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€226m bargain?

SPANISH property developer Neinor Homes has announced a new investment of €68 million on the Costa del Sol.

A total of 800 new homes will be constructed on six plots in Marbella, Casares, Benahavis, Velez-Málaga and Málaga City.

It comes after the firm already agreed to purchase land at a cost of €158m, with the latest deal bringing its outlay in Málaga Province this year to €226m.

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Nurses' holiday hell



DISGUSTED: Rae Breakwell (front) and Paige Mitchell.

TWO British student nurses have hit out over their "nightmare" Airbnb holiday in Spain.

Friends Rae Breakwell and Paige Mitchell from Edinburgh, Scotland booked a week's stay in Marbella through the online rental service, and excitedly looked forward to their sunshine break in an apartment in Marbella.

But after arriving and entering the apartment they had booked, they discovered two other girls - each unconscious - already inhabiting it.

Rae and Paige decided to go

out, leaving their suitcases in the apartment.

But when they returned, they said their found their belongings strewn across the room and discovered most of their valuables missing.

Rae immediately phoned the police, but said she was told to go personally to the police station as she did not speak Spanish.

The two other girls occupying the apartment, who did not speak English, were by now conscious and began arguing with Rae and Paige.

When they then became threatening, Rae fled outside.

The two other girls are then claimed to have locked Paige in the apartment after throwing belongings at her.

Paige hid in a cupboard and called the police, later saying she had feared she might even be attacked with a kitchen knife she had seen in the apartment.

She later ran outside to safety.

The girls claim that in total they have lost more than €1,000 as a result of the valuables stolen, plus what they spent extra booking a

hotel so that they had somewhere safe to stay.

They have also revealed that their suspicions were raised prior to their arrival at the apartment when the Spanish owner said she would be away on their arrival so her cousin would be in charge.

When the girls later rang the cousin to complain, he told them he had "forgotten" how to speak English.

Airbnb who are based in the United States said they are looking into the incident, but insist such cases are extremely rare.

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Military solution

MILITARY personnel are being trained as driving examiners as more than 4,000 learners are waiting to take their tests due to ongoing strikes over pay issues in Malaga.

City attack

AN alcohol-fuelled 55-year-old attacked police and threatened to destroy the lives of their children. Two officers had to restrain the man in Malaga City centre. He reportedly smelled strongly of alcohol and cannabis.

Shop looter

A MAN was arrested after at least 10 dawn burglaries in Malaga City centre. The 21-year-old allegedly broke into shops, looting anything of value and was linked to the crimes via his trainers.

Lightening the load!

Ryanair scraps carry-on policy

By Jay Emeny

RYANAIR customers will have to pay €5.50 for priority boarding if they want to carry a second bag on board from November 1.

The low-cost carrier will also axe the two free bags in the cabin policy unless you pay for priority boarding.

All other passengers will only be allowed to take one smaller bag on board, and have their larger wheeled bags placed in the hold free of charge at the boarding gate.

They claim the current policy causes flight delays as there is a shortage of overhead cabin space.

To compensate for the changes, Ryanair will increase the checked-in baggage allowance from 15kg to 20kg while reducing the fee from €38 to €27, to encour-

age travellers to put their luggage in the hold.

The airline's chief marketing officer, Kenny Jacobs, said:

"These bag policy changes will cost Ryanair more than €50m a year in reduced checked bag fees. However, we believe offering bigger bags at reduced fees will en-



NEW RULES: Ryanair aims to reduce delays.

courage more customers to consider checking in a bag, which will reduce the high volume of customers we have with two carry-on bags at the boarding gates, which is causing flight delays due

to large numbers of gate bag and cabin bag offloads."

Priority boarding costs €5.50 at the time of booking, but can be added on up to one hour before the scheduled departure for €6.55.

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579 The world record number of blue-flag (a prestigious award based on water quality, safety, general services and environment management) beaches in Spain.

Yacht's the big idea

THE King of Saudi Arabia's brother docked a multimillion luxury yacht in Malaga.

Moored in the Benabola pier of Puerto Banus, the opulent Solandge costs more than €1m a week to charter, plus expenses.

The award-winning vessel is recognised as one of the most luxurious mega yachts in the world and the Saudi royal's extravagant rental caught the eyes of many in Malaga port.

He had another two boats moored on the docks which he owns but spectators kept flocking to see the star attraction.

At 85 metres in length, the ship has seven rooms and can house 12 guests, 30 crew members operate the yacht and it also has a lift, spa, pool and gym.

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Clean up act

MIJAS Council has compiled a list of non-sexist songs to be played at parties, fairs and festivals as part of the Enjoy Music from Equality campaign, with hits chosen including Beyoncé's Run the World and Aretha Franklin's Respect.

Pet peeve

VIOLATIONS of pet regulations total 367 so far this year. There were 235 serious breaches, a category which includes dangerous dogs without muzzles or chains, failure to organise mandatory vaccinations and treatments as well as not registering pets on the central database. 'Very serious' breaches total 131, the majority of these being keeping dangerous dogs without a licence.

Lap of luxury

THE increase in travellers from countries such as China and the US has strengthened the Costa del Sol's reputation as a popular luxury holiday destination. Data from Tourism and Coast Planning revealed that 500,000 tourists visited this year with budgets of at least € 1,500, which is 50 per cent more than the regional average.

Porky pong

A FACTORY which turns pig dung into energy was emitting such a foul stench that residents took their concerns to the council. The environmentally-friendly power plant in Campillos, close to Antequera, has caught the attention of the Health Protection unit of Antequera who have requested a report on the environmental impact of the facility.

Record smashed

THE peak month for Costa del Sol tourism was a record breaking success in 2017. Hotels, guest houses and holiday apartments had more than 90 per cent occupancy, an increase from 2016 and a new record. Luis Callejon, presi-

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A roadside shocker

Spain has many interesting laws, including some that are quite surprising - Kat Ashton reports.



BEWARE: Wandering shirtless in Mallorca can lead to a hefty fine.

AMONG Spain's oddest laws is one in Els Alamus, Catalonia, which rules that all prostitutes - plying the oldest profession in the world - must wear high visibility vests when seeking clients on roadsides, with fines of up to €40 for those not doing so.

Police stress the law is to protect the women from the danger they can pose to drivers.

Meanwhile in Cadiz it is illegal to throw rice at bridal couples, in part to safeguard wedding guests slipping, and also to prevent pigeons flocking outside churches.

Then in Madrid it's illegal to ask what time it is

there from 3.29pm - 6.47pm according to a centuries old law that appears to have never been removed from the city statutes.

Also in the capital city it is illegal to walk more than eight dogs at once. Three years ago Mallorca, seeking to attract more discerning tourists to the island, introduced a law banning people from going shirtless in public. Those ignoring it can be fined up to €600.

A similar law also exists in Barcelona, and Marbella is now said to be considering introducing such a law, though it has not been proved whether such laws have led to classier tourists visiting.



WATERMELON: Cannot be bought by children.

Real name stopper

IT is not only local laws that create some surprises, with national rules governing certain names that children cannot be named, including a ban on Mandarin and Judas.

Meanwhile it is illegal to drive anywhere in Spain in flip flops with a fine of €600 for drivers caught doing so.

But perhaps the oddest national law of all is the mysterious one that appears to prevent children from buying watermelon without their parents being present.

However, nothing appears on public records as an explanation.

dent of the Hoteliers Association of the Costa del Sol wants greater marketing for winter tourism.

Royal visit

ONE of the largest shipping companies in the world is considering Malaga as a base of operations. Heads of the Royal

Caribbean shipping company will visit the port of Malaga with a view to utilising it as a strategic destination for the development of tourism in the western end of the Mediterranean.

Pool death

A 72-YEAR-OLD man died in a hotel

swimming pool. The man suffered a suspected heart attack in the swimming pool of a Benalmadena hotel, on Avenida del Sol, which caused a concerned onlooker to call 112. Upon the arrival of emergency services, they found the man had drowned.

Health kick

FOUNDATION work has begun on the new multimillion Euro Estepona hospital. The first phase is expected to last three months before the erection of the structure and sanitation works can begin. The hospital with numerous specialist departments will be a pioneer in the western region of the province of Malaga.

Weak sales raise pressure

VANDALISM, rubbish and street vendors have harmed businesses in Puerto Banus, say furious local traders.

Approximately 100 local entrepreneurs met with Marbella City Council to address matters which they believe are costing them money.

Despite a record high number of visitors to the area this summer, sales figures do not follow the same positive trend.

The Association of Businessmen and Merchants of Puerto Banus (AcoBanus) raised their concerns regarding graffiti and rubbish in the streets which decreases footfall in the areas close to their businesses.

Another major gripe proved to be street vendors who sell fake replicas of many items available in the surrounding shops at a fraction of the price.

Acobanus lamented a lack of police presence which they feel would eliminate many of the problems they experience.

Up to 10 upmarket businesses in the port are considering vacating their premises due to high rent and a lack of sales due to the aforementioned reasons.

To avoid such an occurrence, the council are working on the creation of a monitoring committee to improve the safety and image of the area.

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- 3 Planes diverted from Malaga Airport as storms lash the Costa del Sol - **8,827**
- 4 First two days of strike action suspended at Spain's airports to allow space for talks - **8,576**
- 5 easyJet hoping new luggage in the hold option takes off on its flights - **7,761**

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Poll of the week

As protests mount in Cataluña and Mallorca, should numbers be limited in Spanish tourism hotspots?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

Are bollards and other security measures used in Spain enough to prevent future terror attacks?

Yes = 29%
No = 71%

Top Social Media comments

Man saves drowning eagle owl in southern Spain - Well done and thank you, Carlos Lopez. I'm so pleased you were watching and responded so quickly. I hope you enjoy the rest of your holiday, and the tale you now have to tell your friends. Thank you again. *Elizabeth Saunders*

Fists fly as Brits brawl on Alicante flight - I fly often with Ryanair, it is what it is and for two and a half hours I can tolerate it; what I can't tolerate is the behaviour of passengers who have filled up on alcohol before boarding and then want to make their presence known to every other passenger! Ban the booze, surely they can wait for a couple of hours! *Carol Green*
 I think it's about time there was security on

flights to and from Spain, this is becoming a regular occurrence, it used to be you weren't allowed to fly if you were drunk, they need to go back to this, it isn't fair on other passengers and staff as you can't exactly walk away from the disgusting behaviour. *Lois Bennett*

Man held after trying to kidnap two-year-old - Torre Vieja too, what is happening are children/grandchildren not safe anywhere today. Thank God they got him. *Sue Wilson*

12 Brits held in Magaluf drugs crackdown - It's a great start with hopefully more to come! Love the video. Well done Guardia. *Jeni Potter*
 Send them home and take their passports away. Not that we really want them in the UK. *Zena Cooke*

Statistics that reveal the truth!

THE Euro Weekly News is yet again ahead of the pack for English news reporting in Spain, with **662,306** people visiting the paper's website in August alone. On Facebook, EWN posts were seen **851,372** times, far outstripping other smaller fortnightly publications that claim to be the best in southern Spain.

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King Salman (inset) has often visited Marbella and owns property in the city.

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Lost in translation



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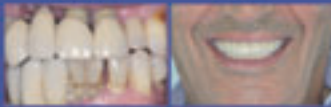
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LOADED: Kate has a beer.

ONE of the world's highest paid models, Kate Moss, has been pictured rocking out to Primal Scream at an intimate gig in Ibiza.

The 43-year-old model, who is a long-term friend of the band's frontman, Bobby Gillespie, turned up to lend her support as the legendary group, famous for hits including Loaded and Rocks, took to the stage at Ibiza Rocks.

Moss, who has been dating 30-year-old German aristocrat, Count Nikolai Von Bismark, for more than a year, later joined the band for an after-show party at Pikes, where actress Jaime Winstone, aged 32, was seen dancing on the tables.

Strictly come twerking

EX-HOLLYOAKS stunner, Gemma Atkinson, 32, has posted a video of herself twerking in a miniscule pair of denim shorts in Ibiza as she prepares to join this year's Strictly Come Dancing cast.

The actress, who is tipped to be one of this year's strongest entrants, explained she had undertaken an intensive 12-week fitness regime ahead of her appearance, saying, "I love feeling strong and athletic. That's how training with weights makes me feel."

She added she had also made changes to her diet, saying, "I won't be drinking in the evenings now I'm doing Strictly."

The star was enjoying her last few moments of freedom on the island before the show begins shooting live on Saturday.



RACY: Gemma Atkinson (left) and pals in Ibiza.



BABYMOON: Colleen cut hols short.

Roo must be joking

COLLEEN ROONEY'S 'babymoon' in Mallorca was dramatically cut short after reports emerged of her husband Wayne Rooney's boozy night out with office worker, Laura Simpson, which resulted in a drink driving arrest for the footballer.

The 31-year-old Everton player is said to have 'kissed and cuddled' the 29-year-old mother of one on a night at a pub in Cheshire before drunkenly driving her car home.

The scandal-hit father was reportedly pulled over by police at around

2am for having a missing brake light before being breathalysed and arrested.

Rooney's 31-year-old wife, who is pregnant with the couple's fourth child, was enjoying time away in the sun with her three sons when the news broke. The fashion designer reportedly cut her holiday short, taking a private jet home to confront her husband.

Now back in the UK, Colleen is said to have left her €6 million marital home in Prestbury, Cheshire, and moved into her parents' house in Liverpool.

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Leader of the pack

BRITAIN'S Chris Froome remains on course to be the first man to win both the Tour de France and Vuelta a España in a single season since 1978.

The 32-year-old Team Sky rider did not fair as well in yesterday's (Wednesday) stage 17 as he did in the stage 16 time trial as he conceded 39 seconds to his nearest rival, the Italian Vincenzo Nibali, leaving him one minute and 16 seconds ahead with four stages to go.

Today's stage 18 sees the peloton follow a semi-mountainous 169-kilometre route from Suances to Santo Toribio de Liebana as the race remains in Cantabria before moving to Asturias ahead of Sunday's finish in Madrid.

In the wake of Froome's time trial victory last Tues-



Team Sky/Twitter

ALMOST THERE: Chris Froome.

day, Team Sky boss Dave Brailsford said: "The course suited him [Froome] but you still have to time it well and he showed again why he is considered to be one of the world's best time trialists today.

"But there are still some really hard stages coming up, the climbs are so steep and intense that there is no

time to relax. It's a difficult day tomorrow, and for the guys who went full today, we'll see how that impacts on them."

Froome's success has sparked online speculation that he may be using a motor following a video which appeared to show the bike moving without him pedalling.

What the conspiracy theorists fail to realise is that the bike is on a steep incline in the video.

4 The current terror alert level in Spain following the Barcelona attacks, with five the maximum.

OUR VIEW

Ban the bomb

AS life goes on around the world, the news that North Korea has undertaken its sixth test of a nuclear bomb has been met with universal criticism.

For some time, President Kim Jong-un has warned that another nuclear test was imminent and this one has come at a time when the US and South Korean forces have been undertaking their annual war games close to the border with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

It is believed that this is the most powerful bomb to be set off by the Koreans and was an estimated 10 times greater in force than any of the previous five.

Testing takes place underground and on this occasion, part of the tunnel which took the brunt of the force collapsed leaving a question as to whether this was done on purpose in order to convince the West that the test was genuine or if scientists had simply miscalculated.

At the moment both Washington and Pyongyang are talking big, but it is to be hoped that neither bellicose and unpredictable leader will allow themselves to become over-zealous in their bid to 'face down' the other.

China must play an important part in trying to keep Kim Jong-un under control as well as the European leaders in NATO with President Trump.

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NEWS EXTRA**Rentals roaring**

THE increase in tourist housing in both Malaga and Marbella has doubled in the past 15 months. The number of tourist apartments has escalated - with 6,000 more beds available in rentals than hotels combined.

Dirty water

TAPWATER in Archidona was so dirty residents were unable to drink it, so the local council organised deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to ensure their supply.

Union irate

A **WORKERS union has blasted what they believe to be a lack of security at Malaga Airport, claiming the second runway does not have an emergency crew in place.**

Ruff situation

Outcry over loose dogs

By Sean Campbell

DANGEROUS dogs near a school have raised concerns.

The Izquierda Unida Party of Estepona (IU) have highlighted their fears that schoolchildren could be in danger in some areas which lack sufficient fencing.

Potentially dangerous dogs are often seen without a muzzle or lead around the area of Avenida de Los Reales, close to the Valeriano Lopez school.

Local residents have reported sightings to the Environment Delegation of Estepona as well as to Local Police.

IU councillor, Valentin Berrocal, presented a paper to the council in June regarding these concerns which he believes have not been addressed.

Speaking to Spanish media, he said:

"The close proximity of CEIP Valeriano Lopez to these open



spaces presents a very dangerous situation for the boys and girls who attend this school."

He has requested the municipal government team take the appropriate measures to implement the laws which govern the possession of potentially dangerous animals, and impose sanctions on those who break them.

Berrocal has called for greater police surveillance in open areas and a more thorough concentration on identifying the owners. He also said: "These measures must be implemented before

classes begin and more importantly, before a tragedy occurs."

In the last two decades more than 20 people have died in Spain due to dog attacks.

The law states dangerous dogs must be muzzled and on a lead when on the streets.

THREAT TO SCHOOLCHILDREN: Dangerous breeds must wear a muzzle and be kept on a leash.

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Fugitive now held

A **BULGARIAN** fugitive has been detained in Marbella.

The 36-year-old is accused of holding a woman in captivity and is to be extradited to Lithuania where the crime was committed.

The runaway kidnapper was found and arrested in the Las Tortugas urbanisation.

Upon arrest, he identified himself as a Bulgarian National but did not have any identification documents.

Following appropriate investigation, police found that he had a European Arrest Warrant placed upon him by Lithuanian authorities.

He had allegedly intercepted a woman in a vehicle, tied her up and placed her in the boot of his car. Following this he had then reportedly proceeded to keep her incarcerated in a house through means of violence whilst demanding that she pay a debt to a third party.

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Reinstated mayor supports Starlite

ONE of the very first decisions made by returned Marbella mayor,  ngeles Mu oz is to come out in favour of the continuation of the Starlite Festival.

She has stated that this is a unique festival which is important for the promotion of the Marbella brand on an international basis.

It is her wish to have the event declared a "festival of municipal interest" in the same way that Madrid has declared Gay Pride Week as being in the same category.

Critics however suggest that this will require a change in the law as unlike Madrid, Andalucia does not recognise such a title.

In addition, she has announced that unlike the previous administration which only agreed to an annual extension of the rights for the Starlite Festival to be held, she will be requesting permission from the Junta de Andalucia to extend them for a decade.



Photo by Ayuntamiento de Marbella

FLASHBACK:  ngeles Mu oz and Sandra Garc a-Sanjuan.

All of this, prior to any decision by the courts on the matter of alleged illegal construction on the site.

The previous council had a number of disagreements with organisers of Starlite Sandra Garc a-Sanjuan and husband Ignacio Maluquer

which led to the threat of Starlite being transferred to another city which would have hurt employment prospects, although rental paid for the area used is small.

It was the incoming Mayor Mu oz who first agreed to the festival in 2012 and it is she who is acting so quickly to try to ensure that it remains a regular annual feature on the Marbella music calendar.

Dealers splash the cash



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SPLASHING OUT: Flashy cars purchased with drug money.

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GUARDIA CIVIL have arrested a gang of drug-dealing money launderers who had been living the high life in Andalucia.

They rented houses in luxury estates of the Campo de Gibraltar, drove high-end vehicles and purchased expensive jewellery.

One of those detained even bought his lover a  50,000 car.

Operation Dehesa began last December, when investigators discovered a group with a strategic network of bank accounts in which they invested money without a clear origin.

Funds were embezzled in false businesses as well as mortgages and personal loans.

Operating in Palmones and Los Barrios, close to Algeciras, the group also opened two hotels to disguise their money with an income of almost zero.

Police investigations found an abundance of computer, documentary and telephone evidence across the numerous properties as well as seven high-end vehicles, numerous precious jewels and jewellery and five cannabis plants.

These findings lead to the freezing of 28 bank accounts which held a total close to  1 million.

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Deep fat flames

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a train station bar fire in Ronda. The dawn flames were caused by a deep fat fryer in the kitchen. No people were injured but the building was damaged.

Lower taxes

TAXES could be lowered in Mijas as the government is expected to amass a €30m surplus before the end of the year. They stated that this has been achieved through responsible management.

Fire averted

A SMALL forest fire near Malaga was stabilised on Monday September 4. The blaze was started when a vehicle veered off the road into a ravine. Thirty firemen battled for two hours to prevent it from spreading.

Safety fears over collapsed swing

PLAYGROUND safety has been called into question after a swing collapse saw two young girls injured.

One of the girls was transferred to hospital due to her injuries whilst another was treated for back pain following the Torremolinos playground incident in La Bateria park.

The mother reacted quickly as the collapse occurred, putting her arm out which stopped the large wooden beam hitting one of the girls on the head, a blow which has seen her arm end up in plaster.

She has not ruled out denouncing the council and believes the incident occurred because the wood was rotting inside but a council worker cites that the cause of the issue was that there were 10 children on the swing at once, despite the mother claiming that there were only four.

There are no signs in the park which indicate the maximum weight that they can endure.



PLAYGROUND PERIL: La Bateria children's play area.

Police have sealed off the swing and a nearby trampoline and the issue is to be addressed at the next council meeting in which playground conditions will be discussed.

This is not the first instance of problems in Torremolinos play areas.

In May, the council was forced to dismantle seven playgrounds on beaches following complaints about the state of disrepair that many of them were in as a result of environmental damage as well as vandalism.

Some playgrounds have been found to have rusty structures, floors in poor condition as well as splintering wood.

Toddler's family harassed

SHAMELESS scammers allegedly harassed a grieving family on the day of their three-year-old daughter's funeral.

A series of threatening messages and video calls were received by Lucia's family, informing them that she was alive and that she would be killed if they contacted the authorities.

They had only just buried her that morning.

Guardia Civil officers are investigating but insist it is nothing more than a malicious hoax.

As reported in *Euro Weekly News (Issue 1678)*, Lucia Vivar was found dead after disappearing from a bar near Pizarra train station, inland from Malaga.

Lucia's family have vowed that they will take legal action against national rail company Renfe for negligence should her death have occurred due to violent head injury as autopsy results have previously suggested.

Her family refuse to believe she travelled alone for four kilometres and not be seen.

They have made the journey themselves several times, once in similar shoes to those she had on which fell apart prior to completion of the trip, in an effort to disprove police conclusions of accidental death.

An email address has been set up in an effort to gather more information from anyone in the area regarding the events that surrounded the day of Lucia's disappearance.

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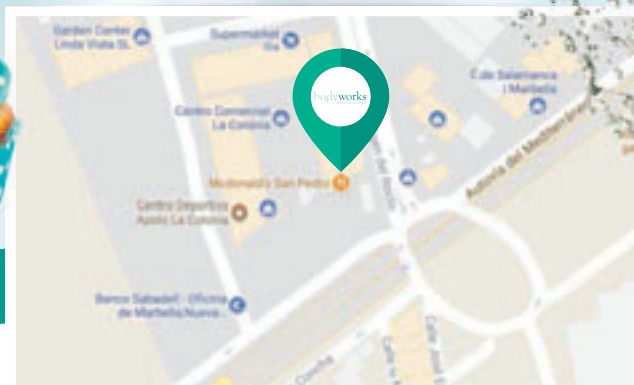
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Life-changing focus of paralysed David

Funds appeal stepped up for photographer

By Karl Smallman

AN expat photographer totally paralysed in a horrific Costa del Sol motorbike accident has made another important step on the slow road to recovery.

David Toms, aged 52, has now been transferred from a specialist spinal injuries hospital in Toledo to a residential facility in Granada.

Despite an exhausting five-hour ambulance journey that left him weak and fighting a severe infection, his spirits remain high.

But the ongoing battle to improve David's daily life by his family and support group needs to step up another gear so that they can help meet the



From left, Lori, Sharon, David and brother Keith.



PASSION: David and his bike.

€1,200 a month shortfall to pay for continuing care in Granada.

David, who quickly built a reputation for his wedding, portraiture, architectural and food photography after moving to Marbella from the UK around 15 years ago, suffered his life-changing injuries in July 2016.

Since then his parents, Brian and Judy who live in the UK, have spent their life savings on trips to Spain to care for him.

And David's younger brother, Keith, has also been at his side for much of the time, although he shortly has to return to the US where he lives because of work commitments.

Close friends Sharon McAulay, a photographer, and yoga studio owner Lori Sjollema, have also been there to support the family.

David's transfer to Granada is one step closer to his hopes of living a more independent life in a specially-converted apartment near the beach in the Marbella or San Pedro area.

He and his family hope that now he is in Granada more friends will visit now that he is just two-hours from the coast.

The ASPAYM residence in Calle Bérchules, Granada has 60 other residents with various mental and physical disabilities.

None speak English, and David's Spanish is only limited, but frequent visits and interaction will help keep him motivated. Visiting hours are from 11.30am to 1pm and 5pm to 8pm and fit around David's daily physiotherapy needs.

Horrific day just a year ago

DAVID TOMS fell in love with Spain around 15 years ago when visiting for a stag party with friends.

He eventually settled in Marbella, drawn by the scenery, the quality of life and above all, the gorgeous light.

David's reputation as a professional photographer quickly extended throughout Europe and further afield as he worked for some of the biggest names on the Costa in addition to global clients.

But his career behind the lens stopped in an instant on the morning of July 15, 2016 when he lost control of

his Honda Fireblade on a patch of sand spilt on the Istan road.

A very experienced biker who knew the road well, David was hit by an oncoming car and sustained severe spinal injuries. He says he was not going fast.

Initially rushed to the Costa del Sol hospital, several days later he was moved to the Carlos Haya regional hospital in Malaga where he was given the devastating news that he would never regain any movement from the shoulders down.

But his family and friends knew the photographer with steel-blue eyes and

a big ego was a fighter.

Once transferred to the specialist spinal injuries unit in Toledo, his determination has led to impressive results, including some movement in his lower left arm and left leg.

This means David can now scoot around in a specially-adapted electric wheelchair.

Though realistic that he is professionally unlikely to pick up a camera again - although he has said he would love to 'play' with one - he hopes he might be able to pass on skills to students.

The David Toms Support Fund plans to continue to organise events to raise money needed for his ongoing care on a monthly basis, and are appreciative for all the wonderful help and support - psychological, emotional and financial - from many sources.

Donations can be made on David's personal gofundme page: www.gofundme.com/2s7mrahs

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Initially, transferring it to a local garage to feed it dog food, it attracted quite a large crowd as well as a couple of dogs who had sniffed out the food.

The bird and one of the dogs appeared to be quite comfortable to be in each other's company until sense prevailed and the authorities were alerted so it could be taken to the local Endangered Species Recovery Centre (CREAS) to be looked after.

Horseplay!

Fury over mounted police claim

AN aristocratic wedding ceremony has caused controversy.

One year after Marbella police participated in the private wedding of the former socialist mayor Jose Bernal, police were again on horseback for another marriage ceremony.

The local government, headed by the People's Party (PP), had apparently approved the police participation in the hopes that it would benefit the image of the city but PP spokesperson, Felix Romero, claimed to have no knowledge of the fact that mounted police had taken part in the event and stated that it was not at all comparable to last year.

The event took place in



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Princess Marie Gabrielle marries Antonius Willms.

the Plaza de Santo Cristo, in the heart of Marbella's Old Town and saw Princess Marie Gabrielle of Nassau, daughter of Prince Jean of

Luxembourg, wed Antonius Willms, son of Hayo Willms

and Countess Maria Theresia von Goess

Local Police participation was orchestrated as a result of a request made to the city by a company which own the royal house of a small European state.

There were 300 attendees, several of these were also European aristocrats.

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More police on Estepona streets

A MEETING was held in Estepona to discuss anti-terrorist security measures following the attacks in Catalonia.

The mayor of Estepona, José María García Urbano, co-chaired the Special Local Security Board with the sub delegate of the government in Malaga, Miguel Briones Artacho at which representatives of the Municipal Security

Department, the National Police, Guardia Civil, Local Police and traffic officers attended.

It was agreed that measures would be put into place to increase the presence of officers on the streets of Estepona and to introduce additional check points within the Estepona area in accordance with government recommendations.

NEWS EXTRA

Stormy waters

STORMS have delivered much-needed water to Malaga reservoirs. The Guadalhorce and Guadalteba reservoirs received the most rainfall in the province at 65 litres per square metre whilst the predicted intense storms didn't develop on the coast.

Fatal crash

A COLLISION on the AP-7 motorway near Marbella left a 53-year-old man dead and a 31-year-old man transferred to the Costa del Sol Hospital. Reasons for the accident are currently being investigated.

CCTV cover

ONCE approval is received from the Junta de Andalucia, Marbella Council intends to install 12 temporary CCTV cameras to cover vital areas during the San Pedro Alcantara Fair. Officers from Local and National Police will monitor the images.

Top catch

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Leisure space

CASARES will be creating a new green space from an overgrown park in Arroyo Parrilla at a cost of €91,000. The new park will be properly lighted and will include a children's playground.

Take care

UNLIKE beaches in some other areas of the Costa del Sol, the Casares Council is warning visitors about the numbers of jellyfish appearing. Bathing is allowed but care is advised.

It's history

THE press room in the Martiricos stadium in Alhaurin de la Torre is hosting an exhibition of 75 photos tracing the history of the stadium since 1941. It is open from 5pm to 9.30pm until next Wednesday.

Animal killer faces new charges Now it's fraud!

CARMEN MARIN, who oversaw a holocaust of dogs and cats while serving as manager of Torremolinos' municipal dog pound, is now facing fraud charges.

As reported in *Euro Weekly News* (Issue 1637), the former head of the local animal pound was convicted of animal cruelty and sentenced to almost four years in prison after slaughtering more than 2,200 healthy animals and using money raised pursuing her own pleasures.

Whilst Marin carried out this horror show, she dishonestly requested funds from members of her hoax charity as well as the aid of Torremolinos Council.

The Prosecutor's Office has requested that she also be accused of defrauding members and individuals as she made pleas for funding to help the ill-fated animals gain publicity for adoption.

Those donating did not realise that she was euthanising the animals and using the money to lead a lavish lifestyle.

The Prosecutor has also challenged



DISGRACE: The pound before the crimes were uncovered and (inset) Carmen Marin in court.

the requests of Marin's defence for dismissal of the case.

In December, the court of Torremolinos estimated that more than €100,000 had gone towards her personal expenses in the form of shopping, luxury hotel stays, driving lessons, cars and meals in restaurants.

The total outstanding balance stolen is estimated at more than €380,000 at

present, part of which came from Torremolinos Council.

Torremolinos Council awarded the pound a caseta (fairground booth) with a lease until 2047 but at least 59 mysterious cash payments were made for which she is accused of renting it out and pocketing the funds herself, despite it supposedly being a non-profit entity.



ON THE MEND: Little Marcos meets police.

Infant stuns doctors

A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy who almost died has returned home following an 'astonishing' recovery.

As reported in *Euro Weekly News* (Issue 1678), Marcos was admitted into intensive care after falling into a swimming pool in Campillos, Malaga.

Doctors were left in shock as the infant, who was unresponsive when emergency services brought him in via helicopter, was up and out of bed within moments of waking up after a period of precautionary sedation.

The boy is now happy to be back home with his family and police who attended the scene surprised him with a remote-controlled car.

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Almost there

AS the last stretch of road around the new hospital is being asphalted, La Linea Council expects the Junta de Andalucía to complete its commitments. Hopefully it will open this year.

Suspect fish

THE La Linea Council has warned residents about the dangers of buying fish and shellfish from street vendors. Apart from the fact it is illegal, there is no guarantee the products will be safe to eat.

Bike route

AFTER receiving bids from 64 companies, San Roque Council has agreed to spend €459,150 for the third phase of the bike route to Pinar del Rey. This is €370,000 less than budgeted.

Hash Harriers to donate funds Helping hounds!

MIJAS HASH HOUSE HARRIERS' (MHHH) third annual Red Dress Run is set to be the biggest yet.

Taking place on Sunday October 8, the run leaves from Bar Latino at the castle end of the Fuengirola seafront promenade, next to the river mouth, and entry costs just €5 including beer, soft drinks and snacks.

It comes as the club revealed that its chosen charity this year is the 112 Carlotta Galgos refuge in Alhaurin de la Torre.

The Galgo, or Spanish greyhound, is among the most abused dog breeds in Spain, with up to 50,000 abandoned, maimed or killed at the end of the annual hunting season, during which they are used to catch hares.

It is an ancient breed once raised by Spanish nobles but is now seen as a working, low class animal.

Few Spanish people think of galgos as pets and their plight has been publicised by international media organisations including *National Geographic*, *the Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail*.

British expatriate of 18 years Charlotte del Rio, 44, is trying to do something about it and in 2012 set up her own refuge with husband Dioni after a number of years helping to rehabilitate and rehome both galgos and podencos, another breed of abused Spanish hunting dog.

The MHHH fundraising event for this cracking cause is extended across the entire weekend of Oc-

tober 6-8, with registration at Pogs Irish Pub followed by a bar crawl on Friday, a run followed by dinner and music on Saturday and the infamous Red Dress Run on Sunday.

Cost for the entire weekend is €55 and interested parties should email Lettecke on mijas3hashcash@gmail.com or leteckep@yahoo.co.uk.

The MHHH would also like to thank all local businesses who have accepted charity tins, and customers of Iceland who have filled four so far!

For more on the 112 Carlotta Galgos refuge see <http://112carlotagalgos.com>.



GALGOS: Serially abused.

Hotel told to turn off the music

THE new Marbella Council has moved swiftly to take notice of hundreds of complaints made against Hotel Sisu which is close to the centre of San Pedro Alcántara.

Having a reputation for loud pool parties day and night, the hotel is very unpopular with neighbours because of the noise and has been told that it can no longer present music in the grounds now that its licence has expired.

So bad has been the nuisance that it was exposed on TV in August and the new leadership of the council has indicated that it disapproves of this type of activity as it damages the reputation of the city.

It appears the hotel which is said to owe €1 million in unpaid rent to the property owners will have to cancel a number of contracts with DJs booked from the UK and its future existence may be in question.

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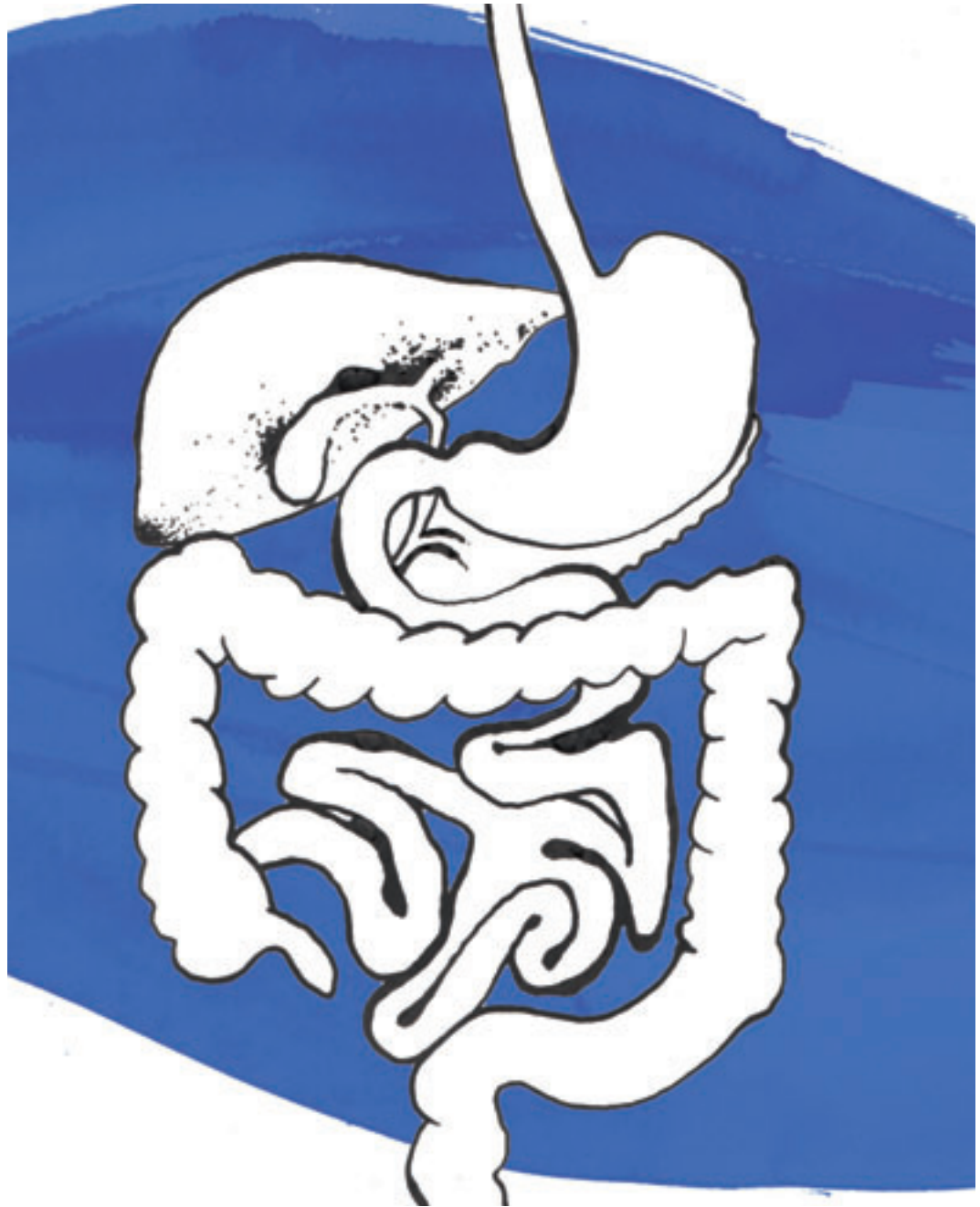
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Back to school after the summer

EARLIER than many Spanish schools, the Sotogrande International School returned from summer holidays last Tuesday and held a special open-air assembly.

It was a good day for saying hello to old friends, catching up on the gossip and for a number of younger pupils a bit of a scary day as they entered their new school.

There were also new teachers to be introduced and headmaster James Kearney encouraged pupils to try something new and to never be afraid to ask for help as that is what the teachers are there for.

He also presented a number of pupils wearing masks and explained that life at the school was about being open and expressing one's own personality rather hiding behind a mask.



Photo Credit: Sotogrande International School

DON'T HIDE: James Kearney tells pupils not to hide behind a mask.

Sunday morning shootout

REMINISCENT of a Mexican drug cartel shootout, at least two men were seriously wounded when attacked in their car on the A-7 outside Sotogrande.

Local residents were woken to the sound of gunfire at 6am last Sunday and it appears that one car drove alongside another which is when the shooting started.

Officers who arrived at the scene discovered two men, one believed to be from La Linea de la Concepcion and the other an Italian wounded and in a bad way.

The Italian had been shot in the face and was taken to hospital in Cadiz where doctors treated the wound as potentially life threatening.

The other passenger had been shot in the arm so was treated locally.

Whilst officers continue to investigate the incident, it is assumed that it is connected with drug smugglers as this is an area where large volumes of drugs have historically been brought in from Morocco.



Photo Credit: Rolex Golf Trophy

ROUND SIX: Getting ready for the tee off.

Rolex Golf Trophy

ROUND six of the Rolex Golf Trophy was held at the Royal Sotogrande Golf Club for the first time with just four more events before the final.

The handicap and scratch champions from each event will be invited to play in the final tournament to be held Real Club Valderrama also in Sotogrande on November 4, where the winner will be the guest of Rolex at one of

the major tournaments.

This event was sponsored by The Red House, official distributor of Rolex watches in Gibraltar and some very skilful players participated in what was a hard fought, but friendly tournament.

The players were entertained at a closing cocktail party whilst the three winners were presented with prize watches.

Mural marathon comes to an end

LA HUELLA painting marathon finishes tomorrow during which time 70 square metres of space in the Sotogrande Marina have been covered in paint.

Organised by the Osvaldo Lobalzo Cultural Space, the marathon attracted involve-

ment from all walks of life with some professionals and art schools involved but also younger participants and complete amateurs.

There was no cost to be involved and it was intended that this would be a fun experiment which would

highlight the importance of art in all aspects of life and how it attracts such a wide audience.

Running alongside this marathon was a photographic competition based upon the evolution of the mural as well as signings of books.

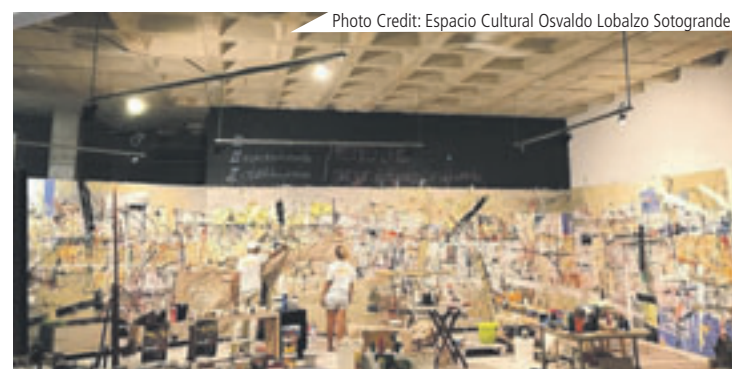
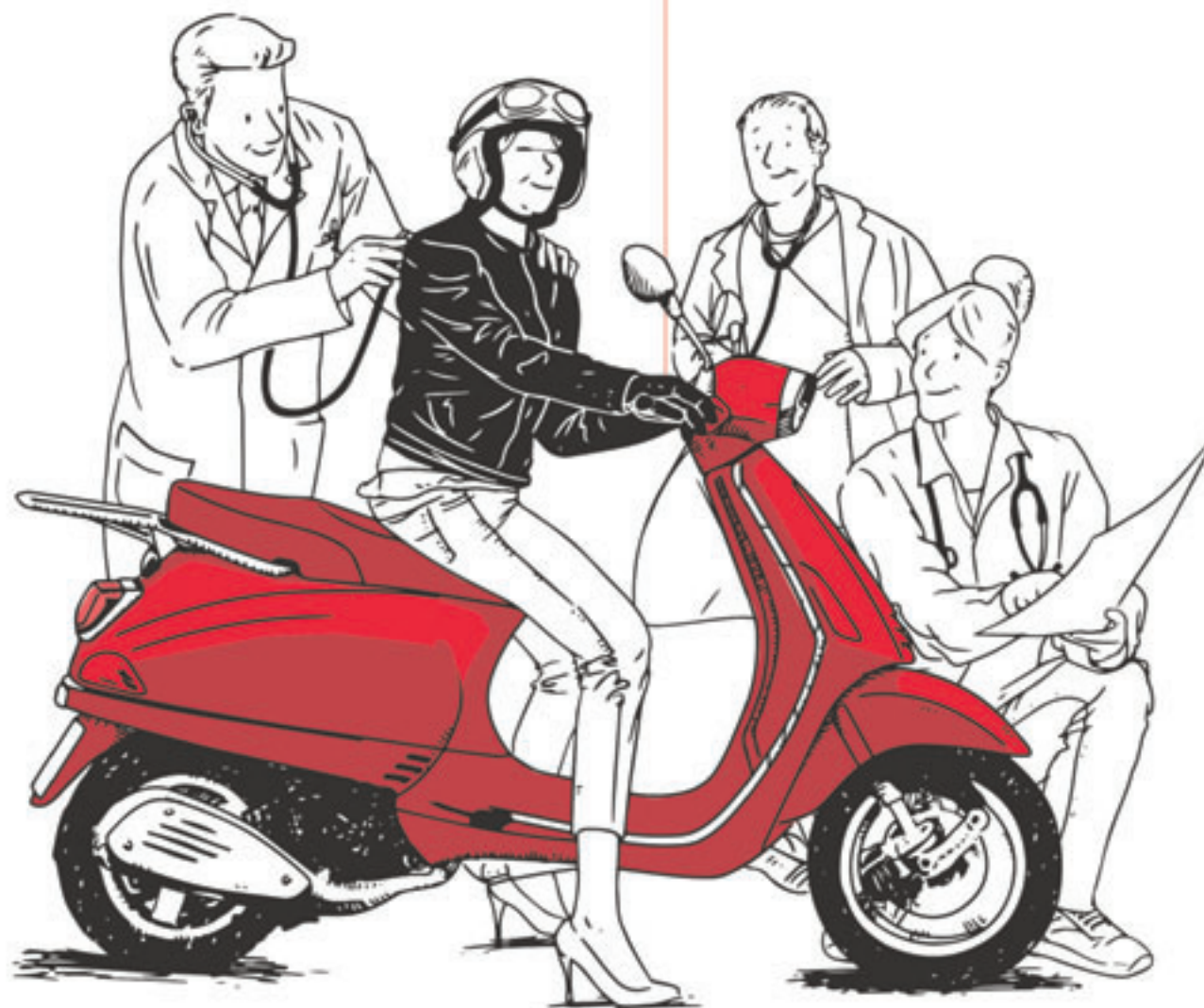


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Parking sparks dispute

A CONTROVERSIAL car park decision has sparked fury.

The lot next to Malaga's City of Justice building had 802 available spaces, with 300 of these being available to the public.

Now the management of the 16,000 square metre area have decided that it will only be for official use by judges, prosecutors, officials and other civil servants.

Lawyers, solicitors, social graduates, auditors, experts and other professionals who have to go to the justice centre every day are now forced to park even further away, with many of the now-restricted spaces not being filled.

The College of Attorneys and the Bar Association have made formal complaints about the decision and are expecting action to be taken.

More migrants than ever arrive in Malaga

THE number of migrants arriving in Malaga City has doubled in the last 12 months to 977 which is causing concern for the local Red Cross.

In May, it opened a special centre in the city where it feeds and cares for some of them whilst their legal status is established and then tries to find them somewhere to live.

Whilst some of the migrants are transferred to similar centres in Algeciras and Puente Genil in Cordoba Province, the ever increasing number of arrivals means that the Red Cross would like to see a centre opened in Malaga Port and have requested that space and funds be made available.

Whilst there are a number of genuine refugees fleeing from war and persecution in Syria, an increasing number of economic migrants are arriving from Central Africa, desperate



RED CROSS: Helping those who can't help themselves.

to find a better life.

These centres which try to look after the most vulnerable and to teach them Spanish are not a long term solution for those arriving, but should be considered a stop off before they move on to more permanent accommodation.

At one time, Red Cross offi-

cial found that the majority of those arriving on the Spanish mainland wanted assistance to move on to other countries, but perhaps wary of the publicity given by the closure of many European borders more and more arrivals want to remain in southern Spain.

There is something of a dilemma for the authorities as they want to protect the dignity of the human rights of these ille-

gal migrants but don't want to see huge numbers remaining in Malaga or Andalucia.

The result seems to be a bureaucratic compromise whereby, identified illegal entrants are given formal notice to quit the country and then nothing is done to follow up if they don't leave voluntarily.

When approval is granted for some of the new arrivals to remain in the same area for at least three years before they can apply for a work permit which may be the reason that so many migrants appear to work selling counterfeit goods.

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Cost of the planned upgrade of Malaga Airport's Terminal 2.

NEWS EXTRA

Speed demon

A VEHICLE rocketing along the AP-7 at 228 kilometres per hour was intercepted by police. Guardia Civil officers chased down the 37-year-old French driver in his Audi SR3 who was heading towards Malaga.

Bridge build

ESTEPONA will get a new bridge worth €1 million. Situated over the Las Cañas stream, the wooden structure will be 20 metres long and connect the housing estates Hacienda Beach and La Chimnea.

Market info

MIJAS has announced a new street trade order that will give a greater spotlight to markets and provide tourists with better information as to when they are on, what they will feature and their location.

Visitors up

ANDALUCIA received more than six million visitors between January and July, a 10 per cent increase compared with 2016 figures. July alone saw 1.4 million visitors, a 12.5 per cent increase on the previous year.

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MALAGA was the only European city to receive a visit from a Chinese hospital ship.

The Ping Fang Zhou belongs to the Chinese navy and visited Malaga for a rest stop after a five month humanitarian mission across different countries in Asia and Africa.

The name of the ship translates as Ark of Peace and the giant floating hospital only stopped in Malagan waters for the brief rest, refuelling and food replenishment.

Climate and quality port

facilities were cited as the main reasons for the city being chosen.

A ceremony took place on the dock where hundreds of Chinese residents greeted the boat as well as spectators of Malaga's varying nationalities.

The vessel is based in Zhoushan, a significant port in China's eastern Zhejiang province and since its construction in 2008, it has carried out a total

of six humanitarian voyages across five continents.

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Student predicts dry future

A UNIVERSITY OF MALAGA student has predicted that the province can only support a maximum of 300,000 more residents before serious water shortages occur.

The research is based on a 1.4m population ranging from Manilva to Nerja where the supply of water for human consumption is insufficient.

Natalia Losada, a 24-year-old in her final year of an Environmental Sciences degree course believes that the future droughts will be seen around the year 2030.

She analysed satellite imagery of reservoirs between 2000 and 2015 and highlighted the decrease in water volume year on year, noting 2005 to 2010 as having an "incredible" de-

cline in water resources.

Losada also believes that next year will see more dry spells and droughts due to decreased rainfall and states that in the future, the system will not be sustainable.

Her study also emphasises the need for a new desalination plant (a factory which removes salt and impurities from seawater), the re-growth of the La Concepcion reservoir and the connection of basins to maintain the supply of the population.

She also suggests connecting Guadiaro and Guadalteba rivers as well as population control, especially during peak season in summer.

Arrest warrant mother returns

A RUNAWAY mother accused of child-abduction handed herself into police after reportedly spending weeks in hiding.

Forty-one-year-old Carmen Palomino Astorga had an arrest warrant issued against her after failing to deliver her two children to their father (her ex-husband) at the end of July.

Having seemingly severed contact with the world, police believed that Astorga had fled her residence in Archidona, a small town close to Antequera.

She has been accused of child abduction but was released on bail after giving herself up.

Astorga has stated that she did not realise that police were searching for her until she saw herself on the news in bar whilst on holiday with her daughters.

The girls, aged five and sev-



Photo by Facebook/ Carmen Palomino Astorga

RETURNED: Carmen Palomino was wanted by police.

en, spend regular periods with their mother as the father is in the military and spends long periods in Afghanistan, though the divorce decree states that they must reside with the father when he is home on leave.

Astorga has insisted that she did not abduct the children as they were in her custody and

that she had not been made aware that she needed to hand the children over to her ex-husband during the period where she took them on holiday.

An investigation is still underway regarding her complaint to police that her ex-husband, of Greek nationality, had committed an act of domestic violence against her which resulted in the Prosecutor's Office requesting a psychological report of the woman to analyse the validity of her accusations.

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Luxury lounging

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Super subs

SUBSIDIES of €6m are set to benefit Torremolinos. A strategic plan will see more than 40 different areas get a boost including: university fees, council tax, employment and housing.

New gibbon

AN endangered species has reproduced on the Costa de Sol. A new golden-cheeked gibbon was born in Bioparc Fuengirola, one of only four to have done so in captivity in Europe in the last year.

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Casualty at war



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I STANDARDS: Carlos Haya has come under fire.

A HOSPITAL accident and emergency department is in a 'catastrophic' state.

The Medical Union of Malaga (SMM) has blasted the city centre hospital, Carlos Haya for an array of flaws including:

Broken furniture; worn-out chairs; woodworm on door frames; broken decades-old floor tiles; faulty ventilation units; toilets strewn with litter;

emergency doors that do not close properly and layers of grime and filth in certain areas.

The SMM are also dismayed that an area of the department that was renewed and renovated in 2016 is being used as a storeroom, claiming the works to be a waste of money as the hospital do not want to hire more staff.

Retaliating to these accusations, the hospital said:

"Those responsible for this union do not take into account the 287 urgent daily attendances performed in this hospital or the capacity to resolve this service.

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Pressure group comments on Brexit

AS the third round of talks took place between British and European Union Brexit negotiators in Brussels, campaigning groups made their voices heard.

British in Europe, an umbrella body lobbying for citizen's rights includes Bre-main in Spain which looks to try to protect British citizens living in Spain and as the name suggests is generally opposed to Brexit.

The coalition has assessed the joint UK/EU technical note on citizens' rights, which displays some agreement concerning recognition of professional qualifications and the right to set up businesses after Brexit.

It has come to the conclusion in both cases that this right will probably only be valid in the country of residence and not across the EU 27, thereby affecting cross-



THIRD ROUND: David Davis and Michel Barnier after last round of meetings.

border workers.

Chair of British in Europe, Jane Golding, comments: "Both parties agreed that frontier workers should be covered by any agreement but we're concerned that this definition is too narrow to cover the myriad ways in which UK citizens

work cross-border."

Sue Wilson, Chair of Bre-main in Spain, comments: "Before the negotiations even started this week, both sides were suggesting that the expectations for progress were low. We saw little to convince us otherwise.

"The EU has constantly stated that the burning issues of citizens' rights, Ireland's border and the exit

bill must come first, and that talks on any future relationship cannot start until 'sufficient progress' has been made on these issues. However, the UK continues to want to focus on trade talks instead.

"When I listened to David Davis and Michel Barnier speaking at the press conference on Thursday August 31, it was hard to believe they were discussing the same negotiations. While Davis insisted there had been 'concrete progress,' Barnier said there had been 'no decisive progress on the key issues'."

She continues: "One of those key issues is citizens' rights. We have repeatedly been told we are number one priority. Yet, after the third set of negotiations, we

are not much further forward."

British in Europe is, however, pleased that the third round of negotiations saw pension aggregation confirmed and that discussions concerning mutual health-care arrangements for pensioners and others in receipt of benefits will continue.

Sue Wilson says: "Despite some examples of progress, Bre-main in Spain members remain concerned. Some have been reassured by the progress made but many are still wary and distrustful of anything the UK government is promising."

She concludes: "So, the third round of negotiations is over, 15 months have passed since the referendum, yet we have not travelled so far."

€15,000 The maximum fine dog owners in Ojen, Marbella can face for failing to pick up their pet's droppings.

An advertisement for 'Marbella Now TV' featuring Nicole King. She is a woman with curly hair, wearing a dark jacket and jeans, standing on a pink circular graphic. The text includes 'MARBELLA NOW TV WITH NICOLE KING' and the website 'www.rtvmarbellanow.com'. There are also logos for Marbella and Marbella Radiotelevision.

An advertisement for home insurance. It features a red background with a white brick wall graphic containing a window with broken panes. The text reads 'HOME INSURANCE NO MORE WINDOW PAIN! GUARANTEED REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN GLASS'. It also includes 'Conditions apply' and the contact information 'linea directa 902 123 309'.

NEWS EXTRA

Mijas charm

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES have added Mijas to their list of shore excursions when the ships dock in Malaga, cementing the town's reputation as one of the top destinations on the Costa del Sol.

Store brawl

A SUPERMARKET brawl resulted in one man being taken to hospital and another arrested. Guardia Civil officers detained the alleged aggressor in San Roque, Cadiz, after he apparently inflicted serious injuries on his opponent with a weapon.

Pests away

COCKROACHES and rats are set to decline in Alhaurin de la Torre. The council has organised the routine sterilisation of drains in an effort to decrease vermin and critters in the area.

Two home

TWO women who were injured in a traffic accident in southern India have returned home to the province of Ronda. Another four residents from Ronda were killed in the tragic crash.

An advertisement for Fetajo Rent a Car. It features a green background with the Fetajo logo and a photo of a smiling woman in a car. The text includes '... enjoy ADVANTAGES if renting with Fetajo Rent a Car... !!!', 'Car Hire Malaga Airport and Costa del Sol', and a list of benefits: 'We are fair, we don't do the business with fuel.', 'You will not need to QUEUE or take a COURTESY MINIBUS for car collection at Malaga Airport.', '24 hours assistance.', and 'BOOKINGS ON: (0034) 952 93 44 12 or (0034) 952 93 97 38'.

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12 Brits held

A TOTAL of 14 people including 12 Britons have been held in Mallorca on suspicion of selling drugs to holidaymakers in Magaluf.

The arrests came after Spanish police swooped on 12 addresses in Palma and Calvia following a lengthy probe focused on party strip Punta Ballena.

The sting, referred to by investigators as Operation Tatum, led to the seizure of 3.5 kilos of cocaine, 500 grammes of methamphetamine, an unspecified amount of hashish and €123,000 in cash.

Most of the cocaine was found in a car parked in a Palma garage, with more hidden inside a shoebox.

Detectives say that the group represents the largest network of drug dealers in the Punta Ballena area.

The drugs were allegedly brought to the island on private leisure boats which went



ARRESTED: A total of 14 people have been held.



SEIZED: Drugs and cash.

unnoticed among the thousands that visit Mallorca every summer.

They were then stored at different addresses in Palma and Calvia with smaller amounts transported to Magaluf on a daily basis.

The enquiry was launched on the back of Operation Daju, which in June 2016 saw five British and Spanish suspects arrested and five kilos of cocaine seized.

They were known to supply street dealers in Punta Ballena, whereas those held in the latest arrests were targeting nightclub revellers, often while selling entrance tickets.

A Guardia Civil statement confirmed that 'of the 14 detainees, 13 were in Mallorca and one in Barcelona who was a link between the Netherlands and Palma, where the middlemen were based, while the ticketing staff distributed the substances to the customers.'

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Death threats and assault

A WOMAN has been convicted after issuing death threats to police after fighting with them.

During the course of the arrest in Malaga, the woman threatened a friend with a knife, damaged a door as she tried to forcefully enter a property, caused damage to a police car and attacked police officers.

Having attempted to steal from her friend whose house she was at, she was instructed to leave the property but refused.

The partner of her friend informed her that he would call the police if she did not and it was at that moment that she seized a knife and threatened them both before taking the bags full of stolen goods, valued at approximately €420.

She later returned to the property to request money so that she could call her mother using a payphone.

They did not open the door to her so she repeatedly kicked at it, causing an estimated €400 worth of property damage.

Police located the defendant and as they tried to arrest her, she became violent, kicking at the officers and fighting with them.

When police eventually got her secured in a vehicle, she made death threats to one of the officers.

Malaga Criminal Court found her guilty of theft with intimidation, use of dangerous instruments as well as assault on a police officer.

She has been sentenced to five years and three months in prison and dealt a fine of €1,080.

As well as this she has to pay compensation to the victim at a total of €830 and also reimburse police for €375 worth of vehicle damage.

Spanish PM to visit Trump

SPANISH Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy will travel to the United States for his first formal talks with President Donald Trump this month.

The announcement by government spokesman Iñigo Mendez de Vigo comes after the two leaders met briefly in

May during the Atlantic Alliance Summit in Brussels, and again in June at the G-20 conference in Hamburg.

Rajoy will arrive in Washington on September 25 and is to stay at Blair House, the traditional residence of high-ranking foreign visitors, be-

fore meeting Trump for lunch at the White House the following day.

It is expected that the pair will discuss the fight against terrorism, bilateral relations, the European Union, and North Korea. Spain is keen to remain a strong ally of the US.

Leo the Lion: A mother's dilemma

THE family of four-year-old brain cancer fighter Leo Bermejo from Almeria received a setback this week when an MRI scan revealed his tumour is still growing.

Over the past two years the four-year-old, known by his supporters as Leo the Lion, has undergone surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK and travelled to Oklahoma in the United States for cutting edge proton-beam therapy.

But Leo's latest brain scan this week has confirmed the tumour is growing quickly and is now 8.8cm in length. At the previous scan, 10 weeks ago, it was 5.6cm.

Mum Karen has sent the test results to Alder Hey and a hospital in Pamplona but

said, "I do not know what the doctors will say when they receive the scans. It might just be game over... I really don't know."

"Leo has been progressing; he's speaking and moving more and more."

"If Leo can have the tumours removed with a guarantee of him not being more damaged then I think we need to go for it."

"Leo is showing no signs of giving up and I think he deserves a final chance."

Karen added, "I know people will think I should just give up and let nature take its course, but I can't if there is a final chance."

"I know people will talk and have their opinions that what I am doing is wrong... but at the end of the day he is my boy and I have to do in my heart what I feel is right for him."



FIGHTER:
Leo and sister Sofia with their 'lion' ears.

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La Cala de Mijas Lions Club raise 1,800 euros at their annual Presidents lunch

AT the fabulous El Jinete restaurant, in La Cala de Mijas, the new President of the La Cala Lions, Julie Barry, continued her year with a resounding fundraising afternoon.

The picturesque restaurant, nestling in the hills surrounding La Cala, rocked to the music of the fantastic Revivals band who were kindly sponsored by IbeX Insurance and Segurient Insurance. They had everyone on their feet after a wonderful three-course meal with wine.

Julie thanked Mike Addams and his assistants Sandy and Wynson for organising the event, and everyone for

coming and supporting them. She also congratulated the staff on their mouth-watering food and splendid service. Julie was presented with a service award, for working five years in their shop in Calle Torremolinos 12 in La Cala, by the past President Paul Butler.

This valuable work, by volunteers, is the backbone of the Club and raises the majority of the money donated to the local community.

Everyone had been asked by Julie to bring in an item of food to give to the Homeless charity ADINTER based in Fuengirola. The food mountain exceeded all expectations and

Julie was delighted with the response. The charity is dear to her heart, and she explained how one very hard working lady was behind it all.

Look out for the next event, and do not forget to pop into their shop in La Cala with anything you no longer need that could raise valuable funds for your local community.

The Lions shop is urgently in need of volunteers, so if you have time to spare and would like to do something worthwhile, ring the Lions Shop on 677 059 061 and see if you can help them to continue helping those in need in our area.



Roland Owens, Patricia Maxwell, Jan Owens, Julie Barry, Paul Butler, Tony Bellamy and Anne Bowles.

The Royal British Legion Mollina autumn programme

RBL Mollina returns to its autumn programme at its first branch meeting on Tuesday, September 12 with a full programme until January.

September 12: Business meeting and quiz, 11.00am Parque la Vina.

September 14: Falklands Memorial Dinner at Bar Margaritas Mollina 7.00pm for 7.30pm tickets €25pp.

September 26: Quiz and Hoy organised by Marion and Pete Brewster 11.00am (entrance only €1pp).

October 1: A car treasure hunt organised by The English School in Eja, 11.00am from

Saydo Park, €10pp including a light lunch.

October 10: Branch AGM 11.00am - Volunteers required for committee.

October 23 - 30: Holiday in the Basque country (ring Steve Taylor or Tony Burns).

No social meeting on Tuesday October 24.

For details of activities or membership contact Chairman Steve Taylor on mollina.chairman@rbl.community

Tom Mac on mollinamem.Secetary@rbl.community

Or visit the RBL stall at Saydo Market every other Wednesday.

Acompalia Summer Charity Ball

OPEN your diary and reserve the evening of September 22 for the third edition of Acompalia Summer Ball!

This year, the ball will be held in the fantastic new location of La Mamunia (Carretera Antigua de Motril Nacional 323, Otura, Granada).

The evening will begin at 7.30pm with cava and canapés, while being serenaded by La Ley de Murphy in the beautiful gardens. A delicious three-course dinner will then be enjoyed in the Salon Safi. (If you have any food allergies or specific dietary requirements, please get in contact and they will do their utmost to accommodate.)

Finally, all attendees are invited to showcase their best moves in the dedicat-

ed tent where a bar and DJ await.

The Summer Charity Ball has always been a very special moment for all Acompalia supporters - committee members, sponsors, volunteers and supporters - offering the chance to get together and share great memories for the cause.

Tickets can be purchased online until September 15 for the price of €50 per person. (This event is by reservation only and no tickets will be sold on the night.)

As for transportation, Otura is only 15 minutes by car/taxi from Granada. A minibus has been organised from the Costa Tropical, with a stop in the Lecrin Valley to ensure you have the best of nights!

Visit: <https://acompalia.org/news/summer-charity-ball/> for more information.

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West vs East of the Tunnel comp



BOWLERS: From Benavista and Santa Maria bowls clubs.

ON August 13 & 23, bowlers from along the coast took part in a 'West vs East of the Tunnel' competition (WET), organised by Benavista and Santa Maria Bowls Clubs. The first round was played at Santa Maria, whose teams were made up from bowls clubs situated east of the Nagueles

Tunnel, against members of Benavista, which is west of the Tunnel. East of the Tunnel went into the return match at Benavista with a 20 shot lead.

Although the return match was much closer, with Benavista winning 67-66, the Santa Maria home success made them clear winners by 19 shots. A lunch was provided after the match at both venues and a trophy was presented to the winning team. The event was enjoyed by all who took part and it is hoped that this will become an annual competition.

Informative talk - all welcome

AGE CARE ASSOCIATION is holding an informative talk from Susan Hannam, latterly from Cudeca on Tuesday September 12, 11am at Calahonda International Baptist Church.

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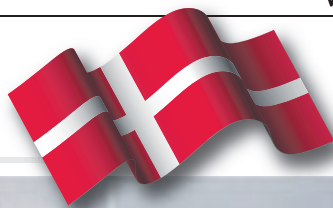
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DENMARK



No ID

CROWN Prince Frederik was turned away from an Australian bar because he did not have any ID on him and bar owners did not want to break the strict alcohol laws in Queensland. He was allowed in after diplomatic officers intervened.

Joining forces

DENMARK and Sweden are joining forces to fight Russian cyber attacks and 'fake news' saying it was a danger to both countries.

Beyonce class

A NEW university class 'Beyonce, Gender and Race' is being offered by the



UNDERAGE? Crown Prince Frederik.

University of Copenhagen. Already 75 students have registered to take part.

Tax slashed

DRIVING in Denmark will soon

be more affordable as the government announced plans to reduce the tax rates from 180 per cent to 100 per cent. The news is welcomed, but means the country still has some of the highest car prices.

GERMANY



Cyber attacker

A MAN has been extradited back to Britain from Germany, accused of launching cyber attacks against Lloyds Banking Group and Barclays which prevented some customers using their online accounts.

Wolves return

WILD wolves which were eradicated from Germany at the end of the 19th

century have been making a comeback following conservation efforts, but the move has not been welcomed by all as farmers are concerned about the loss of their livestock killed by the animals.

Family restrictions

GERMANY will continue its restrictions on allowing families of refugees to enter the country. According to some

figures, if families were allowed, it could mean an additional 390,000 people would enter the country.

Delays continue

REPORTS suggest that management of the new Berlin-Brandenburg airport are aiming for an opening date of late 2019, which would be some eight years after its original 2011 planned opening.

FRANCE



Plant explosion

FRENCH chemical group Arkema SA, confirmed two explosions at its Texas plant in the USA. The company said a sheriff's deputy was taken to hospital after inhaling chemicals.

Labour reforms

THE government has unveiled its controversial labour reforms, pledging to 'free up the energy of the workforce' by making it easier for employers to hire and fire in a bid to create more jobs.

Missing girl

TWO men have been arrested in connection with the disappearance of a nine-year-old girl from a wedding reception in the Alps. Both suspects are friends and turned up uninvited to the reception at around the same time the girl went missing.

Nuke threat

FOREIGN minister Jean-Yves Le Drian has warned that North Korea could have the ability to deliver a nuclear strike on America and even Europe "within months."

BELGIUM



Back to school

IT'S back to school for millions of children in Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia with Flanders' smallest school near Veurne, welcoming 12 nursery pupils.

Arranged marriage

STATE Secretary for Equal Opportunities and the Fight against Poverty Zuhair Demir, has called on teachers to remain on alert for any 'cries of distress' after news emerged of an arranged wedding for a 14-year-old girl.

Lost link

ANTWERP airport is to lose its link with London City after CityJet announced it was stopping the service. Antwerp is now hoping to find another airline to continue the link with the UK.

Hell hole

BRUSSELS could soon be welcoming more American tourists thanks to a rave review by a travel journalist in *The New York Times* newspaper. Current President Donald Trump once called the city a "hell hole."

NETHERLANDS



Education conflict

ACHMEA insurance company says more parents are seeking legal advice to settle conflicts with schools, saying they handled 784 cases related to disagreements over education last year.

More spending

SPENDING online reached almost €11 billion by Dutch shoppers in the first half of the year, a rise of 13 per cent compared to the same period last year.

New deal

THE Netherlands is to accept almost 2,000 Syrian refugees from Turkey following an agreement with the country.

Otter report

FOR the first time in years the otter population has remained stagnant. According to a report by the University of Wageningen, the otter population now stands at around 200, just 15 more than last year.

SWEDEN



Police attack

A POLICE officer was stabbed during a patrol in the stairwell of a metro station in Stockholm. The officer's colleague seized the man and he was arrested.

Royal welcome

SWEDEN has welcomed the newest member of the Royal family. Prince Carl Philip and Princess Sofia welcomed their second son last week sharing a photo of them leaving the hospital on Instagram. The young Prince has yet to be named.

Tartan army

THREE Swedish nurses have been hitting the headlines for their dedication to the Scottish football team. The trio, who call themselves the Swedish Tartan Army, have watched their adopted team play in five European matches over the past year.

Muslim insults

A MAN has been arrested for insulting a group of women wearing veils. He was charged after insulting them based on their ethnicity and religion, saying he "hates Muslims."

NORWAY



Sheep thieves

FARMERS are concerned that sheep thieves are in operation after several animals disappeared in the Aust-Agder region.

Flight strike

SCANDINAVIAN pilots could take strike action after summer negotiations failed over how to interpret rules relating to pilots' working conditions.

No gas

OIL group Statoil said its exploratory drilling in the Korpjell

area in the Arctic, had been 'disappointing' with only small amounts of natural gas found which would not be large enough for commercial development.

Cell test

FIGURES from the Cancer Society show that over 250,000 women skip their smear test and have launched a campaign to encourage more women to have a test which can show early signs of cervical cancer.



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PARADE: Military brass march through Moscow.

Brass bagpipes

MOSCOW celebrated the annual Spasskaya Tower Military Music Festival. The multi-day festival is held in Red Square and features military brass, orchestras, and even Taoist monks. There was a 120 bagpipe-strong Celtic band with 50 Scottish dancers and troupes from India, Turkey and Egypt.

The Khabarovsk cabbie was accused of using medieval tactics instead of calling police.

Art attack

THE American Consulate in St Petersburg was vandalised with a bucket of paint during a drive-by attack. It comes months after a US diplomat was attacked in Moscow. Recently the Kremlin booted out hundreds of diplomatic staff as tensions ratchet up between the two countries.

Gorky murder

THE son of a famous television actor is the prime suspect in the Gorky Park murder case that has gripped Russia. Kornei Makarov, son of Sergei, is in custody over the killing of 23-year-old blogger Stanislav Dumkin. CCTV footage showed the two men fighting in the park after midnight.

Spoken word

THE rise of English has seen the number of Russian speakers decline by 50 million according to Russia's education committee. Younger generations in former Soviet states now favour English. The committee has called for an expansion of the Eurasian Union to promote Russian in Moldova, Armenia and Tajikistan.

Magic island

A PACIFIC island owned by Russia has disappeared from the country's online map service. Yandex has removed the tiny island of Sakhalin. The disappearance coincided with the firing of a North Korean missile over a nearby Japanese island. Yandex said it was just a glitch and the island has magically reappeared.

Winter wonderland

WINTER has already arrived in Russia. Snow has fallen in the Sakha Republic, Yakutsk, and Siberia, covered entire towns in a white blanket. Russia has endured a wild summer weather-wise. Freak

Medieval justice

A TAXI driver is in hot water after dousing a passenger who couldn't pay in zelyonka, a bright green antiseptic liquid. Normally used for cuts and scrapes, the liquid has also been used to publicly humiliate politicians.

storms in Moscow killed dozens of people and sparked fury against weather forecasters.



FROSTY: Bears happy as winter returns to Russia.

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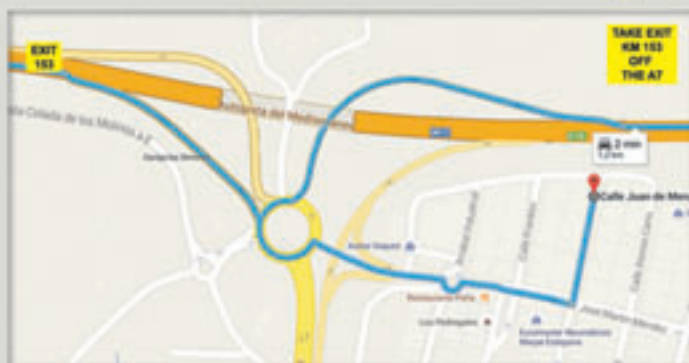
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Provinces need help

SINCE 2012 the National Government has given Catalonia €68.5 billion, saving it a colossal €18 billion in interest if it had borrowed at commercial rates.

The Finance Minister Cristóbal Montoro stated this when appearing before the Treasury Committee in Congress and went on to claim that this proved Catalonia did not have the financial strength to leave Spain nor the legal power to hold a referendum.

Both Andalucía and Valencia have benefited from similar financial support which has seen a total spend of €220 billion amongst the provinces.

Sterling might look up

By John Smith

AS inflation in the eurozone rises more quickly than expected, the European Central Bank (ECB) may stop quantitative easing which sees the printing of millions of euros.

World financial analysts forecast that sterling which has been falling dramatically against the euro is undervalued and is due to bounce back by a few percentage points in the near future.

There is a general feeling that currency speculators may have over reacted to the possibility of a Hard Brexit and the apparent lack

of agreement between British and EU negotiators at the moment which saw the pound fall.

The ECB says that it wants to see close to 2 per cent inflation across the eurozone, but the problem is that individual state economies do not act in concert with each other and employment figures are also erratic with both Spain and Germany seeing less unemployment whilst France sees more out of work.

For those who have investments in sterling but need to live off euro exchanges, any recovery is welcome but the British economy which has been helped by the week pound which encourages tourists and higher exports would take a different view.

A meeting of the policy makers of the ECB is due to take place shortly and their decision will almost certainly decide the short term future of the sterling to euro exchange rate.

1st private law suit

THE first private law suit against Banco Popular has been taken to court in Madrid after losing €10,000.

According to the plaintiff, he approached a branch of the bank asking to borrow €100,000 in order to purchase a lorry for his business and was instead persuaded to spend €10,000 in buying shares in the bank.

He believed promises that this would be a sound financial investment but within less than a year his shares were worthless.

Quote of the Week

To reach parity, I think we'd either need to have a UK recession - or see a significant breakdown in Brexit negotiations as we go into 2019. Ritu Vohora, investment director, M&G on possibility of pound euro parity.



Photo Credit: Groupe Renault

Announcing the deal between Ferrovial and Renault.

New electric cars for Madrid

AN agreement between Spanish Service Company Ferrovial and Renault has been signed to launch a car sharing service in Madrid called Zity.

It will operate from October with a fleet of 500 Zoe electric cars and will initially service the area within the M-30 beltway.

The Zoe has a theoretical maximum coverage of 400 kilometres but is more likely to need recharging after 300 kilometres based on normal traffic conditions within the capital.

This will be the third electric car sharing scheme operating within Madrid as both Citroen and Mercedes with their electric Smart car are using the city to demonstrate their ability to run non-polluting vehicles.

With various countries promising to phase out 'gas guzzlers' in the future, this type of experiment could have important financial implications for manufacturers looking to win drivers over to their models.

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Cracking down

THE Spanish Tax Agency has created a new obligation for taxpayers to report on investments in excess of €100,000 held in any tax haven. A new law also insists that investments may not be split to try to evade declaration.

Out of work

ACCORDING to the European Union's statistics office, unemployment in Spain remained static in June with 17.1 per cent of the work force without a job. This is the second highest rate in Europe after Greece with the eurozone average standing at 9.1 per cent.

Gilt edged

WITH the North Korean missile launch over Japan spooking a number of investors, stock exchanges across Europe saw a marked rise in the value of shares in gold mines. When stock markets falter, the price of gold invariably rises.

Phone House new home

APPROVAL has been granted by the National Commission for Markets and Competition for a €55 million takeover of The Phone House Spain.

The company whose stores in Spain are branded in a similar manner to Carphone Ware-

house, the original parent company, is actually owned by Dixons Carphone which agreed an in principle deal with Dominion, a Spanish multinational earlier this year.

Basque-based Dominion expects to formalise the purchase during the third quarter.

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HIGH TECH HOLIDAYS RULE

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WHILST tourism to Spain continues to boom, the introduction of online booking of accommodation and even rides can cause problems.

Two American concepts, represented by Airbnb and Cabify are thorns in the sides of councils and licensed taxi drivers.

According to Mintel, the world's largest market intelligence agency with global offices in Europe, the Far East and Asia, a growing number of Americans are using new technology to plan and book their holidays.

Some 19 per cent of young American travellers have booked home share accommodation which is great for the websites, but possibly illegal if accommodation owners don't bother to license their properties for short term letting.

The importance of the licence is three-fold as it ensures that foreign visitors in particular are registered and recorded, property providers have to meet certain standards including air conditioning and the important WiFi connections and tax payments will generate income for the economy.

As people get older, so they are less trusting in new high tech developments and whilst they want to have access to the internet, they worry more about being hacked whilst overseas and certainly don't want to be advised on destinations by helpful Artificial Intelligence.

It is no real surprise that those younger tech savvy Millennials (as they are known) are far more adventurous than their parents and welcome such innovations as self check-in areas at airports and check details of local restaurants online before travelling.

Almost everyone wants to use their mobile phone to take photographs of their destinations but the younger the person is, the more likely they are to post selfies and pictures of food on their Facebook or other social media pages.



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Taking a selfie in Madrid, ready for Facebook.

The older traveller appears to prefer to read advice online from peers as to destinations rather than travel company recommendations and they also tend to book flights via airlines or travel agencies, especially if travelling long distances to destinations they haven't visited before.

The bulk of people include modern technology in their packing but the younger they are, the more au fait they are with the options available.

Diesel loses out to petrol

THE three largest oil refiners in Spain, Cepsa, Repsol and BP are preparing for a steady decline in demand for diesel within the country.

At one time, diesel was the 'in demand motor fuel' and they invested heavily in refineries able to cope with the number of diesel cars being sold.

Within the last five years however, diesel power has gone out of favour, even though it remains cheaper than unleaded petrol and the oil companies now recognise that car sales in Spain will continue to reflect the change.

In the meantime, there is little need for them to cut down their diesel production as they are finding increased markets in Africa, France and Italy.

Car sales soar in August

ONE sign of an economy in recovery is the number of cars sold and August has seen 72,470 new Spanish registrations.

This is a 13 per cent increase over the same month last year and with 849,912 sold in the first eight months of 2017, there is an overall increase of 7 per cent.

Despite all of the negative publicity received by the Volkswagen Group over the diesel scandal, its Spanish subsidiary SEAT actually took 17 per cent of the entire new registrations with Volkswagen also performing well.

With so many tourists visiting the country, car hire companies have increased their purchases by more than 40 per cent when compared to last year.

EU BANS ENERGY GOBBLING VACUUM CLEANERS

Making Europe greener

AN important new European law banning the sale of vacuum cleaners using more than 900 watts of power and emitting more than 80 decibels is now in effect.

Manufacturers and stores who still hold stock of these machines will be able to sell them until stocks are exhausted but may not produce or import additional machines into the European Union.

With the number of bazaars in Spain that import electrical goods from China, it may be the banned cleaners have a longer shelf life here than in other parts of the EU.

According to a consortium of environmental organisations, the European Environment Bureau, it is perfectly possible to produce a good quality vacuum cleaner without a large motor or making a loud noise.

Former UKIP MEP Roger Helmer told the BBC "By all means let's make pathetic under-powered vacuum cleaners for export to the EU.

"But we must retain the right to make and use sensible full-powered appliances in the UK. This shows why we

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part of the Union, it will enforce this and other laws.

In the meantime, Sir James Dyson has been to court arguing the EU vacuum standards test is flawed as it only requires manufacturers to undertake these tests in laboratory conditions and without paper bags.

The court of appeal has agreed with him, recognising that use of a cleaner in the home, with a bag collecting dust will inevitably see the efficiency of the traditional cleaner drop and motor noise will be likely to get louder.

Whilst this matter is being considered by the courts again, Dyson cleaners do at least qualify under the new rules.

The driving force behind this new law is the need to reduce the amount of electricity used in the home and the European Commission states that by switching to one of the most energy efficient vacuum cleaners, consumers can save €70 over the lifetime of the product.

must not agree to be bound by EU rules after Brexit."

A British government spokesperson confirmed that whilst the UK remains

MAJOR FINE FOR ONLINE BETTING COMPANY Problem gamblers worry

A GIBRALTAR-based online gambling firm is being fined a record £7.8 million (€8.5 million) by the UK Gambling Commission.

The regulator insists that firms that take bets have an obligation to protect their more vulnerable clients from spending more than they can afford which 888 have allegedly not done.

The most obvious example of this was 7,000 customers who had voluntarily recorded they had a problem and should not be allowed to bet any longer, but were still allowed to take part in the company's bingo games.

Another problem area highlighted was inability of the company to spot problem gamblers and in one case a customer lost £100,000 (€108,000) a month for 13 months before they recognised his vulnerability.

Although the penalty is high, it won't revert to the Gambling Commission as £3.5 million (€3.8 million) will be refunded to the 7,000 who had barred themselves from gambling but were still allowed to carry on.

The balance will be passed to a



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GAMBLING: The house usually wins.

charity involved in helping the estimated two million British gamblers who may be addicted or be likely to face financial or social problems.

Gibraltar has benefited considerably from the influx of offshore betting companies who have decided to make their base on the Rock and does have legisla-

tion in place to police their activities, but with the bulk of gambling revenue coming from the UK it is left to the British regulator to take action.

There is something of a problem for the various betting companies as they need punters to lose as much as possible in order to boost their profits but have to be careful not to 'kill the goose that lays the golden egg.'

Public opinion means a great deal to these companies and if they are considered to be responsible for the break-up of families and leaving individuals bankrupt they will face a significant backlash as well as further fines from the Gambling Commission.

Although these are multi-million pound companies some have suggested they are still trying to develop policies which will identify and protect vulnerable customers but this is a slow process.

Spain is believed to have a huge interest in sports betting but is regulated by the Spanish Gambling Act which prohibits all forms of online betting and bingo, but due to an anomaly in the law, certain provinces can licence this.

Richest man for hours

ON average, once a year, Amancio Ortega, founder of the Inditex fashion chain is declared the richest man in the world but only for a few hours!

So much depends on the value of shares that the mega-rich own in their companies and the prevailing stock market prices, so for three hours he was estimated to be worth \$85 billion (€71.5 billion) but then his shares dropped.

Sadly at that time he then plummeted to become just the third richest man, behind the usual leader Bill Gates of Microsoft and Amazon boss Jeff Bezos.

One thing is certain however and that is Mr Ortega is without question the richest man in Spain and Europe.

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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SOME years ago, a colleague of mine sought to foster a Muslim child.

This was not specifically because of the child's religious background, but merely because due to his circumstances, he appeared to be a lad that would benefit and indeed deserved a bit of TLC and stability in his life.

The boy was a 13-year-old illegal immigrant, who had arrived in Dover, basically in the clothes he stood up in (not even a mobile phone!).

My caring friend decided to do what he could to see the boy had all he needed for a fair start in life - and his offer was indeed a generous one. With a beautiful country home and three children, one already fostered, you would confidently assume that he and his spouse had all the requirements needed to see this young man happily on his way to a brighter future. Wrong!

The lad, bearing a cap, a prayer mat and a Koran, (supplied by the local council adoption authority) duly moved in for a short trial period.



HOW SAD: In the end the boy had to move out and return to an institution.

He was warmly welcomed in by a loving family and was obviously extremely happy in his new-found environment.

My friend then set about completing the formalities that were required to foster the child on a more permanent basis. And that's where the prob-

lems began. Before any negotiations could begin, there were a few unshakable ground rules.

One. The boy had to be free to pray five times a day.

Two. He had to have the facilities of a local Mosque on a Friday. Three. He could only be fed on Halal meat. And

four despite my friend wanting to pay for an extremely well-established and expensive local private college, had to ultimately be taken to a Muslim learning facility some miles away.

Somewhat taken aback by this list of requirements my friend attempted to negotiate.

He had no problems with items one and two. However, although he would of course make sure the lad was never offered, or obliged to eat pork, preparing Halal food was far too disruptive to the family's way of life and routine.

As far as the Muslim school was concerned, it was miles away and would present insurmountable problems with school runs etc.

His appeals fell on deaf ears. Compromises were out of the question. In the end the boy had to move out (forgetting to take his Koran I may add!) and return to whatever institution he had emerged from.

Is that sad or what!?! Not only is it sad, it is a positive disgrace when compared to the young white Western girl, who was moved in with a Muslim family, had her cross removed and was made to live with people with whose culture, faith and even language was alien to her.

Yet another example of the West kowtowing to Muslim interests, with utter disregard of our own cultural priorities and sense of fair play. Well, all I can say is on our own heads be it.

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Breaking Views

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I THOUGHT the silly season was still with us when I just read about the slew of cookery shows about to explode on TV. But no! The coming season sees the launch of the all-new Great British Bake Off, The Big Family Cooking Show-down, Celebrity Masterchef, Jamie's Quick and Easy Food, Nadiya's British Food Adventure, Britain's Best Cook and Nigella Lawson's At My Table.

I used to love 'cooking programmes' - now just repetitions, clichéd and usually boring. Fanny and Johnnie (Cradock), not to mention Keith Floyd (quick slurp!), must be turning in their graves.



Photo Credit: Channel 4

TEDIOUS: GBBO presenters Noel Fielding and Sandi Toksvig with judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith.

The irony is that at the same time as an explosion in 'cooking shows' there is evidence of less cooking of meals at home. Why are so many readymade meals sold and restaurants overflowing? People like looking at other people doing it?

Is the current obsession with articles and TV programmes about food a symptom or a cause of the fact that so many of us are, err, overweight?

But hang on! Haven't programmers missed a trick? How about 'Game of Scones' or 'A Question of Spork' or 'T' was Better When I Was Young,' a show celebrating the lack of fresh ingredients and 'exotic' foods like garlic, avocados etc? (Vesta and Angel Delight products would feature prominently.) Maybe there's even scope for one of those Anthony Bourdain-style TV stopover food

shows. I can see it now. 'Gordon Ramsay: Twelve Hours in... Shetland? Orkney? The Outer Hebrides?'

Bored rigid by the sheer number of these programmes for ages now, I hardly ever watch any of them. (Hardly surprising so many of us are joining Amazon and Netflix - maybe indigestion due to a surfeit of 'cooking' shows?). Especially the baking ones which bring to mind the old Shirley Conran maxim ('Life's too short to stuff a mushroom') from way back, when women weren't expected to be domestic dogsbodies and encouraged to get a real life. Ah, where have those days gone?

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Stewart Gow, Cutar, Axarquía

As a general rule

'All generalisations are wrong, including this one.'

This quotation attributed to Mark Twain, is an intriguing logic puzzle. Perhaps it hints, generalisations are sometimes correct? Of course they can be. If I said, 'I am alive,' that is true. So what's wrong with generalisations? Can they trap our thinking into making statements that sound reasonable but are not?

Take the word, 'immigrant' as a current example. Are immigrants to a country going to bring problems or solutions? The more detailed the questions you ask the more complexity of thinking is needed. Are economic migrants desirable in a country not needing extra workers? Is an economy held back by losing skilled workers originally from other countries? Who enforces migration? Where are immigrants from? The questions are practically unlimited and yet a bigot will simplify the answer to 'immigrants go home.'

Think of the infamous Brexit question. Was anyone invited to discuss why this question was being asked? Did anyone debate how referendums should be run and what proportion of the vote constitutes clear public opinion? Did anyone present facts in the debate prior to the vote, which are now known?

Governance is by definition simplifying complexity to enable broad decisions to be made. However without a debate and consequent understanding of important details, the question is flawed because the answer will not be factual. Socrates believed voters should be educated and informed otherwise the democratic process will reach uninformed conclusions.

Let us not be fooled by thinking we understand things. We don't and that, unfortunately, is a generalisation which is true.

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The new who's who of what's where

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



ONE of the reasons that it's hard to get things done in Spain administratively is because if the government changes every four years, so do the people in charge of key departments.

Marbella up until two years ago had settled into a familiar administrative system with Ángeles Muñoz being mayor for two terms.

Her re-instatement on Tuesday August 29, 2017, half way through the new coalition council's first term, came as a surprise to many. Following a vote of no confidence by the San Pedro party who changed sides due to the inability of the four party coalition coming to agreements which Rafael Piña, mayor of San Pedro, felt was holding everyone back.

The change has been received with mixed feelings by the local Marbellís but does put the running of our city back in the hand of the candidate who did receive the most votes in the last election, although maybe not the seats to 'rule alone.'

On the whole our international community



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de Marbella

Ángeles Muñoz presiding over the new council.

doesn't even think Marbella has a town hall or think twice about local government but there are many who organise events or offer services that depend on knowing who handles what.

So for those of you, who like me find it confusing even if you do speak Spanish, to work out who's responsible for what, hopefully the following summary of the positions that have been filled so far are as follows:

Rafael Piña, the man who made it all possible, will still be 'mayor' of San Pedro and Gema Midon will continue on as responsible for culture, but just for San Pedro. So if you have events to plan in the San Pedro de Alcan-

tara area, she's your girl!

For Marbella's cultural events Carmen Diaz returns as general manager for this important category.

Ángeles Muñoz, Marbella's mayor, will however be the person responsible overall for culture as well as education, security and emergencies, tourism and foreign residents.

The town hall spokesman appointed is Felix Romero, who will also be responsible for transport, traffic, youth, local 'fiestas' and citizen participation.

Kika Caracuel is in charge of land zoning and housing.

Manuel Osorio economy and taxes.

Diego Torres has been appointed to handle the cleaning and refuse of Marbella, with great emphasis on the urgent need to get Marbella 'cleaned up.'

Javier Garcia is heading up building, infrastructure, parks and gardens.

Cristobal Garre is in charge of development and employment.

José Eduardo Diaz will handle industry, public roads and West Marbella.

Carlos Alcalá takes over Health and consumo and the area of Las Chapas.

Isabel Cintado heads up the department for equality, diversity and social services, as well as East Marbella.

Javier Mérida, champion paratriathlete will be in charge of sports.

Baldomero Leon will be in charge of new technologies and human resources.

Manuel Cardena will be in charge of environment, beaches and ports.

Chela Figueira, formerly in charge of communication in the last PP administration, returns to work directly alongside the mayor.

I really hope this helps! Have a great week and see you around soon :)

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Cool welcome despite the sun

DO the airport workers along with the taxi men who are threatening strike action really care about Spain's tourists?

While I enjoy visiting Spain on a frequent basis, I am not so in love with the place that I am not tempted to think of seeking a new destination where I will be welcomed properly, not by industrial action that can ruin visits.

Visiting from Germany I have many options where to spend my money, and while sunshine will always be high on my priorities, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus all have plenty to offer, and without the threat of regular worker walkouts.

*Willi Schneider,
Berlin*

In the dumps

BENALMADENA Council has willingly designated a site on which the owner/developer planned a school

Bumpy ride

I WILL be 75 in November and do a fair bit of cycling on my mountain bike.

My favourite route is around Guadalmar near Malaga and I would like to send a message to the traffic chiefs to please put signs up advising motorists of cyclists in the area, who number hundreds at weekends.

I am afraid that a lot of motorists also don't know of the law that when passing bikes drivers should leave a gap of 1.5 metres.

I have lost count of the times I have been nearly knocked off



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| NO SIGNS: Guadalmar can be a dangerous place to ride.

my bike, especially when I consider myself a careful cyclist. I know there are also thoughtless bikers out there with no helmets or ear phones, and some even using their mobiles.

This is a request to towns on the Costa del Sol to PLEASE erect signs to warn motorists of cyclists in their area!

James Hogan, Torremolinos

and a public park, for a rubbish dump.

Over 5,000 residents live in the area affected by this ridiculous decision, close to Torrequebrada Golf and Bil Bil golf club, near Xanit and Alto Resolution Hospitals.

No way would this be allowed to happen in Marbella!

*Brian Johnston,
Benalmadena*

Seeing red

THIS regards to your online and print articles on the preparations in Bunol, Valencia, for its annual La Tomatina food fiesta, described as the world's largest food fight.

I am totally against such an event as a huge waste of food when so many people globally suffer from malnutrition and starvation.

The tomatoes should instead be distributed to the poorest areas in Spain.

*Raphaelle Henault,
Canada*

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Brits brawl on Alicante flight

Typical Brits! Why were they not arrested? *Roy Peters*

And from all accounts was not arrested, she was allowed into baggage claim where another fight broke out with her and another woman

Susan Banks

Why spoil things for everyone? Next thing, people will say don't sell alcohol anywhere, in case someone drinks and drives! Simple answer is, return them on the next flight, to be met by the home country police. Arrested and passport confiscated. Taken to court, fined or imprisoned and banned from flying for a period of time, just like drink driving. Then normal people can enjoy their trip and the guilty ones pay for it.

Peter Boat

Balearic council doubles tourism tax

My family have been stopping in the Hotel Santa Lucia Palma Nova for 30 years. After reading your story about the increase in tourist tax we will be looking elsewhere to go for our holiday.

Leonard Peleszok

Comments from EWN online

No I do not agree. All those tourists spend money in all sort of establishments what in turn creates employment. Brings in other taxes etc. Bad move! *Edith*

Farminer

By my calculation that's €168 extra on the bottom line on a family of four (teenagers) for two weeks in the Balearics. How long will it be before the said tourists look to Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Cyprus for thier two weeks in the sun. You can be 'cocky' when times are good but sometimes it's too late to try to recapture those lost tourists when they've holidayed elsewhere for a lot less.

Gordon Hulme

Police hold Saudi royals at gunpoint

Just seen the Saudi royal families 747 land at Malaga this afternoon. Guess the holiday has been cut short?

David

So armed security turn up in a foreign country without the right qualifications and that's meant to be ok because you are spending a lot of money. Good for you.

Spain. Philip Ashby Rudd

Chris Froome increases La Vuelta lead

Great by Sky, they deserve their wins, but the TV also shows that cheating is still rife in cycling as well as riders being totally unaware of what is going on around them even creating crashes on wide open roads and taking out their own team mates. What chance do we have on the N340 when the local cyclists mimic the professionals, wobbling about and riding three abreast totally unaware of other road users

Philip Hanson

easyJet new hand luggage in hold option takes off

Or they could just revert back to not charging extortionate prices for hold luggage! Problem solved. Not rocket science is it?

Lindsay Rose Roberts

Dear Leapy

JUST for once I might have to agree with you on your piece regarding spoiled children.

The theory of what the Americans have today, we have tomorrow comes in to play here. Blame them for their out pouring of dross, parcelled, neatly packaged and sent over for the Brits to adopt. Screaming, whooping, life coaches, ambulance chasing, false claims, stress not to mention hundreds of other pathetic reasons to mollycoddle our young things.

Proms at school? Why I even hear it has started when leaving primary now, children hiring a limo and going to that burger place, you know the one it starts with an M. Children ruined, always being told they are great at everything, good encouragement, I agree but when they get older and find out they are not, it's a big blow.

The moral of the story is blame America and in a lot of cases the parents.

*Phil,
San Fulgencio*

PROPERTY



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GUIDE

Sun is shining



The Costa property market is on the up.

By Kat Ashton

THE summer sun has really shone on the Costa del Sol real estate market this summer.

Of the five Spanish municipalities boasting the highest number of property deals so far this year, two - Malaga and Marbella - are at the heart of the Costa del Sol.

Madrid, Barcelona and Sevilla make up the others.

There has been a 12 per cent surge in local property sales since 2016, with Marbella and Estepona leading the march.

In the first three months of this year alone, more than 1,000 properties were sold in Marbella, 97 more than in the same period last year.

Sales in Marbella have consistently risen since 2013, but with few new developments taking place, most are existing homes.

That said, a new €200m luxury housing estate - with 98 new homes added to Marbella's Golden Mile by 2019 - looks certain to provide a further fillip to the town's property market.

But not to be outshone by its near neighbour, Estepona with more than 940 properties sold locally from January - March this year has recorded an impressive 50 per cent

sales increase on 2016.

Meanwhile Mijas Council has also recently revealed British property developers are set to invest hundreds of millions of euros in the Mijas Costa area over the next decade.

Additionally a whopping €10 million has been spent on new development in the area and the number of approved licences for housing projects has increased.

One development will see more than 100 new properties in La Cala de Mijas completed probably within months.

This project is the biggest housing development in Andalucia this decade and is backed by Taylor Wimpey PLC, who built more than 300 new homes in Spain last year.

Further positive figures are spelled out in Terra Meridiana's 2017 Residential Property Market Report for the Costa del Sol which reveals that of all the homes sold nationwide in 2016, nearly one fifth were in in Andalucia.

The average price for property across Spain is also rising after the huge setbacks since the 2008 recession, with 5.3 per cent increases in the first quarter.

Britons remain the largest group of overseas investors in Spanish property despite the uncertainty created by the Brexit plans.



MARKET LEADERS: Malaga (top) and Marbella.



By Matthew Elliott

Second homes reap fortune Coast boast

TWO thirds of all the second, or holiday, homes in Spain are on the country's thriving Mediterranean coast.

Real estate portal Donpiso found that there are roughly six million second homes in the country, with around four million squeezed between the Costa del Sol and Costa Brava.

Researchers also put together a profile of the people most likely to buy a second home on Spain's sunny coast.

The typical buyers are couples aged between 35 and 49 with children and a combined income exceeding €3,500 per month.

The average price of the summer homes these buyers are interested in is €200,000. Murcia offers the cheapest deals, averaging €150,000, followed by Tarragona on €160,000, and Alicante at €200,000.

The Costa del Sol is the priciest coastal region, with seaside second homes



SECOND HOMES:
Mostly on the coast.

The average price of summer homes is €200,000.

costing €350,000 on average.

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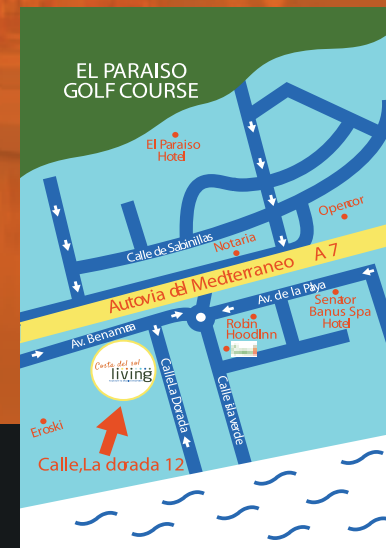
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While planning permission for the project was initially denied due to its unique design, local authorities were eventually persuaded and the owner then spared no expense in bringing his vision to life. As well as the more remarkable features of the property, it also has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a swimming pool and a decorative fountain.



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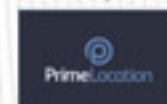
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No pain in Spain

SALES of second-hand homes have now reached the level seen just before the Spanish housing boom really took off in 2007.

Figures from the second quarter of 2017 show a total of 119,408 residential property transactions. Of them 99,343 were second hand

properties, comparable to the roughly 100,000 being sold from April to June 2007.

The sale of newly constructed homes is still well behind the heights of a decade ago. With just over 20,000 sales in three months, new homes remain slow sellers. In 2007 more than 110,000 sold in the second quarter.

Including both second hand and new homes, sales shot up by five per cent in the second quarter.

They are at their highest level since the first quarter of 2011 according-

ing to the Spanish Registrar's College.

The group's quarterly report said the results "show a strong market on the demand side" but notes that it is "linked to a single leg of the market, that of used homes".

Cofounder of the Idealista property portal, Fernando Encinar, says used homes are selling because that's essentially all there is on the market. He is critical of delays across Spain in giving permits to new developments, which is holding up the new home market.

Unless the green light is given to new developments, he warns, prices will rise dramatically as supply can't keep up with demand.



SECOND-HAND BUBBLE? Sales are on the up.

PROPERTY portal Zoopla has clocked a 17 per cent increase in British searches for European homes in just the past six weeks. Spain is by far the most searched for destination, handily beating France and Portugal for the

hearts of budding expatriates.

Zoopla's research revealed that 'pool,' 'beach' and 'sea view'

were the most popular search terms among British householders seeking a place in the sun.

Those selling homes in Spain would do well to emphasise those characteristics in their online adverts.

Other popular phrases included 'villa,' 'furnished,' 'golf course,' 'garden' and 'garage.'

The big question is whether the August upsurge in interest will be converted into hard sales. Or if it's simply attributable to Brits coming back from holiday with a temporary conviction that they want to live in Spain permanently.

Putting the summer surge aside, British interest in Spain has risen consistently and considerably over the past year. Since the Brexit vote property portals



SUN-SOAKED: Brits' Spanish dream stronger than ever.

have uniformly noted a rise in British views of Spanish properties online.

Many viewers are believed to be retired, or soon-to-be-retired, Brits, who are eager to

secure a Spanish home before possible post-Brexit red tape comes into play.

Douglas builds 'Scarecrow Trump'



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THE HORROR: Scarecrow Trump makes tomatoes great again.

HOLLYWOOD star Michael Douglas has created a Donald Trump scarecrow to fend off birds from his Mallorca orchard.

The s'Estaca estate is now protected by the most powerful man on the planet. The giant scarecrow is surrounded by tomatoes and even has a blonde wig that resembles Trump's curious hair.

The face has an unmistakably orange hue. Scarecrow Trump also dons a tie emblazoned with the American flag's stars and stripes.

It's a clear dig at the controversial new president by Douglas, who is still trying to sell the enormous Valldemossa estate he bought with ex-wife Diandra Luke in 1989.

The asking price is now a mere €36 million. It is unknown whether the Trump scarecrow is included.

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That's a bit rich!

By Kat Ashton

THE luxury gated community of La Zagaleta in Benahavis has the most expensive houses in all of Spain, according to research carried out by the housing website Idealista.

The study, which calculated the average house price on streets with 10 properties or more, revealed that houses in the most exclusive neighbourhood in the Costa del Sol are worth a staggering €5.6 million.

This outstanding figure surpasses that of the up-

La Zagaleta has the most expensive houses in all of Spain.

market La Moraleja in Madrid, which came in second place, by over half a million euros.

The top five neighbourhoods in Spain are com-



EXCLUSIVE:
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pleted by Castillo de

Aysa, also in Madrid, Avenida Tibidabo in

Barcelona and Pase de los Lagos in Pozuelo de Alar-

con; all of which average over €4.7 million in real estate prices.

IF you're a non-resident expatriate and looking to buy a property in Spain, you might be caught out by some unexpected stipulations. Here's what you should know before you apply for a mortgage on that dream home in the Spanish sun:

A credit rating is necessary

Spanish banks will expect a credit rating from your country of origin or residency. Any money the buyer invests must be accounted for.

Twenty-year mortgages are standard

Banks in Spain tend to offer non-residents a 20-year, fixed-rate mortgage. This is to reduce risk for the banks and ensure steady repayments.

Non-residents pay more

Expats who aren't Spanish residents pay more interest on their mortgages than those who are. You can expect this to be around 2.5 per cent for a fixed-rate mortgage.

They are also lent less

The ins and outs of getting a mortgage in Spain

money as, in the case that the mortgage isn't repaid, the bank is only left with the property itself as a guarantee. Non-residents can expect to receive around 60 per cent of the total property value.

When selling you have to pay 3 per cent tax

All foreign homeowners are required to pay the same amount of tax on their homes as Spaniards, as well as 3 per cent of the total value to the Spanish Tax Office when they sell the property.

Documents must be translated

All paperwork required for the purchase of the mortgage must be translated into Spanish. Some banks also require that the documents are apostilled.

Extra note: You will also need to obtain an NIE (Foreigner Identification Number) from the Local Police station or embassy to open a bank account or apply for a mortgage in Spain.

However it does not come as much of surprise that La Zagaleta came out on top.

The neighbourhood, just a 20-minute drive from glitzy Marbella, is so upmarket that it is practically impossible to find out who even lives there; although Hugh Grant, Rod Stewart and Russian President Vladimir Putin are among the rumoured lucky few.

La Zagaleta also boasts a range of exclusive services for its residents, such as a helipad, equestrian club and two golf courses.

All residents must be approved by a board before they can become an official member of the community and even then are required to pay residence fees of around €5,000 a year - which does not seem like a lot really if you can afford the average price for a house there.



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UK pensioners rushing to Spain

BREXIT has caused many pensioners to fast forward their plans to move overseas, according to financial advisors.

It is widely believed that Britain's departure from the EU will make a move to Europe significantly more difficult in the future; so many people are rushing to relocate to countries such as France, Portugal and Spain before the Brexit deadline takes hold.

Blevins Franks, who provide financial advice

to those planning to move abroad, reported that business had increased by 25 per cent in the previous few months, and that monthly enquiries to the website had doubled.

While it remains unclear what the rights for UK citizens living in Spain will be once Britain leaves for good, many are certain that those who have already made the move abroad will be in a better position than those still looking to do so.



BREXIT: Many are rushing to relocate.

French connection! Footballer opens doors to Ibiza pad



KARIM BENZEMA: A rare glimpse.

THE life of one of the world's highest paid footballers is something most of us can only dream about, but Real Madrid and France striker Karim Benzema gave his fans a rare glimpse into the high life during his recent holiday to the White Isle.

In a series of videos posted to the football star's social media accounts, fans were able to see the ins and outs of his luxury villa on the island, starting with the pool and amazing exterior. He then snapped one of the most important rooms for any footballer - the gym.

The player even showed his fans how a millionaire footballer likes to spend his evenings on the infamous Balearic party island - driving dodgem cars with his mates of course!

A VILLA that used to belong to Malaga-born artist Pablo Picasso is up for auction after a magnificent transformation.

The artist bought the Mas de Notre Dame de Vie estate in the French Riviera in 1961 and lived there until his death 12 years later. His wife continued to live in the property until 1986, but the house lay abandoned for nearly 30 years following her death.

After a two-year renovation project, the

Picasso's French villa on sale for €20 million

house is expected to fetch at least €20 million when it goes up for auction in October.

The main house is spread over two levels and has four sizeable bedrooms and a master bedroom.

Other features of the property include a pool, gym, guest house and wine cellar that can hold

around 5,000 bottles.

Interested buyers - or curious fans of the master - are welcome to arrange a viewing before bidding begins next month.



FRENCH VILLA: After a two-year renovation project.



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PROPERTIES on the market are more than a third likely to sell if the advert makes use of virtual reality software. They will also sell much faster according to findings from a top property firm.

Club Noteges manages a portfolio of more than 50,000 Spanish homes. Among them are 43,000 that are only advertised using photos. From January to July less than 3,000 of those homes sold, roughly 6.6 per cent.

By contrast they sold more than 10 per cent of the 10,600 homes that offer virtual reality tours to prospective buyers online. The more than 1,000 homes sold using virtual reality were gone within an average of 52 days faster than the homes using only photos.

The findings are categorical proof that sellers have more chance of selling if they employ virtual reality in their adverts.

The technology isn't overwhelmingly complicated or expensive. Using record video footage it allows buyers to 'step inside' the home from the comfort of their living rooms or estate agents.

Virtual reality just looks better to many buyers too. It shows that the seller is serious

VIRTUAL TOUR: 3D guides help homes sell much faster.



and confident in their property. Whereas few people would consider a home on a mere description without photos, soon buyers will expect a three-dimensional tour as a given.

It is also especially welcomed by for-

Few people would consider a home without seeing photos.

oreign buyers who have to be extremely selective in choosing which homes to visit in person. In some cases the quality of the virtual reality tours is such that a decision to buy is made without even physically seeing the property.



Bounceback-ability!

Mallorca property market slowly reclaimed

IN a market saturated with pricey holiday rentals and short-term lets, a ray of hope has appeared for those looking to rent cheap properties long term in Mallorca.

In the weeks following the approval of new regulation to fine illegal sublets on the island, the number of apartments listed for less than €700 a month has increased by over 16 times the amount.

NEW LAW: Is good news for long-term residential rentals.

Many property owners on the island had been leasing out their homes to holidaymakers for high premiums on sites such as Airbnb and Homeaway. Those still renting their unregulated homes on these sites could now face fines of up to €40,000.

The change to the law has allowed many locals to breathe a sigh of relief, as those working on the island were finding it impossible to find affordable long-term accommodation. Although prices remain high, long-term rental sites

such as Idealista and Fotocasa are beginning to see an influx of apartments offered with monthly contracts. On Idealista alone, the number of apartments listed for €700 a month or less has risen from just eight to 132 in the four weeks since the new law has been in place.

The Mallorca government's attempt to salvage the island's properties from illegal tourist rentals and return them to the residential market seems to be working.





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Looking to sell your Spanish home? Bromley Estates, Marbella reveal some of their tricks of the trade that can help homeowners make a property more saleable.

1 Take advice and set the right price

An experienced real estate agent with an in-depth understanding of the property market will be able to provide a professional evaluation of your property. The estate agent will first visit your

home to assess its position, condition, features and views. Based on these factors you will then receive a Comparative Market Analysis and will be advised to sell at a realistic and fair market price.

2 Let there be light

A light and bright property adds to the sense of space and flow. If the lighting is right, buyers will automatically find the property more attractive. You can maximise the light, both natural and electric, by adopting a few simple tricks. Firstly, it may be simple but it's also effective - make sure your

windows are clean; Second, change the light bulbs for a higher wattage; Third, remove or replace any dark curtains or blinds to let the sunlight flood in. Hot on the heels of location and views, a bright and airy interior is one of the must-have features buyers want to see when viewing apartments for sale.

3 Declutter and personalise the space

If we have said it once, we have said it a million times... buyers need to see beyond your decoration and knick-knacks, in order to see themselves living in (or owning) your property. If they can see past your personality, you are one step closer

to that all-important sale. That said, there is no need to go overboard by dressing the property like an impersonal hotel, instead, simply filter the amount of personal clutter on show and remove any excess items of furniture to ensure a spacious feel and flow.

4 A fresh lick of paint and a neutral palette

When selling a property, one of the most effective tricks is to spruce it up with a fresh coat of paint, and to remember the more neutral the palette, the wider the appeal. The key is to create a relaxing and inviting atmosphere with unobtrusive decoration

and furniture. A pale palette will provide that all-important blank canvas and will make the interior look more spacious. You can still include colour by using accessories to accent the scheme.

5 Always be prepared for viewings

You only have one chance to make a first impression, so don't get caught out. Make sure when you leave the property it is always show ready; no dirty dishes, muddy footprints, pet

paraphernalia, overflowing washing baskets or general detritus of everyday life lying around. If possible, you can add to the ambience with some subtle room fragrances.

6 Fresh, clean and tidy

Carrying on from the last point, you should always make sure that you clean up any mess. But just as important, you should undertake those pesky tasks that you

are always meaning to do, such as cleaning the top of the cupboards. Potential buyers will not be impressed by neglected dirty home or bad housekeeping.

7 Finish DIY jobs

Most of us have undertaken DIY projects with varying degrees of success. But what about those jobs that are only half finished or you just haven't got around to doing, such as repairing a cracked tile or attending to a patch of damp? These

are all red flags to a buyer, they say the property is unloved and needs work. The answer is to simply bite the bullet and tackle these jobs before your property goes on the market otherwise you are in danger of instantly alienating potential buyers.



DECLUTTER: Ensure a spacious feel.

Top tips selling & property





Steps for & buying in Spain



The Spanish property market is booming again, and now's a great time to buy - but there are several things you ought to consider before taking the plunge.

1 Why do you want to buy?

Many people have different motivations for buying property abroad, so figuring out exactly why you want to make the investment will help you choose the right place for you. Those looking for a place that can eventually be sold for a profit should research popu-

lar areas where properties are steadily increasing in value. If you're hunting for a new, or semi-permanent, home, the distance to the local supermarket and restaurants may well be an important factor.

2 Location, location, location

Most people have a good idea of the kind of lifestyle they want when they move abroad, so know whether they want a house in the city, country or

somewhere in between. Other important factors to take into account may be how close you'll be to the nearest beach, airport and shops.

3 Something old or something new?

Many estate agents would recommend buying a new build as this is generally considered a better investment. As there have been changes to the standards that building contractors are required to meet, a new house is likely to be of better quality. If the

property is still in development, you may also get to make decisions on the final layout of rooms and features so it will be more bespoke to your tastes. You will also be guaranteed a 10-year warranty if it is brand new.

4 Family first

It's also important to take into account the needs of everyone who will be living in the house. Anyone looking to move their children abroad permanently should check out the quality of the local schools before splashing out on an investment. Having

a good medical centre in the vicinity should also be high on the priorities list, especially for anyone suffering from any health problems, and those with pets might see a garden as an important feature.

5 Know your neighbours

When relocating, you're not just buying a home; you're also buying into the whole community. If you're serious about a place, it's a good idea to get to know the other people in the neighbourhood a little bit, so you know if it will be a good fit for you. If you don't speak much Spanish, you

may want to look for somewhere popular among expatriates. Or you could dive head first into Spanish culture and live among generations who have lived in the town for decades. In any case, if you can see yourself becoming an integrated part of the community this is often a good sign.

6 Become an expert on Spanish mortgages

It's always wise to enlist the help of a good English-speaking lawyer when looking to buy a property in Spain. Your lawyer can inspect all the documentation for you and act on your behalf in the buying process.

If you want to purchase a mortgage in Spain, make sure you obtain an NIE from the local authorities and be prepared to have all your documents notarised and translated into Spanish.

7 Don't feel the pressure

Spanish estate agents are very good at sweet talking clients over a glass of sangria, but make sure you don't rush into a decision - even if they convince you that you've found the property of your dreams.

There are so many things to consider when buying a new house, especially if you're moving abroad in the process, so you should always take at least one night to sleep on it.

LIGHT: A bright and airy interior.



FRESH: Make sure clean and tidy.

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FAIR SHARE: Banks not paying their portion of community bills.

Tables turn on banks

By Matthew Elliott

TYPICAL property finances have been flipped on their head in Spain, where it is the banks who now owe householders money.

During the crisis the banks embargoed and took over thousands of Spanish properties from owners struggling with debt.

By doing so they took on the responsibility of paying community charges for lighting, cleaning, and the general maintenances of countless urbanisations.

But they haven't bothered paying the bills. A new report from Spain's Council of Administrators (CGCAFE) estimates that banks now owe more than €330 million to housing communities across the country.

Banks own embargoed properties in a quarter of a million communities, owing each of them an average of €1,100. Salvador Diez, president of the

CGCAFE, says payment of these debts could make a huge difference to millions of residential buildings with electricity, insurance or hygiene problems.

"If we talk about the whole country, the collection of these debts would have a very positive effect on the economy since communities of owners are an economic engine in their own right," he said.

The most dramatic example can be found in Madrid. A community of owners in Calle Toledo are owed €17,000 by Bankia in unpaid community expenses from an apartment embargoed in 2014.

The 28 other residents in the building are mainly pensioners and could do with a €17,000 boost to the community coffers.

Now they are set to become the first community in Spain to take the bank to court and demand payment of the communal fees.

COMMUNITIES:
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Spanish mortgages up 16%

THIS past June, 29,516 mortgages were taken out on properties across Spain, according to the National Institute of Statistics.

This marks a 16.5 per cent increase on the same period last year and comes right on the back of a disappointing month in April, where numbers were down 11.4 per cent.

Average value of mortgages up 4.4%.

This is the second good month in a row for Spanish mortgage brokers, following the previous surge of 9.2 per cent in May.

The average value of home mortgages has also increased by 4.4 per cent since June 2016, while borrowed capital also shot up 21.6 per cent to over €3.4 million.

Over 7,411 mortgage brokers also changed their terms in June, of which 50.9 per cent were centred on changes in interest rates.

Once these changes were established, the number of fixed-rate mortgages rose from 5.7 to 14.2 per cent and variable-rate mortgages dropped from 93.6 to 85.5 per cent.



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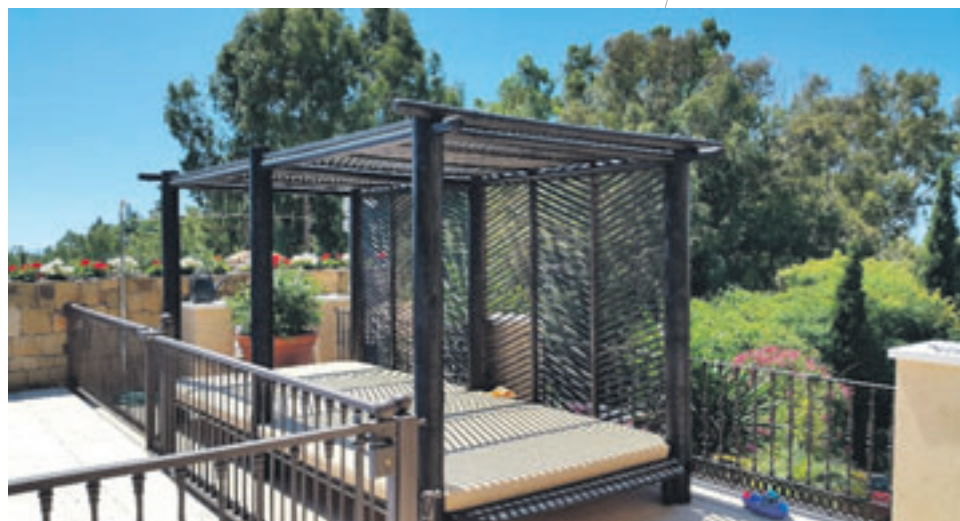
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A new school of thought

When it comes to transferring money overseas, moving your funds through your bank seems like the logical choice on paper. But in reality, what should be a quick and simple task can end up taking considerably more time than it should.

If you're looking for a simpler and speedier alternative, consider the benefits attached to using a leading currency broker. Whether you need to make regular, smaller currency transfers or have a large lump sum to transfer, currency experts can help you save time and money. They can also help you understand the volatility of the currency market and teach you how to time your currency transfers effectively.

For example, while the EUR/GBP exchange rate initially strengthened considerably in the wake of the UK's vote to leave the EU in 2016, the pairing has experienced significant

fluctuations ever since. This exchange rate movement can make planning your transfers a bit of a pain. With complex Brexit negotiations due to extend for the next two years, the EUR/GBP exchange rate will remain unstable, so it's important to be prepared for sudden shifts.

Do your sums

One major advantage to using a currency specialist like Currencies Direct is that they don't charge transfer fees (unlike many banks) ensuring that the money you're sending to the UK is not reduced by unnecessary costs. Transfer fees can quickly add up if you make frequent transfers, so you could end up saving hundreds of euros a year.

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Revise your options

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CHARMING: Britain's smallest castle.

Spain choosing fixed rate deals

FIXED rate mortgages are in vogue. CaixaBank has revealed that two out of every three of its new mortgages are now fixed rate. It's a 45 per cent rise on the number of fixed rate mortgages granted last year. They now account for €2.2 billion worth of the bank's current lending.

Caixa CEO Gonzalo Gortazar said the refined new product "offers greater security to families, shielding them from possible

rate hikes and allowing better management of the household budget."

Fixed rate mortgages have been on the rise nationally since Spain emerged from the financial crisis. Last summer they accounted for roughly 30 per cent of new mortgages. If Caixa's findings are replicated across the board that proportion will have more than doubled in just a year.

It's an astronomical rise given that fixed rate products accounted for just 3 per cent of the total granted in 2009.

Fixed rate mortgages see the banks set an interest rate which is higher than the Euro Interbank Offered Rate, thus raising their profit margins in the short term. Families are guaranteed fixed fees and no surprises during the entire loan period, regardless of market conditions.

Expat investors to claw back millions

A MADRID ruling compelling banks to pay back investors who lost money on unfinished Spanish property is great news to expats, including over 60,000 Irish citizens, who lost millions in deposits trapped in Spanish banks.

The ruling, which states that Spanish banks must pay back deposits lodged with them plus interest, will guarantee that investors with money trapped in the banks will be able to claim all or most of it back. A ruling by the European Court of Justice has also declared that the 'floor clause,' which forced customers to pay a minimum, higher rate on variable rate mortgages, is also unlawful. This means expatriates are also now able to claim miscalculated interest on their mortgages back.

Many investors, however, are unaware that they can claim their money back, so those in the know are trying to spread the word as much as possible. Time is quite literally money in this case, given there is a 15-year statute of limitations to consider. People affected are advised to engage Spanish solicitors to work on their behalf and can expect to wait between 12-15 months for the refund to be processed.

Overseas boom

INTERNATIONAL property buyers have invested a whopping €888 million in Spanish property in the first half of 2017. The amount has eclipsed last year's investment of €330 million, proving the property market on Spain is not just recovering from the economic downturn, but is thriving once more.

Experts predict that the amount of investment for the year is soon to exceed €1 billion, cementing the country's reputation as one of

the favourites for expats buying property abroad. The main investors have continued to be from Britain, Scandinavia, Germany and Russia.

The year has also been record-breaking for tourists coming to Spain, with over 36.3 million people visiting from January to June alone. This is a 12 per cent increase from the same period last year according to the National Statistics Institute.



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Real estate kings return

By Matthew Elliott

SOCIMIS, Spanish Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), are on the rise once again.

Having cleared out during the crisis, there are now 40 of them registered in the country, with two, Merlin and Colonial, on the Ibex 35.

Today the top 10 Socimis in Spain are worth a combined €16.7 billion, a figure comparable to the pre-recession years, when Spanish property was the hottest ticket in town.

Together they own vast swathes of Spain's rapidly developing real estate.

Merlin, for example, owns €10 billion worth of Spanish properties, including Madrid's Eurostar hotel, and dozens of Catalan shopping centres.

Colonial, which counts Mexican brewers and Qatari princes

among shareholders, has a Spanish portfolio worth €8 billion, largely comprised of expensive downtown office buildings.

Then there is Hispania, controlled by billionaire investor, George Soros, which is now the biggest hotel proprietor in Spain, owning 38 establishments across the country.

The growing success of Spain's Socimis is good news for everyone in the property game.

Their long-term investments represent international confidence in the property market.

It has a knock-on effect on the residential sector, which is now benefiting from a huge construction boom across the country, helping plug ever growing demand.

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Going cheap!

AS house prices along the Spanish coast continue to soar, it has become increasingly difficult to find a decent-sized apartment for a good price. In fact, the only town where the average price of an apartment comes in at less than €500 a month is Castellon, just north of Valencia.

According to the real estate portal Fotocasa, who regularly publish data revealing rental costs in Spain, a 90 square metre apartment in Castellon will set you back around €477 per month. This is the cheapest you will find on the entire Spanish Mediterranean coast, from Girona to Cadiz.

To put this figure in perspective, the average price in Spain now stands at €730 a month, and a similar-sized apartment in Girona will set you back a whopping €1,158.

With prices rising across Spain as a whole, it may soon become impossible to find anything this cheap on the coast. Even Castellon has reported record price increases; with average rent costs shooting up 5.5 per cent in the past year alone.

Drug lord's lair

NINE luxury villas which were abandoned in the town of Sant Vicenç de Montalt, near Barcelona, are finally to be put up for auction after nearly 10 years of uncertainty. Joaquín Moreno, owner of the Brava Park development company, started work on the villas in the popular seaside resort back in 2003. But Moreno then fled the country while being investigated for drug trafficking in 2008, leaving the properties 95 per cent finished.

For the past nine years the ownership of the villas has remained uncertain, with Brava Park defaulting on the mortgage shortly after Moreno went into hiding. Needless to say, it wasn't long before the properties became occupied by gypsy families and other squatters. Despite the neighbours' complaints, the local authorities were powerless to evict them.

Finally, the squatters were ousted and the development was repossessed. The entire asset was expected to go up for auction at the end of August. Given that returning to Spain would no doubt lead to his arrest, it is unlikely Moreno will make any claims over the vacant villas.

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Share **prices** down

THE price of renting a room in Spain is 19 per cent cheaper than the European average, according to a study carried out by pisos.com.

The average cost is just €299 a month, while the average in Europe goes for €370. This means Spain remains one of the most attractive destinations for students, given the rising rent costs in other European countries such as the UK (averaging €726) and France (€550).

With that being said, rental prices for a room in a shared apartment is still higher than the European average in the major Spanish cities, such as Madrid (€482), Barcelona (€441) and San Sebastian (€434).

In comparison, the cheapest cities such as Lugo (€187), Caceres (€192) and Badajoz (€198) come out at less than half the price, but have significantly smaller student communities.

The European countries most attractive to student budgets are Poland (€115), Portugal (€225), Czech Republic and Belgium (€250 each).



ROOM-SHARING: Spain is cost effective.

Brexistential crisis?

BRITISH citizens considering returning home because of Brexit uncertainty may be in for a shock if they follow through with their plans. It is thought that pensioners in particular will be hit hard financially if they choose to return, due to an increase in property value in the UK and falling house prices in Europe.

Research conducted by the Retirement Advantage Equity Release concludes that an expatriate who exchanged a property in the UK for one of the same price in Spain in 2010 will lose out on approximately £65,000 should they choose to go back.

This comes down to the fact that house prices in the UK have risen 12 per cent in the past seven years whereas in Spain they have decreased dramatically by 26 per cent, despite the recent boost in

foreign investment in the market.

While Britons in other European countries such as France and Italy also face losses, the disparity between the UK and Spanish markets is still the highest. This is even more troubling given that more British expatriates live in Spain than any other European country; a third of these being pensioners.

Although it isn't yet clear what the implications will be for British citizens living in Europe after Brexit, many fear that the current arrangement allowing UK retirees to receive pension increases that mirror inflation will be demolished, which could leave many out of pocket. However, if British citizens fail to recoup the original value of their property overseas, they may find themselves at as much of a loss if they try to buy property back in the UK.

'Great Gatsby' mansion listed

THE house that is rumoured to have inspired F Scott Fitzgerald's novel 'The Great Gatsby' is now on the market for €14.2 million (\$16.88 million).

Located in the upmarket Sands Point neighbourhood in New York, the mansion was origi-

nally bought by Mary Harriman Rumsey, daughter of railroad magnate EH Harriman and friend of Fitzgerald. It is believed his stays at the house inspired the 'East Egg' neighbourhood where Gatsby lived in the novel.

The estate is nearly

12,000 square-foot in size and features 13 bedrooms, eight bathrooms, a private beach and even a boat house. The house was originally listed for €16.6 million in December, but owners decreased the asking price this month - a bargain by Gatsby's standards.



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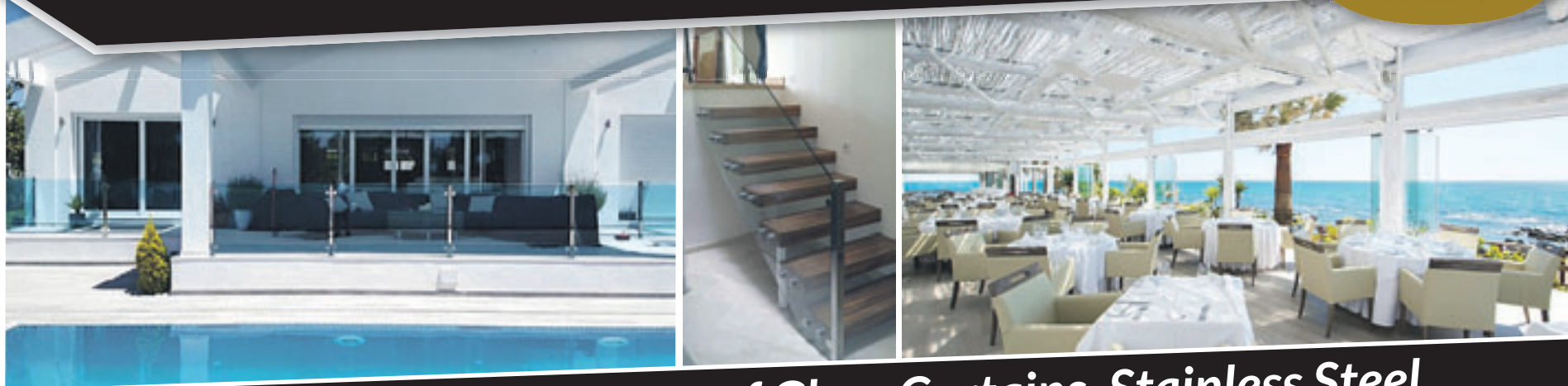
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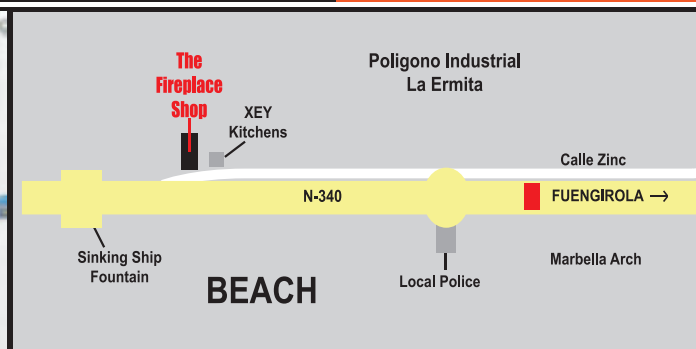
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Stay cool on the road

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.



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SUMMER HEAT: Tempers can become easily frayed.

BEING comfortable when driving is essential to staying safe on the roads, as when we feel uncomfortable the situation can lead to distractions. If we start to feel too warm or overheated, this can lead to lethargy which can also be potentially deadly when driving.

In order to stay cool try and keep the car as cool as possible. If you have a garage or shaded area for your vehicle use it, or try and park under a tree or shadow of the building, remembering the sun moves round throughout the day so make the most of where the shadow will be. However, be aware that parking under trees can result in deposits from birds or even the sap of the tree itself so ensure windscreens are clean before driving off.

Use reflective screens on your windows when the vehicle is parked to help reduce the build up of heat. It is quite common for the interior of a car to reach 10 degrees more than outside quite quickly, so remember this and never leave animals or humans inside vehicles.

Many modern vehicles are equipped with air conditioning which can help keep the vehicle at a more comfortable level, but remember to get it checked and gassed to ensure optimum performance.

It is also advisable to try and avoid driving at the hottest time of the day when possible. Driving at sunrise and sunset can also pose a problem largely because of the position of the sun which can cause extreme glare and dazzle leaving drivers temporarily blinded by the sun.

Remember summer can also bring extra vehicles on the road and when temperatures rise, so can tempers. Always try and remain calm and alert as tempers can become easily frayed with increased incidents of road rage.

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Can one owner enlarge his door?

Q. If an owner wishes to enlarge the French doors, such action would alter the facade of the block. Does he need the agreement of the adjacent owners? Does he need permission from the Community? Does it

need a unanimous vote or 60 per cent of all owners present or represented? If the work was done without the agreement of the owners, what action can be taken against the owner?

P S (By email)

A. Properly, an owner who wishes to enclose his terrace or enlarge his glass doors must seek the permission of the Community. This permission requires a 60 per cent vote of owners present or represented in favour. Until 2013, this required a

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain

unanimous vote. Properly, the owner should also have a building permit from the town hall. Permission from the neigh-

bours is not necessary. If the owner carries out the work without permission, the Community can obtain a court order to restore the original condition of the door or terrace.

They should also seek court costs against the offending owner.

Just take my money please

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



OK don't take this first part literally but I think, after reading a bit, you will get the point I'm trying to make. The next time I go into a bank here I'm considering taking a weapon with me. Let me explain why. The other day I went into the bank with Mrs S, who is the President of our community, at about 12.30pm. A bank, by the way, that is a branch of where the account is held and President S is a signatory on the account.

There was nobody else in the bank, not a soul, just the cashier and the staff sitting at their desks staring at computer screens. Mrs S goes up to the desk and says she would like to pay some money into the community account and was immediately told she couldn't because it was after 10.30am and, anyway, it was the wrong day.

'Are you kidding? There is nobody here, nobody waiting, you are not doing anything, and the account is at this bank, just not at this branch.'

And you are given that 'look' - that stone cold look, the little smug shake of the head and the dreaded shrug. This is where the

weapon would come out and you want to scream 'Let me pay some money in and nobody will get hurt!' What is it with these rules and regulations? Nobody can give me a valid reason why this crazy rule is in place that you can only pay in on certain days at certain times. It's a bank and its job is to allow you to pay money in and maybe take some out if have any or it hasn't been embargoed by some official department for not paying a bill or fine that you didn't even know existed... but that's another grump for another time. Why does there have to be specific times and days? Just take my money.

Next day we go back and the bank is rammed with a queue nearly out into the street. The same girl behind the counter is totally unable to cope on her own with the amount of people trying to pay their bills and, of course, people trying to do other stuff. The other desk staff are, of course, still looking at their computer screens totally oblivious of the chaos going on around them.

Finally it gets to our turn and she looks up at the clock. It's 10.31am. I look at her, she looks at me, and I give her my 'Don't you dare to try and tell me it's too late' look and she takes the money. Me and Mrs S start whooping and hi-fiving fist pumps, the lot. Yay we just paid in money to the bank!!! Sound familiar?

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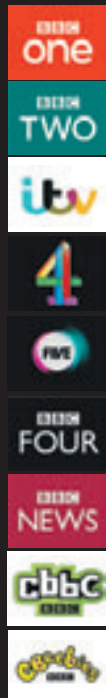
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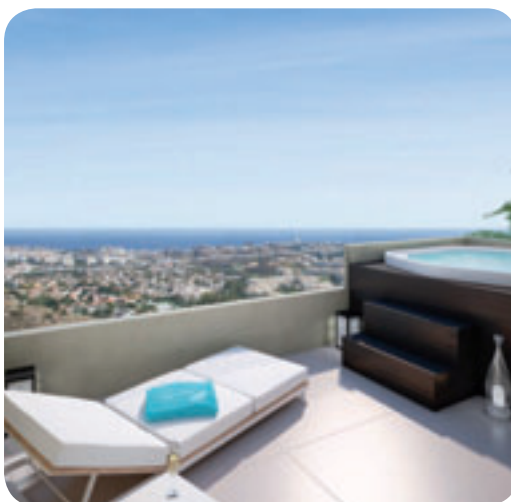
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Serial offence

■ AN 18-year-old Gibraltarian has been sentenced to six months in prison after he was caught breaking into a local restaurant for the third time. Pleading guilty to the offence and to possession of a class C drug he now intends to mend his ways.

Charge dismissed

■ THE young man who was charged with having sex with an underage girl as reported last week was found not guilty by a jury. They unanimously accepted the argument that he had little experience with women and didn't realise her age.

Honours 2018

■ AN open invitation has gone out from the Gibraltar Honours Board for the nomination for the Queen's Birthday Honours List. A range of honours may be bestowed upon Gibraltarians who have contributed to the community, especially local charity.

MTV Gibraltar Calling the Rock rocks

By John Smith

CRAIG DAVID closed the MTV Gibraltar Calling Festival which was the prelude to a week of celebrations leading to the National Day party next Sunday.

The festival was a combination of the old and the new, local and worldwide with amongst others the Village People, Ricky Martin, Kaiser Chiefs and Clean Bandit all of whom gave memorable performances.

Highlights of the weekend are due to be shown on MTV in the near future and will help to promote the Rock around the world.

Local politicians joined in the fun alongside a large audience from Gibraltar and Spain and the event was conducted with plenty of good humour, even though security forces had to be alert to potential terrorist threats.

This was particularly important after the Royal Gibraltar Police were forced to deny widespread rumours that three machetes had been



Photo Credit: HM Government of Gibraltar

A packed crowd in Victoria Stadium.

discovered in Victoria Stadium where the festival was held.

The hearts of many needed to be lifted by the

music after the Gibraltar Football team lost 9-0 to Belgium and then 4-0 to Bosnia and Herzegovina in World Cup qualifying rounds.

Firework display

THE Gibraltar Health Authority is restricting access to St Bernard's Hospital on National Day fearing that spectators watching the fireworks could endanger themselves and emergency patients. West View Park will however open from 7pm to midnight as an alternative viewing site.

400 free seats

ON Friday, the Referendum Memorial Concert will be held in Casemates Square starting at 8pm. The evening will commemorate the Referendum with music, dance and historical cameos featuring local talent. Over 400 free seats will be available without advance reservation until all are filled.

Art of fitness

THE Fitness Gallery is an initiative run by personal trainer Kezia Lopez which places fitness training and appreciation of art in the same surroundings. The event is scheduled to take place at the Gibraltar Exhibition of Modern Art (GEMA), in Line Wall Road, on Saturday October 7 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Smugglers

AFTER being arrested last month, two Spanish men pleaded guilty in court this week to possession of 60,000 cigarettes without holding a valid licence. One however has pleaded not guilty to storing a further 300,000 in a garage locally. The case was adjourned until November.

Naval action

A ROYAL NAVY vessel had to chase off the Guardia Civil boat Rio Belette after it reportedly cut across the path of a US Navy vessel visiting Gibraltar. The visit of the USNS Carson City on a courtesy call may have inspired the incursion.

Classical concert brings excitement

THERE will be a great deal of excitement in Gibraltar on Saturday night as the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at Victoria Stadium.

The generosity of 40 local companies who have each contributed £2,500 for six seats has raised £100,000 to pay for the 84-piece orchestra and their instruments to make the journey to Gibraltar to play in honour of National Day.

To date 3,000 tickets have been sold locally at just £5 and the £15,000 raised from these sales will be donated to the new Calpe House fund being refurbished in London for the use of Gibraltarians with relatives in hospital.

There are still a few £5 tickets available and these can be pur-



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The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in concert.

chased at the John Mackintosh Hall box office each day from 11am -

1pm or via buytickets.gi.

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ets will be available for sale at the door.

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Women's wit

‘If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman.’

Margaret Thatcher, former British Prime Minister

Famous quote

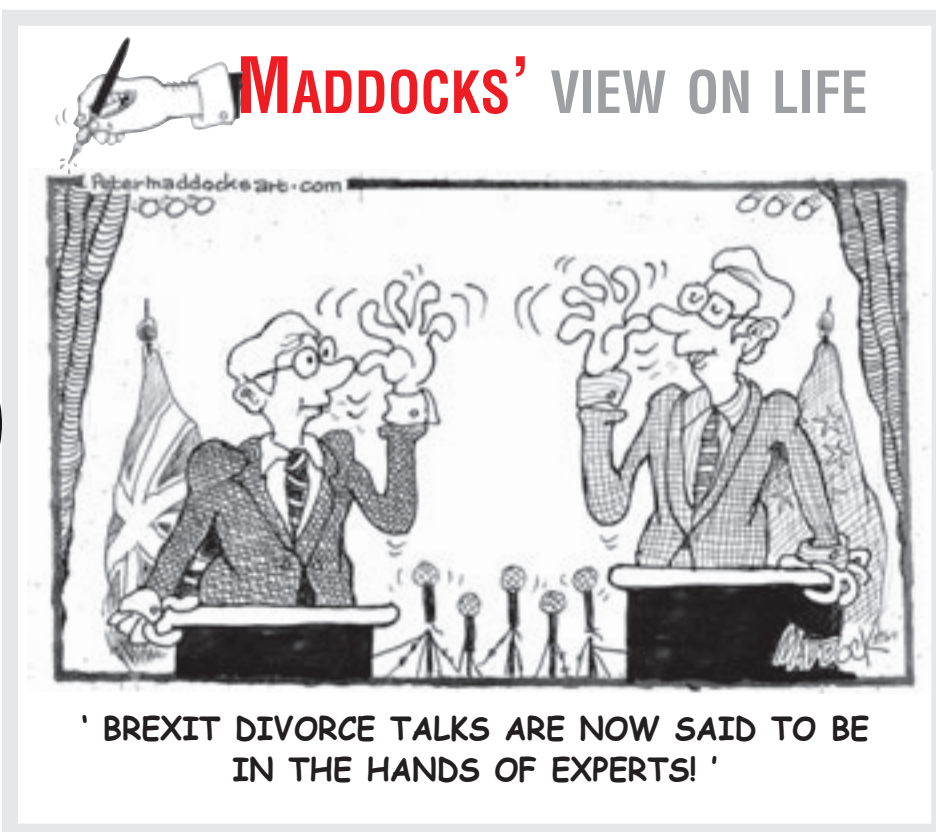
‘Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work.’

Stephen King, Author



World of English

‘If you take a laptop computer for a run, you could jog your memory.’



YOUR STARS

FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

A door fleetingly opens in front of you and you see something desirable. After the door has closed you still see the image. Why do you deny what you need when it is so easily possible for you to attain it? Reach out this week in the right direction and keep moving forward.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

A recently-accepted project seems to be running away with itself - did you volunteer to do something small and find out that it is a big task?

Never mind, because you are quite able to ask for help, and in doing so you could meet someone who will be very important to you. Do I have your interest now?

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

As you know what you want, it should be a simple thing to devise a method of getting it. But you may need a little expert help and lots of determination. Younger people turn out to be most useful in this respect and treat the whole thing as a game.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

You will consider this quite a boring week, no doubt, but that could soon be remedied as you seek out invitations and social events. You are doing no favours, either to yourself or others, if you do not push yourself forward. Others enjoy your company, even though you may be bored with it yourself.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

A surprise visit or phone call this week takes your mind back into the past. Perhaps something that you did not fully understand is now explained. Although, there may be elements that you find upsetting midweek, it is important to realise that some things come your way for a good reason.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

It may be a bit scary doing something different - you are a strong person, but unused to entering into new experiences.

Consider how you would have approached this situation 20 years ago; have you really changed? Are you not the same person? Try to gain a new experience every week.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

It is always difficult for you to stand by and see others make glaring mistakes, especially a family member. However, there are times when it is important that people work things out for themselves. It is only then that a lesson is truly taken on board.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

It may be that you hesitate when offered an opportunity, not necessarily because you think that you are not up to it. The problem may be that you are aware that there are social aspects, and perhaps you feel unable to cope with too much attention at one time. Life busy enough?

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Doing what is 'right' comes easily to you, but this week throws up a strange situation, and this time doing what is 'right' could have the wrong result. I do hope that doesn't sound confusing, because it is not meant to be. To get the outcome that you desire it may be necessary for you to withhold some information.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Non-communication is a worrying thing.

You sent out a message some time ago that remains unanswered, so to save yourself agonies, why not telephone? Perhaps you hesitate because of a rejection in the past.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

It is hard to fit into a situation this week - you thought nothing of putting yourself in a certain position, but now that you are there you see the problem. You are not so much out of place, as feeling rather awkward. Why? This is a new experience for you, and you are unused to new places.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Having put out feelers for something to do in the warm evenings, it now seems that you are spoiled for choice. Go for new experiences first and the tried and tested later.

Spanish rock groups

TOP 5

1. Mago de Oz

Mago de Oz (Wizard of Oz) are a heavy folk metal outfit with nine members. The founding member of the band, Txus, claims they chose the name because 'life is a yellow brick road, on which we walk in the company of others searching for our dreams.' They have released 12 studio albums with a strong Celtic and operatic sound behind them. Their high voltage shows feature fireworks, confetti, colourful backdrops and hilarious stage props.

2. Sober

Alternative rockers, Sober were formed back in 1994 and have released nine studio albums. The Madrilenian outfit went on a hiatus in 2005 whilst members pursued other projects before reforming in 2010. They have played some of the biggest Spanish festivals and venues in their time. Many football enthusiasts will be familiar with Cientos de Preguntas which appeared on the soundtrack to the videogame Fifa 2005.

3. Baron Rojo

Spanish rock royalty, Baron Rojo (Red Baron) achieved international success in the 1980's, capturing the heavy metal sound in its heyday. The band is fronted by brothers Carlos and Armando de Castro. The name of the band is a tribute to Manfred von Richthofen, as is the



MAGO DE OZ: A heavy folk metal outfit with nine members.

song Baron Rojo. The band have 13 studio albums behind them and still tour regularly.

4. Breed 77

The youngest group of this compilation, Gibraltar rock outfit Breed 77 were formed in 1996 and have released seven studio albums. They infuse their heavy metal with a Spanish flamenco sound and create a unique sound, often adding a Spanish line or two to their English songs. Currently in hiatus, they will be emerging only for a one-off show on Gibraltar's National Day celebrations in September. Their biggest hit The

River brought them worldwide success but possibly their most popular song with fans is a cover of the Cranberries' anti-war anthem, Zombie.

5. Obus

Well-respected veterans, Obus (Bomb or Howitzer) have been active since the early 1980's and released 10 studio albums. They gained fame quickly by putting on electrifying live shows and have remained popular whilst refusing to alter their heavy metal style. The band continue to tour, playing a number of large venues and festivals in 2017.

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
					
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BONUS BALL	BONUS BALL	LUCKY STARS	LUCKY STARS	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO
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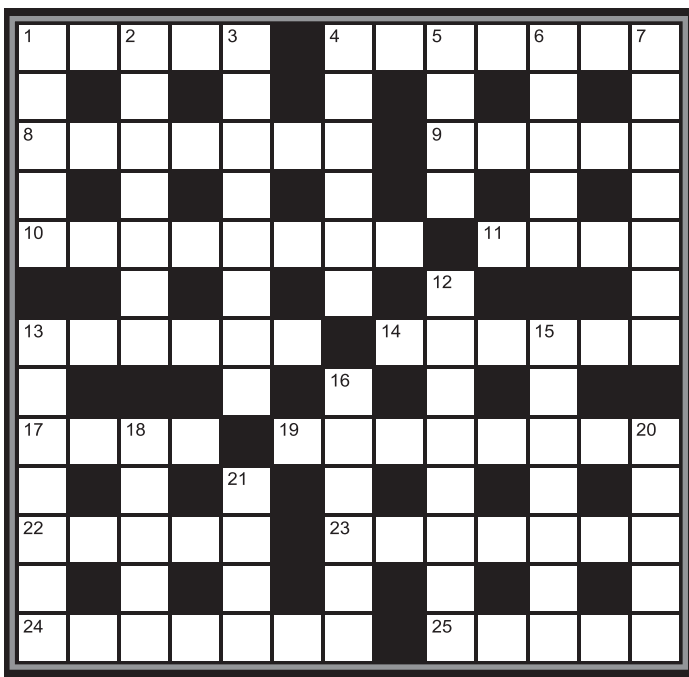
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Praise being late out, about 10 (5)
- 4 Agreeable weather forecast but fear it's wrong (3,4)
- 8 Refuse to leave book in service station (7)
- 9 River in industrial heartland (5)
- 10 Residential areas, surely part of rally (8)
- 11 Not quite prepare to deliver (4)
- 13 Resourceful club opens bar (6)
- 14 Lashes out in scuffle (6)
- 17 Small and frequently gentle (4)
- 19 In the interim, meet main engineer (8)
- 22 Die surrounded by gold? Goodbye (5)
- 23 Allowed to be clever in the end (7)
- 24 Give the right back, some felt it needed it (7)
- 25 Discourage in foreign trade territory (5)

Down

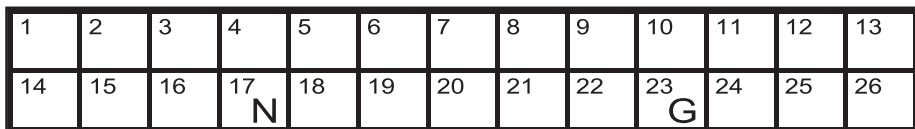
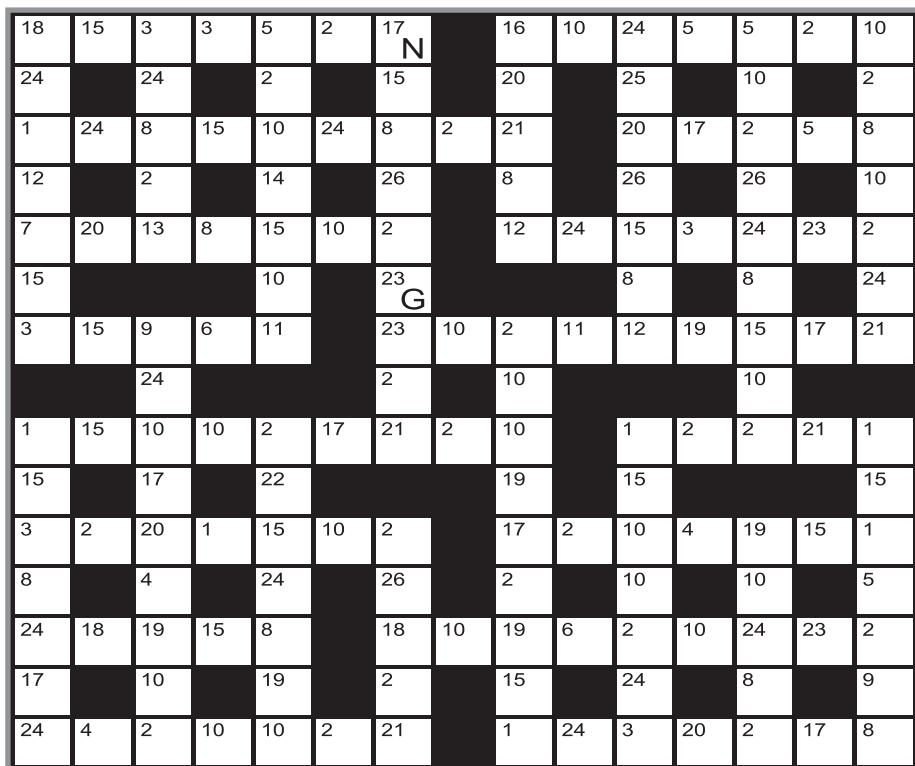
- 1 Man seen in enchanted garden (5)
- 2 Area of ground needs new form of care over time (7)
- 3 Meet star model American truck driver (8)
- 4 The odds against listeners having weapons (6)
- 5 Grind? Put right finally with



- lubrication (4)
- 6 Join the French, become confused! (5)
- 7 Remainder live outside Uruguay (7)
- 12 Obtains help that had been denied (8)
- 13 Fall of scoundrel in lawsuit (7)
- 15 Pan ability by alien (7)
- 16 Points to Rene being calm (6)
- 18 Fashionable to be covered in fat? That's hard to see (5)
- 20 Spanish and German articles for a church official (5)
- 21 Yearn for some blustery weather (4)

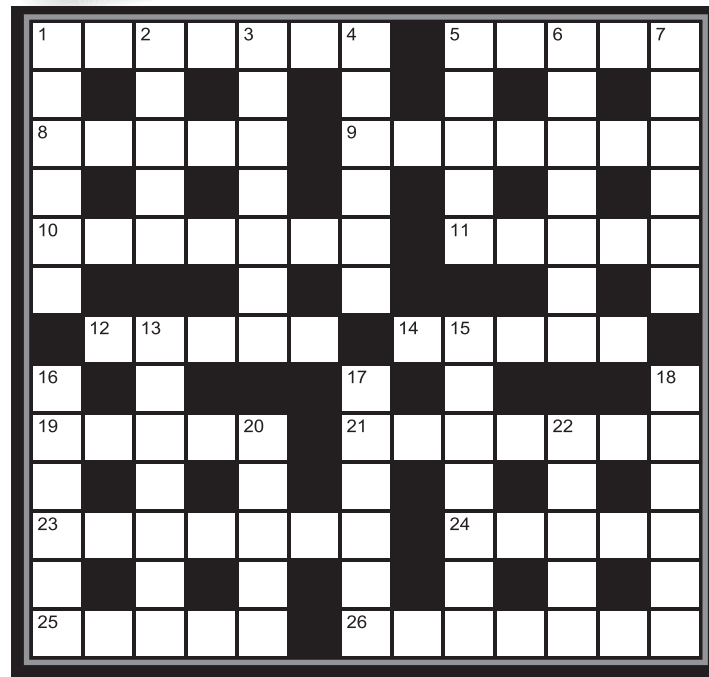
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 17 represents N and 23 represents G, so fill in N every time the figure 17 appears and G every time the figure 23 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

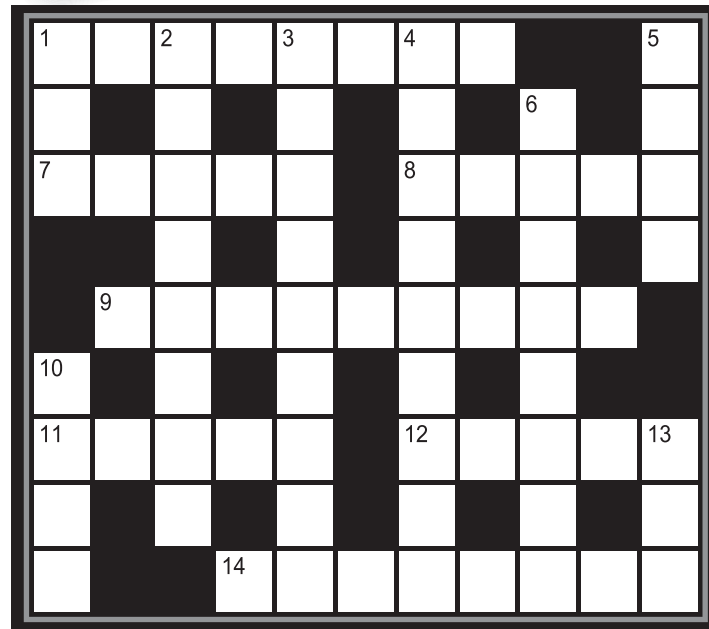
- 1 Alternatives (7)
- 5 Produce or yield flowers (5)
- 8 Not tight (5)
- 9 At ease (7)
- 10 Weds (7)
- 11 Change place or direction (5)
- 12 Strikes repeatedly (5)
- 14 Tender and brittle (5)
- 19 Below (5)
- 21 Rotate (7)
- 23 Violent storm (7)
- 24 Person who strives to equal or excel another (5)
- 25 Country in northeast Africa (5)
- 26 Being of delicate or thin build (7)

Down

- 1 Upright cylinder, used as support or adornment (6)
- 2 Aroma (5)
- 3 Person authorised to dispense medicinal drugs (7)
- 4 Emphasise (6)
- 5 Foundation, or that on which a thing rests (5)
- 6 Beginnings (7)
- 7 Having great strength (8)
- 13 Aged (7)
- 15 Change to the contrary (7)
- 16 Tenuous, slight (6)
- 17 Mistakes (6)
- 18 Basement (6)
- 20 Show a response to something (5)
- 22 Held dear (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Huertos (8)
- 7 Key (typewriter/piano) (5)
- 8 Tiza (para escribir, de billar) (5)
- 9 Purses (for money) (9)
- 11 Cap (hat) (5)

- 12 Novia (en boda) (5)
- 14 Acera (8)

Down

- 1 See 13
- 2 Puppy (8)

- 3 Housewife (3,2,4)
- 4 December (9)
- 5 Chiste (4)
- 6 Manzanilla (8)
- 10 Water (4)
- 13/1 Comer fuera (3,3)

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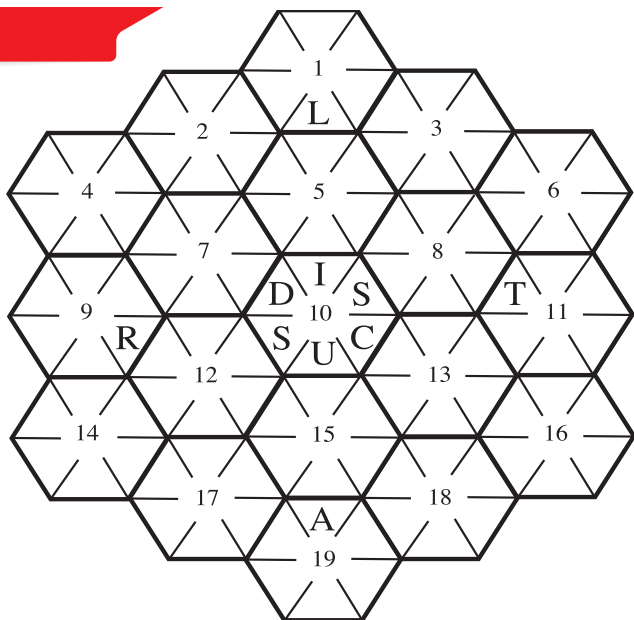
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Hexagram

- AMPERE
- APPALL
- AROUND
- ARREAR
- BEHEST
- BESTOW
- DEEPEN
- DEMEAN
- DISCUS (10)
- EARWIG
- INDEED
- MILIEU
- NETTED
- PESETA
- RESORT
- TEEING
- TESTES
- THENCE
- TINGLE



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

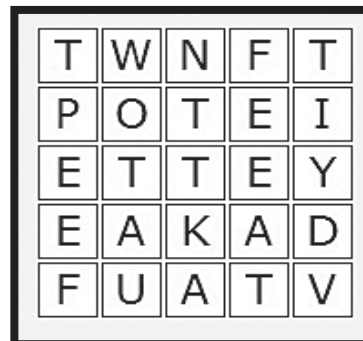
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Tracer 2 Margin 3 Watery 4 Intone
- 5 Teeing 6 Leaden 7 Infest 8 Delete
- 9 Morose 10 Fillet 11 Girdle 12 Beetle
- 13 Cutler 14 Jumble 15 Cutlet 16 Arcing
- 17 Amulet 18 Concur 19 Haunch.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 30
- Good: 38
- Very good: 55
- Excellent: 68

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

held hots elude eludes elute eldest elder equator aster astern duel durst debt debts debtor sett astute beds best bets better bred egos goat goats gotta goes goos goose gore gored gores hotter hotbed hotbeds hoot hoots horn hogs hooted hooter

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



TARGET:

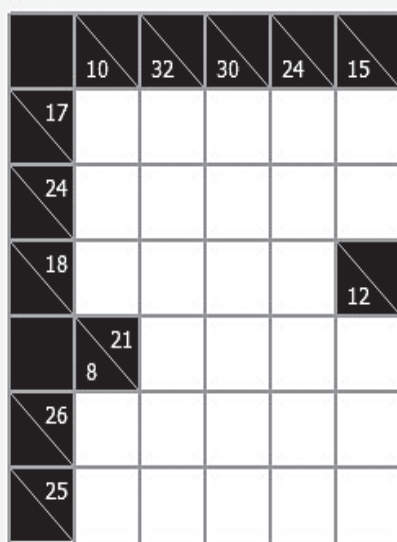
- Average: 21
- Good: 27
- Very good: 39
- Excellent: 48

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

anti atom fiat font foot fort frat frit into iota mart mint moat mont moot mort omit onto raft rant rift riot root rota tarn taro tiro toon tori torn tram trim trio afoot amort faint front intro matin motif motor nitro ratio train aroint forint format martin matron motion ration footman formant monitor oration

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 2 Plugs, 6 Boca, 7 Tree, 8 Nacer, 9 Last, 10 Abad, 11 Apron, 12 Boil, 13 Gate, 14 Llave, 15 Vela, 16 Raro, 17 Sinks.
- Down:** 1 Corazones, 2 Pantallas, 3 Uncertain, 4 Strangers, 5 Delantero.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Cockpit, 5 Solid, 8 Evens, 9 Barrage, 10 Pasteur, 11 Athos, 12 Trance, 14 Usurer, 17 Evade, 19 Adrenal, 22 Lanyard, 23 Boost, 24 Style, 25 Tenants.
- Down:** 1 Cheep, 2 Chelsea, 3 Paste, 4 Tabard, 5 Streaks, 6 Leach, 7 Dresser, 12 Trellis, 13 Cremate, 15 Rangoon, 16 Bardot, 18 Annoy, 20 Robin, 21 Lotus.

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Sells, 4 Stays, 8 Contact, 9 Tease, 10 Easel, 11 Escapes, 12 Starts, 14 Strong, 18 Strange, 20 Waste, 22 Leads, 23 Narrows, 24 Yo-yos, 25 Sheds.
- Down:** 1 Secrets, 2 Lends, 3 Scarlet, 4 Settee, 5 Attic, 6 Shampoo, 7 Seems, 13 Already, 15 Towards, 16 Guesses, 17 Tennis, 18 Split, 19 Nosey, 21 Stove.

App of the week



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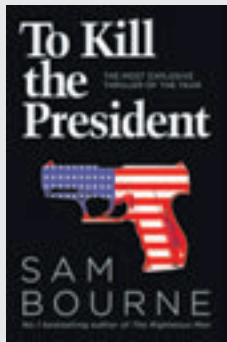


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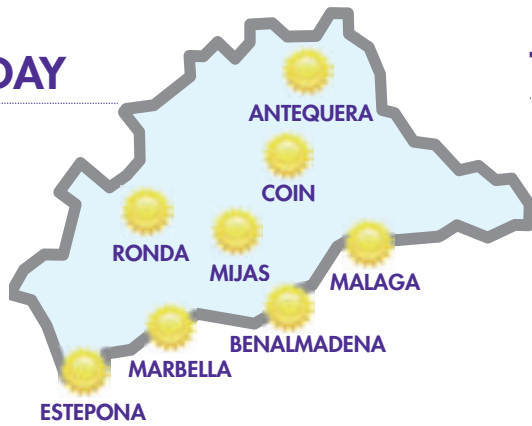
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TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

September 8 - Gylfi Sigurdsson (28) Footballer. Icelandic striker who was part of the team that knocked England out of Europe, Gylfi has won Iceland's Sportsman of the Year award in 2013 and 2016. Having had spells at Spurs and Swansea, he now plays for Everton Football Club.
September 9 - Michael Buble (42) Singer. The multi-Grammy award-winning singer has sold over 50 million records and achieved worldwide fame and become one of Her Majesty the Queen's favourite artists since his 2005

hit album, It's Time.
September 10 - Colin Firth (57) Actor. After gaining prominence in *Pride and Prejudice* and *Shakespeare in Love*, Firth soon became a British favourite, landing many big roles including the lead part in *The King's Speech*.
September 11 - Ludacris (40) Rapper. The Grammy award-winning rapper made it big in 2000 with his album *Back for the First Time*. His recent career has



Dave Mustaine

seen him on the big screen, playing roles in the *Fast and Furious* series of films.
September 12 - Neil Pert (65) Drummer. Neil Pert has been a part of progressive rock outfit Rush since 1974. He learned to play the drums when he was 14-years-old. Standing at 1.93 centimetres tall he is one of the world's tallest drummers.
September 13 - Dave Mustaine (56) Musician. Founder and front man of US thrash metal outfit, Megadeth, Mustaine

was the original lead guitarist in Metallica. After nearly losing the use of his left arm in a motorcycle crash in 2002, Mustaine has gone on to release six studio albums since then and has also become a born-again Christian.
September 14 - Andrew Lincoln (44) Actor. Star of the hit apocalyptic zombie drama series, *The Walking Dead*, Lincoln plays the title character 'Rick.' Prior to that he appeared in *Love Actually* in 2003 and married Gael Anderson in 2006, daughter of Ian Anderson of progressive rock pioneers Jethro Tull.

DVD

A new horror masterpiece

Directed by: Liam Gavin
Starring: Catherine Walker, Steve Oram, Mark Huberman

A NEW horror masterpiece. A grieving mother is desperate to contact her deceased son for one final conversation after he was kidnapped and murdered by teenagers practising dark arts and black magic.



Sophia Howard (Catherine Walker) rents a house in the Welsh countryside and hires occultist, Joseph Solomon (Steve Oram) to help her in her quest. Solomon gives her guidance in order to purify her soul but the lives of the pair are both risked as Sophia hides a deceitful hidden agenda that jeopardises both their lives. Director Liam Gavin's big screen debut cranks up the atmosphere to the highest level and proves a gripping, spine-chilling watch that prevents the viewer from taking their eyes off the screen.

Credit: Comingsoon.net

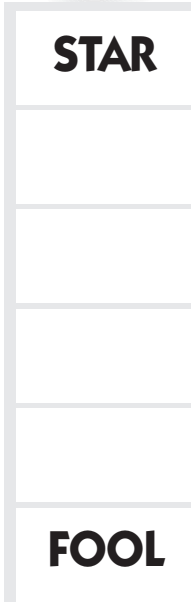
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Word Ladder

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



FOOL
FOUL
SOUL
SOUR
SOAR
STAR
Solution

Trivia PS

Sweat aids mosquitoes in their choice of victim. Human skin produces more than 340 chemical odours, some of which smell like dinner to mosquitoes. Octenol, a chemical released in sweat, greatly attracts them as well as cholesterol, folic acid, certain bacteria, skin lotions and perfume.

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Make an eye test part of your back to school routine

AROUND 30 per cent of school-aged children in Spain suffer from an undiagnosed visual problem that can affect their studies in school.

According to experts in paediatric ophthalmology, problems with the eyes can negatively impact a child's success in school when we consider that much of the information received by the student is perceived through the sense of sight, particularly during their integral development of a child.

Good vision is necessary to allow the child to first see and then correctly process the information allowing them to give it a meaning and understand it.

Many parents do not carry out eye tests on their children, but experts say much of the visual impairment can occur before the age of six, having a considerable impact on their school work and development. Therefore, whilst new clothes, bags and books are often part of the staple 'back to school' purchases, it is recommended to make an eye examination

for your child part of the routine.

You should also look out for any of these signs your child may be struggling with their vision:

Trouble viewing the blackboard or television; getting close to paper when writing or reading; suffering from headaches and having concentration problems; complaining of double or blurred vision of objects and not understanding or forgetting what they have just read or having to read it several times.



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Tuberculosis



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WHAT is tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is an infectious and contagious disease which tends to affect the lungs but can also spread to other areas.

What are its symptoms?

The symptoms can vary but when it affects the lungs a person can cough blood, have a high fever, pains in a person's side and diarrhoea.

How can you treat it?

Tuberculosis can be cured in most cases by going on a course of antibiotics. It is a long treatment process that can take months involving three or four different drugs.

What causes tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis that tends to affect those with

weaker immune systems and sometimes the elderly.

Are there ways of preventing catching the disease?

The disease is spread through the air, so being in an area with someone who has tuberculosis will significantly increase the risk of catching it as the air an infected person expulses spreads the disease. In order to avoid it a person should not expose themselves to that environment.

Is it a common disease in Spain?

For many years tuberculosis was almost eradicated in Spain, only affecting those with immunodeficiency such as HIV sufferers or people undergoing chemotherapy.

However the increase in immigration has caused cases of tuberculosis to appear more frequently.

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

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The Bodyworks Clinic is moving home

New Home for Bodyworks Clinic!

After 13 years Bodyworks has outgrown our wonderful green home in Cancelada and we are moving to new premises in San Pedro de Alcantara!

We will, of course, maintain our current excellent clinical standards and treatments but the new location means we can offer even more!

Audiology Centre of Excellence

Peter Ormrod, our consultant audiologist, has worked with us for some years now, but designing a new location from scratch means that we can integrate the latest technology to become a Phonak Centre of Excellence.

The consultation will still be free but new, integrated equipment in the clinic takes



By Estelle Mitchell

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Struggling mums stay silent

THERE is still a stigma surrounding postpartum or postnatal depression. As new mothers coo and adore their newborn, those who are struggling remain silent as a new study reveals that one in five new mums suffering from depression keep their anxieties to themselves. Of these, around half of women claim to have at least one barrier that makes asking for help 'extremely difficult' or 'impossible,' including inadequate social support.

The study was carried out by the

North Carolina State University and found that many women who would benefit from treatment are not receiving it as they keep quiet about their feelings rather than admitting to suffering from symptoms.

As part of the study, researchers analysed over 200 women who had given birth in the last three years, asking if they had experienced symptoms of postpartum depression and, if so, whether they confided in a healthcare worker.

Meanwhile a separate study has concluded that mothers with postnatal depression are more likely to have difficult children, as sufferers who are insensitive towards their children are more likely to have youngsters with difficult temperaments. The researchers said their findings highlighted the importance of supporting families after the birth of a new child to help both the mother and baby develop close, strong bonds.

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Go for a middle row seat

FAN of priority boarding on a plane? Well you may want to re-think paying that bit extra to get on first if a study by Arizona State University is to be believed.

Their study concluded that priority boarding is bad for your health as it increases the likelihood of spreading diseases. They studied boarding scenarios to see how a disease would spread if one person was infected. With priority boarding the passenger is seated first towards the front of the plane meaning they are likely to come into contact with more people as other passengers go past them to find their seat, increasing their risk of coming into contact with an infected person.

They recommend using a two-zone boarding process, which is used by some companies who still board planes via external stairs directly into the plane. This allows to seat half the plane from the front and half from the back, which would lower passenger contact by around 27 per cent.

But there are things you can do to protect yourself against infection on a plane:



ISLE SEAT: You come into contact with more people passing through the plane.

Avoid the aisle seats. They offer the opportunity to stretch out a little more but you come into contact with more people passing through the aisle.

Disinfect your seat. Whilst planes are cleaned between flights it is unlikely they are cleaned as extensive-

ly as we would like to think so having a small pack of disinfectant wipes in your hand luggage to wipe around the seat and tray will reduce the risk.

Avoid sitting at the back of the plane as this is where the bathrooms tend to be and people congregate

there to wait in line putting you in contact with more germs.

Pop a pill. Try taking a multi-vitamin or vitamin C tablet or sachet for your drink to increase your immune system to help protect it against any possible infections ahead of the flight.

Essential oils for curing a headache

ESSENTIAL oils have been used to treat headaches for centuries, and offer a more effective and natural alternative to the painkillers that doctors traditionally prescribe.

With so many different essential oils on the market, it can be tricky to know which are best for curing a particular problem. For headaches and migraines, the ones to remember are lavender, peppermint, eucalyptus and rosemary.

Peppermint is great for stimulating blood flow so is effective in alleviating a tension headache. Lavender helps to relieve stress and aid sleep, so is useful for headaches stemming from these problems. Eucalyptus is great for sinus headaches while rosemary has anti-inflammatory properties. Just massage the oil into your temples to feel the results.

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Doctor Arques began developing his medical work in the Andalusian Health Service, where he had care and direct duties with advanced level crediting by the Clinical Management Almanzora and the Agency for Health Quality of Andalusia.

Currently he still performs his skills in prestigious academies and holds courses and workshops as well as national and international conferences. Doctor Arques is a member of the American Academy of Aesthetic Medicine. Always updated with the latest novelties in Aesthetic Medicine field.

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How many times per day do you look at yourself in the mirror? And how often do you compliment yourself how beautiful you look? I am convinced that you are not very kind to yourself.

To love yourself is the first step to feeling beautiful.

Accepting yourself is crucial in order to see yourself as beautiful regardless of what are you wearing, how your hair looks and regardless of the amount of make-up you're wearing.

To be beautiful is to love yourself and look after yourself.

Starting with a good diet, exercise, great beauty treatments, and you are already on the right track, doing a lot for yourself, from the inside and on the outside.

Motivate yourself to be in harmony with your

body, do your best to lose that extra weight or remove those wrinkles, but do not obsess with it and do not lose your health just to look pretty. Forget about all the stereotypes and try to be the best version of yourself.

Looking after yourself and doing something for you every day means that you are improving.

Praise your qualities and accept your flaws. Get in action to improve or fix what doesn't make you feel very comfortable about yourself but don't think about it all the time.

Focus on connecting with your virtues. Love yourself more, please yourself more.

Do it for you and for no one else. Don't dress up for your partner or anyone you like... Put that skirt and those high heels on for you, to boost your self-esteem and feel happy.

Love yourself without consideration because the first that should like you - is you! Remember that if you love yourself, everyone else will.

Most importantly: Do more of what makes you happy!

If you have any questions for Doctor Mario Arques, please send them to: info@arquesclinic.com

Ask the optician - Children's Eye Health

Judy Borland, Store Director from Specsavers Opticas Fuengirola

AS everyone is back to school this month, I wanted to focus on the important issue of children's eye health. If visual problems aren't identified early it can affect the child's development, how well they do at school and how they experience the world around them, so it's an important issue.

WHEN should I start taking my child to the opticians?

We believe that children should have their first eye examination at around three years old but if you are concerned, don't wait until then.

The earlier any vision problems are discovered, the better the chance of correcting them.

How can the optometrist examine my toddler's eyes when she can't read?

Opticians can assess which kind of lenses, if any, are needed without your child having to read by:

- Measuring the focusing ability by looking into each eye using an instrument called a retinoscope
- Using shapes, picture books and other materials to help children indicate what they can see and how clearly
- Checking whether the eyes work properly together
- Using special charts for young children who don't know their alphabet
- Checking health of the eyes using an instrument called an ophthalmoscope.

Are there any signs I can look for to suggest there is a problem with my child's eyesight?

There are a few signs which could indicate a vision problem in children including: sitting too close to the TV, rubbing their eyes repeatedly, complaining of headaches, being clumsy or squinting.

What is the relation between eye sight and performing well at school?

Experts believe that many learning disabilities



CHILDREN'S EYES: Important to be tested young.

could be vision related as they may not be able to read the blackboard or text books, so it's vital to iden-

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Jumping for joy



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Show jumping at the school.

FOR those who enjoy riding and show jumping, the Equestrian School of the Costa del Sol in Estepona is hosting a jumping competition on September 16.

Registration is now open and entrance is free for competitors and audience alike with the added bonus that the school's restaurant El Abrevadero will be open so that visitors may enjoy some fine local cuisine.

As well as catering for the established rider, the school is also enrolling

younger members in a riding course which will be conducted by professional instructors at the Pony club, part of the school.

Children of school age are invited to join and not only will they will receive complete training, they will also have the chance to obtain a diploma from the Royal Spanish Equestrian Federation.

The Escuela Arte Equestre Costa del Sol is at Rio Padron Alto S/N Km 159 Cn 340, 29680 Estepona, Malaga.



Photo Credit: Queen of Magic Facebook

Queen of Magic happy to play to large crowds.

Summer ends but the music continues

THERE are to be four free concerts by different bands at Que Bowling, Plaza San Rafael 49, Las Lagunas de Mijas organised by Big M Promotions.

All are on succeeding Fridays at 9pm, starting tomorrow with Queen of Magic, a Malaga-based band formed in 2015 who regularly play along the Cost del Sol presenting their tribute to Queen.

Next Friday September 15 sees Stereo 80, another Malaga-based band who play favourite rock songs of the 80's by such names as Bon Jovi, AC/DC and Pink Floyd and Spanish rock.

September 22 sees the highly regarded and eclectic Magnet Man from Barbados for his Reggae/Ragga music and the Jens Malling Band.

Finally, September 29 welcomes the Mama Paula Ram Jam Band who play some of the great rock and blues numbers from bands such as Eric Clapton, the late Rory Gallagher, Mark Knopfler and many more.

This is a great opportunity for four good musical evenings in a large venue with the bonus of also being able to enjoy some 10-pin bowling.

New menu at La Sala

VERY much aware of the growth of interest in healthy food, La Sala Puerto Banus has now introduced a Green Menu suitable for Vegans and Vegetarians.

There are 12 reasonably priced new dishes on the menu including a Vegan Tortilla made with organic vegetables and a Vegan Burger created from chick-peas and beans.

With plenty of dips, salads and curries there are also two delicious desserts in a menu that takes its inspiration from the Middle and Far East as well as Europe.

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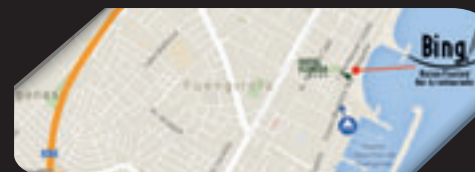


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The old and the new meet up

THE pretty white Mijas Pueblo has been enjoying its fair with a mix of tradition and new innovations including inflatable bulls.

The fairground was lit up on Wednesday and will be full of happy children and their parents until the finale on Sunday and each day sees live music, children's entertainments and a bouncy castle.

El Arrebato the rumba/pop artist who has just returned to touring after releasing his 10th album will be playing free of charge at the council marquee at midnight on Thursday and there will be the usual special lunch for the elderly earlier in the day.

Having had a great success with the concept in fairs in Las Lagunas and La Cala, it has been decided to introduce a free photo booth so that visitors to the Thursday night fair and Friday day fair can

enter to take a souvenir of their visit.

Saturday sees a brand new event at 7pm when there will be a bullfight, but this time with inflatable bulls which should please everyone from children to animal rights activists alike. This will be followed by another free concert, this time Danza Invisible who will appear at 11.30pm.

Then on Sunday, there will be the traditional award for

Iguana Tango ready to perform for Mijas Pueblo.

the best costume, free chocolate and churros after 6.30pm, a balloon release on which people can write messages and then at 11pm a performance by legendary Spanish rock band Iguana Tango which is also free of charge at the council marquee.

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A scene from the Symphonic Pink Floyd show.

Symphonic Pink Floyd

MOON WORLD RECORDS has created a network of professional artists who perform classic rock with symphony backing throughout Spain.

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One World Symphonic Orchestra, they had huge success with both Symphonic Rhapsody Queen and History of Rock.

Now they are touring Spain with what they refer to as a thrilling and sometimes surprising show, the Symphonic Pink Floyd which in its three hours not only covers some of the most popular music by the band, but also incorporates a spectacular

light show and stage effects.

The show will arrive at the Teatro de Cervantes in Malaga, starting at 8.30pm on Wednesday October 18 with tickets costing from €15 to €45 from the theatre box office. This is yet another great band which will never be able to perform in its entirety again, so an evening of Floyd music will appeal to their many fans.

Musical evening

MASTER of Rumba/Flamenco/Pop, singer Demarco Flamenco will perform on Friday September 15 in the Plaza de Toros in San Roque.

Originally a young man from Andalucia with a dream of performing his songs to a wider audience, he uploaded videos to YouTube and suddenly found that he had a new career with millions of views and huge success on Spotify.

His album Uno has gone gold and the single La Isla de Amor (Island of Love) recorded with Maki is one of

this year's most played songs in Spain.

He will be supported by Triana de Alba, who was a finalist in La Voz Kids contest in 2014, when she was only 13 and now aged just 16, this young girl from Camas (Sevilla) has released her first single, La felicidad.

Considering his success, tickets for the concert which starts at 9pm on Friday week are reasonably priced at €12 in advance or €15 at the box office on the day of the performance.

International Film Fest

THE sixth Fuengirola International Film Festival which opens on Friday will last until Saturday September 16 with films being shown every night.

The official opening ceremony will take place on the roof of the town hall and will be followed by an out of competition showing of Huidas by Mercedes Gaspar at Cines Afil at 9.30pm.

Each day will see workshops on film and a different presentation every night with the chance to meet stars and directors of the various movies following their screening. The last day will see the closing event which will include the announcement of the winning film as well as a presentation of commemorative plaques to the directors.

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20:45 Hamilton v Celtic

20:45 Sale Sharks v Newcastle Falcons

20:45 Derby C v Hull City

21:00 Hull FC v Wigan Warriors

Saturday, 9th September 2017

09:35 New Zealand v Argentina

12:00 Australia v South Africa

13:00 Real Madrid v Levante

13:30 Man City v Liverpool

Live Music @9.30pm

14:00 Kerry U21 v Wicklow U21

16:00 Kilkenny U21 v Limerick U21

16:00 Arsenal v Bournemouth

16:00 Brighton & HA v WBA

16:00 Everton v Spurs

16:00 Leicester City v Chelsea

16:00 Southampton v Watford

16:15 Valencia v Atletico Madrid

16:15 Hull Kingston v Widnes Warriors

18:05 Treviso v Ulster

18:15 Munster v Cheetahs

18:30 Stoke v Manchester Utd

Showing Champions League Games

18:30 Sheffield W v Notts Forest

20:35 Connacht v Southern Kings

20:45 Barcelona v Espanyol

Sunday, 10th September 2017

14:30 Burnley v Crystal Palace

16:00 Worcester Warriors v Wasps

17:00 Swansea v Newcastle

17:00 Cork Ladies v Kilkenny Ladies

Monday, 11th September 2017

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Michael's Legacy has been performed before thousands of fans.

Michael's Legacy visits Malaga

ENDORSED by the Spanish Michael Jackson Fan Club, the Jackson Dance Club from Valencia are bringing their tribute to the King of Pop to Malaga.

Suitable for all ages, this all singing, all dancing show with nine dancers, a number of back

singers and a Michael look and sound alike recreate his tours via a number of his most popular routines.

This is a tribute that has been performed across Spain and Europe and will see performances at the Teatro

Alameda Málaga, Calle Córdoba 9, Málaga, 29001 from Thursday September 28 to Sunday October 1 with tickets costing between €25 and €28 which are available online from the theatre website www.teatroalameda.com.

The 80's Reunion

A VERY special offshoot of the first 1980's themed shows will be visiting the Costa del Sol for a limited number of shows.

The theatre show features world class professional musicians, dancers and vocal impersonators from the UK's Premier Multi Tribute Show, 80's Mania which is now on its ninth European Theatre Tour.

Over 20 smash hits from Duran Duran, Kim Wilde, Culture Club, The Human League, Status Quo, Eurythmics, Madonna, Tiffany and more are featured.

Two of the principal performers join together as a duo to present the 80's Reunion show and they will be entertaining audiences at Olivia's, La Cala de Mijas on Friday September 22 and The Beach House Marbella on the following day.

These are bound to be very popular shows - especially as guests are encouraged to dress in their most outstanding 80's retro fashion - so put on the glitter, dig out those clothes you would sooner forget and make a reservation at either of these venues.

The first visit of Zak Black

SINGER, comedian and all-round entertainer Zak Black is making his first appearances at La Sala in Gibraltar and Puerto Banus at La Sala.

The UK-based host of the Verve Couture variety show and presenter of various pride events around Europe will be in Gibraltar for a perfor-

mance next Saturday evening and will travel to Banus to appear on the evening of Wednesday September 20 with admission costing €10.

Considering his wide gay following, it might be sensible to make a reservation for these appearances at www.salagroupholdings.com.

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Miss and Mr Tattoo

A couple both sporting tattoos.

AMONGST the many competitions taking place during the fourth Malaga Tattoo Convention will be one to choose Miss and Mister Tattoo 2017.

The whole tattoo event will be held at the Malaga Trade Fair and Congress Centre for three days from Friday and promises to pit tattoo artists from all over Europe and the South Pacific, home of the traditional tribal tattoo against each other

As well as the competitions, there will be an opportunity to view some of the latest designs, purchase unusual décor, restock your wardrobe, listen to some interesting music and generally immerse yourself in all things involved in decorative ink.

To find out more about the show visit www.spaintattooexpo.com.



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A festival of the mind in Marbella

FREE your mind and the rest will follow are the words of soul group En Vogue and now the Open Mind Festival is coming to Marbella.

The festival takes place from September 13 to 17 at the Albergue Juvenil Fuerte de Nagueles with a huge number of invited speakers including spiritual masters, specialists in healing and a

range of life coaches.

With room for just 800 visitors each day, the organisers describe this as an International Charity Festival of Harmonious Life and Family Values.

There will be special events for children, stalls selling a range of organic food, crystals and other spiritual goods, eco products and general souvenirs.

There are three charity events including a Holi Disco and there are discounts on the €35 per day entrance price for early booking.

One of the charities being supported by the Open Mind Festival is the very worthy Triple A animal charity which is currently desperate for funds in order to keep the hundreds of animals it looks after alive.



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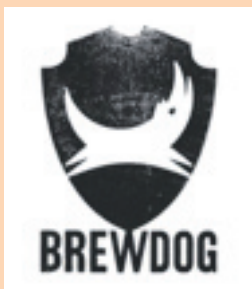
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*Shredded Lamb Ragout served on Thyme Infused Potato Puree with Parmesan Cheese and Truffle Oil

*Irn Bru & Black Pepper Tempura Prawns with Mango and Red Pepper Mayo

*Pan Seared Scallops with Wasabi Infused Avocado Puree, Salad of Sea Algae with Sesame Seeds and Candied Ginger

*Ceviche. Marinated Hake mixed with Tropical Fruits, Red Onion and Coriander, served on Romana Lettuce. Dressed with Maracuya and Grapefruit Jus

*Gin and Ginger Cured Tuna with Seaweed Salad, dressed with Dill Oil and Asian Salad Dressing

*Wild Boar Pate with Spicy Fruit Marmalade, served with Watercress, Rucola & Camembert Mousse

*Fresh Summer Salad with Honey and Citrus Dressing, served with a choice of King Prawns or Duck Medallions

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*250g of Prime Beef Fillet cooked to perfection with Puree of Vegetables and Artichoke Hearts baked with Parmesan Cheese. Walnut and Crispy Leek Garnish.

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*Venison Loin with Berry Jus, served with Rosemary Potato Cakes, Wine poached pears and Wilted Spinach

*Smoked and Cured Salmon Salad with Rucola, Melon and Cherry Tomato, served with Blue Cheese Crostini.

*Marinated Grilled Chicken Supreme with Cured Ham, Cheese, Rucola and Mushroom Stuffing, served with Rosti Potato, Caramelized Carrots and Asparagus.

*Slow Cooked Smoked Ribs with Bourbon Barbecue Sauce, served with Mayan Gold Chips and Fennel & Apple Slaw.

*Succulent Cod Fillet, cooked in the Oven with Garlic Oil, served with Mediterranean Vegetables and Leek & Potato Puree, Miso Soup.

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*Deep Fried Camembert with Dandelion and Burdock Red Onion Jam

*Spicy Vegetable Pakoras with Mango Chutney and Tofu, Pea and Mint Dip

*Chicken Liver, Cointreau and Pistachio Pâté with Mixed Salad

*Bloody Mary Prawn Cocktail with Apple

Mains

*Roast Sirloin of Beef

*Lemon and Thyme Roasted Chicken

*Honey and Mustard Glazed Gammon

*Slow Braised New Zealand Lamb Shank Above dishes served with all the trimmings

*Oven Baked Sea Bass with Fennel Cream, Asparagus and Sweet Potato

*Giant Ravioli with Aubergine, Chickpeas, Garlic and Courgette

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Desserts

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Three days of music

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THERE will be three days of very different but totally Spanish music presented at the Marbella Bull Ring from Friday September 15.

Friday sees Rockaneando, a unique opportunity to enjoy the rock spirit of the area with Danza Invisible from Malaga, featuring the voice of Javier Ojeda; the rockabilly band from Barcelona Los Rebeles; Rock and Roll from Los Troglodigas and Marbella Rock group Pantano.

This mini festival starts at 8pm and tickets cost from €20.50 through the usual booking agencies.

Saturday sees the appearance of Farruquito & Familia with female artist Melody. Known as the Fla-

menco Duende - the word translates as Elf but in the Flamenco world refers to someone with 'a mysterious and ineffable charm' - the evening will consist of some typical flamenco music from the Farruquito collective as well as the young, but well established Melody supported by Lorenzo Molina.

Doors open at 8.30pm with the three hour concert starting at 9pm and tickets cost from €22.50.

The last presentation on the Sunday sees Raphael, the 74-year-old singing star stop off from his Spanish tour to promote his new album *Loco por Cantar* (Crazy to Sing) as well as perform a number of his favourites from his huge number of albums.

Tickets for this show which starts at 9pm cost from €38.50.

Raphael will appear at the Marbella Bull Ring.

Geeks and Keegs

LONG lines of local residents and visitors arrived at the Congress Palace in La Linea to attend the sixth Comic and Manga exhibition.

In the first 30 minutes, 90 people had been admitted, many purchasing three day passes as there was so much to see and do.

It wasn't just children who turned up to take part in role playing games, video games, karaoke, cosplay to attend workshops or simply go shopping.

This was an exhibition for young and old, geek and keeg (the proper antonym for geek) which was enjoyed by all who now look forward to visiting again next year.

Some of the children dressed to kill.



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THOSE that appear at virtually every fish counter in our supermarkets. Now, I am sure that I do what most people try and do.

If I have a lot of shopping to do I make a bee line to the fish counter and get my ticket. Then calculating how many staff are serving, how many numbers in front of mine and the day of the week (yes - Fridays is bulk buying day so each person takes a lot longer!) I work out a rough idea how long it will take.

If it's not very long I shop around that area keeping an eye on the counter or wait to hear my number being called.

The best laid plans of mice and men... means it doesn't always work, but normally I am there at the right moment. This highly sophisticated scientific approach back fired on me at a recent trip to El Campo in La Cañada, Marbella.

As always the place was extremely busy - especially



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One Ajman fish worker can fillet a fish in less than a minute!

the fish counter. I picked up my ticket - 70 - 20 in front of me. They were not going to move however so maybe these staff were going to be super-quick.

So I thought about 20 minutes, so I would do a bit of the other shopping. Fifteen minutes passed and I returned. Ten to go. I'll do a bit more.

Returning some 10 minutes later the counter was at 65 so I decided that I had better wait as the crowd had more than doubled in size and if I missed my turn I would be there all day. It seemed ages until it went to 66. Then a member of the staff decided it was time for a break. Another one became locked into a client

who had a shipping order for a cruise liner!!!!

This was now being painful! I had been waiting 20 minutes and we were still at 68. This was when I decided I was probably going to expire before I managed to acknowledge that I had the 'winning' ticket. Then bingo - three score and 10/blind seven.

'Gracias' I yelled as my tether was reaching it's end! But alas no one responded, despite my gesticulations!

Someone must have hit the button by mistake. Eventually - 71! - 'perdona' I said flashing my precious ticket! Full House I got served! My purchase took less than three minutes. Oh well!

WHEN I was in Ajman some years ago - not so fashionable as its neighbour Dubai - but it is not a dry state!! - we went to the local fish market. It made El Campo look empty, fantastic fish, some unknown even to me and the biggest Carabiñeros (deep sea 'shrimp') I have seen.

The system there is quite remarkable.

You buy your fish and one of the what seems like hundreds of 'filleters' are waiting to do their work on your purchase. There is a huge area where these guys are busy practising their skills. I reckon that they can do 10 kilo of fish in the same time that my lady at El Campo can fillet a hake!

Dish washing split and thanks

TO all the readers that contacted me about dish washing machines, the pros and cons. From the straw poll that I did it would appear that we are split 50 - 50 as to their usefulness, with men more likely to avoid them and women to love them. But one thing we all seem to agree on is the leaf blowers. They should be removed from society just like any other useless, noisy, litter lout!!

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

“ I don't like the word 'alcoholic' I like to think of myself as an advanced drinker.
Chelsea Handler

Come all without, come all within

You'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn

(Manfred Mann/Bob Dylan)

IT was announced last month that former Ritz Hotel head chef and Ark Foundation founder Michael Quinn had died aged 71 after a long battle with ill health.

'The Mighty' Quinn came to prominence in 1980 when, having already achieved a Michelin star as head chef at Gravetye Manor in Sussex, he was named the first British head chef to hold the top job at the Ritz hotel.

He was credited with turning the London landmark into one of the city's top dining destinations through innovative cuisine that was much copied.

It was an achievement that helped to win him an MBE, along with celebrity status, countless television and radio appearances, and invitations to cook for royalty and stars all over the world.

But his remarkable success made Quinn's fall even more dramatic. No one, not least Quinn, would have dreamt that by 1990 he would be a homeless drunk, sleeping in doorways, parks and Salvation Army hostels.

He had lost contact with most of his family and friends, and at the age of 48 the chef who once had everything was being given the last rites by a priest as he lay dying in hospital with liver failure. Alcoholism had stripped him of fame, fortune, family and almost his life.

In 1990 he was told that he would lose

everything if he didn't stop drinking - and most of it came true. Alcohol took him from the pinnacle of the catering world into treatment centres, hospitals and then back into the pub. If he had gotten well

when he had the chance, his sons would have known him as a top chef at the Ritz. But now they can't.

However in that year Michael took the first steps to sobriety and realised that there was little help for those suffering from alcohol related problems in hospitality, so he set up the Ark Foundation.

The organisation was established to educate the hospitality industry through awareness seminars on alcohol and drug abuse

He spent the rest of his life not as the amazingly talented Chef that he was, but as an ambassador and lecturer for the Ark Foundation. Regrettably, especially among chefs, alcohol and drugs in our industry is a major problem - a lot to do with the stress and long inhospitable hours - and there was never any help or advice.

The foundation did a great deal to help many hundreds of young people. Michael was lucky I suppose to have made it to 71 given the beating that his body endured in the early years.

(Some content courtesy of the Caterer and Hotelkeeper)



The demise of the Mighty Quinn.

1.77 times more chefs die from alcoholism than the average.

352 the number of deaths linked to alcoholism in a survey.

13,470 the number of white male deaths studied in that survey.



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Thursday September 7

■ Age Concern meet every Thursday from 11.00-13.00 at the Pensionista building in Los Boliches. They are located above the indoor market and just around the corner from Los Boliches station. They offer advice, support, help and friendship. Pop in and meet old friends and make new ones. Full social calendar throughout the year. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Age Concern meet every Thursday from 11.00-13.00 at the Oasis bar in Mijas Pueblo. They are located at the entrance to the village on the right hand side. They offer advice, support, help and friendship. Pop in and meet old friends and make new ones. Full social calendar throughout the year. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Do you have issues around food? Let Overeaters Anonymous help. English speaking meetings held every Thursday 6pm, Diana Park, Estepona Call Janet 669 445 754.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Las Lagunas. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ Los Jueves al Casco: Every week from 8am-12 noon enjoy special discounts, live music, free tastings and more in Marbella Old Town.

■ Rio Verde Villa Romana Ruins: free guided tour from 11am to 1pm. Calle del Mar, Marbella.

■ Rotary Club: meets every week at 2pm during lunch at Cortijo de Ramiro, Calle 11, Urb Guadalmina Baja, San Pedro de Alcantara. Please contact lizzie@marriageweddingservices.com to book a place.

■ San Pedro street market: Every week from 9am-2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.

■ Sundown Sounds: Every week from 9pm live music at the square in front of the Municipal Office in La Cala de Mijas.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.acestepona.org.

Friday September 8

■ Age Concern meet every Friday from 11.30-13.00 at El Caballo de Oro in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is plenty of free parking. They offer advice, support, help and friendship. Pop in and meet old friends and make new ones. Full social calendar throughout the year. Just follow the sound of laughter. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

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DO NOT MISS...

La Romeria - Alhaurin el Grande

MAKE sure you check out the Pilgrimage of Alhaurin el Grande this Sunday September 10. The festivities, in honour of the Cristo de las Agonias, will feature pilgrims, floats and horsemen in a spectacular parade - which is all set to take place in the village's 'La Mota' enclosure.

The event will start at 9am in the Plaza Baja, with mass at 9.45am, after which the procession will move to La Mota where the rites of the pilgrimage will be performed. Visitors will also be treated to an equestrian exhibition, dance performances and live music.

At 2.30pm, all the guests are invited to feast on paella before the parade takes the Cristo de las Agonias back to the temple at 7pm.

Be sure to visit www.alhaurinelgrande.es for more information on the event.



For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcantara: From 11am-1pm, free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula. Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcantara.

■ Royal British Legion: Benerafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263.7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.acestepona.org.

Saturday September 9

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadalhorce - Las Chapas.

■ Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucia.

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Sunday September 10

■ Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road. University of the Third Age: Every week coffee

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Monday September 11

■ Royal Air Forces Association introduces a Coffee Morning social: every first Monday of the month. 12pm Restaurante Venta los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande.

■ Royal Air Forces Association also pleased to invite you to afternoon social third Monday of the month at 2pm. Bar El Jardin, Avenida Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena. Everyone welcome - members or otherwise. Quiz with prize and raffle with all proceeds going to the association to help with welfare work.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at La Iglesia Bar in Benalmadena. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ RAF Association Costa del Sol: social meeting, first Monday of the month, at 12pm in Restaurante Los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande. For more information contact secretary@rafacostadelsol.co.uk

■ Royal British Legion: Benalmadena branch meets every Monday 11am at The Lounge Bar, Avenida Bonanza in Benalmadena offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

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Tuesday September 12

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee

morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments, Arroyo de Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anthia on 634 157 042.

■ Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 09.30 until 11.30 for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.

■ Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches 12-1.30pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.

■ University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 2-5pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact 952 467 156.

■ The Good Vibrations: singing sessions every week from 7.30pm at Huber Plateforme de Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. Cost €10 per session or €8 per session for a block of six sessions. For more information find Your Voice Vocal Studio on Facebook.

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Wednesday September 13

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ Malaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.

■ Parent and baby coffee mornings: every week from 11am-1pm at Mundo Mania, Cancelada. Entry €5 and includes coffee and two hours of play in the baby and toddler play frame.

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By Dick Handscombe, now enjoying his 30th summer gardening and residing in his once rural hideaway

DICK HANDSCOMBE

DURING August the population of our now expanded and internationalised rural hamlet and urbanisation has more than doubled and a dry September might well follow the hot

drought driven June to August summer to date. As the temperatures and multinational populations rose one could hear the multilingual mutterings about the inadequacies of summer gardens.

'We live in what was a green rural active agricultural valley, but now it's like a suburban urbanisation.'

'Oh isn't it hot after the air

conditioning. I've been indoors for three days without going out.'

'We don't sit out much in the summer it's boring. There is not much to see except the pool and its large terrace and the wooden decking is so hot to walk on. But some autumn colour should open up as temperatures fall.'

Fortunately any urban looking pool can be converted into a natural pool surrounded by oxygenating bog plants and some exotic flowers. An interesting book 'Converting your conventional pool' can be obtained via www.ecodesignscape.co.uk.

'Oh I wish we hadn't cut down those trees and replaced them with Australian sails - the shade is not as natural or as deep as it used to be swinging in the hammock strung between



BBQ ALTERNATIVE: A solar oven.

two thick branches of the carob tree.'

'I spend all my time watering the plants but the garden is not as colourful as it was in northern Europe. Perhaps we should have used the TerraCottem soil improvement product, produced in Belgium and now used by gardeners and agricul-

turalists in some 40 countries, when preparing a productive water retaining soil where flower, shrub beds and vegetable raised beds were intended and when making new plantings in later years.' Interestingly a new five kg box has just arrived from TerraVida the Spanish distributor.

I had to stop typing for a few minutes to take delivery and will shortly use a tablespoon to pot up some lemon flavoured basil plants for neighbours to give a new touch to their tomato salads or cooked dishes.

'Oh! I can't stand another barbecued dinner.' But there is no need for summer boredom. During September I plan to make use of the solar cooker, the Mexican terracotta cooker, an assortment of Moroccan terracotta tagines, the paella kitchen and cold salad dishes.

'Raking or sucking up fallen leaves and pine needles is an endless task. Must cut some more trees down this winter.' But there is a practical answer, design a natural low maintenance wood-land garden. Luckily they survive and are interesting and relaxing to visit.

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One of the most commonly found species in Spain are 'paper wasps.'

Often seen as a terrace, patio and poolside plague, these critters often make their homes in close proximity to people and their nests and colonies are generally small.

Paper wasps are brown in colour with yellow stripes and are at their most active between July and August. They will visit pools and areas where outdoor dining takes place in search of food and water.

Environmental experts advise that humans and paper wasps can live in coexistence and not to remove nests until they become a problem.

It is important not to anger them, if they appear in large numbers the best option is to exit that area as batting them away will only cause problems.

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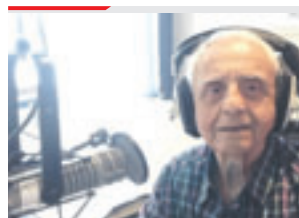
The secret life of cats

A STUDY recently published in science journal PLOS One has given an insight into the temperament of cats. The results reveal our feline friends have five personality traits - Neuroticism, Dominance, Impulsiveness, Agreeableness, and Extraversion. Determining how high a cat scores on each account could help owners to better under-

stand and improve their cat's environment.

A cat who scores high on Extraversion, for example, would benefit from extra playtime and new toys on a regular basis, whereas a cat who scores high on Neuroticism will be more shy and might benefit from having more quiet spots of his own.

Not all shelters are equal



David The Dogman

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ADOPT A DOG: Be sure to shop around.

DEAR David,

It seems to me you are the perfect person to address this issue if you have not already.

We Brits tend to be natural animal lovers, dogs in particular. But do some animal rescue organisations take advantage of this?

There is a huge inconsistency within the animal rescue community in my opinion. Some will ask for a donation of whatever you can afford and you will get a dog that is neutered, inoculated with all legal papers in place, including a full pet passport and microchip.

Others can place you in a position where you have to pay for a considerable part of this and stipulate what you are expected to pay as a donation to the charity.

I recently heard of the situation of some friends in La Marina on the Costa Blanca whereby they fostered a dog to help a charity out in an emergency and paid all the costs for feeding it.

They subsequently became very attached to it and decided to adopt. It was only then that they found themselves having to pay for injections, all documentation, a chip registration change and neutering at a considerable financial cost.

What do you think about this?

For my part, if someone decides to adopt a dog they should be sure to shop around and learn exactly what is involved as there appears to be no obvious guidelines that ensure a standard and consistent approach in governing these charities, meaning they could end up paying more than expected.

Joan Terry, Alicante

Hello Joan,

I am of course more than aware of situations in which some wonderful people devote their time and often their own money to save animals' lives.

They have to pay rent and certainly various types of food, cleaning materials and

of course veterinary assistance.

Animal shelters need money, when we all enjoy holiday and festive fare at Christmas the dogs and cats still need to be fed and cleaned.

For example, Triple A here on the Costa del Sol urgently needs new members to sign up and pay €5 per month and unless they receive help they may have to close, what will they do with the 500 dogs at the shelter?

Support your local rescue shelter once you have checked on their standards.

David

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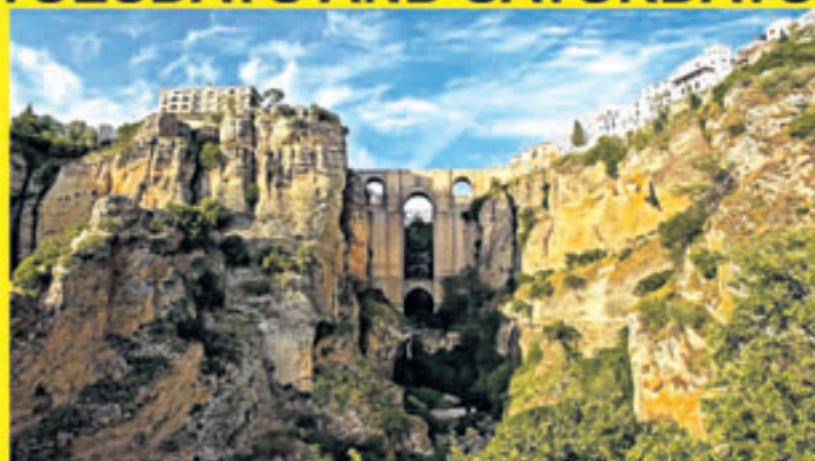
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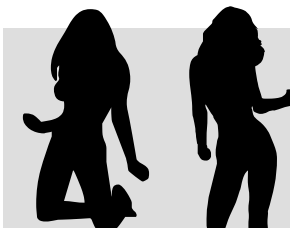
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

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Aston turning Japanese

by Matthew Elliott

ASTON MARTIN will invest heavily in Japan, the world's second largest luxury car market. Chief executive Andy Palmer is just back from a Tokyo trade mission accompanying British Prime Minister Theresa May.

The Warwickshire-based car firm snagged a £500 (€540) million trade deal that includes a luxury tech engineering office and brand centre in Tokyo.

Almost €100 million worth of Japan-

ese car components will be shipped to the UK from Mitsubishi, Yazaki and other local firms. Upwards of €400 million of Aston Martin's British built cars and engines will be exported to the far-east from 2019 onwards.

The Prime Minister celebrated the deal as a post-Brexit coup for Britain and called Aston Martin "a prime example of the innovative and world leading firms the UK is proud of."

Meanwhile Mr Palmer posted a picture of himself outside the British Em-

bassy in Tokyo alongside an Aston Martin DB6 once owned by Sir Paul McCartney and a DB11 set to be delivered to a client.

Aston's Tokyo dealership will be its biggest in the world by sales and one of the top five international outlets in Japan.

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Mini's latest gear shift

IN just a few weeks, Mini's new Electric Concept will make its debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show. The hotly-anticipated British-built model is slated for production in 2019 and the iconic motor's biggest transformation since the new look BMW Mini in 2001.

BMW chairman Harald Kruger states the obvious when he said "Mini and electrification make a perfect match." He has also promised a mass market for the new arrival. It will not be a rich urbanite's plaything but a popular addition to the streets of Europe.

Stylistically it resembles a Mini Hatch but with major adaptations. An obligatory E symbol reminds people that it is indeed Electric, while a Matte silver finish provides a sleek, minimalist look.

The grille is closed to improve aerodynamics in the absence of an engine. LED headlights and fibreglass technology replacing exhaust pipes and other unnecessary add-ons add to the streamlined feel.

It has been described as a "quintessential Mini that conveys a whole new take on the concept of sportiness" by senior design executive Adrian van Hooydonk, and as boasting "a characteristic Go-Kart feeling" by board member Peter Schwarzenbauer.

Diamonds are forever

BENTLEY is going for the James Bond look with its swanky new Continental GT. The third generation of the classic two-door, four-seater, beloved by Bentley buffs manages to combine the latest technology with the brand's classic look and feel.

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Happy Birthday CCCA!!



A milestone has been reached for the Classic Car Club of Andalucia this week as the club celebrates its ninth birthday in fine, yet traditional, style.

On Tuesday the Club had well over 100 members at the 'Treetops' restaurant at El Chaparral Golf Club with a superb dinner served 'al fresco' under the stars on the beautiful terrace there.

Live music and entertainment was provided by Tina Rose who had most people up dancing and enjoying the evening which was deemed a great success. Well done to 'Treetops' at Chaparral for putting on a great night.

Two of the Club's honorary members were in attendance, ex-McLaren chief Jo Ramirez and former Le Mans and Jaguar works racing driver, Win Percy.

Numerous messages of support and birthday best wishes had also been received from members not able to attend which was much appreciated.

Club President, Ian Giles, said he was delighted with the response and support and felt that the Club was going from strength to strength and he looked forward to celebrating the 10 year birthday in the same way next year!

Nine Celebration Classic Car Run

This Saturday sees the Club doing what it does best and getting their classic cars out to enjoy a good long drive out into the Andalucian countryside. The start will be at 11.00am from Venta los Almendros, on the Ronda road just above San Pedro.

The route will head towards Ronda crossing the Sierras de Ronda before turning west towards El Burgo. The rest of the route is a closely guarded secret which participants will discover when they open their Tulip Roadbooks on Saturday!

Suffice to say, the finish will be at Avanto Beach Club near La Cala de Mijas with a lunch served outside on the terrace, looking over the beach around 3.00pm. The amazing Memphis Trio have been booked to provide an afternoon of Rock-n-Roll for dancing and the party is expected to go on until late. That, of course, is the other thing the Club is good at - partying...!!

The Club has just released information on its next longer event, the six-day Tour D'Ex-



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Amazingly, within just a couple of days, the Club reported a virtually full entry list of 30 cars!

The event will feature some amazing hotels, Paradors will be used all the way. Some of them are really beautiful and all are very historic, full of interesting character. This is what the Club had to say about the event:- Romans, Barbarians, Muslims and Christians have all forged present-day Extremadura, leaving their mark

on a region that still preserves and honours their legacy.

Extremadura's landscapes are characterised by the mountain ranges Cordillera Central, Montes de Toledo and Sierra Morena, the plains and fertile valleys of the rivers Tajo and Guadiana, and the plain lands of Low Extremadura.

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Wild Black Iberian pigs roam in

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Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucia Classic Car Club, the most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

Goodwood 2017

AND, last but not least, you may or may not know the famous Goodwood Revival takes place this coming weekend. What a fabulous event this is!

Every self respecting classic, historic and motorsport enthusiast should make this pilgrimage at least once in their lives! It is simply sensational.

Motor racing at its very best and which can be seen at very close quarters. This is what musician Jools Holland said about it:- "It's like walking back perfectly into a black and white photograph, except it's in colour and 3D. It's amazing!"

It's usually shown on TV for an hour or so the weekend after the three-day event. Don't miss it, it's the best motoring and motor-sport you'll see on TV.

And the ladies will love the fashions and the clothes. With air displays and wartime aircraft being flown every hour or so there's something for everyone.

Enjoy!

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

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After the round its back to Biddy's where a pint and some food are waiting for you before the prizes are awarded. The aim of the



BIDDY'S: They show all the weekly sporting events.

society is to get locals and tourists to come along and have a bit of craic. Anybody interested in playing can contact 'Biddy Mulligan's La Cala Golf Society' on Facebook.

Malaga FC Match Tickets

They are also selling tickets for

Malaga Football Club home matches with prices starting at €35 for a match ticket including a return coach to Biddy's. Tickets can be ordered at the bar. The next match is Malaga vs Las Palmas on Monday September 11 at 9pm.

Celta Malaga GAA



They are the new sponsor for Celta Malaga - the newest Gaelic football team to join the Andalusian Irish Football league.

Liam Riordan decided to take the plunge and set up a new club and Celta Malaga will be competing

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They are the new main sponsor for the local athletics club. After attending one of their training sessions, they were so impressed with the coaching they wanted to get involved. They train Monday to Thursday at the hipodromo and all ages are welcome. You can contact them on their website www.ClubAtletismoMijas.com for more information.

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Seconds out for Leicester

A MATTER of seconds mean Leicester City may not be able to play their €24 million Portuguese midfielder until January.

Documentation for the registration of Adrien Silva from Sporting Lisbon ar-

rived 14 seconds after their midnight deadline, the extra hour being granted due to it being an international transfer.

Their sale of Danny Drinkwater to Chelsea went through after the 11pm

British deadline.

Leicester officials are confident the papers were sent before the midnight deadline but when the FA forwarded the deal to FIFA's Transfer Matching System, it was rejected.

The FA is now working with Leicester in a bid to help resolve the situation and persuade FIFA that the deal should be permitted to stand.

Portuguese reports confirm that Sporting Lisbon President, Bruno de Carvalho, sees the transfer as complete and believed that the deadline issue may mean Leicester will have to wait until January to register Silva.

He reportedly said: "I would like people to realise that FIFA has not ruled against the transfer, but against registration. The transfer is done, what is at stake is the registration and I hope you can enrol. Adrien was exemplary. Leicester needs the player a lot and I hope they find a solution."

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RECENT ACTION

Start with football, and in recent World Cup qualifiers, England (with three goals in the last six minutes) were unconvincing 4-0 winners in Malta before beating Slovakia 2-1 at Wembley; Scotland won 3-0 in Lithuania and beat Malta 2-0; Northern Ireland defeated the Faroe Islands 3-0 and the Czech Republic 2-0 while the Republic of Ireland were held 1-1 by Georgia and Wales defeated Austria 1-0, courtesy of teenager Ben Woodburn's debut goal. On Tuesday, Wales met Moldova and Eire played Serbia.

Elsewhere, France crushed Holland 4-0, Belgium walloped Gibraltar 9-0 (to qualify for Russia 2018), Germany crushed Norway 6-0, Denmark thumped Poland 4-0, Spain spanked Italy 3-0 and there were also wins for Bulgaria, Hungary, Portugal, Romania and Switzerland.

Notts Outlaws won cricket's T20 Blast final, beating Birmingham Bears by 22 runs before 24,000 fans at Edgbaston. Over 1,000 runs were scored on 'finals day' as Notts clinched the 'white ball' double, having earlier in the year won the 50 overs title.

Lewis Hamilton, starting on pole for a record 69th time, spoiled the Ferrari party by winning the Italian Grand Prix in Monza last Sunday.

Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas was second with Sebastian Vettel third.

Daniel Ricciardo (4th)

had the 'drive of the day,' moving up 12 places. Hamilton leads Vettel in the championship by three points with seven races left. It's Singapore next on September 17.

DIARY OF EVENTS

On Sunday in Madrid, Chris Froome (Team Sky) could become only the third rider, after Frenchmen Jacques Anquetil (1963) and Bernard Hinault (1978) to win the Tour of France and the Vuelta a España in the same year. He was 61 seconds ahead of Italy's Vincenzo Nibali in the Spanish race at the start of this week.

There's a full programme of domestic League football this weekend, the 10 Premiership matches being Arsenal-Bournemouth, Brighton-WBA, Everton-Tottenham, Leicester-Chelsea, Manchester City-Liverpool, Southampton-Watford and Stoke-Manchester United on Saturday; Burnley-Crystal Palace and Swansea-Newcastle on Sunday and West Ham-Huddersfield on Monday. Championship leaders Cardiff visit Fulham, Peterborough meet Bradford City in FL1, Forest Green Rovers take on FL2 top dogs Exeter, Aberdeen visit Hearts in the SPL and it's Barcelona-Espanyol, Deportivo-Real Sociedad and Real Madrid-Levante in La Liga.

The third and final cricket Test between England and the West Indies starts today at Lords. The series currently stands at one win each. England's in-form captain Joe Root recently scored his 5,000th run in Test cricket, doing so in 105 matches. Only four batsmen have reached that milestone in fewer games: Jack Hobbs (91), Wally Hammond (97), Ken Barrington (also 97) and Len Hutton (98).

Also the four-day European Masters golf tournament at Crans Montana in Switzerland

began early this morning.

In American football, the 2017-18 NFL season gets underway this evening.

The women's and men's singles finals of the US tennis Open at Flushing Meadow takes place on Saturday and Sunday, along with the various doubles finals. Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer were scheduled to meet in the men's semi-final while Karolina Pliskova, Venus Williams and Spain's Garbine Muguruza were looking in fine fettle in the women's event. And when the American tournament is over, most of the players will take part in the Coupe Banque Nationale in Quebec or the Japanese Open in Tokyo.

Tomorrow, several top male riders will compete in the GP de Quebec cycle race in Canada while two days later some of their women counterparts will ride in the GP de Montreal in Canada and in the Madrid Challenge in Spain.

There are two big Rugby Union internationals taking place 'down under' with Australia playing South Africa and New Zealand taking on Argentina.

On Sunday it's the Great North Run in the Newcastle/Gateshead area of the UK.

Also Marc Marquez, Andrea Dovizioso, Valentino Rossi and Maverick Vinales will be on their bikes in the San Marino MotoGP in Misano.

And next Wednesday we have the first One Day cricket international between Ireland and the West Indies in Dublin, the world slalom canoeing championships from Pau, France and the European table tennis Championships in Luxembourg.



LEWIS HAMILTON:
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