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Wine panic

Contagious disease threatens industry



THREAT: Mallorca's famous wine industry in peril after findings.

By Matthew Elliott

'Olive Ebola' is now threatening Mallorca's wine industry. The dangerous plant pathogen *Xylella Fastidiosa* has infected at least 14 vineyards across the island.

The contagious disease has already infected hundreds of olive and almond trees. It is dubbed 'ebola' because it is extremely contagious and kills almost all trees in its path.

Positive identification of the disease on grapevines have been made in Sant Llorenç, Felanitx, Sencelles, and Manacor.

At present the outbreaks are restricted to small, private vineyards. If the disease is confirmed on large scale wine producing estates the results could be catastrophic for the island's wine industry.

EU scientists recently left Mallorca after evaluating the damage done to olive trees. They concluded that it will be necessary to cull and burn thousands of trees in order to stave off the spread of the disease. When the bacteria first arrived in Europe in 2013, Italy lost one million olive trees.

Agriculture minister Vicenç Vidal has held an emergency meeting with the affected wine growers and the island's larger producers. They have agreed on a containment plan which may still be feasible if the bacteria is restricted to small holdings.

Vidal himself has come in for heavy criticism after ecologists revealed that the bacteria may have been festering on Mallorca for up to 10 years. Earlier action may have prevented what is almost certain to be a disastrous few years for olive, almond and potentially wine producers.

Arrests over stomach bug lies

SEVERAL arrests have been made as police go after British stomach bug scammers. The suspects are believed to have targeted British tourists outside hotels and encouraged them to make fraudulent claims.

Police made the arrests at addresses in Calvia and Palma. It is understood that the suspects told complicit Brits to buy diarrhoea medicine at a Mallorca pharmacy to support their false claims against the hotels.

Guardia Civil officers and a court magistrate participated in the raids. Investigators believe an organised criminal network is behind the avalanche in sickness claims in the past 12 months. They have rocketed by 500 per cent since 2015 and are believed to have cost Mallorca hotels €50 million last year.

They were acting on information from hotel groups, including Club Mac de Alcudia, which have hired private investigators to unravel the false sickness claims.

Action has also been taken in the UK, where the government withdrew the operating licence of a company which advised clients to invent stom-

ach bug claims. Allsure Ltd, based in Lancashire, is believed to be the first company closed down by order of the British government in relation to the scandal.

British investigators found that Allsure managers dictated to clients exactly what they should write on their claim forms in order to be successful. Those who passed the lax British consumer complaints laws often won thousands of pounds in compensation, or a free holiday. British foreign secretary Boris Johnson has pledged to clamp down on the claims industry.

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NEWS EXTRA**Baggage deal**

RYANAIR passengers on Mallorca flights will pay less to put luggage in the hold from November. However, they will have to pay for priority check in to bring wheeled luggage into the cabin.

Pool rescue

A GIRL, aged seven, and an 80-year-old woman were rescued from two pools in Magaluf hotels in separate incidents. Both are recovering in hospital after nearly drowning.

Cheap rate

THE car park at Palma airport is the fifth largest in Spain. At €100 per week for parking, the rates are half the price of Barcelona or Madrid airports.

By Matt Ford

A TOTAL of 14 people including 12 Britons have been held in Mallorca on suspicion of selling drugs to holiday-makers 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 unnoticed among the thousands that visit Mallorca every summer.

They were then stored at

12 Brits held

Magaluf drugs crackdown

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.

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SEIZED: Drugs and cash.

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 de-

tainees, 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.'

150,000

The approximate weight (in kilograms) of tomatoes thrown at the 2016 Tomatina festival in Buñol, Valencia.

Punished for abuse

THE owner of a horse which died from malnutrition was handed a six-month suspended prison sentence.

The mare was euthanised by vets days after being rescued from the finca near Santa Eugenia.

Named 'Canela,' the animal was also

blind in her left eye and had an ulcer in her right eye when she died. She was in a miserable physical condition and had not eaten for days when Guardia Civil intervened.

They were tipped off by a witness to the horse's unfortunate condition. The mare was taken away and handed over to the Natura Parc of Santa Eugenia.

Just days after treatment by the vets, they decided the animal had to be put down.

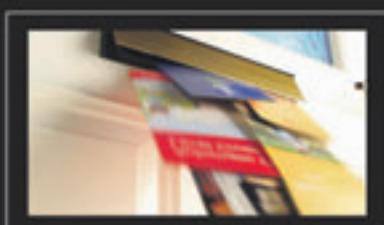
The man has been banned from caring for or owning an animal for two years.

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Forest fire

A HUGE forest fire destroyed more than 1,500 square metres of pine trees in Andratx. The quick intervention of firefighters prevented it razing several country houses to the ground and causing any injuries. It broke out on the Morella road. It took two helicopters, three planes and 14 fire trucks to extinguish the blaze for good.

Cheap flights

IBERIA is offering discounted plane tickets from the Balearic Islands to the Spanish mainland. The sale is on until Monday, September 18. A one way flight to the mainland will begin at €29. There are also flights to Europe from €30 and to the United States from just €240, including New York and Miami.

Toasted royalty

TWO activists who burned a portrait of the Spanish King during a Palma protest claim their right to freedom of expression is being violated. The pair are facing prison for offending the monarch and are on trial in Madrid. They now have the support of a coalition of Mallorcan legal and political teams.

Greedy growers

FIREFIGHTERS attending a blaze in s'Arenal uncovered a secret marihuana plantation. Drug producers stole so much electricity to grow the plants that they caused a power outage and electrical fire. There were no injuries because the growers quickly fled the scene. Police were called and later found dozens of fully grown plants and a sophisticated growing apparatus.

Café shame

ONE of Mallorca's most iconic cafes closed its doors permanently on Tuesday. Bar Cristal on Placa d'Espanya in Palma can no longer pay quickly rising rents for the city cen-

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...28

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

A roadside shocker



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.

tre property. The Art Nouveau building was built in 1916 and may soon be converted into a boutique hotel or shop in a pattern being repeated across the capital.

Mega melon

A MELON weighing in at a hefty 18.4 kilos was the heaviest competitor at the Vilafranca melon festival. It was

grown by Sebastia Jaume and Bernat Andreu, whose farm also provided last year's winner. There were 16 melons competing for glory at the weekend festival. The record was set in 2015 by a 21.6 kilo monster.

Beach showdown

SUNLOUNGERS at Es Trenc beach must be at least six metres away

from the area's protected sand dunes. It will be hard to enforce since the beach is very narrow and the border of the dunes unclear. The beach endured a nightmare summer that saw chiringuitos closed and a major pile up of litter.

Vultures circle

COMPETITION is heating up in the bid to take over Air Berlin. The German airline is one of the most prolific flyers to Mallorca. Since it collapsed Ryanair and several top German businesses have expressed interest in taking it over. The latest potential buyer is Utz Claassen, the former owner of local football team Real Mallorca.

Suspected pervert hunted down

POLICE arrested a man on perversion charges after he allegedly groped a 13-year-old girl in the street. The accused, aged 48, also assaulted the officers who tried to arrest him.

The incident took place in Son Gotleu, Palma early on Sunday evening. The girl claims she was walking home from the house of a private tutor when the man accosted her on the street.

Calling her 'princess' he offered to take her for a kebab. She refused and began to run when he became aggressive and lunged for her genital area. She sprinted back to her tu-

tor's house and the lady called the police.

They arrived to find the girl in tears but managed to extract a decent description. An hour later they found a man matching her portrayal nearby in the Pere Garau neighbourhood. When accosted the suspect attacked the officers, leaving one with a broken finger.

He was eventually pinned down and the girl identified him positively from inside a police car. He faces charges of sexually abusing a child. His nationality was not revealed by police.

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- 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 - Torrevieja 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!

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NEWS EXTRA

Parking chaos

A LACK of parking spaces at Playa de Muro has been called dangerous by Mayor Joan Monjo as dozens of tourist cars park haphazardly on the busy country road.

Bat boxes

BAT populations have recovered in north Mallorca thanks to dozens of new bat boxes hung strategically in Albufera to allow the nocturnal flyers to rest peacefully during the day.

Secret tour

FORMER first lady Michelle Obama has kept quiet during her trip to Mallorca, spending time in the Tramuntanas, while press are barred from following her around the island.

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 San-to 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 Tuesday, Team Sky boss Dave Brailsford said: "The course suited him [Froome] but you still have to time it well and he showed again



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ALMOST THERE: Chris Froome.

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.

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Moss be
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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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A BRITISH teenager who died when a bag of ecstasy burst in her stomach had double the drug's lethal dose in her bloodstream, a coroner found.

Rebecca Brock from Nottingham, England, was just 18 when she collapsed in an Ibiza hotel room last summer.

Brit teen's drug death

Nottingham Coroner's Court last week conducted an inquest into her death. The law student was on the island celebrating a friend's birthday when she was

found dead in a pool of blood in the Hotel Marco Polo in September.

Spanish police opened an investigation into the death due to

the large quantity of drugs in her system.

They believe Brock swallowed a bag of ecstasy pills. When the bag burst in her stom-

ach she suffered an extreme overdose.

Her mother Margarita told the inquest that she believes her daughter was forced to swallow the bag. The packaging was consistent with the bags used by drug mules to smuggle narcotics across borders.

History equals money

Nuns make way for plush hotels

By Matthew Elliott

ONE of Mallorca's few remaining quiet spots is set to embrace the machine of mass tourism. Capdepera Town Hall has issued permits for the building of plush new hotels in the centre.

They will be the first major hotels in the community, which has escaped the tourist juggernaut unscathed while nearby Cala Ratjada and Canyamel entertain tens of thousands of foreign guests each month.

The biggest hotel is planned for Ca ses Monges. The building was constructed in the late 19th century and entertained only nuns until the end of the 1990s.

Though much of Mallorca is in open revolt against tourist saturation, Capdepera feels left out according to the council's tourism chief Monica Viejo. The town isn't mentioned on tourist maps, or even highlighted on the road from Palma.



CULTURAL: Capdepera is counting on its history.

She wants this to change and has identified the old castle and other historic buildings as prime attractions for tourists of a more cultural bent. Capdepera can't compete with Cala Ratjada for coastal beauty and soft sand but it is one of the most immaculately preserved towns on Mallorca.

That won't change simply to rake in tourist money claims Viejo. A condition of the hotel licences is that shiny new buildings won't be constructed but

instead classic old ones will be strengthened and reimagined.

The Ca ses Monges project will have 26 rooms with 52 beds and be named Creu de Tau. It is expected to open next year, though at present looks like a 19th century relic.

Other projects include a spa and a posh restaurant in the town centre. The council is eager to attract people to stay for long weekends, rather than just a few hours' break from the sun and beach.

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NEWS EXTRA**Party rivals**

POPULAR Party leaders are vying for control of the conservative party's Balearic wing. They have a party conference later this month and will identify a new leader to challenge Balearic president Armengol.

Secret tape

TWO lawyers accused of secretly filming the Palma trial of Spain's Princess Cristina have been acquitted. Judges couldn't find any evidence that the lawyers made the tape, which was leaked online.

Opera out

THE Balearic Islands' actors union has expressed its fury with the director of Palma's Teatro Principal, Carlos Forteza. The director has decided to replace opera with performance art and music.

Pine power

AN area destroyed by forest fires in 2013 is set to be repopulated with pine trees. It will cost €325,000 to reforest the natural coast of Cala Torta which lost 479 hectares to the fires.



BUSTED: Weapon and equipment seized from sneaky diver.

Speargun diver reeled in

By Matthew Elliott

A SNEAKY diver was caught fishing in a protected area with a speargun. He was caught by Guardia Civil marine specialists at the Llevant Marine Reserve near Cala Ratjada.

Underwater fishing is expressly prohibited in the area, which enjoys a flourishing marine ecosystem thanks to strict regulations.

The Guardia Civil were told by an eyewitness that a man dressed in diving gear and wielding a specially adapted rifle was plunging around the waters of the reserve, anchored from a small boat.

Officials from the Underwater Special Operations Group (GEAS) were dispatched to the scene. They immediately spotted the man fishing near the Cala Ratjada pier.

When he noticed them the

diver plunged down to the sea floor and hid the rifle among posidonia fields. Possession of a speargun without a licence is an even graver offence than fishing in the protected waters.

The Guardia Civil divers ordered him to retrieve it but he feigned ignorance. Eventually they dived down themselves to recover the weapon.

He now faces triple charges of illegal possession, illicit fishing and lying to police.

A WITNESS in the Tolo Cursach case has accused a lawyer of offering him €140,000 to keep his mouth shut. He made the claim in court during a trial against the lawyer and the right-hand

Gangster plot thickens

man of Cursach, Mallorca's self-styled 'Godfather of the night.'

Cursach will soon go on trial accused of murder, extortion, drug running,

pimping and paedophilia.

Before then the courts are targeting the lawyers, policemen, henchmen and politicians believed to be complicit in his corrupt clubland empire.

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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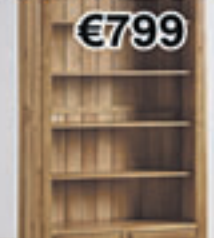
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NEWS EXTRA**Butts
beware**

SMOKERS who stub out their cigarettes on Santanyi's beaches now face fines of up to €1,500. Campfires, illegal parking and littering are also punishable with huge fines.

Ship danger

SCIENTISTS have concluded that cruise ships pose a major threat to public health. Nitrogen Oxide levels are 70 times the safe limit on the seafront on a busy day at Palma port.

Drug gang

TWO young women caught with seven kilos of cocaine are the latest suspects in an ongoing crackdown against British drug traffickers in Magaluf. Twelve arrests have now been made.

Toll trouble at tunnel

Hopes dashed as free travel deadline expires

By Matthew Elliott

TOLLS continue to thwart free passage through the Soller tunnel. Residents had expected the tolls to be abolished from September 1 but a last minute court ruling has postponed free travel, perhaps indefinitely.

Locals from Soller and Bunyola have held regular demonstrations outside the tunnel in protest. They are supported by the respective mayors of the two communities, Jaume Servera and Andreu Bujosa.

They describe the abolition of the toll as a "necessity"



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DEADLINE: Residents furious after September 1 passes and tolls stay.

and have accused the courts of enforcing a "political verdict" against the left-wing Mallorca Council. Judges had

put economic interests before the common good in their ruling in favour of the tunnel concessionaire Globalvia two weeks ago, they argue.

In the 11th hour judgement the court said the compensation paid to Globalvia was

too low. The company had demanded €31 million, but the Mallorcan authorities refused to pay more than €17 million.

Technically Globalvia owns the rights to the tunnel until 2022. Despite charging expensive tolls it has failed to make the tunnel an economic success and infuriated local commuters and families.

Mallorca's council decided to terminate the contract five years early, pay Globalvia compensation, and move on with free travel for all.

Globalvia bitterly opposed the €17 million offer in the courts. With their victory it is possible that their ownership of the tunnel, and the tolls, might continue until 2022.

Globalvia are supported in the dispute by both the conservative Popular Party and Ciudadanos.

Bollards against terror

CONCRETE buffers have been installed on the Playa de Palma to repel potential terrorist attacks. The move comes one month after bollards and hefty flower pots were placed strategically around the city centre.

The new barriers are installed between resort areas one and seven. The area has been selected due to its immense popularity and also the ease with which a terrorist could have conceivably rammed a truck into bathers.

Mallorca is on high alert after the Barcelona attack which killed 16 people. An Islamic terror cell was also uncovered in Inca earlier this summer, believed to be planning a London-style attack with knives.

The new bollards by the beach will make it more difficult for large vehicles to be driven off the road. Firefighters are satisfied with the arrangement.

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

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NEWS EXTRA

Wild weather

WIND and rain are expected today (Thursday) and tomorrow and may persist into the weekend before the sun returns on Monday. Temperatures will reach highs of 25 degrees during the rainy spells.

Room crush

AN inspection of dozens of hotels discovered that more than seven in 10 were overcrowded. In some cases more than twice the permitted number of people were being crammed into expensive rooms.

3 Wheels

ELECTRIC tricycles have been banned in Calvia. Hundreds of the three-wheeled vehicles can be rented in Magaluf, with most of them belonging to a local nightclub owner.

Hero king

IT is 788 years since King Jaume I of Aragon landed on Mallorca to help recapture the island from the Moors. The date is being celebrated especially in Santa Ponsa.

Jewel heist

JEWELS worth more than €30 million were stolen from a villa in Llucmajor. The jewels were antique heirlooms. Police are still hunting the burglars who made a quick getaway.

Steely Dan

AN innovative German is trying to rid Mallorca of its addiction to plastic bottles. Philipp Baier is supplying stainless steel bottles to more than 200 corporate events across the island.

Shotgun husband jailed

A HUSBAND who fired a shotgun twice near his wife was jailed for a year. He pled guilty and received a reduced sentence when the court accepted he wasn't trying to kill her.

The incident took place at their Palma home earlier this year. During a tense domestic dust-up he picked up the gun and fired two shots in the kitchen. One hit the fridge, the other put a hole in the wall.

His wife fled the house and called for help. Soon dozens of armed National Police were on the scene but their suspect had disappeared out the back door.

Hours later he telephoned his wife at home where police were watching over her. With officers eavesdropping on the call he said "Tell the officers by your side that I swear you are going to be Mallorca's 11th victim" (of women killed by their partners).

Police traced the call but the man had vanished once again by the time they arrived. His shotgun was found in a nearby field.

Eventually police managed to track the man through friends and convinced him to turn himself in. He was denied bail and kept in custody until this week's trial.

The 47-year-old had no licence for the firearm. Police later discovered that it had been stolen from a house in Manacor years earlier.

MALLORCA is shaping up to be the new battle ground between Spain's taxi drivers and technology. A decision from Spain's supreme court on whether to grant thousands of Uber licences on the island is expected soon.

Uber is a taxi company that allows people to pay using an online mobile phone application. They can track the car on their phones, don't have to pay the driver anything directly, and pay vastly lower fares than traditional taxis.

The American company is desperately trying to make inroads into the lucrative Mallorca market, where taxi drivers operate a monopoly and charge extremely high rates. But the Spanish courts, influenced by the taxi lobby, have until recently banned Uber, and similar businesses such as Cabify, from the country.

The sole exception has been a trial run of a few hundred Uber cars in Madrid. But the pressure to allow competition is increasing even faster than taxi fares.

There are two cases before the supreme court pertaining to the granting of 200 and 700 Uber taxi li-

Taxis facing extinction
Supreme court ponders Uber applications

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cences on the Balearic Islands. They are joined by dozens of other smaller cases from local companies and also rental hire firms.

Uber is looking to form a partnership with hire firms on Mallorca, whereby they would rent cars and use them as taxis. A fleet of thousands of vehicles is expected to soon make life easier for tourists and residents and become enormously profitable for Uber.

The threat to Mallorca's taxi firms is existential. There are 1,237 taxis in Palma, which would be easily overwhelmed by Uber numbers. Drivers pay €200,000 for their licence and charge outrageous rates to make up

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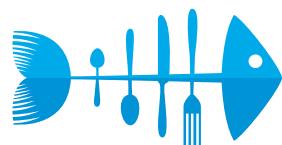
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What made you fall in love with the island?

There are many reasons why I fell for Mallorca; the coastline is truly stunning with an amazing 200 beaches, many of which boast Blue Flags, all over the island. I enjoy spending time on Mallorca's best beaches and doing watersports - windsurfing being my favourite.

But I must admit the passionate Mallorquin people were a key factor in choosing Mallorca as my home.

Mallorca has a special hold

**MARC PRITCHARD:** There are many reasons why he fell in love with Mallorca.

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What has been the Taylor Wimpey España's biggest success so far this year on Mallorca?

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(two bed apartments at very competitive prices) and a further site in the south of the island for three bed detached villas, again at very competitive prices. Further to this there are a number of new sites in the pipeline for 2018.

What is your outlook on the Mallorca market in 2018?

Generally, Mallorca has enjoyed a positive 2017 so far. Property is selling steadily and in some regions, very quickly. The increase in land values linked to limited availability might have an impact on house prices but despite that, for 2018, the outlook seems steady as the island will maintain its stronghold as a highly desirable destination.

What are your top three tips for anyone thinking of buying a home on Mallorca?

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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-

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. How-



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

ever, 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."

NEWS EXTRA

Lady Spencer

THE 20th anniversary of Princess Diana's death was also marked on Mallorca, which she visited three times. The last was as a simple tourist in 1996 when she went to Deia.

Old rivals

THE first league match between Real Mallorca and Atletico Baleares in 37 years ended in a 0-0 draw. Real Mallorca plunged into Spain's third division after a disastrous season last year.

New record

IN July alone 2.5 million foreign tourists visited the Balearics, more than 20 per cent of the 10 million who visited Spain and a new monthly record. Around 27 per cent were British.

20 The percentage increase in demand for Costa del Sol multilingual health workers since last year.

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BUTT MAN: Miquel poses with roughly 60,000 butts before the Cathedral.

Butt vigilante's volunteer army

ANTI-BUTT campaigner Miquel Garau has inspired the collection of 60,000 cigarette butts in one week from Mallorca's beaches.

The Mallorcan, whose campaign 'No more butts on the beach,' has spread across Spain, now has an army of 50 volunteers helping him rid the sand of fag ends.

In the past week they have tackled 60 beaches, and raked in 60,000 cigarette butts in giant plastic bottles. It's an average of 1,000 per beach and is already making a major difference.

Garau began the campaign late last year in

Barcelona after growing disgusted with his beloved beaches on his home island.

He says he'll continue the Herculean clean up until smokers realise that dropping butts on the beach is as unacceptable as tossing beer bottles or coke cans. Fibres in the filters take decades to decompose and can threaten marine ecosystems.

Garau isn't an absolutist and would be happy with portable ashtrays instead of an outright ban. His actions have now spawned dozens of independent beach cleaning parties across the country.



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Well kitted-out for school

COSTA BLANCA NORTH



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CARREFOUR FINESTRAT: Volunteers ready for donations.

AS in previous years, shoppers at the Finestrat Carrefour were asked to donate school materials for needy families.

Fifty volunteers cooperated with the 'Return to school' solidarity campaign which the hypermarket launches each September at the start of the school year. They were on hand to collect the donations that ranged from pencils to schoolbags and will later be distributed by the Red Cross.

Last year the Fundacion Solidaridad Carrefour presented the Red Cross with school materials worth €562,154 that had been collected at 172 centres throughout the country. These were later distributed amongst 18,000 vulnerable children.

Finestrat mayor Juan Francisco Perez, who joined the Carrefour's local manager Javier Bausset at the hypermarket, urged Finestrat residents and visiting shoppers to take part in the scheme.

"This will ensure many children and young people will be able to start the school year on an equal footing with their companions," Perez said.

COSTA DEL SOL

Suspect fish

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

Jellyfish back

UNLIKE beaches in some other areas of the Costa del Sol, the Casares Council is warning visitors about the high number of jellyfish appearing. Bathing is allowed but all are advised to be careful.

Stadium story

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

Spain for you

FOR those who remember the arrival of the first package holidays, an exhibition at the Torremolinos Congress Palace charts 40 years of holiday advertising. Entrance is free and it runs until September 22.

Local Police

IN order to beef up security on the streets, Estepona Council has announced that it wishes to appoint four new Local Police officers.

New turf

HAVING spent €147,000 on the renovation of the artificial turf in the Santa Fe Stadium, the Fuengirola Council expects work to be completed by mid-September.

COSTA BLANCA SOUTH

More interest

FIGURES released by the Spanish National Statistics Institute (INE) show mortgages on the increase in the Murcia region. During the month of June 2017, mortgages arranged rose 21.2 per cent compared to the same period last year.

Insect inside

TWO men from Crevillente have created a number of energy bars with a different ingredient - flour made from insects. The young entrepreneurs are part of a business project called Insectfit.

Mystery death

A WOMAN has been found dead in the sea off the coast of Santa Pola. Believed to be between 70 and 80-years old, the victim was found on the Levante beach and appears to have died from natural causes.

Lock in

EMERGENCY services were called to a bank in Murcia to rescue a man after he tried to withdraw money after hours. Somehow he managed to lock himself in the area which contained the cash machine.

Bus crash

A WOMAN has been injured after a bus crashed inside Torre Vieja bus station. She was waiting to buy her ticket when the bus crashed through a barrier and into the ticket office.

COSTA DE ALMERÍA

Fix it

HOMEOWNERS in the El Patio neighbourhood have been given six months to fix doors, balconies and false ceilings or risk eviction after city officials found at least 100 properties were dangerous.

High life

CRUISE ship, the Tui Discovery 2, brought 1,800 tourists from Ibiza to Almeria before voyaging to Ceuta. The Thomson Cruises ship has an outdoor cinema on deck and mini-golf.

Free trip

FREE beach buses are helping elderly residents of Huercal de Almeria catch some sun, sand and sea over summer. The community scheme helps those with no transport or mobility issues.

Honey help

THE 176 registered beekeepers across Almeria will receive €245,000 in government aid to help keep hives healthy and the sector competitive. Across Spain the incentive package is worth more than €2 million.

Track tragedy

A TRAIN bound for Almeria was delayed two hours in the Sierra Alhamilla after someone was hit by another train on the tracks. Police believe it is a case of suicide.

AXARQUÍA

Camp over

VELEZ MALAGA Council's summer camp programme has concluded with 870 children taking part in the scheme to offer educational and sporting activities over July and August.

Black out

HOMES and businesses around Motril were forced into darkness after a transformer failure caused a power outage lasting more than an hour. It was the second power cut in the town in a week.

Free parking

THOSE taking a trip to the seafront in Almuñecar and La Herradura will no longer have to pay as the blue zone parking restrictions have been lifted to coincide with the end of the summer.

Tail back

A BURNING car caused eight kilometres of traffic to accrue on the A-7 in La Cala del Moral. The car crash coincided with particularly heavy traffic as families made their way home from the beach at around 6.45pm.

Free speech

FREE Spanish courses for foreigners organised by the Motril council and the local Unesco Club are now open for those who wish to register.

COSTA BLANCA NORTH

Bus stopped

THE 31 bus linking Muchamiel and Playa de San Juan during the summer resumed its winter schedule and finishes at San Juan hospital, reviving claims for the service to continue year-round.

Swimming veto

CAMPELLO Town Hall's website rectified a recommendation for swimming at Cala Baeza after environmentalists pointed out that the Institute of Coastal Ecology and the Generalitat warned that it is polluted.

Name change

CALLOSA Council voted to rename the local high school after the exiled educator and politician Rodolfo Llopis who was born there in 1895 and died in Albi (France) in 1983.

Through road

THE first heavy rain for months dislodged stones from cuttings on the CV-755 between Callosa and Guadalest. Traffic was allowed through although Proteccion Civil advised driving with caution.

All lit up

CHRISTMAS illuminations costing €50,000 for Alcoy's Calle San Nicolas and Calle San Lorenzo will be based on Spanish modernist motives from the Casa del Pavo built between 1908-9.

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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 Korpffjell

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.

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 Andalucia 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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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
3i Group PLC	962.50	-1.50	-0.16	33.88
Admiral Group PLC	1921.00	-5.00	-0.26	15.30
Anglo American PLC	1420.50	0.50	0.04	287.15
Antofagasta PLC	1064.00	6.00	0.57	177.72
Ashtead Group PLC	1703.50	-1.00	-0.06	86.64
Associated British Foods PLC	3314.50	-3.00	-0.09	19.41
AstraZeneca PLC	4579.50	-13.00	-0.28	72.60
Aviva PLC	518.75	-1.85	-0.36	257.07
Babcock International Gr	812.50	1.50	0.18	20.94
BAE Systems PLC	608.25	-2.50	-0.41	385.04
Barclays PLC	190.72	-1.45	-0.75	1,852.20
Barratt Developments PLC	626.50	-1.00	-0.16	101.45
BHP Billiton PLC	1486.75	3.00	0.20	350.77
BP PLC	445.10	0.40	0.09	947.09
British American Tobacco PLC	4824.00	8.00	0.17	123.69
British Land Co PLC	604.75	-0.12	-0.02	251.14
BT Group PLC	288.90	0.45	0.16	462.05
Bunzl PLC	2298.50	-7.00	-0.30	19.47
Burberry Group PLC	1810.00	8.00	0.44	73.98
Carnival PLC	5377.50	15.00	0.28	14.08
Centrica PLC	198.25	-0.80	-0.40	334.45
Coca-Cola HBC AG	2673.50	2.00	0.07	17.11
Compass Group PLC	1652.50	4.00	0.24	83.10
ConvaTec Group PLC	281.30	1.70	0.61	190.51
CRH PLC	2734.00	0.00	0.00	308.38
Croda International PLC	3849.00	15.00	0.39	9.93
DCC PLC	7152.50	15.00	0.21	19.37
Diageo PLC	2584.25	-4.50	-0.17	120.97
Direct Line Insurance Gr	378.55	-0.90	-0.24	74.07
easyJet PLC	1185.50	-4.00	-0.34	65.39
Experian PLC	1541.50	-8.00	-0.52	127.95
Ferguson PLC	4615.00	-26.00	-0.56	23.57
Fresnillo PLC	1664.00	47.00	2.91	69.22
G4S PLC	285.40	-1.30	-0.45	80.79
GKN PLC	321.80	-1.00	-0.31	161.05
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1525.50	-7.50	-0.49	150.39
Glencore PLC	369.00	2.00	0.54	4,447.91
Hammerson PLC	554.25	-0.50	-0.09	35.82
Hargreaves Lansdown PLC	1403.00	1.00	0.07	15.18
HSBC Holdings PLC	747.70	-2.04	-0.27	1,099.19
Imperial Brands PLC	3225.00	-6.00	-0.19	38.54
Informa PLC	686.25	-1.86	-0.27	11.06
InterContinental Hotels Gr	3868.00	2.00	0.05	30.07
International Consolidated	613.00	-4.00	-0.65	265.56
Intertek Group PLC	5127.50	-10.00	-0.19	16.65
ITV PLC	156.60	-0.08	-0.05	420.75
Johnson Matthey PLC	2790.00	7.00	0.25	11.84
Kingfisher PLC	295.30	0.30	0.10	373.76
Land Securities Group PLC	993.75	-2.35	-0.24	121.60
Legal & General Group PLC	258.75	-1.20	-0.46	331.44

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	63.48	-0.24	-0.38	5,934.82
London Stock Exchange Gr	3951.00	1.00	0.03	8.75
Marks & Spencer Group PLC	319.90	-0.40	-0.12	220.05
Mediclinic International PLC	761.50	-0.50	-0.07	10.66
Merlin Entertainments PLC	457.95	-2.10	-0.46	44.18
Micro Focus International PLC	2243.00	-21.00	-0.93	296.41
Mondi PLC	2114.50	-10.00	-0.47	28.37
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	246.15	0.50	0.20	175.04
National Grid PLC	970.85	2.00	0.21	256.54
Next PLC	4153.50	18.30	0.44	45.97
Old Mutual PLC	208.20	0.30	0.14	188.02
Paddy Power Betfair PLC	6937.50	23.75	0.34	2.97
Pearson PLC	599.75	-3.50	-0.58	100.21
Persimmon PLC	2627.50	-8.58	-0.33	30.37
Provident Financial PLC	862.00	-8.00	-0.92	52.85
Prudential PLC	1809.75	-13.50	-0.74	106.27
Randgold Resources Ltd	8102.50	190.25	2.41	78.70
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	7294.50	-80.00	-1.08	128.51
RELX PLC	1692.50	5.00	0.30	77.97
Rentokil Initial PLC	303.60	-0.40	-0.13	90.92
Rio Tinto PLC	3745.00	-14.50	-0.39	247.54
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	912.00	-6.04	-0.66	137.81
Royal Bank of Scotland Gr	251.80	-1.00	-0.40	919.91
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	2155.25	2.10	0.10	178.59
Royal Mail PLC	389.00	-3.40	-0.87	133.86
RSA Insurance Group PLC	659.75	-2.50	-0.38	26.16
Sage Group (The) PLC	693.50	-0.75	-0.11	54.99
Sainsbury (J) PLC	236.20	0.10	0.04	309.18
Schroders PLC	3371.50	-13.00	-0.38	3.91
Scottish Mortgage Inv	434.75	-0.81	-0.19	204.86
Segro PLC	536.25	-1.14	-0.21	42.53
Severn Trent PLC	2257.50	3.00	0.13	18.77
Shire PLC	3900.75	-24.50	-0.62	93.79
Sky PLC	952.25	-3.91	-0.41	41.22
Smith & Nephew PLC	1385.50	-3.33	-0.24	41.65
Smiths Group PLC	1552.50	-4.00	-0.26	14.39
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	2380.00	2.00	0.08	20.50
SSE PLC	1436.50	-1.00	-0.07	131.74
Standard Chartered PLC	762.90	-11.10	-1.43	258.17
Standard Life Aberdeen PLC	433.75	-3.30	-0.76	254.78
St James's Place PLC	1150.50	-8.00	-0.69	44.91
Taylor Wimpey PLC	200.70	-1.00	-0.50	713.07
Tesco PLC	184.32	1.35	0.74	473.16
TUI AG	1334.00	0.00	0.00	26.12
Unilever PLC	4513.00	23.50	0.52	97.59
United Utilities Group PLC	907.00	0.50	0.06	51.48
Vodafone Group PLC	218.60	-0.92	-0.42	2,050.86
Whitbread PLC	3754.50	-3.80	-0.10	11.38
Worldpay Group PLC	415.65	-0.40	-0.10	194.11
WPP PLC	1414.50	0.00	0.00	651.48

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3M	203,56	-0,37%	-0,76	121.519,69
AMERICAN EXPRESS	86,14	0,05%	0,04	76.146,01
APPLE	164,05	0,03%	0,05	847.355,65
BOEING CO	240,33	0,28%	0,67	142.055,07
CATERPILLAR	118,28	0,67%	0,79	69.900,26
CHEVRON	108,76	1,06%	1,14	206.100,49
CISCO SYSTEMS	32,3	0,28%	0,09	161.601,75
COCA-COLA	45,78	0,50%	0,23	195.265,63
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	83,93	0,89%	0,74	73.485,81
EXXON MOBIL	76,57	0,31%	0,24	324.435,19
GENERAL ELECTRIC	25,14	2,40%	0,59	217.660,76
GOLDMAN SACHS	225,88	0,96%	2,14	87.387,35
HOME DEPOT	150,78	0,61%	0,91	177.742,12
IBM	144,08	0,73%	1,05	134.273,96
INTEL CORP	35,09	0,06%	0,02	165.215,27
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	91,7	0,89%	0,81	322.689,04
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	131,03	-1,01%	-1,34	351.684,48
MC DONALD'S CORP	159,81	-0,10%	-0,16	129.445,56
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,83	-0,05%	-0,03	174.087,03
MICROSOFT	73,94	-1,11%	-0,83	570.854,88
NIKE	53,36	1,04%	0,55	70.016,22
PFIZER	33,96	0,12%	0,04	201.971,97
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	92,53	0,28%	0,26	235.952,82
TRAVELERS CIES	119,9	-1,06%	-1,28	33.086,05
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	117,92	-1,50%	-1,8	94.183,30
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	199,75	0,43%	0,85	193.130,27
VERIZON COMMS	47,92	-0,10%	-0,05	195.485,23
VISA	103,9	0,37%	0,38	190.071,55
WAL-MART STORES	78,37	0,38%	0,3	236.246,30
WALT DISNEY CO	101,5	0,30%	0,3	156.678,75

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Aptevo Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 2.11	0.78 ▲ 58.65%
TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 3.15	0.65 ▲ 26%
Strattec Security Corporation	\$ 37.90	6.50 ▲ 20.70%
YogaWorks, Inc.	\$ 3.80	0.50 ▲ 15.15%
Kona Grill, Inc.	\$ 3.45	0.45 ▲ 15%
Calyxt, Inc.	\$ 17.41	2.21 ▲ 14.54%
Conn's, Inc.	\$ 19.45	2.10 ▲ 12.10%
Overstock.com, Inc.	\$ 24.60	2.65 ▲ 12.07%
Collectis S.A.	\$ 32.18	3.42 ▲ 11.89%
Hailiang Education Group Inc.	\$ 18.71	1.91 ▲ 11.37%
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HIGH TECH HOLIDAYS RULE

Especially if you are young and cool

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

You can still adopt Henry despite the new law.



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

A British government spokesperson confirmed that whilst the UK remains

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.

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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All I can say is on our own heads be it

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OTHERS THINK IT



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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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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LEGALLY SPEAKING

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 in-

terior 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.

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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



| 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*

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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 €68 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 their two weeks in the sun. You can be one '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 spoilt 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*

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“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.”

**MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE**

' BREXIT DIVORCE TALKS ARE NOW SAID TO BE
IN THE HANDS OF EXPERTS! '

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.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday September 2	Saturday September 2	Tuesday August 29	Friday September 1	Saturday September 2	Sunday September 3
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BONUS BALL	BONUS BALL	LUCKY STARS	LUCKY STARS	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO
<div>8</div>	<div>37</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>58</div>	<div>39</div>	<div>4</div>

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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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?



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.



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.



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?



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.



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.

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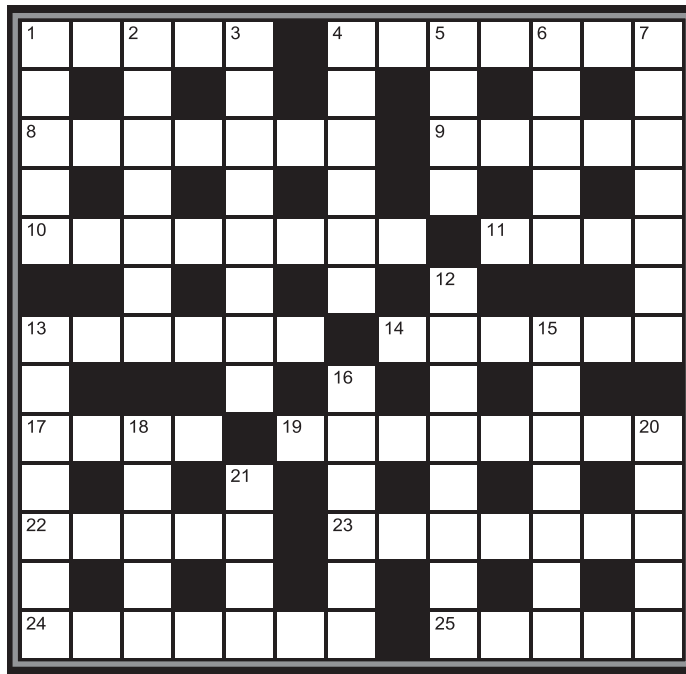
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- 1 Praise being late out, about 10 (5)
4 Agreeable weather forecast but fear it's wrong (3,4)
8 Refuse to leave book in service station (7)
9 River in industrial heartland (5)
10 Residential areas, surely part of rally (8)
11 Not quite prepare to 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)

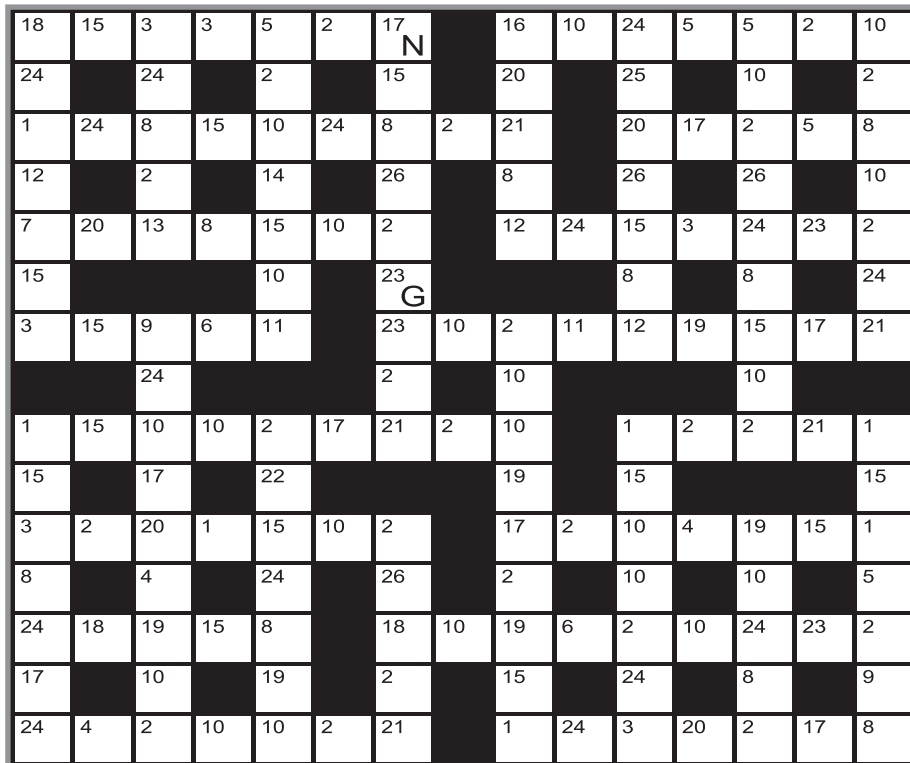
18 Fashionable to be covered in fat? That's hard to see (5)

20 Spanish and German articles for a church official (5)

21 Yearn for some blustery weather (4)

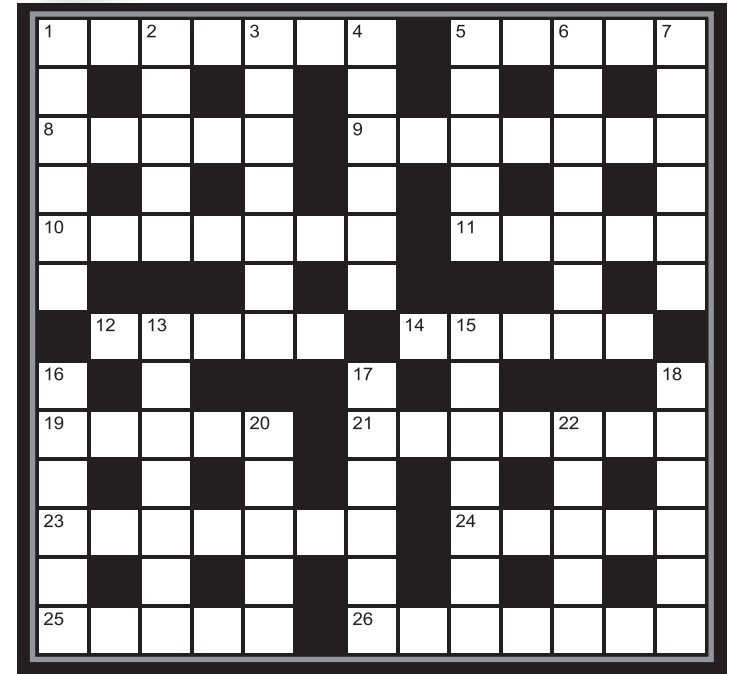
Code Breaker

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.



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

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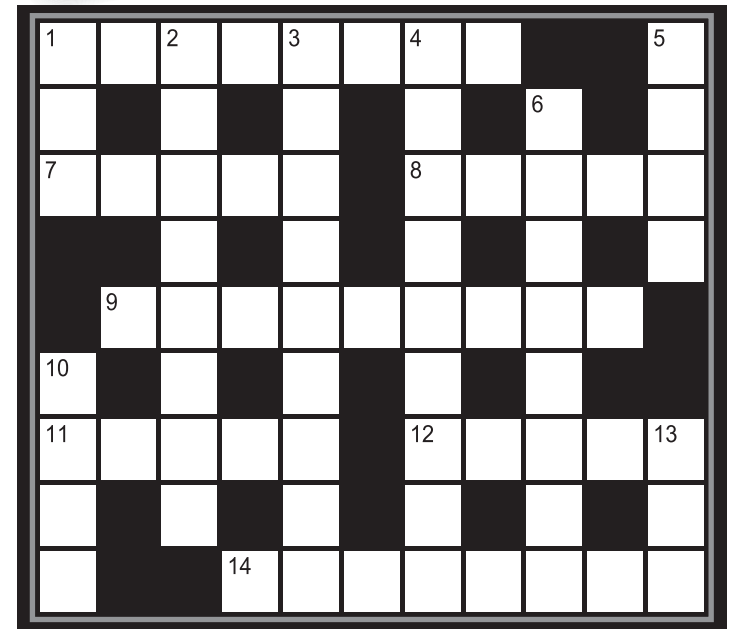
- 1 Alternatives (7)
5 Produce or yield flowers (5)
8 Not tight (5)
9 At ease (7)
10 Weds (7)
11 Change place or direction (5)
12 Strikes repeatedly (5)
14 Tender and brittle (5)
19 Below (5)
21 Rotate (7)
23 Violent windstorm (7)
24 Person who strives to equal or excel another (5)
25 Country in northeast 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 Manzana (8)

10 Water (4)

13/1 Comer fuera (3,3)

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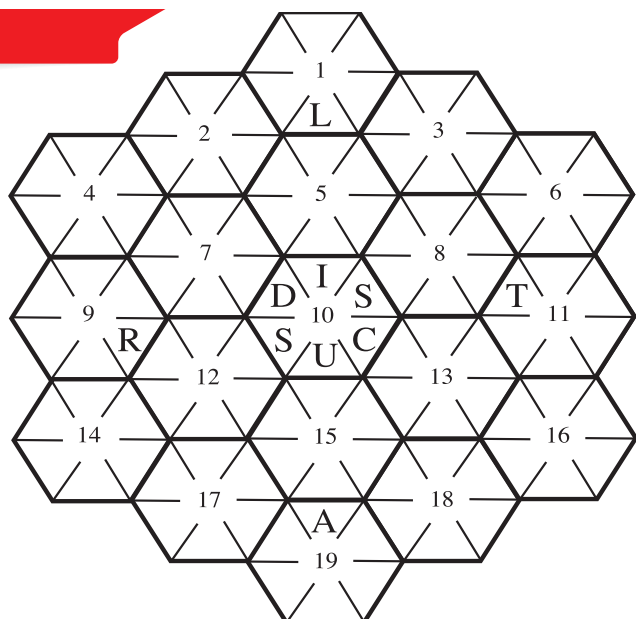
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Hexagram

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APPALL
AROUND
ARREAR
BEHEST
BESTOW
DEEPEN
DEMEAN
DISCUS (10)
EARWIG
INDEED
MILIEU
NETTED
PESETA
RESORT
TEERING
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.

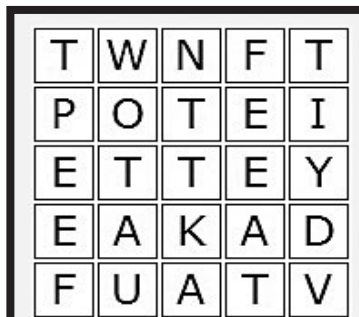
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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 7 letters: 5 points
5 letters: 2 points 8 or more letters: 11 points
6 letters: 3 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:

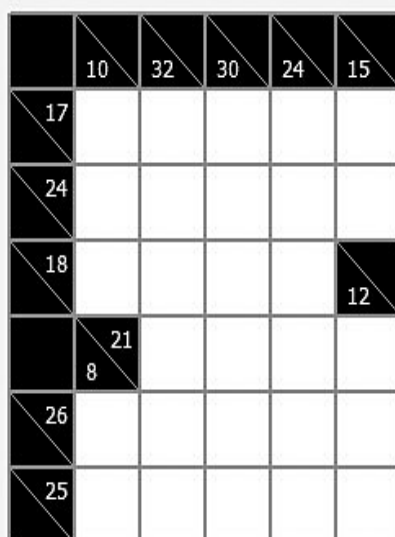
- Average: 21
- Good: 27
- Very good: 39
- Excellent: 48

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 formant monitor oration
FORMATION

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

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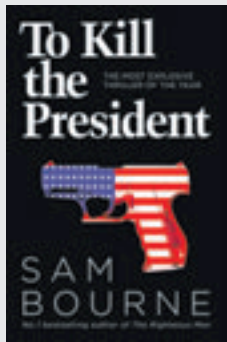
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TODAY



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.

Sudoku

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

Word Ladder

STAR

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

TOOL
FOUL
SOUL
SOUR
SOAR
STAR
solution

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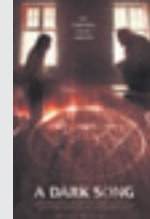
A new horror masterpiece

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

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.

This week in history

1897 - First ever drunk driving arrest

A 25-year-old London taxi driver named George Smith crashes his vehicle into a building and becomes the first person ever arrested for drunk driving and was fined 25 shillings.

1943 - Italian surrender is announced

Italy surrender to the Allied forces as Germany reacts with Operation Axis in a bid to maintain a foothold in Italy.

1955 - Little Richard records 'Tutti Frutti'

Rock and roll legend, Little Richard (Wayne Penniman) records what will go on to be one of his biggest hits.

1976 - Chairman Mao dies

Chinese revolutionary, Communist leader and founder of the People's Republic of China, Mao Zedong dies, aged 82, in Beijing after suffering from Parkinson's disease for years, as well as other health problems. His legacy will survive as one of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

2001 - Al Qaeda attacks America

Hijacked planes decimate the World Trade Centres in New York, crashing into them and causing both to collapse. A third plane smashes into the Pentagon and a fourth is brought down as passengers fought against the terrorists.

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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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Ask the optician -
Children's Eye Health

Andrés Román Romero, Store Director, Specsavers Opticas Santa Ponsa

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.



CHILDREN'S EYES: Important to be tested young.

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 could be vision related as they may not

be able to read the blackboard or text books, so it's vital to identify problems early.

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Mozart magic

Auditorium prepares ambitious autumn schedule

MOZART is coming to Mallorca as Palma prepares to hold one of the composer's greatest operas. In just a few weeks, the Palma Auditorium will welcome 'Le Nozze di Figaro' which shall be performed by some of the best opera singers in the world.

Among them are Fabio Capitanucci and Juanita Lascarro. Many of the singers have performed with top orchestras in Milan, Barcelona and Paris. The conductor is Giuliana Retali and stage director is Dede Colonna.

The orchestra for Palma's show, Camerata Mallorquina, will be entirely composed of classical musicians from the Balearics.

The Marriage of Figaro is one of Mozart's operatic comedies. It was first performed more than 230 years ago in Vienna and is one of the 10 most frequently performed operas in the world.

The show takes place on Saturday September 23 at 8pm. Tickets cost between €30 and €50 and can be purchased online



CLASSIC: Marriage of Figaro coming to Palma very soon.

through the Auditorium's website.

It is the opening salvo in a packed autumn schedule for the Auditorium which will be providing culture vultures with some of history's most popular plays and musicals.

From Friday October 13 to Sunday 15 there will be three nightly performances of

Chicago, the acclaimed musical set in the roaring 20's. Tickets are available online and priced between €30 and €45 with the shows all starting at 9pm.

Other autumn highlights include Beauty and the Beast on September 30, singer Vanesa Martin on October 28 and a New Orleans jazz band on October 29.

Grape smashing festival fever

WITH summer almost out of the way, autumn is taking shape with Mallorca's biggest grape festival scheduled for next weekend.

The Festa des Vermar in Binissalem includes all manner of grape and wine related fun and celebrations.

There will be wine tasting, grape picking and vino-themed street parades. A week on Saturday is the famous grape battle, a messy affair that the well-dressed should definitely avoid.

The following Friday, September 22, is the Correfoc (fire run). This uniquely Catalan celebration features fire-breathing demons running through the streets, fireworks and other hedonistic mayhem.

It doesn't begin until

1.30am and is certain to be a long night for residents and partygoers alike.

Saturday September 23 is a vastly more civilised affair. Locally sourced wines will be competing for attention at the annual wine fair in Parc de Sa Rectoria.

Other festival highlights include a puppet parade, children's activities, grape crushing, folk music, and, of course, an abundance of fresh food and flowing drink. A full schedule of events can be downloaded from the Binissalem Town Hall website and found on Facebook.

It is just one of a huge variety of festivals and fairs being held across Mallorca this month.

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Art with a difference

PERFORMANCE artist Marina Abramovich is known for her willingness to 'die for her art.' After a three month stint on the island, Mallorca-based art lovers have just one more week to catch the Serbian's exhibition in Palma.

It closes next Friday and can be visited at the Horrach Moya Gallery until then. Opening hours are from 10am until 1.30pm and from 5pm until 8.30pm Monday to Saturday.

It is a video exhibition featuring three films about Abramovic. The 'Freeing Series' shows recordings of her most controversial stunts stretching back to the early 1970s. Viewers watch amid the minimalist and slick surroundings of the gallery, which is a decent attraction in its own right.

Upstairs there is a cocktail bar called Sadrasana which is an ideal place to relax after the exhibition. It also featured in the acclaimed BBC drama The Night Manager, which was largely shot and set in Mallorca.

Art lovers looking for something a little more local and less likely to upset their appetite can catch a free photo exhibition at Calvia Town Hall. It features 57 black and white photos from local photographer Joan Llompart who captured the evolution of Calvia from 1966 to 2002. The exhibition runs until October 13.

Palma welcomes the King of Pop



Photo by Dabeat Facebook

KING OF POP: Some of the performers on stage.

ONE of the most authentic of the Michael Jackson tribute shows, I Want U Back will be performed at the Palma Auditorium from October 6 to 8.

It is now eight years since the 'King of Pop' died and his music and songs continue to appeal to fans of all ages, perhaps because he was able to forge a bond between soul, r'n'b, pop and rock which attracted so many followers.

The show boasts an exceptional live band which easily masters all of the different styles that he was famous for and brings together the incredible voice of Dabeat (David Ortigosa) and the haunting MJ look alike SacMJJ with a number of great dancers to present this two hour spectacular.

All of the greatest hits and dance routines will be performed at each of the shows starting at 9.30pm with tickets costing from €20 to €25 available from the box office.

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It is part of the Festes del Rei en Jaume celebrations held annually. On Saturday there will be the traditional battles between the Moors and Christians, which reflects the medieval struggle for supremacy on the island.

The final battle takes place on the beach at around 5.30pm on Saturday. Afterwards there will be live music and people will flock back to the medieval market. It is open from 10am until midnight each day until Sunday night and has activities for all the family.

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Think Floyd the perfect tribute

ALTHOUGH it's a long way ahead, some concerts are so popular that they need to be booked well in advance and a visit by Think Floyd to Palma is one to consider.

Even until quite recently, the concept of a tribute singer or band was not particularly well received but nowadays the tribute world is quite different and when you move into the world of rock the situation changes quite dramatically.

On January 13 next, the Palma Auditorium will welcome one of the finest tribute bands who are dedicated to performing the music of their heroes in a manner which is true to the original but with the benefit of today's modern equipment.

Lewis Hall, bassist with Think Floyd and longest serving member of the band spoke to *Euro Weekly News* about their background and their plans.

Originally formed in 1994, the band was semi-professional and beginning to feel their age by the time that 21-year-old Lewis joined them in 2001. Within a couple of years, the original members handed over their mantle to the next generation of Floyd aficionados who turned fully professional and honed their per-



Think Floyd in performance.

formance to as near perfection as possible.

Original Floyd drummer, Nick Mason has been quoted as saying "Brilliant! - They are really good" and then rather generously "better than we are."

The band believe it important that their sound matches the original sound of the Floyd over the decades and they believe that thanks to improvements in computer equipment, they can actually reproduce certain effects and sounds live more accurately than the band at the time could achieve.

Although a four-piece, they tour with a female singer, sound man and lighting engineer in order to be able to present a really good and enjoyable show.

"We are delighted to be able to play this gig as the Spanish seem to be very at home with English language songs and if our last visit is anything to go by, this should be a great event," said Lewis who with the band are performing all over the UK for the next four months prior to this trip to Palma.

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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!

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!

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.

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!!

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“ 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.

Give us a break from this barmy battle of the buns!

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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

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?

Nora Johnson's *'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code'* (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon. Profits to Cudeca.

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.

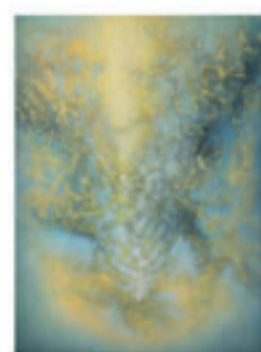
Let us not be fooled by thinking we understand things. We don't and that, unfortunately, is a generalisation which is true.

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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 sell-

ing 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 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 foreign 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.

Sales soar as demand rockets

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 5 per cent in the second quarter.

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

Co-founder of the Idealista property portal, Fernan-

do Encinar, said 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.

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Just a short walk away from the perennially popular La Zenia, the Cabo Roig strip really is the place to be.

Chinese, Mexican, Indian and Thai cuisine can all be enjoyed via the fantastic selection of restaurants available. Of course there is always good British pub grub on offer too, even including chip shops.

If you don't fancy a bite to eat then there is a host of bars that specialise in drinks and provide generous allocations of happy hours.

One of the best things about the Cabo Roig strip is that it stays open all year round. Some of the establishments close for the winter but most stay open, meaning you can still enjoy a lively night out even in the middle of winter. There are entertainers gigging throughout the year so whether it be comedians, karaoke hosts, drag artists or tribute acts you enjoy most, there really is something for everyone.

A short walk from the strip are the jaw-dropping views of the promenade where you can walk right around the coast to

Entertainment capital of Orihuela Costa

La Zenia or Campoamor whilst stopping to enjoy a drink or two at the numerous chiringuitos that are situated along the beaches on the way.

Houses are very affordable with some beachside properties going for under 100,000 euros and you can get even better value for your money if you choose a place on the opposite side of the N332.

If there is one event in Orihuela Costa to rival the Christmas day celebrations on La Zenia beach, it is the St Patrick's Day parade in Cabo Roig.

Ranked as one of the top 10 places in the whole world to

celebrate St Patrick's Day by National Geographic, the atmosphere in Cabo Roig is something that needs to be experienced to be believed.

Every year, thousands of people line the Cabo Roig Strip to cheer and join in with the annual celebrations for Ireland's patron saint. The Strip turns green for the day as it is filled with parade floats, cars adorned with Irish flags and regalia, dancers, musicians, marching bands, and even a few leprechauns. There is also face-painting, traditional Irish dancing, street magicians, bouncy castles and flamenco dancers, adding a touch of 'El Toro' to Paddy's big day.

Following the parade there is a classic car and motorbike exhibition and drive-by which provides a great opportunity to snap a few photographs of some well-preserved relics. The day is then rounded off with an eye-catching fireworks display.

Cabo Roig is a fantastically multicultural area with British, Irish, Spanish, Russians, Moroccans, Germans, French and Chinese all living in harmony with one another.

Throughout the year there is a constant happy vibe running through the place and with so many great features, it is not hard to see why. So be sure not to miss out, get yourself over there and come and experience the excitement for yourself.

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Having a right to freedom of speech

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

KING FELIPE and the president of the Spanish government Mariano Rajoy got the bird at the pro-peace, anti-terrorist march in Barcelona.

The placards and banners suggested that this was because Felipe cosied up to the Saudis - who doesn't? - and sweet-talked them into arms deals while Rajoy's government is responsible for Spain's arms sales.

Barcelona mayor Ada Colau and regional vice-president Oriol Junqueras said afterwards the recriminators were only exercising their right to freedom of speech. Maybe, but many spent so much time protesting about the Spanish they forgot why they there were there to begin with.

Border problem

ANGST and anger about the border



Photo credit: Mariano Rajoy Brey/Twitter

BOOED: Mariano Rajoy (centre) and King Felipe (second right).

between northern and southern Ireland is a huge problem that the Brexiters forgot to solve beforehand.

If the Catalan secessionists' wildest dreams come true and turn into their worst nightmare, they will face a similar situation.

Despite hard-done-by insistence to the contrary from the separatists, the region has never endured anything approaching Ireland's troubles. A hypothetical border issue would not stir up murderous centuries-old conflicts but the border problem would exist for an independent Cataluña.

As Brussels has repeatedly told the Catalan government, leaving Spain automatically means leaving the EU.

One more question for Carles Puigdemont and his vice-president Oriol Junqueras to ponder on and answer before October 1. Or, more importantly, on October 2.

Standing a head taller

THE Spanish population were never close to their monarchs and the

House of Borbon was largely unloved. This was especially true of Spain's Levante and Cataluña which suffered three centuries ago for backing the losers, the Hapsburgs, in the War of Succession.

Many, possibly most, Spaniards are basically republican at heart but softened when Juan Carlos opened the door to democracy after Franco died in 1975. Sentiments hardened after the King Emeritus broke his hip while elephant shooting with his mistress in 2012 in Zimbabwe. The economic crisis was then at its most brutal and it did not improve matters that Juan Carlos was there at the invitation of a Saudi businessman.

His son Felipe VI is regarded with respect and amiable neutrality, plus a general perception that he does his best. But it's easy to see why Catalan republicans dislike him and why the regional president, mop-headed Carles Puigdemont, avoids being photographed with him. Felipe is almost two metres tall and standing beside him at the Barcelona peace marches, Puigdemont barely reached his ear.

Double objective

BY slaughtering tourists in Turkey and Egypt and compromising the industries that serve them, Daesh and its acolytes and successors achieved two goals.

Much of their tourism has been diverted to formerly secure Spain which, after the Barcelona and Cambrils attacks, now begins to look less safe.

But Spain is not Turkey or Egypt, both of which have politicians whose unspoken sympathies lie with jihad. Spain does not and, unhampered by ambivalence, it can do a more sincere job of protecting the population and tourists than Egypt or Turkey.

Hoteliers' most worrying problem right now is the puny, Brexit-weakened pound sterling which is more likely to deter British tourists than jihadists.

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Making your garden more useable

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 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 two thick branches of the carob tree.'

'I spend all my time watering the plants but



BBQ ALTERNATIVE: A solar oven.

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 agriculturalists 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 in potting 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 good 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 in the oldest part of our mountain valley hamlet.

To really enjoy Spain try developing a garden that is different than the general run of the mill.

seen through windows between air-conditioned sitcom and sporting events. Aim for one that draws you out into it at various times of the day throughout the year

Why you should branch out with an almond tree, or two

IF you want to add a little more variety to your garden, then you might want to consider planting an almond tree.

Although thought to have originated in China and the Middle East, these trees also flourish in a Mediterranean climate and have become a common feature in gardens across southern Europe.

These elegant trees can reach heights of between four and 10 metres tall, and produce a pretty pink and white blossom in spring.

Almond trees thrive in hot, arid summers and wet, temperate winters and tend not to set fruit when planted in regions outside these parameters.

They are also averse to overly moist soil and frost in spring. The trees are deep rooted and require planting in well-draining sandy loam. They also have high nitrogen and phosphorus requirements so running organic fertilizer and nitrogen through the soil will encourage growth.

Most varieties of almond tree can't self-pollinate so you will need to plant two if you want your trees to produce fruit. If space is an issue, it is possible to plant two trees in the same hole and allow them to intertwine as they grow, enabling the flowers to cross-pollinate.

A little patience is required when tending to your almond tree as it typically takes



Pretty blossoms and tasty snacks; these trees have the whole package!

around five years for them to start producing fruit, although this can be longer depending on the species. These trees can live for up to 40 years, however, so are definitely worth the investment.



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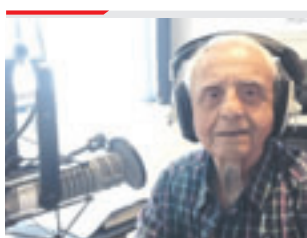


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DEAR David,

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 posi-

tion 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



ADOPT A DOG: Be sure to shop around.

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

Interact with your pets

HAVE you ever wondered how much your cat sleeps a day? Or that there was a way to make sure your dog has access to treats when you're not at home?

The company Pawbo has come up with two new devices which could change the way owners interact with their pets.

The first is an activity tracker which can monitor sleep pattern, exercise levels and mood. Animal lovers just have to clip the discreet device onto their pet's collar and link it to their phone via Bluetooth.

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Owners will now be able to get in sync with their animals in ways they never imagined.

The second product is a smart treat-dispensing system

that can be operated either via a remote control or through an app that connects with an interactive camera. It allows owners to select the shape and size of the treat. This new gadget is perfect for those who want to make sure their pets are happy.



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It is still manifestly, proudly a Bentley, only with about 80 kilos in excess weight shaved off by enhanced streamlining bolstered with aerospace technology. It's the kind of expensive touch that "makes a Bentley a Bentley" according to top engineer Rolf Frech.

Perks include diamond-shaped LED headlights, adjustable leather seats with an in-built massage function, and more than 100 square feet of high quality wood panelling the interior. There are Bang and Olufsen speakers and an ambient interior lighting system.

This Continental GT can reach 100kph from a standstill in 3.6 seconds and will cost around €200,000 when it hits the market next year.

It debuts at the Frankfurt Motor Show this month and is Bentley's biggest play for the modern, tech-focused luxury car market yet.

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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.

The brand, which has become immensely profitable after years of running losses, will also open a Meta Technology and Luxury Accelerator office.

Its primary aim is to understand the

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psychology of Japanese motorists who have a fondness for luxury, western vehicles coupled with the latest connected car technology and electric batteries.



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No tourist tax for boaters

WITH the announced doubling of the tourist tax in Mallorca including the daily €2 tax for cruise passengers, local unions wonder why leisure sailors are exempt.

Considering that Mallorca is a magnet for both yachts and super large craft, many of which are owned by the immensely rich, it is suggested that the Mallorca parliament is missing a major opportunity to increase income.

Most vessels, especially the largest have to moor at marinas and as berthing fees are paid, it would be quite simple to collect the tourist tax at the same time, with marina owners then submitting regular reports and paying over the monies due as would any hotelier.

Equally charter companies renting out vessels to holidaymakers would also be able to collect any tourist tax due.

In addition, although not as prevalent, certain boat owners may also offer accommodation to visitors without registering their vessels as being available for holiday lets and thus not paying any of the associated taxes.



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TOURIST TAX: Holiday boaters could be a source of income.

New safer boat material



Photo Credit: Graphenano

SLEEK: The hull of the new boat

A BOAT maker in Santa Pola, Alicante believes that he can create a whole new range of safe, sleek and fast boats made from graphene.

This is an allotrope of carbon, one of many forms of that element which is similar in structure to graphite and carbon.

What lead engineer Julio César Galiana Cubi - who has been heavily involved with the manufacture of luxury yachts - believes is that this material, discovered by two Russian scientists in 2004, is stronger than steel and up to 25 per cent lighter. Spain is a major importer

of this raw material and manufacturer Graphenano expects to have its first nine-metre production model available for sale by October of this year, although it will not be cheap with an expected price for a basic model in excess of €250,000.

Europa Class

MORE than 60 participants from 20 different clubs competed at the Benalmadena Maritime Yacht Club in the Europa Class of the Spanish Championship.

The first day was disappointing with winds not up to expectation, although the weather did improve over the subsequent days of competition.

Final results saw the following class wins;

Champion of Spain Sub18 - Joan Freixa Cn El Balis Barcelona

Champion of Spain Sub 20 - Joan Freixa Cn El Balis Barcelona

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Overall Champion of Spain - Joan Freixa Cn El Balis Barcelona

Luxury combined with speed

AZIMUT YACHTS seem to be going from strength to strength as they get ready to launch a brand new 27-metre motor yacht at the Cannes Boat Show next week.

The Grande 27METRI has a wide body with a full beam owner's suite on the main deck and a lower deck with three or four cabins, representing what is an all but

unique layout on yachts this size.

The exteriors and the interior concept are designed by Stefano Righini, while the interior design is by Achille Salvagni and the use of carbon fibre has made it possible to increase the on-board space while retaining excellent levels of static and dynamic stability.



Photo Credit: Azimut Yachts

TO BE LAUNCHED: The new Grande 27METRI.

Final Test match and European Masters golf tournament begin

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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 inform 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 Bar-

rington (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 Na-

cionale 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.

SILLY MONEY!

After months of mind-boggling spending, plenty

of social media speculation, smoke without fire and loads of silly signing announcements, football's transfer window finally closed last Thursday. Therefore, amidst all the noise, there were bargains, bloopers and just plain bonkers signings and that means that several players will be lining up with new clubs this weekend.

In fact, over £1.4b (a record high) was spent by 'British' clubs during the transfer window with Manchester City splashing £213m, Chelsea £192m and Manchester United £146m.



ENGLAND: Won the World Cup qualifiers match against Malta.



NOTTS OUTLAWS: Cricket's T20 Blast champions.

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International Sports

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

Costa de Almeria

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

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LEWIS HAMILTON:
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