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Housing court case continues

THE former mayor of Alcaucin has denied any knowledge about tens of illegal building licences.

Jose Manuel Martin Alba, who is on trial for alleged corruption, claimed he is not responsible for handing out the licences as he has no knowledge of town planning and the rules are confusing.

His lawyer, Jose Maria Ramirez, is now asking for a full acquittal arguing his client's fundamental rights are being violated and the crimes of others are being pinned on him.

Prosecutors have said they do not believe Alba's version of events, however, claiming he is showing "deliberate ignorance," and has "the talents of a manipulator." They claim he is responsible for handing out more than 100 illegal licences which allowed 'the enrichment of the few.'

Teens held for selling cannabis

TWO boys, aged 16 and 17, have been arrested for selling marijuana in Torre del Mar.

Officers from the Local Police surprised the pair as they cut the drug ready for sale on the steps of a building on Avenida de Andalucía.

The uniformed officers, who were in the area checking up on one of the boys, caught the pair after they tried to flee with their stash.

The police confiscated 41 bags containing marijuana.



Photo by Ayuntamiento de Velez-Malaga

ALLEGED SCANDAL: Velez-Malaga and (inset) Antonio Moreno Ferrer.

Family first

Probe over contract scandal

By Sally Underwood

Velez-Malaga's mayor has been summoned to testify in court over alleged irregularities in employing a council worker.

Antonio Moreno Ferrer is being investigated for alleged crimes against a public body after it was alleged the former head of the municipal housing company Emvipsa created a job for his own son as a health and safety worker.

The investigation began after a spokesman for the Partido Popular (PP), Francisco Delgado Bonilla, claimed the son of the company's former manager, Jose Luis Sanchez Tore, was employed, "without procedure, to the point that he was first

hired and then afterwards the technician role was created."

The PP allege the job was a 'prize' after Sanchez Tore helped broker a deal between political parties PSOE and Grupo Independiente Pro Municipio de Torre del Mar (GIPMTM), allowing Antonio Moreno Ferrer to become mayor. The actual hiring took place while Ferrer was still

president of Emvipsa.

The PP claimed the hiring was "an arbitrary decision," and twice wrote to Emvipsa asking for the contract to be voided. According to Francisco Delgado Bonilla, the decision was made, "without any selection procedure, violating the principles of equality, merit and capacity. To create an indefinite contract it is vital to carry out a selection

process and this has not been done."

For their part, opposition party IU (Izquierda Unida) said the contract should have been rescinded but that it was now "too late."

The town hall declined to comment when contacted by the *Euro Weekly News*, but Señor Ferrer is expected to release a statement shortly.

Death inquest goes on

A JUDGE in Santoña, Cantabria is probing a gas leak which killed a man from La Cala del Moral in Axarquía.

Local man Jose Maria Callejon, aged 62, died and six people were hospitalised following a carbon monoxide leak at their hotel in Cantabria. A judge has now asked the Junta de Cantabria to provide an expert report into the incident.

Thirty-five other people from the same hiking group who were also staying at the hotel have since returned home to Rincon de la Victoria in an emotional scene.

Francisco Salado, the mayor of Rincon de la Victoria, was waiting to meet them. The group, who are mostly retired, were greeted with hugs and tears by loved ones, while Mayor Salado offered them the "total support" of the council.

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Friday Feeling

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NEWS EXTRA

Cancer hope

MALAGA'S El Materno hospital is offering cancer patients the chance to preserve their fertility by freezing their eggs. Nine women have undergone the procedure at the hospital in the last two years so they can still bear children after their chemotherapy. This follows the passing of the Andalusian Law of Assisted Reproduction.

Spain in crisis

Catalan secession plans go on

By Matt Ford

CONFUSION reigns as Spain and Cataluña continue to sing from different sheets.

Defiant Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont has repeated his determination to declare independence after officials claimed that 90 per cent of the 2.26 million voters in last Sunday's referendum voted to leave Spain.

It comes in the wake of a polling day marred by police violence which left almost 900 members of the public and more than 30 officers hurt.

In a TV interview with the BBC on Tuesday, Puigdemont said he'd "act at the end of this week or the beginning of next."

But the Spanish government and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy remain adamant that the poll was illegal and refuse to recognise the result or discuss the issue with Cataluña.

Tensions remain high and



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A NATION DIVIDED: Images from Monday's strike and Sunday's violence.

thousands of Guardia Civil and National Police remain deployed in the region, as it yesterday emerged that Spain has sent military forces to "provide logistical support."

King Felipe of Spain gave a televised speech on Tuesday in which he said the Catalan regional government has tried to break "the unity of Spain" but

did not mention the violence or protests which have continued all week, including a general strike on Monday.

And as the controversy drags on the European Union has remained notable for its silence despite Puigdemont's appeals for Brussels to intervene.

Rajoy may yet invoke article 155 which would enforce direct rule from Madrid on Cataluña, but Puigdemont said this would be "an error which changes everything."

No fitting send-off for airline

TENS of thousands of holidaymakers continue to be repatriated following the collapse of British airline Monarch.

An estimated 32,503 travellers - out of more than 110,000 across Europe - were left stranded in Spain, as the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) takes on the 'mammoth operation' of returning them to the UK.

British consular staff have been dispatched to Spanish airports.

CAA chief executive Andrew Haines said they "got off to a good start" having already got more than 12,000 passengers home.

Monarch declared itself bust after it was unable to renew its Air Travel Organiser's Licence, forcing the carrier to axe more than 410,000 bookings.

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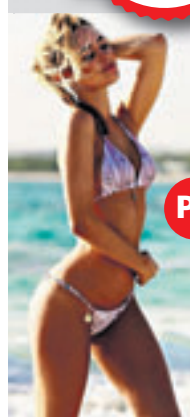
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JOE HART

Shaky ground

AN earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale rocked Comares in the middle of the afternoon. The event took place 56 kilometres beneath the ground, reducing the effects of the tremor. It was the most intense recorded in the area since the beginning of 2016.

It could be you

ONE lucky lottery ticket holder in Algorrobo bagged €320,000 in the Euromillions draw. The winner is one of two second prize tickets bought in Malaga but no-one won the first prize, meaning the draw rolls over offering someone the chance to win a whopping €190 million.

River wild

A 12-YEAR-OLD Swiss boy has been rescued after falling while hiking along the Rio Chillar. The child, who was travelling with his mother in an area called Poza Grande, was taken to hospital by ambulance after suffering a suspected broken leg.

€90m boost

A BELGIAN investment group has committed to investing millions of Euros into building an old people's home and hotel in Arenas. The group has been buying up land in the area for years and plan to build the 50,000 square metre complex around two kilometres from the town.

Caving in

CARLOS GARCIA, manager of the Nerja Caves has resigned after just six months in his post.

Garcia, the former director of Economic and Productive Development at the Provincial Council, is leaving to become manager of the Provincial Collection Board. He replaced Angel Ruiz in March after he left for "personal reasons."

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...31

Rivers are the backbone of Spain but many are in danger of drying out, due to climate change and poor water transportation policies.



UNDER THREAT: The Tajo.

THERE are over 1,800 rivers in Spain. Most are fairly short and only carry water during certain times of the year. Dry riverbeds are a common sight, and the Spanish government has been using pipelines in recent years to divert water from the north to drier regions further south.

Five of the main rivers in Spain flow out into the Atlantic Ocean, and several, including the Tajo and the Duero, pass through Portugal before they reach the coast.

Others, including the Ebro, have their estuaries in the Mediterranean Sea.

Many rivers irrigate fertile land enabling crops including rice, olives, grapes and corn to grow. They are also used to power hydroelectric plants and in some cases transport.

Dry as a bone

THE River Tagus or Tajo, also known as the Tejo in Portugal, is the longest on the Iberian Peninsula and runs for more than 1,000 kilometres.

It rises in the Sistema Iberico mountains near Madrid and passes through Toledo before crossing the Portuguese border and flowing out to the sea at Lisbon.

Few towns are built along this river in Spain, with Toledo being the largest, as much of it passes through steep, rocky valleys which are unsuitable for building developments.

The headwaters of the Tagus are in serious danger of drying up due to a combination of climate change and pipelines which transport water to drier regions including Almeria and Murcia.

Gunman caught

POLICE have arrested a man on suspicion of shooting his partner twice with a shotgun in Malaga.

The man supposedly fired into his

partner's house from the street through a window while she sat with her children.

Although the window shattered no one was harmed, according to media reports.

Rollin' down the rivers...

Delta blues

THE Ebro discharges the second-largest volume of water after the Duero and is also the longest river to run solely through Spain.

The Ebro Delta, near Tarragona, contains one of Europe's largest wetlands which is under threat due to water extraction to grow vegetables, fruit and, most significantly, rice.

Dams upriver have also prevented silt reaching the delta, which is now in danger of being completely covered by water with a potentially disastrous impact on Spain's food production.

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- 2 Hailstorm freezes traffic in Spanish town leaving four with hypothermia - **6,006**
- 3 50 firefighters tackle wildfire near Marbella - **4,309**
- 4 Ryanair cancel more flights affecting 400,000 passengers - **3,592**
- 5 Police swoop on Marbella FC as 11 arrested in €30 million Russian mafia sting - **3,163**

Top Social Media comments

Barcelona man shoots wife and baby before committing suicide - Pure evil. If you don't want to live any more, that's your own choice. But you shouldn't take anyone with you. And a baby? Really? Heartbreaking. Disgusting. Unfathomable. *Zara Mária*

Passenger claims Monarch took €300 from bank account THIS MORNING for flights NEXT YEAR - My grandson and his girlfriend have lost out too. People work so hard for their money it's disgraceful. I can't imagine how long it will take to go through administration for refunds. *Jennifer Bilton*

I don't think they went into administration until around 4am this morning so the payment could have gone through anytime between 11.30 and 4am... it's still an awful situation for all affected... aren't payments via PayPal protected? *Emma Louise Jones*

We paid by debit card on Sept 22, they must have known then. Not covered by insurance as it is end user failure, and flights booked after December 16, 2016 were not covered by ATOL although it did not tell you that at the time of booking, the whole thing stinks. *Roger Melli*

Cataluña to 'declare independence' after 90 per cent vote in favour - They had a legal referendum not so long ago and the people voted to stay part of Spain. So if politicians don't get the vote they want they can resort to illegal tactics. I'm not condoning the violence in any way. *Barbara Jago*
 That was the plan all along, referendum or not. Been planning it for years! Remember that this is the '3 per cent party' previously led by Artur Mas and his mentor Jordi Pujol, they just changed the name and the foreman of the party... *Carl Verwulgen*

Monarch flights cancelled after airline collapses at 4 am - What a mess. So many people's lives in a mess not just the people who can't get home or go on holiday. But all the Monarch staff who have lost their jobs and all the companies that supply Monarch. *Glyn Jones*

Violence erupts as Spanish police fire rubber bullets at Barcelona crowds - No justification for this in any government in any country of the world. Think this is the end of the government in Spain. *Thelma Dance*
 I'm sure there is no need for this level of violence against protesters. *Playa Flamenca Rental*

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Poll of the week

Given the ongoing drought and changing climate, should southern Spain introduce mandatory water restrictions from April to October?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

Should Cataluña be allowed to become independent if it votes in favour this weekend?

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Since the reign of Napoleon, French citizens can marry the recently deceased if they can prove they intended to marry prior to the other's death and obtain permission from the family.

Citizens of Bulgaria shake their heads to say yes, and nod in order to disagree.

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Did you know?

Ethiopians celebrated the millennium in 2007 due to the strong presence of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Ethiopia, which uses a traditional calendar based around the original date Jesus is believed to have been born, before THE Christians changed it.

Lost in translation



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EWN EXCLUSIVE

Desperate appeal

Mother and son cancer victims need help

By Karl Smallman

A CROWDFUNDING page has been set up to help a family from Malaga, after both mother and son were diagnosed with cancer this year.

Friends hope to raise enough cash so that single mum Amanda Edwards can take her two children, Abs (8) and Jose (12), on holiday to Disneyland in Paris to make special memories.

Amanda was shocked when her son, Abs (short for Abraham) was diagnosed with two types of leukaemia earlier this year, and then was dealt the devastating blow that she had breast cancer just months later.

They have been going through chemotherapy together.

The translator for expats has been unable to work due to her treatment, so the family have lost their only source of income.

Amanda moved to Malaga 17 years ago and has typically helped people who don't speak Spanish with hospital appointments, legal translations, and



COURAGEOUS PAIR: Salto del Negro and (inset) Amanda and Abs.

town hall administration.

Her dad died last August after moving to Spain to be closer to the family. Adding to this hardship, Amanda's sister-in-law was diagnosed with cancer two weeks before she was.

Natalie Hancock, from Sandhurst, Berkshire, Amanda's best friend of 40 years wanted to help the family through these difficult times.

The House Manager set up a JustGiving page to raise money for the family to go on holiday to Disneyland Paris.

Writing on her JustGiving page, Natalie said: "Amanda has to fund so much of hers and her little boy's treatment. As she is ill she is unable to work, so we need as much help as we can to assist with their treatment and making their lives as comfortable as possible."

Photo credit Facebook/Axarquía Properties

OUR VIEW

Catalan solution is needed now

COMMON SENSE must prevail. And soon.

The weekend debacle of the contentious Catalan referendum has increased national tensions and the situation now does not auger well for the future of either the Spanish region or the nation as a whole.

Anyone in Cataluña who perhaps over the years naively thought that the State would just roll over and accept the move for independence once a referendum was planned must have a very short memory.

For more than 50 years the nation stood up to ETA battling hard and violently for Basque separation.

That failed, and if Spain was determined to fight that individual cause until a successful end, rest assured the corridors of powers are now just as determined.

All the indications were on the table even before Sunday's violence that so sadly for Spain saw almost 900 people hurt as police tried to stop the voting going ahead.

Sunday's vote was never going to end without injury, though fortunately there were no deaths.

But there so easily could have been!

Now both sides must sit down and resolve the issue already identified as illegal by the Constitutional Court.

The two sides must look forward and resolve their differences for the future safety and security of both Cataluña and the nation as a whole.

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Cracking rear-sult

SHE'S a bikini-addict who made her name during a brief series of appearances on *Made In Chelsea*.

But Kimberley Garner, 27, set tongues wagging after flaunting her perky rear in a purple thong bikini before locking lips with her mystery boyfriend while holidaying in Ibiza.

The couple were pictured in a series of steamy embraces as they appeared unable to keep their hands off one another.

And the former reality star seemed carefree after recently admitting that she is enjoying the dating scene following a split from her long-term boyfriend in January this year.

Kimberley is now making waves as a swimwear designer, having launched a range bearing her name.

Speaking about the Kimberley London line the stunner said: "It's important to me that I'm a female start up and that my swimwear is made by lovely girls in England."



PENELOPE CRUZ:
In a sexy split dress.



Cruz control

THEY remain the only Spanish actors to have bagged an Oscar.

And loved-up pair Penelope Cruz, 43, and Javier Bardem, 48, put on a suitably decorated display as they hit the red carpet at the San Sebastian Film Festival.

The Spanish actress went braless in a stunning off-the-shoulder gown complete with plunging neckline and sexy split as her husband donned a navy two-piece suit.

BEACH BUM:
Kimberley Garner.

THEIR glamorous wedding will be televised in a two-part reality show.

And former *The Only Way Is Essex* star Elliot Wright, 36, and his new wife Sadie Stuart, 24, have offered a glimpse into their fairytale day after ITV released a series of teaser snaps.

Entitled *Elliott And Sadie: The Wedding*, the mini-series is set to be broadcast on ITVBe on October 15 and 22 at 9pm.

It comes after Elliot popped the question following a whirlwind romance which has seen the couple open chic eatery *Olivia's* in La

All Wright on the night



Cala de Mijas after swapping Essex for the Costa del Sol.

And they will return to Spain as man and wife after tying the knot in a star-studded ceremony in the UK last weekend.

Speaking about his new bride, dad-of-two Elliot said: "Sadie is stunning, she's incredible. My children love her."

MARRIED BLISS: Elliot and Sadie.

Donkey work!

HE is captain of Real Madrid and Spain.

But 31-year-old Sergio Ramos was happy to be branded a donkey as he appeared alongside girlfriend Pilar Rubio, 39, at a new fashion brand launch.

The defender sported a sweater by streetwear label *Nobel Donkey* at the glitzy party, while his stunning squeeze sizzled in a silver mesh minidress.



NICE PAIR: Pilar and Sergio.

Tat's amazing

SHE'S the daughter of one of Britain's best loved comedians. And reality TV star Charlotte Dawson demonstrated her devotion to late dad Les by getting a giant tattoo of him on her back for an MTV show. The 24-year-old later jetted to Spain for a break.

REGULATIONS FOR SEASONAL RENTALS

The best approach is to avoid complicated evasions or forgetting about it, thus, declaring the amount received since the Tax Agency has even resorted to cross-referring data with the digital platforms used for seasonal rentals, where all the information is located.

Despite that, many of the companies that manage such platforms have denied it, insisting that it is the responsibility of the owner of the property to provide all data of interest regarding the rental to the Tax Agency.

Declaration in a fiscal year when the property is free:

The Treasury Department requires that the property is declared as a second home that has been free and/or available for its owners, who must pay an amount that is calculated dividing between 12 the result of the 1.1% of the cadastral value (or 2% if the last cadastral revision was performed before 1994).

The result is then multiplied times the number of months during which the home has not been occupied.

Declaration in a fiscal year when the property is rented:

It is worth considering that not all the advantages of the rental of a main residence apply to these specific leases, since the income must be declared as "returns on capital assets."

The information provided in this article is not intended to be legal advice, but merely conveys general information related to legal issues.

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ROSANA TEJADA

Flea bites blight school

PARENTS of children at a school in Velez-Malaga have complained pupils are receiving flea bites.

The Association of Mothers and Fathers (AMPA) has said it will organise a protest rally after claiming an empty lot next to the school is used by dogs carrying fleas. The Augusto Santiago Bellido school bought the vacant lot next to the building with a view to extending its playground. Work has not yet begun to the site, however, prompting parents to demand action.

The association's president, Irene Peña, says the problem of flea bites is a recurring one, explaining, "Many people have been using the site, which has lacked maintenance for many years, to take their dogs to make their stools, which makes space a focus of rats and insects, and infection for school, as it borders on the playground."

The school's teachers have also explained there are no fleas in the school itself but instead in the lot next door.

They claimed the current playground is not large enough to accommodate the school's 500 students and the site next door should be properly fitted out as a play area.

The teachers also say the council fumigate the area whenever children complain of flea bites, but nothing more is ever done and the plot remains poorly maintained.

As well as asking for the current playground to be extended, AMPA is also asking for the school's dining room to be extended.

By Sally Underwood

SIXTY-FIVE people in Velez-Malaga have received job training since July.

Zoila Martin, councillor for Social Services, explained the workshops were offered to those receiving financial aid from the council. She added 90 per cent of attendees were single mothers without formal training or steady employment.

The Department of Social Affairs started the project in July to "provide

Learning and earning

tools to help people into the labour market and training to overcome social exclusion to the members of the 300 family units that are helped each year."

Councillor Martin explained the average attendees were "women aged around 45, without school qualifications, who

are separated and looking after children." She added, "85 per cent of those women were nationals and only 10 per cent of the attendees were men. The aim was to provide the beneficiary with basic skills that will help them in the job search process to ensure they regain their

independence."

The workshops were held in four weekly sessions in Velez-Malaga and Torre del Mar and covered presentation skills and CVs, self-esteem and social skills, job interviews and home economics. Classes will continue in November.

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Pipe down!

INSTALLATION of a pipeline to drain waste and rainwater has recommenced in La Herradura.

The work on the beachfront Paseo de Andres Segovia has been on hold since the end of June due to the influx of tourists.

It is prohibited to park on the road until the work, which is taking place between Calle Eucalipto and Calle Unidad, is complete.



Ayto de Almuñecar

THE affected zone.

Digging it!

New artefacts found at site

By Sally Underwood

AN archaeologist from Almuñecar has uncovered a couple's grave at the Monte Velilla dig site.

Ivan Sanchez Marcos has been working on the necropolis since the summer alongside University of Granada professor, Andres Adroher Aroux, and municipal archaeologist, Elena Navas. The trio unearthed the grave which also contained an intact ceramic amphora and a burial urn.

The group are carrying out a study of three cemeteries in Andalucía; Puente Noy, Monte Velilla and Laurita.

The trio from the University of Granada, led by Ivan Sanchez, began work in August with an aim to 'try to verify archaeological evidence' from the sites.

Earlier this year Mr Sanchez explained, "the works will initially involve georeferencing



Photo by Ayuntamiento de Almuñecar

THE SITE: Has offered up some treasures.

and a topographical survey of the terrain that occupies each of the areas in Puente de Noy, and then we will study Monte Velilla and Laurita."

Once the first stage was finished, a superficial survey was carried out at Monte Velilla and a radar study at Laurita.

"The last phase will depend on the results of the previous work and would involve excavating a few tombs and providing an archaeological record. A

fourth stage would involve disseminating what we have learned."

The project is sponsored by four public bodies; the Council of Almuñecar, the Department of Prehistory and Archaeology at the University of Granada, the Commonwealth of Municipalities of the Costa Tropical and the Bastetana Centre for Archaeology Studies, based in Baza, which is supplying most of the archaeological team.

NEWS EXTRA

Setting up shop

WORK has begun on a new shopping complex in Motril. Builders have broken ground at the proposed site which will house shops including Decathlon and Mercadona.

More homes

AROUND 1,600 new homes may be built along the Costa Tropical near La Herradura after regional laws protecting the coastline were suspended on a technicality. Town halls are now open to build up to the edge of the shore.

Jail time

A MAN found guilty of sexually assaulting a woman in Motril has been handed a 21-month suspended sentence. The assailant has also been ordered to pay his victim €240 compensation.

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By Sally Underwood

TRADE representatives have agreed plans to pedestrianise Velez-Malaga's centre will boost trade.

The president of the Trade Federation of Malaga (FCM), Enrique Gil, and a representative of the Association of Merchants and Professionals of Marbella Old Town, Cristina Lima, as well as the Association of Merchants of Velez-Malaga (ACEV), has endorsed the council's plans to ban cars from the town's centre.

The group explained the move is "positive because it invites people to go into shops and beautifies the area," adding it would also help to reduce noise and air pollution. Councillor for Infrastructure and Health, Juan Carlos Pretel, explained the area will become "a focal point for commerce and contribute to reducing respiratory diseases."

He added the project will offer five main benefits, including improving quality of life by allowing people to "walk around in peace without the existing high pollution levels."

He said it would also provide "safer streets for pedestrians," add "an attractive meeting point," bring a "commercial district," to the town, and reduce "the amount of airborne particles," and "the risk of diseases like asthma."

Enrique Gil lent his weight to the



ANTONIO MORENO FERRER: Has support for his project.

Trade boost

cause, explaining "the economic impact of eliminating traffic" on Malaga's Calle Larios, "and its adjacent streets, such as Calle Granada, Calle La Bolsa and Calle Estransa," has been obvious. He added Malaga's Soho area is also currently in the

process of being pedestrianised. He commented, "despite the fact that shop owners are initially reticent, and it has cost a lot because it was not a commercial area," the move, "is beginning to revitalise the area and attract catering outlets."

Raisin the roof

VELEZ-MALAGA'S 'Pasa y el Vino' (raisin and wine) month attracted 1,200 farmers and entrepreneurs.

The event saw Francisco Javier Salas Ruiz, a delegate from the Junta de Andalucia, promote

Axarquía's Muscatel grapes at the UN Food and Agricultural organisation in Beijing. Velez-Malaga's Muvel museum also hosted an exhibition about the grape which attracted 1,200 volunteers from the farming, winemaking and business community.

Salas Ruiz explained he presented the crop at the Food and Agriculture Organisation congress to try to gain world agricultural heritage status for Muscatel grapes.

He said the recognition would boost the fruit's renown, explaining, "it would no longer just have an honorary title. It would simulate tourism, the economy, and our social and cultural spheres as well as promoting the economy, preserving traditions and recognising the work and efforts of our farmers."

The mayor of Velez-Malaga, Antonio Moreno Ferrer, acknowledged the region's vineyards "are increasingly booming," partly because of the involvement of public bodies and praised the interest of "young people in vines."

Jose Luis Ruiz Espejo, a delegate from the Junta de Andalucia also congratulated the council for "promoting the heritage, culture and history of this fruit." He added that Muscat grape growing employs more than 2,000 farmers, processors and traders, selling 400,000 kilos of grapes each year, more than 100,000 of which are sold in the form of raisins.



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NEWS EXTRA**Back in the box**

MALAGA'S Association of Rubik's Cube has organised a workshop on the 1970's craze in Nerja. The event on Wednesday October 18 and 25 will take place at the Multipurpose Room in the Youth Information Centre, 8pm-9pm.

All together

NERJA'S Youth Information Centre is hosting a partnership-building workshop for young people tomorrow (Friday) focusing on managing projects, volunteering, teamwork, bringing different groups together and leadership.

Gadget guys

THE Local Police in Nerja are set to get more technological after the council invested €470,000 in gadgets to improve their efficiency. The equipment includes speed cameras and communications systems.

Food truck

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA is hosting its Food Trucks Xperience with a dozen international cuisine offerings today (Thursday) until Sunday in Plaza Al Andalus. A variety of food will be served including gourmet hamburgers.

In fashion

THE second annual Outlet Passion event is taking place in Rincon de la Victoria until Sunday in Plaza de la Constitución. The event will include fashion, footwear and accessories exhibitors.

Safety first

MORE than 1,500 students in Rincon de la Victoria have taken part in a road safety course to reduce accident levels, with children aged between eight and nine taught theory classes on different types of traffic.

€90,000 compensation for crash family

THE Andalusian Health Service (SAS) has been ordered to pay thousands of Euros to the family of a man who died after a crash.

The victim died seven days after a traffic accident in

Velez-Malaga in 2011 when his chest trauma was improperly diagnosed at the Axarquía Comarcal Hospital.

The association, The Patient Advocate, announced the SAS has been ordered by a Malaga court to pay out €90,705 after the 78-year-old man's broken ribs were left undiagnosed. The man had collided with a bus on his moped and was taken by ambulance to the hospital's emergency department where he was X-rayed. His

fractures went unnoticed and the man was sent home.

The next day he went back to hospital and was again diagnosed with pulmonary contusion but not rib fractures. A judge has now found the man's fractures were visible from his first X-ray but were only picked up after a CT scan when he was found to have several chest injuries. The victim was kept waiting for treatment, however, and he died the following day.

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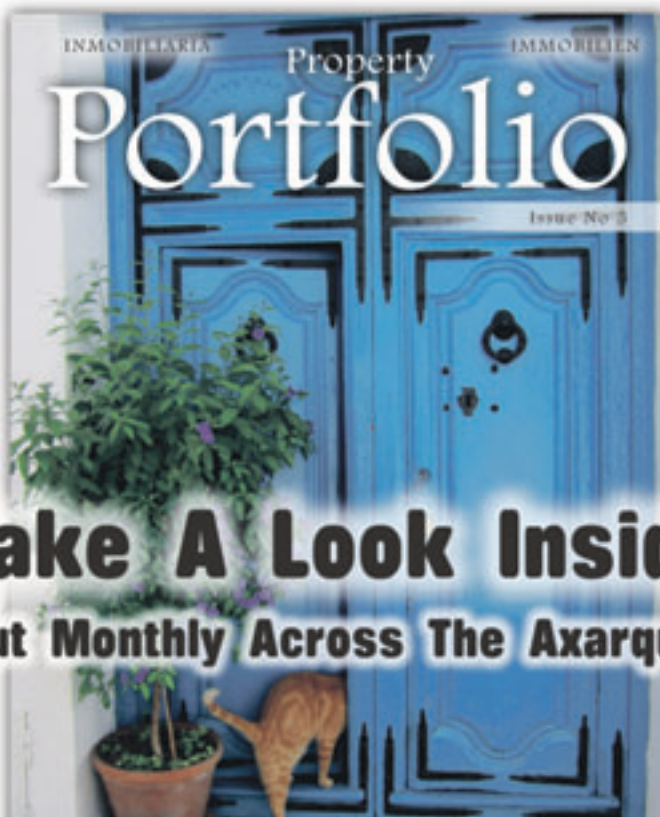
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DENMARK

Lego lands

THE 12,000 square metre LEGO visitor experience centre, known as the 'LEGO House' has officially opened to the public at the company's main headquarters in Billund.

Birds baited

A FAMILY of four red kites, an endangered bird species, were found dead at their nest after being poisoned from the insecticide parathion, which has been banned in Denmark since 2003.

Loony toon

DENMARK'S immigration minister has faced backlash for using a cartoon of Prophet

LEGO FALLS: A waterfall made entirely from Lego is showcased in Denmark's new lego house.



Credit: Highsnobility/Twitter.

Mohammad as her iPad background because it 'reminds' her that Danish citizens have the right to free speech.

Turk takeover

A TURKISH hacker group

claimed responsibility for a cyber attack that took down the Danish Ministry of Immigration's website, which was later linked to the controversial statement made by the immigration minister.

GERMANY

Proud day

THE first gay marriages in Germany will take place on Sunday after the government finally passed the law that allows same-sex couples the right to marry last June.

Toxic ransom

GERMAN police are hunting a man suspected of poisoning baby

food in supermarkets after he emailed them describing his actions and demanded a payoff of millions of euros.

Late congrats

THE US president Donald Trump took four days to offer his congratulations to German Chancellor Angela Merkel after her election vic-

tory, as Merkel criticised his policies throughout her campaign.

Easy mistake

POLICE believe that a donkey who bit a bright orange sports car while it was reversing down a country lane, and caused €5,800 in damages, may have thought the car was a carrot.

FRANCE

Family fraud

A FRENCH woman has been sentenced to two years in prison for sending money to her jihadist son who is thought to have died in Syria.

Hairy affair

AN alleged French drug lord, who ran a successful site on the dark web, was arrested at Atlanta International Airport in the US after travelling there to compete in an international beard-growing competition.

Art history

FRENCH scientists are convinced that a 500-year-old charcoal drawing of a nude woman, found at the Conde Museum, is an early sketch of the Mona Lisa and was drawn by Leonardo Da Vinci himself.

Golden march

THOUSANDS of angry French pensioners took to the streets to protest Macron's economic reforms, which will see them paying higher social security taxes next year.

BELGIUM

Beard ban

CYCLISTS sporting beards will be banned from competing as part of the Belgian Professional Continental squad in an attempt to improve hygiene and support the 'elegance of cycling.'

Food fallout

BELGIAN'S new food pyramid, created by the Flemish Institute of Healthy Life, has put deli meats such as bacon and pepperoni in the junk food section and advises citizens to eat these foods as little as possible.

Carbon charge

BRUSSELS will fine drivers of high-polluting cars €350 from January 2018 when the low emission zones become implemented in the city centre, and the cars will be banned from entering entirely in the future.

Euro mission

THE first 2018 Eurovision contestant has been announced - Belgium's Laura Groeseneken will represent her country at the annual singing competition held in Lisbon next year.

NETHERLANDS

Museum must

THE Dutch parliament wants to make trips to the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam compulsory for all schoolchildren in order to teach them about Dutch identity in a positive way.

Tall tower

ROTTERDAM has received permission to build the Netherlands' tallest residential tower, the Zalmhaven tower, which will stand at 215 metres tall and will boast 260 apartments and a restaurant.

Finance leaders

THE Netherlands has the most competitive economy in the EU and the fourth most competitive economy in the world, according to the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Pension puzzle

THE three biggest pension insurers in the Netherlands claim to have a total of €350 million in unclaimed pensions and are searching for the 100,000 people who are yet to claim their money.

SWEDEN

Multi millions

SWEDEN'S number of millionaires has reached record levels and increased by 13 per cent from 2015 which has put the country in the list of the global top 25 ranking of millionaires for the first time.

Running wild

IT took police over six hours to hunt down a young elk that had run amok in central Gothenburg last Thursday, and which was spotted in the main square, the canal and even outside the police station.

Wolf hunt

HUNTERS will be allowed to shoot a total of 22 wolves across the country next year in order to keep the country's wolf population in check.

Video school

A SCHOOL will offer Sweden's first course in how to become a YouTuber, which will help students to learn the technical, creative and business side of setting up a YouTube channel.

NORWAY

Boat bounty

A 'SENSATIONAL' petroglyph (an image carved in rock) of a boat, which was discovered in northern Norway, has been estimated to be between 10,000 - 11,000 years old.

Long haul

NORWEGIAN airlines have launched the world's longest low-cost flight, allowing passengers to travel from London to Singapore in just under 13 hours for less than €150.

Royal slip

NORWEGIAN news agency NTB accidentally released a statement claiming that King Harald V had died, which prompted the royal palace to confirm that the monarch is in good health.

Green ship

NORWAY may soon get the world's first cruise ship powered by liquid hydrogen, currently in development by Viking cruises, which will be entirely environmentally friendly.

Most valuable companies

THE Inditex Group owns three of the top 10 most valuable Spanish companies which between them are valued at more than €29 billion.

Zara alone is worth €25 billion and accounts for 25 per cent of the value of the top 30 Spanish brands with its nearest rival being Movistar with a number of banks following, but none of them coming anywhere near the value of the Inditex collective.

Bank reviews job options

ALERT to the fact that the Spanish economy might not be able to sustain further job creation in certain sectors, the Bank of Spain has undertaken an in-depth study.

The results are that it seems that the creation of jobs in construction and hospitality may now slow down and that it is important that those who have a low level of education are not disadvantaged.

Although tourism has been a great fillip for the Spanish economy, a number of North African countries and Turkey are fighting back.

By John Smith

As the British Foreign Office revises danger warnings and resorts have been hit by lack of visitors, prices are dropping quite considerably in an attempt to woo package tourists back and in the meantime, Spanish hoteliers have raised their prices.

A lot of work in the hospitality sector is seasonal and has been a useful source of income for the younger unemployed, but the fear is that if prices remain higher then

there will be a drop off in visitors.

In the construction industry, whilst there is a reasonable amount of activity, it isn't anything like the pre-crash levels so experienced workers rather than apprentices are being taken on and with the amount of older property on the market and uncertainty over expatriate situations after Brexit, this could be a 'false spring.'

The Bank wants to see a diversification in job creation as well as better educated students able to undertake more sophisticated work.

Numbers of wealthy growing

THOSE with wealth in Spain are increasing as it is now estimated that there were 202,000 Spanish millionaires in 2016, an increase of 5 per cent. The recently published World Report of Wealth shows that Spain is 14th in the list of the number of millionaires and seventh in Europe, with Inditex founder Amancio Ortega being one of the wealthiest in the world.

Quote of the Week

"I am convinced that the Spanish state and society will face the challenges and we will have another cycle of prosperity," said Luis de Guindos Minister of the Economy referring to the Catalan situation.



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Quarterly hand out

THE Spanish Finance Ministry will hand out €7.87 billion to the autonomous communities with 25 per cent (€1.97 billion) allocated to Catalonia despite the heated disagreements over the independence referendum. Andalucía will receive €1.51 billion.

Double role

THE current CEO of Santander España Rami Aboukhair will now add the role of head of the recently taken over Banco Popular. He will also head the bank's steering committee until it is assimilated into the Santander group.

Bad news

ABENGOA, the Spanish industrial company which has had to seek insolvency protection has suffered another setback. Auditors Deloitte have noted that it showed a loss in the first six months of 2017 and may be unable to continue to trade.

BLACK economy evades VAT.

EU loses out on VAT due

THE loss of VAT revenue in Spain due to fraud, tax evasion, bankruptcy or simple error in 2015 may be €1.12 billion or €2.5 billion depending on which figure you believe. The Spanish Tax Agency believes it to be the lower figure but the European Commission has published a study which suggests the higher figure.

Whichever is correct (and the EU uses a different formula to the Tax Agency), it is recognised by both organisations that the loss of

VAT in Spain has dropped for four successive years and only Sweden and Hungary are more successful in collecting VAT.

It is estimated that the total non-collection of VAT across the European Union in 2015 was €152 billion, representing almost 13 per cent of the total VAT due and whilst Greece is getting better at collecting the tax, Italy is the worst, losing €35 billion in the year, although the UK managed to 'miss out' on collecting €22.2 billion.

Spain is not so competitive

DESPITE positive words coming out of the European Union on competitiveness, a new report shows that many EU states are losing ground against other countries. The World Economic Forum which studies the results of 137 different countries has reported that the three most com-

petitive countries are Switzerland, Singapore and the United States of America.

One eye opener however is that Spain which has supposedly seen a financial rebirth has reverted to 34th place although it remains the leader of the PIGS (Portugal, Italy, Greece and Spain).

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SEPTEMBER proved pretty positive for the GBP/EUR exchange rate, with the pound rallying from a low of €1.07 to hit a 10-week high of €1.14.

EUR/GBP, on the other hand, moved from £0.92 to £0.87, while EUR/USD dipped from a high of \$1.20 to \$1.17.

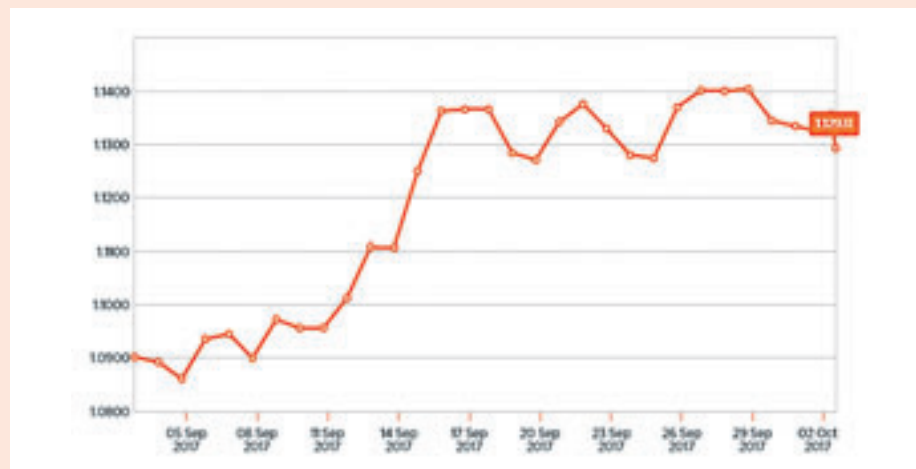
What's been happening?

There's been a lot going on recently to keep the currency markets occupied.

It's been a busy period for UK politics, with Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson causing a stir after reawakening the controversial claim that Brexit will free up £350 million per week to spend on the NHS.

Theresa May also delivered a speech on the UK's approach to Brexit, but markets were disappointed with the lack of clarity it provided.

Meanwhile, the US dollar was weakened by political concerns (with military tensions be-



BUSY PERIOD: There's been a lot going on to keep the currency markets occupied.

tween the US and North Korea escalating) but later recovered thanks to an improving outlook for US interest rates.

The US Federal Reserve stated that it will start to trim the balance sheet from next month and also indicated that it might raise interest rates one more time during 2017.

The month was less upbeat for the euro, with the uncertainty sparked by the outcome of the German Federal Elections leading to a decline in demand for the single currency.

The election saw Angela Merkel retain her majority but lose her coalition partners the Social Democrat Party (SPD), meaning that there could be weeks of negotiations as she tries to form a coalition with minor parties.

What do you need to look out for?

There's quite a bit on the calendar with the potential to keep GBP, EUR and USD on their toes over the weeks ahead.

For starters, the euro will remain pressured to the downside until a working government is

formed in Germany. If this occurs more quickly than currently forecast, and if the government's prospects for growth and stability are favourable, EUR exchange rates could bounce back.

Of the economic reports due for release, inflation, PMI, growth and retail stats for the UK, Eurozone and US are likely to be the most influential.

Any figures which support the case in favour of tighter monetary policy will be supportive for their respective currencies.

Speeches from central bank officials are also worth attending to. If the Bank of England (BoE) hints that interest rates might just rise in November, we can expect the pound to gain.

Similarly, if the odds of the Federal Reserve increasing interest rates in November remain elevated, the US dollar may continue driving the euro lower.

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NOW YOU CAN BUY BITCOINS IN CARREFOUR Also on a Visa card

WHEN China recently banned the sale of Bitcoin, the crypto-currency, there was an initial drop in its price which saw a quick recovery and it is now being sold through Carrefour.

The initial trial will be run in 50 stores around the country and special Bitcoin cards produced by Bitnovo will be available to purchase so that the Bitcoins can then be downloaded onto a digital wallet for use or investment.

This computer produced currency has been long associated with the underworld as it is not a physical currency backed by a government so can be transferred around the world via the internet.

It has proven to be a very volatile 'currency' with one Bitcoin now being worth just under €3,500 so the purchase of a €100 gift card will allow the owner to download 0.03 of a Bitcoin and then hope that it will retain its value or increase before it needs to be exchanged for goods or physical cash.

In addition, there are now a num-



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BITCOINS available from the supermarket.



ber of companies offering debit cards through the VISA system which allow payment for goods and also separate purchase of new Bitcoins.

For those who obtained Bitcoins (which are produced by a convoluted system of computer programmes which go 'mining' to create new coins), considerable fortunes have been made as the original value of a single Bitcoin was less than €1.

As this is a relatively uncontrolled currency, governments in particular

fear that it has become the exchange of choice for drug smugglers, organised crime and even terrorists as well as an ideal way for individuals to evade currency controls.

The latest of these computer based currencies the Whoppercoin is being launched by Burger King in Russia, but although in theory it will be possible to trade on the open market, one Whoppercoin is only worth 1.5 euro cents which will be given for every Rouble spent.

To purchase a single burger, customers will need to earn 1,700 of the special coins, but if this is successful then the concept may roll out across the whole of Europe with Spain a potential target.

Currently, restaurant chains in Spain such as Da Bruno, the Italian family group on the Costa del Sol already offers a loyalty card whereby regular customers can build up points to use against the cost of a meal, with €1 being credited for every €10 spent, so this may not become a huge success in Spain.

Three will become one

CURRENTLY Spanish banks use three different companies to arrange payments through the 50,000 cash machines in the country used by 75 million card holders.

If all goes to plan and shareholders in the three companies, Servired, 4B and Euro 6000 agree, the three companies will become one and their shares will be held mainly by participating banks.

Servired will actually merge its payment division to allow it to join the new, as yet unnamed company and in theory the entire merger will be completed before the end of the year so that all of the main Spanish banks will use the same service.

What has not been revealed is whether with the merger any bank charges for using other banks machines will be scrapped.

US TOY COMPANY SEES GROWTH POTENTIAL By investing in Spain

By investing in Spain

ALTHOUGH the Toys 'R' Us operation in the USA has sought protection against its creditors after dropping sales, it still sees Spain as a strong and potential market.

So confident is it in the prospective strength of the Iberian market that its new five-year plan calls for continued expansion as well as a redesign of the online business.

With 51 stores in Spain and a new one due to open prior to the Christmas and Three Kings rush, the company will also be taking on more than 1,000 part-time staff in order to be able to cope with the expected business.

According to new general director of the company Jean Charreteur, responsible for France and Iberia in an interview with the news agency Efe, whilst Spain is not the largest European market in turnover, it does generate profit and there appears to be a significant option for long-term growth.



Photo by Toys 'R' Us Spain

INSIDE one of the Spanish stores.

Whilst the company has been seriously hit by the internet sales made through Amazon in the USA, the online giant has not made significant inroads within the Spanish market with El Corte Ingles being the major toy seller, followed closely by Toys 'R' Us.

For this reason, the company plans to expand its number of outlets in smaller towns but only if the potential stores are in the right locations and promise to generate significant footfall.

Having seen the success of internet sites worldwide, the group plans to make its site far easier to operate and

to introduce the option for customers to order online but then collect at a designated store or even have the manufacturer deliver directly.

Funds are apparently being made available to allow for this growth and there will be an emphasis in promoting the little known Babes 'R' Us business which like Mothercare in the UK and Spain offers a range of items ideal for newborns.

One other possibility being considered, once the new website is up and running efficiently, is the possible introduction of third party companies offering their product for sale with the group receiving a percentage of the sale in the same way as Amazon and other similar online stores.

Although there is a strong emphasis on new stores and an improved internet facility, money will also be spent on upgrading the existing stores as well as adding special events to ensure that customers visit on a regular basis and that each store is of the same high standard.

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Best value store

THERE are some significant savings to be made by choosing one supermarket over another with the average basket being €900 per annum cheaper if you pick the right chain.

There seem to be two deciding factors over the pricing of goods, location and store with the Alcampo chain being the most economic on a national basis although the Dani group in Andalusia is considered as being cheaper.

The consumer organisation OCU has completed its annual survey of Spanish supermarkets and compared 164,276 prices in 1,137 establishments in 63 different locations to allow it to come up with its cheapest options.

Mallorcan supermarkets were the most expensive, but the majority of the different chains offer similar prices although fruit and vegetable prices have increased generally.

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.

The advice we give to our clients at Stone King, is that if you have assets in both Spain and the UK, your only safe option is to appoint attorneys in both jurisdictions.



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All this waits at the end of my rainbow

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



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Hi kids,

This is your trendy Dad telling you how much I love you and how much I enjoyed speaking to you all at my recent appearance at Glastonbury. You will not be aware of it, but this was a realisation of my dream back in the 60's when, much to my chagrin, my aspirations toward Guru'ism fell on totally deaf ears. Thank you, all my children. Right, on to more important issues.

This year, or hopefully next, I have decided to enter for the Father of the Year awards. When the time comes, I hope, when you hear of all the wonderful surprises I have lined up, you will have no hesitation in voting me a clear winner and new occupant of a beautiful house in the centre of London, which unfortunately 99.9 per cent of you will never see the inside of.

Rest assured though, Diana and I will be very happy there and, although a little decadent, no more or less than we deserve after all the years of hypocrisy and planning it has taken to realise our dreams.

The first thing I want to offer you is the cance-



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TRENDY DAD: Jeremy Corbyn (left) and Glastonbury organiser Michael Eavis.

lation and dismantling of all the UK's nuclear capabilities. After all, who wants to kill and maim millions of fellow human beings?

The fact that we will then have no defence against those who want to kill millions of us, is no problem as I'm sure they will grow to love us

when we poke our flowers down the barrels of their guns!

Next, I want to offer you all free education. I will pay for everyone and, even if you are total numbskulls, give all an equal opportunity to attend universities for as long as you like, and

what's more I'll throw in free food as well. Next, if you don't feel the need to work, I will supply you with enough money to keep you in food, fags and beer and, particularly if you have large numbers of children, enough money to live the life of Riley and even spend some constructive leisure time in the betting shops.

If your friends from countries across the world want to come here for extended sleep overs, I will make sure they have enough money and free hand outs to stay as long as they like, even if many of them would like you all dead or serving a different cultural existence altogether.

Every worker's wage will go up and, when I take over all the public transport companies, travel will be cheap and even free for everyone. How is your old Dad going to pay for all these goodies I hear you ask? Well it really is quite simple.

After I've finished robbing all those rich b*****s, I'll simply borrow the rest. When it all goes pear shaped I'll then do what we have always done, let those we hate the most pick up all the pieces. No problem. So, there you have it. All this and more awaits at the end of my rainbow. All you have to do is vote for me.

Thank you, my children. Peace and love to you all. Jeremy Corbyn.

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Lost deposits may be recoverable

TIME is running out for those who lost deposits when construction companies went bust but there is still time to reclaim hundreds of thousands of euros.

In a number of circumstances, it is perfectly possible to obtain a refund of what you have lost thanks to a ruling by the Spanish government and the involvement of a savvy group of lawyers and advisors.

Now, through his company Off Plan Property Deposit Refunds (OPP) based in the Costa del Sol, Sheldon Grossmith who suffered this very problem and his Spanish associates are offering expatriates and Spaniards the opportunity to recover their funds, even if, as is often the case, they were lost 10 years ago.

The answer is very simple and that is that the banks with whom the original deposit was lodged could well be responsible in law for the refund of the monies lost, provided they didn't insist that monies lodged were covered by bank guarantees, separate insurance policies or in escrow accounts.

Almost none of the money lost was ever in a 'safe haven' and this is where OPP can assist, but time is running out as any claim has to be made within 15 years of



SHELDON GROSSMITH at work helping recover lost deposits.

the signing of the original contract, so the next four years are likely to see the end of the claims.

A number of claims have already been settled by the banks after losing cases in the courts and a smaller percentage have been settled out of court where speedy payment is required.

OPP will make a charge for putting this together, but purely on a no win, no fee basis! Those who have suffered a loss are

invited to contact Sheldon with a copy of the original purchase contract and proof of payment (as well as where it was paid to).

A decision as to whether there is a viable case to prosecute can be made very quickly and if the decision is positive then it is intended that there will be a three-way agreement, signed between the person losing the money, OPP and the lawyer who will undertake the case.

Once they proceed, it is likely that it

will take 12 to 18 months to obtain a final court ruling and in the event of the Judge making an award to the person whose money has been taken, there will be a 15 per cent charge (plus IVA) from OPP and the lawyers will keep any interest that has been awarded by the court.

Should the case be unsuccessful, then no costs are charged to the client.

OPP was formed at the beginning of 2016 and Sheldon has been a regular guest of the Sky Property TV Channel explaining the concept and currently the group is involved in 150 cases all of which are expected to be successful.

This is a company with exceptional legal contacts and knowledge which means that Sheldon and his staff are able to respond quickly and discuss individual enquiries in English on a seven days a week basis.

The bulk of its clients are British, Irish and Scandinavian but with native Spanish speakers working within OPP, they are looking to expand those that they represent.

If you want to find out more visit www.off-planpropertydepositrefunds.com or call Sheldon on 642 740 708.

I've read all the tweets and it beggars belief

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man

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I'M used to seeing signs on doors as I go into buildings. You know, the usual stuff, the type that has a picture on it with a red line through it. Ciggys, obviously, in all buildings or maybe one with a dog on it. In Spain you will see the odd one, in a posher restaurant, that no flip flops are allowed. You get the idea.

So I was a little taken aback, when going into a medical research building, that the only sign they had on the door, apart from the opening hours, was a picture of a gun with a red line going through it! Now to me that's not the greatest deterrent to a raving lunatic that wants to kill a load of people.

What do they think is going to happen? Some nutter is going to go marching up to the door with his mate and a couple of AK47s and just as he is going to go crashing through the doors he'll say, 'Woah hold up son we can't go in there and massacre everybody.' 'Why not?' says his mate. 'Well there's a sign on the

door that says 'No Guns.' 'Oh ok then let's find somewhere else.' Everyone will be saved by health and safety and a \$2 sign. 'What is the point?' I asked the receptionist when I went in. She didn't even know it was on there but said it was their policy that guns were not allowed in the building. I should bloody well hope so. I love America, but at the moment, the place is a mess.

In years I have never spoken to so many people with such opposite views on the state of their country. A few I spoke to love Trump but as much as they love him they want him to stop tweeting. They love him because he's not a politician but I spoke to a lot more who, like me, think he is a snake oil salesman that is very dangerous. I also think he can't make any statement about anything without putting his twisted views on everything and blaming media for fake news. Calling football players 'mother's bitches' for instance or sending 18 tweets on Saturday, all of which were negative, defensive or dark and all re Puerto Rica. I've read them all and it beggars belief.

I'm leaving the US on Wednesday and will be on Talk Radio Europe on Friday to do some more grumps.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

New mobile phone

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



STAY SAFE: A small distraction can mean the difference between life and death.

AN instant of distraction can make the difference between life and death. This is why the International Automobile Federation (FIA) and Dieter Liebrech Koch, with the collaboration of RACC and RACE and other European automobile clubs, are launching the #ParkYourPhone initiative. The ambassador for this campaign is singer Pharrell Williams.

European Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc said that "with smartphones integrated into our lives, it seems increasingly difficult to take our eyes off the screen. In fact, driving distracted is causing an increasing number of victims on the road."

The message is unmistakable: the best way to prevent an accident is, first and foremost, to have our eyes on the road and not any other element that can prevent us from driving with attention. Jean Todt, president of the FIA, said that "road safety is one of my top priorities. Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians need to un-

derstand the dangers of using smartphones in traffic. To combat the 3,500 lives lost daily in traffic accidents, I call on all road users to 'park' their phones when they are in traffic."

RACC Recommendations

The RACC emphasises that talking on the phone multiplies by four the probability of an accident and drivers who write a message are 23 times more likely to crash. In a study carried out by the Catalan motor club last year, 26 per cent of drivers admitted to using their mobile 'always or often' on their journeys, a percentage that increases to 47 per cent in the case of pedestrians.

To reduce the accidents related to mobile use, the RACC recommends: Promote the use of applications that block the mobile while driving; require certification (eg an ISO standard) to be able to standardise mobility-related apps and identify them as safe and compatible with driving.

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Is the UK licence invalid?

Q. With respect, you are giving the wrong advice regarding UK driving licences. First, there is no such thing as an EU driving licence. Second, a UK driver's licence cannot 'be used in Spain until it expires' - far from it in fact. A UK driver's

licence must have the holder's current address on it by law for it to be valid. As a foreign address cannot be given, the holder is committing an infraction and there is a penalty.

Regards - S B (Mallorca)

A. What you say is perfectly correct. But there is more.

A Directive of the European Union establishes that a driving permit from any European Union member can be used in another EU country until it expires, even if the dri-

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



ver takes up residence in that country.

This Directive, which has been transposed into Spanish law as well, takes

precedence over the UK regulation which says the permit is valid for driving even though the holder can be fined for an outdated address.

When I referred to an 'EU driving licence' I meant a licence from any EU country.

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Women's wit

Rock and menopause do not mix. It is not good, it sucks and every day I fight it to the death, or, at the very least, not let it take me over."

Stevie Nicks - Singer

Famous quote

Champagne for my real friends, real pain for my sham friends."

Francis Bacon - Artist



World of English

The best superlatives can sometimes be the worst.

MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'MISS - ANTONIO HAS WRITTEN A WICKED WORD ON THE SCHOOL WALL'

Venomous creatures in Spain

TOP 5

SPAIN is home to a host of varying wildlife but not all of it is cute and cuddly. This week we look at the country's top five venomous creatures.

1. Fire Salamander

One of Europe's most common species of salamander, it can discharge a poison through its skin which is potentially very dangerous to humans. Affecting all vertebrates (species with a spine) the toxin it secretes can cause muscle convulsions and hypertension as well as hyperventilation.

The salamanders are usually black with yellow markings though some can be almost all black or yellow or bits of red. Mainly dwelling in forests and hilly areas, their diet generally consists of insects, spiders, earthworms and slugs.

Adults can grow up to 25 centimetres long.

2. Processionary Pine Caterpillars

Infamous among Spanish residents for causing fatal injuries to dogs, they also pose a threat to hu-



Fire Salamander.

mans, especially children and the elderly.

Their hairs are poisonous and cause great swelling and irritation.

The eggs are laid by moths in pine trees which soon become silk, cocoon-like nests. The caterpillars eat the pine needles and eventually move on to a new tree, following each other in a line which is where they get their name from.

More commonly sighted in early spring as the weather heats up, the best way to deal with their nests is to burn them as any contact with their hairs can be highly hazardous.

3. Mediterranean Tiger Centipede

The largest centipede in Europe, it can grow up to 150 millimetres in length. It has varying markings but usually they are yellow with

black stripes which is where the 'tiger' name comes from.

They are nocturnal and can deal an extremely painful bite, which can be very dangerous if the individual is allergic to the venom. Those bitten are advised to seek medical attention.

An opportunistic carnivore, the multi-legged insect will attack and consume virtually any animal that is not larger than itself including a variety of insects, small lizards and mice.

4. False Black Widow Spider

The false widow is a medium-sized spider with a round, brown body and cream coloured markings.

Its legs are a blend of red and orange colour. Females range in size from 9.5 to 14 millimetres

while males are 7 to 11mm. The spider's body and legs will have a glossy appearance. The species closely resembles the black widow spider, apart from its colouring.

5. Asp Viper

Achieving worldwide renown thanks to Shakespeare, this member of the cobra family is capable of injecting a venom that can stop the heart.

Those bitten are advised by medical experts to seek medical aid immediately and attacks can be anticipated by head jerking and hissing. They can grow up to 80 centimetres in length and are mainly thought to dwell close to the Pyrenees. Males are grey in colour with black stripes.

Females can be grey or brown and also have the stripes but they are less prominent.

Their heads are triangular and they have slightly upturned noses.

They feed mainly on rodents, lizards and birds, laying in wait and surprising their prey.

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

With so much to think about, will it really be a wonder if something or someone gets left out? It's not just the glitz that's inspiring the action, but certain thankless tasks which are bound to crop up. Whatever the planets get up to, there'll be no stopping Friday and Saturday's enchanting delights.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

You will be ready and waiting for whatever you've organised. Then, without warning, you could have to backtrack or make other plans - you might even encounter some undeserved criticism. But no matter what happens, the weekend will definitely make up for any workaday muddles. Meanwhile, if you're a mixer and mingler, you'll be swept off your feet.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

As you top up your spirits with some extra ideas, don't be surprised if a couple of items drop out of sight. If you seriously want to minimise niggles and hassles, then ask friends or relatives to lend a hand. It's a great week for togetherness, so ensure that you celebrate in style.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

There will be enough hurly-burly to cope with at work, let alone elsewhere, so don't even think about doing everything single-handedly. Cooking, hosting and being all things to everyone shouldn't be your version of the perfect week. Teamwork is the way forward, so take the lead and be sure that everyone gets happily involved.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The more you can offload, the happier you'll be. As you attract kindred spirits, you'll be able to look forward to the weekend whirl with family and friends. In the lead-up to the weekend, try to be patient with those who seem to be pulled in other directions. The weekend's full moon sets the scene for a useful exchange of ideas.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Good news should come your way this week. Regardless of how you mark it, you'll be surrounded by caring hearts. Sunday's full moon is one of two this year associated with journeys, homely connections and good fortune. Despite some workaday hassles your efforts will be well starred.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Many happy moments will keep you on your toes.

With warming wishes in the wind, and a charming touch of luck, don't panic if certain events don't match up to your high standards.

Just be Leo-proud that you've got what it takes to make things tick. Unfortunately you can't afford to assume that everything will run to time.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

You won't avoid the occasional mishap, but if you're tactful on Tuesday and chill out on Wednesday, the lead-up to the weekend's partying will see you go after whatever you want.

Personal and financial discussions will remind you that life is what you make it. Just ride life's waves with confidence.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

This week's change of planetary powers will allow you to find exactly what you're looking for, especially if you're shopping for bargains.

Happily, everything is coming together, so don't let everyday niggles spoil your long-term plans.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

On a personal and financial level, wait for further developments before you reach or activate any important decisions.

As you draw near the final phase of this year, the best results will come from spending as much time as possible with loved ones, or those who're on your creative wavelength.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

Whatever your plans, or however you intend to enjoy the weekend, there'll be laughter, fun and plenty of action.

Refuse to be distracted or upset by any of Monday or Wednesday's twists and turns.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

This week's potent presence of sombre Saturn in your own sign is a warning not to lose your cool, particularly on Tuesday and Thursday. Otherwise, you can expect a weekend of quality and frivolity.

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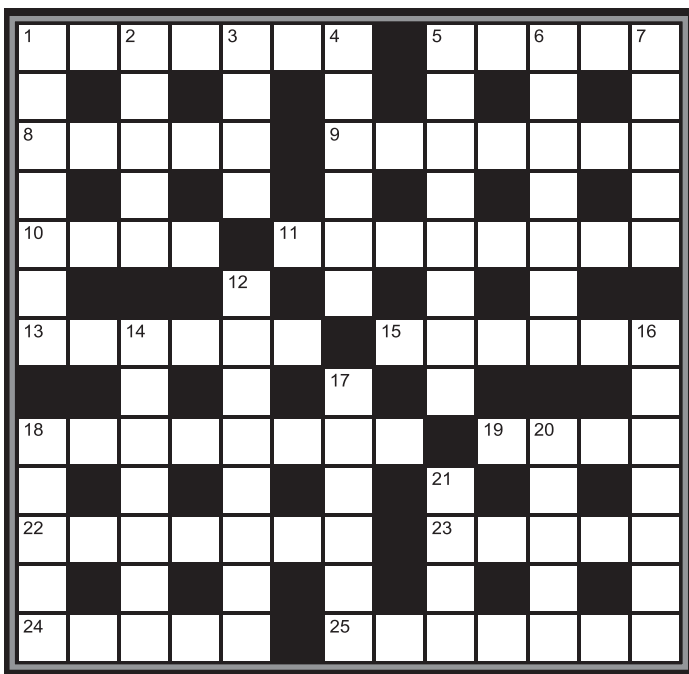
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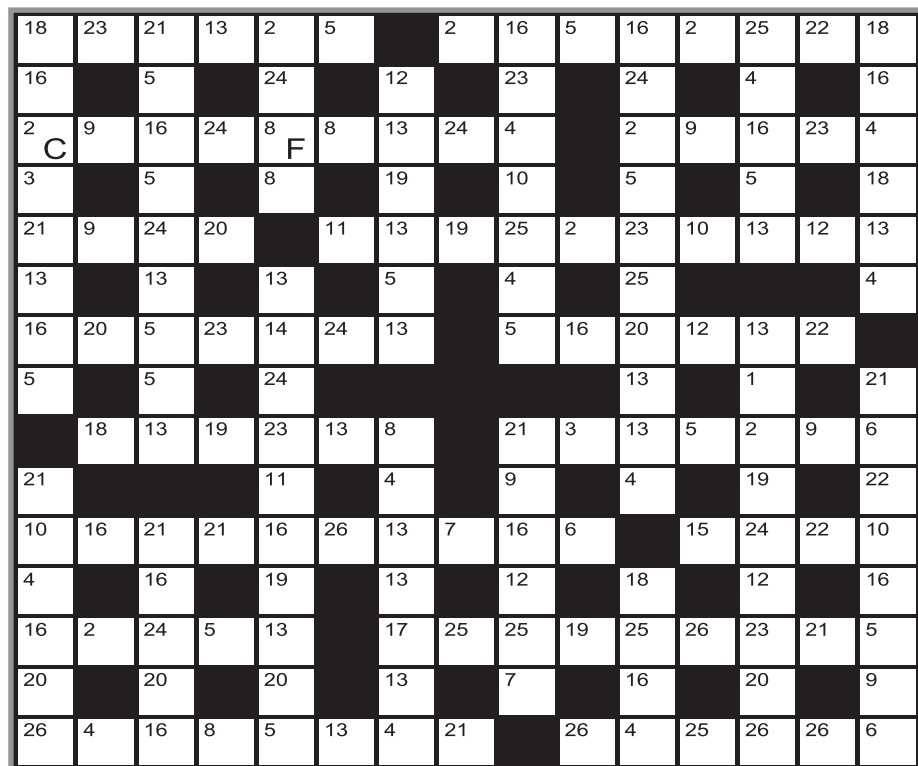
- Across**
 1 Father's wise migration (7)
 5 He sings a number at start of opera, right? (5)
 8 Muskogee seafood recipe contains some birds (5)
 9 Carelessly ran past ancient Greek (7)
 10 Vehicle parked in juggernaut outside (4)
 11 Demote soldiers in front of emissary (8)
 13 Sweltering or surrounded by fresh dirt (6)
 15 Static photographs of alcohol producers (6)
 18 Grippled exotic-bred boas (8)
 19 The story begins 'You are relatively new' (4)
 22 Stir leg around, but you can't eat it (7)
 23 Group showing concern about diamonds (5)
 24 'Arduous journeys take real energy' King said, initially (5)
 25 Set of steps for 50 snakes (7)



- Down**
 1 Show part of a book to a worker (7)
 2 Laid out, exhausted (5)
 3 Lincoln seen by daughter possibly sleeping (4)
 4 Christian celebration confused Teresa (6)
 5 Endeavour to cover a waistcoat, it's a sham (8)
 6 Score goal in game (7)
 7 Choice of kitchen appliance (5)
 12 Same grit, different moves (8)
 14 Priest turns to the Orient for a break (7)
 16 Dicky sent son some poems (7)
 17 Cancel Royal Engineer's ding-dong (6)
 18 Dame Margot Fonteyn demonstrates slang (5)
 20 Join the French, become confused! (5)
 21 Drug discovered by a police department (4)

Code Breaker

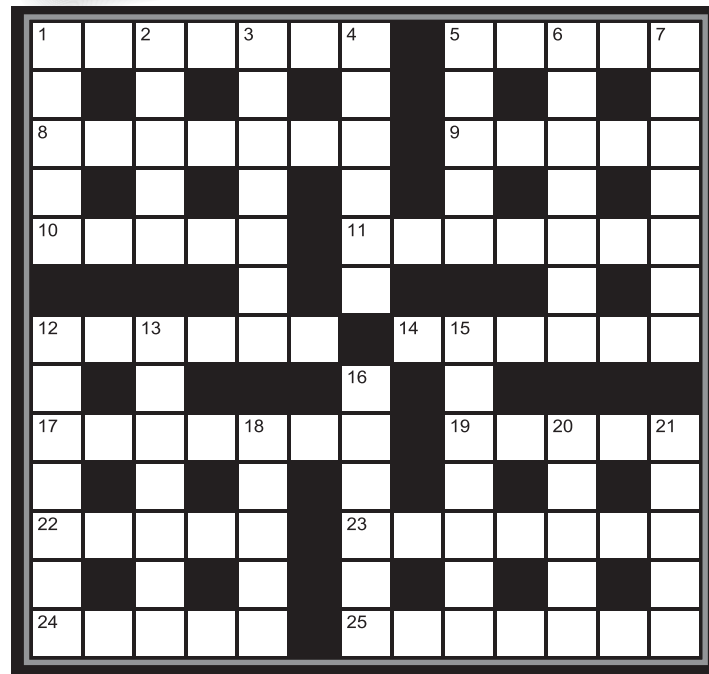
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents C and 8 represents F, so fill in C every time the figure 2 appears and F every time the figure 8 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should 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	C	3	4	5	6	7	8	F	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

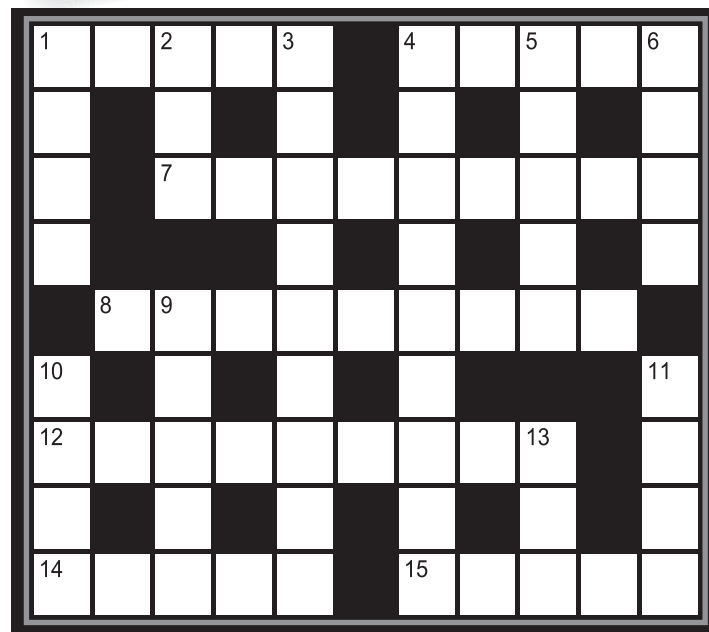
Quick



- Across**
 1 Residential districts located on the outskirts of a city (7)
 5 Arousing or provoking laughter (5)
 8 Standing or situated alone (7)
 9 Once more (5)
 10 Not in accordance with the fact, reality or actuality (5)
 11 Put or add together (7)
 12 Annoy persistently (6)
 14 Chuckles (6)
 17 Farm vehicle (7)
 19 Commence (5)
 22 Additional (5)
 23 Envious (7)
 24 Revolves (5)
 25 Convent (7)
- Down**
 1 Not moving or operating freely (5)
 2 Aromatic spice (8)
 3 Alleviate (7)
 4 Exact (6)
 5 Maintain (5)
 6 Indicating pain, discomfort or displeasure (7)
 7 Own up (7)
 12 Person who requires medical care (7)
 13 Disperse (7)
 15 Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something (7)
 16 Native of ancient Troy (6)
 18 Snares (5)
 20 At a higher position than (5)
 21 Savoury, appetising (5)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
 1 Jarabe (líquido) (5)
 4 To cough (5)
 7 Handball (game) (9)
 8 Cocodrilo (9)
 12 Con regularidad (9)
 14 Behind (at the back) (5)
- Down**
 1 Nadar (4)
 2 Costilla (3)
 3 Films (movies) (9)
 4 Forks (cutlery) (9)
- 15 Estudio (5)
 5 Pequeño (5)
 6 Rivers (4)
 9 To water (plants) (5)
 10 Crane (machine) (4)
 11 Rezar (4)
 13 Usted (3)

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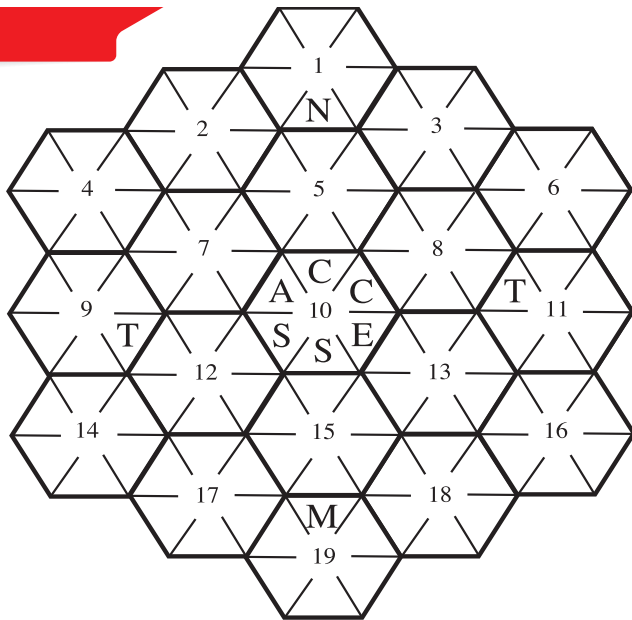
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Hexagram

- ACCESS (10)
- BESTOW
- BLUISH
- CHEESE
- COSMIC
- CRUNCH
- DELETE
- DENIES
- IMPISH
- LIMBIC
- MISSES
- NOTICE
- RAISIN
- RELATE
- SCHIST
- TISSUE
- TUNNEL
- URGENT
- VESTRY



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

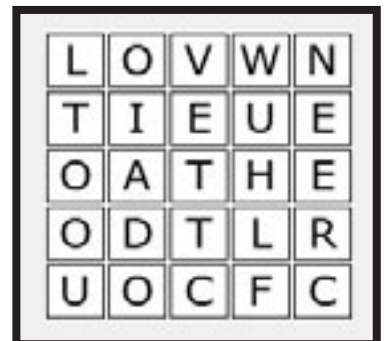
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Filter 2 Detour 3 Exeunt 4 Sheath
- 5 Maiden 6 Coarse 7 Theist 8 Museum
- 9 Stayed 10 Sample 11 Winter
- 12 Ideate 13 Repute 14 Yearly 15 Toilet
- 16 Spleen 17 Adores 18 Street
- 19 Squirt.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 23
- Good: 32
- Very good: 46
- Excellent: 60

SCORING:

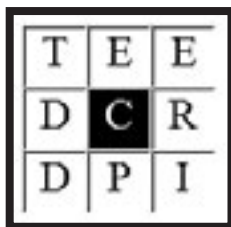
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

need needy entente ninth nine tent tenth tented teen teed teeth edit item tine tined tinned tied tide tidy team meth mete meted meet meed bene bent been beet byte dent dentin detent debt diet dine dint deem eyed yeti toed toyed tote toted beth betide betel bleed leiden totem gybe gybed

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:

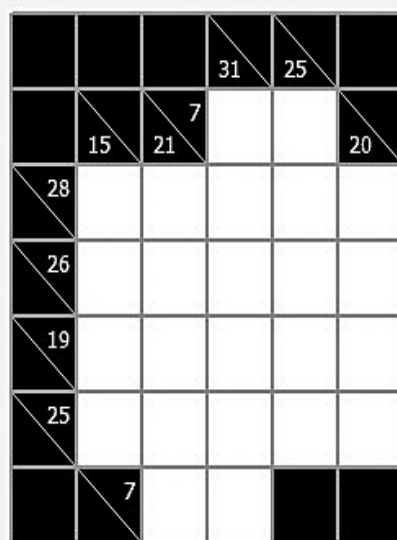
- Average: 11
- Good: 15
- Very good: 22
- Excellent: 29

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aloe alto earl felt flat flaw flea flew floe flow foal fowl late leaf left loaf loft lore oral rale real role tael tale teal tole wale weal welt wolf alert aloft alter feral fetal flare float flora later lower owlet ratel rowel towel trawl waler falter flarae floret flower foetal fowler loafer lofter trowel floater refloat fleawort WATERFOWL

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Huelga, 4 Flor, 8 Raton, 9 Rubio, 10 Bandera, 14 Chica, 15 Wrist, 16 Ocho, 17 Poesia.

Down:

- 1 Harm, 2 Establish, 3 Gin, 5 Libraries, 6 Roof, 7 TRUE, 11 Near, 12 Echo, 13 Otra, 15 Who.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Olivier, 5 Chore, 8 Reach, 9 Cheated, 10 Scourge, 11 Shine, 12 Quito, 14 Waist, 19 Opens, 21 Explain, 23 Evening, 24 Amuse, 25 Tests, 26 Testers.

Down:

- 1 Ogress, 2 Idaho, 3 Inherit, 4 Rocker, 5 Chess, 6 Obtains, 7 Eddies, 13 Useless, 15 Appears, 16 Modest, 17 Weight, 18 Unless, 20 Slips, 22 Acute.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Sinks, 4 Chooses, 8 Examine, 9 Crabs, 10 Preceded, 11 Type, 13 Litter, 14 Helped, 17 Zero, 19 Delivers, 22 Relay, 23 Shining, 24 Shrinks, 25 Guess.

Down:

- 1 Steep, 2 Nearest, 3 Shivered, 4 Clever, 5 Once, 6 Scary, 7 Suspend, 12 Deciding, 13 Lizards, 15 Precise, 16 Beasts, 18 Ruler, 20 Signs, 21 Hymn.

App of the week



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His uncle, Tom Courtney, murdered his father and Francis is adamant that he pay.

Arriving in Cape Town, Francis discovers a truth that leaves him totally overwhelmed and disorientated.

Christopher Courtney gives up his prestigious position as the governor of Bombay in a bid to make his own way in the world.

Betrayal and threats which plague his initial journey end up being the things which carve him into a fierce warrior.

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Malaga	Almeria	Bilbao	Madrid
TODAY: Max 26, Min 17-S	TODAY: Max 27, Min 19-S	TODAY: Max 23, Min 14-C	TODAY: Max 31, Min 14-S
Fri - 29 18 - S	Fri - 26 19 - S	Fri - 18 11 - Sh	Fri - 28 10 - S
Sat - 25 17 - S	Sat - 25 18 - Cl	Sat - 18 10 - C	Sat - 25 11 - S
Sun - 25 16 - S	Sun - 25 18 - S	Sun - 20 12 - Cl	Sun - 25 10 - S
Mon - 25 16 - S	Mon - 25 18 - S	Mon - 19 11 - C	Mon - 25 10 - C
Tues - 25 16 - S	Tues - 24 18 - S	Tues - 19 11 - C	Tues - 23 9 - S
Wed - 25 16 - S	Wed - 24 17 - S	Wed - 20 12 - Sh	Wed - 23 9 - C

Alicante	Benidorm	Mallorca	Barcelona
TODAY: Max 27, Min 18-S	TODAY: Max 26, Min 19-S	TODAY: Max 25, Min 17-S	TODAY: Max 25, Min 17-Cl
Fri - 27 18 - S	Fri - 26 18 - S	Fri - 24 16 - Sh	Fri - 22 14 - Sh
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Sun - 24 17 - C	Sun - 23 17 - C	Sun - 22 14 - C	Sun - 21 14 - Cl
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Wed - 24 17 - C	Wed - 23 18 - Cl	Wed - 23 16 - Sh	Wed - 21 14 - Th

S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☀ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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1919 - Ferrari makes his debut
Young Italian car mechanic and engineer, Enzo Ferrari, takes part in his first ever motor race, finishing fourth.

1944 - 800 children are gassed
More than 800 gypsy children aged between nine and 14-years-old are killed in gas chambers at Auschwitz.

1967 - Guevara defeated
Marxists revolutionary, Che Guevara, is defeated and captured in a battle against the Bolivian army.

1968 - Apollo 7 launches
The first manned Apollo mission sees astronauts begin an 11-day orbit of Earth, during which time they will transmit the first ever live television broadcasts from orbit.

1975 - Bomb maker wins peace prize

The Soviet physicist, Andrei Dmitriyevich Sakharov, who helped build the USSR's first hydrogen bomb, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his struggle against the abuse of power and violations of human dignity.

1981 - Egyptian president is assassinated

Anwar Sadat is assassinated by Islamic extremists whilst addressing troops on the anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.

2003 - Enter the governor
Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes governor of California.

This week in history

BIRTHDAYS

Brian Johnson (70) Rock singer
October 5. Hailing from Newcastle, Johnson was originally a member of local group Geordie before being recruited by AC/DC following Bon Scott's death. Almost retiring due to hearing damage, he made a comeback at the Reading festival in August.
Ricky Hatton (39) Retired boxer



October 6. Nicknamed 'The Hitman,' Richard John Hatton competed from 1997 to 2012, becoming light-heavyweight and welterweight champion during his career. He announced his retirement in 2011 though also attempted a failed comeback attempt in 2012.
Simon Cowell (58) Music producer
October 7. Achieving international fame through his cynical personality on TV talent shows, Cowell is now a household name worldwide. Founder and chief executive of record company

Syco, he is one of the richest men in the United Kingdom.
David Cameron (51) Former British Prime Minister
October 9. Former head of the Conservative Party, Cameron resigned following the EU referendum result. His administration brought about changes to welfare and immigration policies as well as privatising Royal Mail and legalising same-sex marriages.
Sadiq Khan (47) Mayor of London
October 8. Born in Tooting in South London to a working-class family,

Khan graduated in law at the University of North London. He has worked in a number of various political positions and has most recently suggested a second EU referendum vote.
Dawn French (60) Actress and Comedian
October 11. One half of the laugh-a-minute duo 'French and Saunders,' Dawn has starred in a number of different roles including the main character in The Vicar of Dibley and has written a number of best-selling books including autobiography Dear Fatty.

Sudoku

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

Word Ladder

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

HAND

PIPE

PIPE
PINE (W)PE
WINE
WIND
WAND
HAND
Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

DVD

Love never dies

Director: Scott Hicks
Starring: Addison Timlin, Daisy Head, Harrison Gilbertson, Hermione Corfield, Jeremy Irvine.

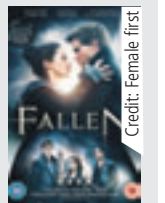
Strong-willed Lucinda 'Luce' Price (Addison Timlin) is a 17-year-old who is living a seemingly normal life right up until the moment that she is accused of a crime she did not commit.

For her alleged crimes she is sent to an imposing reform school, the Sword and Cross.

She soon finds herself being courted by two mysterious fellow students with whom she feels like she shares a strange connection.

Luce remains isolated and haunted by strange visions as she begins to unravel the secrets of her past, eventually uncovering the fact that the two men are actually fallen angels who have held a passion for her throughout centuries.

The troubled girl must choose where her feelings truly lie.



Trivia PS

Frank Beard is the only member of American rock group, ZZ Top without substantial facial hair.

Game over

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

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OCTOBER 1, the day of the illegal Cataluña referendum, was abbreviated by the Spanish media to 1-0.

This looked like a football score with a victory for the home team.

That is how Carles Puigdemont and his separatist supporters still see it, although Soraya Saenz de Santamaria, the Spanish vice-president insisted that the match never happened.

"There was no referendum," pronounced the woman routinely called on to do Mariano Rajoy's dirty work.

On the contrary there was a referendum albeit with only a 42 per cent turnout. Ninety per cent of the people who voted, those happy to participate in a ballot with no legal guarantees, voted for independence.

The regional president Carles Puigdemont interprets this as a mandate to declare independence within days, even though the 'yes' vote represents only 27 per cent of Cataluña's population.

So not only has he split Spain apart but he is going to divide Cataluña as well.

The pyromaniac

THE Spanish government failed to understand that not all of the Catalans who wanted a referendum, wanted secession.

Thousands of police and Guardia Civil officers were seconded to the region to stop them from voting and the more Rajoy used words like 'sedition,' the more he fuelled the referendum fire. Not for nothing was he compared to a pyromaniac by a Catalan Euro-MP on October 1.

That fire will take a long time to extinguish. Spain and the world saw footage of black-clad National Police and Guardia Civil officers, armoured literally up to the eyeballs manhan-



Photo by Wikimedia

IN DENIAL? Soraya Saenz de Santamaria.

dling grannies, jostling pensioners and laying into youths.

"We did what we had to," Rajoy said, although rubber bullets and bloodstained voters are not the best way of upholding the law.

The days have gone when Mariano Rajoy could lie back and think of Spain in tricky situations.

The government's inability to parley and their inflexibility conveyed obduracy and fear, not strength and now no-one is happy. Not the Catalans and certainly not both governments who must pick up the pieces. How they will put them together is anyone's guess.

I tawt I taw a puddy tat

THE only joke last week was a cruise ship, docked in Barcelona harbour. One of three, it was chartered as floating lodgings for the 5,000 National Police and Guardia Civil personnel brought in to keep the peace before, during and after the referendum.

An oversized picture of Tweety Pie, accompanied by Daffy Duck and Wil E Coyote decorated its side which was tactfully covered after going viral.

Be prepared

JP MORGAN advised investors that Spanish bonds are no longer a sure bet, thanks to Cataluña. Instead they should choose Germany, which is logical, or Portugal owing to Spain's 'constitutional crisis.'

The latter option was nothing short of humiliating as along with Italy, Greece and Spain, Portugal was one of the PIGS in the doo-doo during the economic crisis.

Mariano Rajoy who repeatedly pats himself on the back for dragging Spain out of the economic crisis criticised his predecessor Jose Luis Rodriguez for failing to see it coming.

And now Rajoy, who didn't see the Catalan car crash coming or take seriously its effects on the economy, has created more problems with his habitual passive-aggressive response.

It was good black humour, another of Spain's inventions along with the helicopter and the submarine. Especially as few were sure then and still fewer are sure now who is a-creeping up on who.

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10:15am Rip Off Britain	7:30am Rip Off Britain	8:35am King of Queens	7:45am King of Queens	9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am Neighbourhood Blues	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	8:35am King of Queens	10:05am Mofy
12:00pm Neighbourhood Blues	9:00am Mountain	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:45pm Caught Red Handed	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	10:05am Frasier	10:05am Frasier	12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	10:35am Frasier	10:35am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
2:00pm BBC News at One	1:00pm The Daily Politics	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:15pm The Hotel Inspector
2:30pm BBC London News	2:00pm For What It's Worth	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Doctors	2:45pm £100k House: Tricks of the Trade	1:00pm Channel 4 News	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm The Boss	3:45pm Was Won with Ray Mears	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	3:15pm The Mentalist
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:45pm Great American Railroad Journeys	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	4:15pm The Cheating Pact
4:45pm Garden Rescue	5:15pm This Farming Life	3:10pm Countdown	3:10pm Countdown	6:00pm 5 News at 5
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	6:15pm Flog It!	4:00pm Find it Fix it Flog it	4:00pm Find it Fix it Flog it	6:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	7:00pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:30pm Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Coast: The Great Guide	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm Interceptors
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm The Big Family	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
8:30pm EastEnders	11:00pm Match of the Day	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
9:00pm The Housing Enforcers	11:30pm Newsnight	8:55pm The Political Slot	8:55pm The Political Slot	11:00pm Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World
10:00pm Ambulance	12:15am The Detectives	9:00pm The Supervet	9:00pm The Supervet	12:55am Gogglebox
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	1:15am Gymnastics	10:00pm Educating Greater Manchester	10:00pm Educating Greater Manchester	
11:30pm BBC London News		11:00pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice	11:00pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice	
11:45pm Question Time		11:50pm The Undateables	11:50pm The Undateables	
12:45am This Week				
1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead				
1:35am BBC News				

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7:00am Good Morning Britain	7:00am You've Been Framed! Gold	7:00am Coronation Street	7:00am British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes	7:00am Live ATP 500: Tokyo
9:30am Lorraine	7:25am Totally Bonkers	7:25am Coronation Street	7:10am The Chase	7:00am <i>Day four of the Rakuten Japan Open, held at the Ariake Coliseum in Tokyo.</i>
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:50am Guinness World Records	7:50am Heartbeat	7:55am The Chase	8:30am Live ATP 500: Beijing
11:30am This Morning	8:15am Below Deck	8:50am Where the Heart is	9:00am The Car Chasers	2:00pm Live European Tour Golf
1:30pm Loose Women	9:00am Emmerdale	9:50am Wild at Heart	9:30am The Car Chasers	6:00pm Football
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	9:30am Coronation Street	10:50am Judge Judy	10:00am Pawn Stars	7:55pm Football
2:55pm ITV News London	10:30am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	11:20am Inspector Morse	10:30am Pawn Stars	
3:00pm Judge Rinder	11:20am Below Deck	1:35pm Wild at Heart	11:00am Test Match Bowls Live	
4:00pm Alphabetical	12:15pm Dress to Impress	2:40pm Heartbeat	6:30pm The Car Chasers	
5:00pm Tipping Point	1:20pm Emmerdale	3:40pm Coronation Street	7:00pm Storage Wars	
6:00pm The Chase	1:50pm Coronation Street	4:15pm Phyllis discovers that Sam spent his fortune on property.	8:00pm Pawn Stars	
7:00pm ITV News London	2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:15pm Coronation Street	8:30pm Pawn Stars	
7:30pm ITV Evening News	3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Hilda advises Susan to move out of Mike's flat as he will soon tire of her.	9:00pm Hornblower	
8:00pm Emmerdale	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:50pm Inspector Morse	11:10pm The Outlaw Josey Wales	
8:30pm World Cup Qualifier	7:00pm Dress to Impress	7:00pm Heartbeat	12:10am FYI Daily	
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	12:15am The Outlaw Josey Wales	
11:30pm ITV News London	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	9:00pm Foyle's War	1:55am The Avengers	
11:45pm World Cup Qualifier Highlights	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	9:00pm Drama about an enigmatic detective working on the south coast during World War II.	3:00am The Sweeney	
12:50am Sports Life Stories	10:00pm Bromans	11:05pm Lewis	3:00am A tip-off allows Detective Inspector Regan to move in on a security van heist.	
1:40am Jackpot247	11:00pm Celebrity Juice	1:05am Inspector Morse		
4:00am ITV Nightscreen	11:50pm Family Guy	3:10am ITV3 Nightscreen		

FRIDAY - 6 OCTOBER

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets	8:00pm World News Today	7:00am Countdown	8:50am Rusty Rivets
12:00pm Neighbourhood Blues	7:30am Rip Off Britain	8:30pm Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 6 September 1984.</i>	7:45am King of Queens	9:05am Digby Dragon
12:45pm Caught Red Handed	8:15am Neighbourhood Blues	9:00pm Jay-Z and More: Live Lounge Special	8:10am King of Queens	9:15am Floogals
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00am Gardeners' World	10:00pm Nile Rodgers: How to Make it in the Music Business	8:35am King of Queens	9:35am Peppa Pig
2:00pm BBC News at One	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	11:00pm The Genius of Funk	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
2:30pm BBC London News	10:05am Frasier	12:00am Top of the Pops: 1982 - Big Hits	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:05am Mofy
2:45pm Doctors	10:35am Frasier	12:00am The Top of the Pops vaults are opened once more, this time to celebrate the mega-hits of 1982.	10:05am Frasier	10:15am The Wright Stuff
3:15pm The Boss	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:00am Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 6 September 1984.</i>	10:35am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	10:15am The Wright Stuff
4:00pm Escape to the Country	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	1:00am The Simpsons	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
4:45pm Garden Rescue	1:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Hollyoaks	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	7:30pm Channel 4 News	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	1:15pm The Hotel Inspector
6:15pm Pointless	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	8:00pm Channel 4 News	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	2:15pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News at Six	3:10pm Countdown	8:30pm Channel 4 News	3:10pm Countdown	2:45pm Neighbours
7:30pm BBC London News	4:00pm Find it Fix it Flog it	8:30pm Unreported World	4:00pm Find it Fix it Flog it	3:20pm The Mentalist
8:00pm The One Show	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	9:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	3:20pm The Mentalist
8:30pm A Question of Sport	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	10:00pm A Celebrity Taste of Italy	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	4:20pm Lost in Paradise
9:00pm EastEnders	7:00pm The Simpsons	11:00pm In Therapy	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News at 5
9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	7:30pm Hollyoaks	12:05am Alaska: A Year in the Wild	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours
10:00pm Have I Got News for You	8:00pm Channel 4 News		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away
10:30pm Porridge	8:30pm Unreported World		8:30pm Unreported World	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	9:00pm The Crystal Maze		9:00pm The Crystal Maze	8:00pm The Gadget Show
11:25pm BBC London News	9:00pm Gogglebox		9:00pm Gogglebox	9:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
11:35pm The Graham Norton Show	11:00pm The Last Leg		11:00pm The Last Leg	9:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
12:25am Josh	12:05am First Dates		12:05am First Dates	10:00pm A Celebrity Taste of Italy
	1:10am American Hustle		1:10am American Hustle	11:00pm In Therapy
				12:05am Alaska: A Year in the Wild

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7:00am Good Morning Britain	7:00am You've Been Framed! Gold	7:00am Coronation Street	7:00am The Chase	6:45am Live Japanese GP: Practice
9:30am Lorraine	7:25am Totally Bonkers	7:25am Coronation Street	7:50am The Chase	9:00am Live ATP 500: Beijing
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:50am Guinness World Records	7:50am Heartbeat	8:35am The Avengers	10:00am Cricket
11:30am This Morning	8:15am Below Deck	8:50am Where the Heart is	9:40am The Car Chasers	10:00am <i>Day one of the second Test between South Africa and Bangladesh at the Mangang Oval, Bloemfontein.</i>
1:30pm Loose Women	9:00am Emmerdale	9:50am Wild at Heart	10:10am The Car Chasers	2:00pm Live European Tour Golf
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	9:30am Coronation Street	10:50am Judge Judy	10:40am Pawn Stars	5:30pm Football
2:55pm ITV News London	10:30am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	11:20am Inspector Morse	11:05am Pawn Stars	8:15pm Football
3:00pm Judge Rinder	11:20am Below Deck	1:35pm Wild at Heart	11:35am Cash Cowboys	11:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf
4:00pm Alphabetical	12:15pm Dress to Impress	2:40pm Heartbeat	12:35pm The Avengers	
5:00pm Tipping Point	1:20pm Emmerdale	3:40pm Coronation Street	1:40pm The Saint	
6:00pm The Chase	1:50pm Coronation Street	4:15pm Inspector Morse	2:50pm Ironside	
7:00pm ITV News London	2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:50pm Inspector Morse	3:55pm Quincy, M.E.	
7:30pm ITV Evening News	3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:00pm Heartbeat	4:55pm Minder	
8:00pm Emmerdale	4:50pm The Chase	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	6:00pm The Avengers	
8:30pm World Cup Qualifier	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:00pm Rosemary and Thyme	7:00pm The Car Chasers	
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	7:00pm Dress to Impress	9:00pm Rosemary and Thyme	7:35pm The Car Chasers	
11:30pm ITV News London	8:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold	10:00pm Long Lost Family	8:00pm Pawn Stars	
11:45pm World Cup Qualifier Highlights	8:30pm Coronation Street	11:00pm Mr Selfridge	8:30pm Pawn Stars	
12:50am Sports Life Stories	9:00pm Teach My Pet to Do That	1:00pm Inspector Morse	9:00pm Road Racing Series	
1:40am Jackpot247	11:10pm The Outlaw Josey Wales	1:05am Mr Selfridge	11:00pm Licence to Kill	
4:00am ITV Nightscreen	12:10am FYI Daily	2:05am Inspector Morse	11:00pm FYI Daily	
	12:15am The Outlaw Josey Wales	2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	11:00pm A round-up of the latest entertainment news.	
	1:55am The Avengers	3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:05pm Licence to Kill	
	3:00am The Sweeney	4:00pm ITV News London	12:45am Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning	
	3:00am A tip-off allows Detective Inspector Regan to move in on a security van heist.	4:50am Storage Hoarders	1:45am FYI Daily	
		5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:50am Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning	
		7:00pm Dress to Impress		
		8:00pm Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold		
		9:00pm Two and a Half Men		
		10:00pm Fast and Furious		
		12:10am Family Guy		

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TECH FOR THE TIMID

Chips with everything

HOW did that nice man calling from Microsoft in India know there's a problem with your computer?

Can you break a computer by pressing the wrong button? Will Facebooking your family end up in floods of fake news?

Is someone, somewhere, checking to see whether you visit porn sites (purely for research purposes, naturally)? These are tough times for technophobes, as the world becomes rapidly more digital and there are (silicon) chips with everything.

Find it all a little scary? You're certainly not alone, but as my old dad used to say about learning Spanish: millions of kids speak it so how difficult can it be?

So reboot your doubts and let's press Enter together.

See you at *opinion.workshop.engaging?*

In this new weekly series, **TERENCE KENNEDY** tackles technology for the timid, from fears about banking online, to the world's leading messaging service that sounds like a Bugs Bunny catchphrase.



ALHAMBRA PALACE: *opinion.workshop.engaging.*

LET'S kick off our technotherapy with a new and amazing innovation which has the power to reduce every single address in the world to just three words. Imagine: no more tedious directions to people about turning third right, second left, mind the T-junction and take away the Calle you first thought of. Now all you have to do 2017-style is say three little words and Bob's your tio.

Let's take a for-instance: imagine we want to meet in a quiet corner of the Alhambra, far from the madding crowds. No need for complicated directions. Our Granada rendezvous is simply: *opinion.workshop.engaging*. Child's play if you've got a smartphone. (You don't? Well, that's fodder for another column).

Or shall we meet on an oasis corner in

Tamanrasset in mid-Sahara instead (welcome to my mid-life crisis...)? That's easy: *recap.watching.unpacked*. Or precisely above the sunken Titanic's bridge and don't forget your water-wings: *speeder.seabeds.towpath*.

The secret is a concept so simple it's astonishing no-one thought of it before:

the what3words app. It's free to the common man, and is even being adopted officially by countries which have never been able to define physical addresses. First up, Mongolia is blazing the trail and no yurt has now been left unaddressed.

Some 75 per cent of the world apparently has inadequate addressing systems. So a few distressingly smart young (British!) whizzkids worked out that you could define every single three-square-metre block on the planet in just three English words, whether in a busy city or the middle of a desert or ocean. Simply enter those three words into the free app and you're shown /exactly/ where to go,

no matter where it is in the world, with three-metre accuracy. Magic or what?

And it's idiot-proof, promise. If you can use a smartphone you can use what3words. Technophiles will of course sneer and insist we all delve into the bowels of our satnav devices to work out complicated GPS coordinates, and good luck getting many pensioners, and in reality the majority of non-Millennials to go that route. So take up thy smartphone, download the free app from the Apple Store (for iPhones and iPads) or Google Play (for Android devices) by searching for what3words, (or on your computer head to what3words.com), and start by finding out just which three words could get a stalker delivered directly to your front door. It's a brilliant solution for the technically timid which is now expanding beyond the 40,000 words of English it needs to cover the globe. There's now a Spanish version, and others. What3words is stunning in its simplicity and a boon to everyone except, perhaps, dyslexics. But hey, there are apps for that too. Watch this space...

NEW EWN columnist Terence Kennedy was struck early by the tech bug when he dissected his parents' precious radiogram, which never worked again. He went on to write for and edit international technolo-



gy publications while managing to stay on the sane side of geekdom during a journalistic career that saw him scribing, broadcasting and translating from Ethiopia to Bahrain, and from France to South Africa.

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SATURDAY - 7 OCTOBER

one	TWO	FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast 11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live 12:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food 1:00pm Football Focus 1:30pm Bargain Hunt 2:00pm BBC News 2:10pm Weather 2:15pm Muppets Most Wanted 3:45pm Chris Coleman: Dare to Dream 6:25pm BBC News 6:35pm Regional News 6:40pm Weather 6:45pm Pointless 7:35pm Strictly Come Dancing 9:40pm Casualty 10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys 11:00pm BBC News 11:15pm Weather 11:20pm Thor: The Dark World 1:05am The NFL Show	7:00am How We Won the War 7:30am Coast 8:10am Hans Christian Andersen 10:00am Saturday Mash-Up! 12:00pm Natural World 1:00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends 2:00pm Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo 2:30pm Flog It! 3:30pm Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands 4:30pm India: Nature's Wonderland 5:30pm Mastermind 6:00pm The Big Family Cooking Showdown 7:00pm Anglesey 7:30pm Gardeners' World 8:30pm Front Row 9:00pm Britain Afloat 9:30pm Dad's Army 10:00pm Basquiat - Rage to Riches 11:30pm Performance Live: You Can't Go Back 12:00am Later... with Jools Holland	8:00pm Incredible Human Journey 9:00pm Wild China 10:00pm Black Lake 10:40pm Black Lake 11:25pm James May: The Reassampler 11:55pm James May: The Reassampler 12:25am British Sitcom: 60 Years of Laughing at Ourselves 1:25am Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984. 2:00am Top of the Pops Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984. 2:30am EMI: The Inside Story 3:30am Wild China	7:15am Mobil 1 The Grid Triathlon 7:45am Everybody Loves Raymond 8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond 9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond 9:30am Frasier 10:00am Frasier 10:30am The Big Bang Theory 11:55am The Simpsons 12:55pm The Crystal Maze 2:00pm Formula 1 3:30pm World's Most Expensive Cars 4:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 5:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 6:35pm Location, Location, Location 7:30pm Channel 4 News 8:00pm Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson 9:00pm WWI's Great Escapes 10:00pm Escape Plan 12:15am The Gunman 2:20am The Last Leg	7:00am Milkshake! 10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 11:30am The Gadget Show 12:20pm Criminals Caught on Camera 12:50pm Police Interceptors 2:50pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords 3:50pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door 4:50pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door 5:50pm 5 News 5:55pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! 6:50pm We'll Take it Away! 7:50pm Where Eagles Dare 10:45pm Live Boxing 12:30am Football on 5 1:15am Super Casino 4:10am Love at the Parade 5:40am Divine Designs
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SUNDAY - 8 OCTOBER

one	TWO	FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
11:00am Sunday Morning Live 12:00pm Sunday Politics 1:15pm Bargain Hunt 2:00pm BBC News 2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead 2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer 3:15pm Money for Nothing 4:00pm Escape to the Country 4:45pm Points of View 5:00pm Lifeline 5:10pm Songs of Praise 5:45pm Who Do You Think You Are? 6:45pm BBC News 7:05pm Regional News 7:10pm Weather 7:15pm Countryfile 8:15pm Strictly Come Dancing 9:00pm Antiques Roadshow 10:00pm The Last Post 11:00pm BBC News 11:20pm Regional News 11:25pm Weather 11:30pm Sir Bobby Charlton at 80 12:35am The Women's Football Show	7:25am Great British Garden Revival 8:25am Gardeners' World 9:25am The Beechgrove Garden Scotland's favourite gardening programme. 9:55am Countryfile 10:50am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites 12:20pm Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking 12:50pm My Life on a Plate 1:35pm Talking Pictures 2:15pm Dial M for Murder 4:00pm Gymnastics 6:00pm Rugby League Grand Final Highlights 7:00pm Top Gear 8:00pm Russia with Simon Reeve 9:00pm Dragons' Den 10:00pm Louis Theroux 11:00pm Snowfall 11:55pm Mock the Week 12:30am Oranges and Sunshine 2:10am Question Time 3:10am Holby City 4:10am This is BBC Two	8:00pm Only Connect A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things. 8:30pm University Challenge 9:00pm Addicted to Sheep 10:00pm Horizon Horizon discovers that the hunt for oceans in space is marking the dawn of a new era in the search for alien life. 11:00pm The Sky at Night A look at the world of astronomy. 11:30pm The Search for a New Earth 1:00am Dancing Cheek to Cheek: An Intimate History of Dance 2:00am Addicted to Sheep 3:00am Horizon This is BBC Four	7:20am Kevin Can Wait 7:45am Kevin Can Wait 8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond 9:30am Frasier 10:00am Frasier 10:30am Sunday Brunch 1:30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast 2:35pm The Simpsons 3:00pm The Simpsons 3:30pm The Simpsons 4:00pm Formula 1 6:15pm The Great British Bake Off 7:30pm Channel 4 News 8:00pm Escape to the Chateau 9:00pm Escape: Human Cargo 10:00pm Electric Dreams 11:05pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12:05am The Secret Life of Walter Mitty 2:10am WWI's Great Escapes	7:00am Milkshake! Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old. 10:25am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 11:00am Football on 5 11:35am Police Interceptors 12:35pm Police Interceptors 1:30pm Innerspace 3:50pm Mannequin 5:35pm Annie 8:05pm Deep-Sea Super Predator 9:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights All the best of the action from the latest round of England's Aviva Rugby Premiership. 5 News The latest news coverage. 10:00pm Wild Card 12:05am Safe 1:50am Car Crash TV 2:15am Super Casino
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MONDAY - 9 OCTOBER

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	4:15pm The Hairy Bikers' Bake-ation	10:00pm Tunes for Tyrants: Music and Power with Suzy Klein	3:10pm Countdown	1:15pm The Hotel Inspector
6:15pm Pointless	4:45pm Great American Railroad Journeys	11:00pm The Vietnam War	4:00pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	2:10pm Access
7:00pm BBC News	5:15pm This Farming Life	12:45am Blazes and Brigades: The Story of the Fire Service	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	2:15pm Home and Away
7:30pm Regional News	6:15pm Flog It!	1:45am Narnia's Lost Poet: The Secret Lives and Loves of CS Lewis	6:00pm Four in a Bed	2:45pm Neighbours
8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads	2:45am Goin' Going	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five	3:15pm The Mentalist
8:30pm Inside Out	7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two	3:45am Gone: Nick Broomfield's Disappearing Britain	7:00pm The Simpsons	4:15pm Killer Among Us
9:00pm EastEnders	8:00pm Coast Great Guides	4:55pm Inspector Morse	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:00pm Neighbours
9:30pm When Kids Abuse Kids - Panorama	9:00pm University Challenge	7:00pm Murder, She Wrote	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:30pm The Mentalist
10:00pm Rellik	9:30pm Upstart Crow	8:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple	9:00pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food	7:00pm Neighbours
11:00pm BBC News	10:00pm The Human Body: Secrets of Your Life Revealed	9:00pm The Car Chasers	9:30pm Superfoods: The Real Story	7:30pm Home and Away
11:30pm Regional News	11:00pm W1A	10:00pm Car Crash Global	10:00pm The Undateables	8:00pm 5 News
11:40pm Weather	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm Sky Sports News	11:00pm First Dates	8:00pm FIA World Rally Championship Highlights
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More News for You	12:10am Weather	12:00am FYI Daily	12:05am Aircrash: Collision in the Skies	9:00pm Police Interceptors
12:30am 20 Years of Power with Huw Edwards			12:05am Blade: Trinity	10:00pm Paddington

TUESDAY - 10 OCTOBER

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:00pm Escape to the Country	2:45pm £100k House Revisits	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	2:45pm Neighbours
4:45pm Money for Nothing	3:45pm Coast	8:30pm Pilgrims: Britain's Holiest Places	3:10pm Countdown	3:15pm The Mentalist
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	4:00pm The Daily Politics	9:00pm The Real White Queen and Her Rivals	4:00pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	4:15pm Fatal Honeymoon
6:15pm Pointless	5:15pm This Farming Life	10:00pm Concorde	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	6:00pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	6:15pm Flog It!	11:00pm Engineering	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Eggheads	11:00pm Giants: Jumbo Jet Strip-Down	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five	7:00pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast	7:30pm 5 News
8:30pm EastEnders	8:00pm Coast Great Guides	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet	8:00pm Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast
9:00pm Holby City	9:00pm Saving Lives at Sea	9:00pm The Great British Bake Off	10:00pm Alaska: A Year in the Wild	8:00pm Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast
10:00pm Our Girl	10:00pm Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution	10:15pm Celebrity Hunted	11:00pm When TV Goes Horribly Wrong	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	11:30pm Gogglebox	1:55am Super Casino	10:00pm Alaska: A Year in the Wild
11:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Newsnight	12:35am Parenting for Idiots	4:10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors	11:00pm When TV Goes Horribly Wrong
11:40pm Weather	12:00am Ian Hislop Goes off the Rails		5:00am Tattoo Disasters	1:55am Super Casino
11:45pm Hate on the Street - Panorama			5:25am Tattoo Disasters	4:10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
12:15am The Insider				5:00am Tattoo Disasters

WEDNESDAY - 11 OCTOBER

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
10:15am Rip Off Britain	7:30am Rip Off Britain	9:00pm St Petersburg: An Art Lovers' Guide	8:10am King of Queens	7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am Life and Debt	10:00pm Britain's Lost Masterpieces	8:40am Everybody Loves Raymond	Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.
12:00pm Life and Debt	9:00am Land of the Giants	10:00pm Dr Bendor Grosvenor and Emma Dabiri delve into Britain's local museums and country houses to look for lost and hidden public treasures.	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:45pm Caught Red Handed	9:30am Great British Menu	11:00pm The Renaissance Unchained	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	1:00pm Channel 4 News	10:05am Frasier	1:10pm 5 News
2:00pm BBC News	12:30pm The Daily Politics	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	11:05am Frasier	1:15pm The Hotel Inspector Access
2:30pm Regional News	2:00pm The Code	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Doctors	2:45pm £100k House Revisits	3:10pm Countdown	1:00pm Star	2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm The Boss	3:45pm Wild West: America's Great Frontier	4:00pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	1:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	3:15pm The Mentalist
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:45pm Great American Railroad Journeys	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	4:15pm A Mother's Fear
4:45pm Money for Nothing	5:15pm This Farming Life	6:00pm Four in a Bed	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	5:00pm Neighbours
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	6:15pm Flog It!	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five	1:00pm Star	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads	7:00pm The Simpsons	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	6:00pm Dress to Impress
7:00pm BBC News	7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two	7:30pm Hollyoaks	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	7:00pm You've Been Framed Gold!
7:30pm Regional News	8:00pm Coast Great Guides	8:00pm Channel 4 News	3:10pm Countdown	7:55am Heartbeat
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World	9:00pm Location, Location, Location	4:00pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it	8:50am Where the Heart is
9:00pm Eat Well for Less	10:00pm The Detectives		5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	9:50am Wild at Heart
10:00pm The Apprentice	11:00pm The Apprentice: You're Fired!		6:00pm Four in a Bed	10:50am Inspector Morse
11:00pm BBC News	11:30pm Newsnight		6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five	11:15am Inspector Morse
11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather		7:00pm The Simpsons	1:35pm Wild at Heart
11:40pm Weather			7:30pm Hollyoaks	2:35pm Heartbeat
11:45pm A Question of Sport			8:00pm Channel 4 News	3:40pm Classic Coronation Street
12:15am Ambulance			9:00pm Location, Location, Location	4:15pm Classic Coronation Street

All you mollycoddled snowflakes out there ... grow up!

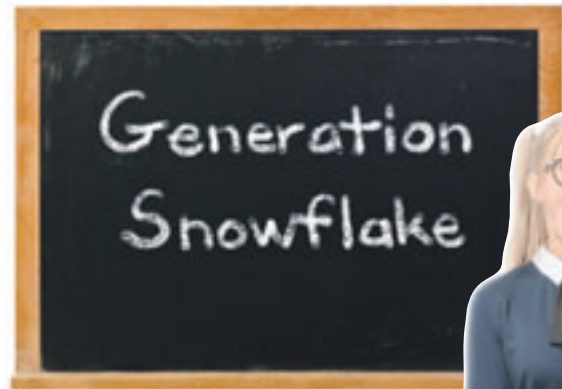
Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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

HEARD about the thousands of students starting college this autumn being given Paddington Bear-style wristbands printed with their address and emergency contact details to help them get home if they're too drunk? And nervous students helped to ask questions in lectures courtesy of an app that'll let them send anonymous text messages with queries to a screen at the front of the lecture hall? Good grief!

This follows news that Fanny Hill, first-ever erotic novel written in English, has been dropped from a university curriculum for fear of offending modern-day students.

Whatever next? A warning



GOOD GRIEF: Better to just stay at home.

on the first page of a crime thriller that someone, possibly even another person, will be dead by the last page? Help! My latest crime thriller, 'The Girl in the Red Dress' (all profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity) has just been published in paperback as well - perhaps I'd better switch to fantasy and fairy tales!

But if English literature's too upsetting to study, how about geology? Nope, earthquakes,

tsunamis, volcanoes kill people. Medicine? Nope, people have dreadful diseases and die. Biology? Ditto. Physics? Potential to create nuclear weapons. Perhaps better not go to college at all, if human beings and the world we live in upset you snowflakes.

Heaven help us when you actually head out into the real world, you're going to be unemployable!

Like the transgender issue

for schoolchildren, this is beyond, err, childish. It's pandering to imagined upset and offence by proxy. If you're likely to be upset by things at the theatre, book topics, the world in general, just stay at home in your bedroom with your blanket and teddy and leave real life to those of us who have grown up.

Snowflakes fully equipped for life in the 21st century? Next you'll be telling me Father Christmas doesn't exist! Welcome to the Brave New World - full of human beings permanently stuck in the 'terrible twos.'

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/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore.

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Stewart Gow, Cutar, Axarquía

Brave new words

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WE use artificial intelligence (AI) when we make a search on the internet or use robots like Amazon's 'Alexa.' It is not new technology and was foreseen by science fiction writers long ago. It appeared in the film 2001 Space Odyssey in which the space ship's computer takes command.

The question in 2017 is: 'is the computer going to take over earth?' Not such an outlandish question I suggest. If you accept the definition of AI as - 'a programme capable of replicating itself' - such programmes are here now. If you watch the videos on 'lethal autonomous weapons' on YouTube, you will be aware of one of the directions AI has taken. In Isaac Asimov's 'Three Laws of Robotics' the preservation of the humans is paramount. So are similar inhibiting commands being adopted by those programming robots now?

I think back to the story of Genesis and the account where a creator God has trouble with some angels, in particular one called 'Satan.' This angel sees an opening where he might become more powerful than his creator. Fortunately, by definition, God is all powerful and Satan and his followers are banished. By changing the word 'angel' or 'deity' for 'programme' you can see that the story is cruelly topical. Are we creating robots which will become powerful minor deities, capable of destroying towns with one burst from their weapons?

There is another modern myth in which earth is attacked by aliens who intend to destroy humanity. Personally I would like to challenge this myth. Firstly I do not see what aliens have to gain and secondly warrior robots may destroy humanity first.

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TV Couch Critic

IN this new column a panel of TV critics give their thoughts on personally selected weekly programmes. Here is what has entertained... and annoyed... the first of the four regular viewers who will be saying what they think!

There can be only one starting point: the amazing Dr Foster.

Suranne Jones has been fantastic, and has come a long way from Weatherfield, via Scott & Bailey and Bertie Carvel, showing that cheating ex-husbands can be sexy and dangerous in equal measure when they are over 40.

The good Doctor took some extreme action to sort out her life and whilst it is good there are reports of a possible third series, please, would someone buy Suranne some decent lingerie and get her to a hair stylist.

Hubby Simon should not be claiming the sexy crown, but is, and in my book the Doctor's shocking black underwear has to go in any future series.

Meanwhile Coronation Street has been showing six times a week recently and two story lines look as



SCREEN LADIES: Dr Foster (Suranne Jones) - left, and in-love Victoria (Jenna Coleman).

Dr Foster is great, but oh what shocking underwear

though they will play out as the autumn nights draw in.

Phelan continues to hold poor Andy hostage and it looks as though he will be captive for quite a while longer.

But frankly do I really care?

Also, the marvellous Billy Mayhew is rumoured to have a very busy time leading up to Christmas and not just with sorting out the donkey for St Mary's nativity play.

Watch out for a 'not really suit-

able for a vicar' storyline, for this is as good a reason as any to keep watching.

Sunday evenings of late have been dominated by Victoria, the fabulous The Child in Time and additionally Dragons' Den.

But the crown (excuse the pun) clearly goes to Victoria, with Dame Diana Rigg a marvel playing the Duchess of Buccleuch, Victoria's new Mistress of the Robes; arriving to her Court via Game of Thrones.

This dame is everything Maggie Smith just didn't pull out of the bag in Downton Abbey.

Jenna Coleman and Tom Hughes are wonderfully cast as in-love Monarch and Consort, Victoria and Albert.

There is also an off-screen romance between them and while this may have boosted ratings, I'm worried that in real life Tom's hair is way too floppy for someone who has time-travelled with Dr Who.

Plus once those viewing numbers go high enough, Jenna will run amok with the kitchen scissors, so grab a decent hat Tom.

W1A recently returned for a third series. For readers not familiar with this 'comedy for anyone who has worked in an office' - my words, not the show tagline - it is a six episode, how to be politically correct and achieve very little, comedy starring Jessica Hynes, Sarah Parish and Hugh Bonneville.

Hugh (Ian Fletcher in the show) is the BBC's Head of Values, so you can see where this is going, given his job is said to be to reshape what the Beeb is all about.

Be ready for lots of 'I agree' in meetings and behaviour which will resonate if you love Buzz Word Bingo in the office.

It's worth a look for the star-studded cast even for those who have not worked in an office.

Finally, if you haven't caught the re-run of Sun, Sea and A&E series three, its worth searching it out. The cameras follow British holidaymakers who have, on the whole, terrible flip-flops and way too little sun cream.

It's a must.

Critique: AWL, Casares, Costa del Sol.

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Prime Minister's Italian Job a farce

SIR,

THE question is why did the PM bother to go to Florence to make this speech before a handpicked audience of mostly British journalists?

She gave the impression that it was the EU leaving Britain rather than the other way round and it is the EU which will have to make concessions. A typical arrogant British trait.

She seemed to forget that Britain needs the EU (40 per cent of British trade) more than EU member states need Britain!

We are none the wiser on the specific details as there was nothing in the speech which was not already common knowledge.

She said that EU citizens would always be welcome in the UK but they would have to 'register,' again no specific details, nor the implications for British citizens in the EU which will be determined by the EU, not Britain.

She wants neither a Norway model

Floating memory

WHAT a surprise being taken down Memory Lane in Malaga Port while on a holiday visit to friends in La Cala.

My wife and I were looking around the port in what we view as a wonderful and ever-improving city, and there at berth was the Braemar, a ship that is part of the Fred Olsen line.

Sixty-two years ago I travelled on that very same ship as part of a British school party visiting Norway.

It looked smart in the Mala-



THE BRAEMAR: Recently visited Malaga.

ga sun and has obviously undergone refits (perhaps several) over the years.

But a real happy memory of my schooldays, as well as an

additional one of another enjoyable visit to such a fine Spanish city.

*Bren Small
Shropshire, England*

nor a Canadian model; perhaps a North Korean model!

Summing up on the security issue, the Irish border arrangements are an invitation for criminals, illegal migrants and potential terrorists to fly Ryanair to Dublin, hire a car to Belfast and then take a flight to any English airport.

She described so many advantages of maintaining a perfect partnership and relationship with the EU that the obvious solution seems to be to remain part of it.

Peter Fieldman, Florence

Dear Mr Lee...

I AGREE with almost all of what you say! This gender rubbish in the UK has gone way over the top! But I have more than a twitch over same sex couples adopting. And whereas I think civil partnership is absolutely right, I do not agree with same sex marriage. It will also be very, very confusing for the children.

Thank you one and all.

Phillip Walker, Mazarron, Murcia

Currently staying in the Costas and came about the paper. I scoffed slightly when reading the feature headline and your personal photo/mission statement.

However on reading the article I realised this was not a substandard bit of tired journalism and I agree with your opinion 100 per cent. The media - particularly the BBC - have rammed this PC gender bender nonsense down the throats of the British public for far too long. The Champagne socialists have taken the opportunity to manipulate current blurred lines to reinforce their sexual nirvana. Let the kids work it out for themselves without any influence from their elders.

MA Coleman, UK

Left or right?

WHAT is it with Spanish drivers and indicators? Do they not understand that their use is for the benefit of other road users? I have been a resident for nine years but still find myself waiting at roundabouts as people sail by with no sign of exit they are going to take. If I wanted to play Russian roulette I would have bought a gun!

John Wareing, Almeria

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British PM explains Brexit expectations

THERESA MAY confirmed in her Florence speech that she hopes to obtain a two year extension.

Citizens' 'rights/privileges' and of course OBLIGATIONS are precisely those, attributable to Citizens NOT non-citizens. If you wish to enjoy them, apply for citizenship and swear loyalty to Queen and country. Otherwise apply for 'indefinite leave to remain.'

If majority of our trade presently operates on WTO tariffs what's the UK's practical 'difficulty' with EU trade being handled the same way? Any potential 'disincentive' from application of 2 per cent WTO on exports to EU has surely been offset by depreciation/regularisation of £ exchange rate? As the UK operates a substantial trade deficit with EU surely application WTO tariffs will have a net beneficial effect on HM Treasury receipts?

'No speech is better than a bad speech.' Surely the two years from triggering Article 50 IS the transition period?'

Drew Edgar

Tensions rise as police storm Catalan offices

SPANISH Guardia Civil officers swooped on Catalan government offices and arrested 14 senior officials as the national government intensified

Comments from EWN online

efforts to stop the upcoming independence referendum.

Isn't it a Democratic right to protest for change? Unless the laws here are different, I thought individuals had a right to demonstrate for change if that's how they feel and they want something different. Not unlike the Brexit argument where two sides differ. Democracy allows for a difference of opinion does it not? A right to change your mind too if that's how the area/region/country feels.

Allam Hill

They are acting against the Spanish laws, and at the moment Cataluña is Spain.

Juan Aguilar Suau

British father injured in Magaluf stag party

ALEX GREEN is fighting for his life after being found unconscious in a street with serious head

injuries during his Magaluf stag party.

I think there's more to this, a skilled fireman, who's more aware of health n safety of buildings...going into a building site?? Only few hours into a stag night?? Nah, something fishy there?

Julie Jones Peel

About time to cut the habit of drinking so much? Every night young men can be found drunk in the streets. England has no culture left other than drinking. No decent artist inspiring writer is coming out of England.

Reggy Wilson

Man taunting a bull gets pummelled

FOOTAGE of a 'have-a-go matador' getting brutally pummelled by a charging bull in a Spanish town has gone viral.

And this year's Darwin award goes to...

*Steve Walsh
Christina Petrie*

Bull 1. Idiot 0. Lol

Got all he deserved, idiotic and barbaric custom that should be banned.

Jill Hayles

Ask The Doctor

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Poor posture



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

POOR posture results from certain muscles tightening up or shortening while others lengthen and become weak, which often occurs as a result of one's daily activities. There are different factors which can impact on posture, and these include occupational activities and biomechanical factors such as force and repetition. Workers who have higher job stress are more likely to develop neck and shoulder symptoms.

What long and short-term effects can an incorrect posture have?

Correct sitting and walking posture is essential in keeping our spine and other joints healthy. In fact, adopting an incorrect posture can cause problems in both the short and long-term. It can start with backaches and muscle spasms but over time can develop into much more severe disorders such as hernias and slipped discs.

What posture is recommended for office workers who sit for prolonged periods of time? Office workers or people who are sitting for long periods of time must maintain a posture in which the back is as straight as possible, if possible, with a proper chair

that helps support this. It is also recommended to move your legs regularly and to stand up often to stretch both the back and legs.

Are there any exercises that can be done to improve posture?

The first thing is to maintain proper posture so it is less likely complications will occur. Any exercises to strengthen the back muscles will also help to prevent injuries.

Can poor posture be associated with older people taking falls?

Older people lose muscle mass and tone so this often causes them to have a bad sitting posture, causing back problems. In advanced and severe cases this can cause the elderly to have frequent falls.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to: jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com

A toxic truth

By Kat Ashton

WHEN it comes to anti-pollution beauty products, the European market is still far behind the scope of products offered in other regions such as Asia and the US.

Despite the European governments' steps to warn citizens of the dangers of pollution, the health and beauty industry has been slow to put out new products which actively help to protect the skin against toxins in the air.

Although Europeans generally enjoy better air quality than poorer countries, pollution is still at the back of many people's minds.

Almost 50 per cent of Spanish consumers claim they would like to learn more about how to protect themselves from contamination according to new research from Mintel, yet there are limited products on the market that offer to do so.

The data also reveals that anti-pollution products only accounted for 1.3 per cent of all European beauty and personal care launches in 2016, compared to 1.7 per cent in Asia Pacific.

As brands used to struggle



SKIN WIN: Using 'anti-pollution' products helps to protect the body from toxins in the air.

to back up the products' claims with scientific data, many consumers were unconvinced by anything bearing the 'anti-pollution' label.

Over the past two years, however, companies have worked on anti-pollution indexes that can be used in the same way as SPF ratings and there has been an increase in research to prove just how harmful extra pollution in the air can be.

However, as more brands latch onto the trend in pollution awareness, many have accused the industry of simply trying to profit from help-

ing to shield it rather than cut back on their own carbon emissions.

Several brands stepped up to the challenge, such as the Japanese company Shiseido who created a vast advertis-

ing banner in Madrid last year which apparently removed greenhouse gases from the air.

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A worthy cause

UK-BASED charity, March for Men, has been organising fundraising walks across the UK raising money for Prostate Cancer UK and now Spain has got in on the action too.

A group of local health care workers have put together the Mediterranean March for Men on Saturday to increase awareness about prostate cancer and to provide the opportunity for people to support the charity from their current location.

The event's organisers invite everyone to 'put your boots on' and join in with either a three kilometre or 10 kilometre walk from 10am, setting off from the Centro Mar y Salud on Paseo Marítimo, 4 in El Morche.

The group walking three kilometres will turn around by the first picnic tables along the gravelled coastal path, and the 10 kilometre group will turn around as they reach Mezquitilla and the end of the gravelled coastal path.

Refreshments will be available during the walk and at the return to base.

Those who do not wish to or cannot join the walk can sponsor the group instead through their JustGiving page with the aim being to raise €500.

For more information or to get involved, contact: info@centromarysalud.com or call 952 532 065.

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Flamenco tango

GUITARISTS Fernando Egozcue and Jose Luis Monton are gearing up to perform at Nerja's cultural centre on November 3.

The event, which kicks off at 9pm, will fuse the essence of tango and flamenco through music and dance. Entitled

'Nuestro', the new show will see Egozcue and Monton join their talents for the first time to present a project where they explore two of the most universal genres: tango and flamenco.

During the event the artists will perform classic flamenco and tango pieces alongside revolutionary pieces by Astor Piazzolla including his Libertango or Angel Villoldo's El Choclo which will be intertwined with original compositions by Egozcue and Monton.

Tickets costing €15 available from 10am to 2pm at the box office and at:

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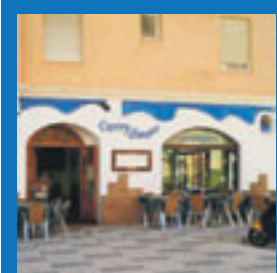
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FRIGILIANA: White-washed village.

On the art trail

By Sally Underwood

THE white-washed, mountain village of Frigiliana is preparing to host its first ever art route on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The event's organisers explained the village offers "the perfect opportunity to accept an invitation to stroll through

its streets full of history and beauty," each day of the route between 11am and 2pm and 4pm and 8pm.

They add, "we have put together a tour throughout the town where, with a map in hand, you will discover 25 locations that will house the 31 local, national and international artists that make up

the first Frigiliana Art Route."

In each location visitors will have the opportunity to personally meet each artist, ask questions and buy any of their works.

For more information, visit [@rutadelartefrigiliana](https://twitter.com/rutadelartefrigiliana) or email: rutadelartefrigiliana@gmail.com.

IN this new weekly series Lorenzo Barbareschi will provide thoughts on various wines, not just from Spain, and not only those enjoyed, but a few better kept perhaps for cooking or Sangria. But as a starter, first he peeps back in time.

History that spans over 3,000 years

SPAIN'S wine heritage dates back to the Phoenicians who planted the first vineyards in 1100 BC when founding the trading post of Cadiz in Andalucia at least 3,000 years ago.

The Romans also traded throughout the empire wines produced along the Mediterranean and cooler Atlantic coasts.

In 711 AD the Islamic Moors arrival put an end to wine production and commerce for nearly 800 years, but once freed in 1492 AD from Islamic rule wine production re-flourished, with exports to colonies in South America as well as to Henry VIII's court.

In the 20th century the Spanish Civil War and Second World War badly affected exports, but the wine industry then regained momentum, though with the exception of Rioja and Sherry, Spanish wines did not gain global popularity till the later 1900s.

Spain is now the world's third biggest wine producer, topped only by France and Italy.

An estimated 400 plus grape varieties are planted throughout Spain although 80 per cent

BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



MODERN DAY: Wide choice on offer.

of production is derived from just 20 types, the most popular reds being Tempranillo, Garnacha, Monastrell, and Carinena, while Albarino, Palomino, Airen, Macabeo, Verdejo, Pedro and Ximenez are the favoured whites.

Meanwhile for cava production Parellada, Xarel-lo and Macabeo lead the way!

Next week: A popular Spanish white that many readers will have possibly enjoyed this summer. Happy drinking!

How can you attain more balance?

Welcome to your October 2017 forecast. Every month I write about how the Astrology, Numerology, and Tarot for the month ahead affect you, helping you to move forward confidently with your plans. Below is your forecast for October 2017:



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ASTROLOGY: Make a plan

Sun and new moon in Libra : This month the sun is ruled by the airy sign of Libra. Every month the new moon is in the same sign as the sun, so this month the new moon is influenced by the diplomatic sign of Libra, on October 19. The focus for this new moon is balance. Now that day and night are almost equal in length, this is an ideal time to consider how you can conserve your energy and spend time on your highest priorities. A balanced life results in contentment, health and a flow of inspiring, creative ideas. Consider this month how you can attain more balance.

Full moon in Aries : On October 5, the full moon is in the sign of Aries, which is the first sign of the Zodiac. Around this time, consider what you started six months ago. Have your plans come to fruition during this time? If so, celebrate your success! If progress has been



OCTOBER: The focus for this new moon is balance.

slow, consider whether you want to continue with this direction or if perhaps, there is a direction which will bring you more fulfilment. Aries is encouraging you to follow your passions, to be excited about new ventures and to be courageous in your actions.

Numerology: Start anew

Number 1: Numbers are symbols which carry energy. The influence of the number one this month, brings a feeling of new begin-

nings, fresh ideas and release. Let go gracefully of anything which is no longer serving you. With just three months left until the end of the year, now is the time to reflect on your life and your plans for next year. Sow the seeds for new ventures during the last three months of this year, and begin to feel excited about your future direction.

The Wheel of Fortune: Go with the flow

In the Major Arcana Tarot deck the 10th

card is the Wheel of Fortune. This card reminds you of the cycles of life, often seen as polarities such as new life and death, and yet these cycles flow seamlessly together.

Throughout the day your mood and energy levels may fluctuate. Listen to your body, honour your feelings and try to be as present as possible in order to tap into your inner voice. The month ends with Halloween. In the pagan tradition it is believed that the veil between this world and the next is thin at this time, so meditate or journal on the eve of October 31. Listen and then act on the subtle whispers of your intuition.

Affirmation for October - I am bringing all aspects of my life into balance.

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By Matthew Elliott

SENIOR citizens are fuelling Spain's urban property boom. A study from Century 21 Spain found that property players aged over 60 are the main drivers of the real estate recovery seen in the country's largest cities.

Century 21 is the world's largest real estate franchise, with 800 professionals working in Spain. Their comprehensive analysis found that those aged over 60 are the biggest beneficiaries now that the financial crisis has passed.

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Key perks wanted include proximity to shopping centres and hospitals.

An incredible three out of every four home transactions, including both purchases and sales, carried out today in Spain are by people aged between 60 and 70.

The vast majority are sales, reflecting the 'empty nest' phenomenon which sees older couples downgrade in size after their children leave home.

Homes offered for sale by seniors are typically at least 100 square metres and have three to four bedrooms. They are in the plusher neighbourhoods and suburbs

Seniors fuel recovery

Spain's residential resurgence due to active elders



COMFORT: Seniors downsizing from city to coast in record numbers.

of cities like Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia.

Well connected by public transport, and close to local schools, these homes have an average selling price of above €225,000.

Once their large city home is sold, older couples typically decided to move to properties of around 70 square metres, close to their children or grand-children. They buy apartments, often near the coast, which cost between €100,000 and €200,000.

Key perks they are after include proximity to shopping centres and hospitals, and having lifts if it is an apartment building. Many are prepared to rent rather than buy, with an average budget of between €400 and €600 per month.

Many are also expatriates. British, German and Scandinavian buyers aged over 60 are most active in the marketplace. They have slightly finer tastes than their Spanish counterparts, seeking exclusively coastal properties with three or four bedrooms.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS: Young people want what the market isn't giving.

SEVEN in 10 young Spaniards expect to own property by the age of 35. But it's not very likely to happen.

A report on the profile of the Spanish homeowner found that the percentage of people aged between 25 and 35 who own a home is at its lowest in a decade.

The under-35 age range isn't even the largest group of potential first time buyers. More people in the 35-45 bracket are now looking for their first home.

"Young people are moving away from home ownership because salaries are stagnant and because financial institutions are focused only on attracting pruden-

Great expectations

dent buyers, which are not typically young people," said CEO of ST Sociedad, Juan Fernandez Aceytuno.

Wealthier buyers who do not need financing are accounting for a larger share of the market, as young people shift into rental mode. Today just 17 per cent of Spaniards can afford a budget of €150,000, compared to 37 per cent in 2013.

There has, however, been an in-

crease in the number of people willing to spend more than €300,000. This suggests a growing inequality in purchasing power.

That's bad news for the 72 per cent of under 30s who said they expect to own a home by age 35 in a Uniplaces poll. Youngsters are entirely unrealistic. Six in 10 expect to have to pay a minimum of €200,000 and have substantial savings for a deposit.

Healthy 2020 projection

HOUSE prices are predicted to increase by 7.3 per cent in a new report from Solvia. An analysis of Spain's annual property cycles from 2016-2020 projects annual increases of between 2 and 3 per cent.

The estimate falls in line with most forecasts. Spanish property prices will rise steadily in the medium term, with growth expected to slow down in the new decade. This will allow other important market factors, including construction and sales volume, to catch up.

While the whole country will see a price increase of around 7 per cent by 2020, in Madrid and Barcelona prices will rocket by 13 and 14 per cent respectively.

Growth will also be stronger than average on the Balearic and Canary

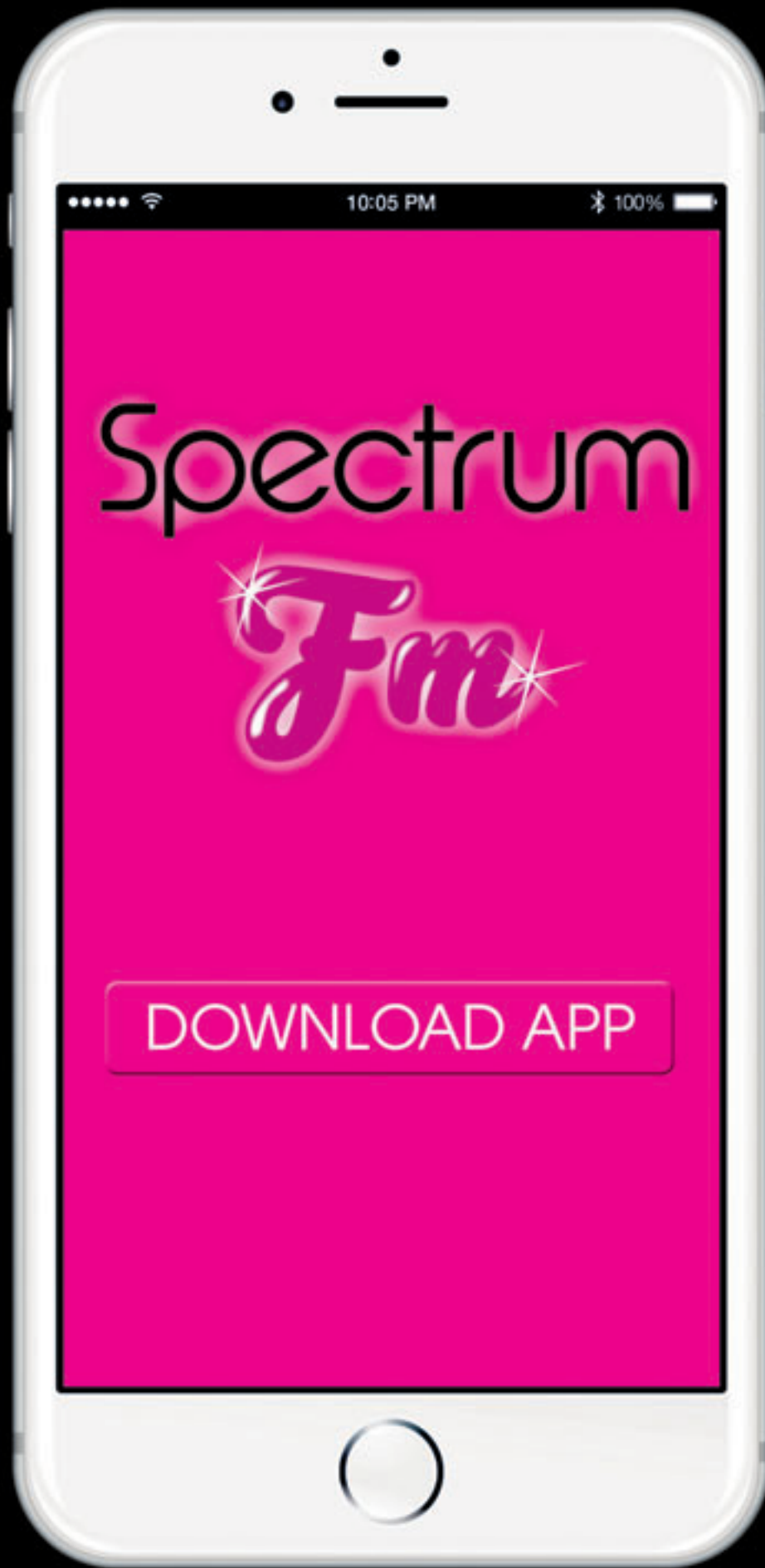
Islands, fuelled by sun-seeking foreigners.

Spain's Mediterranean arc will also perform well. Prices in many interior regions may not rise at all, meaning Spain's famed 'two-tier' recovery will become even more pronounced.

Places like Extremadura have unfavourable demographics and may soon be full of ghost towns as people move for work.

As price increases slow down, Spain's property recovery is expected to consolidate itself in the form of more transactions. The number of transactions has shot up by 50 per cent since the lows of 2013, reaching more than 450,000 last year. Sales are projected to grow by 8-10 per cent annually until 2020, eventually surpassing the 750,000 mark.

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Fan Palms - fast growing palms for your Mediterranean garden or terrace

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THE Mediterranean look for a garden is not complete without a palm tree.

They are symbols of the promise of warm, balmy nights and bright, sunny days. They take up very little ground space as they grow straight up and are ideal to make pool areas and gardens look more inviting.

Fan palms are very fast growing but require little maintenance as they hold on to spent leaves; so provide few problems in the pool or garden from constant small falling debris. They may need specialised care once they become very tall to prune the spent leaves, but it is usually only an annual or biannual event in a domestic garden.



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DANCING: A stand of Mexican fan palms.

There are two commonly grown types of fan palm. The Mexican Fan Palm, *Washingtonia robusta*, and the Californian Fan Palm, *Washingtonia filifera*, that have slightly different characteristics that are worth

knowing about.

The Mexican fan palm is faster and taller growing (30m), with leaves of about one metre that are densely grouped and sway more, when fully grown, in strong winds. The California

fan palm is slower growing (20m), with larger leaves of about 1.5 metres that are sparsely grouped, and more stable in high winds. Despite concerns for the palm's height when mature, these palms

rarely fall over even in very high winds due to its structure that gives it much greater strength than other trees.

Both palms are drought-tolerant but the Californian one is more so. It will tolerate even desert conditions so no watering is necessary once established, but it is less tolerant of humid conditions.

The Mexican one will survive better in places with higher rainfall or around the edges of natural ponds where there is a lot of ground water and it tolerates humidity better.

Fertilising is not generally recommended unless your soil is very low in nutrients or if you wish to make the palm grow very fast as they require only a minimum of nutrients to grow well. To establish you can use soluble fertilisers applied

when watering to ensure they are well established during their first summer.

They can both be grown in strong containers on your terrace or balcony using an ordinary potting mixture but they will need some watering over summer, as the soil can dry out quickly in a container. They should not be watered over winter, unless they receive no rainfall and the soil mix becomes too dry.

The invasive palm beetle that has devastated the unprotected Canary Island palms does not seem to bother the *Washingtonia* so much. It may be worth checking with your local agricultural office on the current procedures for protecting palms in your region if you wish to grow some palms in your garden.

Rocking a rockery

A FANTASTIC feature in all gardens, but especially those in dry climates, rockeries are easy to build and are great opportunities to get the creative juices flowing.

You can choose from a

huge array of rock and plants to include, depending on your taste and what would work well in the garden.

It is a good idea to start building a rockery when the

weather is a bit cooler as it is heavy work and causes unnecessary strain under the hot sun.

A sunny, well-drained patch of the garden is the best place to start building and if you have a slope of a mount this is even better as it will give your garden an 'au-natural' appearance.

The best types of rocks to use tend to be volcanic rock, sandstone and granite. While some people prefer natural shaped rocks, cut blocks can also create interesting dimensions in the garden.

Always make sure you handle the rocks carefully and enlist the help of friends or a wheelbarrow if the rocks are particularly heavy.

Plants that grow well in rockeries are those that are happy in dry conditions, such as cacti, bulbs, succulents and flowering plants. Mosses and lichens that grow on rocks also provide an extra layer of colour and dimension.

Luscious lilies

By Kat Ashton

LILY OF THE VALLEY is a favourite for many gardeners - grown for its scented flowers and ability to thrive in shady patches of the garden.

The plant is known for its petite, white, bell-shaped flowers which hang from a stalk and its potent fragrance which has inspired many perfumes.

They are easy to grow under most conditions but work particularly well when planted along a path or in raised containers so you can appreciate the fragrance. Once established, Lily of the Valley forms large patches that require little care and can last for many years.

It is also incredibly easy to grow the plant indoors and they continue to bloom in winter when most other plants have stopped flowering. Planting them in three week intervals will ensure you get a fragrant display throughout the colder months with minimal work required.

To grow the flowers indoors, you just have to pick out a container at least three inches deep and make sure to soak the 'pips' in warm water before planting. After leaving them to swell for a couple of hours, snip off the tips by about 1/2 inch to encourage the growing



TOXIC BEAUTY: Take care when touching Lily of the Valley as all parts are highly poisonous.

process and cover them in a high quality soil mix. Water liberally and make sure they get lots of indirect sunlight.



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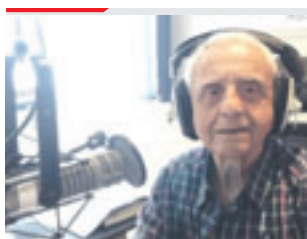
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Sexual and behaviour tendencies



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THE FEMALE:

Bitches are more affectionate and easier to control than the male dog. They are roughly 30 per cent smaller and, whatever their breed, tend to be gentler with children.

The bitch will come into season about every six months and this will last for around three weeks. The female is receptive to mating and extremely attractive to dogs that will instinctively try to mate with her.

A good clear sign that a bitch is coming into 'season' is that she will produce a discharge; initially a blood stain, that will be deposited wherever she sits or lays. She will spend a great

deal of time licking her vagina.

Be assured that your home will attract the local male dogs that will camp outside your home for about three weeks. Expect howling throughout the night to attract her attention.

The female will attempt to escape at the first possible opportunity so it is wise to keep all doors closed and secure, especially when greeting your guests. I have known bitches that have chewed their way through doors during the night to get to the male dogs.

Do not underestimate the great heights that male dogs can climb and jump to reach a bitch on heat. During this period it is well-known that the male dog can be extremely aggressive and may well attack you if you try to send him away.

If you are not going to breed from your bitch it is best to consider having her neutered a few months before her first season. Veterinary Colleges have endless scientific proof that the female will live longer and the likelihood of mammary tumours is negligible. She will certainly not put on weight.

THE MALE:

Male dogs, whatever their breed,



NEUTERED DOGS: Happier and more affectionate to owners.

tend to be more dominant than the female. The adult male has an instinctive urge to escape and wander free from home for periods ranging from an hour to several days or weeks.

Often a clear sign of a dominant male, although house-trained, will show when he starts to lift his leg in the house and urinate on walls and furniture. He does this to scent-mark his territory and to affirm his domi-

nant status. This type of dog should be castrated.

Owners of dominant dogs should spend time reinforcing their own dominance and insisting on absolute obedience. This can be achieved through a training club where you can learn how to control the dominant male when he meets another dominant male dog.

Dogs that are confined and not al-

lowed to roam can develop sexual frustration and will mount the human leg and even mount children who crawl on the floor. This is intolerable and very dangerous to a child.

The best way to deal with this is to discuss the problem in an honest way with the vet who might consider either using a female hormone to try to counteract the condition or to castrate the dog.

I personally recommend castration for all dogs that are not to be used for breeding purposes. A castrated dog is happy and free from worry and frustration.

He will be more pleasant to have around, less likely to fight other males and more submissive to the wishes of the human pack leader. By having a dog castrated in no way alters any other instincts. He will guard, hunt, work, and retrieve.

The best time to castrate a male dog is around five to six months before he starts to lift his leg. Your vet will advise when your dog is suitable for this minor operation. Within 24 hours your dog will have fully recovered from the operation.



COLD EMBRACE: Your cat probably doesn't like hugs.

Habits that our pets hate

WHILE pets may be man's best friends, it is not always a match made in heaven as there are actually many things that humans do to annoy their furry friends.

Hugging may be a comforting and personal gesture among people, but pets can often feel scared and trapped when their owners pull them in for a tight embrace. This can often result in a struggle for freedom which is not pleasant for anyone.

Pets also don't appreciate being woken up as they can feel startled and confused - especially if you do it abruptly. Dogs, in particular, sleep more heavily as they age so are likely to react fairly grumpily if you wake them up from a nap. Animals also don't appreciate change and can find it harder to adapt than humans to alterations in schedule or environment. This can cause them to act out and misbe-

have which may lead to problems such as chewing, scratching, digging and barking. Keeping them on a routine schedule as much as possible will help to prevent this.

Newcomers can also be a disruptive presence for animals, so don't expect them to warm to any unfamiliar faces right away. Animals are often very territorial over their home so try to do any introductions outside the house.

Need pool pals for your pets..?

IF you live in a warm climate like Spain the need to keep pets cool in the sun is ever present. Even in the early autumn the temperatures are usually still warm and in fact the weather does little to discourage some pets from making the most of the coolest spot which is usually in the pool.

Keeping pets at home where they feel secure and they know their terrain can be the best option for some pets.

If you are planning to get away in the next few weeks or months try to plan ahead to find a petsitter who is experienced and able to care for your pooch,



KEEPING COOL: The best spot is usually the pool.

whether they are in the pool or in the house they will need a companion at home. Dog sitters can be expensive so why not try to find a house-sitter on HouseSitMatch with whom you can collaborate to create a win-win situation. You find an experience pet lover who cares for your pets, and they find a host who won't charge them for accommodation.

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Porsche power redefined



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by Matthew Elliott

CONSIDERED one of the most powerful sports cars on the planet, the Porsche Sport Turismo is becoming a plug-in hybrid. The German manufacturer's new Panamera Turbo SE Hybrid Sport Turismo combines an electric motor with a monstrous four-litre V8 engine.

It will generate 680bhp, do 0-100kph in just 3.4 seconds, and hit a top speed of 310km/h with ease. The Hybrid Panamera also boasts incredible fuel efficiency of 3.0 l/100km and a power consumption of 17.6kWh/100km.

Using only the electric motor it has a range of 49km at a top-speed of 140km/h. The battery

can be fully charged in under three hours.

The engineering marvels extend to the design. There is a fully-digitised Porsche Advanced Cockpit, which allows adaptive cruise-control and rear-axle steering.

The rear-spoiler can change between three settings, going into the aerodynamic performance position automatically at speeds over 170km/h. Turbu-

lence at high speed is minimised by automatic streamlining.

Inside there is 425 litres of storage space and much more comfort than might be expected from such a high-performance car. There are three rear seats, two of which are electrically adjustable. When the seats are folded down total storage space expands to 1,295 litres.

The Panamera Turbo SE Hy-

brid Sport Turismo is now available for orders. The full package with power steering and dynamic chassis control starts at €188,592 in Germany.

Lorry cartel smashed

A VOLKSWAGEN-owned lorry firm was fined almost €1 billion for price fixing. Scania is on the verge of bankruptcy after being slapped with the €880 penalty by the European Commission.

Judges found that Scania and five subsidiaries of Daimler, Iveco, Volvo, Renault and MAN, conspired for almost 20 years to fix lorry prices.

They also worked together to avoid paying for expensive emissions-reducing technology. The five other companies admitted fault and settled with the commission. But Scania protested its innocence and was punished by judges.

Fines totalling €3.8 billion have been imposed on the cartel, with Daimler alone being hit with a €1 billion penalty.

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The CCCA: What next?



Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucia Classic Car Club, the most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

AFTER a hugely busy September and numerous events and car runs to celebrate nine busy years, the club presses on unabated with its programme of events for the autumn and winter.

Next on the agenda is the October Club night and dinner at El Chaparral. This will have just taken place by the time you read this but the October classic car run and lunch will be happening this Saturday, October 7.

The Run will be organised by Club Presidente, Ian Giles, ably assisted by Richard Masters. An interesting route is promised but details will not, as usual, be released until participants collect their Roadbooks at the start and after a decent breakfast. I can tell you that the finish will be at Venta Los Almendros, just above San Pedro on the Ronda road. Cars will start arriving from around 2.30pm for a welcome drink and then crews will enjoy a good lunch while the cars recover, parked outside.

Non members are welcome to come along to see the cars and chat to members. Lunch for visitors will also be available at reduced rates for those that might like to stay on.

Christmas and the winter

ALTHOUGH November events are yet to be planned, as is the special Christmas classic car run and lunch on December 9, I can tell you that there will be a fabulous Christmas Party at La Sala in Puerto Banus on Tuesday, December 12.

A very special deal has been put together buy Messrs Giles and Masters and a fabulous evening is promised. Hotel accommodation at the five-star Andalucia Plaza hotel has been arranged at reduced rates and this is a mere short walk to the Party venue. The Club will have its own, private room for the evening with exclusive bar, live music and dancing. Cava will be served on arrival and all this, together with a superb, traditional Christmas menu will cost only €45 pp. Food and service is always first-class here and members can be assured of a very fine night out!

Do contact Club Presidente, Ian Giles, if you would like to attend.

The next long classic car event

THE Club's next bigger, and longer, event is the six-day Tour D'Extremadura starting later this month. A full entry of 30 cars, 60 people, has been received and the participants are in for a real treat!

Some spectacular scenery, amazing, traffic free roads and beautiful, Parador hotels along with some superb dinners including one 'Black-Tie' gala night.

This event is put on in the style of the longer European events of the 1950's and early 1960's before timing became everything. There is still some emphasis on the challenge of navigation but none of that is taken too seriously and there are no time pressures or Time Controls.

More important to most crews is where they are staying the night, what is on the menu for dinner, particularly what is on the wine list, and where the route will take them. All great fun and always these events produce a marvellous entry of like-minded hedonists itching to get out and explore Andalucia in their fine motor cars.

I can't think of a better way of spending a week in Spain!

Not only is there a full entry for this spectacular event, but two crews are joining in from the Jaguar Enthusiasts and a number of members are coming especially from the UK, Ireland, Holland and even from Texas in the good ole US of A.

A splendid party is in the making!



Ian Giles
MOTORING

Formula 1

NOT entirely classic cars, but nearly all classic car enthusiasts are most interested in motor racing, especially F1.

If you are a fan or follower of the current F1 season you will know that Britain's Lewis Hamilton now leads the World Championship ahead of Germany's Sebastian Vettel.

Holland's young rising superstar, Max Verstappen, has just won the Malaysian GP for Red Bull as I write this.

You might be interested to know that the CCCA has numerous luminaries from the world of motor-sport amongst its members and Honorary lifetime member, former McLaren F1 team boss, Jo Ramirez, is a regular participant in all forms of CCCA Club events and is a passionate classic car enthusiast himself. He has just returned from the Singapore GP and, later this month, heads off for the Mexican GP where he is an ambassador for the race. Not only that, he is a very fine, and much cherished, ambassador for the classic Car Club of Andalucia!

You can always find information on what is happening with this vibrant and active classic car club by taking a look at the website, www.cccandalucia.com. Non-members are welcome to attend the Club's monthly dinners at El Chaparral Golf Club which are held, without fail, on the first Tuesday of every month. However, to participate in the numerous four-wheel activities, full membership is required.

That's it from me for now, more in two weeks time.

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com. Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con el.

England chief's heart to Hart with stopper Joe

ENGLAND'S 2018 World Cup qualifying Group F campaign continues on October 5 with a Wembley fixture against Slovenia ahead of a trip to Lithuania on October 8 - with manager Gareth Southgate backing Joe Hart.

"We owed Joe Hart for getting a point against Slovenia in October 2016 - he was fantastic," said Southgate.

England top the six-team Group F table, with 20 points from eight games going into the game against Slovenia, having been held to a goalless draw when the teams last met.

Hart, on loan at West Ham from Manchester City, said of his club future: "I was in Italy all last season. I love being at West Ham and I'm grateful.

"I've got until the end of May here - my concentration and focus is on doing my best."

Hart has been criticised for his errors in recent seasons - for both club and country - but Southgate has stood by him.

"When Joe is calm and composed he's at his best - it's something we've discussed," said Southgate, who replaced sacked Sam Allardyce as national manager.

Manchester City midfielder Fabian Delph has been named in England's 26-man squad for the World Cup qualifiers against Slovenia and Lithuania.



UKSPORTSCENE

with Andrew Atkinson

LEADING sports journalist Andrew Atkinson has joined the EWN as UK, Spain and European correspondent. Andrew has more than four decades experience within the world of sport, having reported for leading national British newspapers, and covered sport in Spain for over a decade.

As well as International, Premier League and La Liga football news, he will also focus his attention on Horse racing, Volvo Ocean Race Sailing, Formula 1, Rugby, Swimming, Golf's European Tour, World Championship Rallying, Cricket and Boxing. This will guarantee the EWN knock-out year-round coverage.

Delph has not made an international appearance since the 2-0 defeat against Spain in November 2015: "We think he's a really good player who has been unfortunate with injury," said Southgate.

England were less than impressive - despite chalking up victory on September 1 - against Malta, in what was a very late landslide 4-0 win, with boos coming from sections of the crowd. Malta are rated 190th in the world by FIFA.

Against Slovakia England ground out a 2-1 win, having trailed 1-0. England will qualify for next summer's World Cup in Russia if they beat Slovenia; or if they draw and Slovakia, their closest challengers in Group F, fail to win.

England squad: Goalkeepers: Joe Hart, Fraser Forster,

Jack Butland, Jordan Pickford.

Defenders: Ryan Bertrand, Aaron Cresswell, Gary Cahill, Phil Jones, Harry Maguire, John Stones, Michael Keane, Chris Smalling, Kyle Walker, Kieran Trippier.

Midfielders: Eric Dier, Fabian Delph, Jake Livermore, Jordan Henderson, Raheem Sterling, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Jesse Lingard, Dele Alli.

Forwards: Marcus Rashford, Harry Kane, Jermain Defoe, Daniel Sturridge.

Southgate visited Russia for a World Cup 'research trip' in June, with England making the trip to view training bases. Germany, Belgium, Sweden and Brazil had arranged earlier trips in a bid to book the best venues.

While the FA see St Petersburg and

Moscow as preferred locations, other countries are looking at training facilities in Sochi and Rostov, citing a more predictable climate.

The FA will want to avoid Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, listed by FIFA as a potential team base camp, one of 23 bases on offer in and around Moscow.

The 2018 World Cup draw is scheduled to take place in the Kremlin on December 1, this year.

Northern Ireland host table leaders Germany in Group C; in Group F Scotland host Slovakia on October 5; in Group D Wales travel to Georgia, the Republic of Ireland host Moldova, and Group G leaders Spain meet Albania on October 6.

Scotland boosted their 2018 World Cup qualifying hopes with victories against Lithuania and Malta in September and my pal, former Scotland chief Craig Brown, has backed national coach Gordon Strachan to take his Bravehearts to Russia.

With Scotland facing Slovakia and Slovenia in their final two qualifying games, Brown said: "The way Scotland are playing indicates we'll be very difficult to beat. We've got to win the games - that's the important thing."

I became good buddies with



JOE HART: Backed by England boss Gareth Southgate.

Brown - Scotland chief during 1993-2001, taking them to their last major finals in the 1998 World Cup in France - when he took charge at my home city club Preston North End in 2002.

"If Scotland reach the World Cup play-off stages I wouldn't

relish going to Hampden as part of a play-off to get to a World Cup," said Brown.

Scotland and England shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw in June and Brown said of The Auld Enemy game: "That was the turning point - it gave belief to the team."

SPORTSCENE SPAIN

with Andrew Atkinson

Rico Perez stadium Alicante host Spain v Albania 2018 World Cup qualifier

SPAIN return to the Rico Perez stadium in Alicante to host Albania on Friday October 6 in a 2018 World Cup qualifier ahead of travelling to Israel on Monday October 9.

Spain defeated Italy in their Group G qualifier in September with a 3-0 World Cup qualifying win in Madrid, a result which leaves four-time Champions Italy facing a play-off spot in November to go to Russia.

Spain followed up their 3-0 win against Italy with an emphatic 8-0 thrashing against Liechtenstein in September.

Italy, who face Macedonia and Albania in October, had to qualify via the play-offs to reach the 1998 World Cup in France.

Despite Italy's woes veteran goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon said: "We believe - and hope - to go to the World Cup in Russia."

Spain's coach Julen Lopetegui, who succeeded Vicente Del Bosque as national chief 14 months ago, said Real Madrid midfielder Francisco 'Isco' Alarcon is better than ever.

"Isco is playing better than last year, but the trust we place in him is because he has shown he deserves it," said Lopetegui.

Lopetegui said, "Isco's growth as a player goes beyond his talent. He is a different type of player from Andres Iniesta - we can use them together."

A phone call from Angel Maria Villar, President of the Spanish Football Federation, led to Lopetegui being appointed coach of Spain's national team on July 21, 2016.

"When the federation called my objective became the Spanish national team," said Lopetegui.

Spain's goalkeeper David de Gea has backed Lopetegui in their quest to reach the 2018 World Cup: "I know Lopetegui from the Under-21 team," said de Gea.

Manchester United keeper de Gea, linked with a move to Real Madrid for the last two years, said: "He is a great coach and he prepares for matches very well."

Spain's form leaves no doubts that they are heading to the World Cup Russia in 2018 underlined by Isco's - nicknamed 'Magic' - performances.

Added to Isco's talent, coach Lopetegui points to Barca veteran Iniesta, 33: "He makes the difficult things look easy - he is an extraordinary player," said Lopetegui.

Rooney in 'driving seat' in decision to hang up international boots

IT will be interesting to see what tasks ex-England star Wayne Rooney, who announced his retirement from international football in August, does in his Community Service Order humiliation, after pleading guilty to a drink-drive charge.

Rooney, who rejoined Everton from Manchester United in the summer, was arrested by police for drink-driving after driving Laura Simpson home in her VW Beetle after a night out in a Cheshire bar.

An incident that occurred while his wife Coleen, pregnant with their fourth

child, was on holiday in Mallorca.

Rooney, reportedly earning £150,000-a-week, pleaded guilty to drink driving and was given a two year ban, and a 100 hours Community Service Order.

Rooney was in the driving seat, so to speak, when looking at the tail-end of his career, in his decision to hang up his international boots after winning over 100 caps to concentrate on club games.

Since his drink-drive debacle,



Photo credit: Wayne Rooney/Instagram

NO MORE LIONS: Wayne Rooney.

Rooney, reportedly set to be fined £300,000 by Everton, is yet to face the humiliation of his Community Service Order. What Community Service Order would you want Rooney to do?

CHARLTON CONFESSION: Sir Bobby Charlton says he knew England would NEVER win the World Cup again in his lifetime when he lifted Jules Rimet trophy in 1966.

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Wales may rue Bale loss

AFTER reporting to the Welsh training camp, prior to vital World Cup qualifying matches, Gareth Bale was declared unfit by the Welsh FA medical team.

This is a major blow for the Welsh Squad and manager Chris Coleman as the next two matches are against Georgia (tomorrow) and more importantly the Republic of Ireland (next Monday) who sit just one point behind Wales.

It appears that group leaders Serbia are most likely to secure the automatic qualification to the World Cup finals, but the runners up may

well get through to a second round play-off and Bales presence in the team could have made the difference between winning and losing.

Having returned to the Bernabéu stadium in Madrid, the team doctors have checked Bale out and said that he has a swelling but no tear in his left leg which was caused by an injury picked up during the Champions League victory at Borussia Dortmund.

Rather than a month or more, it is now believed that with careful monitoring, he will only be out of action for 10 to 15 days.

It was rumoured during the last transfer window that the 28-year-old was no longer as popular with the Real Madrid hierarchy as he was when he joined from Spurs at a fee estimated to be between €78 million and €100 million.

Gareth Bale when fit.



Photo by Anish Morarji Wikimedia

Fumbling start for the boquerones

MALAGA CF hopes to grab their first victory of the season in their home fixture this weekend.

The Andalucian side has struggled to get out of the starting blocks, gaining just one point out of seven games played and has been plagued with injuries.

Five players, Borja Baston, Cifu, Cenk, Luis Hernandez and Diego Gonzalez are still injured and will miss out the Sunday fixture against Leganes.

The Madrid side sits 13 places above Malaga, who are bottom of the table, with 11 points. However a win could see them leapfrog Alaves and could be the boost they need.

Malaga's signings have yet to perform, with

wingers Keko and Jony providing only two goals and four assists since joining the side in July 2016.

Jony provided his only assist for the team on his debut and has not reached that level of performance in his other 26 games for the side.

After Malaga's 2-0 derby defeat against Sevilla, former captain Duda said it "hurt to see Malaga like this," but believed the club had "been through worse and come out the other end."

For him things will look up "once all the players are available to play and the ball starts to go in the goal," and believes it will only take one win to turn things around at La Rosaleda.

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