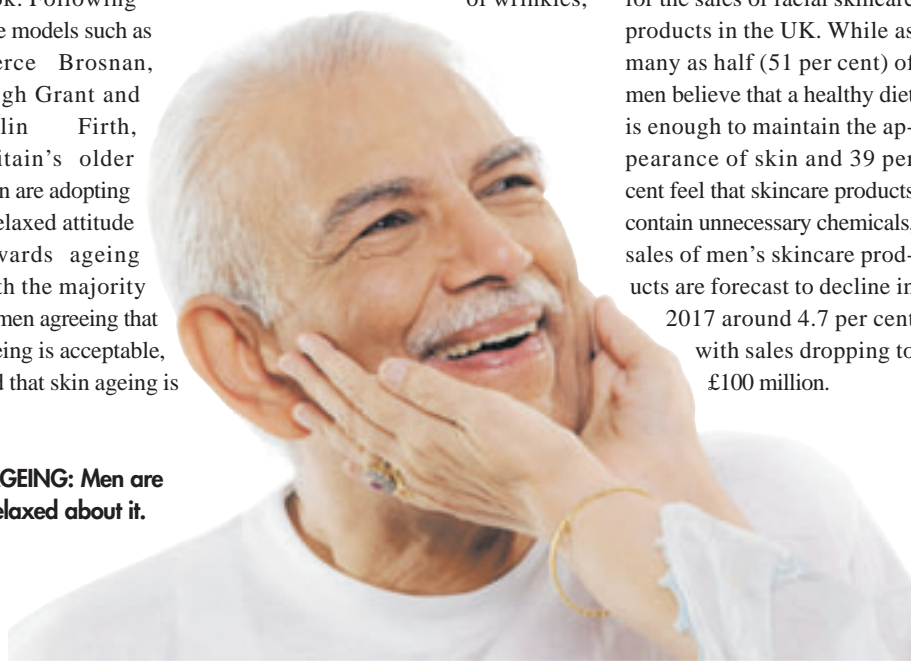
Roshida Khanom, Associate Director, Beauty and Personal

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.

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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



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

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 actions. 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. Psychologists 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.

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Final Dreambeach lineup revealed

TIESTO: Dreambeach headliner ranked among greatest DJs in music history.



ONE of the biggest electronic music festivals in the world gets underway tonight. Dreambeach Villaricos runs for five nights and is celebrating its fifth anniversary.

After months of promotion the full schedule is now available. Electronic music lovers and festival-goers can now pick their days accordingly, or go the full hog and camp out in Cuevas del Almanzora for five days.

Top names include David Guetta, DJ Tiesto, Don Diablo, Nicky Romero, and Carl Cox. Outside of Ibiza, Dreambeach draws more global DJ talent than any other location in Spain, and perhaps Europe.

Tonight begins relatively calmly with an opening party in the camping area covered by in-house festival DJs.

Tomorrow night smaller acts, including MHD, Marshmello, and Dillon Francis, will whet the appetite of thousands of revellers before the weekend.

Saturday sees the world's biggest DJ David Guetta take to the main stage at 10.30pm.

The Frenchman will clear the path for British superstar Carl Cox, Nicky Romero and Don Diablo, who will keep the party going until dawn.

On Sunday the superstars yield to new and upcoming talent.

Headline acts include Culture Shock, Angerfist, Luciano and Audiotricz.

In true festival fashion the best is saved for last. Monday's finale sees hugely successful English drum and

bass outfit Chase and Status oversee a wild night before DJ Tiesto takes over. The Dutchman is widely considered the greatest DJ of all time and will be making his debut Dreambeach performance.

Revellers at this year's festival will have access to blue flag Cuevas beaches for the first time. Tickets can still be purchased online.



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Spaghetti Western film feast

DEADLINE day is looming for budding directors hoping to submit their work to the Almeria Western Film Festival (AWFF). All entries, whether for shorts or feature-length films,

must be received by Tuesday. The unique festival is now in its seventh year, with 2017's edition taking place from Wednesday October 11 until Saturday October 14.

It celebrates the six decades of film history



joyed by Almeria since the Tabernas Desert featured as the setting for Sergio Leone's iconic Spaghetti Westerns.

The location is in and around Tabernas village, covering Fort Bravo and the self-styled 'Mini-Hollywood' prop paradise.

Tabernas Town Hall hopes to use the festival's seventh edition to promote the area internationally. It is developing into a major tourist attraction, while Almeria as a whole is enjoying a filming renaissance, as American and European producers are lured by the province's unique terrain.

Spaghetti Westerns.

The three competitions include feature-length and short films. The third category is for fresh Spanish directors who have been enrolled in a Spanish school or university in the past two years.

Submissions to be made online at the AWFF website and shortlist will be decided within two weeks. Films included will be shown during the festival.

Full details about activities, film schedules, entrance fees and times will be released by the organisers nearer the date.

WILD WEST: Film Festival pays tribute to Tabernas' Spaghetti Western past.

Art attack doubles up

ART lovers have a few more days to check out two well-regarded exhibitions taking place in Mojacar. Both the 'Mojacarte' painting exhibit and the 'Wild' painting exhibition run until Tuesday.

'Mojacarte' is a regular event run by local artist Clemente Gerez. The Garcha-native has more than 50 years of painting and drawing experience. The exhibition features Mojacar-inspired works from Gerez and his students at the Mojacarte school.

The exhibition can be found at the Mirador del Castillo and visited from 10am until 2.30pm.

Meanwhile at the Fuente de Mojacar, Cristina Gomez has unveiled her 'Wild' exhibit. The young Vera-born artist has a fine arts degree from Granada University and involves a passionate creative energy in each of her works.

Her colours are vibrant and the main theme is the relationship between humans and nature. The exhibit can be visited between 9am and 1pm on weekdays and from 10am to 1pm on weekends.

From next week a new set of exhibitions can be expected at each venue as Mojacar continues its successful summer art programme.

Outdoor film screening and other public activities are also taking place until the end of the month.

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BISBAL: Heartthrob's homecoming gig sure to be a sell-out.

Heartthrob's homecoming gig

TICKETS are now available for a double-whammy festival shaping up to be the biggest event on the Almanzora Valley calendar. Superstar singer David Bisbal has announced that he will finish his acclaimed European tour at the Feria de Huerca-Overa in October.

More than 1,000 tickets sold within hours of the news. Bisbal is perhaps Almería's biggest music export. The pop star has been touring Spain to celebrate his latest album Hijos del Mar (Sons of the Sea).

The festival takes place on Saturday October 14. It begins at 9pm at the El Hornillo football stadium. Tickets begin at €32 for general seats, rising to €36 for the second tier, and €80 for near the front stage. They can be purchased online through Ticketmaster, Bravoentradas, and in person at the Huerca-Overa theatre café.

Culture councillor Belen Martinez said it was a "privilege" to welcome Bisbal to the town and welcomed the huge economic impact the promotion will have on Huerca-Overa.

The concert is likely to be the biggest the town hall has managed. Security preparations are already underway to ensure the thousands of expected revellers are kept safe within the stadium.

The grounds can hold a maximum of 7,000 spectators. With more than 1,000 seats selling within hours, a sell-out crowd is all but guaranteed.

Bisbal, aged 38, is considered one of the top Spanish talents of his generation. He has sold millions of records in Spain and is popular in Latin America.

Last of the summer fiestas

SLIGHTLY later than usual, Mojacar's Sopalmo festival gets underway this weekend, running from tomorrow evening until late on Sunday night.

The annual festival, held in honour of the hamlet's devotion to Christ the King, will include live food, delicious food, children's parades and a special coronation of the most beautifully dressed pageant girls.

It begins tomorrow night at 8pm with the traditional ribbon-collecting ceremony

performed by married couples. At 10pm local musician Rafael Rueda will perform live under the moonlight.

On Saturday more ribbon collecting, this time by local children, gets the party started at 8pm.

At 11pm there will be live music from Trio Miami. Then, at the stroke of midnight, the opening Sopalmo festival speech will be given by Carmen Garcia Campoy from the Mojacar Town Hall.

Her speech will be fol-

lowed by the official coronation of the Sopalmo festival queen and her ladies of honour before the partying and music continues long into the night.

Sunday's festivities open with a 7.30pm mass in Sopalmo chapel. At 8pm young people on scooters will collect ribbons for the last time.

Then, at 11pm, Rafael Rueda returns to close the festival with a live performance.

The festival is expected to attract thousands of peo-

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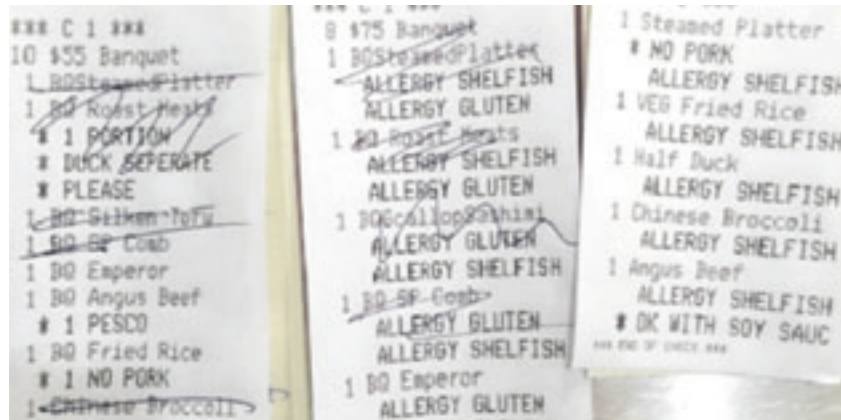


A FEW weeks ago we featured an article about allergies. I mentioned there are many restaurants now who take the whole allergy thing very seriously. In fact there are laws that govern menus and menu content here in Spain. Staff has to be trained with regard to this.

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!

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.

**Garry Waite is a foodie and restaurateur and Hospitality Management Consultant. If contemplating setting up an operation, or having problems with an existing project contact him on garryphwaite@gmail.com.*

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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."

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Macael's storm in a teacup

CLAIMS that the mayor changed the locks in a senior citizen's care home have sparked a political storm in Macael.

Mayor Raul Martinez strongly denied allegations that he acted unilaterally to prevent residents from accessing the café. The locks were changed at the beginning of the month, preventing all access to the social area. A communique released by the mayor's rivals, the PSOE, accused him of "authoritarianism."

The PSOE and board members of the Asociacion de la Tercera Edad (Association of the Third Age) care home say that no notice was given of the mayor's decision.

Martinez has since come out guns blazing, claiming certain board members are in cahoots with the PSOE to discredit him. The mayor says the café is locked every summer for renovations and that a



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HAPPY DAYS: Macael care home members before the cafeteria controversy.

poster announcing the closure has been posted in the home for weeks.

"Everyone except the PSOE knew the café would be closed in August," he scoffed, adding that the care home is also being moved to a new location.

The council is using the quieter summer period to remove furniture and do heavy lifting in preparation for the move. The new facilities will have an even bigger café, and an on-site hairdresser.



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Celtic rockers close the street parties

THOUSANDS of locals and guests enjoyed the San Cayetano festivities in Cantoria. This year's spectacle wrapped up on Sunday evening with a free performance from Celtic rockers Celtas Cortos closing a full week of street parties.

Considered the historic capital of the Almanzora Valley, Cantoria has long been known for its San Cayetano celebrations. People travelled from across the valley and beyond Almeria to Cantoria to take part in the free fun.

A stickler for tradition, the historic festival involved daily parades of floats created by local children. There was a flower contest involving hundreds of local families, with the winners parading through the main square and fairgrounds on Saturday.

Each night for a full week, the town's orchestra played late



Photo credit Facebook/Celtas Cortos



ROCK 'N' ROLL: Celtic rockers took Cantoria by storm on Sunday.

into the night and paraded through the streets. Cantorians also elected their official King and Queen of the festival and

were able to show off the recently refurbished Andalucia Park to the thousands of passing tourists.



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Local club awarded for community contribution

ALBOX Computer Club's reputation for community work continues to grow. The local non-profit association has received multiple awards and expressions of gratitude this summer.

Most recently, the club's founder David Shear became the only individual British expatriate to be recognised at the eighth Almanzora Valley community awards held by *La Voz de Almería* and Cadena SER.

The celebration of his and the club's efforts came hot on the heels of special messages of gratitude from Zurgena library and the Arboleas police force for donations from the ACC.

Mr Shear collected the Society Award on behalf of the club at the awards ceremony held in Hijate on July 13. He was supported by his wife, Margaret, and a strong turnout from club members. Helpers from PIRDA, a separate section of the club which refurbishes old or broken computers, were also in attendance.

In his acceptance speech Mr Shear explained that the Albox Computer Club has two key missions. First, it is dedicated to teaching people how to use computers. The club also plays an important role in bring-



CONGRATS: David Shear and ACC members rewarded for job well done.

ing computer technology to those who cannot afford or access it.

He noted how tremendously important computer access and skills are in the modern age. The club's charitable efforts extend across Almería, and even as far afield as Africa.

Mr Shear and the club received a congratulatory message from Albox deputy mayor Maura Hillen, who also thanked

members for their constant efforts to help the town's younger generations.

Albox Computer Club meet weekly and regularly donate to important local charities across Almería.



David with award.

Trouble at the top after first year

ALBOX mayor Francisco Torrecillas celebrated one year at the helm of the town hall.

The leader took office in August last year thanks to votes from PSOE councillors and has endured his fair share of controversies in the meantime.

After one year, Torrecillas' tenure has been characterised by closures. Protests greeted the decision to close the Francisco Fenoy college, which put 180 students in limbo.

The mayor also claimed he was powerless to stop the closure of the Albox fire station, a highly unpopular move.

Other bad press has been almost comical.

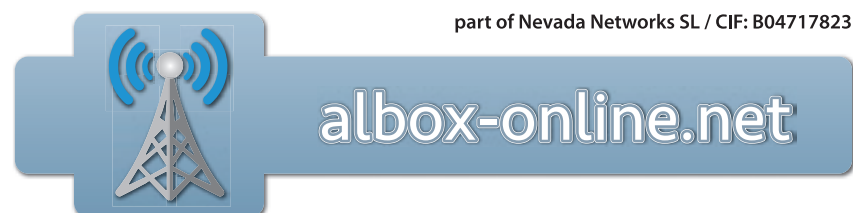
Children were banned from playing with balloons. Torrecillas was also roundly mocked for being pho-

tographed parking in a disabled space, weeks after he went on a Twitter tirade against people guilty of the same crime.

His signature policy - fighting against corruption - has been undermined by 11 nepotism charges levelled against his administration. Accountants have revealed that Albox's political salaries have risen by a total of €100,000 since Torrecillas took office.

Albox was also recently shamed in a list of Almería's most indebted municipalities. The town is the third worst offender and owes banks €21 million.

Torrecillas' growing opposition claim that, including debts to energy and water companies, the true debt is closer to €50 million, or more than €4,000 per resident.



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Externally to the front of the villa there is a covered terrace with feature balustrade that overlooks the 8 x 4m swimming pool and terracing.

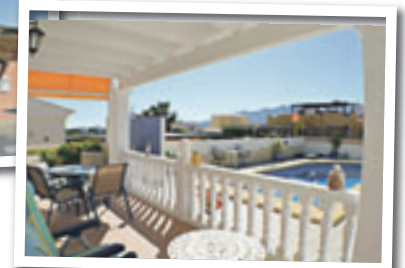
The 20m² garage with up-and-over door



DETACHED VILLA: With a feature balustrade overlooking the pool.



DOUBLE GATE: Access to the front.



and driveway are separated from the pool area by a garden area planted with trees and has double gate access independent of the pedestrian gate access.

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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.

Elegant gardens with minimal effort

DICK HANDSCOMBE



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

Current weather forecasts suggest that the drought conditions will continue but with more clouds around and a slight lowering of temperatures. Gardening should be reasonably comfortable now for first time 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 horrendous March 2005 air frosts.
- Large forced versus smaller naturally grown plants for sale.
- Plants for sale designed to be grown artificial-ly versus naturally.
- Failure to use natural and normally safe insecticides and fungicides on a regular basis



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

- 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? If undecided or to review your objectives, 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 enor-

- mous 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 or regional macro markets.
- 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 local restaurants which are struggling to survive?
- Are the kings and queens of the garden the resident owners, family or paid visiting holiday-makers, pet dogs or invading cats?

While thinking about an overall strategy there are some more mundane things to think about.

1. Do watering frequencies and volumes need to be increased as water tables continue to fall?
 2. Which annuals and perennials need to be pruned to improve their appearance and prolong flowering periods?
 3. What herbs are ready to cut and dry for the kitchen or pot pouries?
 4. What shrubs require seasonal pruning, such as antanas, the removal of untidy seeds and dead flowers on lavender plants?
 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, especially if they overhang paths or terraces?
 7. Do paths, terraces and flowerbeds need sweeping, vacuuming or blowing?
- But do stick to priorities. Which is preferred, that the garden looks natural or artificially pristine? Spanish summers are to be enjoyed.

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Sago palms - putting the wow factor in your garden

TO add a little drama to your garden, a sago palm or two will definitely not disappoint. These gorgeous trees, often grown in pots and used as stand-out landscape features, add a bit of tropical flavour to any garden with their palm-like qualities and eye-catching form.

Although they take a long time to fully mature, they can easily be bought fully formed for a reasonable price. There are many variants; over 90 species have been recognised thus far, so there are plenty of options to choose from.

Sago palms also have a rich history; the plants are classified as living fossils and are one of the oldest plant species in existence. Fossils of the plants have been found dating as far back as 66 million years ago and the species is still going strong.

Experienced cultivators of the plant recommend keeping it in a spot with a lot of sunlight, but kept out of direct heat for

most of the day. Watering is only required every one to two weeks. The best time to prune them is in autumn, when they

have stopped producing new leaves, as they prefer not to be disturbed while actively growing.



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Spanish succulents - a success story

FOR even the most experienced gardeners, tending plants under the ruthless Spanish sun can be a challenge at the best of times. If the rhododendrons have died for the fourth time in as many months and a point of despair is reached, consider turning to more tenacious and less time-consuming species.

The abundance of cacti and succulents in Spanish gardens and public places is apparent. The Spanish like their plants to require minimal attention in the heat as well as being able to survive cooler periods. Some species, such as Aloe Vera and Agave, are also multi-functional and can be used in tea or herbal medicines.

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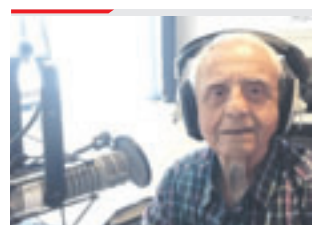
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THIS is the word that is used when it is believed that dogs have the same feelings and emotions as humans and that they understand human language. A mistaken belief, of course. Dogs are not small, furred human beings. They are canines. True, they are 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 be-

A dog is not a hairy human baby Anthropomorphism

tween 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 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 of human society. They do have a high sensory ability which is often mistaken for a kind of sixth sense.

They will understand that 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 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 down again, the dog will make a quick recovery.

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

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Cat-sit in luscious Limousin, France!



LIVELY MOO: The rescue cat who dominates this two-acre garden.

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The public area is vast and you can explore a huge expanse of luscious plant life and forest, the route is 1.5 kilometres long.

Bathing in the waters is a must if you want to truly experience this fantastic place. The clean and refreshing waters are most welcome on a hot day

and you can get right next to the waterfall should you wish.

As you ascend this natural attraction, there are many places to relax and of course, the higher you go, the greater the view.

For those who want to add a little action to their day, there is a platform from which you can leap straight into the river from quite a height. There is plenty of room for spectators, so that all important mid-air jump can be caught on camera for family and friends to gaze at in amazement.

At just €5 entry in peak season, with discounts for students, OAPs and children, it works out great value for the amount you can enjoy.

Nearby are a host of facilities to make the visit even more memorable. The tourist office offers environmental education resources to add further interest and information. There is also an arboretum with picnic and camping area.

Sublime views of the Algar waterfalls.

Five restaurants make up a gastronomic quintet offering foods typical of this spectacular area in the heart of the Valencian community.

Tours of the surrounding countryside are available on motorcycle rickshaws for those less mobile or who just want to relax on their day out.

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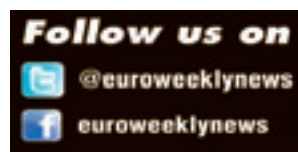
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Electric fence

THE race to replace the combustion engine with the battery may soon hit a major hurdle. Alarming reports from Amnesty International and Unicef have found that slave children in Africa are producing much of the raw materials for the electric car revolution.

Tens of thousands of children are mining cobalt in the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo. Meanwhile the amount of lithium mined in Afghanistan is expected to double in the coming decades.

Concerns have been raised about the dependence of an electric future on a few resource-rich and very poor countries. There may simply not be enough cobalt and lithium to produce the expected 70 million electric cars being sold annually by 2050.

Player's car of the year

by Matthew Elliott

DESPITE commanding annual, even monthly, salaries in the millions, the favourite car of premier league footballers is the Range Rover Evoque.

The modestly priced car can be snapped up new for less than €40,000 and is a far cry from the flash Ferraris and Lamborghinis often associated with the sport's top earners.

One caveat is that it is the most popular car bought by premier league players on finance. Regardless 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 they felt like it.

The Evoque tops a list of the 10 most



NIFTY: The Evoque provides camouflage for superstar strikers.

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 Bent-

ley Continental GT, Ferrari F12 Berlinetta, Lamborghini Huracan, Jeep Kahn Sahara, Porsche 911 GTS, Bentley Bentayga, and McLaren 675LT Spider for the adrenaline junkies.

In company like that the less conspicuous Range Rover Evoque serves a simple purpose. It allows the superstars to nip into town for errands without attracting too much attention.

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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Toyota Yaris

TOYOTA has splashed out €85 million (£76 million) re-vamping its Yaris, a car that was already outstanding in its class.

There is no longer a three-door model nor a diesel engine in the line up, which now offers 1.0 litre, 1.3 and new 1.5 litre petrol engines. A six-speed manual gearbox is standard, auto transmission an option, and you can also get a fuel-saving hybrid model.

Yaris competes in the tough super-mini sector dominated by Fiesta, Corsa and Polo and so needs to be impressive - and it is. The car has a sharper and more substantive new exterior appearance and the refreshed cabin also has a more contemporary look. Upgraded technology and safety features also add value.

Prices start at €13,969 (£12,495) for an adequately equipped 69 hp 1.0 litre version, but most buyers will be heading up-range, and some will be opting for the new 110 hp 1.5 litre petrol engine which offers improved performance, but still good fuel economy.

This was the engine in my Icon Tech version, laden with extra kit and costing €17,715 (£15,845). The 0-100 kph time is a modest 11 seconds, top speed 175 kph (109 mph) and the fuel figure very respectable at 20.9 kpl (58.9 mpg). It's a smooth quiet engine mated to a

positive-shift six-speed manual gearbox, and with light precise steering too, the new Yaris delivers a pleasing driving experience with compliant ride and composed cornering.

There is no wow-factor for the dashboard but it is well-designed for ease of use, with good placement of dials and switches.

The Yaris has a surprising amount of cabin space and can accommodate five adults with decent leg and head room, though four will be more comfortable. At 286 litres, the boot is quite large and folding the rear seats (which don't go completely flat) boosts space to 768 litres.

Standard equipment on the Icon Tech model includes auto wipers, auto lights (including auto-high-beam), alloy wheels, air-conditioning, cruise control, multi-media touchscreen, sat-nav, online connectivity, front parking sensors, rear view camera and safety kit including pre-collision response and lane departure alert.

Main rivals in the sector all have strong individual plus-points but my overall impression of this latest Yaris is that it is a great all-round package under-pinned by Toyota's fine reputation for reliability and robust resale values.

YARIS: Has a sharper new exterior.

Stats panel:



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Costa de Almería

WITH so much sport taking place over this last week, it would take me two pages to cover it all so I've chosen the best of the action, and I'll begin by congratulating Joe Root and Mo Farah on their achievements in cricket and athletics.

Root, batting against South Africa, became only the second Englishman, after John Edrich, to score a half-century in 10 successive tests (he's only two behind record holder, AB de Villiers) while Farah won his 10th major race in a row with victory in the World Championships 10,000m. And the 5,000m is still to

come before he ends his track career in Zurich next month. Thereafter, he'll run marathons only.

Football

• After the opening games of the new football season, Bristol City and QPR lead the Championship; Fleetwood, Oxford and Portsmouth are the top three in FL1; Luton (8-2 winners over Yeovil) head FL2

and Celtic, with Leigh Griffiths' 200th career goal beat Hearts 4-1 to set the pace in the SPL. Forest Green Rovers drew 2-2 with Barnet in their first-ever FL game.

• Arsenal lifted the first trophy of 2017-18, beating 10-man Chelsea 5-2 on penalties in the Community Shield – their 15th 'Shield' win.

• Bayern Munich defeated Borussia Dortmund 5-4 on penalties to win Germany's Super Cup and on Tuesday, Real Madrid met Manchester United in the European Super Cup.

• Everton are in but Aberdeen are out of the Europa League and Celtic are still active in the Champions League!

• England's lionesses failed to roar when losing 3-0 to Holland in the Women's European Championship semi-final.

The Dutch beat Denmark 4-2 in the final.

• Between Tuesday May 30 and Tuesday August 1, 2017, Manchester City spent £218m (€241m) on new players; Manchester United splashed out £145.8m (€161m), Chelsea £130.4m (€144m) and Everton £94.9m (€105m). Spurs paid out nothing!

• Jose Mourinho has become the first manager in football history to spend £1 billion (€1.1 billion) on players.

• Robbie Keane has joined former Spurs team-mate Teddy Sheringham at Indian club Atletico de Kolkata.

• Bolton fielded 10 trialists in a pre-season friendly

against Marine.

Cricket

• England's Jonny Bairstow was dismissed for 99 in the last test v South Africa - the 85th player, the 15th Englishman, to miss a century by one run since the Second World War.

• In a T20 blast match, Nottinghamshire scored a record 106-0 off the first six overs with Alex Hales smashing 95 as Durham were beaten by five wickets.

• England will play the West Indies in the first day-night test match at Edgbaston: Thursday August 17 to Monday August 21.

• India scored 600 in two innings as they clinched their series 2-0 over Sri Lanka.

• Australian cricket's chief executive has insisted that it's time to get the show back on the road and end a long-running dispute that has left 230 players unemployed. There's increasing urgency ahead of this winter's Ashes series.

• The capacity of The Oval cricket ground is to be increased to 40,000.

Round-Up

• Two-time convicted drug-cheat Justin Gatlin was booed as he tore up Usain Bolt's farewell script by stealing the 100m gold medal at the World Championships. Bolt took bronze in his last individual race as Christian Coleman made it a USA one-two.

• South Korean Kim In-Kyung won the Women's British Open golf title at Kingsbarns, Fife; England's Jodi Ewart Shadoff finished second.

• South African rugby clubs Toyota Cheetahs and Southern Kings have joined the Guinness-sponsored PR012 competition.

• England's Joanne Pavey received her 10,000m bronze medal 3,633 days after finishing fourth in the 2007 World Championships - moving up a place after Turkish drug cheat Elvan Abeylegesse was disqualified. Likewise, Britain's Jessica Ennis-Hill has received a gold medal for her 2011 world heptathlon victory - following the disqualification of Russian drug-abuser Tatyana Chernova.

• Either Birmingham or Liverpool

will stage the 2022 Commonwealth Games. A decision is likely in September.

Coming Up

• The PL season kicks-off tomorrow night with Arsenal v Leicester, followed on Saturday/Sunday by Brighton-Manchester City, Chelsea-Burnley, Crystal Palace-Huddersfield, Everton-Stoke, Manchester United-West Ham, Newcastle-Spurs, Southampton-Swansea, Watford-Liverpool and WBA-Bournemouth.

• Today, the US PGA golf championship starts at North Carolina's Quail Hollow club and England play Spain in the first game of the Women's Rugby World Cup in Dublin.

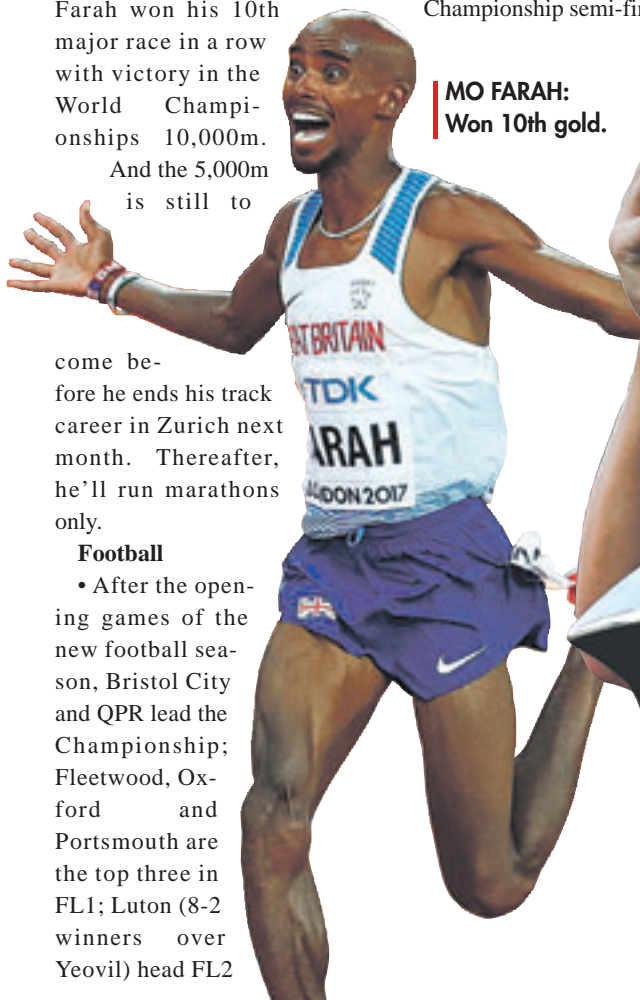
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The 72nd La Vuelta a España starts on Saturday August 19. Riders pedal 3,297.7 kilometres, taking in 21 stages, including five mountain climbs and on Wednesday August 30, Tour of France winner Chris Froome, Spain's Alberto Contador and Mark Cavendish will cycle the 187.5km from Lorca to Cala Alto, taking in Aguilas, San Juan, Villaricos, Vera, Garrucha, Mojucar, Turre, Los Gallardos and Sorbas.

SEAD KOLASINAC: Celebrating his goal during the Community Shield final.

MO FARAH:
Won 10th gold.

NETHERLANDS:
Winner of the
Women's Euro.



DID YOU KNOW?

On Friday August 20, in 1920, cricketer-footballer Jack Darnon took five wickets for Surrey v Middlesex at Lords in the afternoon and kept goal for Brentford v Millwall in a league game at night.

EVENT

There is a football quiz tomorrow (6pm) at the Emerald Isle pub on Mojucar Playa with some great prizes and a raffle for some of my best-selling books.



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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Valle Del Este Golf Society

THIS month's medal round was played in stifling heat and humidity which meant a reduced field.

The hardy players produced some very creditable scoring resulting in a tight finish.

Again, a countback was needed to split second and third place, but their captain, Tish Bigelow, showed a great return to form and won on 71. Well done Tish. First: Tish Bigelow 71, second: Sally Hill 73 and third: Andrew Tatlow 73.

Valle Del Este Golf Society is affiliated to the Valle Del Este Golf Resort in Vera.

They play on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Singles competitions are played every Thursday including a monthly medal.

Visitors are welcome (subject to availability). Please ring Alan Townsend on 634 379 887.



ANA GARCIA: With Swim Cross participants.

7th Mojacar Swim Cross Challenge

MOJACAR Town Council, along with Almería's provincial government, recently organised the seventh Mojacar Swim Cross in collaboration with AT-Sport Eventos and Juega Limpio.

Lovers of open water swimming had the chance to take part in the tournament, which was divided into distances of 400, 1,000 and 2,000 metres for the following categories: infant to junior, under 18's and adults and masters.

Around 100 swimmers participated in this second heat of the Almeriense circuit that is taking place in July and August on several coastlines in the province.

The Mojacar event went off successfully, seeing Laura Lopez with a time of 29 minutes

and 30 seconds, winning the women's category and Andres Perales, with a time of 29 minutes and 13 seconds, being victorious in the men's. Both were 2016 champions and belong to Almería Swimming Club.

The Mojacar seventh 'Travesía' is part of the provincial sport initiative 'Por tu salud, Mojate', (for your health, join in) aimed at adults and specifically youngsters.

Ana Garcia, Mojacar Sports councillor, watched as the heats took place in the town's waters, before congratulating them and presenting the winners with the trophies, as well thanking all the swimmers for taking part and inviting them all to return for the next year's event.

Forum Golf Society

DESPITE the July heat, Forum Golf Society formal and roll-up events have been well attended including several new members.

John Bridgen produced fine scoring and rose to second place in the Claret Jug League, behind current leader Ron Willeman, with five more events to play.

In Valle del Este on Friday July 14 a double par medal was played, where 32 players contested a hard fought leader board. The top three all had to be split by count-back, as they all had the same net score of 72.

First: John Bridgen
Second: John Kimberley
Third: Ron Wileman

Nearest the pin prizes were won by Mike Duckham, Ann Lawrence, Andy Birch, Ron Wileman and Richard Price.

On Friday July 21 a match-play completion was held at Aguilon between Aguilon

members and Forum Golf Society. 24 pairs competed with all holes counting with a final score favouring Aguilon members 112 to 104.

At Aguilon on Friday July 28, 30 players competed in a stableford competition. Max Gonzalez took first place with 40 points. John Bridgen was second with 39, and third was Andy Birch with 36 points.

Nearest the pin prizes were won by Ron Wileman, John Bridgen, Tom McNab, Brian Gyer and Chris Mardon.

The next two events are a pairs completion at Alboran on Friday August 11 and a stableford competition at Aguilon on Friday August 25.

There is interest in the inaugural ladies v men's match-play in September.

For information about Forum Golf Society, contact Richard Price on email: rfp53@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 850 993 073.

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