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King and premier take on island issues

Royal summit



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HONOURED: King Felipe VI meets the Prime Minister.

By Matthew Elliott

King Felipe VI and Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy discussed the key issues facing Mallorca during lunch at Palma's Marivent Palace. The annual summer summit has taken place for decades.

At a press conference after Monday's meeting, Rajoy warned against the radical anti-tourist violence that has shaken Palma.

He noted that tourism accounts for 2.5 million jobs nationally and 11 per cent of Spain's gross domestic product (GDP). "I'm not saying tourists should be welcomed with signs reading 'Welcome Mr Tourist,' he quipped, but it was "crazy" for "leftist groups" to attack visitors."

The leaders discussed Catalan independence, regional financing and the Venezuelan crisis. Rajoy

criticised Balearic plans to take joint control of Palma airport.

Following the Canary Island model, PSOE hope to gain more financial control and a more favourable tax regime in Mallorca. The prime minister stressed the importance of unanimity on the subject. His own Popular Party is currently in opposition in the Balearic parliament and largely opposed to increased regional autonomy.

Abusive artist blotted

A TROLL who sent obscene drawings, guinea pigs and homophobic messages to political leaders has been identified by Soller Town Hall. The individual's name has not been released but legal action is pending.

The most prominent tar-

gets of the abusive messages were Soller mayor Jaume Servera, Palma mayor Antoni Noguera, and the president of the Mallorcan Consell, Miquel Ensenyat.

All three were subjected to insults, homophobia (despite none being openly gay) and obscene sketches.

Servera was also reproached for removing the Cross from the Monument to the Fallen, dedicated to Francoist soldiers during the Spanish Civil War.

Soller Town Hall said the individual responsible is a local artist with known nationalist sympathies.

Dirty dune bugs

THREE suspected pickpockets were arrested on Es Trenc beach. Police believe they stole

valuables while their victims were in the sea, then buried the loot in nearby sand dunes.

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NEWS EXTRA**Dead body**

THE body of a 40-year-old male was found lying on the street in Costa de La Calma early on Monday morning. There were no signs of violence and police are investigating the incident.

Keep calm

A RETIRED German policeman confronted a mentally-ill man wielding a knife during a family dispute in Andratx. The expatriate helped control the situation until police arrived.

Horror fall

POLICE ruled out foul play after a British man fell to his death from a fourth-floor hotel balcony in Ibiza on Sunday, the same day he was due to fly home.

Holidaying on the island with family Clarkson pneumonia

JEREMY CLARKSON has been treated for pneumonia at a Mallorca hospital. The Grand Tour star contracted the infection during a family holiday on the island and was admitted to hospital last Friday.

His condition isn't life-threatening.

On a tweet to friend Jemima Goldsmith, he described himself as "in a wheelchair, connected up to tubes, in a hospital."

Clarkson had been holidaying on the island for almost a week before he became ill. His social media accounts showed him happily drinking wine while his wife did yoga.

He even got into some motoring mischief, tweeting a photo of the 'hilariously terrible' Spanish driver in front of him.

The presenter, aged 57

has reportedly taken indefinite leave from The Grand Tour. Filming for the Amazon Prime show has finished and the second season is expected to premiere in autumn.

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RECOVERY: Clarkson defies heatwave to contract pneumonia.

Daring rescue heroes

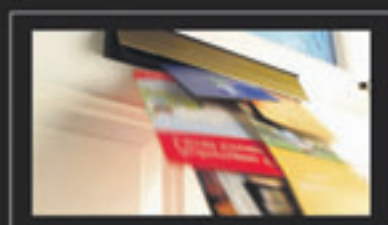
A NINETY-YEAR-OLD woman with severe disabilities was rescued from a serious fire at a care home. The Santa Maria del Cami resident was trapped by flames and smoke, being remembered by the caretaker after everyone else had been evacuated.

With no time for a fire crew to arrive, Local Police and Guardia Civil officers performed the rescue themselves, smashing through a rear window.

They had no masks or breathing equipment and had to enter and leave the building several times, holding their breath while identifying the woman's location. Moments after they rescued her, local firefighters extinguished the blaze, which had consumed a large part of the building.

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Midnight meteor shower

STARGAZERS from Mallorcan illuminated towns and villages can catch a glimpse of the Perseids meteor shower this weekend. The trail from the Swift-Tuttle comet will come very close to the earth's atmosphere. On Sunday, visitors can view the Perseids shower at the Cos-titx Astronomical Observatory through powerful telescopes from 10.30pm until 5am. Other events are taking place at the very remote Cuber Reservoir on Saturday night, and the Bellver Castle on Friday.

Playing with fire

FIVE British tourists sparked a mini forest fire after sneaking onto Porrassa Island in Magaluf Bay. Ignoring heat warnings, they lit a small camp fire which quickly spread to dry grass.

Panicked they tried to put out the blaze but needed help from Ibanat park rangers. The shaken tourists then tried to high tail it back to Magaluf in two pedal boats but were arrested by Local Police.

Electric Avenue

NIFTY new LED street lamps are being installed in Andratx. The old mercury-powered lamps will be replaced with 900 of the super-efficient and eco-friendly lights.

Andratx's maze of lamps will be rearranged over the next 10 weeks to make sure all popular areas are covered. Lighting will be slightly dimmer at night, saving €40,000 a year on the electric bill.

Mum's the word

TEN policemen accused of being on the payroll of Tolo Cursach, Mallorca's alleged underworld godfather, kept their mouths shut in court. All refused to answer a single answer from prosecutors, who hope to prove a dark criminal conspiracy between Cursach, the police and senior politicians.

Another 25 officers have been summoned to testify over claims they took part in sex and drug orgies at Tolo's nightclubs.

Killer disease spreads

OLIVE and almond trees are facing the axe on a grand scale. The European

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.

Cracking the whip

WEBSITES advertising tourist apartments have two weeks to get in line with new rental laws or face fines up to €400,000. Companies, including Airbnb and Homeaway, are the main targets. Both slammed the new legislation as chaotic.

Landlords face fines of between

€20,000 and €40,000 if they are caught renting to tenants staying for less than one month, unless they can prove they are not travellers.

Pirates pinched

POLICE seized almost 6,000 pirate goods from dozens of stalls and shops across Palma in coordinated raids. They made 15 arrests and blitzed a warehouse where counterfeit purses were manufactured.

Airguns and other toy weapons were confiscated, as were hundreds of fake football jerseys and other brand items. Street sellers in Arenal and Cala Major were rounded up during the crackdown.

Music linked to pain

A SCIENTIST at the University of the Balearic Islands has shown that musicians are more sensitive to pain than non-musicians. Neuroscientist and physiotherapist Anna Zamorano found that musicians are so attuned to the rhythms of their own bodies that pain is felt with particular acuteness.

The Palma-based doctor evaluated the brain waves, heart beats, and subjective pain responses of hundreds of subjects with 80 per cent feeling higher degrees of

pain than non-musicians despite good health.

Reasons include the awkward postures musicians hold or their sensitivity to rhythm including their internal heartbeat. Musical activity can also replicate the changes to brain elasticity of chronic pain sufferers.

The practical implications include using music therapy to activate neural connections among patients who have suffered a stroke, or have Parkinson's disease.

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From 1 - 7 August

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

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Poll of the week

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

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

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

Yes = 90%

No = 10%

Top Social Media comments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HIGHS BUT NO LOWS: Severe weather warnings have been issued

TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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Lost in translation



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RELAXED: Royals raise eyebrows during Sunday stroll on Mallorca.

Royals steal the show

By Matthew Elliott

BULLFIGHTS and Sunday strolls through Soller were on the agenda as Spain's royal family continued their Mallorca holiday.

While King Felipe recovered from his Copa del Rey exploits and met senior politicians, Queen Letizia was seen shopping and relaxing with their two daughters.

Last Friday, the royal cou-

ple held a cocktail reception for 500 Mallorcan Guests of Honour at La Almudaina Palace. Antoni Noguera became the first sitting Palma mayor to be personally received by the royals. Balearic president Francina Armengol also attended.

Over the weekend, the King's sister Elena took her children to see the last real bullfight held in Mallorca after the passage of a new law

banning the spilling of blood.

The Princess courted controversy last year when she broke the law to take her underage daughter, Victoria Federica, to a Palma bullfight.

On Sunday, the King and Queen were pictured with their two daughters strolling around Soller, greeting locals, staying at the Marivent Palace, which closes to the public over summer.

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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.



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NEWS EXTRA**Funky fish**

HUNDREDS of dead sardines washed up mysteriously in Port de Soller, sparking wildly varying theories about the cause, including sharks, global warming and pollution.

Burnt linen

A HUGE fire broke out at a commercial laundry in Son Bugadelles near Santa Ponsa on Sunday. It was quickly extinguished with no injuries reported but serious material damage.

Shark savvy

MALLORCAN writer Ernest Riera has co-written the script for hit new horror film '47 Metres Down' about two girls trapped in an underwater cage in the Caribbean surrounded by great white sharks.

Air shocker

A TRAVEL watchdog found that a British family of four could save more than €500 by flying to Mallorca from Birmingham airport instead of East Midlands, just 36 miles away.

Fair cut

PALMA mayor Antoni Noguera demanded a percentage of this year's tourist tax cut, noting that the city received nothing in 2016, despite being home to half Mallorca's population.

Mile high

BRITISH tourist Stewart Draper was welcomed at Palma airport by easyJet directors after becoming the 20 millionth flyer to Palma since easyJet's low-cost Mallorca routes opened in 1997.

By Matthew Elliott

Guests rage at hotel nightmare

HOTEL guests staged a large protest outside a three-star establishment in Cala Millor. The 30-strong group, comprised entirely of Spaniards, vented their fury at alleged bad treatment by the Hotel Vista Blava Elegance.

The demonstrators, all guests at the hotel, stood near the gates chanting 'Vista Blanca robbery!'

They claimed to be sick and tired of just about every feature of the hotel's service.

One guest reportedly suffered a heat stroke in the dining room due to a lack of air conditioning and was taken away in an ambulance. A woman took a screen shot of her phone showing that it was 34 degrees inside at the time.

Similar temperature were reported in rooms, with dozens of guests finding it impossible to sleep. Others said they rushed to the bathroom to relieve themselves after eating the breakfast churros.

Staff were filmed shaking tablecloths rather than cleaning them, bathroom towels had stains, reception staff claimed to be 'interns' with no knowledge of hotel policies, one guest slipped on the floor, and others were met with a "back in 10 minutes" sign for half an hour.

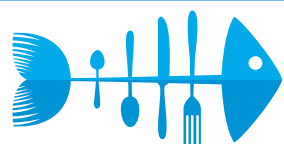
Others complaints included rooms going dirty for days due to the cleaners being on holiday, the pool being closed while staff ate, and a lactose-intolerant woman being handed a cheese sandwich. One man said he would need psychological counselling to get over the stress of his stay, indicating future lawsuits are likely.

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PARTY TIME: Hitman Hatton's happy days in Magaluf.

Hitman on holiday

FORMER world champion boxer Ricky Hatton has been enjoying his summer holidays in Mallorca. The English sporting icon, known as the Hitman in his fighting days, published snaps of himself and friends living it up in Magaluf online.

Hatton, now a boxing promoter in his own right, took to Twitter and Instagram to share images from the famous party

resort with his legions of online followers.

The former light-welterweight world champion could count on thousands of his fans to travel to Las Vegas during his heyday. Today he has more than half a million Twitter followers who were treated to a photo of the beaming Brit with a topless woman in a packed Magaluf bar.

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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Baggage bandit pinched

A BAGGAGE handler from Mallorca was charged with stealing a suitcase owned by an American tourist with jewellery worth €230,000 from an Ibiza airport. Police later searched his Calvia home, finding €40,000 worth of stolen goods hidden away.

Guardia Civil investigators believe the 55-year-old may have been thieving from suitcases for years. The huge scale of the theft from the wealthy American's suitcase put police on his tail in July when a full-scale investigation was launched.

He is currently in prison awaiting trial.

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Tourist out!

POLITICAL and business leaders have denounced the anti-tourist attacks launched by a radical, separatist outfit in Mallorca in recent weeks. The group, named Arran, has pledged further acts of protest in its quest to sharply reduce tourist numbers in Mallorca and Barcelona.

Hooded activists from the Catalonia-based group threw confetti over restaurant guests in Palma and targeted yachts with flares and smoke bombs. In Barcelona they slashed the tyres of a tourist bus and sprayed it with graffiti reading 'Tourism is killing our city.'

After days of silence, Palma mayor Antoni Noguera released a statement describing the attacks as "reprehensible." He added that tourist saturation was a real problem and that, without an upper limit, "the city could die of its success."

Tourism minister Biel Barcelo conceded the Balearic tourism and economic model was subject to a legitimate debate but condemned Arran's aggressive approach.



PROTEST: Arran activists have promised more anti-tourist action.

In parliament, the Popular Party and Ciudadanos were united in their disgust, and called on Podemos, whose position remains ambiguous, to condemn the violence.

On its Twitter account, Arran claims mass tourism has led to vulnerable working

conditions, the displacement of local residents from their homes, overcrowded streets and a plague of tourist trinket shops.

They have promised more action "to paralyse mass tourism that is destroying Mallorca."

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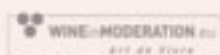
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Smugglers' cynical tactics

PEOPLE traffickers are using adopting new strategies to transport immigrants to Mallorca, according to the Guardia Civil. The smuggling

rings are now favouring smaller, more mobile, boats, and also bringing more female migrants onboard.

At least 15 boats have

made it to Balearic waters since January. Last year only three boats made it in 12 months. But recent vessels are typically smaller and carry less passengers than earlier boats.

Guardia Civil officers interviewing captured migrants say they are now paying €500 a head for a place on the boats. This is roughly half the former price, indicating that the Algerian gangsters behind the trade are feeling the heat of market competition.

New fleets of modern and mobile boats are easily capable of making the 265



MIGRANTS: A total of 156 have been arrested this year.

kilometre journey from the Algerian coast to Mallorca, even in adverse weather conditions.

A total of 156 migrants have been arrested across the Balearic Islands this year. The adults are dispatched to detention centres on the mainland and then repatriated.

Children not accompanied by parents are allowed to stay. A growing number of underage, but fertile, girls are

being trafficked, as they are more likely to gain residency. They can then be dispatched across Spain for arranged marriages, while their children will be citizens.

The number of migrants who have made it to the islands undetected is a mystery. From their interviews, Guardia Civil officers believe Mallorca is typically treated as a stopover, with most intent on moving to mainland Spain or France.

NEWS EXTRA

Horse ban

ARTA Town Hall has voted to ban car access to Cala Torta and Cala Mitjana beaches. Dogs will also be banned, as will horse riding near the protected Sa Canova sand dunes.

Knife attack

A **TEENAGE** boy was admitted to Son Espases hospital after being stabbed just outside of Arta. Guardia Civil arrested a young man who reportedly confessed to the attack to his ex-girlfriend.

Melting pot

AFTER a heatwave which saw five of the highest temperatures in Spain recorded on the Balearic Islands, the worst is over, with weekend highs expected to be between 28 and 31 degrees.

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Water crisis edges closer



SINKING: Cuber reservoir in north Mallorca needs a top up.

DROUGHT warnings have been issued as reservoirs quenching Palma and the Tramuntana mountains run low. The Balearic executive has called on residents to monitor their water usage and avoid waste.

In a press release issued on Monday, the regional body said “the situation is still much better than last summer” but cautioned against

excess use of water.

Drought warnings have been in place in the north of the island since May. This year the threat has greatly diminished due to heavy rains over winter.

Towards the end of January, the gates of two overflowing dams were opened in the Tramuntanas such was the extent of the downpour.

In July Mallorca’s key

reservoirs were 60 per cent full on average, slightly above critical levels. Last July they sank to just 44 per cent and a state of emergency was declared across the island.

Water reserves regularly dwindle during the summer, not simply due to the weather, but also courtesy of millions of tourists using hundreds of litres each per day.

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MIRACLE WORKER: One man's passion is inspiring thousands.

Kicking the habit

A HUGE collection of cigarette butts along all the beaches and coves of Mallorca is being championed by local man Miquel Garau. The volunteer campaign is named 'No more butts on the beach' and gets underway on Monday.

Garau has set up an online calendar where people can pick a half hour long cleaning campaign to join. Photos will be taken and posted online to raise awareness of the cause.

The clean beach activist urges anyone to take part. "The most important principle is that people head down to their favourite beach whenever they can and pick up cigarette butts," he said.

For those interested in a collective clean-up, Garau's Facebook page has more details. Monday's session begins at Can Pere Antoni beach at 10am.

Other cleaning efforts take place on Tuesday at Ciudad Jardin, Wednesday at Es Trenc, Thursday in S'Arenal, next Friday in Palmanova, Saturday in Cala Agulla.

The campaign concludes next Sunday in Alcudia, with all the sessions from Tuesday to Sunday beginning at 5pm. All that's needed is a pair of gloves and a container to dump the offending butts in.

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Iconic racer buried at sea

Royal respect for MotoGP champion after crash



ICON: Angel Nieto's ashes were scattered in sea as thousands paid tribute.

THE ashes of Grand Prix motorcycling icon Angel Nieto were scattered in the Mediterranean on Saturday, nine days after an Ibiza quad bike crash put him in an induced coma.

Hundreds of motorcyclists gunned the engines of their bikes in a full-throttled tribute to the Spanish MotoGP champion who succumbed to serious brain injuries last Thursday.

On Sunday a ceremony was held at the Santa Eulalia church. It was attended by close family and friends, including legendary pop singer Rafael. The King and Queen of Spain sent flowers and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy expressed his deepest condolences to the family.

A minute's silence was held during Sunday's Czech Republic Grand Prix and southern Spain's iconic Jerez track will be named after the motorcycling maestro, who leaves behind his wife and three adult children.

In September a formal funeral will be held in

Madrid for the Zamora-born racer, who spent much of his retirement residing on Ibiza.

Nieto, aged 70, suffered serious brain damage when a car struck his quad bike at the end of July. Doctors were planning to gradually wake him up when he died last Thursday with his family by his side.

The Spanish motorcycling legend had 13 world championships to his name, although he superstitiously insisted on his record being reflected as 12+1. He won world championships in the 50cc, 80cc and 125cc classes, also competing at 250cc in a racing career spanning from 1964-1986.

Spanish stars including actor Antonio Banderas and Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos, paid tribute to Nieto on social media. MotoGP expressed its "deepest condolences to Nieto's family and friends as we bid farewell to a true giant of motorcycling history who will be greatly missed."

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DENMARK



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

Separate burials

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

No smoking

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

Human rights

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

Stop and search

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

GERMANY



Deal done

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

Jail term

PROSECUTORS have deemed the former Auschwitz death camp guard is fit

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

No stags

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

tiative to ban them.

Bad eggs

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

FRANCE



Roman find

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

Popularity poll

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

No fly

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

Bill approved

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

BELGIUM



In remembrance

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

Illegal immigrants

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

Sick leave

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

All change

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

NETHERLANDS



Binned baby

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

Police have launched an investigation.

Two drinks

TO prevent underage drinking in particular, alcohol abuse prevention lobby 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

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Nato exercise

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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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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

By John Smith

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

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

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.56	-0.25	-0.37	47,771.63
London Stock Exchange Group	3,825.00	-67.00	-1.72	13,454.11
Micro Focus International	2,116.00	4.60	0.22	4,873.87
Mediclinic International	818.25	62.25	8.23	5,356.08
Merlin Entertainments	474.70	-14.70	-3.00	4,701.17
Marks & Spencer Group	337.50	7.00	2.12	5,348.62
Mondi	1,944.00	-34.00	-1.72	9,458.59
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	249.45	-0.35	-0.14	5,842.68
National Grid	957.50	2.50	0.26	32,849.19
Next	4,385.50	-7.50	-0.17	6,471.96
Old Mutual Group	202.75	-2.05	-1.00	10,110.39
Provident Financial	2,198.00	98.00	4.67	3,102.23
Paddy Power Betfair	7,955.00	35.00	0.44	6,617.62
Prudential	1,790.00	-76.00	-4.07	47,980.51
Persimmon	2,385.00	-79.00	-3.21	7,919.31
Pearson	662.50	7.00	1.07	5,503.11
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,450.00	-57.00	-0.76	52,450.07
Royal Bank of Scotland Group (The)	264.50	3.30	1.26	30,500.97
Royal Dutch Shell	2,149.75	-33.25	-1.52	98,128.49
Royal Dutch Shell	2,200.00	-18.50	-0.83	82,662.89
RELX	1,555.00	-123.00	-7.33	17,757.91
Rio Tinto	3,527.50	-18.50	-0.52	48,026.07
Royal Mail	401.50	1.30	0.32	4,016.00
Rolls-Royce Group	957.50	-4.50	-0.47	17,577.52
Randgold Resources	7,200.00	100.00	1.41	6,801.41
RSA Insurance Group	662.00	15.00	2.32	6,631.90
Rentokil Initial	286.50	-5.90	-2.02	5,342.96
Sainsbury (J)	252.90	0.40	0.16	5,524.76
Schroders	3,458.00	-24.00	-0.69	7,833.94
Sage Group (The)	695.00	6.00	0.87	7,350.01
Segro	540.50	0.22	0.04	5,332.06
Shire	4,100.00	81.50	2.03	37,391.13
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,177.50	-101.50	-4.45	5,250.66
Sky	866.00	-102.00	-10.54	16,657.28
Standard Life	448.05	0.95	0.21	8,828.61
Smiths Group	1,565.00	18.00	1.16	6,098.22
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt	411.25	-11.25	-2.66	5,786.84
Smith & Nephew	1,325.00	-3.00	-0.23	11,594.42
SSE	1,390.00	-13.00	-0.93	13,985.28
Standard Chartered	800.00	-2.50	-0.31	26,022.14
St James's Place	1,178.50	-46.50	-3.80	6,459.65
Severn Trent	2,220.00	-52.00	-2.29	5,354.51
Tesco	177.00	-3.15	-1.75	14,739.15
TUI AG	1,265.00	21.00	1.69	7,232.31
Taylor Wimpey	192.95	5.05	2.69	6,386.91
Unilever	4,340.00	-17.00	-0.39	54,765.21
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Vodafone Group	224.60	-0.40	-0.18	59,734.73
Worldpay Group	372.00	1.00	0.27	7,400.00
WPP Group	1,580.00	10.00	0.64	19,969.71
Whitbread	3,865.00	-33.00	-0.85	7,090.43

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APPLE	156,390	+0,53%	0,820	815.392,44
BOEING CO	237,710	-0,23%	-0,540	140.506,43
CATERPILLAR	114,350	+0,70%	0,790	67.370,11
CHEVRON	110,11	+0,62%	0,68	208.610,18
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,800	+0,76%	0,240	159.001,72
COCA-COLA	45,50	-0,37%	-0,17	194.071,34
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	82,0100	+0,84%	0,6800	71.168,77
EXXON MOBIL	80,21	-0,35%	-0,28	339.871,07
GENERAL ELECTRIC	25,7800	+0,08%	0,0200	223.201,85
GOLDMAN SACHS	229,79	+2,59%	5,80	90.452,43
HOME DEPOT	152,7500	+1,30%	1,9600	182.621,02
IBM	145,16	+0,15%	0,22	135.280,45
INTEL CORP	36,3000	-0,52%	-0,1900	170.936,70
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	93,6600	+1,25%	1,1600	329.589,54
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	133,1800	-0,13%	-0,1700	358.764,69
MC DONALD'S CORP	153,8200	-0,58%	-0,9000	125.374,09
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,10	-0,66%	-0,42	172.588,88
MICROSOFT	72,680	+0,73%	0,530	561.127,03
NIKE	59,76	-0,63%	-0,38	78.413,97
PFIZER	33,6400	+0,63%	0,2100	200.758,29
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,670	-0,21%	-0,190	231.507,71
TRAVELERS CIES	129,69	+0,10%	0,13	35.765,50
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	121,49	+0,32%	0,39	97.002,97
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	194,88	+0,06%	0,11	186.551,13
VERIZON COMMS	48,91	+0,62%	0,30	199.521,96
VISA	100,89	+0,30%	0,30	184.565,14
WAL-MART STORES	80,4800	-0,48%	-0,3900	242.606,89
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Veeco Instruments Inc.	\$ 21.85	6.95 ▼ 24.13%
Impinj, Inc.	\$ 37.52	10.40 ▼ 21.70%
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BlackLine, Inc.	\$ 30.43	7.02 ▼ 18.74%
trivago N.V.	\$ 17.42	3.98 ▼ 18.60%
Immersion Corporation	\$ 6.65	1.46 ▼ 18.00%
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SECURITY STAFF STRIKE AT EL PRAT BARCELONA AIRPORT

€300,000 fine on the cards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



STRIKE THREAT:
El Prat Airport
security staff.

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

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

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

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

Higher costs for firms

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

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

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

IMF SURPRISED BY ECONOMIC GROWTH

As some pensioners benefit from new rules

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Beware intelligent appliances

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

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

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

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

FROM IMMIGRANT DISHWASHER TO MICHELIN STAR CHEF

Two special women are honoured

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

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

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

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

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



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SPECIAL WOMEN: Luisa Orlando and Maria Marte.

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

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

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

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

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

More foreign investment

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

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

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

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

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Immigrants pose threat of reversed racism

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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.



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Lessons to be learned.**

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

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

However misdirected, some will be

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

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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

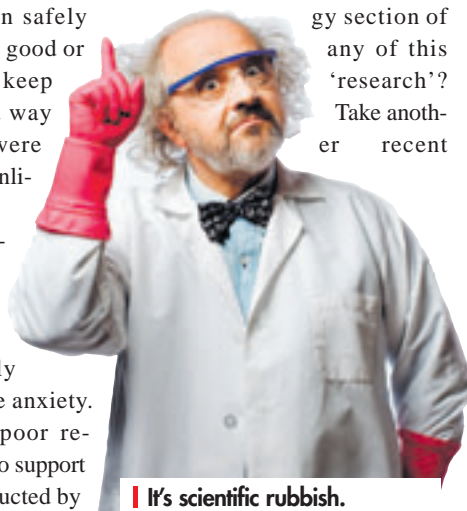
if we'd rarely drunk coffee and always got our eight hours. But hang on! Didn't I read somewhere that eight hours is too much... or not enough?

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



It's scientific rubbish.

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 Fawlt's Mastermind Specialist Subject (according to Basil): 'The Bleeding Obvious.' 'Nuff said.

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Almeria

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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	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	8:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	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	9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors	7:00pm	Live T20 Blast	
	11:30pm	Regional News	11:30pm	Newsnight	10:00pm	Long Lost Family	9:00pm	Child Genius	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	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	Make or Break?	11:00pm	Info Not Available		
11:45pm	A Question of Sport			11:40pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights	11:00pm	The Windsors	12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side	12:00am	Through the Night		
12:15am	Live From the BBC			12:40am	Easyjet: Inside the Cockpit	12:35am	Tax Dodgers			1:00am	Live Tennis: Cincinnati		

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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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 correbau

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

Wyn

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

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

Felipe

Brit holidaymakers furious with new border check rules causing delays

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

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

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

Malcolm Heaps

Fruit and veg boost for Mercadona shoppers

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

Martin

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

Rowdy hen party kicked off flight to Alicante

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

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

CJ

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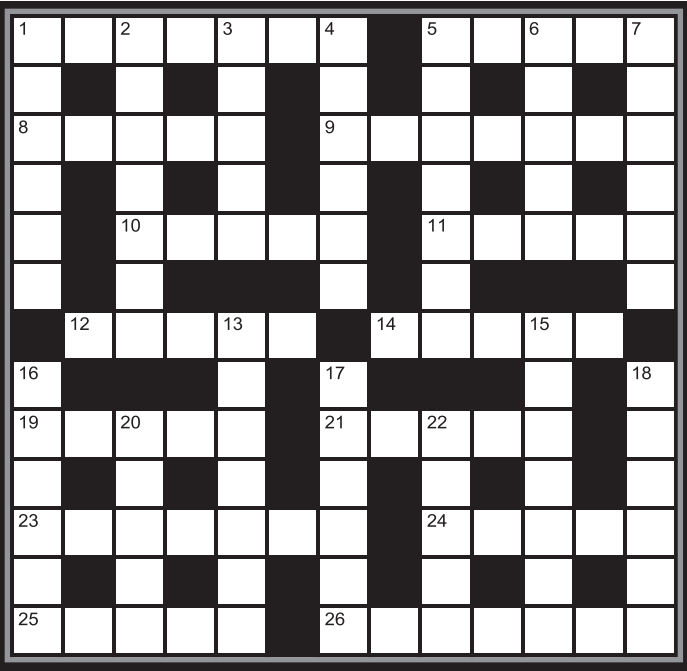
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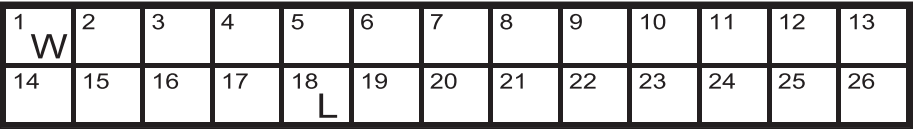
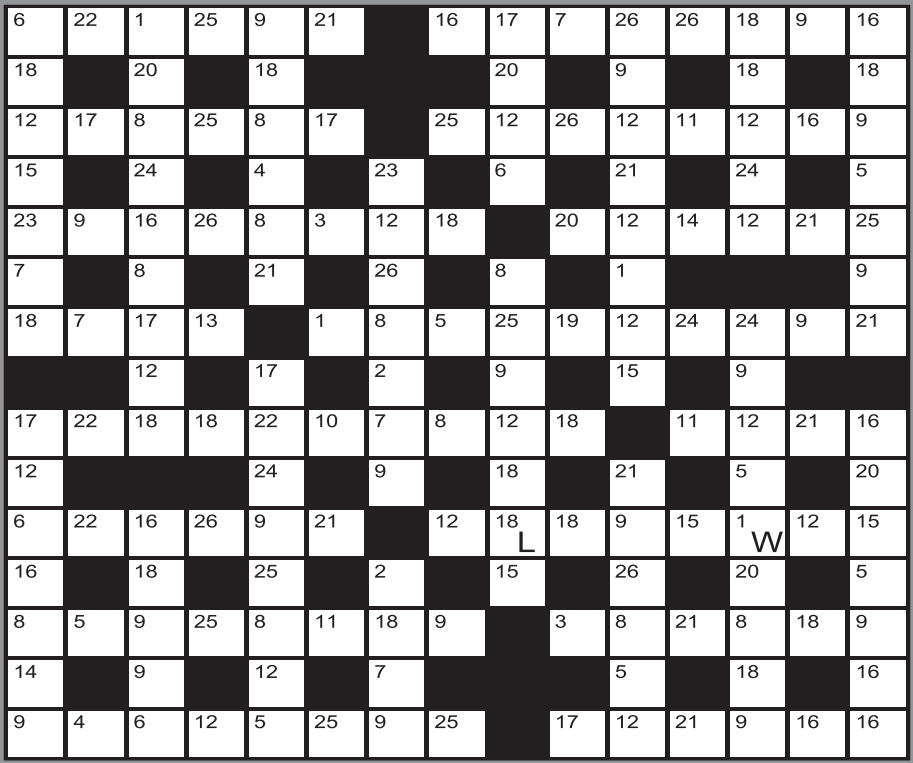
- Across**
- 1 Frenchman snores awfully during lectures (7)
 - 5 Hurl triangular bandage (5)
 - 8 Perfume from a romantic partner (5)
 - 9 Charge characters in Karakoram pageant (7)
 - 10 Funnily I went for cord (5)
 - 11 Cries out for massages, say (5)
 - 12 A couple get ready to take the strain (5)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



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

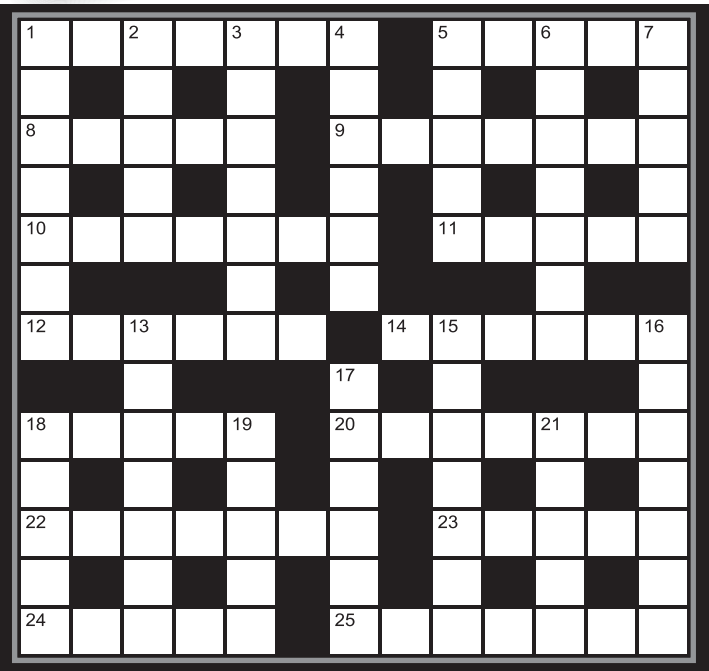
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents W and 18 represents L, so fill in W every time the figure 1 appears and L every time the figure 18 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

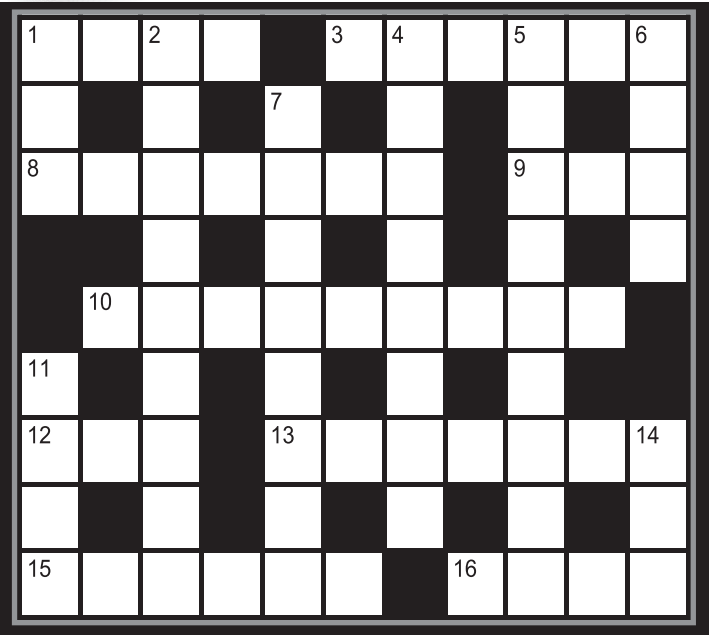
Quick



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

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Life (4)
 - 3 Lane (on a road) (6)
 - 8 Recibir (7)
 - 9 Without (3)
 - 10 Joyas (9)
 - 12 Plumilla (de pluma) (3)
 - 13 Knee (7)
 - 15 Trains (6)
 - 16 Elbow (4)
- Down**
- 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)

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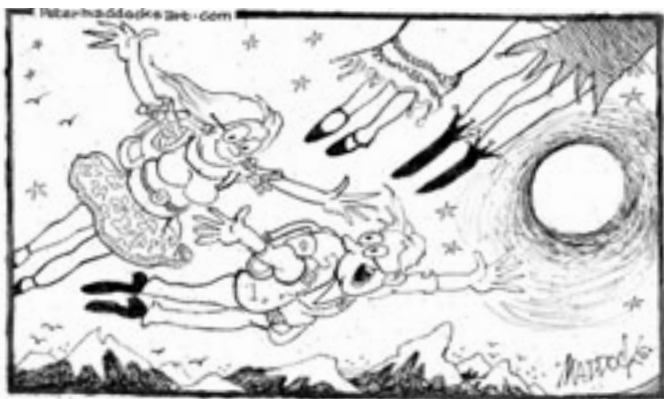
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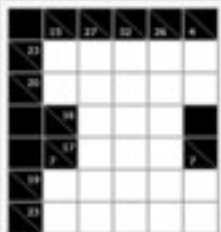
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Kakuro

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


Nonagram

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

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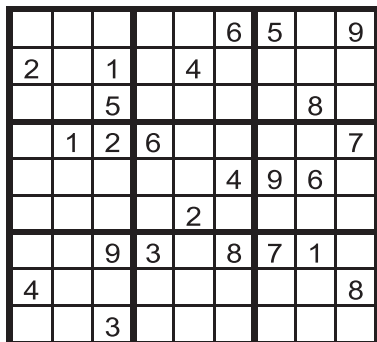
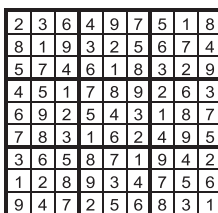
- Average: 10
- Very good: 20
- Good: 14
- Excellent: 26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Sudoku

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


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS
CRYPTIC
Across:

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

Down:

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

QUICK
Across:

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

Down:

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

ENGLISH-SPANISH
Across:

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

Down:

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

KAKURO

LOTTERY
UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday August 5


IRISH LOTTO

Saturday August 5


EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday August 1



Friday August 4


LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday August 5


EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday August 6


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.


SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)

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


CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)

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

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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.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Vehicle transfers

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



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.

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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.

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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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Halitosis



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WHAT is halitosis?

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

What causes it?

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

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

Can it be prevented?

Maintaining adequate oral hygiene, including brushing your teeth and

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

Should I seek medical help?

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

How can I tell if I have halitosis?

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

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

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Wonderful
watercress

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

Studies have shown the so-called superfood reduces stress-related damage to DNA and has many nutrients that can maintain sperm count levels. A lecturer in sports and exercise nutrition at the Universi-

ty of Hull told British press that watercress helps the body to deal with the daily stresses it is exposed and said it had many 'weird and wonderful' chemicals with researchers only just touching the tip of the iceberg into studying in more depth its potential benefits.

It is believed that watercress was fed to the Roman army to

give them strength and one cup of watercress contains more than 100 per cent of the daily recommended amount of vitamin K. It is also full of calcium, magnesium, and potassium which can help lower blood pressure and contains a

high level of dietary nitrate which is also known to lower blood pressure and reduce the amount of oxygen needed during exercise, therefore enhancing an athlete's performance when eaten in large amounts.

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Puffed up, feeling down

DOES it feel like you've put on a few pounds over summer or is the battle of the bulge down to something completely out of your control? With temperatures soaring, swollen ankles and puffy legs might just be down to a simple matter of water.

Water retention, or Edema as it's often known, can affect even the best of us and can sabotage weight loss plans as much as soothe our weight gain woes. It is caused by the accumulation of excess fluids in the circulatory system principally during hotter months when sweating causes the body to overcompensate for lost sodium in liquid.

The ensuing bloating can unfortunately affect many body parts. For women, generally more prone to the condition than men, it can cause a huge headache. Despite rigorous

press-up routines to achieve the perfect summer beach body, the beach ball-sized waistline appears there to stay.

Good news is that summer bikini plans don't have to be a washout. Regularly drinking more water, reducing salt intake and eating foods such as garlic, ginger, fresh vegetables or hot sauce can all help.

Diuretics such as coffee and tea are popular solutions whilst there are also the promising properties of celery, citrus fruits and watermelon as well as hawthorn and dandelion root.

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Charity golf celebration

DATES have been set for one of Mallorca's biggest charity fixtures on the island's social calendar.

More than 300 top golfers will be participating in the Pinmar Golf charity event at Son Gual from Thursday October 19-21.

The 29th edition of the annual event, which has so far raised almost €1 million for worthy causes, will be attended by former Open champion Paul Lawrie, and Sky Sports presenter Kirsty Gallacher.

Other attendees will hail from Mallorca's prestigious superyachting clubs and societies, which have traditionally sponsored the event.

Pinmar is one of the world's leading yacht painting companies.

Lawrie, who won the Open in 199 and has eight European tour titles to his name, now wears the Pinmar logo in his cap.

The Scotsman, who also has an OBE for his services to golf, will present the Son Gual tournament, play a round with special guests, award prizes and conduct a questions and answers session.

Pinmar Golf 2017 will see 320 amateur golfers competing in 80 separate teams around the top-notch course and approximately roughly 1,000 VIP guests will attend.



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SON GUAL: Luxury Mallorca course hits a hole-in-one for charity.

tion, which protects vulnerable children on Mallorca, and La Sonrisa Medica, which helps entertain long-term patients in the island's hospitals.

Son Gual world-class golf course is considered among the very best in Europe, and is a regular outing for celebrities, including Rafael Nadal and Michael Bloomberg.

Classically Mallorcan, it features 800 olive trees, 66 bunkers and several large lakes.

An after-party will be held by Sister Bliss from iconic British electronic band, Faithless.

This year the organisers are hoping to raise more than the €81,000 secured for charity in 2016.

Causes include the Shambhala Founda-

Island of sunset classics

THE final Formentor Sunset Classics performance of summer takes place tomorrow evening. The chamber concert from Duo del Valle is the last of the acclaimed classical series until Russian soprano Olga Peretyatko joins the Symphony Orchestra of the Balearic Islands in October.

Tomorrow evening's performance takes place at the iconic Hotel Barcelo Formentor venue in the far north of the island.

The show begins at 8pm and tickets cost €100, or €50 for hotel guests. They can be purchased online at www.mentororsunsetclassics.com.

Duo del Valle are comprised of brothers Victor and Luis. Together they will interpret pieces from Paganini,

Mozart, Ligeti and Ravel.

The piano-playing duo have taken Europe's classical music scene by storm since winning top prize in Munich's International Music Competition in 2005.

For those who can't make the journey north tomorrow, there are plenty of other music events taking place across Mallorca this weekend.

Tomorrow evening from 9pm there is free jazz in Sa Pobla's Placa Major courtesy of Pedro Cortejosa's Large Ensemble.

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New comedy mystery set in Mallorca

A MALLORCA-based writer has released her fourth book.

The Hen Party is set on the island, and sees the award-winning author capture the spirit of the times in her captivating style.

The synopsis is as follows:

Film director, Kate Miller, is in serious trouble. The entire cast and crew of the reality TV show *The Hen Party* has gone missing while filming in Mallorca.

To make matters worse, the network boss is flying in to check up on her production.

Kate thinks it's all her fault, as she hasn't exactly been following the guidelines.

But if she is to blame, why were the hens arguing between themselves? And why is the groom-to-be calling her up in tears?

Kate doesn't know the half of it. The hens have their own secrets and it's only a matter of

time before they all come tumbling out.

A party of eight arrive on the island, but not everyone's going home.

About the author: Emily Benet is an author, journalist and award-winning blogger.

Her writing career kick-started with her blog-to-book success, *Shop Girl Diaries*. She followed it up with online hit, *Spray Painted Bananas*. The quirky rom-com was later published by Harper Collins along



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EMILY BENET: Mallorca-based writer has released her timely new book.

with social media comedy, #PleaseRetweet.

London-born but half Spanish, she recently left the metropolis behind for a more outdoor lifestyle in sunny Mallorca.

The Hen Party is set on the island and captures Benet's love of upbeat contemporary women's fiction with multiple protagonists, twists and turns, comedy and romance. Alongside her fiction, she writes on an array of topics for *abcMallorca* magazine.

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MICHAEL BOLTON is preparing for an unforgettable live concert at Son Fusteret for Crazy Music Productions, when he will deliver hit after hit in his trademark soulful style in front of a packed audience.

The Grammy Award-winning artist will be performing on the island on Saturday, when he can be seen at Son Fusteret in Palma.

The American singer and actor is visiting Mallorca as part of his Greatest Hits World Tour and he promises it will be a night out that his fans will never forget.

Michael's achievements include selling more than 75 million records, recording eight top 10 albums and two number-one singles on the billboard charts, as well as winning multiple American Music Awards and Grammy Awards.

Michael first rose to fame as a songwriter in the early 80's when he wrote 'How am I supposed to live without you?' for Laura Branigan (who had previously released Gloria). The song hit the US pop charts and went to number one.

Branigan went on to release another of Michael's songs, 'I found someone,' but it wasn't until Cher released the song two years later with her own version that it gained the recognition it deserved. Michael went on to



Photo Credit: Michael Bolton

SILKY VOICE: Michael and band in concert.

co-write several more songs for both singers.

Michael would achieve his greatest success in the late 1980s and early 1990s as a singer on the adult contemporary charts.

One of his first major hits was his 1987 interpretation of the Otis Redding classic 'Sittin' on the dock of the bay.' Redding's widow, Zelma Redding, said she was so moved by Bolton's performance "that it brought tears to my eyes. It reminded me so much of my husband, that I know if he heard it, he would feel the same."

Always interested in soul and Motown classics, Michael's success with that song encouraged him to release his version of the standard 'Georgia on My Mind,' with which he had another hit.

In 1991, Bolton released the album *Time, Love & Tenderness* which featured his Grammy Award-winning cover version of 'When a Man Loves a Woman.'

Michael sported his iconic locks until 1997, when he did the unthinkable, and cut it off for charity.

Even today, 20 years later, he remains synonymous with those locks. "I had no idea it would be such a big deal. I remember I was in London and I was watching some serious news story, when they interrupted the bulletin with, 'News just in, Michael Bolton cuts his hair!' It was hysterical.

"But we raised about \$9,000 (€7,600) for women and children at risk, so it was worth it."

Michael is passionate about his charity work. In 1993, he established The Michael Bolton Charities, to assist women and children at risk from the effects of poverty as well as emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

He continues to be inspired by Motown and soul music, and his audience can expect to hear many of his most popular numbers, from his current album *Songs of Cinema* as well as many of his greatest and most popular hits 'How Am I Supposed To Live Without You?', 'How Can We Be Lovers?', 'Time, Love And Tenderness,' 'Can I Touch You There' and his unique interpretations of classics such 'Fly Me To The Moon,' 'Summertime' and 'That's Life' when he performs in Palma.

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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 Ameri-

ca. 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 five per cent per annum for the next four years, even reaching double digit growth in key neighbourhoods, such as Salamanca.

Helping homes earn money

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

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

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ficulties arising from no-shows or property damage.

At present the new breed of holiday rental companies are strongest in Barcelona, Madrid and Seville. It remains much easier to manage and rent apartments in cities with a large tourist population.

But they are already ex-

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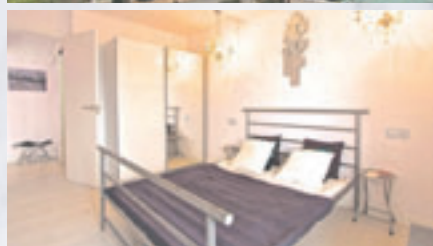
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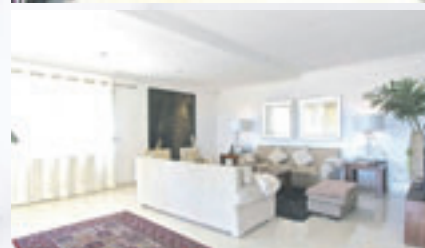
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Real estate boom



HOUSING PRICES: Are predicted to rise over the coming two years.

INVESTMENT banking company Solvia have predicted that housing prices will rise 7.4 per cent over the coming two years.

In their latest market report Solvia, a division of the Sabadell banking group, have predicted that property in the strongest economic regions could rise in price as much as 14 per cent. The highest gains are expected in Catalonia and

Madrid, with 11 and 14 per cent climbs respectively.

However, Solvia warned property developers not to expect the similar results to the property boom between 2002 and 2008. Although flourishing economies like Madrid and Barcelona are leading the housing market price boost, property prices in other less developed areas are still suffering a decline.

Spanish bank Bankinter forecasts that house prices nationwide will be up 4 per cent this year, and will rise a further 4-5 per cent next year.

Although liquidity (how quickly a property can be sold for) has stagnated at 10 per cent, investment banks have stated that the housing sector is growing rapidly and will continue its growth over the coming years.

LONG-TERM property rentals along the coast have delivered above average returns consistently over the last two years, according to a new study by the Urban Data Analytics (UDA).

Gross rental yield along the beach are up 5.67 per cent from the 5.37 per cent growth seen in 2016. By region, the

In for the long haul

highest growth figures on the beach are seen in the Balearic Islands (7.32 per cent) and Barcelona (7.21 per cent).

The UDA stated that surprisingly "non-tourism residential rentals along the

beach are equally as profitable as tourist rentals."

Long-term rentals on the beach are rising in price as record demand from tourists is reducing the availability, therefor lifting the price.

The UDA stated that prices have risen to an average of €1,005 per month across the country and that holiday homes with a pool can charge a 14 per cent premium.

Spain, the place to buy

INTERNATIONAL property portal Rightmove has revealed that Spain is the number one destination for UK-based property developers looking to buy abroad.

Rightmove is the housing market leader in the UK and one of the biggest property portals in the world. After analysing data from millions of searches within the UK, Rightmove stated that Spain is the number one European destination for Brits looking to move or buy a holiday home abroad.

Each month, more than two and a half million Spanish property searches are made from the UK. The competition dwindles in comparison, with Spain accounting for more than 70 per cent of



Rightmove's infographic from data collected in the UK.

property interest abroad.

"A closer look at a year's worth of property search data from the largest

cities shows consistent interest in Spain right across the UK," explained Rightmove.

Advertising feature

Award winning kitchen design with Leicht

LEICHT Cocinas de Nopper is the island's leading kitchen company. This month they celebrate their second anniversary in Mallorca but Nopper Kitchens are not newcomers to the industry. The company has many more years of experience, being born out of their first company, specialising in carpentry in the Black Forest, Germany. Employing 45 staff, they manufacture and tailor make items and sell kitchens from Leicht, the number one premium kitchen brand in Germany.

Now these top kitchens are available in Mallorca through Nopper Kitchens offering stylish, quality kitchens giving you the look of your dreams.

Visit their showroom in Santa Ponsa and be inspired with their range of kitchen units and designs available. The team can prepare a free quotation and are design specialists so can utilise every inch of space to make sure your kitchen is the best it possibly can be in your home. Nopper Kitchens then fully manage the whole project ensuring that the client is happy with every part of the design specifications to its installation and in their first 18 months of opening in Santa Ponsa they had more than 100 kitchen orders.



KITCHEN DESIGN: Quality, unique kitchens designed to inspire.

Such has been their initial resounding success, a second showroom is due to open in October opposite the existing studio. This new 380 square metre exhibition space, almost three times the size of the existing premises, will allow clients to view more kitchens and appliances in greater comfort, whether looking for

something solid and traditional, or sleek and modern.

Kitchens are designed and made especially for each client and there are no short cuts. As a result, waiting times are around three months as first class quality doesn't come quickly, but your kitchen will be worth the wait.

For those looking for something truly unique and different you can also employ the services of the carpentry team in the Black Forest and commission something personal just for you to be shipped over to Mallorca giving a wonderful juxtaposition of aged and natural wood sitting beautifully with your new modern kitchen.

It may even feature in their future marketing as they are currently looking for clients to allow their new kitchens to be used in exchange for special promotions.

Whatever your dreams, hopes and requirements, Leicht Cocinas de Nopper can help. As winners of the 'Global Kitchen Design Award' in the Leicht awards, being recognised for their individual, high-quality planning service and the successful integration of the kitchen into the living environment, you can rest assured you and your kitchen, are in the best hands.

All appliances come with a two year warranty and kitchens have a five-year guarantee. Visit the showroom open Monday to Friday from 10am-6pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm.

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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 Andalusia 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 March 2005 air frosts.



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

- Large forced versus smaller naturally grown plants for sale.
- Plants for sale designed to be grown artificially versus naturally.
- Failure to use natural and normally safe insecticides and fungicides on a regular basis
- Increase in non-Spanish gardeners and property purchasers with a genuine interest in gardening.
- Failure for owners and gardeners/odd job men/women to develop garden strategies together.

Reflecting on this point, what is required from the plots? 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 enormous water bills? Remember the multitude of greens are the most important.
- Is food available from the garden? Leaves, flowers, roots, fruits and meats are more im-

portant 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 holidaymakers, 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?
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 pourris?
4. What shrubs require seasonal pruning, 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.

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The Ca Valent Dog Centre also offers agility training. Agility was recognised as a sport by the Board of Directors of the Higher Council of Sports of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, in 2013, being included within the Royal Federation of Hunting.



Not only is it an attractive activity for the public to watch, it offers great values to building stronger bonds between owner and pet as physical and motor abilities are developed. Ca Valent believes that "agility not only sensitises people to the importance of caring for and respecting animals, but also teaches us to enjoy and practise sport with them. It contributes to

further integrate our companion dogs into a society... Agility is, within this process of relationship, a new point of encounter in which both gain once again a common benefit."

With all the hard work put in by the dogs, they can also then receive a bit of pampering with a groomer available also at the centre.

So whatever your pet needs are, Ca Valent

DOG TRAINING: The Ca Valent Dog Centre helps create a better co-existence between dog and its owner.

are likely to be able to help. So contact the team now, or visit the dog centre Monday to Friday from 9am-1.30pm and 5-9pm, Saturdays 9am-2pm and 4-9pm and Sundays 9am-1pm.

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Do dogs really dream about their owners?

ACCORDING to a new theory developed by a Harvard psychologist, dogs are likely to dream about their owners when they sleep. It has already been shown that our four-legged friends have a similar sleep pattern to humans, consisting of a phase of deep sleep followed by a period of REM (rapid eye movement).

As dreams are believed to take place during this time, there is no reason that a dog's night-time reveries wouldn't be similar to those of humans.

Given that humans tend to

“Feline companions are thought to be more self-interested when they doze.

dream about the information they process during the day, Dr Deidre Barret, a Clinical and Evolutionary Psychologist at Harvard Medical School, believes there's no reason that

dogs shouldn't do the same. As dogs are extremely attached to their owners, Dr Barret claims that it's likely that a dog's dreams are in some way related to their owner; be that the owner's face, smell or what they do to please or annoy their owner.

Unfortunately for cat owners, feline companions are thought to be more self-interested when they doze. As they are more independent by nature, their dream-life will likely reflect this, so they are more likely to dream about hunting prey and their outdoor pursuits.



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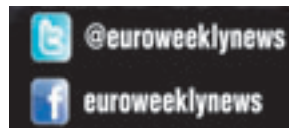
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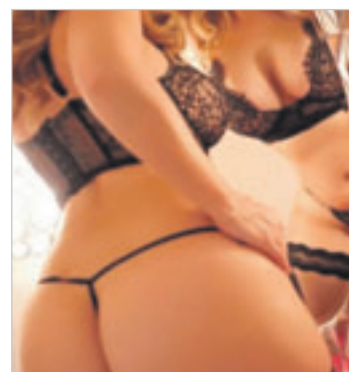
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Player's car of the year

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 Bentley

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.

Motoring shorts

Phantom menace returns

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

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

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

The luxurious interior pays tribute to the stylish qualities of the first ever Phantom released in 1925 but with 21st century technology. Its classic style is attested to by the absolute absence of plastic, with an interior entirely constructed from wood, metal and glass.

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Her appearances include: *Re-*

turn to Treasure Island (1986), *The Three Musketeers* (1993), *Amazing Grace* (2006) *Alice in Wonderland* (2010) and *Poldark* (2016).

Kaskelot provides the perfect backdrop for the appearance of celebrity pirate and star of hit CBeebies programme *Swashbuckle*, Gemma Hunt, at the show on Saturday September 16 where she will be helping to kick-off all the action on the first weekend, wowing the show's youngest visitors with a special pirate song and dance show, meet and greets and autograph signings.



Photo by Gilliet's Crossing & Southampton Boat Show

WOODEN WONDER: Kaskelot in dock and Gemma Hunt.



Photo by Copa del Rey MAPFRE

TALL COMPETITION: Fighting for the lead.

A fantastic week in Palma

THE largest number of yachts ever to compete in the 2017 Copa del Rey Mapfre in Palma, with King Felipe of Spain presenting awards to the winners.

The King was present for five of the six days of the regatta, which composed of no

less than 138 yachts from 24 different countries.

Pedro Campos became the most decorated skipper in the history of the cup, winning for the 10th time, and his yacht won its category for the fifth consecutive year.

New colour for the EVO 43

FOLLOWING the successful launch of the EVO 43 fast power boat two years ago, with its innovative and unusual X-wing expansion system, a new version is to be released.

This will be produced in a brand new, light grey livery, fitted with a coupe style bikini top, or the original blue version will al-

so be available, with a full carbon T-top which is one of the shipyard's latest developments.

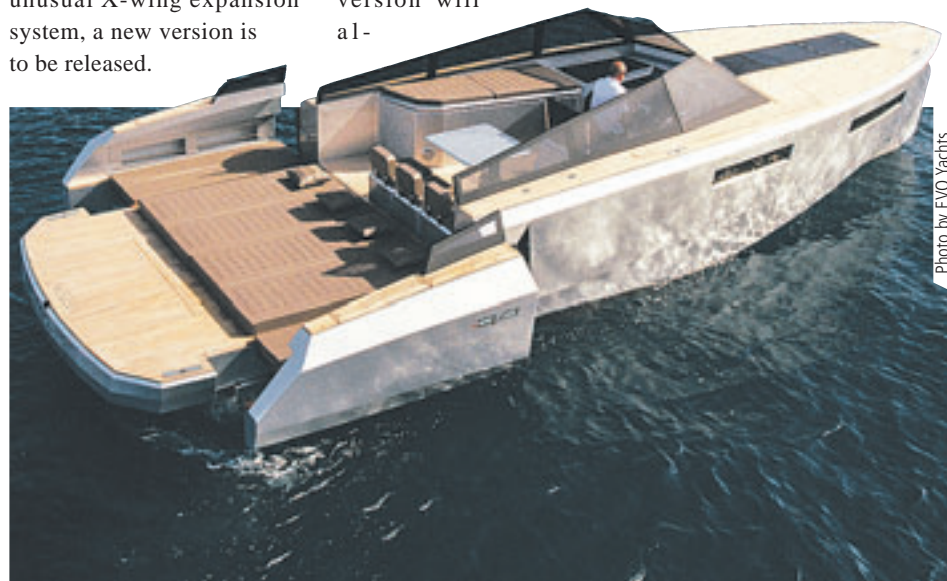


Photo by EVO Yachts

FAST ACTION: Latest style EVO 43 power boat.

Lady A - You're fired

IT has just been revealed that the superyacht Lady A, owned by Lord Alan Sugar, has been put up for sale for €14 million.

Last spotted in Marbella a few months ago, it has been refitted and, although the yacht, which is named after Lord Sugar's wife Ann, was said to be one of his favourite possessions, it appears that it has to go.

Work on the Japanese-built vessel, formerly owned by Australian Alan Bond, was undertaken at Burgess Marine and is said to be available through brokers Edmiston, but no reason has been given for the sale of the 55-metre yacht.

It's 10 in a row for Joe and Mo and Luton start with eight!

Tony Matthews

International Sports

A FORMER player, Tony is now the world's most prolific author of football books with 150 published since 1975. He has also been a PE teacher and a policeman, and is now a quiz-organiser, fund-raiser, for various charities, and sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio.

Costa de Almeria

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

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 Cherepanova.

nova.

• 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.

Don't miss this!

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, Mojacar, Turre, Los Gallardos and Sorbas.

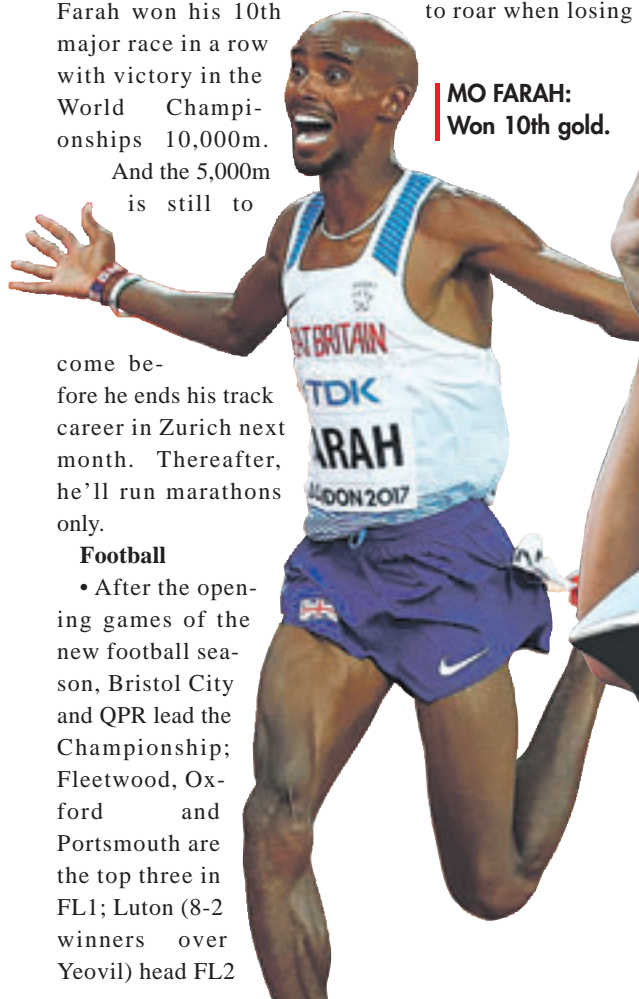
SEAD KOLASINAC:
Celebrating his goal during the Community Shield final.

MO FARAH:
Won 10th gold.

NETHERLANDS:
Winner of the Women's Euro.

DID YOU KNOW?

On Friday August 20, in 1920, cricketer-footballer Jack Darsen 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.



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Beach Rugby in Cala Marcal



AROUND 300 players joined together to participate in the Beach Rugby and Volley tournaments played last Saturday, organised by Mallorca Rugby Events and Dimonis Rugby Club.

The beach in Porto Colom was taken over for the day with rugby categories for veterans, senior men and women and also under 14, 16 and 18 for the younger players. The beach volley tournament had 180 players who competed in a mixed 4x4 format.

El Toro RC took home trophies in the senior men's, women's and U18 categories continuing their successful beach rugby season.

A fiesta and live music fol-

Beach rugby action.

lowed the exertions of the day well into the night.

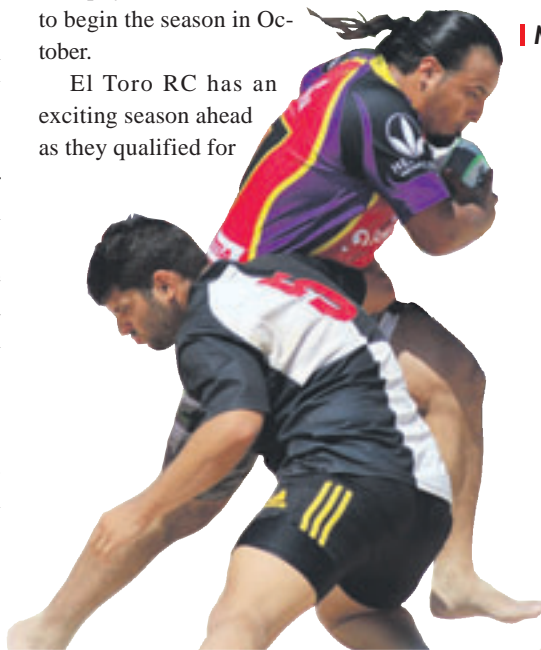
Most of the island's rugby teams have begun, or are about to begin, pre-season training so that they are in the best physical condition to begin the season in October.

El Toro RC has an exciting season ahead as they qualified for

the 'Division de Honor B- Levante,' a step up from the local islands' league. This means that they will be playing against teams on the mainland.

Their first match will be on Sunday September 17 against CN Poble Nou and they will play in Son Caliu, which will give them a good start as home team.

All of the island teams welcome new players; male, female, young or not so young and also newcomers to the sport. Contact the local team or check out www.federacionbalearderugby.org for further information.



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