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Pig crushers now on trial

TWO farm workers who crushed 79 piglets to death by belly-flopping and stamping on them go on trial today (Thursday).

Prosecutors want prison sentences of 18 and 24 months for the two young men, who shared video footage of the massacre on social media.

The incident took place at a Huerca-Overa pig farm and made headlines around the world.

They trapped the piglets in a confined passageway where one began launching himself at the animals.

His colleague filmed the assault on his mobile phone and later broadcast it on WhatsApp.

Teen's train 'trauma'

A JUDGE threw out a case against a mother accused of abandoning her child.

The Almeria mother sent her teenage son alone on a train to France to return to his father.

The father brought a private prosecution against the mother, accusing her of temporarily abandoning a child aged under 15.

Prosecutors wanted her jailed for two years but the judge at Almeria's criminal court said evidence that the child had been 'abandoned' was flimsy.



DEFIANT: Len and Helen Prior (centre).

No end in sight

Priors' heartbreak goes on

By Matt Ford

A British couple who lived in a garage for four-and-a-half years after their Almeria home was demolished have suffered a fresh setback.

After Len and Helen Prior, both in their early 70's, last year won a court battle entitling them to €425,185 in compensation, the Andalusian High Court of Justice has now ruled that they will receive just over half that amount.

Vera Council must now pay €220,433 to the pair after appealing the initial decision as a nine-year legal battle drags on.

The Priors' story made international headlines after their home was bulldozed in 2008 over 'planning irregularities' although the couple insist the build was legal.

They had initially requested €800,000 which included a €200,000 emotional damages claim, but the latter was reduced to less than €10,000.

Gerardo Vazquez, lawyer and spokesperson for the Abusos Urbanísticos Almanzora-No campaign group, which has been helping the Priors through their ordeal, said: "I hope their ordeal ends soon because they are good people and don't deserve this constant stream of bad news."

Deep in the weed

TOGETHER the plants weighed almost 300 kilos, with many being over a metre and a half high.

The raid took place in Enix, Almeria in the small Barranco de Gatos neighbourhood. Police investigating an illegal irrigation set up sensed the tell-tale smell of marihuana in the air and began a closer inspection.

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Friday Feeling

THE Euro Weekly News will not hit the streets as normal next Thursday, October 12 being Spain's National Day and a Bank Holiday. Instead, your favourite paper will be available at all normal distribution points on Friday October 13.

NEWS EXTRA

Wrong turn proves fatal

A YOUNG man who snuck out from hospital was found dead hours later in Huerca de Almería. Police believe the 29-year-old died from a stroke after being reported missing by doctors at Torrecardenas.

By Kat Ashton

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

Catalans seeking independence finally made it to the ballot boxes on a violent Sunday following a controversial campaign that has left the country divided.

And despite Madrid's best attempts to prevent the vote from taking place, including confiscating ballot boxes and deploying thousands of extra police officers to the region, the region still went ahead with its independence referendum.

Carles Puigdemont, the Catalan leader, claimed that 90 per cent voted in favour of the motion and declared the region has won the right to be an independent state.

Throughout the day, there were reports of clashes between police and civilians trying to vote. Scenes were shared on social media of officers using force to remove people from voting stations and firing rubber bullets into crowds.

Catalan authorities stated that nearly 900 civilians were injured in the turmoil - although most of these injuries were minor - as

Uncharted territory Chaos reigns in Cataluña

were 33 police officers.

Around 15,000 people took to the streets in Barcelona on Monday to protest the police's use of violence to stop a democratic process.

Nonetheless, the government in Madrid refused to recognise the result on Sunday as the referendum had already been declared illegal by the Spanish



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High Court.

Puigdemont appealed to international authorities to help solve the dispute and has demanded that officers sent to Catalonia from other parts of Spain are removed immediately.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy could still resort to invoking article 155 of the consti-

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

tution which would relieve Cataluña of its autonomous powers but this is likely to escalate tensions even further.

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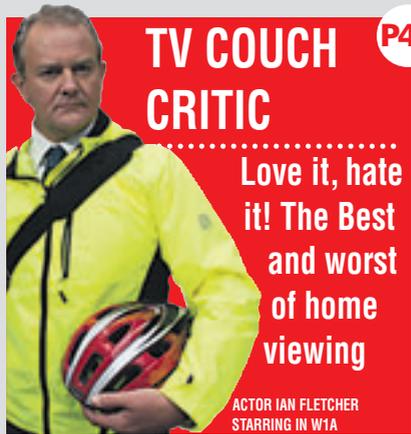
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JOE HART

Terrible shots

FIVE men were sentenced to six years apiece for firing a total of 60 shots at their target during an attempted murder in El Ejido. Their victim somehow escaped unharmed from the volley of bullets, most of which struck his car. He managed to flee the scene but was left shaken by the incident.

Naughty daughter

A WOMAN who snuck into her court officer father's office to steal jewellery used as evidence in different trials was jailed for one year. She broke into her father's safe alongside her younger, teenage sister. Together they sold dozens of items used as props in robbery cases, making more than €5,000 before their father realised what was going on.

Vikings reborn

A VIKING raid will be replicated this weekend at Almeria's Alcazaba. Sunday will see roughly 100 Norsemen launch an assault on the old Moorish fortress. It will replicate an actual attack that occurred in the year 850. The 'Vikings' will explain their techniques and weaponry to the audience and wear historically accurate armour.

Point scoring

A COMPANY based in Almeria distributed 25,000 Spanish flags to supporters during Real Madrid's home match against Espanyol over the weekend. Iban Martos and Carlos Moriana, who lead the fruit distribution company from El Parador, wanted to express their Spanish pride during the referendum in Cataluña. The A3 size flags bore the slogan 'We are all Spain.'

Clean sheet

LIFEGUARDS in Nijar got a special mention from Mayor Esperanza Perez Felices after navigating another summer with no drowning deaths. It was the sec-

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 Ebro.

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.

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.

ond year running that Nijar managed the feat, despite having dangerous shores around the Cabo de Gata-Nijar park. Their life saving work was praised as the mayor pledged more funding for beaches next year.

Police protest

HUNDREDS of National Police and Guardia Civil officers protested in Almeria over their low wages. They want equivalent salaries to regional police.

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- 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

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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?

Yes = 65%
 No = 35%

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*



BUZZ OFF!

TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD



The longest town name in Europe is Llanfair pwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch (58 letters long), which is in Wales.

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.



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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The town's population must also swell by at least 5 per cent on average due to visiting tourists throughout the year.

This will allow small businesses to extend their opening hours from Palm Sunday until Holy Saturday and from July 1 to September 15 next year.

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 naïvely 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."



Instagram
BEACH BUM: Kimberley Garner.

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.

All Wright on the night

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



Instagram

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.



Instagram
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.

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By Matthew Elliott

WITNESS intimidation charges have been brought against three teenagers in connection with last year's La Molineta fire tragedy.

Three youngsters burned to death when they were trapped in a cave just outside of Almeria City. Police are still trying to uncover exactly what happened. Arson was involved but the question is whether it was malevolent or a prank gone horribly wrong.

The three teenagers are facing probation sentences of between 12 and 24 months for threatening other teens who witnessed the fire.

Police believe several young witnesses were threatened with violence unless they changed their testimonies. One was seriously assaulted.

Fire witness beaten

Suspect's brother accused



TERROR: Three youngsters burned to death in unexplained fire.

They pointed the finger at the brother of one of the suspects. He has been held in police custody since the April fire. Two young girls, aged just 12 and 14, and a man, aged 21, were killed.

All of the suspects, including those allegedly intimidating witnesses, are under 18-years-old. Two boys are currently in custody and facing either manslaughter or murder charges. Each blames the other for setting a couch on fire and blocking the exit of the cave.

Three other minors are being investigated over their role. But police don't have enough evidence to detain them. Testimony from a 19-year-old who escaped the fire has been crucial. He was also the individual assaulted by the main suspect's brother.

The La Molineta caves are a popular hang-out spot for local youngsters of all ages. With three deaths the fire was one of the worst tragedies to strike Almeria in decades.

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NEWS EXTRA**Panic attack**

GUARDIA CIVIL officers helped a Roquetas man suffering a severe panic attack. He had shortness of breath and collapsed to the ground. Police reassured him until medics arrived.

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RALLY champion Jose Antonio Aznar became the first Spaniard to own a new Volkswagen Golf R 2.0 TSI. The Cuevas-born five-time Andalusian champ was given a customised model by the Vera dealership.

Seeds sown

FOUR families in Almería's El Puche neighbourhood have been threatened with eviction unless they stop growing weed at home. All are squatting illegally but were tolerated until the seeds sprouted.

Tell all

THE break-up between Almería pop star David Bisbal and his ex, the reality TV persona Chenoa, took a turn for the worse when she released her autobiography taking several digs at the singer.

Cool black

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Road death

A *MOTORCYCLIST* from Baza, aged 43, was killed when he crashed his bike on the A-334 at Seron on Sunday. No one else appears to have been involved in the incident.

THE founder of the Roquetas Royal Yacht Club is facing embezzlement charges. Jose Lopez Gimenez led the exclusive club for more than 30 years but new management claims to have found evidence that he funnelled funds into his personal accounts.

The official non-profit association became central to Roquetas' emerging social scene after its founding in 1976. Now the nautical club has brought

Yacht club's Royal scam

charges against its former president relating to alleged misappropriation of funds between 2005 and 2008 when he resigned.

The total sum is estimated at a hefty €675,000. Prosecutors believe they have a strong case and are seeking a five year prison term for the re-

tired businessman.

The money taken was evenly spread over the four years and seen in 'unjustified payments' paid for unnecessary work that often never took place.

One tax report found that 'the accused had withdrawn cash money from the Treasury of the Royal Yacht Club

without any documentary justification.' The tax office reckons it was defrauded of €10,732.

The club's board of directors released a statement saying 'there was no choice but to file a criminal complaint against Mr Lopez Gimenez after a detailed accounting review of the club's finances.'

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Top prizes dished out

A GLITZY award ceremony saw some of Nijar's finest people and companies celebrated for their contributions to the Comarca.

It was held at the Campohermoso Congress Centre and organised by newspaper *La Voz de Almería* and radio network Cadena SER. Mayor of Nijar, Esperanza Perez, dished out the awards on stage.

Only in its third year, the Nijar Comarca Awards has become an essential gathering for the region's top talent and their families.

Among the five main awards was the Prize Society Award given to the Biotec Family, a Nijar-based fruit and vegetable trader which focuses on sustainable, green, growing techniques.

The Economy Award was given to San Jose's Pirate Landing Association, which brings 18th century buccaneering to Nijar during a historical recreation held every March.

In the sports world football team Comarca de Nijar CD were rewarded for their efforts, while the Culture Award was won by the centennial Nijar Music Band.

Finally, local company Campojoyma was rewarded for its commitment to social responsibility. It is emerging as one of Spain's leading organic fruit and veg producers.

Knife fiend held

POLICE arrested the man behind a violent robbery at a Roquetas supermarket. The suspect grabbed the female cashier from behind and held a large knife to her neck.

The 50-year-old local man had entered the shop quietly. He took a can of fizzy juice to the counter before launching his assault on the woman.

He managed to extract roughly €1,200 from the till before making his escape. She was left with minor injuries requiring medical assistance at the Roquetas Health Centre.

The culprit fled in the direction of a nearby neighbourhood of around 200 homes.

His victim called the police immediately and they launched a search of the neighbourhood, equipped with a thorough description

from the cashier.

They soon found their man and placed him under arrest. The suspect has a long history of committing armed robberies. During his last arrest he threatened one officer with a knife before being subdued.



Photo by Guardia Civil

SHAKEN: Cashier had knife held to her throat at Roquetas supermarket.

Fans' China plea

A L B O X - B O R N footballer Diego Capel has been in limbo waiting for a top Spanish football club to seek his signature.

UD Almeria have tried to lure the 29-year-old to finish his playing days in his home province.

But his wage demands are too high for the Segunda Division side.

And it is a number of wealthy Chinese clubs, with money to burn and a thirst for European talent, who have made the only solid offers.

Almeria fans have urged sports director Miguel Corona to have another word with Capel, to hammer out a last minute deal.

The fan club also noted that he will find it very hard to get Albox-style rabbit paella in China.

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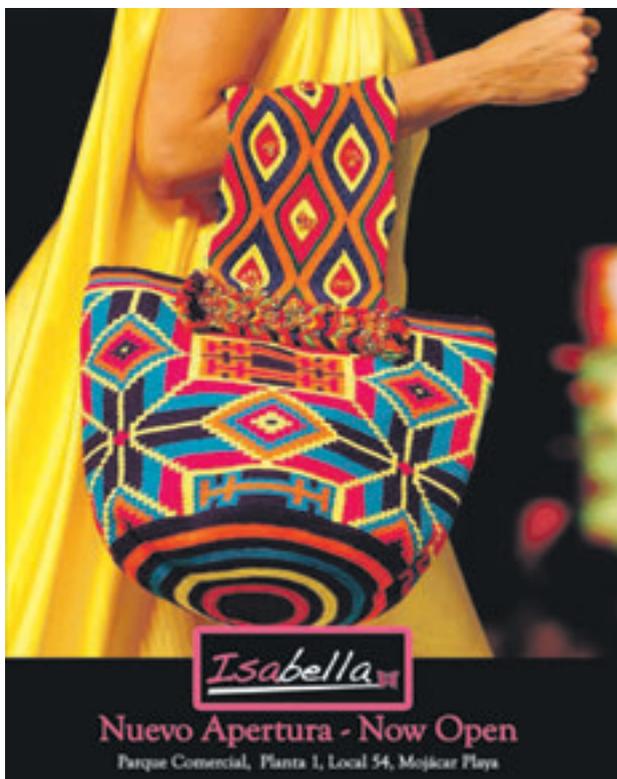
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Brits urged to get involved

Thousands at risk of being kicked off padron



GET INVOLVED: Mojacar's foreign legion urged to get on padron.

By Matthew Elliott

MORE than 1,000 foreign residents, mostly British, are set to be removed from Mojacar's padron. There is a huge discrepancy between the number of people on the municipal register and those residing in Mojacar according to the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

According to the INE there were 6,147 people in the pueblo as of January 1, 2017. Yet on the padron there were 8,486 residents.

Since the beginning of the year, Mojacar's town hall has worked round the clock to encourage foreign residents to apply for Spanish residency so they can remain on the padron.

The figures are crucial as the number of people on the padron directly impacts the

level of financing every town hall across Spain receives from Madrid.

Mojacar managed to confirm the residence of 332 people, but the fate of the remaining 1,989 people is unclear. Many may have left Mojacar, but many others are believed to reside in the village without applying for residency.

Those people, estimated at around 1,400, will be removed from the padron as the INE seeks to reconcile its numbers with those of the town hall.

Jessica Simpson, Somos Mojacar councillor, said that among them are people who are very active in the community, with businesses and children at school. "In short we know them, and know for sure that they are here," she said.

Simpson has pledged to kick

start a new information campaign aimed at encouraging people to apply for residency, bolstering the town's population and funding.

She said it was difficult to find people over the hot summer months, especially those with homes in the UK. Simpson also raised the controversial idea that, in past years, the town hall has deliberately made it difficult for foreign residents to get on the padron.

Mojacar Town Hall under Mayor Rose Mari Cano, has set up public notices encouraging people to apply and listing the benefits, such as the right to vote in local elections. Anyone who fears they may have been accidentally removed from the padron is asked to check with the town hall as soon as possible.

NEWS EXTRA

Family seal of approval

MOJACAR has received the Family Tourism Seal in recognition of its efforts to make visiting families comfortable. Mayor Rose Mari Cano said it marked 14 years of efforts to make Mojacar family-friendly.

New deal

SPECIAL workshops are being held in San Isidro to educate farmers about unfair agricultural loans from banks. They are taught how to identify unfair or illegal clauses.

Serve party

THE noise was overwhelming as 116 volleyball games were held simultaneously at Almería's Mediterranean Games stadium. Teams from Granada, Murcia and Almería played in the pre-season friendly.

Water mess

GREEN group Ecologists in Action have demanded that the Bajo Almanzora desalination plant be reopened as soon as possible to help prevent drought. It was closed in 2012 after flooding.

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Nature's sweet spot

By Matthew Elliott

OVER a fifth of a million people visited the Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park this summer. The record books show that 212,129 entered the park between June and September, up by almost 30,000 on last summer.

The 11.5 per cent rise in numbers was helped by improved public transport. More than 17,000 used the shuttle bus to visit one of Spain's most famous natural spaces for the day. Last year it was just over 7,000.

August was by far the busiest month with almost 90,000 people visiting the park in just 31 days.

Private cars remained the most popular method of reaching the park, wheeling more than 180,000 people up to official car parks.

In August there was an av-



POPULAR: Cabo de Gata raking in guests this summer.

erage of 800 cars a day entering the park, providing a major headache for organisers charged with maintaining safety and cleanliness.

Critics have demanded that car parking spaces be severely restricted next season to help protect the

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There has also been anger over the lack of bins. The Cabo de Gata beach lost its Blue Flag, the international sign of cleanliness, for failure to provide easily reached bins for bathers.

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Officer's beach bravery

AN off-duty policeman rescued several people from dangerous currents at Vera's Playazo beach. The Guardia Civil officer was acclaimed for his heroism after helping save three people.

He was sunbathing with his wife when he noticed someone in the water clearly struggling with the current. Selflessly he swam out and was able to pull the swimmer back to shore.

By then other swimmers were struggling. Life guards were overwhelmed coping with multiple rescue attempts. The officer plunged in again and helped rescue another two people.

Two of the rescued bathers needed medical attention on the beach. One was taken to Huerca-Overa hospital but is expected to make a full recovery.

Best kept secrets



CELEBRATE: Mojacar pulls out all the stops on International Tourism Day.

By Matthew Elliott

INTERNATIONAL Tourism Day was celebrated with a flourish in Mojacar. A series

of guided tours of the old town was conducted in both Spanish and English.

Free of charge, they were organised by Mojacar Town Hall and explored some of Mojacar's best kept secrets, rather than simply the pueblo's most famous sites.

Tourists visiting Mojacar were lucky to have arrived on a day specially dedicated towards guests. Tours included stunning views from Plaza Nueva, and detailed accounts of Mojacar's churches and castles.

Mojacar is pulling out all

the stops to distinguish itself in southern Spain's hotly contested tourism industry.

The key is sustainable tourism according to councillor Emmanuel Aguero, who wants year round events to encourage visitors to consider Mojacar as open for business 365 days of the year.

Early successes have been impressive. Mojacar is a leading Blue Flag beach destination and included in popular lists of the most beautiful villages in the world.

NEWS EXTRA

Highway blues go on

WORK on the second phase of splitting the Vera-Garrucha highway begins this week. The first phase began almost nine years ago with the project becoming something of an expensive embarrassment.

Knife boys

A TEENAGE girl, aged just 13, was found with slash wounds from a knife in Almeria's El Puche neighbourhood. Two boys, aged under 14 and not criminally liable, are being investigated.

Repeat win

IN the week's less controversial vote, Jose Luis Sanchez Teruel was re-elected Secretary General of Almeria's Socialist PSOE party beating Juan Carlos Navas.

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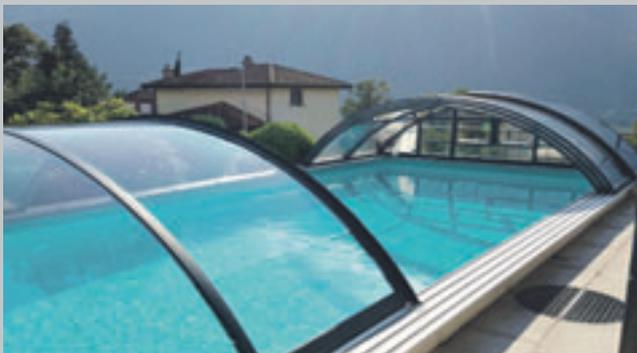
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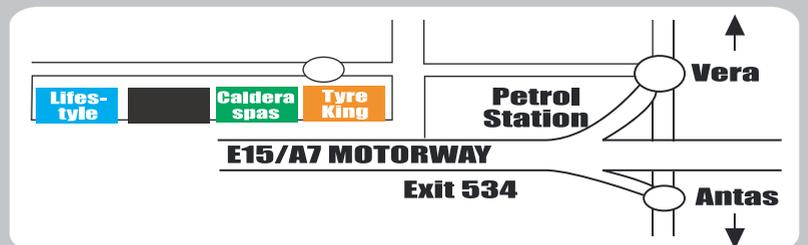
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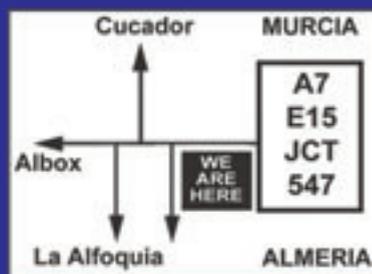
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BEWARE: Computer fraud rising sharply across Almería.

Cyber threat rises

CYBER-CRIMES have doubled over the past two years across Almería Province.

New statistics show that in 2014 police dealt with

288 cases of computer-related crimes, while in 2016 that number rose to 566.

Last year Almería's courts were dealing with an average of two cyber-crimes

per day according to the Andalucía public prosecutor. Interestingly the exponential increase has not occurred across the board but is confined to Almería.

The "strong increase" in cyber-crime cases is "unlike anywhere else," concluded the prosecutor in his report.

The bulk of cases are related directly to computer fraud. In 395 of the 566 cases, people and businesses were targeted online and had their bank details stolen or their banking accounts hacked into.

In the vast majority of cases police were unable to identify the culprit. This shows the "extreme difficulties in charging cyber-criminals," writes the regional prosecutor.

The second most common crime was blackmail or extortion using new technologies. Examples include threatening to release nude pictures or other embarrassing information.

Seven cases involved accessing child pornography. All but one resulted in a conviction. In one case a child under 16 was harassed for sexual photos online.

The report concludes that Almería's cyber-crime task-force needs to invest heavily in its technological tool box if the province is to wrest back control of computer security.

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NEWS EXTRA**Serious injury**

A 73-YEAR-OLD woman was seriously injured when a motorcycle crashed into her car in central Almeria. The rider was unharmed but she was taken to Torrecardenas Hospital in critical condition.

Be aware

AN Open Day was held by Aspace Almeria yesterday to note World Cerebral Palsy Day. Aspace hopes to raise awareness about the condition, which is surprisingly common, affecting one in 500 Almeria births.

Gone under

ALMERIA airport is among 12 in Spain which will be affected by the collapse of low-cost airline Monarch. At least 69 flights between Spain and the UK have been cancelled already.

Six kids

FAMILIES with more than five children will see their IBI property tax bill slashed by 90 per cent. However, the idea was slammed as ineffective since less than 100 families will actually benefit.

Wise owls

ELDERLY residents were thanked for their contribution to the city by Almeria mayor Ramon Fernandez-Pacheco. He called for an end to ageism and wants better local mobility.

Dog park

A NEW dog park is set to open in Almeria City between Gustavo Villapalos and Jorge Guillen. It will be the second to open in the city in little over a month.

A MAN accused of launching a racist terror campaign on a Moroccan family is facing prison. The Antas resident goes on trial next week over claims he threatened to kill members of the family and sprayed their home with swastikas and Nazi slogans.

He reportedly threw stones at their home, also in Antas, and even visited the school where the family's

Racist terror campaign

teenage son studied to accuse the headteacher of favouring Moroccans over Spaniards.

In one incident he led a gang to the family home and told the father, "I am going to buy a gas canister and

set fire to you and your house with your family inside."

He sprayed graffiti on the home, including Nazi symbols and anti-Islam slogans. 'Spain is for Catholics,' 'Stop the invasion,' and

'Death to the Moors', were among the statements.

Prosecutors want the man jailed for two and a half years for the terror campaign, which they say had no motivation other than the victims' ethnicity. They are also seeking a four-year restraining order and a fine of around €800 for property damage.

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History reimagined

A SYMBOLIC first stone was placed as work began on the renovation of the only 16th century building still standing in Almería. The capital's old provincial hospital is set to be transformed into a cultural centre for the entire province.

It was described as a historic day by Vice-President of the Almería Council, Javier Auerliano García.

"In 2014 we took over this building and found it in a deplorable condition after years of neglect from the Andalucian council," he said.

Almería Provincial President Gabriel Amat said more than €10 million would be spent on the first two stages of the rehabilitation project. "Today we lay the first stone of a long road ahead," he told the myriad of community groups in attendance.

The building is the Royal Hospital of Santa María Magdalena, built in the 16th century by the Catholic Monarchs, with a view of the sea. Countless changes have been made over the ensuing 500 years and much of the interior is in an extremely fragile condition.

Once work is completed the building will be declared a monument of cultural interest.

Stepping up a gear

By Matthew Elliott

THE fifth annual MTB Natura Bike race was a massive success. Dozens of cyclists took on the tough 59 kilometre climb in Campohermoso. The Sunday race was a scoring event for the Almería mountain bike championship.

It was a full-on affair with police offering car and motorcycle support teams. They brought first aid kits and fire extinguishers to ensure safety.

Cyclists took on a different route from the last four years. They left the Campohermoso Congress Centre and pedalled into the Cabo de Gata-Níjar natural park. The total ascent was one kilometre, with two major hill climbs.

Competitors were allowed just two liquid and two solid energy supplies to power them over the hilly route.

Sports councillor Sergio Vicente said Níjar would continue holding top sporting events. "We will invest in all sporting disciplines," he said. "Cycling is one of them and today Níjar has hundreds of avid fans in the community and an ideal environment for the sport."



Photo credit: Facebook/NaturaBike



EFFORT: Cyclists powered their way up some steep slopes.

NEWS EXTRA

Trouble pair arrested

TWO thieves from Seron were arrested in connection with four burglaries across the town. The homes targeted were typically unoccupied for large portions of the year.

Empty chair

PARENTS in Pulpi have lodged an official complaint over the town's lack of a paediatrician. There has not been a specialist in child medicine since June, despite a population of almost 9,000.

Beat bobbies

A FATHER is organising a peaceful march through El Ejido to call for a greater police presence after his son, aged 16, was violently assaulted alongside his 14-year-old female friend.



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ANGER: Protesters vent fury over destruction of ancient site.

Ancient artefacts mistaken for rubbish

DESTRUCTION of an ancient archaeological site amounted to a crime, according to the Friends of the Alcazaba Association.

They accuse the Ministry of Public Works of ruining the protected El Chucho site, near Almería's iconic Moorish building.

The site boasts relics from Roman, Iberian and Punic civilisations and was

declared a national heritage site in 1999. But the ministry says it had no idea of the area's heritage when they dispatched workers to clear up the 'rubbish dump'.

The workers are believed to have messed up around an eighth of the 8,000 square metre site. They were soon stopped by outraged archaeologists who support the Friends of the

Alcazaba's claim.

The group have pursued a criminal complaint with the national prosecutor's office. They say that 14 years of excavation work and an untold amount of damage to relics has been inflicted by the 'invasion' of workers.

They refuse to accept the Ministry's excuse that they had no idea El Chucho was a protected site.

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STILL GOING STRONG: Dames in Turre 25 years now.

Dames in Turre's 25th anniversary

DAMES IN TURRE have recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a lunch at Torre Bahia Mojacar. Among the guests was Brenda Appleby who gave a short talk on how Turre Dames began. Originally it was Dames in Spain which grew and grew and became so big it was decided perhaps a Dames in Turre would be the answer.

This started in a room in someone's house, word got around and more and more ladies wanted to join. As it grew, bigger venues were required and now they meet at The Hostel Rural in Turre where they have

80 members and a long waiting list. They were very fortunate to have at the lunch Elsa Mukherjee as a special guest and founder member, also, the mayor of Turre, Maria Isobel, was a guest who thanked Turre Dames for all the charitable work they do.

Short speeches were made by Chairman Sue Wallace, President Lesley Barlow and Doreen Woolton who flew over from the UK to be with them and managed to squeeze in a few of her jokes. Each member was presented with a mirror compact which had been engraved as a memento of the occasion.

Royal British Legion Albox Branch

THE Albox Branch of the RBL has some dates for your diaries for October:

Thursday October 5 is a Coach Trip to Granada, for either shopping or a tour of the Science Museum. The coach now has a few spare seats due to cancellations.

If you would like to go on the trip please contact Sarah via email on sarahedkins123@gmail.com or by phone 634 372 143. Price €12 for members and family or €14 for non-members. Note: there is no coffee morning in October!

Saturday October 14 at 12pm - Poppy Tide Launch at Bar International (opposite Los Llanos Market) with BBQ and live music, quiz, raffle, auction and

poppy stall. To book your tickets for this please contact Judith via email sutoju@hotmail.com or call 634 376 201.

Monday October 16 to Saturday November 11 - Poppy Tide - remember to buy your poppy from local shops and bars.

Thursday October 22 at 11am - Members' meeting held at La Parrilla, Albox. The guest speaker will be Bryan White talking about his mixed military experience across the Army and Navy.

Cash membership renewals can be made at any of the meetings during October or contact Sandy, the membership secretary; email stucker99@hotmail.co.uk or phone 608 049

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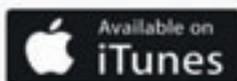
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Bank reviews job options

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 Catalanian 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. Andalucia 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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3i Group	917.25	4.25	0.47	8,882.15
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Informa	671.75	-0.25	-0.04	5,537.31
Intertek Group	5,001.00	19.00	0.38	8,040.48
ITV	174.50	-0.20	-0.11	7,032.39
Johnson Matthey	3,410.50	-9.50	-0.28	6,618.84
Kingfisher	300.50	2.00	0.67	6,508.39
Land Securities Group	974.25	1.75	0.18	7,691.01

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	261.15	1.25	0.48	15,482.70
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.74	0.01	0.01	48,731.95
London Stock Exchange Gp	3,849.00	19.00	0.50	13,298.48
Micro Focus International	2,404.50	17.50	0.73	10,384.19
Mediclinic International	640.00	-10.00	-1.54	4,792.09
Merlin Entertainments	445.30	-0.20	-0.04	4,525.43
Marks & Spencer Group	353.30	-0.10	-0.03	5,741.81
Mondi	2,018.50	13.50	0.67	9,735.35
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.70	0.60	0.26	5,512.34
National Grid	924.45	-0.15	-0.02	31,597.03
NMC Health	2,790.50	39.50	1.44	5,619.90
Next	5,257.50	-2.50	-0.05	7,735.18
Old Mutual Group	193.50	-0.70	-0.36	9,578.40
Paddy Power Betfair	7,380.00	-30.00	-0.40	6,253.75
Prudential	1,791.25	4.75	0.27	46,196.76
Persimmon	2,681.50	99.50	3.85	7,968.72
Pearson	614.50	2.50	0.41	5,037.06
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,775.00	-38.00	-0.56	47,930.58
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	269.20	0.90	0.34	31,942.10
Royal Dutch Shell	2,251.75	3.25	0.14	101,421.24
Royal Dutch Shell	2,299.75	5.25	0.23	85,940.19
RELX	1,642.50	5.50	0.34	17,462.83
Rio Tinto	3,522.00	49.00	1.41	47,596.78
Rolls-Royce Group	891.25	4.25	0.48	16,325.98
Randgold Resources	7,277.50	-37.50	-0.51	6,881.46
RSA Insurance Group	621.75	-1.25	-0.20	6,371.63
Rentokil Initial	300.70	0.10	0.03	5,523.02
Sainsbury (J)	240.45	2.55	1.07	5,210.21
Schroders	3,360.50	5.50	0.16	7,583.05
Sage Group (The)	700.75	2.25	0.32	7,549.44
Segro	537.75	1.75	0.33	5,357.36
Shire	3,811.50	23.50	0.62	34,405.90
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,325.50	-4.50	-0.19	5,518.40
Sky	917.75	2.75	0.30	15,729.01
Standard Life Aberdeen	434.75	1.25	0.29	12,906.47
Smiths Group	1,576.50	-0.50	-0.03	6,239.18
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Tr	426.50	4.20	0.99	5,895.39
Smith & Nephew	1,344.50	-3.50	-0.26	11,792.78
SSE	1,394.50	-2.50	-0.18	13,930.76
Standard Chartered	745.70	4.10	0.55	24,411.62
St James's Place	1,151.00	5.00	0.44	6,058.16
Severn Trent	2,173.50	0.50	0.02	5,133.35
Tesco	187.88	0.73	0.39	15,325.67
TUI AG	1,282.50	16.50	1.30	7,431.90
Taylor Wimpey	200.40	4.90	2.51	6,396.73
Unilever	4,331.50	12.50	0.29	54,489.31
United Utilities Group	857.25	2.75	0.32	5,826.74
Vodafone Group	208.58	-0.22	-0.11	57,089.21
Worldpay Group	407.95	0.95	0.23	8,140.00
WPP Group	1,380.50	-4.50	-0.32	17,578.45
Whitbread	3,806.00	40.00	1.06	6,907.70

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3M	209,900	+0,17%	0,350	125.201,75
AMERICAN EXPRESS	90,4600	+0,36%	0,3200	79.947,12
APPLE	154,120	+0,55%	0,840	796.064,94
BOEING CO	254,210	-0,02%	-0,060	150.259,31
CATERPILLAR	124,710	-0,42%	-0,520	73.700,22
CHEVRON	117,50	-0,10%	-0,12	222.662,82
CISCO SYSTEMS	33,630	+0,84%	0,280	168.151,82
COCA-COLA	45,01	+0,22%	0,10	191.896,04
DOWDUPONT	69,23	+0,25%	0,17	161.625,92
EXXON MOBIL	81,98	-0,26%	-0,21	347.357,94
GENERAL ELECTRIC	24,1800	-0,25%	-0,0600	209.349,13
GOLDMAN SACHS	237,19	+0,73%	1,72	91.762,91
HOME DEPOT	163,5600	+0,74%	1,2000	192.807,40
IBM	145,08	-0,40%	-0,58	135.103,38
INTEL CORP	38,0800	+0,66%	0,2500	179.318,72
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	95,5100	+0,14%	0,1300	336.096,29
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	130,0100	+0,42%	0,5400	348.839,44
MC DONALD'S CORP	156,6800	-0,51%	-0,8100	126.723,97
MERCK AND CO. NEW	64,03	-0,40%	-0,26	174.632,50
MICROSOFT	74,490	+0,84%	0,620	575.101,16
NIKE	51,85	-1,48%	-0,78	68.008,63
PFIZER	35,7000	+0,28%	0,1000	212.320,36
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,980	+0,10%	0,090	232.000,29
TRAVELERS CIES	122,52	-0,23%	-0,28	33.809,03
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	116,08	+0,21%	0,24	92.680,01
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	195,85	-0,13%	-0,25	189.320,84
VERIZON COMMS	49,49	+0,16%	0,08	201.889,90
VISA	105,24	+0,63%	0,66	192.486,32
WAL-MART STORES	78,1400	-1,03%	-0,8100	233.419,94
WALT DISNEY CO	98,5700	+0,53%	0,5200	152.156,35

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CLOSING PRICES OCTOBER 2

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Zogenix, Inc.	\$ 35.05	22.175 ▲ 172.23%
Veritone, Inc.	\$ 45.45	8.57 ▲ 23.24%
SMART Global Holdings, Inc.	\$ 26.78	4.28 ▲ 19.02%
Comtech Telecommunications Corp.	\$ 20.53	2.92 ▲ 16.58%
PTC Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 20.01	2.55 ▲ 14.60%
NuCan plc	\$ 18.37	2.22 ▲ 13.75%
Appian Corporation	\$ 28.46	3.38 ▲ 13.48%
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 5.75	0.66 ▲ 12.97%
Roku, Inc.	\$ 26.54	3.04 ▲ 12.94%
Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.31 ▲ 11.97%
Acacia Research Corporation	\$ 4.55	0.45 ▲ 10.98%
Most Declined		
Nightstar Therapeutics plc	\$ 19.20	4.80 ▼ 20%
Synlogic, Inc.	\$ 19.015	2.775 ▼ 12.74%
Zynerba Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 8.36	1.08 ▼ 11.44%
GW Pharmaceuticals Plc	\$ 101.49	10.78 ▼ 9.60%
NantHealth, Inc.	\$ 4.12	0.33 ▼ 7.42%
EZCORP, Inc.	\$ 9.50	0.75 ▼ 7.32%
Educational Development Corporation	\$ 9.6192	0.7308 ▼ 7.06%
Tintri, Inc.	\$ 3.14	0.23 ▼ 6.82%
Selecta Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 18.25	1.28 ▼ 6.55%
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German election result leaves EUR unsteady

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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

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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.

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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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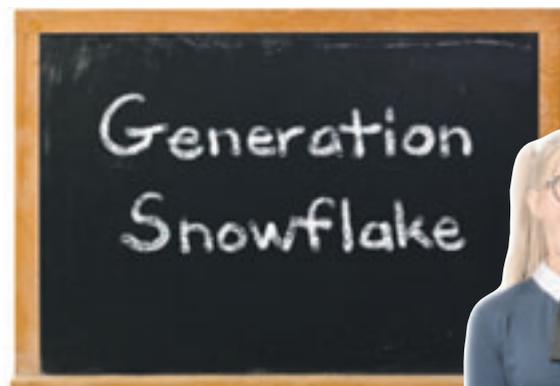
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HEARD about the thousands of students starting college this autumn being given Paddington Bear-style wristbands printed with their address and emergency contact details to help them get home if they're too drunk? And nervous students helped to ask 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.



GOOD GRIEF: Better to just stay at home.

Whatever next? A warning 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,

t sunamis, 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.

Readers interested in submitting articles for this guest column should send articles of around 250 words on topics felt to be of interest to the cosmopolitan EWN readership to editorial@euroweeklynews.com.

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.

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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.



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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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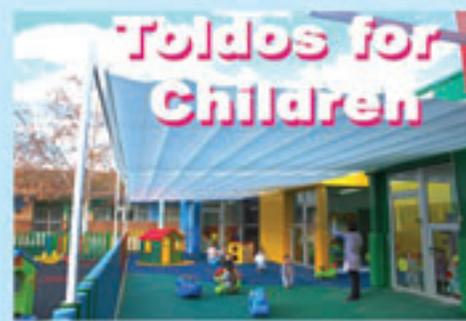
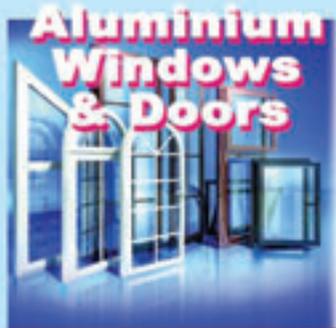
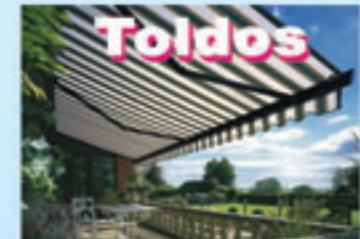
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Game over

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 on who.



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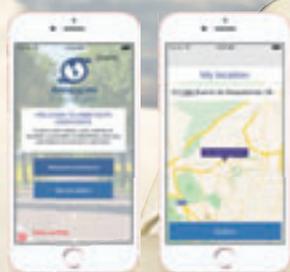
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Almost none of the money lost was ever in a 'safe haven' and this is where OPP can assist, but time is running out as any claim has to be made within 15 years of



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

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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.

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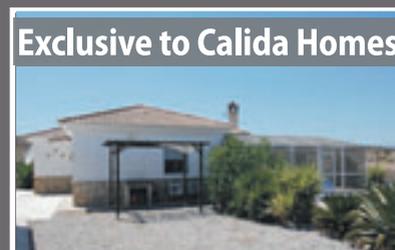
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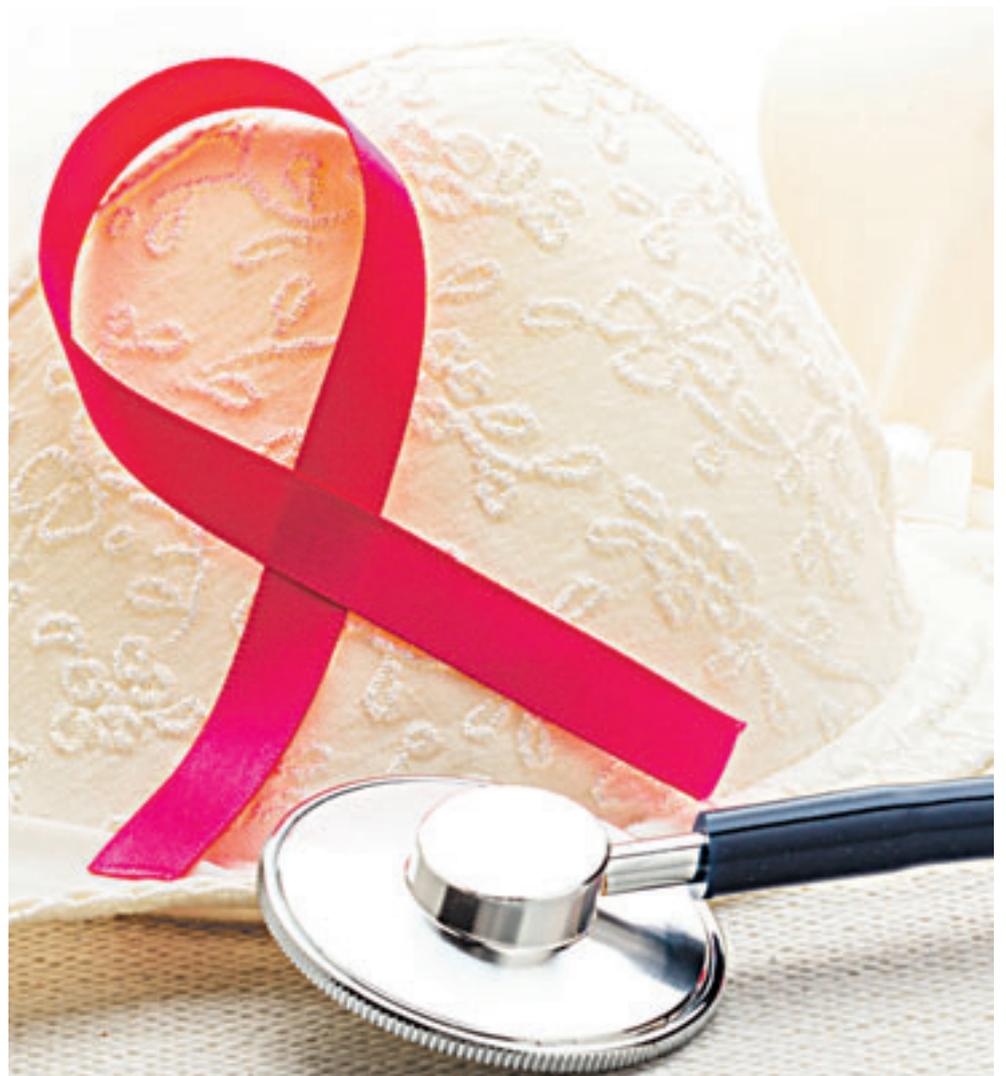
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TABERNO

VH1117 €189,959 CEE F76 68



- 5 bed, 3 bath Country Villa
- 200m² build, 5,000m² of land
- Separate apartment & pool
- 8 mins drive to Taberno

LA ALFOQUIA

VH1118 €159,000 CEE E192 34



- 3 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 535m² garden with pool
- Full sunroof
- Walk to amenities in La Alfoquia

ZURGENA

VH1188 €189,950 CEE TBC



- Large 3 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 671m² garden with pool
- Walk to 2 restaurants
- Los Carasoles / Zurgena area

HUERCAL-OVERA

VH1138 €114,950 CEE TBC



- 2 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 449m² garden, above ground pool
- Walk to amenities in Urcal
- 8 mins drive to Huercal-Overa

VH792 €198,000 CEE F64 83



- 5 bed, 4 bath Country Villa
- Separate apartment
- 264m² build, 35,000m² of land
- 5 mins drive to Taberno

VH1128 €129,950 CEE TBC



- 2 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 450m² garden
- Full sunroof
- Walk to amenities in La Alfoquia

VH966 €169,000 CEE F40 49



- 4 / 5 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 705m² garden with pool
- 3 mins drive to restaurant
- Zurgena countryside

VH1195 €290,000 CEE G194 50



- Luxury 4 bed, 4 bath Villa
- Garage, workshop & pool
- 24,000m² land (3,000m² fenced)
- 10 mins drive to Huercal-Overa

VH658 €99,950 CEE E32 56



- 2 bed, 1.5 bed Villa House
- Garden plus splash pool
- Walk to restaurant
- 4 mins drive to Taberno

VH1127 €144,950 CEE F41 41



- 3 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 417m² garden with pool
- Sunroof
- Walk to amenities in La Alfoquia

VH950 €184,950 CEE E49 45



- 3 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 592m² garden with pool
- Walk to 2 cafe / restaurants
- Los Carasoles / Zurgena area

VH1047 €154,950 CEE F59 73



- Huge 3 bed, 2 bath Villa
- 140m² Villa & 140m² garage
- 800m² garden with jacuzzi
- 12 mins drive to Huercal-Overa



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TABERNO	LA ALFOQUIA	ZURGENA	HUERCAL-OVERA
<p>VH1066 €129,000 CEE E187</p> <p>UNDER OFFER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 bed, 2 bath Village House • Garage and Garden • Walk to amenities • Santo Petar village 	<p>VH1131 €109,950 CEE F58 6</p> <p>TRUE BARGAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 bed, 2 bath Villa • 301m2 Garden • Walk to amenities • La Alfoquia village 	<p>VH1187 €179,950 CEE TBC</p> <p>NEW LISTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large 3 bed, 2 bath Villa • 814m2 garden with pool • Walk to popular restaurant • Zurgena area 	<p>VH1147 €169,000 CEE E197 40</p> <p>REDUCED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality 3 bed, 2 bath Villa • 427m2 garden with pool • Great views • 4 mins drive to Huerca-Overa
<p>VH1122 €129,950 CEE F71 41</p> <p>MUST VIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 bed, 2 bath Village / Country House • Full of character • 1,200m2 land • Walk into Taberno Village 	<p>VH1120 €149,950 CEE E219 40</p> <p>SOLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bed, 2 bath Villa • 411m2 garden with pool • Walk to amenities • La Alfoquia village 	<p>VH1123 €159,000 CEE E46 92</p> <p>UNDER OFFER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bed 2 bath villa • 1.496m2 garden / lemon grove • Enclosed pool area • Los Menchones, Zurgena 	<p>VH871 €119,900 CEE E 34 77</p> <p>REDUCED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 / 6 bed, 2 bath Country House • 1,300m2 garden with pool • Walk to amenities • 10 mins to Huerca-Overa

PROPERTIES NEEDED

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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.

Email me: mikesenker@gmail.com

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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We have lost the music of life!

Ric Polansky

Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.

IN those long gone years it amused me to find every worker singing on each building site I visited. Rarely together, this is Spain, far too anarchical for a choir but typically their own individual songs concerning their present moods. Back then they all lived on marginal economic strains, barely making it. But that too was part of life so they confronted it with a song. I appreciated and admired that greatly.

These days, everyone has an opinion. Free-thinking people are standing tall and announcing publicly concerning all relevant matters and how to solve them on their terms. Sounds good on paper.

Yet, we are now living in an atmosphere of constant screaming, shouting, shoving and swearing. "My way or the highway" is the mantra. Everyone honking their own horn. Then the confrontations



HARMONY: Creating beautiful music together.

start in earnest. The noise explodes and the name calling worsens.

Too many one off, personal honks and blurts. Combined to-

gether with all the others no tune is created but rather a strange vicious cacophony. I attribute all this to a lack of understanding. Too much talk on the airwaves,

TVs and streets. Me say this. I cannot hear you. Too much noise. Me wink and smile. But, the world continues as a noise; lacks harmony. It needs more music.

Look, a single note played on its own and held really creates nothing. Just a long moan. But, in combination with other notes, some loud, quick and others slow and pensive - songs can be created and the music of harmony can function.

It really is all about keeping united, on the same page. Not trying to distinguish or deify your own presumed prophetic thoughts. Otherwise we get no harmony in song or life.

Come on. Get off the pedestal and walk among the masses. Go directly to the nearest pub and drink with anybody, even your friends. In moments you will learn how much in common you have with others. Not differences. The song of man, whether out of pitch or sung too high still connotes a harmony not to be denied.

Obit for Peter Mulcay

IF he had a moniker it should have been Mojacar's first ambassador to the night. How he ended up with 'bald eagle' I am not sure. But everyone knew him as such, few knowing his real name.

As an ambassador he was tops. Sooner or later you met him. If not further down the road, definitely the next night out. Eagle appeared where ever you went in the night carouse. And if jumping bars you would meet Peter three or four times. Always friendly with a nice smile and low-key humor. Never any gossip or tales about other people.

A gentleman, he relished his role: greet old friends and make welcome new arrivals. Spring, summer, fall and winter he was there, out and about until health problems slowed him down.

He is missed by old and new. He spread a lot of good.

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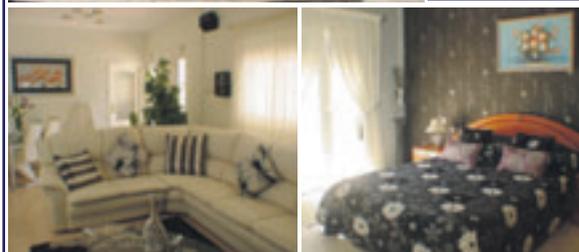
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THURSDAY	BBC one	BBC TWO	itv	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	sky sports main event						
5 OCTOBER	6:15pm	Pointless	6:15pm	Flog It!	5:00pm	Tipping Point	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:30pm	Neighbours	7:00am	Live ATP 500: Tokyo
	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	7:00pm	Eggheads	6:00pm	The Chase	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Home and Away		Day four of the Rakuten
	7:30pm	BBC London News	7:30pm	Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two	7:00pm	ITV News London	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:30pm	5 News Tonight		Japan Open.
	8:00pm	The One Show	8:00pm	Coast: The Great Guide	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Police Interceptors	8:30am	Live ATP 500: Beijing
	8:30pm	EastEnders	9:00pm	The Big Family Cooking Showdown	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:55pm	The Political Slot	9:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	2:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
	9:00pm	The Housing Enforcers	10:00pm	Russia with Simon Reeve	8:30pm	World Cup Qualifier	9:00pm	The Supervet			6:00pm	Football
	10:00pm	Ambulance	11:00pm	Match of the Day	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm	Educating Greater Manchester	10:00pm	The Nightmare Neighbour	7:55pm	Scotland v Slovakia.
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:30pm	Newsnight	11:30pm	ITV News London	11:00pm	The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice	11:00pm	Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World	11:00pm	Live World Grand Prix
	11:30pm	BBC London News	12:15am	The Detectives	11:45pm	World Cup Qualifier Highlights	11:50pm	The Undateables	12:05am	Notorious Fritz! What Happened Next		Darts
	11:45pm	Question Time										Live PGA Tour Golf
12:45am	This Week											
FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER	7:30pm	BBC London News	5:15pm	This Farming Life	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	4:00pm	Find it Fix it Flog it	4:20pm	Jesse Stone: Lost in Paradise	6:45am	Live Japanese GP: Practice
	8:00pm	The One Show	6:15pm	Flog It!	8:00pm	Emmerdale	5:00pm	My Kitchen Rules	6:00pm	5 News at 5	9:00am	Live ATP 500: Beijing
	8:30pm	A Question of Sport	7:00pm	Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two	8:30pm	Coronation Street	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:30pm	Neighbours	10:00am	Cricket
	9:00pm	EastEnders	8:00pm	Coast: The Great Guide	9:00pm	Teach My Pet to Do That	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Home and Away	2:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
	9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?	9:00pm	Mastermind	9:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	5:30pm	Football
	10:00pm	Have I Got News for You	9:30pm	Only Connect	10:00pm	Cold Feet	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	The Gadget Show	8:15pm	Football
	10:30pm	Porridge	10:00pm	Gardeners' World	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:30pm	Unreported World	9:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	11:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:00pm	Mock the Week	11:30pm	ITV News London	9:00pm	The Crystal Maze	10:00pm	A Celebrity Taste of Italy	2:00am	Through the Night
	11:25pm	BBC London News	11:30pm	Newsnight	11:45pm	Bad Move	10:00pm	Gogglebox	11:00pm	In Therapy	3:00am	Through the Night
	11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show	12:05am	Dragons' Den	12:15am	Tonight at the London Palladium	11:00pm	The Last Leg	12:05am	Alaska: A Year in the Wild	4:00am	Through the Night
12:25am	Josh					12:05am	First Dates					
SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER	6:25pm	BBC News	6:00pm	The Big Family Cooking Showdown	3:55pm	The X Factor	4:35pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	3:50pm	The Nightmare Neighbour	9:40am	Paddock Uncut: Japan
	6:35pm	Regional News	7:00pm	Anglesey	5:25pm	Thunderbirds are Go			10:00am	Cricket	10:00am	Cricket
	6:40pm	Weather	7:30pm	Gardeners' World	5:50pm	Little Big Shots	5:35pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:45pm	Rugby Union	2:45pm	Rugby Union
	6:45pm	Pointless	8:30pm	Front Row	6:50pm	Local News and Weather	6:35pm	Location, Location, Location	5:00pm	5 News	5:00pm	Rugby Union
	7:35pm	Strictly Come Dancing	9:00pm	Britain Afloat	7:00pm	ITV News and Weather	7:30pm	Channel 4 News	7:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	7:00pm	Live Super League Grand Final
	9:40pm	Casualty	9:30pm	Dad's Army	7:15pm	Cannonball!	8:00pm	Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson	6:50pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	9:00pm	Live World Grand Prix
	10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys	10:00pm	Basquiat - Rage to Riches	8:10pm	The Family Chase	9:00pm	WWII's Great Escapes	7:50pm	Where Eagles Dare		Darts Final
	11:00pm	BBC News	11:30pm	Performance Live: You Can't Go Back	9:15pm	The X Factor	10:00pm	Escape Plan	10:45pm	Live Boxing	11:00pm	Boxing
	11:15pm	Weather	12:00am	Later... with Jools Holland	10:45pm	The Jonathan Ross Show	11:00pm	Escape Plan	12:30am	Football on 5	12:30am	Rugby Union
	11:20pm	Thor: The Dark World			11:45pm	ITV News and Weather	12:15am	The Gunman	1:15am	Super Casino	2:45am	Sporting Triumphs
1:05am	The NFL Show			12:05am	American Pie: The Wedding							
SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER	7:05pm	Regional News	2:15pm	Dial M for Murder	4:30pm	Victoria	3:00pm	The Simpsons	11:35am	Police Interceptors	6:30am	Live Japanese GP: Race
	7:10pm	Weather	4:00pm	Gymnastics	5:30pm	World Cup Qualifier Live: Lithuania v England	3:30pm	The Simpsons	12:35pm	Police Interceptors	9:30am	Live Japanese GP: Paddock Live
	7:15pm	Countryfile	6:00pm	Rugby League Grand Final Highlights	8:15pm	Local News and Weather	4:00pm	Formula 1	1:30pm	Innerspace	10:15am	Cricket
	8:15pm	Strictly Come Dancing	7:00pm	Top Gear	8:20pm	ITV News and Weather	6:15pm	The Great British Bake Off	3:50pm	Mannquin	1:30pm	Live European Tour Golf
	9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow	8:00pm	Russia with Simon Reeve	8:30pm	The X Factor	7:30pm	Channel 4 News	5:35pm	Annie	5:30pm	Football
	10:00pm	The Last Post	9:00pm	Dragons' Den	10:00pm	Victoria	8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau	8:05pm	Deep-Sea Super Predator		Slovenia v Scotland.
	11:00pm	BBC News	10:00pm	Louis Theroux	11:00pm	ITV News and Weather	9:00pm	Escape: Human Cargo	9:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights	8:15pm	Football
	11:20pm	Regional News	11:00pm	Snowfall	11:15pm	Peston on Sunday	10:00pm	Electric Dreams	9:55pm	5 News	11:00pm	Live NFL
	11:25pm	Weather	11:55pm	Mock the Week	12:15am	World Cup 2018 Qualifier Highlights	11:05pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	10:00pm	Wild Card	2:00am	Live NFL: Kansas @ Houston
	12:35am	The Women's Football Show	12:30am	Oranges and Sunshine			12:05am	The Secret Life of Walter Mitty	12:05am	Safe		
MONDAY 9 OCTOBER	9:00pm	EastEnders	6:15pm	Flog It!	6:00pm	The Chase	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	4:15pm	Killer Among Us	7:00am	Live ATP 1000: Shanghai
	9:30pm	When Kids Abuse Kids - Panorama	7:00pm	Eggheads	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:00pm	5 News	4:00pm	Cricket
	10:00pm	Rellik	7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:00pm	The Simpsons	6:30pm	Neighbours	5:00pm	Sky Sports Today
	11:00pm	BBC News	8:00pm	Coast Great Guides	8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:00pm	Home and Away	6:00pm	Sky Sports News
	11:30pm	Regional News	9:00pm	University Challenge	8:30pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	7:30pm	5 News	7:00pm	Sky Sports News
	11:40pm	Weather	9:30pm	Upstart Crow	9:00pm	Countrywise	9:00pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food	8:00pm	FIA World Rally Championship Highlights	8:00pm	Football
	11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You	10:00pm	The Human Body: Secrets of Your Life Revealed	9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:30pm	Superfoods: The Real Story	9:00pm	Police Interceptors		Wales v Republic of Ireland.
	12:30am	20 Years of Power with Huw Edwards	11:00pm	WIA	10:00pm	Liar	10:00pm	The Undateables	10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7	11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
			11:30pm	Newsnight	11:00pm	ITV News and Weather	11:00pm	First Dates	11:00pm	Air Crash: Collision in the Skies	12:00am	Through the Night
			12:10am	Weather	12:20am	The Jonathan Ross Show	12:05am	Quadruplets and Homeless	12:05am	Blade: Trinity		
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER	7:30pm	Regional News	6:15pm	Flog It!	6:00pm	The Chase	5:00pm	My Kitchen Rules	4:15pm	Fatal Honeymoon	7:00am	Live ATP 1000: Shanghai
	8:00pm	The One Show	7:00pm	Eggheads	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	6:00pm	5 News	3:20pm	Cricket
	8:30pm	EastEnders	7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:30pm	Neighbours		India v Australia.
	9:00pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	Coast Great Guides	8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Home and Away	7:00pm	Sky Sports News
	10:00pm	Our Girl	9:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea	8:30pm	Save Money	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:30pm	5 News	8:00pm	Euro Goal Zone
	11:00pm	BBC News	10:00pm	Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution	9:00pm	Robson Green's Coastal Lives	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast	8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
	11:30pm	Regional News	11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland	9:30pm	Call the Cleaners	9:00pm	The Great British Bake Off	9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet	8:40pm	Football
	11:40pm	Weather	11:30pm	Newsnight	10:00pm	Cilla	10:15pm	Celebrity Hunted	10:00pm	Alaska: A Year in the Wild	10:50pm	La Liga Greatest Games
	11:45pm	Hate on the Street - Panorama	12:10am	Weather	11:40pm	After the News	11:30pm	Gogglebox	11:00pm	When TV Goes Horribly Wrong	11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
	12:15am	The Insider			12:15am	Lethal Weapon	12:35am	Parenting for Idiots	1:55am	Super Casino	12:00am	Through the Night
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER	5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip	5:15pm	This Farming Life	6:00pm	The Chase	5:00pm	My Kitchen Rules	4:15pm	A Mother's Fear	7:00am	Live ATP 1000: Shanghai
	6:15pm	Pointless	6:15pm	Flog It!	7:00pm	Local News and Weather	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	6:00pm	5 News	4:00pm	Live on the Range: Italian Open
	7:00pm	BBC News	7:00pm	Eggheads	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:30pm	Neighbours	5:00pm	Sky Sports Today
	7:30pm	Regional News	7:30pm	Strictly it Takes Two	8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Home and Away	6:00pm	Sky Sports News
	8:00pm	The One Show	8:00pm	Coast Great Guides	8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:30pm	5 News	7:00pm	Sky Sports News
	9:00pm	Eat Well for Less	9:00pm	Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World	9:00pm	Bad Move	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
	10:00pm	The Apprentice	10:00pm	The Detectives	9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Location, Location, Location	9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors	9:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
	11:00pm	BBC News	11:00pm	The Apprentice: You're Fired!	10:00pm	Doc Martin	10:00pm	Grand Designs	10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	10:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
	11:30pm	Regional News	11:30pm	Newsnight	11:00pm	ITV News	11:00pm	Back	11:00pm	The Eastenders Murderers: True Crime, Real Tragedy	11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
	11:40pm	Weather	12:10am	Weather	11:45pm	After the News	11:35pm	Norskov			12:00am	Through the Night
11:45pm	A Question of Sport	12:15am	Louis Theroux	12:15am	British Touring Car Championships Highlights	12:35am	Educating Greater Manchester	12:05am	When Kids Kill	1:00am	Through the Night	



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 suitable

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.

WIA 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 Bonnerville.

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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By Steve Collins

WE all have different ideas as to what constitutes the first signs that Christmas is on the way, although the seemingly unrelenting high temperatures being experienced at the moment may well see some wishing their lives away for the cooler times around that time of the year.

I've only been in Spain full time for a handful of years - since 2009 - and Christmas takes some getting used to with neighbours and friends planning big events on the beach in glorious sunshine for most of the time.

In my final years in the UK, I knew I was counting down to the festive season when the X Factor auditions and the announcement of partners for Strictly Come Dancing were announced. Now, it's the annual announcement of the El Gordo (The Big One) Christmas Lottery tickets going on sale!

Even though it's not drawn until December 22 every year (a Friday for 2017), the world famous state lottery tickets always go on sale in July. The aim of making them available so soon is to encourage holiday-makers to buy one of the décimo, or 10th of a ticket which are sold at a set price of €20 per ticket. This is the price charged in the official lottery offices but you may see some in other venues for €22 or €23. Usually, these tickets have been purchased by a club or fundraising society and they are allowed to add an extra couple of euros.

Christmas is coming



THE BIG ONE: Life-changing Christmas tickets on sale.

Why put them up for sale so early? The official line is to 'encourage tourists to take a piece of Spanish luck home with them.' Also, it will help cash flow for year-round residents who would otherwise decide not to buy an El Gordo ticket in December as the usual extra Christmas ex-

penditure means €20 is harder to find. Many local people form syndicates and pay in so much a week to buy the tickets from different parts of Spain, and I can remember delighted customers in my local asking me to get a couple of El Gordo tickets for them when I announced I was

off to Barcelona for a weekend!

The 2017 draw will see 170 million 10ths of a ticket put on sale - five million more than last year - of numbers ranging from 00000 to 99999. The total value of prize money available will be €2,380,000,000 and €70,000,000 more than in 2016.

However, because a full ticket costs €200, most people only buy a décimo, or 10th of a ticket at €20, meaning the first prize equates to €400,000.

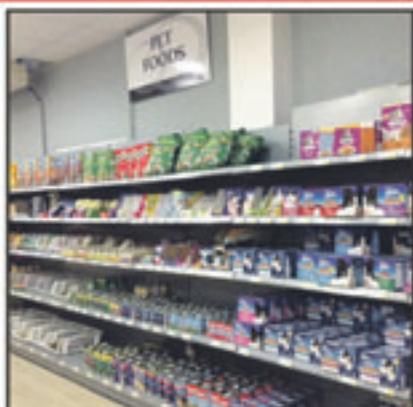
Second prize is €1.25m for a full ticket or €125,000 for a 10th, whilst for third place; the pot comes to €500,000 for a ticket or €50,000 for a 10th. There is a selection of fourth or fifth prizes too and if your ticket is picked out among the hundreds of individual numbers drawn, that 10th is worth €200.

Remember, if you don't see the five-figure number you want hanging up in the lottery offices, ask the person behind the counter if yours is available and they can print one out especially for you.

The traditional singing of the lottery numbers on December 22 by children of the San Ildefonso School in Madrid is, for many, and probably me too after my eight years the real start of Christmas.

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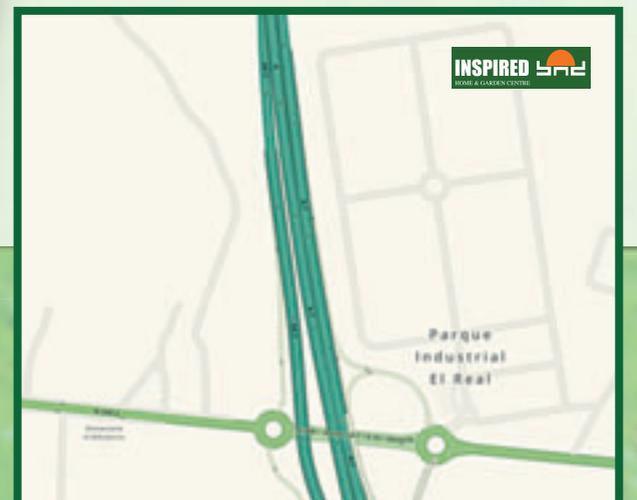
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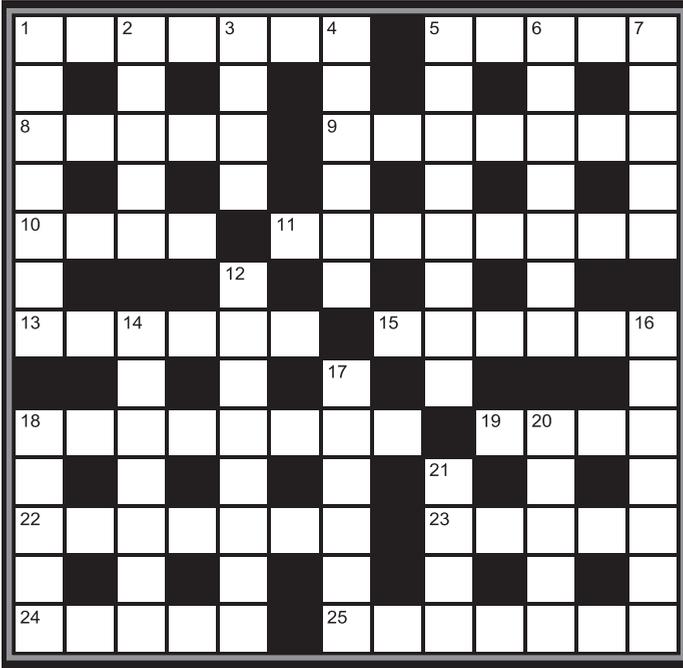
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Cryptic

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 Gripped 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

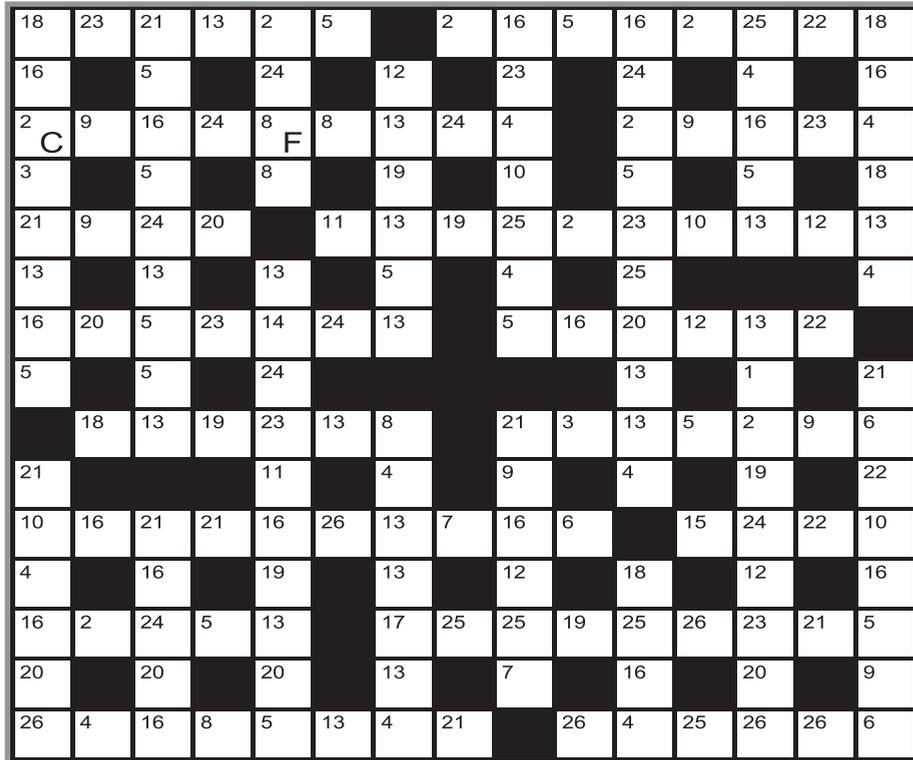
- 1 Show part of a book to a worker (7)
- 2 Laid out, exhausted (5)
- 3 Lincoln seen by daughter possibly sleeping (4)
- 4 Christian celebration confused Teresa (6)
- 5 Endeavour to cover a

- 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-

- 8 (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

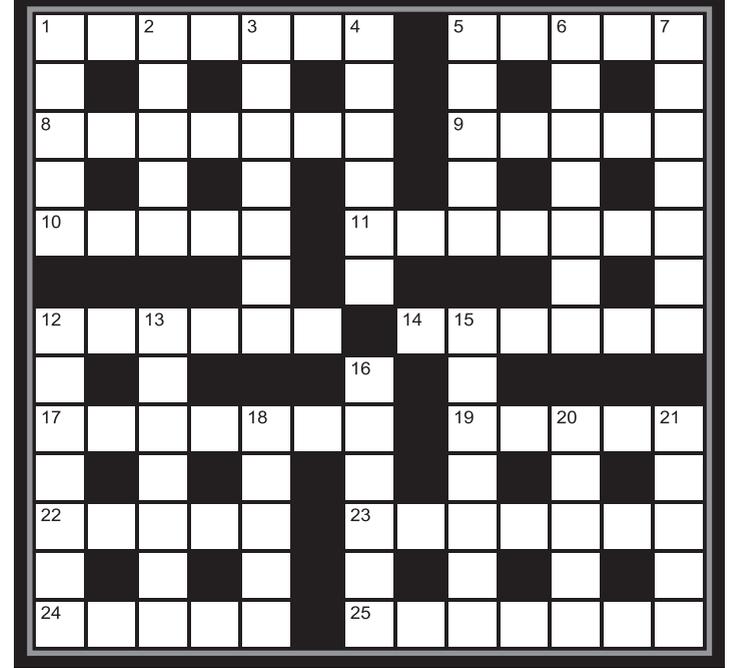
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents C and 8 represents F, so fill in C every time the figure 2 appears and F every time the figure 8 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should 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

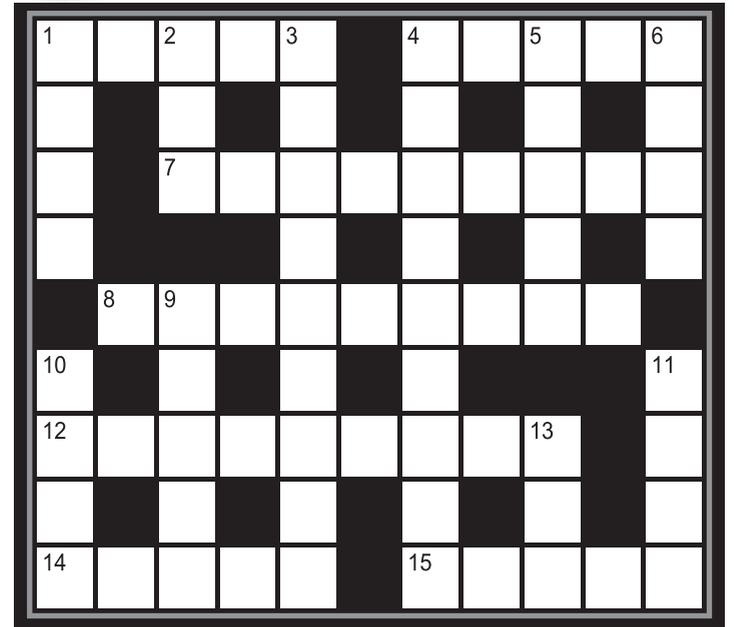
- 1 Residential districts located on the outskirts of a city (7)
- 5 Arousing or provoking laughter (5)
- 8 Standing or situated alone (7)
- 9 Once more (5)
- 10 Not in accordance with the fact, reality or actuality (5)
- 11 Put or add together (7)
- 12 Annoy persistently (6)
- 14 Chuckles (6)
- 17 Farm 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 (5)
- 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 (liquido) (5)
- 4 To cough (5)
- 7 Handball (game) (9)
- 8 Cocodrilo (9)
- 12 Con regularidad (9)
- 14 Behind (at the back) (5)

Down

- 15 Estudio (5)
- 1 Nadar (4)
- 2 Costilla (3)
- 3 Films (movies) (9)
- 4 Forks (cutlery) (9)

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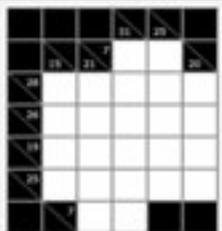
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'MISS - ANTONIO HAS WRITTEN A WICKED WORD ON THE SCHOOL WALL'

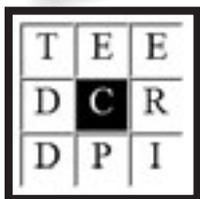
Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

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

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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.

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	J	C	L	E	B	Y	Q	K	T	I	N	V
14	G	Z	U	R	W	M	S	X	D	A	P	O	H

KAKURO



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Tuesday September 26



Friday September 29



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Saturday September 30



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Sunday October 1



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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Authorities' heads buried in sand?

SIR,

Inspired by John Smith's commentary applauding the Guardia Civil's (SEPRONA) alleged campaign against domestic animal abuse and neglect, I emailed a complaint in Spanish against SC, reputedly the richest Spaniard in Competa, alleging abuse and neglect of two ostriches he owns. Their condition and living habitat can easily be seen from the 'goat trail' between Competa and Canillas de Albaida.

I sent photographs to SEPRONA showing one of the pair pecked nearly clean of all its feathers, and the birds appeared dehydrated. Scores of feathers were strewn on the wire caged area floor.

SEPRONA replied in two days with an automated message in bureaucratic detail demanding I file a formal denuncia. Filing one of these is serious business and would likely subject me to retribution by a most powerful and well-connected man.

A no win and no relief for suffering

Littoral disgrace

WE note that Marbella Council is to launch a new Beach Authority (EWN issue 1682) and are promising improvements including WIFI zones. This is another example of how far removed the council is from a large proportion of their residents!

We here at Playa de las Chapas would much prefer services such as showers, public toilets, drinking water, first aid and rescue, none of which have been available for a number of years despite featuring on information panels close to the beach. We have also raised the lack



Photo by Mick Slack/Facebook

EMPTY PROMISES: Playa de las Chapas.

of disabled access with the council in Spanish several times with no response.

This proposal is like most of the promises that come out of

Marbella Council - sounds impressive but ignores the basic requirements needed for a good beach resort!

John and Nina Foster, Elviria

ostriches. And for some, a bureaucratic minefield!

Nigel Bennett, Competa

Lease talk

ADVICE to some tenants when renting long term. The property is not yours, it is in effect loaned to you, had very possibly been the owner's family home. Perhaps the owner had worked and saved to achieve buying their property and furnishings. A bit of respect, please.

Cari Ellidge, Alora



Missed the boat

I REFER to a letter published on page 69 in issue number 1682 entitled 'Floating Memory.'

I too have very fond memories of sailing to and from Norway on the MS Braemar in the early 70's but my recollections are of a different ship to that in the photo heading the letter.

The photo is in fact of the current MS Braemar, built in 1993 and purchased by Fred Olsen in 2001.

This makes me question how Bren Small managed to sail on it 62 years ago unless he has a DeLorean with a large boot! I have included a photo of the MS Braemar in service from 1952 until 1975.

Boggy, Palomares

SORRY to disappoint Bren Small of Shropshire, but the Braemar that he saw recently at Malaga port was not the ship he sailed on as a boy. This Braemar was built in 1993 as the Crown Dynasty. I should imagine that his ship was long ago turned into razor blades as we used to say.

Greg Caldecott, Nerja (Old Seadog)

Spot on Leapy

I'VE been a visitor to the Costa del Sol for the last three months and I'm emailing you to say that I've really enjoyed reading your pieces in the EWN. I'm a 60-something Brit expat living in Malta, and although I live abroad, I also spend time in Blighty. Are the children of today ruined or not? Absolutely. There is far too much entertainment in their lives, not enough study, and they also lack manners.

Dave, Malta

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It's not exactly rocket science (Leapy Lee)

WELL, well. For the first time ever, this week I had a post removed from my Facebook (FB) pages.

Rules are rules Leapy. You broke them. End of story. A bogus article from a man who never listens. Generally speaking, you aren't learning when your lips are moving Leapy. *Yoda McFly*

Facebook is a social network. Imagine if everybody posted violent videos! Imagine if kids saw yours! *Sam Bo*

Violence erupts in Barcelona

NATIONAL POLICE have fired rubber bullets at crowds in Barcelona after driving their vans through metal barriers as violence flares during Cataluña's independence referendum.

Agreed sad day, but the police will not have aimed at an old lady. Why was she there? What was she doing? *Peter Clarke*

It doesn't look good. Omg. But they're not good with law breakers. *Nina Haiselden*

Comments from EWN online

I watched the video she was going nuts at the police poking them etc - I don't blame them *Matheus Demetri*

Baton rounds are generally fired at the ground and made to bounce, if you are hit by one you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. *Rob Waugh*

Monarch on brink

BELEAGUERED airline Monarch appears to be preparing for the worst after it quadrupled the price of flight tickets to discourage customers from buying.

End of an era... was some of the first planes I ever flew on... great shame... *Angela Ayres*

If O'Leary is right and Monarch and Norwegian fold, there will be plenty of pilots looking for jobs, maybe at Ryanair. *John Richardson*

Due out to Alicante for five weeks, bloody airlines take your money then can't deliver. *Eddie Swain*

Monarch cancels all flights

BRITISH charter and scheduled flight operator Monarch Airlines ceased trading at 4am Monday morning and announced it had appointed KPMG as liquidators.

Collapsed at 4am, but still managed to take my cousin's flight money from her bank this morning! Robbing b*****s! *Julie Jones Peel*

Why would you book a flight with Monarch this morning if you knew they were collapsing two days ago? *Matt Coy*

We booked a total of 16 flights when they were advertising cheap flights a couple of weeks ago, may get some back. Devious b*****s.

Have a gold vantage card, free to a good home. lol *Robert Smith*

I booked a flight last Friday, lost the money today. Fortunately not much. *Jonathan Sutton*

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The League of Gentlemen reunite to begin filming their three new specials

Richard Shanley
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THE League of Gentlemen have officially reunited to start filming their three new specials. Mark Gatiss has shared a photo on Twitter of him and his League cohorts Reece Shearsmith, Steve Pemberton and Jeremy Dyson, all looking confused at being back together on set. "Here we go! Baffled old men. You'll never leave..." he joked on the photo which was shared by Shearsmith with the caption: "Why has this been allowed to happen again..."

The three new specials were confirmed by the BBC last month to mark the 20th anniversary of the cult comedy's debut on BBC Radio. We don't yet know when they'll be airing, but we're hoping Christmas time.

Co-creator Gatiss had sparked rumours of a comeback during a talk at the Oxford Union earlier this year. He claimed that the group



LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN: The group have a number of pretty good ideas.

had a number of pretty good ideas, and they were all hoping to shoot new material sometime this year, which, thankfully, has come to fruition.

Karren Brady has opened up about the BBC gender pay gap.

With *The Apprentice 2017* back this week, the Baroness was asked if she is on equal pay

to her co-stars Lord Alan Sugar and Claude Littner. "I would say they get paid equally to me," she joked. "Well, I would say that, wouldn't I?" She then began to open up about the issue of inequality between men and women with regards to pay, particularly within the BBC. When asked if she had any issues continuing to work with the organisation after it hit headlines earlier this year over its wages, Karren insisted that the corporation will get its act together. "I think that the gender pay gap by the BBC has been widely criticised," she explained. "It's not that the men are overpaid, it's that the women are underpaid."

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This wonderfully restored 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom spacious village property is located in the friendly market town of Lubrin, the house has been reformed to an incredibly high standard with much attention to detail.

Lubrin

109,000€

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This wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom villa has been designed and built by its current owner to a fantastic standard and includes many extras, the property is located under 10 minutes from the popular market town of Lubrin.

Lubrin

206,000€

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This charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom villa is located in the beautiful Cortijo Grande valley, just 10 minutes from the popular market town of Turre and under 20 minutes from the wonderful coastal resort of Mojacar Playa.

Turre (Cortijo Grande)

195,000€

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This spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom detached property is located in the renowned and sought after coastal resort of Agua Amarga in the Cabo de Gata National Park. This unique townhouse is situated in the residential development of La Meseta.

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This truly stunning 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom Cortijo is situated in an elevated location in the wonderful, tranquil valley of Rambla Honda under 10 minutes from the popular market town of Lubrin. This charming property is currently run by its Italian owner as a successful and fully registered boutique style bed and breakfast business.

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380,000€

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This great 4 bedroom townhouse located in the small village of Los Raimundos, 10 minutes from Antas town and the same distance from the pretty village of Bedar. The property is in the centre of the village and has been lovingly restored with attention to detail.

Antas

89,950€

Ref: OLV1253

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This wonderful, spacious 6 bedroom, 6 bathroom property is located in the popular coastal resort of Mojacar Playa. The villa is walking distance to many amenities including some fabulous bars and restaurants. This unique property also boasts a spa room with Jacuzzi and a cinema room.

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TO READ MORE

By Kat Ashton

THERE are a lot of myths around the benefits of taking 10,000 steps a day. However, getting daily exercise is actually just as important for our health as eating well and drinking eight glasses of water.

Ten thousand steps may seem like an impossible target to reach, but with the help of a pedometer you will soon see how quickly the numbers add up.

The amount of steps you walk a day can also vary greatly on where you live, and how much you need to use a car or public transport in your day to day life. Adults in the US, for example, only walk an average of 5,000 steps while the figure is nearly double that in Australia.

Boosting how much you walk a day by just a small amount could have a significant impact on your health, however, and can reduce the likelihood of developing illnesses such as diabetes and cancer.

One study found women who increase their step count to 10,000 steps a day reduced their blood pressure after just 24 weeks. Another discovered that it helped to improve glucose levels. It also decreases hypertension in the body, which reduces the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Increasing your step count could also have more short-term benefits. Walking

Steps to a healthier life



WALK THIS WAY: Get a group of friends together to go on regular walks so you feel more motivated.

regularly increases balance and endurance and also helps to reduce fatigue - which could result in getting a better night's sleep. It has also been proven to enhance the mood and battle the effects of depression as regular exercise helps to reduce stress and can act as a form of meditation.

Walking more could even make you smarter as it increases the blood flow to the brain.

If your average amount of steps is just 5,000 a day, getting an extra 30-minute walk in will take you to about 8,000 steps. However the more steps you can do, the better.



WISE BITES: A diet rich in fresh, local produce is key to a healthy lifestyle.

Global good stuff

TO make sure your diet is full of everything your body needs, take some inspiration from what people in the healthiest countries in the world eat and you should have all the bases covered.

Using data the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries and Risk Factors collected from 1990 to 2015, a study concluded that the five healthiest countries were in fact (in reverse order) the UK, Andorra, Sweden, Singapore and Iceland. The results suggest Brits are moving away from processed produce in favour of fresh and locally sourced food. The traditional vegetables grown there, such as swede, parsnips and brussels sprouts, are rich in nutrients and valuable fibre.

Somewhat surprisingly, Andorra boasts one of the world's healthiest populations in spite of the fact they are the second largest wine consumers in the world. Red wine actually contains antioxidants which can prevent heart conditions caused by high cholesterol - but of course should be con-

sumed in moderation so as not to trigger other conditions.

The Swedish diet contains plenty of food which is known to be good for digestion, such as high-quality dairy products, and rye and pumpernickel breads. Scandinavians have been moving away from meat-heavy diets in recent years too and are big fans of organic produce. The herbs and spices that play a leading role in Singapore cuisine have been proven to help prevent illness and have anti-inflammatory properties. Common ingredients such as ginger and turmeric also help to improve circulation.

Iceland tops the list, which is not really surprising given its strict environmental regulations and fish-heavy cuisine. The Icelandic diet is based around pure, local ingredients and their food has been shown to be among the least polluted on the planet. Grass-fed cows produce milk high in beta carotene, farms sell meat from lambs that have spent all summer grazing in the wild and fish are reared free from chemicals.

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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:
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A toxic truth



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

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 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 in-

dexes 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 pollu-

tion awareness, many have accused the industry of simply trying to profit from helping 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 advertising banner in Madrid last year which apparently removed greenhouse gases from the air.

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Time has passed and the bloodsucking protagonist knows that his moment in the limelight won't last forever, he must find a successor.

He meets a young female singer one night who, with just a little help, would provide a perfect replacement.

Drac gives her the opportunity to become a star as he uses his fame and popularity to boost her

renown but she must make an important decision if she wants to become an eternal star, to bask beneath the warm sunlight or to live under the cold spotlights.

"Dare to dream ... although no dream is free when it becomes reality."

Written by authors Najwa Nimri, Emilio Tome and Carlos Dorrego, the show is produced by Royal Role, Rambleta and Silk with scenic direction by Fernando Soto.

The show takes place at the Padilla Municipal Auditorium on Wednesday, October 20 at 9pm.

Tickets are priced between €12 and €15 and can be purchased from the theatre box office or from Almeriacultura.com.



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Mojacar

MORE OF THAT: Participants have a great day touring Mojacar.

The marvels of Mojacar

FREE guided visits took place in Mojacar.

Organised by the town council in a bid to celebrate International Tourism Day, visits to historic parts of the Old Town were offered in both Spanish and English.

Carried out by Day Tours Almeria, the official guides put together a series of information and accompanied trips to some of the most important areas in the old town as well as those that were lesser known to the general public.

The success of the day was evident in that more people turned up than expected which resulted in the need for extra guides

in both languages.

Thousands of photographs were taken of points of interest including the Mirador del Castillo, the Arco de la Ciudad, the Arrabal and the church.

The spectacular location of the Plaza Nueva proved the most popular spot with mesmerising views of the sea and town, the hills of Cabrera, Bedar, Almagrera as well as the Valle de las Piramides.

Emmanuel Agüero, Mojacar's councillor for Tourism, emphasised how important sustainable tourism is in terms of growth and development. and, for all the interna-

tional events organised by his team this year. He said: "The council and my department have invested a lot of time collaborating with the companies involved in Mojacar's tourism in order to place our town in a leading position in the tourism world."

Recent years have seen Mojacar presented with an increasing number of international awards and achievements such as blue flags for its beaches and a number of tourism quality seals.

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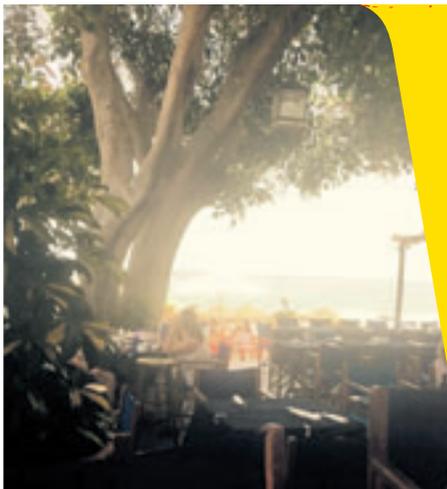


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Neuman unplugged

PACO, the voice of the pop-rock group Neuman, will be giving fans a chance to enjoy a most intimate gig in Almería.

On Friday, October 13, Paco will perform The Word of the Musician.

This show comes hot on the heels of Neuman's fourth hit album Crashpad.

This up-close-and-personal experience will see attendees get the chance to hear a host of information about Paco in a live interview that will feature musical information and influences as well as a series of hilarious anecdotes.

An acoustic concert will follow as he plays some of his favourite songs in a stripped-down, unplugged style. Support comes in the form of Norek, one of Almería's newest musical sensations.

The gig starts at 9pm at Apollo Theatre on Rambla Obispo Orbera.

Nhitto comes home to base

A STAR of Spain's underground music scene is coming to Almería.

As the son of a DJ, he began gigging at a very early age outside of his hometown so as to avoid the musical influence of his habitat.

Nhitto claims to have devoted his body and soul to techno music and his songs pack a futuristic energy into a timeless sound that never fails to get people to dance.

A serious DJ with a powerful sound, Nhitto is a magician when synergising seminal sounds of early, industrial and dark techno whilst ensuring to add in some of the latest, high-octane sounds.

His experimentation is what gives him such renown and he claims not to despise any sound because everything carries some form of inspiration which has enabled him to remove the limits from his musical spectrum and fuel his ferocious taste for more diverse noises.

A hometown gig in Almería will be a most special event for this rising star as he hits the Madchester Club in Parque Nicolas Salmeron on Saturday, October 14.

He left the town years ago to settle in Murcia and Alicante proved to be a key area where he first harnessed his support



Everything sounds better with Nhitto.

Credit: Facebook/Nhitto

from record labels, enabling him to obtain bookings for big events into what has now become a highly successful music career.

Nhitto has played in some of the most prestigious national and international clubs and festivals including Flex (Vien-

na), Creamfields (UK), Hradhouse (Czech Republic) as well as a number of huge Spanish events including Dreambeach and Electrobeach,

Almería technoheads are in for a treat as the local artist comes home for the Ninna music event.

He will be joined by a number of other artists and, kicking off at 11pm, the rave is sure to go on through to the early hours.

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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!

Smooth: The magic of Santana comes to town

A SILKY smooth show will be enjoyed in Almeria as Europe's number one Santana tribute comes to town.

The Roquetas de Mar Theatre will host the show on Saturday, November 25.

An ambitious Santana project began in 2010 and has gone from strength to strength, now performing with current members of Santana.

Members of the actual band do not consider themselves to be of higher status, they claim to be nothing more than special guests such is their respect for the tribute group.

The all-star outfit attract huge crowds in every venue they play as their popularity has increased year-on-year.

Appearing on this tour are Alex Ligertwood and Tony Lindsay who said: "We are very happy about it and wonder what other encounters of this kind we can still experience."



Credit: Dirty Dancing on Tour

IT'S LOVE: Baby and Johnny get together in Spain.

Live Dirty dancing comes to Almeria

THE romance of baby and Johnny will live once again in Almeria.

Their silky skills and sublime dance moves will be jumping from the movie screen to the theatre stage in Auditorio Municipal Maestro Padilla from October 25 to 29.

Frances Houseman, nicknamed Baby, falls in love with the dance instructor, Johnny, at Catskills resort where she is spending the summer with her family. The musical, which has broken records worldwide, comes to Spain with

a totally new production.

Having spent two seasons in London's West End as well as completing two highly successful UK tours, the love story of Baby and Johnny comes to life in Spain with a host of songs that are nothing short of timeless classics such as Hungry Eyes, Hey Baby, Do You Love Me and the unforgettable, Time of My Life.

Tickets are priced between €45 and €55 and are available at the theatre box office as well as online via Almeriacultura.com.

Enjoy a memorable jazz evening

AN amazing pianist is coming to Almeria.

One of the most creative ivory ticklers in the new generation of Spanish jazz, Jose Carra will host what is sure to be a memorable evening at Broadway Jazz Cafe on Carratera Gador Laujar.

Joined by fellow musicians, Bori Albero and Dani Dominguez, some fantastic jazz

sounds can be expected throughout an intriguing yet laid-back evening.

He is also able to play rock, pop and electronic music but poetry also plays a fundamental role in all of his sounds, adding personality and an easy recognisable feature to his unique tunes.

Carra's latest album Verso harnesses the

energy of rock with the lyricism of minimalist classical music.

It has been a major hit in jazz clubs throughout Spain including Barcelona, Valencia and Malaga.

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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,



OCTOBER: The focus for this new moon is balance.

celebrate your success! If progress has been 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 beginnings, 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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SAINTLY SWING: Residents enjoy a dance.

Franciscan festivities

THE fiestas of San Francisco were a huge hit with Albox residents.

The 2017 edition of the annual celebration of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, saw hoardes of locals and visitors flood the streets of La Loma

and Albox in the fun event that featured beer, wine and tapas as well as live music and fireworks.

The usual solemn Triduum (three-day religious observation) took place in the Parish Church of La Concepción which culminated in the tra-

ditionally crowded procession of St Francis before the festival finished with a speech, dancing and a climactic big party.

A great community spirit was enjoyed by all and plans are already in place for the 2018 edition.

Team effort for Alejandra

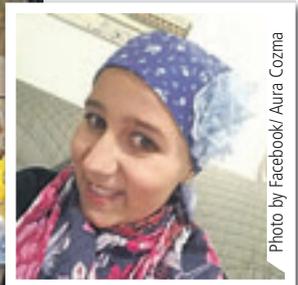


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A GREAT TIME: CD Villa de Fines made sure Alejandra was smiling.

ALEJANDRA, a 12-year-old cancer sufferer has benefited from an indoor football match.

CD Villa de Fines took on UA Ceuti, beating them by five goals to four but the match result was overshadowed by a much more emotional issue, the plight of a young girl with cancer.

The money made by the box office for the game, which was attended by more than 200 people, was donated to Alejandra's care.

As previously reported in *Euro Weekly News*, her mother had to quit her job to care for her ill daughter, who requires round-the-clock aid.

She has struggled with finances, having difficulty obtaining aid from Albox Council and receiving nothing from the father, who lives in France.

The nearby municipality of Fines made the funds available after hearing her story, inviting the young

girl and her mother to the match and providing them with a chance to meet the team and receive a scarf from captain, Cortes.

Her mother told Spanish media that it was an unforgettable night for them both.

Alejandra suffers from a wilms tumour (a tumour on the kidney which affects only one in every 250,000 children) and is in the penultimate stage of the disease.

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Inspectors come to town

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As well as the 69 fixed stations in the area, a point was set up today (Thursday) in the fairground area of Olula del Rio between 9.45am and 1.15pm in order to inspect the road-worthiness of the two-wheeled modes of transport.

The Ministry of Employment, Enterprise and Commerce organised the on-location tests in collaboration with the public company Verificaciones Industriales de Andalucía.

These were put in place as the paths of the scooters are limited to certain types of road and not all routes are easily accessible.

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Old school

AN 86-year-old Albox teacher was featured on Spanish television.

Canal Sur honoured him in a programme titled Forever Young in celebration of international old persons' day.

The octogenarian, Maruja Moreno, has dedicated more than half of her life to teaching.

Sour grapes as problems persist

A CONTROVERSIAL decision to alter the location of the fruit and vegetable market in Albox has caused ongoing arguments.

Mayor Torrecillas has sacked, Francisco Carillo, councillor for Economic Development, Innovation and Finances, an act which Carillo believes comes as a result of the market row.

A PSOE spokesman said: "The location proposed by the mayor in the fairgrounds is not the best since it is too far

away from the centre. It also becomes less accessible to older people who will struggle to walk the additional distance required which makes it clear that the situation is unsustainable."

The statement also details that it was not the government team who has made the decision.

This contradicts what the town council said where it was claimed that the mayor and the council made the decision in union.

The Partido Popular (PP) have threatened to take the mayor to court if he violates the rights of the Albox people.

PP spokesman, Juan Pedro Perez Quiles, said:

"Regulations dictate the market area can be modified by agreement of the Plenary Council following an opinion of the Municipal Commission for Outbound Commerce, something that has not been carried out."



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New Wave Villas - Bringing Mojacar to the masses

MOJACAR and the Costa de Almeria should see a boost in popularity in the coming weeks and months following the recent 'A Place in the Sun Live' exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham.

The exhibition forms part of the popular 'A Place in the Sun' franchise which includes a TV show, magazine and property sales portal.

More than 9,000 people passed through the doors during the three-day event which showcased international properties, Spain being the most represented destination.

Mojacar's New Wave Villas had a large stand at the event which saw potential buyers from across the UK, waiting in line to get information on properties and locations.

Owners, Alex Lawson and Adèle Land hosted the stand along with colleagues, Jon Marinas, Jessica Woolley and Rebecca Orr, all keen to relay their expert knowledge and passion for the area.

Armed with an extensive brochure featuring dozens of properties and useful information, the team established a large number of leads, and viewing trips are already booked for the coming weeks.

With a strong presence in the Mojacar area, the New Wave Villas team was able to offer potential

purchasers a good range of properties to consider with prices to suit all budgets.

Alex commented: "We spoke to people looking for properties in a wide range of prices, in various areas and we were pleased to be able to offer them plenty of choice in their potential purchase, either from our own portfolio or from our collaboration agents."

He went on: "We are passionate about the Costa de Almeria and we were delighted to share information with people new to the area."

The team welcomed a celebrity visitor to the stand when Sid Siddiqui of Goggle-box fame, also a New Wave Villas client, popped along to lend his support.

During the duration of the expo, the busy New Wave Villas Mojacar office remained open and saw a number of properties go under offer before they could even be shown to visitors on the stand!

With the expected influx of potential buyers from the expo combined with the buoyancy of the property market, New Wave Villas urgently needs new property listings in all price ranges.

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THE TEAM: All were keen to relay their expert knowledge of the area.

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THE STAND: Sharing information.

Great expectations

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 prudent 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



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

€150,000, compared to 37 per cent in 2013.

There has, however, been an increase 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.

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DANCING: A stand of Mexican fan palms.

There are two commonly grown types of fan palm. The Mexican Fan Palm, Washing-

tonia 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 Californian 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 palms 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.

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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.

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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.

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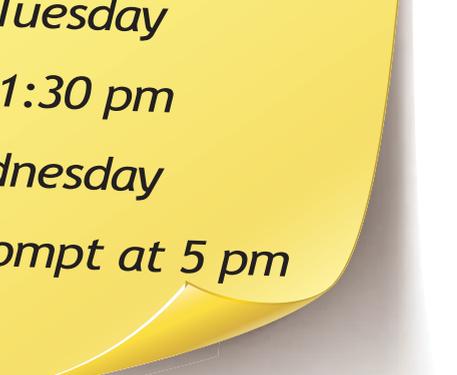
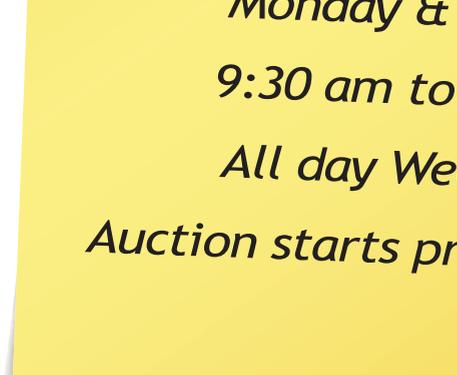
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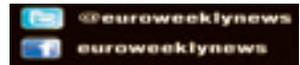
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Porsche power redefined

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.

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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Hyundai i30 Premium

WHILE the VW Golf and Vauxhall Astra dominate the family hatchback class, there are other worthy contenders who are often overlooked, perhaps most notably the Hyundai i30.

The i30 is well-built, well-equipped, pleasing to drive and comes with a five-year unlimited mileage warranty, so the overall package ticks most of the boxes for would-be buyers in this hard-fought sector. Prices start at €19,334 (£16,995) but you need to move up a notch or two to get extras including parking sensors, sat-nav and connectivity features.

My test model was the top-spec Premium SE 1.4-litre petrol version which has all those features plus 17-inch alloys, powered driver's seat, part-leather upholstery, climate-control, cruise-control, auto lights and wipers, sunroof, rear-camera, touchscreen and a lot of safety kit including lane departure and rear cross-traffic warnings. You also get puddle-lights and chrome detailing. Overall, it's a great spec but does hike up the price to €27,576 (£24,240).

The 138bhp engine is smooth and responsive and delivers a sprightly 0-100 km/h in 8.9 seconds, has a top speed of 209 km/h (130 mph) and fuel economy of 18.5L/100km (52.3 mpg).

On the road, the i30 performs well. A six-speed manual gearbox is standard and is slick and efficient, and while the steering could provide more feedback, there is still plenty of grip and the ride is very comfortable, especially on longer trips.

Cabin accommodation is good, with

head and legroom for all but the tallest rear occupants. The boot, at 350 litres, is larger than those of the Golf and Astra, and with rear seats folded - a neat one-touch action - you are getting a whopping 1,301 litres. The dashboard has a logical layout with dials and controls in-vision and within easy reach.

The i30 has been specially designed for the European market and its smart new look is more noticeable than the rather staid appearance of some of its main rivals. It should be on the short-list of anyone in the market for a new family hatchback. It impresses as a safe and dependable car and anyone who checks one out will be surprised at how good it looks close-up, and also how much kit it offers. Plus, as a bonus, its five-year warranty beats all its main rivals.

Stats panel

Model: Hyundai i30 Premium SE
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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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Aguilon Golf Club members' report

WITH the last competition of September, there was the conclusion of our Order of Merit/Golfer of the Year competition, an aggregate of the 10 best rounds of each player over the last 12 months and a very worthy winner, sealing the title in the last couple of weeks.

1st Norman Ridgway 377 pts
2nd Peter Death 372 pts
3rd Les Raufer 371 pts

Also the Summer Eclectic came to a conclusion, this is a player's best points score on each individual hole and again the result went down to the wire.

1st Lynne Whibley 64 pts
2nd Jim Laing 63 pts
3rd Phil Miles 62 pts on

a card play-off.

Wednesday September 27 - Campbell Lamont Qualifier.

In perfect conditions there was a runaway winner and a bunched field contesting the minor placings.

1st John Bridgen 40 pts
2nd Les Raufer 36 pts on a card play-off

3rd Bill Gibb 36 pts
Twos: Norman Ridgway 3rd, Rich Hull 8th, Phil Miles, Dave Sharp 12th, Mark Newall x2 14th and 17th, Bill Gibb, Les Raufer, Derrick Stephenson, Norman Whibley 17th.

For further information log on to the club website at: aguilonmembersclub.com.



JOHN BRIDGEN: The runaway winner.

Badgers Golf Society trip to Desert Springs

A VERY warm welcome was given to Badgers Golf Society by Desert Springs on Wednesday September 27. It had been over two years since the society last played there.

The course is now under preparation for a second round of the European Tour. Never an easy course to get round as the fairways are so tight. Following the golf, the players enjoyed a hot buffet in the clubhouse.

Full Results. 1st Steve Casburn: 35 points. 2nd Jock Glynn: 34 points. 3rd Seamus Corbett: 33 points. NTP: 6th : Brian Watts. 8th: Simon Partridge. 14th: Steve Casburn. 17th: Bob Tilley.

Two's. 2nd: Colin Parker. 14th. Steve Casburn . Longest Drive: Men Jock Glynn. Ladies Steph Glynn.

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