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Help a hero

Family desperate to save Brit firefighter in coma



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HELP NEEDED: Family desperate to get Alex medical care and back to the UK.

By Matthew Elliott

A British fireman is fighting for his life after suffering horrendous injuries during an incident in Magaluf. Alex Green, aged 26, had only been on Mallorca for six hours to celebrate his stag party when he was found unconscious on the street.

The young father is in an induced coma at Son Espases hospital after undergoing emergency surgery. He suffered a brain haemorrhage, broken nose and a collapsed lung.

It is still unclear whether he was assaulted or involved in a freak accident. Police have no record of any incident and no witnesses have stepped forward to shed light on what happened.

The alarm was raised when he vanished from a

bar having gone to the toilet. One of his 25 friends on the nightmare holiday received a call from Green's phone detailing his location and asking for help.

The story has its positive side. More than €30,000 has so far been raised for medical treatment and to bring the Rochdale, Manchester man back to the UK.

Friends and family set up a Just Giving page online to raise the money. As Green had alcohol in his system at the time, they expect his holiday insurance will refuse to pay out.

All donations will be used for future medical care, which will be enormously expensive.

The Just Giving fundraising page for Mr Green is at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ant-unzueta.

She's hot stuff!



WINNER: Maria Elisa Tulian (centre).

MARIA ELISA TULIAN, a 21-year-old from Mallorca, is set to take on the world after being declared Miss World Spain in Girona, Cataluña.

Describing herself as "sympathetic, enterprising, responsible and, above all, very fierce" the drama student represented the Balearics and over a period of days prior to the Saturday Gala had to win one of seven events in order to take her place in the final.

Eli Tulian, as she likes to be known, won the sports test, but other tests included talent, multimedia, top model, regional costume test, bathing costume and beauty with a purpose, so she found herself on the night of the final against six other girls.

After a preliminary round, the final five were

chosen, Eli triumphed, was crowned Miss World Spain and will now go forward to take part in the 67th Miss World competition which will be held in China in November with an expected 100+ contestants.

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NEWS EXTRA**Air strikers to pay out**

A GROUP of 82 air traffic controllers who caused mayhem during a 2010 Christmas strike at Palma and Ibiza airports may face a combined €3 million fine on top of criminal charges.

Bike crash

A MOTORCYCLIST was killed when he crashed his bike into a Land Rover in Santanyi. The 53-year-old became the 42nd fatality on Balearic roads this year.

Burnt bus

A BUS caught fire in Port Pollensa. The 340 from Palma to the port was completely destroyed by flames after the driver evacuated all passengers on the early morning journey.

By Jay Emeny

RYANAIR has published a full list of the flights it is axing over the next six weeks after admitting it had "messed up" pilots' holidays.

On Friday the airline announced it would be cancelling 2,024 flights, between 40 and 50 daily.

Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary said in a press conference that the situation was a "mess" but said that anyone who is "entitled to compensation will receive compensation."

It is estimated that up to 400,000 people and 285,000 journeys are likely to be affected.

They are reportedly to be offered alternative flights or refunds, most within a day of their planned departure, but losses incurred when cancelling car or hotel bookings will not be covered.

But the budget airline still faces paying out €20 million to outraged customers.

Mr O'Leary said: "We made a mess and Ryanair holds our hands up when we make a mess."

"I'd like to apologise and say sorry for the short notice due to not having stand by crews."

"Ryanair is not short of pilots -

we were able to fully crew our peak summer schedule."

Rival budget carrier Norwegian Air Shuttle said it has recruited more than 140 pilots from Ryanair in 2017.

"Pilot recruitment is also underway for more pilots for our new Dublin base opening later this year," they added.

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No fly zone

Ryanair gaffe sparks travel chaos



GROUNDING: Over 2,000 flights have been cancelled.

EU compensation rules for cancelled flights are:

- Passengers are entitled to assistance and compensation, if the disruption was within an airline's control.
- Airlines have to offer full refunds, paid within seven days, or re-bookings for a flight cancelled at short notice.
- In addition, passengers can also claim compensation.
- Cancellation amounts are:

€250 (£218) for short-haul, €440 (£384) for medium-haul and €600 (£523) for long-haul.

• Passengers who reach their destination more than three hours late can be compensated from €200 to €600, depending on the length of flights and delay.

For full details on the cancellations including a comprehensive list visit the *Euro Weekly News* website and Facebook page.

Further misery forecast

THE travel disruption that has hit Spain shows no sign of letting up.

It comes after French trade unions called fresh strikes to protest against new labour reforms.

Disruption to air, sea, and ground transportation are to be expected, with a knock-on effect in Spain.

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office warned, "On September 21 and 23, French unions have called for protests and strike action across France."

"This could cause disruption and delays to transport services including rail networks and some maritime ports. You should allow extra time for your journey and check your operator's website."

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Heartfelt tribute

FRIENDS and family of Biel Llull, the policeman killed by a drunk driver while out on his bike, placed safety posters around his favourite Sineu route to commemorate the first anniversary of his death. He was struck by a drunk French tourist, who narrowly missed Llull's eight-year-old son. She is still awaiting trial in France.

Curvy queens

MISS Spain is a girl from Mallorca. El Tulian, aged 21, will represent Spain in the Miss World contest in November. She is 1.8 metres tall and says John Lennon is her favourite singer. On Saturday nine ladies will compete at the Hotel Horizonte in the Miss Curvy Mallorca competition.

Safety surprise

A SNAP inspection of 132 Palma bars found 91 infringements. Local Police and health inspectors carried out the checks at night. Smoking inside, noise levels, hygiene issues and drinking outside were the biggest offenders. Palma mayor Antoni Noguera told the city's bars that holiday season was over and it's time to smarten up their act.

Clean rockers

A ROCK band has published a new music video focused on plastic pollution in Mallorca's seas. Itchy, a group from Germany, collaborated on the video with Swiss environmental NGO OceanCare earlier this summer. The clip shows band members hard at work cleaning up different beaches. Lyrics protest the plastication of the world's oceans.

Love returns

A NEW Love Island has taken Mallorca by storm. The German edition of the hit British show is up and running and drawing in huge television ratings. It features a group of body-obsessed 20something couples coupling up and competing for a

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...30

When summer draws to a close and most of the high season festivities have ended, residents of Barcelona come together for one last giant knees-up as La Merce gets underway.

Festival fever!

DEDICATED to Mare de Deu de la Merce, the patron saint of Barcelona, the celebration lasts for four days from tomorrow (Friday) until next Monday and is jam-packed with events spread across the city. Barcelona has celebrated La Merce in some form or another since 1687, when legend claimed the Virgin of La Merce helped to rid the city of a plague of locusts, but the festival didn't become an official celebration until 1902.

From concerts to traditional dancing, theatre performances to spectacular light shows, and even an eco-friendly funfair for children, it is impossible to attend everything on offer during La Merce, however there are several main attractions that should not be missed.

Speak of the devil

THE Correfoc (fire run) takes place at dusk, where one of the main roads (normally Via Laietana) is closed off and then opened to The Devils, a select group of locals who dress-up and behave like devils.

Giant jamboree

THE parade of giants is popular among adults and children alike. Barcelona locals promenade huge effigies of kings, queens and other nobles through the city streets. The procession is usually accompanied by bands of musicians so the Giants can march and dance to the beat of their drums. The groups of impressive statues are brought in from all the different neighbourhoods in the city and those who accompany them are usually dressed in matching costumes as well.

TOWERING ABOVE:
The popular Giants Parade.



INFERNAL FLAMES: During La Merce.

Hold on tight!

ONE of the more breathtaking spectacles to take place during the festivities is the Castell - a variation on a human pyramid but with all the participants standing. The groups of Castellers aim to build human towers that can reach up to 10 levels high. A child is then tasked with climbing to the very top to add the finishing touch. These competitions are held throughout Catalunya during La Merce but the main Barcelona event is held in the Plaça de Jaume.



NO VERTIGO:
Castellers reach for the sky.

€50,000 prize. The loveshack is an unnamed estate in the north of the island.

Nasty water

SEWAGE once again flooded into a famous Mallorca beach. Last weekend Cala Major was closed to swimmers when brown sludge appeared in the bathing water. One young tourist fainted

at the beach and medics are investigating whether pollution was the cause. An antiquated sewage system is believed to be the root cause of the problem.

Picnic tables

AN expat couple donated €5,000 to a primary school in Sencelles. Monica and Martin Suttmeier were celebrating

Monica's recovery from a serious illness. With the generous gift the school bought 10 large mulberry trees and some picnic tables so children and staff can enjoy pleasant lunches outside. Students helped set up the tables.

Cancelled flights

RYANAIR'S mess affects two flights connecting Palma to the East Midlands today. But generally the island has been spared the disaster affecting other top tourist destinations. Dozens of flights have been cancelled to and from Ibiza and Barcelona. A list of all cancelled flights can be found on the low-cost carrier's home page.

Whodunnit? Lamb killer case

POLICE are probing two main hypotheses in the shocking attack on Mallorca's first black mayor's home.

As reported in the *Euro Weekly News* (issue 1680) a group of young people have been questioned by the Guardia Civil but no arrests made.

Alaro mayor Guillem Balboa found the rotting body of a dead black lamb thrown onto his patio.

A racial element to the case is being considered due to the selection of a darkly coloured lamb. The animal was savagely beaten and left a trail of blood across

Balboa's patio.

But police believe racism wasn't the chief motivation. Recently a group of youngsters protested loudly outside of Balboa's home over tough new restrictions on loud music in local bars.

A second avenue of inquiry relates to the theft of a pro-Catalan independence flag hung in Alaro's main square. As mayor, Balboa approved the flag, which may have antagonised the suspected Spanish unionists who tore it down barely 24 hours after it was unfurled.

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- 3 UK - Spain flights face disruption from French air traffic control strike - **14,642**
- 4 Spanish airports to be hit by 25 days of strikes as unions announce dates - **11,456**
- 5 Spanish flights hit as Ryanair axe 40 to 50 flights a day for next six weeks - **10,448**

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Poll of the week

Given the short notice that many passengers received over flight cancellations, do you think Ryanair handled the situation professionally?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

Given the number of incidents involving drunk travellers on planes heading to/from Spain, should an alcohol limit be introduced

Yes = 89%

No = 11%

Top Social Media comments

Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary admits 'We made a mess' So his organisation can't do basic staff planning and rostering and he'd rather TOTALLY disappoint hundreds of thousands of customers than mess up Lyingairs historic good punctuality record and disappoint far fewer customers ... of course it's nothing to do with the autumn and flying with lower passenger yields ... the man must think we are all idiots. Disgusting business ethics. *Martin George*

So annoying! My mother is 89 and so excited about seeing her great grandchildren on Friday ... but instead is worried and anxious!!! *Nicky Summers*

Twenty-one injured in Barcelona bakery explosion - I'm not trying to second guess 'authorities' but flour is very dangerous, especially in bakeries. It has been known to explode before now on more than one occasion, and it would be 'unusual' for gas to explode twice. I do hope all the injured make a full recovery very soon, poor people just doing a day's work to make food for us, thank you and get well soon. *Elizabeth Saunders*

British father in coma with serious injuries during stag party do in Magaluf - So insurance company won't pay out because he had alcohol in his system? That would probably apply to everyone who is on holiday and travels! Terrible situation poor guy. *Pamela Doyle*

More travel misery forecast in Spain as French strike again - Everyone deserves good pay and working conditions but when you have paid a lot of money for your holiday and have been looking forward to it for over a year it's very frustrating. And people are bound to be upset about it. *Susan Richardson*

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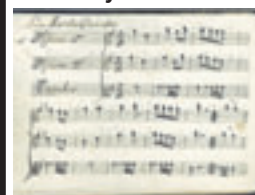
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A Mantis Shrimp can swing its claws so fast that it boils the water around it and creates a flash of light.

The National Spanish Anthem, Marcha Real, is one of only four national anthems in the world to have no official lyrics.



Global warming helped settle a land dispute between India and Bangladesh. The island, called New Moore, fell below sea level during 2010.

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Did you know?

Barcelona could have been home to the Eiffel Tower. If everything had gone according to Gustave Eiffel's initial plan, Paris' most famous landmark would now be in Barcelona. Unfortunately, the Spanish government rejected the architect's project, deciding it was too 'radical' for the city.

Lost in translation



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Little bits on the side

Lightning strikes

FLOODED streets are recovering after a wild and wet weekend saw torrential downpours across the island.

In Palma thunderstorms caused severe traffic jams. Garages were flooded and even traffic lights sent into a tizzy by the weather gods. The Paseo Marítimo and Son Oliva underpass were completely flooded, with firefighters rescuing five people from a car trapped under the bridge.

The situation was perilous throughout Mallorca with hundreds of lightning strikes and unusually chilly temperatures.

Weather warnings are to remain in place until at least next Sunday. Thunderstorms, lightning and rain are distinct possibilities for Saturday, with weekend highs expected to reach 26 degrees.

OUR VIEW

Hurricane devastation

AS many islands in the Caribbean try to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, they have barely had time to breathe before Hurricane Maria arrived.

The island of Barbuda which is part of the independent state of Antigua has been inhabited for 300 years but is now deserted with properties literally blown away and every single inhabitant dispossessed and evacuated to Antigua which escaped relatively lightly.

The first island to be hit by Maria was Dominica, like Antigua a former British colony and there has been considerable damage in the capital Roseau with the hurricane now due to roughly follow the trail of Irma as it moves inextricably towards the USA.

A number of islands are still vulnerable and a Royal Navy vessel is delivering relief supplies to a number of the British Overseas Territories in the area including Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands but when compared to the actions of other countries, it is suggested that this is very little, very late.

Living in Spain, we have to accept that it may become unbearably hot and water will either be in short supply or sometimes cause flash floods, but generally speaking we don't suffer from any of the major natural catastrophes that affect so many other parts of the world.

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Tooth fail

'HUMAN KEN DOLL,' Rodrigo Alves, lost three of his veneers while partying in Marbella. The 34-year-old, who is famous for his ambition to look like Barbie's boyfriend, Ken, explained, "I have been partying far too much and I guess that I must have had far too much to drink." The Brazilian has since had the veneers replaced.



RODRIGO ALVES:
Lost veneer.

Besties again

TOWIE star, Megan McKenna, was filmed making amends with former pals Chloe Meadows and Courtney Green in Marbella.

The 24-year-old brunette was shooting scenes for The Only Way is Essex on the show's annual trip to Marbella when she was spotted with her two former best friends. The trio put aside their differences to enjoy a night clubbing.

She's got front!

HOLLYWOOD starlet, Lindsay Lohan, has been photographed front row at Madrid Fashion Week. The 31-year-old Mean Girls actress wore a tight black leather dress and enormous black sunglasses as she enjoyed being guest of honour at the Pasarela Cibeles show. The day before, the star opted for a different look, wearing all white to a Devota & Lomba show.



ALL WHITE: Lindsay Lohan.



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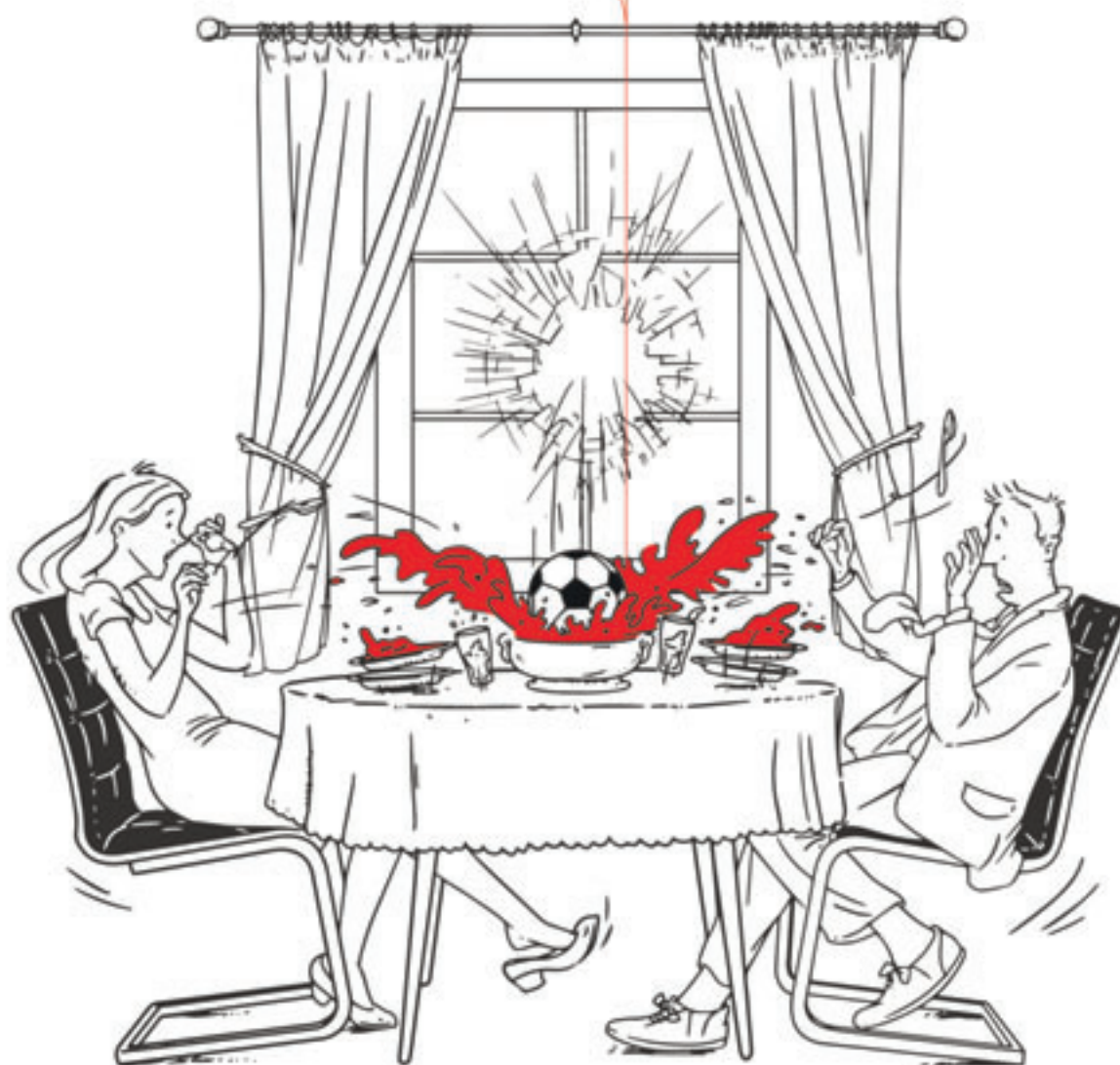
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NEWS EXTRA

Drill attack

POLICE are investigating after at least 27 Palma cars had their tyres punctured by vandals using drills over the weekend. Up to 10 holes were made in each tyre, causing expensive damage.

Wrong pick

JUDGES heard that the German architect hired to design the aborted Palma Velodrome and Arena in exchange for €8 million had no experience in constructing velodromes, or even large buildings.

Life savers

A SUICIDE line named the 'telephone of hope' received 1,138 calls from people considering taking their lives on the islands last year. In 2015, 93 people killed themselves.

Toxic water scandal deepens



TOXIC: Waters around port contaminated with burnt plastics.

By Matthew Elliott

TOXIC slag continues to pollute Palma's bathing water according to two major environmental groups.

Both Mallorca Blue and Terraferida have also demanded an independent analysis of heavy metal pollution in the 15,000 cubic metres of sea around the cruise ship bay.

Palma's three main beaches, Can Pere Antoni, Ciutat Jardí and s'Arenal have seen red flags raised due to sewage leaks. But bathers also spotted

plastics particles floating in the sea.

This is proof, according to the green groups, that the slag used to expand Palma port is seeping uncontrolled into formerly clean swimming water.

They are supported by the GOB, which believes the use of slag from the Son Reus incinerator may be the greatest environmental crime in Mallorca's history. Its use has now been halted pending an investigation.

But for Terraferida it is too little too late. They estimate that 60,000 tons of

slag has already been used and accused Palma's politicians of sweeping the scandal under the rug.

Tirme, the agency responsible for expanding the underwater barriers of Palma Port, was given 30 days notice from the Mallorcan council to stop using the slag.

Terraferida accused Tirme of using that time to jettison all the remaining slag on its books into public waters. Tirme has invited Terraferida to inspect its operation, a request the ecologists has dismissed as a PR exercise.

Monster budget for 2018

THE highest budget in the history of the Balearic Islands will be spent next year. Parliament has given the green light to a proposal extending the spending limit to €4.1 billion.

That will mean a budget roughly €250 million higher than this year. The parliamentary vote was the starting gun in a long period of negotiations to run until at least Christmas.

The Popular Party and Ciudadanos both voted against the enhanced budget. They argue that spending has increased sharply in the two years of Mes/PSOE rule, yet the people have hardly noticed a difference.

Treasury Secretary Catalina Cladera says that, although spending will rise by €250 million, total revenues will increase by €450 million. This is largely due to the doubling of the summer tourist tax.

She admitted that the Balearic Island's public debt is expected to rise from the present €8.88 billion, to around €9 billion by end of 2018.

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Don't carry on camping

By Matthew Elliott

THREE illegal camping sites were raided by the Guardia Civil's Seprona unit. The environmental protection squad took down the sites in Algaida, Sant Joan and Manacor over the weekend.

The campsites were reportedly being illegally advertised for rent online as a cheaper alternative to hotels and apartment stays. Prices for a spot in the tents ranged from €15 to €40 per person per night.

Facilities included toilets, showers, tables, chairs, water tanks, a BBQ area and even energy from solar panels. But the campsites themselves were all in forested areas with a substantial risk of wild fires.



Photo by Guardia Civil

SHIFTY: Campsites had no permission and were in wild fire hazard area.

Lighting up the BBQ could have posed a severe threat to the environment and nearby homes. None of the campsites had any kind of permission to be set up, let alone advertised for profit online.

During the raids, Seprona agents questioned the campsite guests. All were foreigners from a range of nationalities. They claimed to have made online reser-

vations and paid in advance by card. All were under the impression that the sites were entirely legal.

The platform where the campsites were advertised wasn't revealed except to say it was 'well-known.' This summer police have uncovered bedsits, caravans and even monasteries where tourists were being illegally charged.

Commercial master plan

A MASTER plan for future commerce on Mallorca will try to shift the balance of power from Palma to Inca. Employers, developers and even environmentalists agree that too much activity is centred around the capital.

Despite often feeling full to the brim, there are more

than six million square metres of land earmarked for commercial use which remain undeveloped. This wasted space, from a business perspective, is distributed very unevenly across the island.

Palma is a rapidly growing centre of commercial power, with its influence

such that Calvia, Lluçmajor and Marratxi are effectively satellites.

But Inca and the north of Mallorca have seen a serious decline in commercial activity.

On Monday trade leaders held a meeting to discuss fixing this imbalance. Employers' association Pimeco

noted that traffic on Palma's ring road exceeds 145,000 cars per day, surpassing even Madrid's M40.

At the meeting the prospect of paying businesses to move from Palma to Inca was raised. Attendees were asked to think of other incentives and report back within a week.

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A FURIOUS homeowner started a high-speed car chase against two burglars before police intervened and arrested the men.

The crooks broke into the Calvia home, which had been unoccupied following a recent robbery.

They brought two large vans

Vigilante homeowner

with them and began stripping the house bare, even taking air conditioners and shower screens.

When the owner drove by to

check the property with his young son in tow, he caught them in the act.

He left the boy in the car and

confronted the men.

He was punched and thrown to the ground while they made their escape. Undeterred he took the

boy out the car and began pursuing the two vans down the street.

On the way he phoned police and even recorded the entire chase on his phone from behind the wheel for evidence. Calvia's Local Police soon caught up with the crooks and recovered the stolen goods.

Serving of sanity

WHILE politicians squabble over Cataluña, tennis star Rafael Nadal has served up his own opinion on the independence debate. The Mallorcan icon, not known for his political views, said it was time to see some sanity on both sides.

The US Open champion was asked about referendum turmoil as an event organised by Banco Sabadell. "Everything has become so radicalised that it's difficult to see a solution," he said. "You can say almost nothing because anything you might say is misunderstood. This is the time for both sides to embrace sanity and sit down to speak to one another," he added.

Nadal, in his quietly-spoken demeanour, has come out against Catalan independence. He claims to feel "very Balearic and very Spanish" and said he couldn't imagine a "Spain without Cataluña or a Cataluña without Spain."

The Manacor man's conciliatory approach is not reflected in Mallorca's fiery political debate on the subject. The island has a distinct Catalan identity and a substantial number of people who would like to see the Balearics also breakaway from Spain.

Mes per Mallorca, which is part of the ruling Balearic coalition, has called for the parliament to issue a message of support for the Catalan Generalitat's decision to hold the October 1 referendum.

Madrid has dismissed the vote as illegal and has the support of the conservative Popular Party on the island. They have been denounced as 'neofascist' by Mes, who say banning a referendum is reminiscent of Franco.

On Saturday there will be a huge demonstration in Palma against mass tourism.



VOICE OF SANITY: Nadal dismayed by tone of debate.



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‘No strings attached’ champagne

CLUB boss Tolo Cursach plied town hall officials with bottles of French Champagne, judges have heard. Investigators claim that expensive Moët Chandon and €500 notes were doled out to dozens of officials in exchange for favourable treatment.

Cursach, who is the subject of Mallorca’s biggest ever criminal case, owns a bevy of top nightclubs, strip bars, and brothels across the city.

Several council workers have reportedly confessed to accepting Champagne and cash from the Cursach Group. In return they speeded along permits for his business ventures and turned a blind eye to any irregularities.

Wiretaps on calls between city officials and Cursach henchmen confirm open discussions of envelopes and cash payments. Relations were evidently friendly.

One town hall worker has come forward as a witness, saying the wads of cash and bottles of Champagne were sent frequently to all employees. She claims not to have accepted, but did take a VIP gym pass for her husband.

Meanwhile police commanders admitted to prosecutors that the Cursach Group sends the office Christmas hampers each year. No officer ever returns the gift.

Scandal doc’s second escape

A PROFESSOR at the centre of a cancer drug scandal was convicted of drunk driving. Pablo Escriba, a Balearic University employee, was four times the legal limit when he ploughed into a car carrying a woman and her seven-month-old baby.

Escriba pled guilty to the 2015 offence in court. He lost his licence for two years and was fined €4,320 for injuries caused to the victims. It took the mother four months to recover from back pain.

It is the second time in a week Escriba has escaped jail. A judge recently found no evidence of deception in his sale of Minerva, an experimental drug plugged as combating brain cancer and Alzheimer’s, to desperate patients.

The professor faces severe sanction from the European Medicines Agency for selling the unregulated drug. Minerva had passed only one of four mandated tests before public sale is permitted.



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Since the start of this year the company has acquired two additional newspaper brands - the *RTN Newspaper* and *Sol Times*.

Meanwhile the *Euro Weekly News (EWN)* won the accolade of being voted Best Free Publication at the 2017 Spanish Periodical Association Awards in Madrid.

Put simply, the *EWN* is the most prominent free English newspaper in Spain, not only being the biggest but combining quality with quantity topped with a distribution footprint that no other can match.

It is a unique product streets ahead of any comparable publications, continually developing, improving the service provided to readers and advertisers, and leading while others follow trailing in its wake.

But other publications are not the real deal that *EWN* offers and provides, delivering time and time again.

The EWNMG office relocation comes after the company outgrew its former headquarters.

But the foundation of family values throughout all group publications remains even though the team to produce 10 weekly newspapers is ever-increasing in size.

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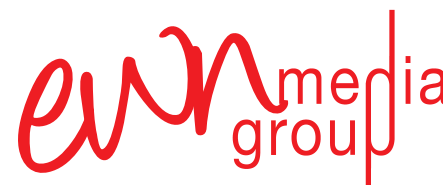
But throughout the long journey the EWNMG team has worked to ensure that the only way forward - more than two decades ago right up to the present day - is upwards!

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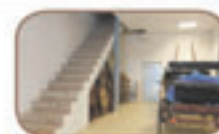
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In the village of Lloseta this beautiful Majorcan stone house is to reform. Located on the southern slopes of the Sierra Tramontana. So this house has a magnificent view of the area of Mallorca from the top floor. M2 built 95.

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Public sector pay cap

A SPOKESPERSON for the Spanish Finance Ministry has announced that in order to comply with deficit containment requirements, public sector pay rises will be capped.

The maximum increase in any single year between 2018 and 2020 will be set at 2 per cent although there is no guarantee that even this figure will be agreed in every case. Unions are now awaiting a meeting with government negotiators to see what their members are likely to be offered.

Escalating cost of death

By John Smith

IT'S costing more than ever to die in Britain and many people have to cut back on funeral expenses which can average more than €4,000.

London is the most expensive place to die with average costs exceeding €6,000 which is double the cost of a funeral in Northern Ireland according to the 11th Cost of Dying report published by insurers SunLife.

The funeral however only makes up less than 50 per cent of the average cost with the total hitting €9,000 when adding the cost of a wake, cars, flowers and a profes-

sional to administer the estate.

In the survey according to funeral directors and bereaved, a number of people have opted for the cheapest coffin, hold the wake at home and even considered burying their loved one in their back gardens.

Since the company first started the survey, they have seen costs increase by more than 70 per cent in England although Northern Ireland and Wales have seen a drop.

Many people now consider the advantage of taking insurance or making interim payments on guaranteed costs in order to save their loved ones from having the problem of funding their funeral after they have gone.

Those living in Spain will be able to find similar options in order to reduce the likely cost of a funeral and also need to consider whether their wills should specify that their estates should be distributed under Spanish law or the law of the country in which they were born.

Energy shares fall

A REPORT issued by the investment bankers Goldman Sachs has frightened a number of corporate and private investors and hit the shares of Spanish energy companies. The twin reasons for this were suggestions that the Spanish government was likely to cut subsidies to the energy section and the increased amount of green energy will see prices tumbling.

Quote of the Week

We know perfectly well that relocation would become an exodus, Catalonia would enter into an economic collapse," Josep Bou President of Entrepreneurs of Catalonia on Catalanian Independence.



ON THE catwalk at London Fashion Week.

Fashion sales grow online

WITH London Fashion Week just about to finish, shopping for clothes online is becoming a major market in the UK and increasingly in Spain.

In the past five years, UK spend online has doubled to £16 billion (€18 billion) although the overall growth in clothing sales is just over 1 per cent, suggesting that the customer base remains much the same but the method of purchase has changed.

So says Mintel, the world's

largest market intelligence agency with global offices in Europe, the Far East and Asia

Major retailers such as Inditex and Mango have spent a lot of time and money in developing their Spanish websites which can then be rolled out across the world whilst a number of British companies such as Debenhams and Marks and Spencer are making it much easier for English speaking residents in Spain to purchase their clothing.

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Stronger pound

IN a recent edition of this newspaper it was suggested that sterling would be likely to recover against the euro and this is what has happened. At the time of writing, the exchange rate has exceeded €1.12 and could climb further.

Unfair olives

SPANISH olive growers have now received a 150 page document from US Department of Commerce which they must fill in if they wish to keep tariff free imports. American olive growers accuse them of unfair competition supported by the Spanish government.

Bitcoin falls

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Greater growth for Spain's economy

AFTER reviewing the way in which national accounting in Spain is undertaken, the authorities have now slightly upgraded 2015 and 2016 growth results. According to the National Institute of Statistics economic output grew by 3.3 per cent in 2016, up by 0.1 per cent over the figure reported in

March of this year whilst the 2015 figure is now reported as 3.4 per cent, up 0.2 per cent.

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Carnival	4,801.00	18.00	0.38	10,882.86	Royal Dutch Shell	2,146.75	4.25	0.20	81,707.79
Centrica	187.85	-0.15	-0.08	10,648.22	RELX	1,638.50	4.50	0.28	17,654.85
Compass Group	1,593.50	2.50	0.16	25,350.64	Rio Tinto	3,470.50	18.00	0.52	47,966.81
Croda International	3,711.00	36.00	0.98	4,878.61	Rolls-Royce Group	895.25	9.75	1.10	16,611.27
CRH	2,645.00	5.00	0.19	22,114.32	Randgold Resources	7,462.50	-82.50	-1.09	7,158.98
ConvaTec Group	259.30	1.50	0.58	5,144.08	RSA Insurance Group	626.75	6.25	1.01	6,468.79
DCC	7,112.50	27.50	0.39	6,413.64	Rentokil Initial	297.00	1.80	0.61	5,475.25
Diageo	2,497.75	9.75	0.39	63,086.48	Sainsbury (J)	238.65	0.95	0.40	5,264.96
Direct Line Insurance Group	374.30	2.80	0.75	5,197.50	Schroders	3,289.00	32.00	0.98	7,440.66
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Ferguson Ord 10 5366p	4,555.00	69.00	1.54	11,746.82	Shire	3,901.25	-17.75	-0.45	35,922.74
Fresnillo	1,430.50	-10.50	-0.73	10,891.29	Smurfit Kappa Group	2,351.00	9.00	0.38	5,558.66
G4S	275.00	-0.10	-0.04	4,332.05	Skay	928.75	-3.75	-0.40	15,961.08
GKN	347.90	9.10	2.69	5,796.45	Standard Life Aberdeen	406.45	1.45	0.36	12,194.90
Glencore	345.03	0.53	0.15	50,611.91	Smiths Group	1,580.50	16.50	1.05	6,322.26
GlaxoSmithKline	1,453.25	-0.75	-0.05	72,818.72	Scottish Mortgage Investment Trst	423.35	2.85	0.68	5,981.94
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,413.00	17.00	1.22	6,659.43	Smith & Nephew	1,343.50	3.50	0.26	11,932.75
Hammerson	543.75	0.25	0.05	4,315.12	SSE	1,409.50	2.50	0.18	14,000.56
HSBC Holdings	714.55	6.55	0.93	144,794.29	Standard Chartered	739.10	4.30	0.59	24,714.47
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“Schhh... You Know Who” European Court to rule on tonic water

A WAR has broken out between Coca Cola and Japanese drinks manufacturer Suntory over the import of millions of bottles of Schweppes tonic water from Britain to Spain.

Schweppes Spain, owned by Suntory has taken action against companies selling British made Schweppes tonic water and a major importer.

So heated has the argument become that the main court in Barcelona has had to submit the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) the EU's highest court for an opinion before making a ruling.

Coca Cola owns the rights to produce Schweppes tonic water and other drinks in the UK and a number of other countries as does Suntory, but with the growth in popularity of gin and tonic across Europe, one Spanish distributor in particular decided that more money could be made by importing the quinine-based drink from the UK.

It is estimated that the import of British tonic accounted for 5 per cent of total Spanish sales and action was taken against wholesalers who supplied bars and restaurants with the tonic as well as the main importer who had 45,000 bottles seized at ports of landing.

Whilst Coca Cola has signed a private agreement not to send Schweppes tonic water direct to Spain, the distributor has argued that it is doing nothing wrong and that the Schweppes' brand is closely associated in the minds of consumers with Coca Cola.

The counter argument not only disputes this but points out that Spanish Schweppes tonic tastes different to the UK pro-



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TONIC WATER:
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duced version and even has different sized bubbles.

Once the CJEU completes its deliberations, their conclusion will be passed to Barcelona and a final decision will be handed down, so that one side will be able to relax with an enjoyable G&T.

Intellectual Property lawyers await the decision with interest as there are many branded items produced in different parts of the European Union where parallel imports are known to take place from Eastern Europe to wealthier States and precedence in law is always helpful.

BUILDING A LOCAL CURRENCY FOR LOCAL PEOPLE New version of old concept

AN Israeli company, Colu, has attracted more than €10 million financial investment from corporate investors prepared to take a chance on new high tech start-up companies.

Originally formed to take advantage of the interest in digital currencies following the success of bitcoin, it has shifted its emphasis to introduce local online currencies for specific cities.

Starting in Israel and the UK, there is every likelihood that if the test cases are successful, we could see the same concept arriving in Spain.

The actual idea is quite simple and takes the previously tried concept of a local currency and digitises it so they now operate the Haifa Shekel and the Liverpool Pound.

Local companies agree to sign up free of charge to Colu and confirm that they will accept digital payment and consumers also sign up to convert their pounds on a one for one basis for the Liverpool Pound.

There are no charges to change money nor are there charges when payments are made but in order to prosper



Photo by Colu

PROMOTING local shopping.

Colu charges 1.5 per cent when the digital currency is cashed in.

The attraction for local business is that it pays no fees to accept digital payment and as membership - both business and consumer - grows so there will be an increasing market of local shoppers.

Research shows that large businesses such as supermarkets and major retailers move up to 70 per cent of in-

come earned out of the area to regional or main bank accounts whilst local businesses keep up to 65 per cent of income circulating within the area.

The concept is good, but there are potential drawbacks as there is only so much local business to business trade that can be undertaken before small companies need to 'cash in' their Liverpool Pounds which is when they lose 1.5 per cent of their total.

Equally, if businesses keep hold of all of their digital income, Colu won't make any income and could well 'pull the plug.'

None of the four trial areas have been trading for long enough to indicate whether this is a potentially viable option, but the fact that some major venture capitalists are prepared to help fund the company suggests that this could be the next big thing in the digital world.

If it does take off, then the only slight irony will be a concept that looks to support local shops for local people will see a percentage of the money earned disappearing to Israel.

Spain boosts private pensions

THE Minister for the Economy, Luis de Guindos has made it known that the government is anxious to encourage investment in personal pension plans.

He therefore intends to put a draft Royal Decree before Parliament reducing the maximum management fee for plans from 1.5 per cent to 1.25 per cent of the value of the investment.

This is the second reduction since 2014 when the maximum fee was reduced from 2 per cent and will be criticised by investment managers who claimed that they lost €100 million of income then and could lose another €50 million if this law is approved.

From 2025 it will also be easier for individuals to release part of their pension investments.

Winner of Ig Nobel prize

A RECENT Spanish development for unborn babies known as the Babypod is available for pregnant women at a cost of €149.95.

This small intra-vaginal device stimulates neural development in unborn babies through music.

The company which has been set up by four scientists says studies show that it encourages communication and vocalisation in babies before birth through the music streamed.

Babypod gives them their first musical and learning experience and is far more effective than other devices affixed to the stomach.

Not everyone agrees however as it has been singled out for an Ig Nobel in this year's annual awards presented by humorous American scientific magazine Annals of Improbable Research.

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BREXIT MAY HURT EXPATRIATE PENSIONS UK needs new agreement

CONSERVATIVE MP Nicky Morgan, Chairman of the UK Treasury Committee has written to the Chancellor regarding possible loss of pension payments and insurance for expatriates.

It appears that what are known as cross-border insurance policies may no longer be permitted following Brexit unless some form of agreement is reached between the UK and European Union.

In essence, a number of policies which run after March 2019 have been sold to customers under passporting arrangements which allow for the insurers to make payments into the EU but these arrangements will in theory be stopped post Brexit unless some form of agreement is reached.

Pensioners in particular should not immediately worry as it is believed state and other pensions paid into UK accounts should be safe but there may be some difficulty in respect of private pensions paid in euros into EU accounts.

The same may be true for other insurance policies also written in the UK

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but covering properties, lives or other matters in Spain.

This is not some form of crafty trick by insurance companies but a situation which means that without some form of agreement, they will either have to withhold payment or risk breaking the law.

So far, the United Kingdom has indicated that part of the initial discussions involved cross-border sales of goods and

materials but according to the Treasury Committee, both the UK and EU appear to have overlooked these sales.

As it could take anywhere from nine to 18 months for legislation to be put in place to allow these transfers or for British insurers to either set up subsidiaries abroad or transfer their existing portfolios to third parties, the problem is quite urgent.

In her letter to the Chancellor, Philip Hammond, Miss Morgan said "The possibility UK providers may not be legally able to pay out pensions or insurance contracts to citizens in the EU - including UK expats - is a stark example of the consequences of a 'cliff edge' Brexit."

She went on to say that "It is therefore surprising there have been no position papers from the [European] commission or the government proposing how it might be addressed."

It is estimated there may be several hundred thousand contracts which could be affected and therefore this intervention by the Treasury Committee is clearly very timely.

Nicky Morgan, Chair of UK Treasury Committee.

Catalan pension fears

AS the Catalan Independence Referendum row rolls on, employees and pensioners in the province are receiving mixed messages about the viability of an Independent state.

Whilst the Catalan government has been issuing comforting words to the estimated 500,000 existing pensioners, the government in Madrid suggests that there would be a shortfall of just under €4.7 billion to pay them.

With the largest number of workers falling in the 25 to 54 age category, the number of pensioners could well grow over the coming years which would put a further strain on the Catalan economy.

Without national support, the government suggests that the independent state could see job losses of at least 250,000 which would also reduce the pension pot and increase the drain on social service payments.

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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No one's laughing now are they?

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OTHERS THINK IT



IF the UK doesn't toughen up against the threat of potential terrorism we really can put our heads between our legs and kiss our proverbials goodbye.

The first thing the government has to come to terms with (and more importantly publicly admit), is that we are in a war. The second thing, imperative to any successful outcome, is to openly recognise that the active participants in this conflict are predominantly young men, who hail from ethnic backgrounds and are followers of Islamic beliefs.

Political correctness and the fear of being labelled a racist preventing us admitting who our enemies are is utterly ridiculous. The power to intercept internet use and freeze suspects' bank accounts, rescinded in 2011 due to some human rights infringement protest (surprise, surprise) must be restored. Internment must be brought back.

The 23,000 terrorist suspects presently at large in the UK have to be monitored more closely, including phone hacking and the eavesdropping of conversations. No individual convicted of terrorism should have access to public funds for leave



ANTI-TERROR MEASURES: Must be intensified?

to appeal and, where possible, immediate deportation should be in effect. Suspects' homes must be raided far more frequently. Mosques and schools, suspected of preaching radicalism, must be closed down and offending leaders jailed. Police have to be given much wider powers and not be in fear of recrimination for offending some religious ritual

or another. We are quite simply too damned soft.

The days of Geneva conventions and fair play is over. This enemy merely looks on any sign of decency as a weakness. These people kill women and children and even their own kind indiscriminately. They saw peoples' heads off and crucify others on social media. You can't possibly fight a

war against them shackled by political correctness or the fear that you may 'offend' somebody.

This war is also being fought on many fronts, including a growing number in high office, banner bearers who parade the streets and bleaters in the public media. The enemy is everywhere. Strange is it not, that when I warned of all this 20 years ago I was accused of being a ranting idiot and indeed often observed as a laughing stock? Well in the words of Nigel Farage to the European government. No one's laughing now are they?

I will finish this week on a somewhat lighter note. Ta ra!

Couldn't help laughing at a story I picked up during the week. It concerned the late great actor Yul Brynner. Apparently during the run of *The King and I* at the London Palladium in the 60's, one elderly fan waited at the stage door every night with a bunch of flowers for Mr Brynner. Every time they were offered the star declined.

On the final night the lady duly turned up and hit Brynner over the head with her bouquet. This was brilliantly observed in the piece I read as a memorable example of the 'fan hitting the s..t'! Ha ha. Got to laugh ain't ya?

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Healthcare a bitter pill to swallow

WE came to Spain five years ago.

Being under 65 years old we had to pay for private health care, which we have used and do understand, as our European Health Insurance Card will not cover us for long term future issues, only emergencies.

We never wanted to use them to get our residence paperwork, although they used this as a sweetener when we signed up.

We have not used the medical or dental cover for several months, and we understand that some people use this to get their residence and then cancel it once they have it, but we are not in this group.

We now want to leave Spain and have been asked to pay for the full amount of the remaining eight months, and according to our legal team this is correct!

So we either pay to fight or just pay the insurance company!

As we have not used the cover for

Wonders will never cease

FOR once, and probably never again, I will totally agree with the Little Arrows man. What the hell will come up next? He's absolutely right, leave the children to be children, boys or girls. The same applies for men and women, we like being who we are!

Sexless, what a dreamt-up definition. I understand the other meaning of the word but to say we should all be neither men nor woman is stupid.

Somebody, man or woman or a team must come up with this



BOYS AND GIRLS: Let them work it out for themselves.

tosh, probably advertising executives trying to enhance their sexless product ranges!

Right Mr Lee, that's enough agreeing with you. Can you

write something for me to really have a go at next time? Trump's a good one, or maybe u-turn Queen May?

Philip, San Fulgencio

the full term we feel that this is unfair and as a goodwill gesture our requests have been refused.

So, ask the right questions and choose your supplier wisely since the sales staff tend to be on commission and will certainly not fight your case as the customer.

Mark Antony Lang, Vera

Costa's finest

A MASSIVE vote of thanks to Benidorm's much maligned Local Police department. Recently I have noticed a large police presence on every road with access to Levante promenade.

This is obviously a plan to avert the use of vehicles being used in terrorist attacks and it is very reassuring to know that our Local Police are on hand to prevent this happening.

It would be all too easy to imagine the carnage that would ensue if these terrorists were allowed access to one of the busiest pedestrian walkways in the town.

Thank you one and all.

Alan Fenlon, Finestrat

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'Hero' takes down rowdy passenger

AN aggressive man was choked to the ground by a fellow passenger during a Ryanair flight.

Well done! The guy knew what he was doing, he's martial arts trained and put a 'sleeper' on him, just enough squeeze pressure on the jugular till his knees buckle, and blood/oxygen slows down to the brain! Perfect! He'd have got a my foot right in the groin!! He should be locked up!

Julie Jones Peel

Don't need aggressive passengers, why can't they just behave, well done that guy who dealt with him. *Ann Gregory*

What were Ryanair crew doing, surely they should have kept control, not a passenger!!

Annette Paterson

May require security staff on certain flights or destinations; shouldn't need to but maybe as a precaution!

Lynn Brown

Ryanair to axe 40-50 flights a day

With less than 24 hours notice low-cost airline Ryanair has announced it will cancel 40-50 flights a day until the end of October 'to im-

Comments from EWN online

prove its system-wide punctuality.'

They should have their licence revoked. If you take bookings then operate your flights, I was considering them for a flight to Malta next year but this has changed my mind.

Robert Baxter Johnston

Text arrived at 6.35pm to cancel flight 9am next day. Tel no to contact them no answer and live chat not available .

Office closed 7pm, received email at 8pm with refund or rebook link, rebooked for following day after three attempts but had to pay for seats again. I'm hoping to get refund. Beware if you ask for a refund at once then Ryanair believe no compensation is payable.

I also had my flight cancelled during World Cup last year due to fly Marseille to Lille to follow England, offered a flight seven days later. I asked for hotel etc the lady on Ryanair desk called police over and accused me of being racist and abusive to her, total lie however when asked to leave airport gendarme turned at same

time she pointed me out to a colleague and smirked, he took me out and apologised.

Brian Young

Airport unions 'fear the worst' but talks go on

TALKS between the government and the airport unions have not gone as well as previous meetings, with some unions "fearing the worst" as key demands cause tension.

They should fire them all and rehire. Lots of people wanting to work.

Lisa Dandanell Ruggero

Not so easy Lisa, some of those people have to be trained for years, IE air traffic control. You can't just instantly dismiss and rehire. Plus what we don't see from this story is... maybe the strike is the last straw for the workers who have a stressful and sometimes dangerous job to do.

Alan Hill

So cross we should be able to plan flights not an easy feat at the best of times

Maureen Pearson

Stop the hate

A FEW days ago, I wrote in a Facebook group that I had seen a boat coming dangerously close to a Marbella beach right among bathers, but others in the group told me to go back to my country if I don't like it!

Then, I saw an elderly Englishman being abused while trying to park his car at the supermarket until he got scared and drove away. What is happening? Things were never like this before!

Christine Farnell, El Pinillo

Parking mad

THE new parking system at Malaga airport is nothing short of atrocious! Arriving to collect my father last week, I ended up in the 'new' short term car park (effectively a tarmacked area surrounded by cheap fencing) by accident due to a lack of signage.

I then had to pay €5 to get out despite having only been in 'the compound' for a total of three minutes!

A grumpy expat, Coin

SANTA PONSA

Special

Paradise islands

By Kat Ashton

JUST opposite the Bay of Santa Ponsa are two uninhabited islets known as the Las Malgrats Islands which have become a haven for sailors and nature enthusiasts.

The islands occupy over 100 hectares and have been declared a nature reserve due to the diverse range of ecological species that live there. The largest is known as Malgrat and measures at just over 2km long, while the smallest, the islet de Ses Rates, is less than 500 metres long.

The sea surrounding the islands is mostly visited by fishermen, who promote sustainable fishing in the area, and tourist boats.

Visitors travel to the islands to enjoy nature in its most wild state and can access the remote shores by kayak or small boat. The islets have natural pools, cliffs and abundant plants and wildlife

so it is easy to spend a whole day exploring the spots where few have been before.

Scuba divers in particular flock to the marine reserve to see the abundance of underwater life that lives in its waters. They also go in search of the Balearic Frigate, a ship which rests on the seabed just 400m away from the Malgrats. The 133 metre-long boat has become a paradise for diving enthusiasts due to the artificial reef which has formed around its skeleton.

Many animal species have found a safe refuge on the islands including swifts, puffins and the Balearic lizard. In the surrounding waters you might come across moray eels, octopus, red starfish and sea horses, to name a few.

“Visitors travel to the islands to enjoy nature.”



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Diamond marinas

By Kat Ashton

BUILT within a natural cove in 1975 and surrounded by gardens, Santa Ponsa's picturesque harbour is one of the most lovely you'll find in Mallorca, if not the whole of Europe.

With moorings for over 500 boats and an office open most days, the port has all the modern facilities expected, including maximum security features.

The port was designed to blend in with the natural surroundings, and extends down a long, thin bay sheltered by the area's native pine trees. Although only 1.5km from Santa Ponsa itself, the harbour has many of its own features including a supermarket, restaurant and bar so is even worth a visit for those who have no interest in boats.

Further down the coast you can find the upmarket Port Adriano. Here is where the millionaires come to dock their



super yachts before doing a bit of designer shopping or feasting in one of the many fine dining restaurants. Those who want to escape their cabins into more spacious surroundings can unwind in the nearby five star hotel, Pure Salt Port Adriano, which has a spa, restaurant and gym.

The exclusive marina was designed by Philippe Starck,

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The port was
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the mastermind behind several luxury hotels in the US, and offers premium services for those who can afford a berth there. It is also possible to participate in a selection of water sports at Port Adriano, including sailing, jet ski and diving.

The port is host to many events each year including music festivals, car shows and street food markets.

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TENNIS CHAMPION: Anastasiya Sevastova at Santa Ponsa Tennis Club.

Clubs and aces

By Kat Ashton

THE new tennis club in Santa Ponsa has a UK connection, as experts from Wimbledon helped to build the 16-court venue which opened its doors earlier this year.

This project is just the latest in a list of recent, upmarket developments to the area, following the €89 million extension of Port Adriano in 2012 and the new Upper East nightclub which also opened its doors this year.

The club is a welcome addition to the long list of the town's leisure facilities, which include first class golf resorts and yacht clubs.

The Mallorca Women's Tennis Open was hosted at the new club in June this year and saw Anastasiya Sevastova take home the trophy in the venue's first major event.

The tournament is seen by many as the warm-up to Wimbledon, so offered the chance to see some top-notch players in action.

Located just 100 metres from the beach, which is ideal for cooling down after a match in the midday heat, the club offers the choice of both grass and clay courts. It also has its own tennis academy, offering lessons at very competitive prices.



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REVELLERS at this year's festivities.



The king of festivals

By Kat Ashton

AT the start of September Santa Ponsa celebrated the 'annual Rei en Jaume' festival - one of the biggest parties of the year.

The festival was first celebrated in 1929 to mark the 700th anniversary of King Jaume I's arrival on the island. It is told that the Catalan monarch arrived in Santa Ponsa with a fleet of over 150 ships at midnight on September 10, 1229 to conquer it back from the Arabs. However, the troops actually landed in Santa Ponsa by a fluke as strong winds prevented them from reaching the Port de Pollensa, their original destination.

Although the capital city, which is now known as Palma, fell within the first year of battle, it took the Catalans three years to win the island back from the Moors completely. The place where King Jaume I first landed on Mallorca is now marked by a large stone cross close to the marina and nautical club.

Among the many highlights of the 'Fiestas del rei en Jaume,' which celebrated its 88th anniversary this year, was the battle between the Christians and the Moors on Saturday September 9. Locals and visitors alike came together to re-enact the landings and battles between the two sides on Playa Grande beach and Calo d'en Pellicer beach, with the final battle held on Santa Ponsa beach.

The town also put on a large medieval-themed market, where you could sample all manner of interesting food delicacies, and parades with traditional dancing. Participants also enjoyed a host of live music

events, fancy dress parties and fire-works.

A new feature this year was the fun race on September 1 in which all competitors had to wear a costume and overcome obstacles consisting

of the four elements - water, earth, wind and fire. It is expected that this event will become a permanent feature in the annual festivities.

Other high points of the festivities included the giant parade, the 'night of fire' and the various DJ nights over the week-

end. The town rounded off the festivities with a fantastic evening firework display on the final Sunday.

“ One of the biggest parties of the year.”



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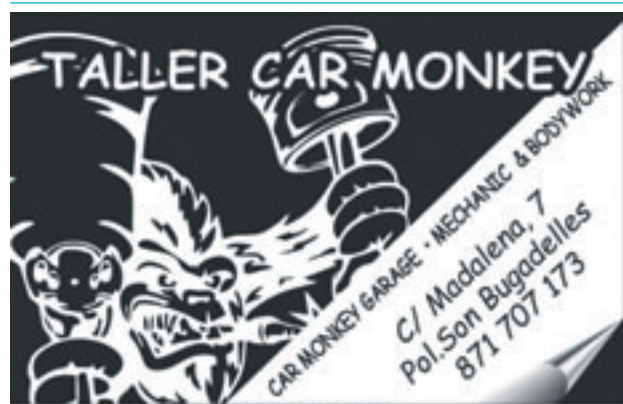
run a 2km circuit together in an effort to raise awareness about pet adoption and creating a more 'pet friendly' environment.

Four out of 10 households now own at least one domestic animal but most owners are still restricted when it comes to taking their pets to public spaces.

Owners and pets will run a 2km circuit together.

Participants can either run or walk the circuit but as the purpose of the race is mainly to raise awareness, there will be no winners and everyone who crosses the finish line will get a prize.

The owner must cross the finish line with their dog otherwise they will be disqualified.



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Under the sea

By Kat Ashton

MALLORCA has some of the bluest, most pristine sea in the Mediterranean and Santa Ponsa is no exception. To make the most of holidaying by the coast, why not have a go at a few water sports and there are plenty to choose from on this part of the island.

Surfing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding are some of the more popular sports to choose from while there is also the option to try more extreme activities such as banana-riding, jet skiing and paragliding.

There are many paddle-board and kayak tours offered by local companies at Santa Ponsa, which offer the chance to explore the stunning coastline with its many hidden caves and impressive cliffs while learning more about the local eco-culture.

The Malgrats Islands are also close by and confident boarders and kayakers are

encouraged to paddle over and check out what these tranquil islands have to offer.

This will also give you the chance to explore some of the more remote parts of the island and visit untouched beaches that are otherwise inaccessible.

Who doesn't want their own private beach?

For those who don't feel confident in the water, there are many companies offering boat trips from Santa Ponsa Port for a pinch at just €15-20. They also give the opportunity to see a new side of the island while getting away from the hustle and bustle of it all.

The warm sea temperature, clear water and fascinating underwater environment make Santa Ponsa a great destination for any

scuba-diving fanatics. It is an ideal spot for both beginners and professionals and there are also several scuba diving schools in the area which is great news for anyone wanting to try it for the first time.



DIVING is just one of the many fun watersports you can do in Santa Ponsa.

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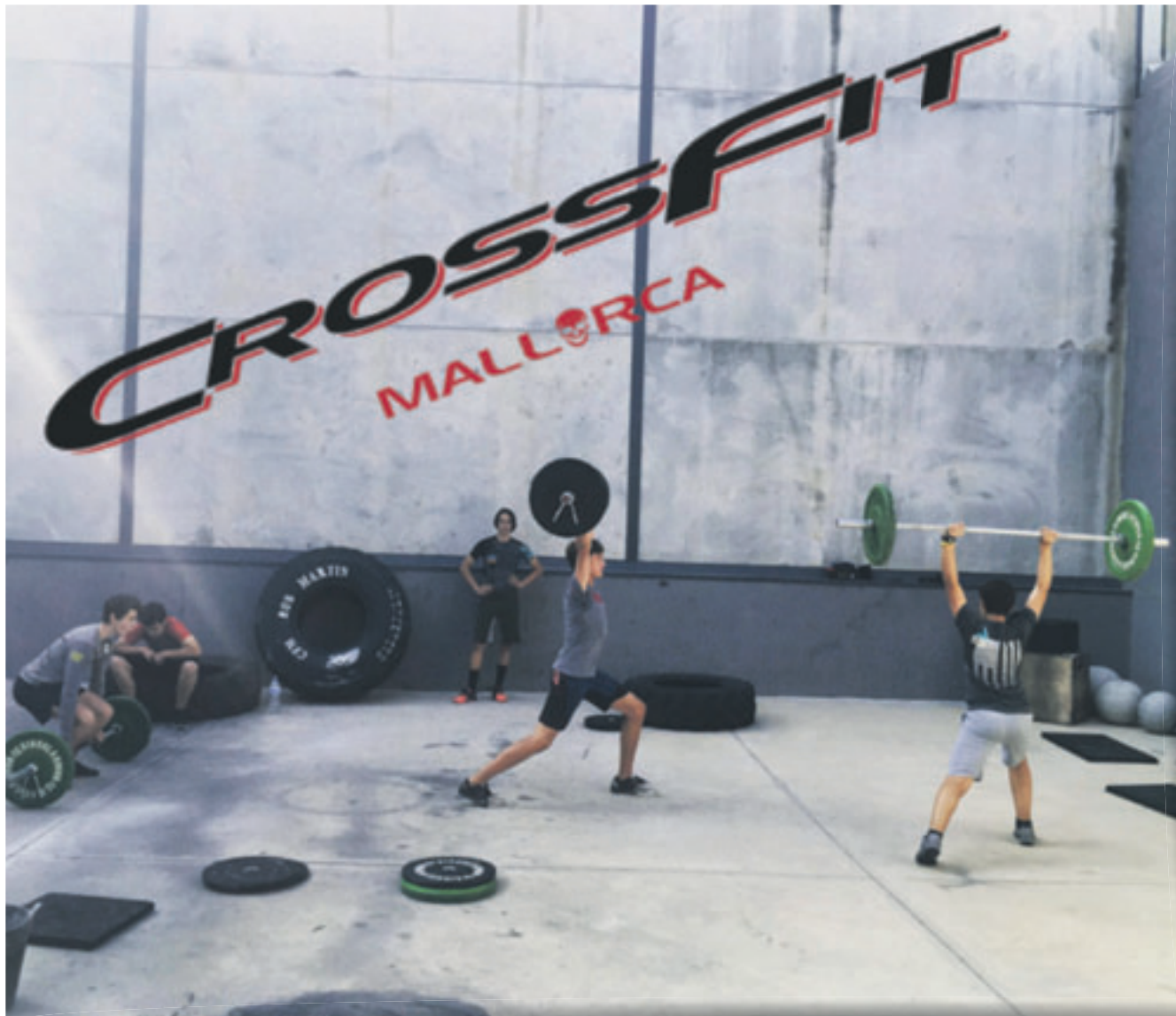


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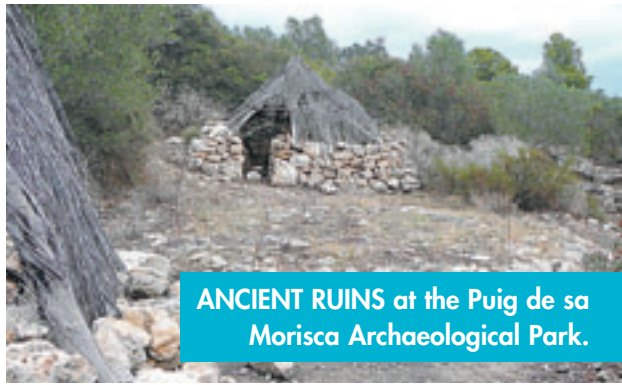
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Take a trip back in time at the Puig de sa Morisca Archaeological Park

By Kat Ashton

SANTA PONSA played a leading role in Mallorca's history and the Puig de sa Morisca archaeological park is the best place to get a glimpse of how much life has changed on the island.

Puig de sa Morisca, which means 'Moorish Peak,' is atop a hilly mountain and became preserved as an archaeological site in 2002. Stretching out over 45 hectares of land, it is easy to see why the area was of such importance to those that lived there, due to its strategic location and fantastic views over the surrounding territory.

The park is packed with

ancient artefacts ranging from Late Bronze Age to the Islamic period which ended when King Jaume I arrived in 1229 to claim the island back from the Moors.

It is home to the remains of a prehistoric town with the same name and other important sites such as the watchtower of Son Miralles, the sanctuary of Es Fornets and the ses Abelles tower.

This part of the island was occupied for a long time before King Jaume arrived with his troops and ravaged the summit, which is shown by the levels of wreckage found in the excavations.

The first occupants can be dated back to the Late Bronze Age, 1200 and were part of a network of coastal settlements that helped to maintain maritime control of the area.

The second main period started in the Iron Age, around 900 BC, when locals constructed a tower on top of the hill. At this time, the settlement started to enlarge. The population also built strong walls around the village to control all access to the area.

The next phase, from around the 6th century BC, saw the settlement begin to establish significant trading relationships with outsiders,

from Ibiza in particular. It is thought that their trading activities centred on the Santa Ponsa cove, which would later become the harbour, which allowed merchants to purchase materials that hadn't been found on the island previously.

This commercial activity continued throughout the next few centuries, until the site became abandoned when troops from the Roman Republic conquered the territory in 123 BC.

When the Roman Empire fell, the site became occupied again by the Moors, who built several new rooms attached to the central tower.



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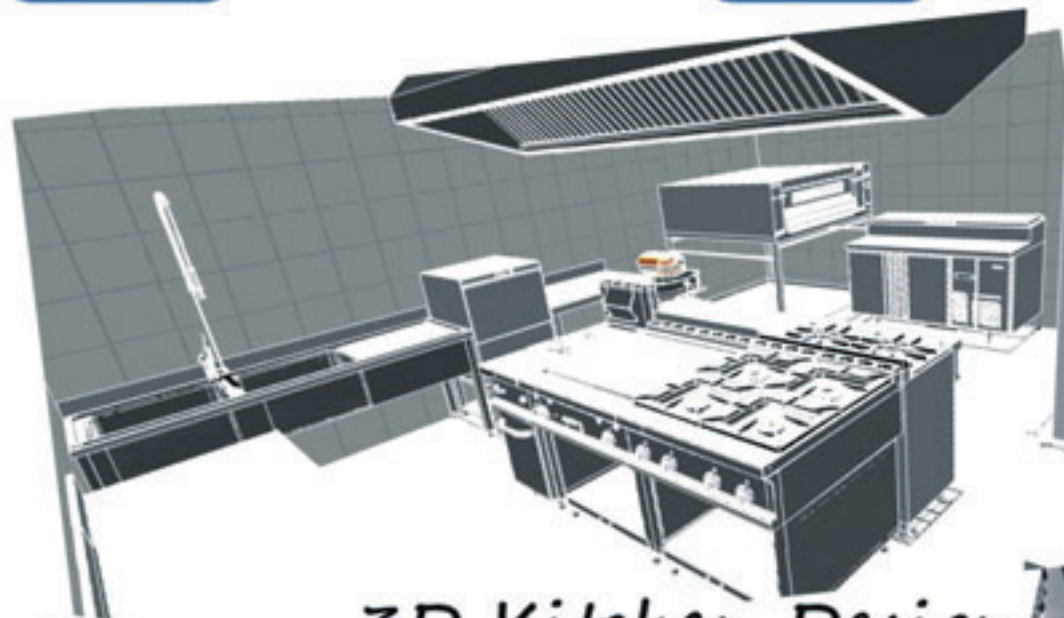
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Going for gourmet

By Kat Ashton

FINDING a great place to eat out in Santa Ponsa is not difficult - in fact, with so much to choose from, the only struggle is deciding which restaurant to try.

Just south of the main town is Port Adriano which is home to many eateries, all offering a large selection of local and international cuisine, set against the backdrop of the modern marina.

No matter what you're in the mood for, be that steak, sushi or traditional Spanish cuisine, you're bound to find a restaurant here which will satisfy your cravings.

Port Adriano is also home to many bars, some of which even have their own swimming pools, and even a night club - so you'll have plenty to keep you entertained if want to make the night last a while longer.

Avenida Jaume 1, near the main Santa Ponsa beach, has a scattering of restaurants that make the perfect spot for a lazy lunch, all boasting terraces with views of the sea. The food is generally Mediterranean themed but fish dishes tend to be the speciality here.

If you head further toward the town centre, there are restaurants that will



PORT ADRIANO offers a fantastic range of restaurants and bars.

cater to even the pickiest taste buds. Here you'll be able to find Indian, Italian and even Austrian-style restaurants, and the establishments here also tend to be more child-friendly.

Many restaurants in Santa Ponsa also offer a fantastic range of Mallorca wine so make sure you take the opportunity to try a bottle - or three! Several vine-



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With its six sails and almost castle like base, it was constructed in 1818 and restored in 1971 and is a great representation of Mallorca's history.

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We're a slippery bunch!

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I LOVE a bit of shopping me. I can shop for hours. But, ha ha you knew there would be a but, didn't you? Otherwise I'd be Mr Happy wouldn't I? There are a couple of things that have put me off going to certain places to shop. The biggest culprit, for my dismay, is a certain chain of furniture shop.

It's not the things they sell - their quality and value is second to none and their meatballs are delicious. It's the way you are made to walk round the store like a herd of cattle. You can't just pop in and get something. You have to go round and round and, heaven forbid, you forget something when you get to the cash desk. It's a nightmare!

The other one this week was the big supermarket in the Myramar shopping mall who also have another branch down the road from where I live. Now in my local branch they have shopping trollies that clip on the front of wheelchairs so that if you are disabled you can shop more easily.

When I asked if they had any of these trollies at the Myramar branch the security man said I'd have to enquire at the

information desk.

So I went there and the lady said no, I'd have to go to the Myramar information desk and ask there. So, we went and there was no one there so now we had walked, not me of course because I'm in the wheelchair and poor Mrs S is pushing me, to the entrance of the supermarket, then all the way back to the store desk and then to the Myramar desk and now back to the supermarket desk where we tell the girl no one is at the mall information point.

She then picks up the phone and speaks to someone and a few minutes later another woman appears with a key, wanders off and then comes back with a wheelchair friendly trolley.

'Why is it locked up in a cupboard,' I ask. 'Because they get stolen,' I'm told which made me smile.

'So you are telling me that you have hundreds of able-bodied trollies, all over the place, that can be taken to car parks, streets and basically anywhere but the four that are used for us in wheelchairs have to be put under lock and key? Because we disabled lot are a slippery bunch and are more likely to run off with your trollies? I have to tell you disabled aren't too big on running anywhere in case you haven't noticed!'

I got the shrug and that was the end of that conversation.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Children in cars

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.



BUCKLE UP: Ensure your child seat or restraint is of the correct size.

IN Spain, all children measuring 135cm in height or less must ride in the rear seats of a vehicle, irrespective of their age, and in addition to the requirements of the correct seat being provided appropriate to their size and weight.

There are a number of exceptions to the rule, for example, when the vehicle does not have rear seats, when all rear seats are already occupied by others under the same characteristics, and where it is not possible to install approved child restraints in those rear seats. These are the only occasions when children may occupy a front seat, but they must always use the restraint system approved for their height and weight.

Child restraints must also be installed in the vehicle in accordance with the instructions provided by the manufacturer and the instructions that will indicate how and what kind of vehicles can be used safely.

In 2014, two of the 14 children under 12 years of age who were killed whilst travelling in vehicles were not wearing any safety device at the time of the accident. It was the same for nine out of the 82 children who were seriously injured,

they too were not wearing any kind of restraint.

The DGT has increased the powers of the traffic police in dealing with adults who fail to take necessary responsibility for children, including the immediate immobilisation of a vehicle where children are found to be travelling without appropriate safety restraints.

To make the matter even clearer, there are a number of Golden Rules that must be followed regarding children in vehicles.

Never carry a child in your arms or use the same seat belt that is protecting the adult. The use of child restraint systems (CRS) reduced the risk of death by 75 per cent and the severity of injuries by 90 per cent.

Make sure the seat is properly installed. It should not move and ought to be properly secured, the recommended option being the Isofix anchorage system. The child's head should never be higher than the back of the seat.

It is recommended you continue to use appropriate and approved child restraint system until the child reaches 150cm in height. When taller than 150cm, they must use the vehicle seat belt.

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Will they pay inheritance tax?

Q. I am confused by the Spanish law on inheritance tax. I have a property in Almeria but I am not resident. I have a Spanish will which leaves my property to my son and my daughter equally.

They both live in the UK. Will they have to pay some high rate of inheritance tax that will leave them in debt?

S W (Costa del Sol)

A. Your property is in Andalucia, so we should not speak of Spanish law but of Andalusian law, because each of Spain's 17 Autonomous Regions has its own rules. Further, many of the Regions changed their rules in 2015 after the European Court of Justice ruled that the previous national law

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



violated the equal rights of non-residents who are EU citizens.

In your case, the Andalusian inheritance law applies. Your son and daughter,

also EU citizens, each have an exemption of €175,000. If your property is valued at under €350,000, this means they will pay no tax at all. After Brexit, when your heirs are no longer EU citizens, they will face a tax bill of around €65,000 on a property worth €350,000.

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Bigger and better plus futuristic!

SUPERYACHTS are getting bigger, bolder and more futuristic. Bars, restaurants and even water slides are all expected on the biggest sea vessels.

Many support jet skis among their 'toys,' while others have helicopter pads, and a few go one step further and have a submarine in tow, or onboard Picasso or Rembrandt artworks.

Here is a roundup of the Top Seven biggest superyachts on the waters today:

Azzam

Size: 180.6 metres

Cost (at purchase): €450 million

Owner: Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Manufactured: Germany

Fulk Al Salamah

Size: 164 metres

Cost: Unknown

Owner: Oman ruling family

Manufactured: Italy

Eclipse

Size: 162.5 metres

Cost: €340 million

Owner: Roman Abramovich, Chelsea owner

Manufactured: Denmark

Dubai

Size: 162 metres

Cost: €338 million

Owner: Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai

Manufactured: Germany

Dilbar

Size: 156 metres

Cost: €335 million

Owner: Arsenal shareholder Alisher Usmanov

Manufactured: Germany

Al Said

Size: 155 metres

Cost: Unknown

Owner: Qaboos bin Said al Said, the Sultan of Oman

Manufactured: Germany

Topaz

Size: 147.25 metres

Cost: €400 million

Owner: Sheikh Mansour, Deputy premier of UAE and Manchester City owner

Manufactured: Germany

Superyacht owners splash the cash but few

Awash wit

Peeping into the world of superyachts offshore in southern Spain and talking onshore to people in the know about the super-rich and famous provides an amazing eye-opener for land-lubber David Noon, including how to save a small fortune on fuel to spotting an on-board Picasso.

NOTHING says rich like a superyacht. A Rolls-Royce or a stately home - even a private jet - pales in significance compared to the exuberance of wealth that a superyacht purports.

The superyacht is the ultimate toy to many A-list celebrities, Russian oligarchs and Middle Eastern royal families seeking out the high-life on the seas.

And so it could be safe to assume that the owners of the monumental vessels have little time - or need - to worry about the cost of their homes at sea.

Think again.

Just as the majority of us will shop around for the best mobile phone or flight deal, superyacht owners are keen to bag a bargain wherever they can.

In fact, a wise oligarch could be saved as much as €25,000 on a single tank full of fuel should he - or his hired crew - know where to stop off.

This is a fair old chunk of cash when you consider the cost of cleaners, maintenance, catering staff, and everything else in the world of yachting, where some cynics claim that the two best days in a boat owner's life are the

day that he buys... and the day that he sells!

Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich's best-known yacht (he has five in total), the Eclipse, reportedly has 70 staff to cater to the guests' every need and operate not only the superyacht but also its mini-submarine.

The world's largest superyacht, the Azzam (a staggering 180 metres, or 1.75 times longer than a standard football pitch), is estimated to set its royal Arab owner back an eye-watering \$60 million every year in upkeep alone.

Owning a superyacht isn't for the rich or even the super-rich. It is for an elite class so far up the wealth ladder that it's hard to imag-

The biggest superyachts have 50 bedroom suites accommodating around 100 people.



WORLD'S BIGGEST: The Azzam measures in at 180 metres long.

Rising Sun a favourite with world's famous



From left: Barack Obama, Tom Hanks, Oprah Winfrey and Noel Gallagher.

MEDIA magnate David Geffen's Rising Sun superyacht often hosts the rich and famous, with Barack Obama and wife Michelle, US TV Oprah Winfrey and actor Tom Hanks, as well as pop supremo Bruce Springsteen, fashion designer Calvin Klein and ex rock-icon Noel Gallagher all spotted aboard, including in local waters around Ibiza.



RISING SUN: Chartered by the famous.



43 metre superyacht:
Fuel capacity:
22,430 litres
(around £15,000)



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TALL STORY: Super Yacht A and (inset) owner Melnichenko.

Rock stop to forget

WHILE there is undoubtedly cash to be saved from a stop-off in Gibraltar, one Russian billionaire will be wishing that his mega vessel had not put into Gibraltar earlier this year.

No sooner had the captain of Andrey Melnichenko superyacht berthed than the Gibraltar Port Authority impounded the €400m superyacht, Sailing Yacht A.

Seized, the tallest (and 10th longest) superyacht in the world, was held over unpaid fees, with German shipbuilder Nobiskrug claiming that the

Russian industrialist owed €15.3 million in overdue fees for the €143 million vessel.

Designed by French interior designer Philippe Starck (who has a place in Ronda in southern Spain), the Sailing Yacht A remained in the hands of the Port Authority for two weeks until Melnichenko and Nobiskrug reached an agreement and all potential civil charges were dropped against him.

Melnichenko also owns a superyacht called Motor Yacht A which is reportedly up for sale for around €200 million.

Pricey plaything

FOR those deciding not to buy, superyachts are easily available for hire, though the average cost of chartering vessels costing between €300-500 million is €300,000 per week.

For this the owners throw in the full crew requirement and fuel, but not many aim to make a profit overall, for the cost of running such vessels over 12 months is around €40 million.

Whether being used solely by the owners, family and friends, or being chartered out to help offset running costs, many of the superyachts that use the Mediterranean in the European summer months head for the Caribbean from November to April.

This means the opportunity for further sunshine holidays afloat, for rest assured the super-rich are not tied to just a fortnight break once a year!

It's show time

FOR some a trip to the Monaco Grand Prix can be a marker of success.

However it is the Monaco Yacht Show where those above the other half go to splash the cash.

Drawing in everyone from buyers and sellers to charters and interior designers, no stone is left unturned at the marquee event on the yachting

calendar, with even a submarine section for yacht owners who want to delve under the sea.

Come September 30, the harbour will again be full as this year's yachting community rolls into town, so if you have a spare €300 million or so, pack your bags and head for the south of France.

You won't be disappointed!



PACKED HARBOUR: The Monaco Yacht Show.

ine. And because of this only 20 on average superyachts are commissioned each year.

Costing between €300-500 million with an average build time of three to four years, owning a yacht is a hobby for the top echelons of wealth.

And on top of the initial cost there are the countless extras to factor in: mini-submarines (as owned by Abramovich), support vessels, helicopters etc.

Add in upkeep, which in general is around 10 per cent of the build cost (between €30-50 million) each year - so yes an eye watering €3 - 5 million per annum - and the dizzying opulence of superyacht owning becomes clear.

While not all superyachts stretch as far as the Azzam, they are all still whopping great machines, and incredible savings can be made by fuelling up in the right places.

For example, a 37-metre boat (by no means the biggest sailing off southern

Up to 2,000 engineers are required to build a superyacht costing between €300-500 million.

Spain and elsewhere in the Med) will have a tank which holds at least 42,500 litres and you don't get to own one of those sleek behemoths if you aren't aware of costs.

This is why Gibraltar has been attracting more superyachts than ever and is increasing the amount of dock space for them as diesel costs just 61c per litre and other chandlery goods as well as alcohol are considerably cheaper locally even than next door in Spain.

Clearly the likes of Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich isn't drawn to Gibraltar to visit Morrisons, nor does he have a strange affinity with the resident Barbary Macaques.

But money talks and superyacht calls to the Rock increased by 23 per cent in 2016 and continue to attract some of the world's largest and most expensive vessels.

Paul Gonzalez Morgan of Gibraltar Shipping states that the upturn in arrivals of superyachts is continuing to grow, as is the government's focus on

keeping them there.

He points to over 500 metres of deep berthing space for superyachts recently built as part of the Mid Harbour Marina as a sign of government commitment to making the Rock an attractive stop-off to world's superyacht skippers.

But it is not just Gibraltar that is on the map for cash-savvy yacht owners.

Malaga is also becoming an important stop for vessels that don't want to go as far as Gibraltar, but with diesel costing an average €1.05 per litre (and more in the other attractive marinas of Mallorca), it will cost an additional €18,700 in fuel to fill up.

Neighbouring France - the favoured offshore playground of many superyacht owners - offers some of the cheapest fuel if you can obtain it duty free at 45c per litre, but many owners have to pay duty and VAT which takes the price up to a whopping €1.45 per litre.

Sail down to the other end of the Mediterranean, and filling up will cost around €1.10 per litre in Turkey, which is cheaper than cash-strapped Greece which hovers around the €1.21 price.

Some superyachts have up to 70 crew members.

The Arab royal-owned super-yacht Solandge that charters out for €1 million a week, moored in Marbella earlier this month.

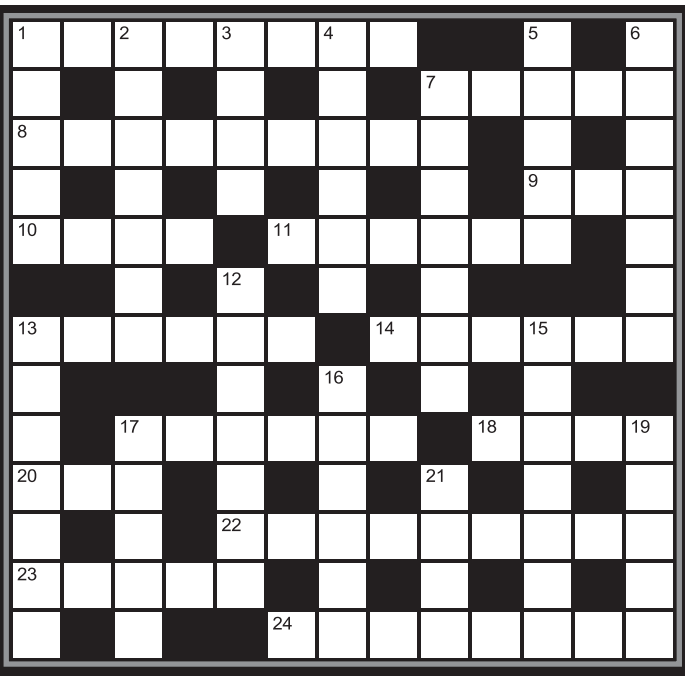
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Cryptic

- Across**
- 1 Wayward agent returns with a piece of poetry (8)
 - 7 Big farm located in Lutheran church (5)
 - 8 A clergies' mix-up results in blasphemy (9)
 - 9 Large cask turning the head (3)
 - 10 Authentic old coin (4)
 - 11 It's horrible having nothing and 500 debts (6)
 - 13 Oriental vessel is a mile in length (6)
 - 14 Price fixing ring ruined claret (6)
 - 17 Take no notice of ogre in trouble (6)
 - 18 US possession of Antigua, maybe (4)
 - 20 Meeting place in the old encampment (3)
 - 22 Working exercise into speech (9)
 - 23 Permit everyone to be in debt endlessly (5)
 - 24 I let tots out to find a dagger (8)

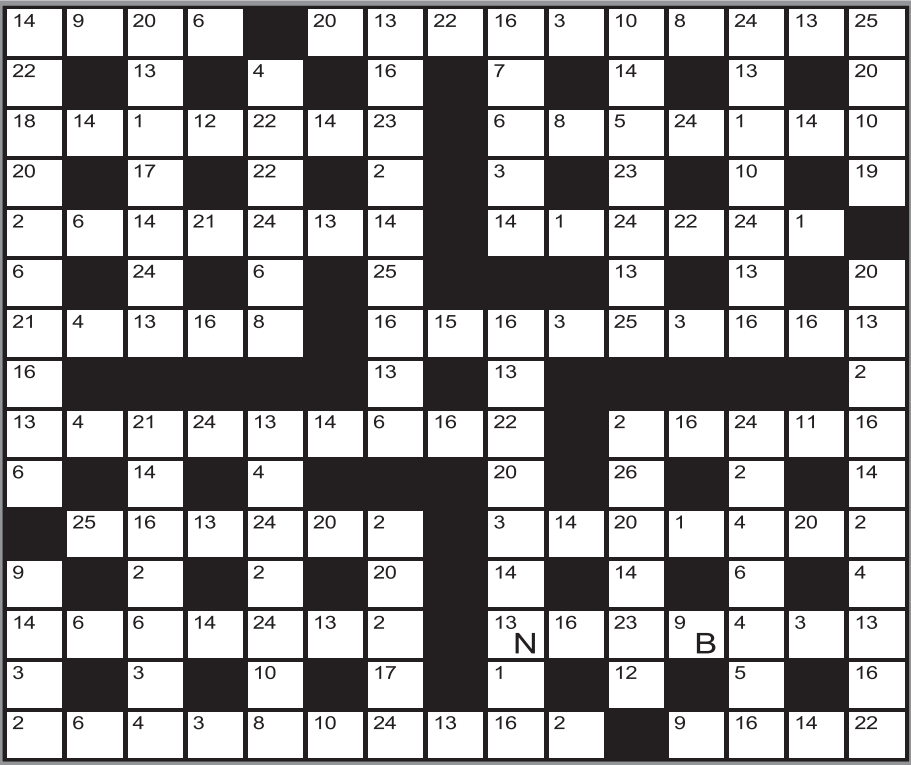


- Down**
- 1 Model answer to a tricky question (5)
 - 2 Get back to work miracle (7)
 - 3 Produce Time Out (4)
 - 4 Firm dates set next year (6)
 - 5 They secure the normal

- 6 Risk 50 in part of the church (7)
- 7 There's nothing to marvel about in a change of home (7)
- 12 Heavenly arch for artist in East London (7)
- 13 Athens and Baghdad contain ballast (7)
- 15 Sightseer in amongst our Istanbul visit (7)
- 16 Man of the cloth's a pain in the neck taking religious instruction (6)
- 17 Fireplace in middle part of King Lear (5)
- 19 Chap to leave with fruit (5)
- 21 Armour in the post (4)

Code Breaker

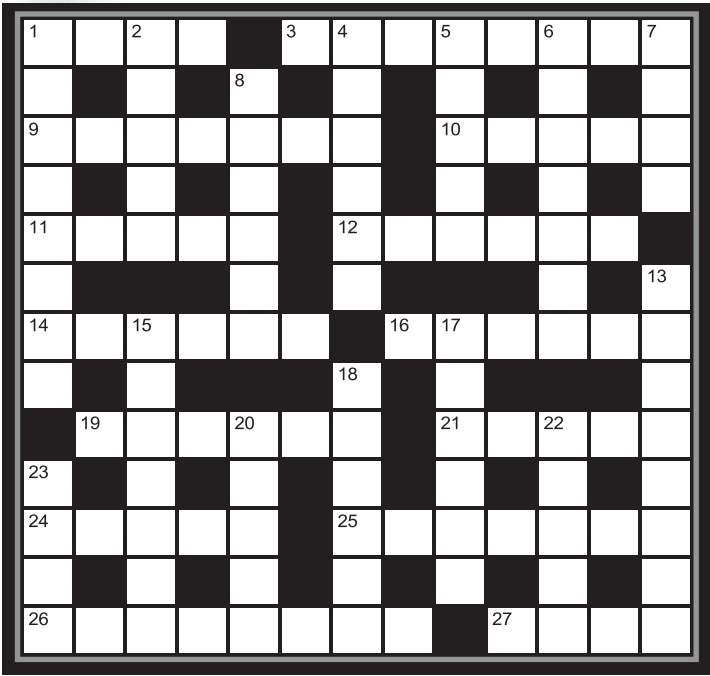
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 9 represents B and 13 represents N, so fill in B every time the figure 9 appears and N every time the figure 13 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick

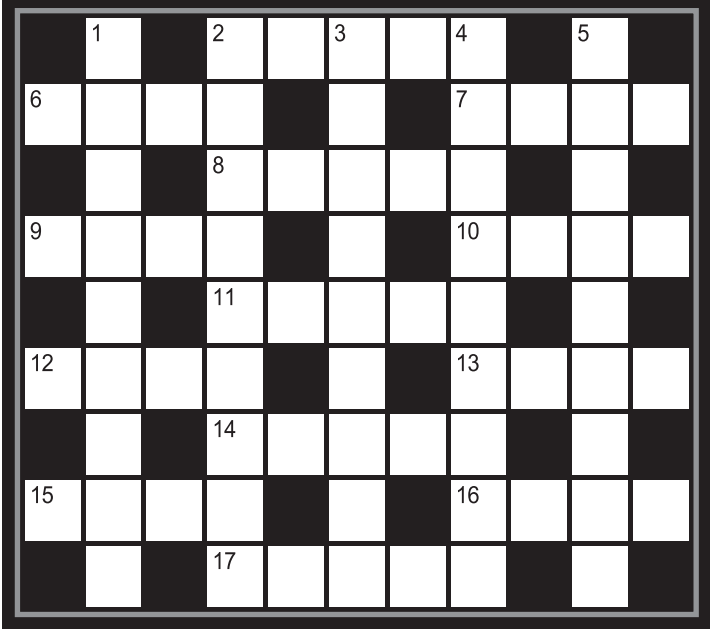


- Across**
- 1 Boring (4)
 - 3 Female descendant (8)
 - 9 Mythical being that is half man and half horse (7)
 - 10 Leaves out (5)
 - 11 White heron (5)
 - 12 Cause to start burning (6)
 - 14 Evening meal (6)
 - 16 Calm (6)
 - 19 Annoy persistently (6)
 - 21 Drive off or back (5)
 - 24 Once more (5)
 - 25 Small pickled cucumber (7)
 - 26 Egg dish (8)
 - 27 Coloured eye part (4)

- Down**
- 1 Make smaller (8)
 - 2 Pertaining to the moon (5)
 - 4 Filled with fear or apprehension (6)
 - 5 Indicate pain, discomfort or displeasure (5)
 - 6 National flower of Scotland (7)
 - 7 Move fast (4)
 - 8 Armed engagement (6)
 - 13 Leans in a recumbent position on back or side (8)
 - 15 Make or get ready (7)
 - 17 Gained by labour (6)
 - 18 Giving out or reflecting much light (6)
 - 20 Stretched tight (5)
 - 22 Card game (5)
 - 23 Lower part of a wall (4)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 2 To take out (5)
 - 6 Luxury (4)
 - 7 Yesterday (4)
 - 8 Seas (5)
 - 9 Topo (4)
 - 10 Árbol (4)
 - 11 To bring (5)
 - 12 Con (4)
 - 13 Island (4)
 - 14 In the same way (5)
 - 15 Aturdir (4)
 - 16 Parrot (4)
 - 17 Greasy (skin, complexion) (5)

- Down**
- 1 Motorway (9)
 - 2 Algo (9)
 - 3 Lock (on door, box, safe) (9)
 - 4 Rake (9)
 - 5 Joyas (9)

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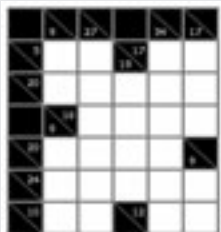
MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' SHRINKING LAKES AND A WATER SHORTAGE - THESE PLASTIC BOTTLES THOUGH A MENACE COULD BE SAFE HAVEN FOR US FISH '

Kakuro

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



Nonagram



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

TARGET:

- Average: 17
- Very good: 35
- Good: 24
- Excellent: 45

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aged aide amid dame damn dang deaf dean dime dine ding egad fade fend find idea idem made maid mead mend midi mind admen admin aimed amend amide deign denim famed fiend fined gamed imide indie maned media midge mined named aiding defang fading fanged gained imaged maiden median medina defaming imagined MAGNIFIED

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

4	5	8	2	3	1	6	9	7
7	3	6	4	9	5	8	1	2
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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Cast your net wide this week and be prepared to take advantage of a state of freedom. With high energy and an expansive mind, you are in a good position. Avoid being thrown out of kilter by activities around you. It may be difficult to make real progress at times but that does not mean you are unable to plan.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

As the moon shines on you, it is almost possible to feel the light. After a few recent hiccups it is now possible to get down to achieving your heart's desire. Whether that is what you will want at the end of the day is neither here nor there.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

There will be good news regarding an application or legal document. Following on from that your finances take a turn for the better and this could be long term. Having extra cash is great, but be wary of someone who would like to part you from it. At the weekend, events take a romantic turn but timing may be bad owing to other commitments.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Although you feel more in control as the week comes to an end, do not make the mistake of counting your chickens before they are hatched. If you do, you could end up with egg on your face.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Colleagues are far from helpful at the moment and you may even feel that matters are going backwards. It may be necessary to move away and leave them to haggle among themselves. Perhaps later you may step in and take control of the confusion. If your business life is far from good then it is more than balanced by harmony at home.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Your mind is sharp and it is easy to spot problems before they arise. Some dispute regarding a trip is disappointing. However, you are not able to please everyone in this instance.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Having been given a chance to take responsibility at the beginning of the month, you are determined to do your best. Certainly, it is a time to concentrate on any business matters which need attention.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

A great light shines on your romantic life. Whether it is meeting up with old chums or a new date, there is electricity in the air for you. Equally, a business coupling is particularly fruitful and you count your blessings to have gone down a particular path.



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

The usually flamboyant attitude which is yours at this time of the year is now subdued, but this will not last for too much longer and soon things will be back to normal. You will be looking to spice up your romantic life and your partner will be only too willing to go along with your suggestions.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

There is a lot going on and sometimes you need to take a step back. A feeling that you have covered some ground before is not unfounded. However, there are certain aspects of your life which need to be revisited. Only in this way are you able to see the real progress that has been made.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Expectations are high. With energy peaking early on, projects gain momentum and there are early results. A suggestion made to a loved one some time ago is now acceptable and there could be some excitement. Rather than setting down hard-and-fast plans, it may be better to be flexible.



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Your love life is highlighted and, although you may be suspicious of your good luck, this is a new phase. Whereas before you had some reason to mistrust you are now able to have confidence. It is a great time to progress your inclinations on the romantic front.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Across:

1 Testify, 5 Capon, 8 Glean, 9 Realtor, 10 Implore, 11 Glade, 12 Purse, 14 Acres, 19 Races, 21 Trample, 23 Cheroot, 24 Hoard, 25 Siren, 26 Hostage.

Down:

1 Tigris, 2 Sweep, 3 Igneous, 4 Yorker, 5 Clang, 6 Pottage, 7 Nerves, 13 Unclear, 15 Coaches, 16 Tricks, 17 Stitch, 18 Peddle, 20 Swoon, 22 Plaza.

QUICK

Across:

1 Sticky, 4 Boats, 8 Lemon, 9 Contact, 10 Contain, 11 Here, 12/18 Tip off, 14 Zero, 15 Robe, 21 Link, 23 Respond, 25 Nervous, 26 Right, 27 Steel, 28 Nectar.

Down:

1 Select, 2 Immense, 3 Kangaroo, 4 Band, 5 Aware, 6 Settee, 7 Scent, 13 Preserve, 16 Brought, 17 Blends, 19 Fresh, 20 Editor, 22 Nurse, 24 Foil.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Cuando, 4 Tail, 8 Sepia, 9 Agree, 10 England, 14 Carta, 15 Cabra, 16 Obey, 17 Oddest.

Down:

1 Casi, 2 Apple-tree, 3 Dia, 5 Agradable, 6 Lies, 7 Sala, 11 Goal, 12 Ocio, 13 Wait, 15 Cod.

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Spin, bluster and ex-prime ministers - is Blair turning over a new leaf

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

THIS week I was planning to write about thermoluminescence dating. Quite brief. Provocative. And thrilling. You'd have loved it. But then something happened.

My blood pressure started rising rapidly. Again. After weeks of depressing news about fraught Brexit negotiations, Trump, Putin, Corbyn, hurricanes, who unexpectedly emerges from the woodwork? Yes. You guessed: Tony Blair.

As we veer into autumn, is Blair turning over a new leaf? Thirteen years after opening doors to EU migrants, he now claims we can clamp down on immigration AND stay in the EU! Additionally, he's urging MPs and Tony ministers to rise



TONY BLAIR: Pro-European passion.

up against the government and oppose Brexit, hinting at plans for a new political party to offer a second referendum.

Perhaps Blair's most charming quality is his unquestioning trust in the promises made by his friends in Brussels. He once brought back a promise of Common Agricultural Policy reform in exchange for Britain returning much of Thatcher's hard-won rebate. Brussels still pockets Mr Blair's gift but never amended the CAP. Now he's visited his

old mate Jean-Claude Juncker and claims the EU will 'meet' British concerns about immigration if Britain rejects Brexit.

It really wouldn't be surprising if Juncker's promised him a place at the top table of the gravy train for his efforts at causing Brexit unrest. He and Juncker: both 'has-beens' who won't accept their time is over.

So Toxic Tony hasn't given up on being European President! And why not? Didn't he do a cracking job as Middle

East peace envoy, sending millions fleeing whilst the countries one after another descended into chaos. His self-interest and arrogance are beyond belief.

How Blair evidently misses his time at the very top of government as PM! Which reminds me. Jim, a friend's father suffering from Alzheimer's, needed an assessment some years back to see if he could get into a care home. "What's the name of the prime minister?" the GP asked. "Blair," Jim replied, which got a firm tick... until Jim added: "Lionel."

Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers '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 in paperback (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

Raymond Kearney, Alicante

Why it went wrong

THE day after the lethal truck attack at the Berlin Christmas market in December 2016 the Spanish National Police (based in Madrid) instructed all police departments in Spain to place physical security barriers in public areas where large numbers of people are likely to gather.

The instructions clearly read 'Municipalities should protect these public spaces by temporarily installing large planters or bollards at access points to hinder or prevent the entry of vehicles.' In Barcelona the instructions were ignored and over 100 people were killed or injured during the recent attack.

Why were these instructions not followed? Was the reason lack of funds, a manpower shortage or for aesthetic reasons? NO. The Catalan police and authorities did not want to 'appear' to be doing what Madrid was instructing them to do. The newspaper *El Periodico De Catalunya* recently claimed there is a 'total absence of police collaboration between Mossos d'Esquadra (Catalan Police) and the National Police and Guardia Civil which translates into huge security deficiencies.'

Over the past decades the Catalan independence movement encouraged mass immigration of Muslims in the hope that they would adopt Catalan rather than Spanish as their new language and they would swell the numbers favouring independence.

Following the explosion at the house in Alcanar the Mossos d'Esquadra refused help from the Madrid-based bomb squad saying it was nothing to do with them and they could handle it. But how efficient is the Catalan police's intelligence network if they did not notice the movement of over 100 large gas canisters to a house occupied by Muslims and a Muslim cleric?

Readers interested in submitting articles for this guest column should send articles of around 300 words on topics felt to be of interest to the cosmopolitan EWN readership to editorial@euroweeklynews.com.

Advertising feature

A different kind of life insurance

THAT is the message behind Linea Directa's new brand Vivaz.

The product aims to become a benchmark in the fight against increasingly sedentary lifestyles, with 44 per cent of the Spanish population failing to undertake the minimum recommended amount of exercise, according to the Active and Healthy Living Observatory of the Rey Juan Carlos University.

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There is also a second app named Vivaz Activity which is focused on improving the health of users, whether Vivaz customers or not.

On every day that users meet the 10,000



NEW VISION: From left, Miguel Angel Merino, David Perez and Francisco Valencia of Linea Directa.

steps target, the recommended amount of daily exercise, Vivaz offers points that can be redeemed for discounts on new insurance bookings or renewals, among other gifts.

For example, a discount of €150 is available on the Full Insurance products, and up to €75 on the Essential Annual Insurance package, making Vivaz the first health insurance on the market that rewards customers for living a healthier lifestyle.

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Under the slogan 'Ask more of your health insurance,' Vivaz thus focuses on comprehensive health care, with a medical team including more than 30,000 professionals and 1,000 clinics and other health centres.

It also offers a wide range of coverage from state-of-the-art diagnostic tests, surgery, preparation for childbirth, physiotherapy, and psychological sessions.

In keeping with its philosophy of simplify-

ing procedures for the customer, Vivaz will reduce the number of tests requiring prior authorisation by up to 60 per cent, and include a number of innovations in the app, including a digital health card, the ability to search for a specialist in a particular field, a 24-hour doctor's service accessible via chat, video call or phone, and online payments.

Linea Directa CEO Miguel Angel Merino said: "With this new line of business we want to boost the health insurance market, offering insurance of the best quality at a highly competitive price.

"Vivaz seeks to establish itself as an option for those who seek private healthcare as the perfect complement to our National Health Service.

"This new service is a further step in our strategic commitment to diversification and growth to achieve the goal of becoming one of the 10 largest non-life insurers in Spain."

Vivaz also sees the launch of a corporate responsibility strategy based on the three pillars of research, social action, health and happiness.

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Ten tips for more beautiful nails

By Kat Ashton

KEEPING your cuticles in good condition can be tricky for many reasons. Nail health is influenced by many factors such as age, hormones and the seasons. Dry and brittle nails are the bane of many people's lives but by just following a few, simple rules of thumb, you could change your relationship with your nails for good.

Make sure to moisturise the nail beds and cuticles as keeping nails hydrated helps them to stay strong and grow faster.

File in one direction when tidying the ends as running the nail file back and forth can cause the nail to split. They are also strongest when you shape them into an oval.

Avoid acetone-based nail polish removers as they can make nails weak and brittle.

Limit professional manicures



or applying false nails as the glue can also weaken the nail underneath and makes it harder to keep them hydrated.

Although hand washing is good for hygiene, try not to overdo it as the more exposure nails have to water, the more prone they are to breaking.

Hence, buying hand soap and washing up liquid with added moisturiser could make all the difference.

Wear gloves when doing the chores as many cleaning products contain harmful chemicals that weaken nails.

Make sure you're wearing the right shoe size as toenails

IT'S EASIER to nail your handcare regime than you might think.

suffer when squeezed into tight spaces - for obvious reasons.

Try not to go barefoot in public spaces like swimming pools and shoe stores as they are a breeding ground for fungi. Always make sure to bring along some thin socks or tights when trying on new shoes.

Eat foods that are known to be good for nail health such as almonds, lentils and natural yoghurt.

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Treatment for ingrown toenails



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AN ingrown toenail occurs when the nail grows into the skin surrounding it. Eventually, the nail pierces the skin, causing it to redden and become swollen and tender.

The big toe is most commonly affected, with other typical symptoms including pain when pressure is applied to the toe, inflammation of the skin, a build-up of fluid beneath the skin, bleeding, an overgrowth of skin around the end of the toe, or the excretion of pus.

What causes an ingrown toenail?

It comprises excessive growth of the skin around the nail, causing it to become red and inflamed, and even becoming infected with accumulation of pus.

How do you treat an ingrown toenail?

First of all you should ensure proper foot hygiene. You can reduce inflammation using

warm salt baths or taking anti-inflammatory drugs, although in some cases this is insufficient and surgery may be required.

What type of surgery?

When surgical intervention is necessary the idea is to free the nail and eliminate any infected areas. In rare cases the infection can be so severe that antibiotic treatment is required after surgery.

Can an ingrown toenail occur more than once?

It can happen many times if you do not take care of your feet and use appropriate footwear.

What can I do to avoid ingrown toenails?

It is best to take care of your feet avoiding the accumulation of dirt or moisture. You must also choose footwear that does not rub when you are walking or running.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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International Music Festival of Deià

THE finale of the Deià International Music Festival ends with a concert on Thursday October 5 commemorating the centenary of Finland's independence.

Having been part of Sweden and then Russia, the fall of the Romanovs and the Russian Revolution allowed Finland to declare independence in 1917

Featuring soloists Niina Keitel (mezzo soprano), Joni Kokoris (baritone), Binary

Likened (violin) and Gustav Djupsjöbacka (piano), the programme is dedicated to Finnish composers, with works by Toivo Kuula, Yrjö Kilpinen, Leevi Madetoja and Oskar Merikanto all being performed.

The concert is being held in la Sala de Música de la Casa Museu de Son Marroig.

Tickets costing from €10 to €20 may be purchased online from www.viennaticketoffice.com.



Niina Keitel.

Niina Keitel Twitter

Street food festival

IN celebration of the Day of the Tourist in Paguera-Cala Fornells, part of Calvia, the local hotel association has organised a street food festival.

Starting today it runs daily from noon to midnight in the Plaza Tora until Saturday night and apart from plenty of different dishes there will be music, children's activities, ballooning and outdoor cinema.

Vanesa Martin in Palma



Vanesa Martin in concert.

AS singer Vanesa Martin finishes her Spanish tour and before she departs for Latin America she will be in Palma on Saturday October 28.

The title of her new album Munay is taken from the Quecha language of Peru and means to love but can be expanded to mean the love of the Creator for his creation, love of nature, and love for oneself and this is also the name of her tour.

She travelled to Los Angeles to record this new album and recruited a number of great musicians. Starting at 9pm tickets cost from €30 to €45 from the Palma Auditorium box office.

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Classic cars at Port Adriano

THERE will be a lot going on for lovers of Classic Boats and Cars, music, dancing and general bon vivants at Port Adriano this Saturday.

It's the highlight of the annual Mallorca Classic Week with no less than 100 cars of different vintages on display to the general public.

Once again, the American Car Club will offer various entertainments with well-selected music and a country dancing performance along with a Pin up Girl contest on Saturday between 11 am and 4.30pm.

Following the festival, at 6.30pm will be the much admired Concours d'Elegance, will take place showcasing these superb cars with the best winning first prize.

Mallorca Sense Fam, which was founded in 2009 in order to



CLASSIC: Pin up Girl from the 1950's.

support local communities, will hold a raffle and just one of the prizes will be a trip to the Le Mans races.

Lions International will also be present at the port with children's activities. The evening will end with a dinner dance.

A mix of art and Mallorcan evenings

EVERY Wednesday and Saturday night until the end of October, the Es Revellar Art Resort in Campos offers a heady mix of art, gastronomy and Mallorcan evenings.

The evening starts with a welcome drink followed by a guided tour of the resort which is based around a 600-year-old estate in the heart of Campos.

Visitors will need to check when booking (which is required) on which night English or Castilian guided tours are being held as they will learn so much more if they understand the story of the art and gardens uniquely combined to present a view of the contemporary Mediterranean.

In addition guests can visit the private rooms of the complex that house an exceptional collection of ethnic art, African art and medieval art, contemporary painting (including the room dedicated to Picasso and Camilo José Cela) and religious art, among many other outstanding works.

Dinner in the resort restaurant La Cocina Del Huerto follows the tour and then guests can end the evening enjoying a drink (which costs extra) whilst watching a dazzling light and sound show based around the 86-metre Great Mural.

The cost of this evening which must be booked in advance is €45 with drinks extra and is strictly for adults only as children and pets are not allowed.

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Chicago is coming to town

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Set in Chicago in the 1920s, Velma and Roxie are two murderers immersed in a society corrupted by money and power seeking fame through their jazz.

To do this, with the help of prison matron, Mama Morton, and the lawyer Billy Flynn, they will do anything to achieve their goals and after many trials, tribulations, falling outs and jazz hands, they become the stars that they always wanted to be.

With a libretto written by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse and music by John Kander, both the stage musical and film have attracted a large number of stars to play the lead parts and there have been 40 productions across the world including four in Spain.

This is s presentation featuring 12 musicians and 25 actors that all lovers of the musical theatre should get to see. Tickets cost from €30 to €45 from the Palma Auditorium box office.

Cool jazz in Alcudia

AS the 17th Alcudia Jazz Festival comes to an end, Kiko Berenguer, a talented saxophonist from Alicante brings his band to the stage of the auditorium on Saturday.

Playing a fusion of Flamenco jazz with some notable Arabic influences, he will be presenting his most recent project Aire released as a seven track album.

Apart from Kiko who plays both tenor and soprano saxophone, he will be accompanied by Carlos Sanchís (accordion), Juan de Pilar (flamenco guitar), Cesar Giner (bass), Miguel Asensio (percussion), Juan C Amador (vocals and hand clap), Jony Amador (vocals and hand clap) and dancer Manuel Serena.

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WITH GARRY WAITE

A HOTEL in Belfast opened last week. The 119-bedroom hotel owned and operated by Dublin-based Harcourt Develop-

ments, is a 'luxury experience with a Northern Ireland personality.'

'What's the name of the hotel?' I hear you ask. If I tell you that the hotel is situated in the former Harland & Wolff headquarters and historic drawing offices, it might make you think of the Titanic - and you would be right. Adrian McNally is to be the General Manager of the Titanic Hotel Belfast. The offices where the Titanic was de-

signed in the early 1900s have seen a £28m investment, including a £5m investment from the Heritage Lottery Fund, after having lain vacant for more than 25 years.

In a recent interview the proud GM said that the most challenging aspect of the restoration was the restoration of the drawing offices, which were in a 'dire state of disrepair.' The original ceiling plaster moulding, crafted by the same men

who built the Titanic and intended to showcase the craftsmanship of the Belfast ship makers by replicating the inside of cruise liners, had to be painstakingly redone by hand by artisan tradesmen.

"It was fundamental for the integrity of the Titanic hotel to be able to restore those to their absolute glory," said McNally.

The first drawing office is set to be the hotel's ballroom, while the second is the bar, which also features the same blue and cream Villeroy & Boch tiles used for the Titanic's swimming pool, which were salvaged from the bathroom floors in the Harland & Wolff office to line the side of the bar.

Bedroom wardrobes are replicas by what would have been in a first class ship cabin, and steel ceilings in the hallways are reminiscent of a ship's interior. Half of the 160-cover restaurant is in the historic side of the building and the other half in the new extension. Very Art Deco feel with banquet seating and floor to ceiling windows.

Obviously the hotel has been built in reverence to the famous, doomed liner. There are many quips I could make, but I think they would be in bad taste especially as it was such a tragic event in our history. But I am wondering whether, at the inauguration of the hotel, a Magnum of Champagne was not swung at the hotel with the immortal words, "I name this hotel the Titanic Hotel Belfast and may God Bless all that stay in her"

Pensioners behaving badly



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Pensioners that can drink to excess.

IT is with some amusement I read that two pensioners who threatened and abused staff at the 47-bedroom Macdonald Loch Rannoch hotel in Kinloch Rannoch, Perthshire, have been fined nearly £5,000.

Perth Sheriff Court heard how 72-year-old Robert Fergus went on a naked rampage through the hotel's reception with a pair of scissors, and his wife Ruth, 69, threatened to shoot a member of staff in an alcohol-fuelled rage!

The couple were fined £4,100 and Mr Fergus was ordered to pay the hotel £800 compensation to cover the cost of damage. Needless to say the couple expressed their remorse and claim the alcohol induced incident was not in their normal character. I should think not! Leave that behaviour to the young 'uns!

Macdonald Hotels, which operates 54 hotels and resorts in the UK, Spain and Portugal, declined to comment about the case.

And if they were not enough

YOU might have been hidden away these last few weeks to have missed the latest scam on this country's Costas and Islands. The 'ambulance chaser' act of persuading people they have food poisoning from eating in any of the local hotels, restaurants and other tourist destinations in return for compensation and obviously a 'kick back' to the 'agent' getting them to lodge a complaint. This practice has been jumped upon by the Guardia Civil and ABTA.

In the news lately a wealthy British grandmother living on Mallorca who has been detained by Spanish police investigating these fake food poisoning scams involving the UK.

Despite pleading her innocence, Debbie Cameron, 59, and her daughter Laura Joyce, were taken into custody after a raid on the family villa overlooking the Med on Tuesday.



Glamorous Mother and Daughter - Partners in Scam?

The operation was part of a series of raids on properties and businesses on the island in an investigation into allegations British holidaymakers have been filing false legal claims for food poisoning. The alleged fraud is said to have cost local hoteliers millions of pounds.

Laura Joyce remains in Spanish custody with her mother frantically trying to have her released from jail. Strangely enough Mrs Joyce's

husband Stephen, who runs and owns Heroes Sports bar on the island, declined to comment. "I have nothing to say," said Mr Joyce. Hmm? Me thinks he doth protest too little!! Needless to say that this practice has escalated and has reached the British press. We have to add that at this moment in time, everything is alleged. A leaked police document reported by the Diario de Mallorca said that a car registered to one of her companies had been used by individuals who visited local hotels to recruit tourists for fraudulent claims.

The investigation continues. Enough to make you sick isn't it?

(Some content from the Caterer and Hotelkeeper and the Telegraph)

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I went into McDonald's yesterday and said "I'd like some fries." The girl at the counter said, "Would you like some fries with that?"

Jay Leno

Flippin' burgers

IT would appear that McDonald's has experienced its first ever UK strike. Staff at two sites in Cambridge and Crayford voted to strike over working conditions and the use of zero hours contracts. The action took place on September 4. The Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (BFAWU) said staff were demanding a wage of at least £10 an hour and more secure working conditions, as well as the recognition of the right to form a trade union as employees of the company.

In typical Corbynesque manner the British Labour leader said "Our party offers support and solidarity to the brave McDonald's workers in the BFAWU bakers' union, who are making history today.

They are standing up for workers' rights by leading the first ever strike at McDonald's in the UK. Their actions remind us that when people come together, organise and campaign for a better world, they can change history. Now it's the time for all fast food workers, the young, the low-paid and the unorganised to join trade unions and organise in their workplaces to improve their lives.

"Labour will stand with them as we build a country that works for the many not the few." Give us a break!!

McDonald's announced in April that workers would be offered the choice of flexible or fixed contracts with minimum guaranteed hours. The move was trialled in 23 restaurants and will be extended to 50 more sites before being rolled out nationally.

McDonald's, which employs around 85,000 staff in the UK, also promised that by May workers paid by the hour will have received an average hourly pay increase of 17 per cent over the past two years. Doesn't sound bad to me!

Following the vote for strike action, a spokesman for McDonald's said: "We can confirm that, following a ballot process, the BFAWU have indicated that a small number of our employees, representing less than 0.01 per cent of our workforce, are intending to strike in two of our restaurants."

60€ million, the cost to Spanish hotels in 2016 because of the food poisoning scam.

700% the increase in claims in Mallorca alone in the last 12 months.

75 million, the record number of tourists visiting Spain and the Islands, last year.

Enjoying the personal touch

By Matthew Elliott

PERSONAL shoppers are the blueprint for the future of the real estate sector according to the founders of a new Spanish property start-up.

“The main target is buyers setting up in a new city.

Long4House is just an idea at present but has the backing of CIC Cambridge of Boston, which specialises in turning start-up dreams into lucrative business models.

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tem is in effect a computer algorithm which takes the needs and wishes of buyers and generates property options tailor-made to their preferences.

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them happy.

The system is currently under development and is expected to help professionals switching cities for work purposes at first. But soon wannabe expatriates and even locals looking for a broader analysis are hoped to come aboard.

A high street invasion

INVESTMENT in Spain's major city centres is approaching record levels. Top international brands are competing for prime high street properties as the wider economy reboots.

A new study from real estate consultancy JLL found that €402 million was pumped into the Spanish high street in the first quarter of 2017.

Much of the money comes courtesy of flagship stores set up by Primark, H&M, Zara, and other fashion giants. The unveiling of Primark's 7,000 square metre store in Madrid's Gran Via attracted thousands of tourists and excited bargain hunters.

Prime property isn't the sole reserve of fashion outlets. Ikea, Seat and Leroy Merlin are also interested in snapping up more central locations. Decathlon is setting up three stores in the heart of Madrid. Demand is highest in Barcelona where one square metre on the Portal del Angel shopping street now costs €3,360.

The arrival of mega-stores more commonly found on industrial estates nearer the airport than the city centre has small businesses worried. RetailCat, which represents 30,000 small stores, says it is impossible for them to compete with multinationals as rents rise.



PRIME ESTATE: Madrid's Gran Via is holy grail of clothing giants.



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Solar soil sterilisation for a healthier garden

GRAEME TYRRELL

THERE is a great advantage in the Mediterranean climate to utilise the long summer sunny days to increase the health of your soil for the garden to grow better.

Solar sterilisation is a technique that can only be used in areas with at least six weeks of hot sunny weather. It uses the power of the sun to heat the soil to extreme temperatures that will kill all the weed seeds, soil borne diseases, insects and larvae that damage your plants and in addition release valuable nutrients into a more soluble form for plants to benefit from.

It is an easy procedure that requires only a few steps to complete over six to eight weeks. The first step is to cultivate the soil to a fine tilth, as you might anyway to prepare the garden to plant.

Step two is to water the soil thoroughly to a depth of

“ Black plastic is more useful in cooler climates to kill the emerging weeds.

30cm to assist the transfer of heat through the soil and to activate the biology just before the next step.

Step three is to cover the area you want sterilised with a clear plastic sheet that will not break down with sun exposure during the period of sterilisation.

Black plastic can be used but the power of the sun in the Mediterranean clearly works better as the heat should kill the weeds emerging due to the sunlight through the clear plastic. Black plastic is more useful in cooler climates to kill the emerging weeds.

Then it is just a matter of ensuring the plastic stays in



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| SOIL SOLARISATION: Uses the power of the sun to heat the soil that will kill weeds.

place by anchoring with stones, soil or other materials along the edges to keep the plastic tightly fitting the zone. After at least six weeks, but preferably longer to be more certain, the plas-

tic can be removed and the garden planted in the nutrient enriched, weed and insect freed soil.

The natural biology will return but it will be easier to grow the next crops or give a

good start to new plantings. Earthworms and other insects that can burrow deep into the soil may not be affected by this treatment and can return once the soil cools.

The practice can even be used to sterilise potting mixtures that have grown plants before. Simply spread the soil out in a tray and cover with two layers of plastic to make it more effective and place in the full sun all day for four to six weeks.

The technique means that the area you are sterilising is out of action for a couple of months but if you want to do your whole garden area it can be a sacrifice worth doing during the summer period of limited growth to be able to enjoy the flourishing cooler months with better soil or you can rotate different areas with just sections done each year to make the most of growing summer vegetables or plants in the zones previously sterilised or awaiting the technique to improve the soil.

It is a great chemical free way to sterilise the soil down to 30cm deep and then grow healthier plants with less weeds.

Canna lilies: a touch of the tropics

CANNAS, or Canna Lilies, are bright, beautiful and help to bring a touch of paradise to any garden.

Originally from tropical and subtropical regions, these plants thrive under the hot, summer sun so while most plants cower when a heat wave strikes, Cannas show off what they can really do.

This ornamental flower looks stunning grown both wild and in pots and also makes a great border plant for ponds. They are easy to grow and require little maintenance so are great additions if you don't have a lot of time to spend in the garden.

It's now possible to purchase Cannas in most garden centres and all you have



Can a Canna Lily perk up your garden?

to do is plant the rhizomes (the root like structures) about 15cm deep and let the plants work their magic.

Cannas thrive most in a rich soil full of nutrients and natural matter. They can grow in poor conditions but the

leaf size and petal colour will suffer.

These plants also require lots of water so make sure to water them generously two to three times a week. They can handle periods of dry soil but will suffer in a drought-like environment.



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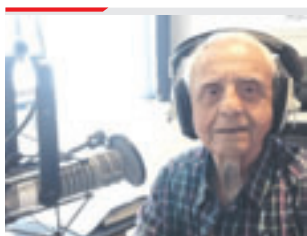


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THIS is Liam Neeson, "Some mornings I wake up and think, gee I look handsome today," he is a Spanish Mastin. Spain has not always been kind to Liam, Save a Mastin rescued him from the Valladolid Perrera, he had been abandoned, he was ill and had problems with his eyes.

Liam had ehrlichiosis, a tick borne infection. Liam was treated for the ehrlichiosis and is now free of the disease, but, sadly for Liam, his sight could not be saved. Liam is now totally blind and had lost all confidence; even going for a walk was a major event.

Liam went into foster in Malaga, but is now in foster in Hacienda Del Alamo, Murcia. We, Liam's new fosterers, did some research into blind dogs and decided that an echolocation unit would be the best solution for Liam. Save a Mastin and Brigitte Jaquillard, did not hesitate and a BlindSight S2 was purchased from Jordy Candy Inc, in America.

This, as far as we are aware, is the first echolocation unit to be fitted to a dog in Spain. It is a wonderfully enabling device, what is better than enabling the blind to 'see?' Liam's confidence has grown immeasurably since he has been fitted with the BlindSight. He is able to navigate partially open doors! It is still early days and if he gets excited and moves too quickly he may still bang his head. We are, however, delighted with Liam's progress with the BlindSight.



LIAM NEESON: Back from the brink.

There must be many blind dogs in Spain who could benefit from a BlindSight device. Let Hacienda Del Alamo, Fuente Alamo, Murcia and Save a Mastin lead the way in enabling the blind dogs of Spain. People and dogs may have disabilities but

it is society that disables them. It is people who park cars on the pavement, leave water meter doors open and allow their hedges to overgrow the pavement that disables blind dogs, blind people, wheelchair users and mothers with pushchairs. Save a

Mastin and Liam want to raise awareness and funds so that many blind dogs may be helped.

"The eyes those silent tongues of love." *Miguel de Cervantes*

The BlindSight units are 3D imaging SONAR emitters. SONAR works by the principle known as echolocation. Echolocation is the use of sound waves and echoes to determine where objects are in space. Bats use echolocation to navigate and find food in the dark. To echolocate, bats send out sound waves from their mouth or nose. When the sound waves hit an object they produce echoes. Other attributes of an object may also be determined, such as size and even surface texture. The use of 'echolocation' can benefit an animal by providing relative location, distance and other information. This information is not affected by lack of sight.

Exotic pets rise in popularity

IN China, rare crocodiles, tortoises and even sharks are the pets in vogue right now. These exotic animals are particularly popular among the younger generation, according to a Beijing-based filmmaker Sean Gallagher, who made a documentary on the subject for National Geographic.

It looks like this pet trend is becoming more than just a fad, with an increasingly high demand for exotic animals in other parts of the globe. A couple in Catalonia, Spain also made headlines when they chose to adopt a lion cub they rescued from the circus. A man was recently detained at the US-Mexico border for trying to smuggle through a tiger cub by hiding it between his feet.

In fact, in 2014 the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) reported that there are more tigers kept as pets in US households than are living in the wild. In the Arabian Gulf, big cats have become the must-have accessory for the incredibly wealthy. Europeans are the keenest on reptiles, according to a BioScience study, and import more than anyone else in the world.

It is difficult to estimate the extent of the exotic pet black market, however, as international policing and reporting of the trade leaves much to be desired, with Interpol estimating only 10 per cent of illicit animal exchanges are ever detected.



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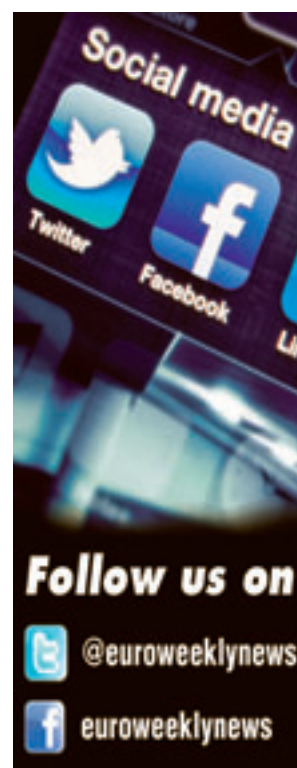


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ALL smart phones have 'flight mode' settings. Soon they may have 'driving mode' too. Safety campaigners want mobile phone companies to follow Apple's lead in wheeling out a 'Do not disturb while driving' feature.

It blocks out all wifi and cellular signals so it becomes impossible for friends to interrupt a driver's concentration from afar.

Britain's RAC has written to Google and Microsoft asking them to follow suit.

Phone use while driving is today considered an even bigger safety risk than alcohol abuse.

Apple's Do Not Disturb function can be set automatically so that it turns on when the phone perceives that it is in motion at high speeds. Messages can also be pre-programmed to respond to people trying to communicate with the driver.

**Clarkson
Quote of the Week**

“This car was so exciting I actually needed windscreen wipers on the inside.”

Some might say...

**Market's electric shock**

By Matthew Elliott

PEUGEOT boss Carlos Tavares has warned that the rush to go electric risks destroying the motoring industry.

His fiery remarks at the Frankfurt Motor Show come as European governments fall over one another with ambitious petrol-killing promises.

Tavares, who runs PSA Peugeot Citroen and Vauxhall/Opel, says governments will bear all the responsibility when it comes to safety and technology concerns.

Government interference in setting electric targets will kill creativity, he warned. State subsidies to boost the electric market will distort the industry's natural evolution.

"If you have ministers in Europe who say they will forbid the use of internal combustion engines, then I



“China suffers from stifling smog and pollution.”

have to comply and we will have to transform, re-engineer and retrain. But if electrification is not profitable in future, we all have a problem," he said.

Tavares may not be accounting for China muscling into the electric market and potentially reducing consumer costs.

The world's biggest car market last week announced plans to ban petrol and diesel-fuelled cars and focus solely on electric.

China suffers from stifling smog and pollution and already boasts a thriving electric bike industry.

WARNING: Peugeot boss doesn't share electric enthusiasm.

Last year the country built and sold 28 million cars, 500,000 of which were electric. Volvo has chosen China as the location to unveil its first entirely electric car in 2019.

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Class of its own

LAMBORGHINI executives are wetting their pants with anticipation ahead of the release of the Italian powerhouse's new SUV.

The date has finally been set for the grand unveiling of the Urus SUV, which 'creates a class of its own' according to a gushing press release.

The 'Super Sports Utility Vehicle,' or SSUV, will meet the public on December 4 in Sant Agata Bolognese, Italy, the fantastically named site of the firm's headquarters.

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The all new PIRELLI 1900

AFTER plenty of advance teasing, the new PIRELLI 1900 made its official debut at the Cannes Yachting Festival 2017 to considerable acclaim.

This renewed partnership between Tecnorib and Pirelli was designed by the Mannerfelt Design Team and is built to the highest standards of quality, starting with the resin infused hull and the 100 per cent carbon hardtop, designed to lower the centre of gravity and improve performance.

The 1900 reinterprets the 1400 model from a new, innovative, perspective, with an even greater focus on the development of communal areas.

The outstanding feature is the design of the carbon hardtop, which extends aft to protect the cockpit. The scene-stealer in the bow is the huge sun lounging area, while in the stern the entire cockpit area can be customised.

The hull has been designed to offer high performance without compromis-



Sculati and partners

The exciting new PIRELLI 1900 makes its debut.

ing on comfort: it isn't particularly narrow, which allows a two-metre wide hospitality area.

In the engine room, two 800 HP MAN 16 engines with surface-piercing propellers are coupled with top system transmissions allowing a speed of up to 45

knots, while the boat remains easy to handle at all times thanks to the joystick and automatic trim system.

Below deck the interiors are elegant and cover all of the necessities. The basic layout features two cabins and the central living area, containing the galley, a dinette that can be transformed into an additional berth, and

a dining table.

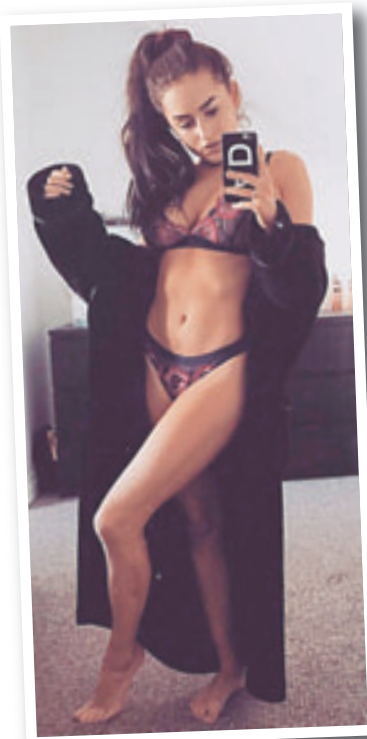
The owner's cabin is in the bow, in the stern, the guest cabin, a head and a big and extremely practical technical storage compartment which can be converted to a third cabin for the crew if necessary.

As always, the distinctive Pirelli tyre tread design appears on the inflatables, like all the boats in the range.

Rock against plastic

GERMAN rock band Itchy who spent a week in Mallorca working with Swiss Environmental Agency Ocean Care in August are battling against pollution in the seas.

They have now released a special video, filmed in Mallorca, to accompany their song 'The Sea' in which they promote clean beaches and campaign against the dumping of plastic in seas and oceans around the world.



Amber Davies Twitter

Amber Davies.

Ladies Day at Southampton Boat Show

TODAY, fresh from her triumph as winner of Love Island 2017 in Mallorca, Amber Davies was the hostess for Ladies Day at the Southampton Boat Show.

Boat trips on the Show's very own mini-cruise ship took place every 30 minutes throughout the afternoon. Departing from the marina, the Ocean Scene took visitors for a cruise around the Show, allowing trippers to see the spectacular purpose-built marina, Europe's largest.

Fully equipped with sun-decks and a bar, the trip offered an unforgettable Ladies Day experience.

For those wanting to sit back, relax and enjoy a glass of Moët & Chandon, the Show's Champagne Bar once again played host to a very special Ladies Hour with a guest appearance from Amber Davies who mingled with visitors.

The Show also provided an incredible shopping experience with British classics alongside global brands on offer with some great Show discounts available.

There were even some boats on show for those who didn't just turn up for the entertainment.

The Southampton Boat Show runs until Sunday and attracts large numbers of visitors.

Ocean Race goes green

PLASTIC will be banned from the Volvo Ocean Race celebrations in Alicante. Sustainability and solidarity with refugees have been declared the two twin themes of the world-famous yacht race.

The Volvo Ocean Race is departing from Alicante for the fourth time in the city's history. Some of the planet's top sailors and Olympic heroes will set sail from the port on an epic voyage that will take them around the world. The race will finish in Holland in June 2018.

The launch party begins in Alicante on Wednesday October 11. There will be 11 days of boating-themed celebrations before the yachtsmen depart for Lisbon.

A giant 55,000 square metre Race Village, a replica of the Olympic Village, will be set up at the port. No plastic materials whatsoever will be allowed inside. Everything will be constructed from recyclable material and guests given aluminium water bottles to drink from.

'A Village without plastic' is to be the slogan for the event, which will include dozens of stalls educating people on the danger that plastic pollution poses to the sea.

Meanwhile the finance ministry of the Valencian Community is eagerly awaiting the estimated €60 million windfall the event will bring.



FAVOURITE: Alicante is a popular starting point for the Volvo Race.

Take a bow record breaker Barry, top jockey Moore and superstar Hamilton

Tony Matthews

International Sports

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

Costa de Almeria

I'LL start by congratulating footballers Gareth Barry, Sergio Aguero and Celtic FC, Essex cricketers, F1 driver Lewis Hamilton and jockey Ryan Moore on their recent achievements. Well done men!

SPORTS CALENDAR

- The week-long Invicta Games (founded by Prince Harry) starts in Toronto, Canada on Sunday.
- The first cricket ODI between England and the West Indies takes place today at Old Trafford; the second is at Trent Bridge on Saturday.
- Three 'home' riders could stand on the podium after Sunday's Spanish MotoGP in Alcaniz.
- The world sailing and cycling championships continue in Japan and Bergen respectively and there's Masters Golf in Portugal.
- This weekend's PL football matches include Leicester-Liverpool, Manchester City-Crystal Palace, Southampton-Manchester United, Stoke-Chelsea and West Ham-Tottenham. It's Fulham-Middlesbrough, Leeds-Ipswich, Wednesday-

United in Sheffield's 'steel derby' and Wolves-Barnsley in the Championship while Rangers play Celtic in the SPL.

LAST WEEK'S ACTION

- Lewis Hamilton, driving superbly, won Singapore's first 'wet' night F1 Grand Prix to increase his lead over Sebastian Vettel in the championship to 28 points. For only the fourth time ever both front row cars crashed out on lap one and for the first time in F1 history two Ferraris (Vettel's and Kimi Raikkonen's) exited on lap one, as did Fernando Alonso and Max Verstappen. There are six races left.
- In cricket, the West Indies (176) beat England (155) by 21 runs in the T-20 blast at Chester-le-Street. And Essex are this season's County cricket champions after beating relegated Warwickshire who will be replaced in Division One by Worcestershire!
- The 3-1 favourite Capri, ridden by Ryan Moore and trained by Aidan O'Brien, won the St Leger. Moore has now rode the winner of all five English classics. And Geoff Wragg, trainer of 1983 Der-

by winner Teenoso, has died, aged 87.

- In football's PL, there were wins for leaders Manchester City (6-0 at Watford with Aguero's 10th City hat-trick), Bournemouth (2-1 v Brighton), Manchester United (4-0 v Everton to ruin Wayne Rooney's return to Old Trafford), Newcastle (2-1 v Stoke) and Southampton (1-0 at Crystal Palace). The games between 10-man Chelsea-Arsenal, Huddersfield-Leicester, Liverpool-Burnley, Spurs-Swansea and WBA-West Ham were all drawn.
- Leeds still lead the Championship ahead of Wolves and Cardiff.
- SPL pacesetters Celtic beat Ross County 4-0 to extend their unbeaten run in domestic competitions to 55 matches.
- Gareth Barry (WBA) has equalled Ryan Giggs' record of 632 PL appearances. The first player to start 600 PL games, Barry should break Giggs' record at Arsenal on Monday.

• La Liga leaders Barcelona won 2-1 at Getafe and Real Madrid beat Real Sociedad 3-1.

• There were recent Champions League wins for PSG (5-0 at Celtic), Chelsea (6-0 v Karabakh), Manchester United (3-0 v Basel), Manchester City (4-0 v Feyenoord), Spurs (3-1 v Dortmund), Real Madrid (3-0 v Apoel Nicosia) and Barcelona (3-0 v Juventus); Liverpool drew 2-2 with Sevilla.

• In the Europa League, Everton lost 3-0 at Atalanta and Arsenal beat Cologne 3-1.

• There have been FLC games this week including Leicester-Liverpool and Spurs-Barnsley (Tuesday) and Arsenal-Doncaster, Chelsea-Nottingham Forest, Everton-Sunderland, Manchester United-Burton and WBA-Manchester City (last night).

• Bibiana Steinhaus (38) became the first female to referee a top-flight European League game when taking charge of the Hertha Berlin-Werder Bremen Bundesliga clash.

• Northern Ireland's manager Michael O'Neill has been charged with drink-driving.

• Valtteri Bottas will sign a new contract with Mercedes and Fernando Alonso will stay with McLaren.

• Coach Tony Smith is leaving Warrington Wolves RLC after nine seasons.

• Harlequins ended Wasps' 20 match unbeaten home run in RU's Premiership, winning 24-21; Exeter now top the table... Munster and Scarlets head their respective Guinness Pro-14 groups... and New Zealand won their first three matches in the Southern Hemisphere Championship, scoring 128 points, including a record 57-0 victory over

South Africa.

• The world middleweight fight between Gennady Golovkin and Saul Alvarez ended in a controversial draw and GB's Olympic champion Nicola Adams' bout with Alexandra Vlajic was postponed when the American failed a pre-fight blood test!

• Marc Leishman won golf's FedEx Cup in Illinois with Justin Rose and Ricki Fowler joint second. And Sweden's Anna Norqvist won the women's Evian competition in France.

• And finally, ex-footballer Jimmy Greaves (80) has remarried his ex-wife, Irene six decades after their first wedding.

GARETH BARRY:
Equalled Ryan Giggs record.

RYAN MOORE:
Won the St Leger riding Capri.

MANAGERIAL FACTS

Roy Hodgson (70) who replaced Frank De Boer as Crystal Palace boss, began his playing career with the London club in 1963. However, he didn't have the greatest of starts in his new role, as Palace became the first team ever to lose all their first five top-flight League games at the start of a season... and fail to score!

Birmingham City, after losing six games on the bounce, immediately sacked manager Harry Redknapp. Blues are now seeking their ninth boss in 10 years.



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BIBIANA STEINHAUS (38) became the first female to referee a top-flight European League game in a Bundesliga clash.

Mallorca's best guide to local sport

TO READ MORE

Exciting season ahead for El Toro RC

EL TORO RC has an exciting season ahead after their tough fight in June to move up to the Division Honour B which plays with teams on the mainland.

Division de Honour B

El Toro RC earned the place in the Division Honour B by winning all their playoff matches, however as a requirement to play they need to have two teams; one to play in the local regional league as well as the one entitled to play on the mainland.

To overcome this, as it is always difficult to find enough senior players, team members have been recruited from the other island teams and will join the newly formed Babarians XV Calvia.

Andres Mateu, ex El Toro RC coach and player, has been instrumental in organising the team and is the general manager. Technical director is Sean Judkins who is also TD of the Balears Rugby



BABARIANS XV Calvia friendly match in Pollença.

Federation and player for RC Ponent. Two coaches have been putting the selected players through their paces and building a strong team.

Matthew Bresson, who has a wealth of experience training the U19 and U21 Sevens teams in Italy, England and

Germany might also join the team as a player. Federico Rodriguez was the coach behind the winning Corsaris RFC in 2016 and has played and coached for the Argentinian Pumas, El Salvador Valladolid and also with top level teams in the UK.

Local rugby

Most local teams have been putting their players through physical training in preparation for the season which begins in October. Younger teams training has just begun and the players are looking forward to the competitions.

Messi breaks own record

LIONEL MESSI has broken one of his own records.

The Argentine ace surpassed his personal-best scoring run in the opening games of the 2017/18 La Liga season after scoring his 28th league hat-trick in a 6-1 hammering of Eibar.

The 30-year-old Barcelona forward has netted nine goals in the first five matches of the campaign, a feat which pundits describe as nothing short of sensational and one which gives him a considerable head-start on Cristiano Ronaldo who was banned for five games after pushing a referee in the Supercopa

de España.

Messi's previous highest haul was when he landed eight goals in the first five games during 2011/12.

He has not yet beaten the all-time record of 10 goals in the opening five fixtures, a feat only three (Pruden, Marcelino Campanal and Pahino) have previously achieved.

Deportivo Alaves, Espanyol and Eibar have all suffered at the hands of the Balon d'Or winner and with newly-promoted Girona as Barca's next league opponents, fans and experts alike are expecting him to add to his tally.

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