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SPLIT: Mallorca has voiced support for Cataluña's choice.

Nightclub boss trial goes on

MAGALUF businessman Bartolome Cursach had his phone tapped by police for two years before his arrest.

The transcripts of phone conversations between Cursach and his cronies turned out to be the strongest piece of evidence the police presented to convict the business owner.

Between December 2014 and January 2016, Cursach, his number two Bartolome Sbert and several other associates were listened to by police as they discussed corrupt business practices and their struggle to control the Magaluf nightlife scene.

Among the most incriminating revelations were discussions about whether Cursach's lawyer could get "his friend in the Tax Agency to do what he has to do" and their plans to "wreck" a competitor in the nightlife business.

As the months went on, the conversations grew sparser as Cursach and Sbert became more reluctant to talk about confidential matters over the telephone. In several conversations at the end of 2016 the entrepreneur revealed that he was aware the police were tapping his phone.

The judge suspended the licence to tap their phones in December 2016 and the police moved in for the arrest two months later.

The general director of the Mallorca Tourism Board, Pilar Carbonell, also appeared on the recordings when Cursach needed her help in expanding the grounds of his Megapark business.

In the phone calls, which take place between the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016, Carbonell, who is still in office, promised Cursach she would accelerate the paper work so he could proceed with his plans.

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Freedom fever

Calls for island independence escalate

By Matthew Elliott

CRIES for Mallorcan independence rang out as thousands of people protested across the island in support of beleaguered Cataluña.

A spokesman for Mallorca's own nationalists has now said that they will push for a referendum on the island "in 2040, 2030, or even as early as 2020."

David Abril, of Mes per Mallorca, also called on Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy to step down after the violent suppression of Cataluña's vote. "He has no more legitimacy," said Abril, whose socialist and eco-minded party has long been beating the drums for Mallorcan, or Balearic, independence.

The dream isn't too far-fetched. Mes are already part of the ruling coalition in the Balearic parliament. Together with the Mallorca Greens, they command around 14 per cent of the vote. Mallorca is culturally Catalan and

Abril, like many other ambitious politicians, believes anything can happen over the coming years.

Mes parliamentarians showed up in Palma wearing Tweety t-shirts in support of their Catalan comrades. The Loony Tunes canary character bizarrely featured on a large cruise ship anchored near Barcelona carrying Guardia Civil reinforcements from Madrid. On the t-shirts Tweety has a speech bubble saying 'Si' and is waving a Catalan flag.

An estimated 3,000 people gathered in Palma on Sunday night to voice support for Catalan referendum. They shouted slogans, including 'liberty!' and 'independence!' and sang the Balearic anthem.

They were countered by a small group of protestors waving the Spanish flag and voicing their support of the police. Other pro-Catalan rallies took place in Manacor, Pollensa, Soller, Felanitx and Sineu, among other places.

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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

Lorry horror

A BIN lorry ran over an elderly woman in Palma. She was dragged under the wheel for several metres and has life-threatening injuries. The driver passed a drugs and alcohol test.

Spain in crisis

Catalan secession plans go on

By Matt Ford

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

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

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

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

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

Tensions remain high and



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

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

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

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

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

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

No fitting send-off for airline

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

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

British consular staff have been dispatched to Spanish airports.

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

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



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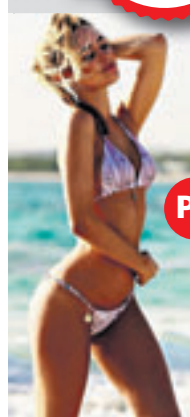
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JOE HART

Surprise surprise

A LEGAL report has led to allegations of police favouritism. The Cursach Group, owned by accused gangster Tolo Cursach, paid just 7.9 per cent of all the fines it has received over the years. The company owns numerous Palma nightclubs and is believed to have had dozens of police officers in its pocket at the height of Tolo's power.

Heartbroken hero

TENNIS hero Rafael Nadal said he watched heartbroken from Beijing as Cataluña unravelled on Sunday. The Manacor man said that he felt like crying when he watched the violent referendum scenes. Nadal has previously expressed support of Spanish unity but has appealed for reason on all sides and an end to radicalisation.

Fantasy adventure

GAME of Thrones star Pilou Asbaek has become an ambassador for Mallorca. The Dane, who plays Euron Greyjoy, will promote the island as a top shooting location. His parents, Jacob and Patricia Asbaek, founded the CCA Cultural Centre in Andratx in 2001, giving the 26-year-old actor a strong, life-long connection to Mallorca.

Baby rescued

QUICK acting Local Police officers saved the life of a five-day-old baby who suffered a heart attack in a Palma street.

The newborn stopped breathing in his father's arms. He rushed to officers who were able to revive the child until medics arrived. He spent three days in hospital and made a full recovery.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...31

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



UNDER THREAT: The Tajo.

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

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

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

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

Dry as a bone

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

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

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

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

Happy camper

CANADIAN basketball legend and now Real Mallorca director, Steve Nash, enjoyed the weekend by watching his new club soar to the top of the

third division with an away victory over Alcoy. Nash, a former NBA star, left Mallorca earlier this week after visiting the Rafa Nadal Academy and giving Real Mallorca players a pep talk in Palma.

Rollin' down the rivers...

Delta blues

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

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

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

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- 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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Poll of the week

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

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

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

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*

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

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

★★★★★★

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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Little bits on the side

NEWS EXTRA**Chinese fake off**

PALMA police have confiscated nearly 200 fake Chinese watches masquerading as well-known brands including Emporio Armani and Rolex, after intercepting a man from Senegal who was planning to sell the timepieces on the street.

Power drop

ELECTRICITY demand in the Balearic Islands went down by 5.3 per cent in September, in comparison to the previous year, following an initial surge in the first few months in 2017.

Shop open

THE first Chinese travel agency has opened in Mallorca which will help locals plan trips to China as well as giving Chinese tourists a base where they can sort out their visas and other travel plans.

Road idiots

POLICE are hunting for vandals who threw stones at cars driving at high speeds on the airport motorway. One driver burst his tyre on a sharp stone lying on the road.

Roof relief

THE roof collapsed on a Magaluf restaurant on Saturday night. Rescue workers initially feared a woman was buried under the rubble but there turned out to be no casualties.

No trace

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have been unable to find the remains of four republicans from Campos executed during the Spanish Civil War. The excavation has been extended for three more days in a final attempt to locate them.

THE residents of Son Rapinya have criticised the recent destruction of a forest in order to clear the way for new high-voltage pylons.

Over 80 pine trees have already been felled in the local forest, which was declared a Natural Area of Special Interest (ANEI), to make space for the 14 new pylons. Many locals failed to understand why the council would allow such development to

Electrical storm

take place in a protected area which is frequented by hikers and joggers.

Both the Department for Environment and the electricity company Red Electrica claimed that the project complies with the necessary environmental regulations and also has the approval from the Department

for Land and Housing. Local media sources also claim that the project is "of public interest" so it can be carried out in a protected zone.

The new electrical network will cover over 4,000 square metres and cost over €6 million to complete. Residents have also complained that

new roads will be built to access the development which will have a negative impact on the local environment as well.

The Son Rapinya Neighbourhood Association stated that they do not question the legality of the development, only question why the council chose that plot in particular when there were other less controversial choices.



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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.

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

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

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

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

All Wright on the night



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

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

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

MARRIED BLISS: Elliot and Sadie.

Donkey work!

HE is captain of Real Madrid and Spain.

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

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



NICE PAIR: Pilar and Sergio.

Tat's amazing

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

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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.

Maddocks' view on life - Page 31.

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Gravity glory

A TEAM of researchers in Mallorca has helped an American-led team to win the Nobel Prize in Physics.

The group from the Balearic University in Palma helped discover that it was possible to measure gravitational waves, first hypothesised by Einstein.

Their research was expanded on by a team including Kip Thorne, who won the physics world's highest accolade.

Spilt beer

A BEER festival has been cancelled in Santa Ponsa due to an argument over a tent. There will be no Oktoberfest as the organisers, Trui, can't agree with Calvia Council on where to put the massive tent. Neither residents nor local churches want the beer festival taking place anywhere near them.

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Deadly slip

THE maintenance manager, aged 56, working in a Palmonova hotel died on Monday after falling and striking his head in the boiler room. The body was discovered by a co-worker who alerted the emergency services.

Reports claim the man died almost immediately after suffering a heavy blow to the head so nothing could be done to save his life.

The deceased was identified as Mariano Jesus F G who worked as the maintenance manager at the Mimosa Park hotel in Palmanova.

Tale of two islands



Photo credit: Facebook/Pedro Besterd

PROTEST: Rural world unites against interfering city slickers.

HUNTERS and farmers gathered to demonstrate against a perceived onslaught against the rural world by ecologists and animal rights activists.

Tractors and horse-drawn carriages were out in force as thousands marched against new policies enacted by the Council of Mallorca.

The Platform for the De-

fence of the Rural World is a loose coalition of hunters, farmers, cave divers, hikers and other outdoorsy types who are fed up with increasing political intervention in their way of life.

They managed to summon more than 5,000 people to Palma, closing down roads as protestors loudly denounced

Mallorca's council.

At the helm of the protest was Pedro Besterd, president of the Balearic Hunters' Federation. He has long argued that it is absurd for pen-pushing politicians and green idealists to dictate rural policy when they have little conception of country living.

"We cannot continue to ignore the intentions of those who are now in government," he said in a fiery speech.

He slammed discrimination

against farmers and hunters by city slickers who accuse them of environmental abuse, when in fact it is the rural community which has real expertise.

Among the litany of complaints are restrictions on hunting in serious areas, decided from afar with no real consultation, and the banning of bullfighting in all its forms.

Hikers and other adventurers also complain that they are being increasingly banned from certain trails.

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NEWS EXTRA**Rain pain
in Spain**

RAIN interspersed with sunshine is expected to continue until at least tomorrow (Friday). By the weekend temperatures will be cooler and the skies slightly clearer.

Third degree

AFTER a gas explosion at a Santa Ponsa apartment, a 19-year-old man was taken to Son Espases hospital with serious burns. Guardia Civil investigators found six butane bottles in the flat.

Serial pest

POLICE captured a man believed to be behind more than 20 burglaries across Santa Ponsa. The 25-year-old allegedly robbed bars, shops and restaurants at night time but was caught on CCTV.

Plastic on the plate

Unsafe microfibres now in 30% of fish

By *Matthew Elliott*

MICROPLASTIC pollution is so bad that people are literally eating their shorts.

Spanish scientists have found that plastics are so embedded in Mallorca's west Mediterranean waters that they have entered the tissue of fish.

Today when people eat sardines, anchovies and mackerel, they stand about a one in three chance of consuming a fish with miniscule plastic particles in its flesh. The plastics come from synthetic fibres washed out from t-shirts, shorts, jumpers and jackets.

The microscopic fibres are confused with plankton by marine organisms and enter the food chain. Other plastic from bottles, cans, bags and general rubbish is gradually broken down by seawater and ozone. Eventually they become so tiny that the particles form part of the sea and are consumed by fish.

There are around 1,500 tons of plastic drifting in the west Mediterranean according to Greenpeace. Researchers from



NIGHTMARE: Blue seas masking trillions of poisonous plastic particles.

the Spanish Oceanographic Institute found microplastics in the stomachs of a third of the fish they examined.

Microfibres easily diffuse from the stomachs into the flesh. Fish stomachs are also used in the processing of beer, wine, honey and mineral waters.

All have now been recorded as con-

taining microplastics.

Every single washing machine cycle releases almost one million microfibres into the sea. Acrylic, polyester and nylon are the worst offenders. The microfibres plunge through domestic wastepipes, then are expelled into rivers from sewage treatment plants.

Port's dream makeover

PLANS to renovate Es Barcares port have been announced.

The tranquil Alcudia port will be reinforced, with better moorings and more green spaces.

Much of the investment will go towards strengthening the shelters and building a new non-slip ramp. The works will be carried out by Melchor Mascaro, who have a €333,000 budget and will start in October. The project is expected to take four months.

Environment minister Marc Pons made the announcement. It is part of a Balearic wide investment of €34 million to fix up ports across the islands.

Es Barcares will be expanded to reduce the waiting list for mooring licences by 50 per cent. It will be a port for all residents, said Pons, with new lighting and paving to make it a welcoming public space.

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Moyamania returns with Legend's Cup

THE Legend's Cup tennis tournament gets underway at the Palma Sports and Tennis Club today (Thursday).

The competition finishes on Sunday and sees former World Number 1 Carles Moya of Mallorca defend his title. The 41-year-old is up against the likes of Mark Philippoussis, Henri Leconte and Tim Henman from the UK.

Also known as the ATP Champions Tour, the contest pits ageing former champs against one another in a fan-friendly affair. Most

of the competitors could easily still rank in the world's top 1,000 and provide an excellent, exciting contest.

Local man Carles Moya will be favourite to defend his title. He grew up playing tennis at the same green oasis. Just as English fans had 'Henman Hill,' so there was once a brief period of 'Moyamania.' That was around 1999, well before one Rafael Nadal made his Wimbledon debut in 2003.



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CARLES MOYA:
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There will be knockout matches at 6pm on the first three days, with six players in the singles event. The singles final is on Sunday at 5pm.

NEWS EXTRA

Knife thief behind bars

A DRUG addict who broke into a Palma games arcade armed with a 20cm knife and stole €600 from customers was jailed for four and a half years due to his already lengthy robbery record.

Left back

PARENTS denounced the 'atrocious conditions' at Can Maiol football facilities in Soller. Children's feet are at risk from broken urinal porcelain, despite parents paying taxes for the facility's upkeep.

Floor fall

A YOUNG German man was hospitalised after falling from the fourth floor of a s'Arenal hostel. The 21-year-old suffered serious brain injuries. Police have opened an investigation.

Neigh more

A HORSE drawing a tourist carriage in Palma went berserk and thrashed its hooves into seven cars. No-one was injured and police were finally able to control the situation.

Doggie race

A FUN 'doggie race' was a huge hit in Port Adriano on Sunday. Around 80 dogs took part in the fun race, which also helped raise funds for animal charities.

New record

WITH all the numbers in for summer, it has been revealed that 10.2 million foreigners have visited Mallorca and its neighbours so far this year, an increase of 6.2 per cent on 2016.

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NEWS EXTRA

Could be worse

WITH the end of the summer, unemployment rose on Mallorca by over 5 per cent. But compared to last year unemployment has plummeted by 12 per cent, the second best rate in Spain.

Pretty pueblo

FIFTY-SEVEN villages, including Fornalutx, scrubbed up on Sunday for the Prettiest Villages in Spain Day. Fornalutx is the only village on Mallorca to be part of the exclusive club.

Horn wars

A DOZEN wild goats occupied the streets of Camp de Mar in Andratx, leading to pleas for police assistance. One Swedish man crashed his bike into a goat, sustaining serious injuries.

Baby seat

A PLANE bound for Luxembourg from Mallorca was forced to make an emergency landing in Geneva when a baby suffered medical complications on board. The child recovered in Switzerland.

Grow green

LAND dedicated to organic fruit and veg rose from 1,500 hectares to nearly 30,000 hectares in 2016. Now more than 10 per cent of Mallorca's agricultural land is organic.

Drunk bribe

A DRUNK driver who tried to bribe arresting officers with more than €450 cash from his wallet is facing five years in prison. The incident took place in Costa d'en Blanes and saw him crash into multiple cars.

THE daughter of Mallorca's infamous drug-running granny was arrested with three and a half kilos of cocaine.

Manuela Fernandez Cortes, known on the street as 'La Guapi,' was caught near the Son Banya slum in Palma by the special Unit of Drugs and Organised Crime (UDYCO).

The UDYCO said the cocaine was extremely pure and likely has a street

value in the millions. La Guapi is the daughter of Francisca Cortes, also known as 'La Paca,' the gypsy matriarch of the ghetto neighbourhood who is currently serving time for heroin and cocaine trafficking.

Slum queen in cuffs

Also arrested in last week's swoop was La Bizca, a close associate of the 44-year-old La Guapi. The two women were intercepted after a lengthy police surveillance operation.

La Guapi was only recently released

from prison after being caught with her mother in Operation Kabul in 2008, which destroyed the gypsy clan's control of the Barcelona-Mallorca drug route. She also served time for torturing two drug addicts.

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NEWS EXTRA

**Hiker, 63
rescued**

A BRITISH hiker, aged 63, was rescued by firefighters in Deia. He slipped down a 40-metre-long slope and was taken to Son Espases hospital by helicopter in a serious condition.

Nose excuse

FOUR men accused of dealing cocaine from their Santa Catalina flat face a combined 19 years in prison. All the suspects pleaded innocence and claim to be addicts undergoing rehabilitation.

Bribe bunch

AFTER 130 police officers were suspended pending a corruption inquiry, Palma Council is holding interviews to replenish the workforce. Dozens are suspected of taking bribes from Tolo Cursach.

Brit couple offer reward for rings

By Matthew Elliott

A SUBSTANTIAL reward is still on offer for anyone who can provide information leading to the return of three rings. A British couple are offering a €5,000 reward for the rings which went missing at Son Espases hospital.

Stephen and Lyndie Sked have frequently visited the hospital in recent weeks. Their baby daughter has undergone heart surgery there and is still recovering.

While visiting her daughter three weeks ago, Lyndie was asked to remove her rings as part of strict hygiene rules on entering the neonatal ward. She left them in the designated space but was shocked to find they had disappeared when she returned.

With a full search recovering nothing, the couple fear the rings were stolen and have filed a police report. National Police have opened an active investigation and



Photo credit: Stephen Sked

REWARD: British couple have put reward out for missing rings.

have their suspicions.

Unfortunately the insurance won't pay out because the rings weren't on Lyndie's fingers when they were taken. The couple are hoping that anyone with suspicions or even the slightest piece of information will come forward as they fight for the

rings' return.

They are of deep emotional value to Stephen and Lyndie, which is why they have put forward a generous reward. Stephen can be contacted on 0044 797 375 7580 or readers with any information can also contact EWN on 951 386 161.

Hotels strike a big deal

HOTEL workers will enjoy a record salary increase over the coming years. The roughly 140,000 hotel sector employees on the island will see wages jump by 17 per cent in yearly gradations by 2021.

In 2018 and 2019 salaries will rise by 5 per cent. Increases of 3.5 per cent will come in 2020 and 2021. The news comes after tough, lengthy negotiations between the UGT and CCOO trade unions and the hotels' federation.

Not all of Mallorca's hoteliers accepted the historic wage rise. But a majority have and the dissenters will have to follow their lead.

It is the highest ever increase seen by hospitality workers, not only on Mallorca, but across Spain. After years of perceived abuse, unsteady contracts and poor wages, hotel workers on the Balearics have formed strong unions, guided by the islands' tourist success.

The Balearic executive has come out in support of the rise, noting that it will see workers spend their wages locally, fuelling the economy by boosting domestic consumption. Between 2012 and 2017 the purchasing power of hotel workers fell by 0.9 per cent.

President of the Hotel Federation of Mallorca, Immaculada Benito, said the salary jump was part of a multi-billion euro plan to improve quality and conditions at the island's hotels.



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NEWS EXTRA

Not on their watch

A THIEF who tried to rob a €22,500 Rolex from a German tourist was held down by brave witnesses in Palma. The 55-year-old victim put up an almighty struggle, alerting passers-by with her screams.

Bad boss

A CONSTRUCTION boss was jailed for 18 months for failing to provide a safety harness to a worker. The man sustained permanent injuries after falling eight metres from a Palma building.

Bum brawl

A MAN was fined €3,900 for breaking another man's nose during a dance floor dust up at a Magaluf bar. The victim had accidentally spilt his drink when their backsides collided.

There she blows!

Whale's beauty secret found on beach

By Matthew Elliott

TWO teenagers discovered an incredibly valuable by-product of a sperm whale's digestive system on the Mallorca coast. They found almost 1.5 kilos worth of grey amber, also known as Ambergris, in a cove near Porto Cristo.

Scientists are still investigating the quality of the find. But refined Ambergris can fetch up to €80,000 per kilo on international markets. The funky-smelling solid substance is secreted from the bile ducts of sperm whales and has long been used in the manufacture of perfumes.

It is the first time a finding of Ambergris has been recorded on Mallorca. The unusual waxy texture and strong smell encouraged the youngsters to bring their discovery to the authorities.

Ambergris is flammable



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PRECIOUS: Ambergris is perhaps most valuable digestive product on planet.

and releases a powerful smelling oil when burnt. This is the element highly sought after by cosmetics companies the world over.

Director of the Balearic Island's Oceanographic Centre, Salud Deudero, says it is an

exceptional find. "To my knowledge there has been no other case or at least record of it on the islands," he said.

There has, however, been an increase in sperm whale sightings around Cabrera Island. Over summer research

teams took around 100 underwater photos of sperm whales in Balearic waters.

The giant mammals are thought to have flocked to the western Mediterranean in recent years for a variety of climatic reasons.

French ferry

CORSICA Sardinia Ferries is adding a new Toulon, France to Alcudia, Mallorca route from next spring. It is the first time travellers from Europe will be able to reach Mallorca in their own cars without going through Barcelona. Journey time is roughly 11 hours and there will be twice weekly connections to begin with.

Olive delight

OPTIMISTIC farmers expect the next olive harvest to be the best in years.

The Oliva de Mallorca council is daring to suggest a 100 ton haul, up from a paltry seven tons in 2016/17. Better weather conditions and the EU's decision not to cull hundreds of thousands of trees have played their part.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Footing the bill

SPAIN'S deployment of the National Police and the Guardia Civil to try to stop the illegal independence referendum in Cataluña has already cost almost €32m - but the figure is set to rise.

Breaking bad

ONE of the largest dealers of weapons on the black market has been held by police in Navarra. The 24-year-old taught himself how to navigate the black market-dominated dark web and manufacture weapons.

Blown down

A HOTEL in Mallorca has set up a unique 'sanctuary' for inflatable pool toys that are left behind when holidaymakers return home and allows new guests to 'adopt' them during their stay.

Arms heist

A GANG has stolen 80 rifles from Madrid's biggest weapons arsenal. The thieves used a thermal lance to cut their way into the vault and also made off with an undisclosed amount of money.

Family feud

A MAN has died and four others were injured after a knife fight broke out between two families in Valencia. Police have arrested three suspects as investigations continue.

Little hero

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy saved his mother's life by contacting the police. The young boy dialled 091 when he found her lying face down in her bath.

Out of work

THE end of the summer season saw 27,858 Spaniards become unemployed, the largest number since the economic crash of 2008. There are now 3,410,182 unemployed people in Spain.

Squatters held over kidnap

NINE Polish and Romanian squatters have been held by police and a young woman freed after she was abducted and forced to prostitute herself in Valencia.

The sting was launched when the victim escaped from a disused industrial unit where she was being held captive.

She told investigators that a man had persuaded her to go there with him several days earlier.

But once they were inside, he beat and raped her before making her his prisoner.

He also allowed others to pay for sex with her in exchange for money which he kept.

A brief probe revealed that there were several others living illegally in the unit who were aware of the situation but did nothing, leading to the arrests of two women and seven men after police stormed the building.

Four have previous criminal records, while the victim's details have not been released.

Airline charged mum after going bankrupt

SINGLE parent Lynda Mynott booked Monarch flights to Spain in April next year at a price of €300 for herself and 13-year-old daughter, Gracie.

But the mum, from Wibsey in Bradford, was shocked to discover that the airline, which went into administration at 4am Monday (October 2), took money from her account later that day.

She had arranged the holiday in Spain so her that her daughter's father and his wife could fly in from Australia's Gold Coast to have some holiday time with young Gracie.

Speaking from the UK Lynda said, "I heard about Monarch last night so logged in to my on-line banking.

"The money was still there at 11.30pm so I went on this morning at 7am to cancel the payment but it had gone.

"I rang the bank and explained that they had processed the payment after midnight and she said it still didn't make any difference, I wouldn't be able to get a refund."

Lynda said, "I paid through PayPal so it comes out of my bank account. I don't have a credit card."

Disabled Lynda and daughter Gracie were due to stay with a family relative, Julie Jones Peel, and had booked flights from Manchester airport to Almeria on March 27, 2018 and returning on April 12.

"Gracie has only met her dad three times before so is really disappointed by this news."

Cousin Julie in Almeria added, "I think that's disgusting.

"She paid through PayPal, and all day she's been trying to get through to them but the lines are busy."



FIVE-YEARS-AGO: Lynda Mynott and daughter Gracie at the Grand Canyon - the last time Gracie met her father.

Murder suicide probe launched

POLICE in Barcelona are probing whether a man killed his wife and baby before committing suicide.

Officers found the woman, who had been shot in the head, in the building's reception, while her husband was found dead next to their 11-month-old child in the apartment upstairs. The bodies of the man and the baby also had gunshot wounds, and a firearm was found next to the man.

The events took place around 3pm Sunday in the Sant Marti district of Barcelona.

Officers are now investigating

whether the incident was caused by domestic violence.

According to a statement released by the Catalan police, initial evidence suggests that the husband killed the other two members of his family before shooting himself.

Animal thefts on rise

PET owners in Sevilla have received a police warning after a spate of dog thefts hit the province.

Distraught owners were called from a private telephone number and told that their animals would be hung unless a ransom was paid.

The majority of those taken were small breeds including chihuahuas and pugs.

Investigators called several of the numbers on the notices, with the owners confirming that they had received phone calls threatening their pets and demanding that they pay to get them back.

One said that his chihuahua was taken from the terrace of his home and that shortly afterwards a person called to "say that they had found his dog and that if he wanted to see it again it would cost him €250."

Detectives set a trap after arranging a rendezvous between the owner and thief, swooping to arrest a young man who carried the dog.

He claimed he was merely delivering the canine and was freed after giving a name to police who have now held a second suspect, but residents have been warned that more dog thieves may still be at large.

A grave mistake

FOUR workers at the Municipal Cemetery of El Salvador in the city Oviedo in Asturias, northern Spain, have been arrested by police for stealing from dead bodies.

They have been charged with theft and desecration of corpses.

It is alleged they stole jewellery, personal effects and gold teeth from corpses as the bodies were exhumed from niches and transferred to the general ossuary. It is believed their activities had been going on 'for years.'

Officers from the National Police believe they would have profited around €11,000 from the sale of gold teeth and other effects.

Underwear scare

A GROUP of drunk male university students could face criminal charges after they tried to break into a girls' hall of residence dressed only in their underpants. Videos

circulating on the internet show the men aiming karate kicks at the door of the Maria Inmaculada residence in A Coruña, Galicia, which is managed by nuns.

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Birds baited

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

Loony toon

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

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



Credit: Highsnobility/Twitter.

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

Turk takeover

A TURKISH hacker group

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

GERMANY

Proud day

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

Toxic ransom

GERMAN police are hunting a man suspected of poisoning baby

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

Late congrats

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

tory, as Merkel criticised his policies throughout her campaign.

Easy mistake

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

FRANCE

Family fraud

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

Hairy affair

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

Art history

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

Golden march

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

BELGIUM

Beard ban

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

Food fallout

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

Carbon charge

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

Euro mission

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

NETHERLANDS

Museum must

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

Tall tower

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

Finance leaders

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

Pension puzzle

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

SWEDEN

Multi millions

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

Running wild

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

Wolf hunt

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

Video school

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

NORWAY

Boat bounty

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

Long haul

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

Royal slip

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

Green ship

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

Most valuable companies

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

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

Bank reviews job options

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

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

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

By John Smith

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

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

there will be a drop off in visitors.

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

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

Numbers of wealthy growing

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

Quote of the Week

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



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Quarterly hand out

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

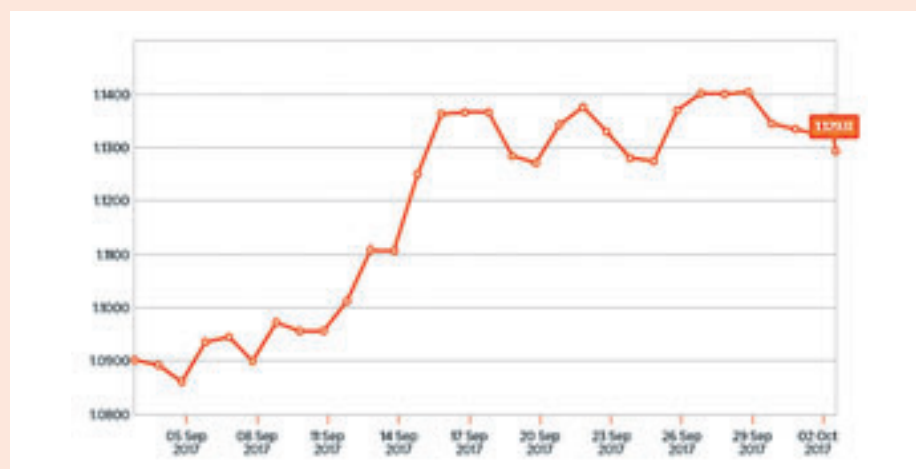
What's been happening?

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

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

As this is a relatively uncontrolled currency, governments in particular

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

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

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

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

Three will become one

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

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

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

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

US TOY COMPANY SEES GROWTH POTENTIAL By investing in Spain

By investing in Spain

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

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

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

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



Photo by Toys 'R' Us Spain

INSIDE one of the Spanish stores.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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MANY UK expatriates living in Spain own properties in the UK and have pensions and investments in the UK. They rely on their UK assets to maintain their lifestyles (and those of their families) in Spain. If they can no longer manage their affairs in the UK due to a loss of mental capacity, it can cause many difficulties.

“ You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

The best way to avoid the legal and practical difficulties that can occur with the loss of mental capacity is to plan for it in advance by drawing up a document called a 'Lasting Power of Attorney' ('LPA').



An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity.

What is an LPA?

An LPA is a legal document that enables you to appoint one or more attor-

neys to act for you when you are no longer able to act for yourself.

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

There are two types of LPA: 'Health and Welfare' or 'Property and Financial Affairs'

An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity. It is therefore important to make one while you are in good health.

Why should you get an LPA?

You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

If you lose your mental capacity and do not have an LPA, then your family (or the authorities) will have no choice but to make an application to the Court of Protection to appoint a 'deputy' to look after your affairs, which can be time consuming and costly.

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

Unfortunately there is no international type of LPA which is guaranteed to work in both the UK and Spain.

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

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.



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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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In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

New mobile phone

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



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

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

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

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

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

RACC Recommendations

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

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

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Is the UK licence invalid?

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

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

Regards - S B (Mallorca)

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

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

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



ver takes up residence in that country.

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

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

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

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Chips with everything

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

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

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

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

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

See you at *opinion.workshop.engaging?*

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

TECH FOR THE TIMID

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



ALHAMBRA PALACE: *opinion.workshop.engaging*.

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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THURSDAY



5 OCTOBER

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FRIDAY

6 OCTOBER

Table with 10 columns: Time, Channel, Program Name, Description. Rows include BBC London News, The One Show, A Question of Sport, EastEnders, Would I Lie to You?, Have I Got News for You, Porridge, BBC News at Ten, BBC London News, The Graham Norton Show, Josh, This Farming Life, Flog It!, Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two, Coast: The Great Guide, Mastermind, Only Connect, Gardeners' World, Mock the Week, Newsnight, Dragons' Den, ITV Evening News, Emmerdale, Coronation Street, Teach My Pet to Do That, Coronation Street, Cold Feet, ITV News at Ten and Weather, ITV News London, Bad Move, Tonight at the London Palladium, Find it Fix it Flog it, My Kitchen Rules, Come Dine with Me, The Simpsons, Hollyoaks, Channel 4 News, Unreported World, The Crystal Maze, Gogglebox, The Last Leg, First Dates, Jesse Stone: Lost in Paradise, 5 News at 5, Neighbours, Home and Away, 5 News Tonight, The Gadget Show, Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb, A Celebrity Taste of Italy, In Therapy, Alaska: A Year in the Wild, Live Japanese GP: Practice, Live ATP 500: Beijing, Cricket, Live European Tour Golf, Football, Football, Live PGA Tour Golf, Through the Night, Through the Night, Through the Night.

SATURDAY

7 OCTOBER

Table with 10 columns: Time, Channel, Program Name, Description. Rows include BBC News, Regional News, Weather, Pointless, Strictly Come Dancing, Casualty, Mrs. Brown's Boys, BBC News, Weather, Thor: The Dark World, The NFL Show, The Big Family Cooking Showdown, Anglesey, Gardeners' World, Front Row, Britain Afloat, Dad's Army, Basquiat - Rage to Riches, Performance Live: You Can't Go Back, Later... with Jools Holland, The X Factor, Thunderbirds are Go, Little Big Shots, Local News and Weather, ITV News and Weather, Cannonball!, The Family Chase, The X Factor, The Jonathan Ross Show, ITV News and Weather, American Pie: The Wedding, A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun, A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun, Location, Location, Location, Channel 4 News, Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson, WWII's Great Escapes, Escape Plan, The Gunman, The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door, The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door, 5 News, Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!, Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!, Where Eagles Dare, Live Boxing, Football on 5, Super Casino, Paddock Uncut: Japan, Cricket, Rugby Union, Rugby Union, Live Super League Grand Final, Live World Grand Prix, Darts Final, Boxing, Rugby Union, Sporting Triumphs.

SUNDAY

8 OCTOBER

Table with 10 columns: Time, Channel, Program Name, Description. Rows include Regional News, Weather, Countryfile, Strictly Come Dancing, Antiques Roadshow, The Last Post, BBC News, Regional News, Weather, Sir Bobby Charlton at 80, The Women's Football Show, Dial M for Murder, Gymnastics, Rugby League Grand Final Highlights, Top Gear, Russia with Simon Reeve, Dragons' Den, Louis Theroux, Snowfall, Mock the Week, Oranges and Sunshine, Victoria, World Cup Qualifier Live: Lithuania v England, Local News and Weather, ITV News and Weather, The X Factor, Victoria, ITV News and Weather, Peston on Sunday, World Cup 2018 Qualifier Highlights, The Simpsons, The Simpsons, Formula 1, The Great British Bake Off, Channel 4 News, Escape to the Chateau, Escape: Human Cargo, Electric Dreams, 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Police Interceptors, Police Interceptors, Innerspace, Mannequin, Annie, Deep-Sea Super Predator, Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights, 5 News, Wild Card, Safe, Live Japanese GP: Race, Live Japanese GP: Paddock Live, Cricket, Live European Tour Golf, Football, Slovenia v Scotland, Football, Live NFL, Live NFL: Kansas @ Houston.

MONDAY

9 OCTOBER

Table with 10 columns: Time, Channel, Program Name, Description. Rows include EastEnders, When Kids Abuse Kids - Panorama, Rellik, BBC News, Regional News, Weather, Have I Got a Bit More News for You, 20 Years of Power with Huw Edwards, Flog It!, Eggheads, Strictly it Takes Two, Coast Great Guides, University Challenge, Upstart Crow, The Human Body: Secrets of Your Life Revealed, WTA, Newsnight, Weather, The Chase, Local News and Weather, ITV Evening News, Emmerdale, Coronation Street, Countrywise, Coronation Street, Liar, ITV News and Weather, After the News, The Jonathan Ross Show, Four in a Bed, Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star, The Simpsons, Hollyoaks, Channel 4 News, Jamie's Quick and Easy Food, Superfoods: The Real Story, The Undateables, First Dates, Quadruplets and Homeless, Killer Among Us, 5 News, Neighbours, Home and Away, 5 News, FIA World Rally, Championship Highlights, Police Interceptors, Paddington Station 24/7, Air Crash: Collision in the Skies, Blade: Trinity, Live ATP 1000: Shanghai, Cricket, India v Australia, Sky Sports News, Euro Goal Zone, La Liga Greatest Games, Football, La Liga Greatest Games, La Liga Greatest Games, Sky Sports News at Ten, Through the Night.

TUESDAY

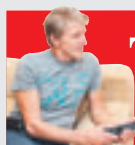
10 OCTOBER

Table with 10 columns: Time, Channel, Program Name, Description. Rows include Regional News, The One Show, EastEnders, Holby City, Our Girl, BBC News, Regional News, Weather, Hate on the Street - Panorama, The Insider, Flog It!, Eggheads, Strictly it Takes Two, Coast Great Guides, Saving Lives at Sea, Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution, Later Live... with Jools Holland, Newsnight, Weather, The Chase, Local News and Weather, ITV Evening News, Emmerdale, Save Money, Robson Green's Coastal Lives, Call the Cleaners, Cilla, The Yorkshire Vet, ITV News, After the News, Lethal Weapon, My Kitchen Rules, Four in a Bed, Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star, The Simpsons, Hollyoaks, Channel 4 News, The Great British Bake Off, Celebrity Hunted, Gogglebox, Parenting for Idiots, Fatal Honey Moon, 5 News, Neighbours, Home and Away, 5 News, Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast, The Yorkshire Vet, Alaska: A Year in the Wild, When TV Goes Horribly Wrong, Super Casino, Live ATP 1000: Shanghai, Cricket, India v Australia, Sky Sports News, Euro Goal Zone, La Liga Greatest Games, Football, La Liga Greatest Games, La Liga Greatest Games, Sky Sports News at Ten, Through the Night.

WEDNESDAY

11 OCTOBER

Table with 10 columns: Time, Channel, Program Name, Description. Rows include Antiques Road Trip, Pointless, BBC News, Regional News, The One Show, Eat Well for Less, The Apprentice, BBC News, Regional News, Weather, A Question of Sport, Ambulance, This Farming Life, Flog It!, Eggheads, Strictly it Takes Two, Coast Great Guides, Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World, The Detectives, The Apprentice: You're Fired!, Newsnight, Weather, Louis Theroux, The Chase, Local News and Weather, ITV Evening News, Emmerdale, Coronation Street, Bad Move, Coronation Street, Doc Martin, ITV News, After the News, British Touring Car Championships Highlights, My Kitchen Rules, Four in a Bed, Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star, The Simpsons, Hollyoaks, Channel 4 News, Location, Location, Location, Grand Designs, Back, Norskov, Educating Greater Manchester, A Mother's Fear, 5 News, Neighbours, Home and Away, 5 News, Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb, GPs: Behind Closed Doors, Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!, The Eastenders Murderers: True Crime, Real Tragedy, When Kids Kill, Live ATP 1000: Shanghai, Live on the Range: Italian Open, Sky Sports Today, Sky Sports News, Sky Sports News, Sky Sports Tonight, Sky Sports Tonight, Sky Sports News at Ten, Through the Night, 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 Bonneville.

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

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

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

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

It's a must.

Critique: AWL, Casares, Costa del Sol.

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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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Women's wit

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

Stevie Nicks - Singer

Famous quote

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

Francis Bacon - Artist



World of English

The best superlatives can sometimes be the worst.

MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



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

Venomous creatures in Spain

TOP 5

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

1. Fire Salamander

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

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

Adults can grow up to 25 centimetres long.

2. Processionary Pine Caterpillars

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



Fire Salamander.

mans, especially children and the elderly.

Their hairs are poisonous and cause great swelling and irritation.

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

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

3. Mediterranean Tiger Centipede

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

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

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

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

4. False Black Widow Spider

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

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

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

5. Asp Viper

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

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

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

Their heads are triangular and they have slightly upturned noses.

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

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

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

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

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

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

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

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

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

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

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

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

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

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Many happy moments will keep you on your toes.

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

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

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

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

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

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

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

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

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

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

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

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

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

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

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

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

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
					
Saturday September 30	Saturday September 30	Tuesday September 26	Friday September 29	Saturday September 30	Sunday October 1
(13) (18) (21) (30) (50) (54)	(4) (6) (16) (18) (26) (32)	(1) (29) (40) (41) (48)	(7) (18) (19) (32) (48)	(4) (6) (31) (33) (35) (42)	(19) (34) (43) (48) (53)
BONUS BALL (20)	BONUS BALL (10)	LUCKY STARS (6) (12)	LUCKY STARS (3) (7)	REINTEGRO (46) (1)	REINTEGRO (5)

LOTTERY

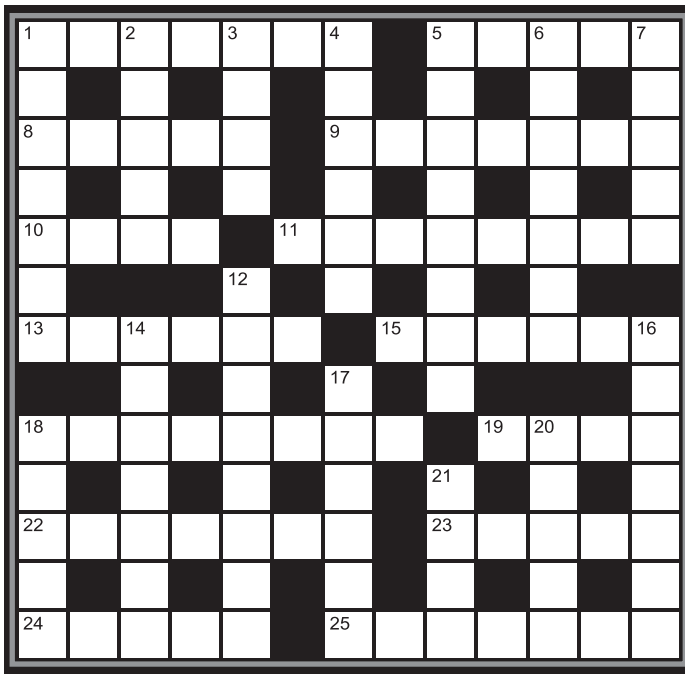
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Cryptic

- 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 Grippled exotic-bred boas (8)
 19 The story begins 'You are relatively new' (4)
 22 Stir leg around, but you can't eat it (7)
 23 Group showing concern about diamonds (5)
 24 'Arduous journeys take real energy' King said, initially (5)
 25 Set of steps for 50 snakes (7)



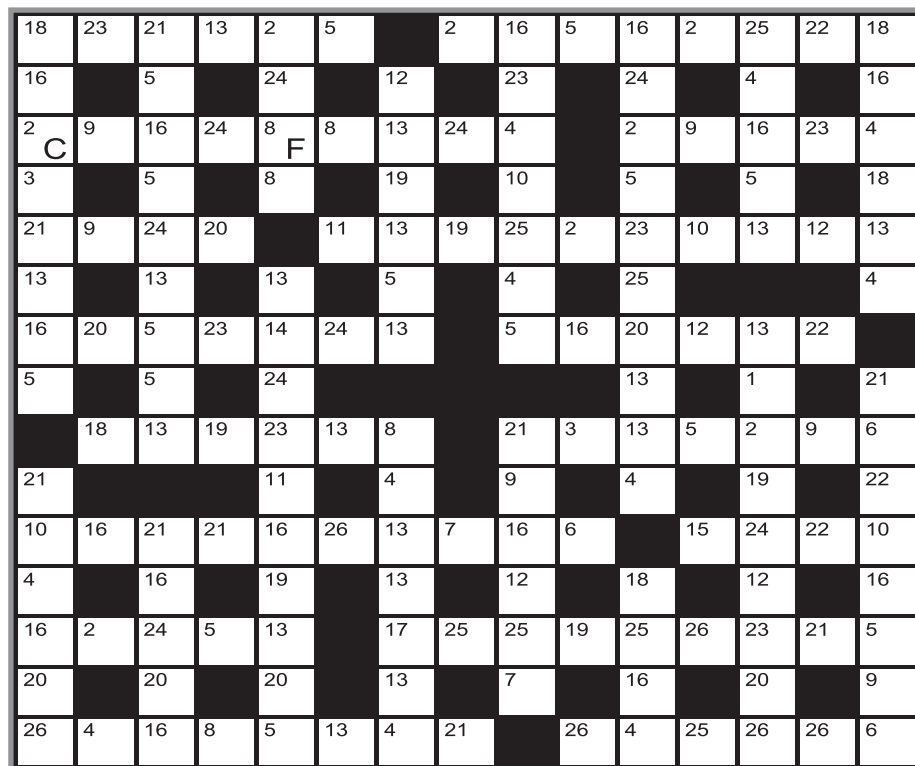
- Down**
 1 Show part of a book to a worker (7)
 2 Laid out, exhausted (5)
 3 Lincoln seen by daughter possibly sleeping (4)
 4 Christian celebration confused Teresa (6)
 5 Endeavour to cover a

- waistcoat, it's a sham (8)
 6 Score goal in game (7)
 7 Choice of kitchen appliance (5)
 12 Same grit, different moves (8)
 14 Priest turns to the Orient for a break (7)
 16 Dicky sent son some poems (7)
 17 Cancel Royal Engineer's ding-

- dong (6)
 18 Dame Margot Fonteyn demonstrates slang (5)
 20 Join the French, become confused! (5)
 21 Drug discovered by a police department (4)

Code Breaker

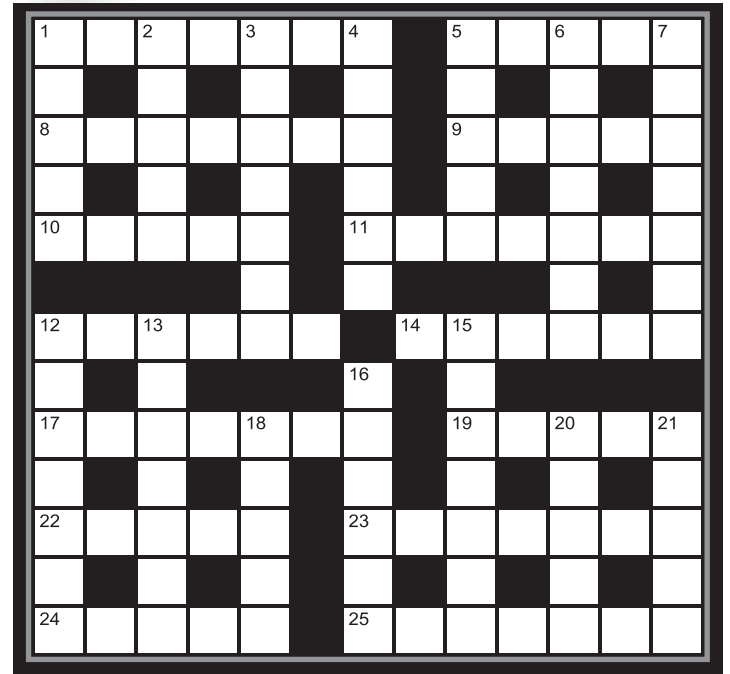
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents C and 8 represents F, so fill in C every time the figure 2 appears and F every time the figure 8 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

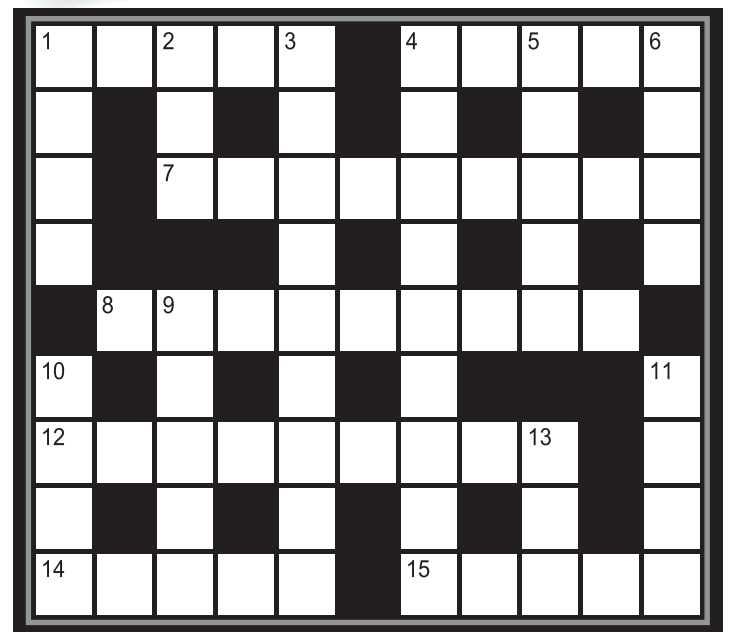
Quick



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

English - Spanish

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



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

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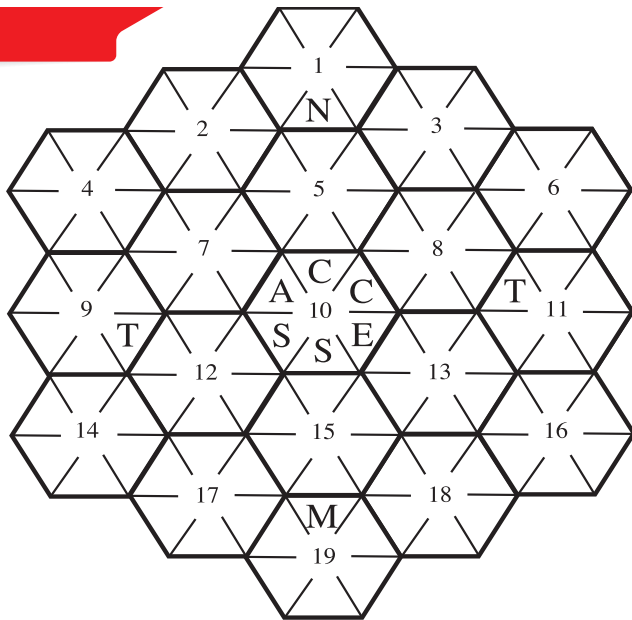
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Hexagram

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



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

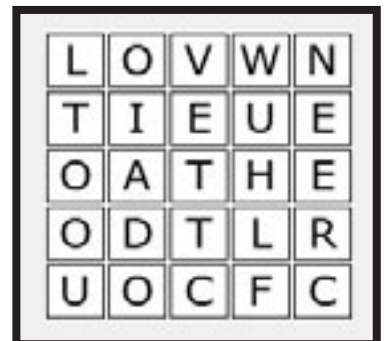
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

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

SCORING:

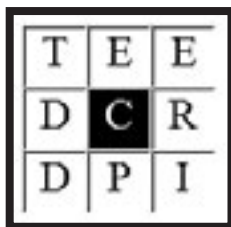
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Nonagram

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



TARGET:

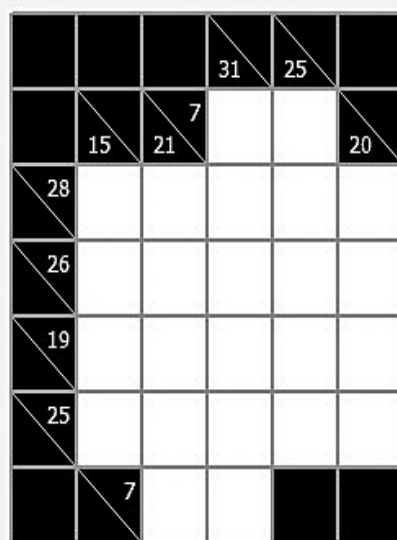
- Average: 11
- Good: 15
- Very good: 22
- Excellent: 29

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Huelga, 4 Flor, 8 Raton, 9 Rubio, 10 Bandera, 14 Chica, 15 Wrist, 16 Ocho, 17 Poesia.
- Down:** 1 Harm, 2 Establish, 3 Gin, 5 Libraries, 6 Roof, 7 TRUE, 11 Near, 12 Echo, 13 Otra, 15 Who.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Olivier, 5 Chore, 8 Reach, 9 Cheated, 10 Scourge, 11 Shine, 12 Quito, 14 Waist, 19 Opens, 21 Explain, 23 Evening, 24 Amuse, 25 Tests, 26 Testers.
- Down:** 1 Ogress, 2 Idaho, 3 Inherit, 4 Rocker, 5 Chess, 6 Obtains, 7 Eddies, 13 Useless, 15 Appears, 16 Modest, 17 Weight, 18 Unless, 20 Slips, 22 Acute.

QUICK

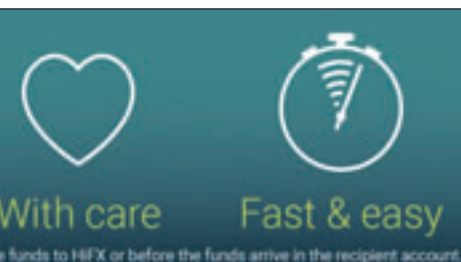
- Across:** 1 Sinks, 4 Chooses, 8 Examine, 9 Crabs, 10 Preceded, 11 Type, 13 Litter, 14 Helped, 17 Zero, 19 Delivers, 22 Relay, 23 Shining, 24 Shrinks, 25 Guess.
- Down:** 1 Steep, 2 Nearest, 3 Shivered, 4 Clever, 5 Once, 6 Scary, 7 Suspend, 12 Deciding, 13 Lizards, 15 Precise, 16 Beasts, 18 Ruler, 20 Signs, 21 Hymn.

App of the week



Reverse Dictionary

Struggling to figure out the word for what you are thinking? Reverse Dictionary can help you find it by typing in letters of the word, a phrase describing it, or synonyms of the word and then displaying words that match the search.



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Intrigue and betrayal

Wilbur Smith, with Tom Harper

THE coast of Malabar is teeming with peril.

Greedy merchants, bold pirates and men hell-bent on vengeance but the greatest danger which faces Courtney may well be his very own family.

Francis Courtney runs away from the comfort of his Devonshire estate due to the risks posed to him by his stepfather's gambling debts which have left him completely broke and in severe jeopardy.

Sailing to South Africa in search of vengeance and fortune, Francis aims to avenge the death of his father, becoming rich in the process.

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

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

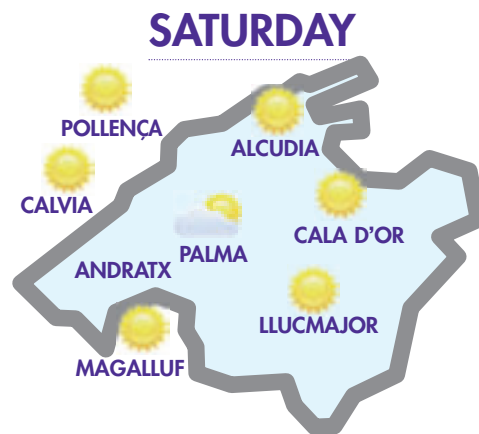
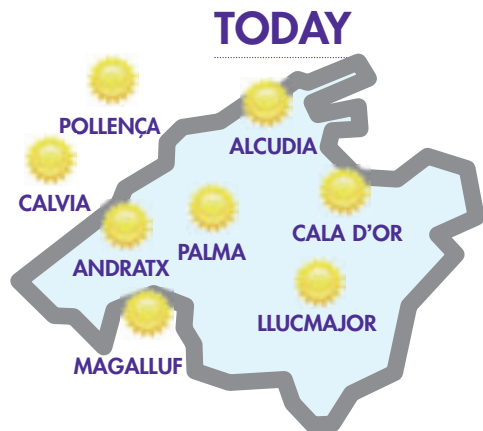
Christopher Courtney gives up his prestigious position as the governor of Bombay in a bid to make his own way in the world.

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

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S: Sun Cl: Clear C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Th: Thunder Sn: Snow

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BIRTHDAYS

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



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

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

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

DVD

Love never dies

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

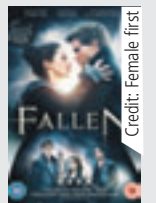
Strong-willed Lucinda 'Luce' Price (Addison Timlin) is a 17-year-old who is living a seemingly normal life right up until the moment that she is accused of a crime she did not commit.

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

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

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

The troubled girl must choose where her feelings truly lie.



Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Word Ladder

HAND

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

PIPE

PIPE
PINE (W)PE
WINE
WIND
WAND
HAND
Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

This week in history

1919 - Ferrari makes his debut
Young Italian car mechanic and engineer, Enzo Ferrari, takes part in his first ever motor race, finishing fourth.
1944 - 800 children are gassed
More than 800 gypsy children aged between nine and 14-years-old are killed in gas chambers at Auschwitz.
1967 - Guevara defeated
Marxists revolutionary, Che Guevara, is defeated and captured in a battle against the Bolivian army.
1968 - Apollo 7 launches
The first manned Apollo mission sees astronauts begin an 11-day orbit of Earth, during which time they will transmit the first ever live television broadcasts from orbit.
1975 - Bomb maker wins peace prize
The Soviet physicist, Andrei Dmitriyevich Sakharov, who helped build the USSR's first hydrogen bomb, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his struggle against the abuse of power and violations of human dignity.
1981 - Egyptian president is assassinated
Anwar Sadat is assassinated by Islamic extremists whilst addressing troops on the anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.
2003 - Enter the governor
Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes governor of California.

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Steps to a healthier life

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 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.



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

IF the only time you come across a blueberry is in a muffin, you might want to change your diet habits.

These little berries are widely regarded as a superfood and can help ward off a whole range of diseases thanks to all the good stuff they contain. They contain such a high number of antioxidants that many scientists believe if you should make one change to your diet, it

should be to eat more fresh blueberries.

They also contain high levels of vitamin C, manganese, fibre and the lesser known vitamin K. Vitamin K is an essential nutrient that the body needs to respond to injuries as it regulates blood clotting. It also promotes bone health by assisting in the transport of calcium through the body which keeps bones strong and

Berry happy

could decrease the risk of fractures.

It is reported that blueberries can help to ward off heart disease as the nutrients they contain also promote

heart health. They also boast high levels of fibre which helps to reduce cholesterol in the blood.

Researchers have recently discovered that blueberries help to protect the brain from stress which may limit the symptoms of age-related illnesses such as Alzheimer's or dementia. Scientists have also speculated that blueberries improve memory, attention to detail and co-

ordination. You also could start seeing clearer if you add this powerful fruit to your morning cereal, as the vitamin E in blueberries helps to prevent cataracts from forming. They also contain anthocyanins which help to maintain general eye health.

Blueberries are also reported to combat ageing, aid digestion, fight cancer, and improve your skin.

Splitting ends

DRY, damaged hair is a common problem and can be caused by the most simple of mistakes.

Knowing what could be causing your ends to split will help to make bad hair days a thing of the past.

The weather plays a big part in hair well-being, and overexposure to sunlight can cause hair to dry out more than usual.

Going between the cold outdoors and heated buildings in winter also causes the same problem. Being too good to your hair can be a curse in disguise, as applying smoothing treat-

ments too frequently can leave your hair feeling thirsty the rest of the time.

Hormonal changes can also cause your hair to suffer and become more brittle. Consult with your doctor if you believe this is having an adverse effect on your locks.

Using the wrong shampoo can strip the hair of natural oil that helps to make it shiny or soft. It's also a wise idea to change shampoo every so often as hair can become resistant to it after a while and all the good stuff stops working.

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When you are stung by a wasp on your skin, the area infected will become inflamed and red with a noticeable centre where the sting occurred. In general the reaction is contained to where you are stung, however some people can have reactions all over their body.

Can they be dangerous?

Wasp stings tend to hurt, but are not often dangerous. In some cases, especially with people who are allergic to them, the reaction can be much more severe and can cause death.

How can you tell if you are having an allergic reaction to a sting?

Normally when a person is stung by a wasp the

reaction is contained to the area they were stung. However if a person feels generally unwell, begins to sweat, has other skin lesions appear on their body, swollen lips or face, difficulties breathing or loss of consciousness and chest pains, among other things, then it is certainly an allergic reaction.

What should I do if I get stung?

Normally if it only causes a reaction on the skin you don't need to see a doctor. However if the area stung becomes infected or you notice an allergic reaction then immediately go to accident and emergencies where you will be prescribed with treatments which can include anti-inflammatories, corticoids or maybe even antibiotics.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Worth one's salt

IN spite of doctors and health professionals warning against the dangers of a high salt intake, a daily dose could actually do wonders for our health.

Unlike regular table salt, which is full of additives and has been stripped of all its good stuff, unrefined sea salt has been proven to contain an abundance of health benefits as is a good source of minerals and nutrients which the body needs to function effectively.

For this reason, it helps to balance blood sugar, regulate the metabolism, strengthen bones and boost the immune system.

Natural unrefined salt has also been shown to help reduce stress levels by alleviating anxiety and could even help you sleep better. Its high mineral content also helps the body to detox and fight off disease.

To make sure you get the salt you need in the most beneficial way possible, you could try having a glass of Sole water (pronounced so-lay - it has nothing to do with the fish) in the morning. Sole water is simply the combination of unrefined sea salt diluted in warm, filtered water and a glass a day will help the body to regulate and heal itself.

When sea salt is combined with water it creates an electrical charge that helps the kidneys to balance fluid levels. This helps to keep the body hydrated and aids digestion by supporting the stomach's natural functions.

To make Sole water, fill a jar with one third unrefined, natural salt and two thirds warm, filtered water. Make sure the jar is fastened with a non-metal cap, shake and let it sit for 24 hours.

Once ready, add half a teaspoon of Sole to a large glass of water every morning before breakfast and taste it before drinking to make sure it is not too salty.

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 indexes that can be used in the same way as SPF ratings and there has been an increase in research to prove just how harmful extra pollution in the air can be.

However, as more brands latch onto the trend in pollution awareness, many

have accused the industry of simply trying to profit from helping to shield it rather than cut back on their own carbon emissions.

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Abandoned animals helped

SATURDAY will be a very special day for animals, particularly cats and dogs, in Inca as there will be 12 hours of fun and fundraising during the Incanimal celebrations.

The fun will start at noon with a market, as well as zumba, and those wishing to take part are asked to bring a little food for the animals. Then at 1pm the mood changes with music and urban dance.

Vegetarians will enjoy a special paella and pastries at 2pm and then at 4pm there will be canine acrobatics as well as dog frisbee (assuming that it doesn't get eaten) followed by a dog show at 5.30pm which is open to all dogs, provided that they have been chipped and vaccinated.

There will be a range of prizes and a raffle to raise funds for local animal charities and, after the announcement of the winners, it will be time for vegetarian and other tapas followed by a performance of hip hop dance by Swag and Urban Angels as well as a krump masterclass by Ramon Navarro.

After the dancing comes the music with performances by Monotip and Fora De Joc amongst others.

Have a good day out and, at the same time, help a number of needy cats and dogs.



LIVE: The Bourbon Street Stompers.

Traditional New Orleans Jazz from Germany

'JAZZ (delicious hot, disgusting cold)' was the title of a track by the Bonzo Dog Band but in the case of The Bourbon Street Stompers, their jazz is simply red hot and is coming to Mallorca.

For a band specialising in the jazz of the swinging 20's, they were surprisingly formed in 1993 by a group of teenagers in the industrial town of Essen in Germany.

As friends, they have a natural affinity with each other and with the music that means so much to each of them.

After winning a recording contract in a school competition and releasing their first album, they have gone from strength to strength, recording a number of additional albums and performing all over Europe.

Concentrating on presenting a scintillating and syncopating

show which takes its roots from the classic New Orleans jazz, they will be appearing at the Palma Auditorium on Sunday October 29 with special guests the American Tenor from New Orleans and Jamez McCorkle, who normally sings with the Zurich Opera but is now exercising his jazz tonsils.

Starting at 7pm, tickets cost €28 from the Auditorium box office.

Watch Turner in Palma

HAVING graduated to cinema from TV, Timothy Spall is very much in demand and found international fame playing Peter Pettigrew and Scabbers in the Harry Potter movies.

He took a starring role in award-winning director Mike Leigh's *Turner*, playing British artist JMW Turner and most recently played 16 characters in the surreal *Stanley, Man of Variety*.

As part of the exhibition Art and Cinema at the Caixa Forum Palma, *Turner* will be screened at 7pm on Friday October 19 with admission costing €4 and there is a discount for Caixa customers.

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DEMONS: Firestarters.

Art meets fire

THE Saladina Art Festival in Can Picafort has welcomed street artists who are painting large murals around the town but Saturday sees the addition of more music.

There will be a concert starting at 5pm featuring The Oceans, Salvatge Cor and Damià Oliver at the Placa Cervantes followed, as night falls, by a correfoc or fire-run.

This demons correfoc will be undertaken by the Dimonis de Hiachat (the demon group of Santa Margalida) and promises to be something of a spectacle.

For those who are awake on Sunday morning there will be a market opening at 9am, the completion of the last of the 10 artistic installations around the town and also children's entertainment.

History of a friendship

IT is not too late to catch up with the exhibition reviewing the link between two great Spanish painters, Pablo Picasso and Joan Miro, which is open until November 26.

The pair met in 1920 when a young Miro visited Picasso's studio on rue La Boetie in Paris.

Despite their age difference and having opposing personalities, they began an assiduous and professional friendship that lasted until the death of the Malaga-born painter.

This exhibition, curated by Joan Punyet Miro, occupies the entire top floor of the Can Prunera museum in Soller, and contains a collection of personal letters from the two geniuses, correspondence maintained over many decades and a set of ceramics and engravings.

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AUTUMN is here and once again it is time to start the Age Concern afternoon teas in the same place at the same time as before.

Just in case you need a reminder they take place on the first Monday of the month at 3.30pm in Colman Hall, underneath the Anglican Church, Calle Nuñez de Balboa 6, Son Armadams, Palma.

Home-made sandwiches, scones, cakes etc, fun quiz and the Best Cup of Tea in Town. Donation €5.

Age Concern would appreciate if you make a booking so every-

one can be catered for accordingly. Please contact Jackie on 678 352 040 after 10am.

Age Concern are also open to suggestions of what activities you would like to be offered!

Talks, dancing, art, knitting. Contact Age Concern Mallorca with any ideas.

Call 971 231 520 on weekdays for further details or 678 352 040 after 10am.

Or alternatively email mallorca@ageconcern.org.es or visit the Age Concern website: ageconcern.org.es.

Shopping centre abandoned

PLANS to open an enormous new shopping centre in Palma have officially been abandoned. The city council has been toying with the idea of granting a licence to an ambitious developer team for three years.

Commercial real estate giant Unibail Rodamco wanted to build the giant centre in ses Fontanelles near the Playa de Palma.

It would have included more than 200 shops and 12 cinema screens and covered a retail space of 75,000 metres with a €225 million up front investment.

The project has been technically rejected because the developers did not submit their plan within the three year time frame set after their 2014 application.

Christians and Moors slug it out

THE annual Moors and Christians Festival takes place in Valldemossa on Saturday when local residents celebrate the defeat of a Turkish attack in 1552.

More than 300 locals and their friends will dress up as either Turkish invaders or Mallorcan defenders as the evening unfolds.

The celebration begins with the ringing of the bells of the church of Sant Bartomeu, announcing the arrival of the Muslim troops to the town at 6.30pm.

The peasants will gather in the church square 10 minutes later and then the hero of the Valldemossa side, Captain Ramon Gual, will appear together with his 36 troops to battle the invading force.

Accompanied by batucada drummers the Moors parade through the town and at 7.20pm, their commander will ceremoniously kill the godmother of La



THE CHRISTIANS: Dressed to kill.

Beata. The Moors and peasants meet in the Plaça Cartoixa before Ramon Gual and the Christians arrive.

By 7.45pm, the Christians will have won and hanged the traitor Pedro Valenciano in the Placa Bartomeu Estaras, so by 8pm there will be a presentation of the waving of triumphant

banners as well as a performance by the choir with everyone breaking off to enjoy a huge barbecue at 8.30pm.

Having once again beaten the Moors, the serious business of partying late into the night will see, what were enemies for a few hours, become friends again.



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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!

81 years old and still plays

MALLORCA is currently welcoming a number of German musicians, many of them involved in jazz and 81-year-old trumpet player Manfred Schoof is the latest.

Having been a musician from the age of nine, he has been playing for more than 70 years and this outstanding leader of the German free jazz movement will be playing at the Kulturfinca in Son Baulo this Sunday with tickets costing €18 or, with brunch, just €22.

“ Manfred Schoof concert in Son Baulo this Sunday.

Although a resident of Cologne, he and his wife love Mallorca and, since 1994, they have spent extended visits on the island and, even prior to that, they visited for holidays.

The event in Son Baulo sees the veteran trumpet player, who has released 15 albums during his career, being accompanied by pianist Sebastian Raimundo and drummer Toni Beltran.

Tickets for this brunch performance may be reserved by calling 971 524 206.



MONEY FOR NOTHING: Live soon.

Photo by Money for Nothing

Brothers in Band v Money for Nothing

LOVERS of the music of Dire Straits in Mallorca are in for a real treat in the New Year when two quality tribute bands play the Palma Auditorium within a month of each other.

As it becomes increasingly more difficult to attend concerts of some of the great musicians of the 60's and 70's due to death, ill-health or simple old age, it is becoming more and more attractive for audiences to attend 'tribute' concerts, performed by musicians who have studied their idols in minute detail and present musically perfect interpretations of the songs and music that fans know so well.

With Mark Knopfler concentrating on his solo music career and as a composer for film soundtracks, Dire Straits, the first group to sell one million CDs, have not performed together since

1995 and it appears unlikely that they ever will do so again despite their enormous success.

Nine Spanish musicians who call themselves Brothers in Band have studied their heroes and play all of their best known numbers, recorded by the original band between 1978 and 1991, with such perfection that former Dire Straits keyboard player Guy Fletcher commented after hearing them "I have to admit that I thought it was a recording of us."

This gig starts at 8pm on February 17 next with tickets costing €35 and €40.

Then, just a month later, on March 17, the Money for Nothing tribute band from the UK arrives, boasting that with their incendiary energy, the band formed in 2000, perfectly reconstruct both the sound and the look of one of the greatest rock bands in history.

Having received some rave reviews from British media, their show starts at 9pm and tickets cost €42.

Not quite a 'Battle of the Bands' but an opportunity for Palma to hear the Spanish and British versions and decide who should take the title *Sultans of Swing*.

Carmen v Carmen

A BRAND new show produced by the company Iberica de Danza from Madrid will be presented at the Auditori d'Alcudia starting at 8pm on Saturday.

Choreographed by award-winning Manuel Segovia, 12 performers go on a fascinating journey into the world of women and their freedom, inspired by the music of Bizet and the novel by Prosper Merimee.

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

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

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

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

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

Great expectations

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

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

There has, however, been an in-

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

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



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By Matthew Elliott

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

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



Key perks wanted include proximity to shopping centres and hospitals.

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

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

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

Seniors fuel recovery

Spain's residential resurgence due to active elders



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

the plusher neighbourhoods and suburbs of cities like Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia.

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

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

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

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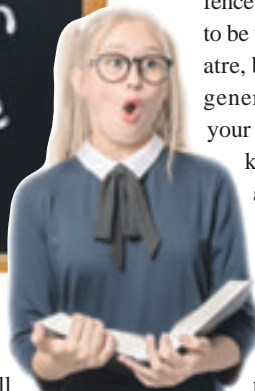
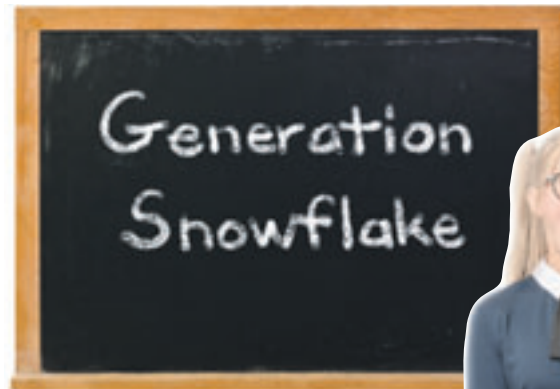
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Breaking Views

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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.'

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Stewart Gow, Cutar, Axarquia

Brave new words

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

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

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

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

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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-



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IN DENIAL? Soraya Saenz de Santamaria.

dling grannies, jostling pensioners and laying into youths.

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

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

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

I tawt I taw a puddy tat

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

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

Be prepared

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

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

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

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

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

How can you attain more balance?

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

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ASTROLOGY: Make a plan

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

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



OCTOBER: The focus for this new moon is balance.

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

Numerology: Start anew

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

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

The Wheel of Fortune: Go with the flow

In the Major Arcana Tarot deck the 10th

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

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

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

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

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



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DANCING: A stand of Mexican fan palms.

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

knowing about.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ROCK OUT: Rockeries also work well around water features.

Rocking a rockery

By Kat Ashton

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

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

It is a good idea to start building a

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

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

The best types of rocks to use tend to be volcanic rock, sandstone and granite. While some people prefer natural shaped rocks, cut blocks can also cre-

ate interesting dimensions in the garden.

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

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

Enliven your dull garden

FOR a colourful garden all year round, gardeners are turning to 'foliage plants' which keep things looking fresh and vibrant.

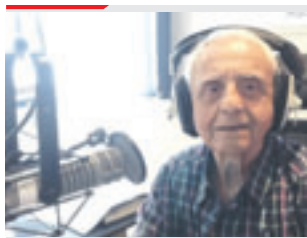
One of the most eye-catching varieties is the canna plant, which adds a touch of tropical flair to any garden and comes in a variety of colours. They have large banana-like leaves many produce eye-catching bursts of flowers.

The leaves of Persian Shield, or *Strobilanthes*, have green and purple leaves that almost seem to glow in shady spaces.



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THE FEMALE:

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

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

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

deal of time licking her vagina.

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

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

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

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

THE MALE:

Male dogs, whatever their breed,



NEUTERED DOGS: Happier and more affectionate to owners.

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

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

nant status. This type of dog should be castrated.

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

Dogs that are confined and not al-

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

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

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

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

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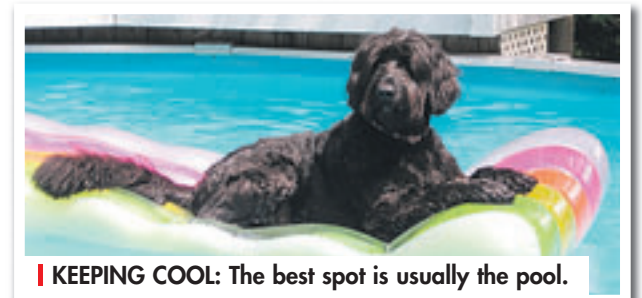
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If you are planning to get away in the next few weeks or months try to plan ahead to find a petsitter who is experienced and able to care for



KEEPING COOL: The best spot is usually the pool.

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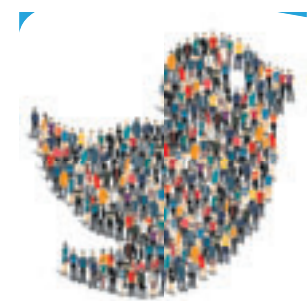
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Gibraltar visits Monaco

THE Monaco Yacht Show (MYS) is one of the most important events of its kind, playing host to more than 125 superyachts each year so Gibraltar is looking to attract big money.

The Rock was represented at the Show by the Gibraltar Port Authority, Gibraltar Shipping Registry, the Gibraltar Port Operators Association, the Gibraltar Tourist Board and the Gibraltar Yachting Business Development Association (GYBDA).

GYBDA held an event on board the 45-metre M/Y Pride yacht at the show. The event was attended by Gilbert Licudi, Gibraltar Minister for Tourism, Employment, Commercial Aviation and the Port.

He spoke to the guests about the assets that Gibraltar has to offer the yachting world and about the unique qualities of Gibraltar as a maritime and tourism destination saying "Gibraltar is a very attractive proposition from a yachting and shipping perspective.

"We are able to provide a full range of maritime services from surveyors to local agents, to supply of stores and spares, crew changes as well as financial and legal mar-



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MONACO YACHT SHOW: Minister Licudi on board M/Y Pride.

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tions. For owners we have local experts in company formation and administration, asset holding and management, marine and PI insurance, accounting, legal and tax advice.

"All in all a perfect location with a wide range of first class facilities."

New ferry service from France

GOOD news for tourists who want to head for Mallorca without driving through Spain as a new ferry will transport passengers and cars from Toulon to Alcudia.

Operating twice a week the Corsica Sardinia Ferries group will introduce the service on April 21, 2018 and will take 11 hours, allowing passengers the chance to sleep overnight as they head from France to the Island.

The return journey which takes place during the day will be quicker at just nine hours and this route is likely to attract German drivers as they will no longer have to travel all the way to Barcelona.

Advertising feature

Vuelta al Mundo event starts later this month

THE Volvo Ocean Race will mark the start of one of the most extreme sporting challenges in the world from Puerto de Salida, Alicante on October 22, the Vuelta al Mundo a Vela.

The sailing competition, organised by the Comunidad Valenciana and the Society for Thematic Projects for the Comunidad de Valencia, promises to be a thrilling spectacle.

Alicante September 22, 2017

In less than a month, the gun will go off at Alicante port for the fourth consecutive time to mark the beginning of one of the most challenging international races in the world.

The sporting event will start on October 11 with the opening of Race Village at 6pm and the inauguration ceremony will begin at 8pm, giving way to 12 days of non-stop activities including children's workshops, concerts, navigation activities and many more.

Alicante will be mile zero of a 45,000 nautical mile route around the world which will take seven competing teams

(MAPFRE, AkzoNobel, DongFeng, Vestas 11th Hour, Sung Hung Kai Scallywag, Turn the Tide on Plastic and Team Brunel) to four oceans and 12 cities before the race reaches its final destination in La Haya.

Before setting sail, the fleet will have two other important races, the In-Port race, which takes place in front of Alicante City's beaches and the Pro-AM race.

Some of sailing's greats, such as Olympic medalists Xabi Fernandez and Martine Grael, America's Cup winners Peter Burling, Blair Tuke and Juan Vila will arrive at Alicante with one goal in mind; to take one of the most extreme and desired trophies in the world home.

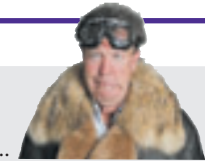


SAILING COMPETITION: One of the most extreme sporting challenges in the world.

**Clarkson
Quote of the Week**

“On cars at a Max Power show ‘Most of these cars will do 0-60 once... then they’ll blow up.’”

Some might say...



Motoring shorts

Trippy crossings

AN Icelandic company has created a unique 3D zebra crossing. Vegamalun wants to bring the innovative idea to the streets of Europe, after it successfully debuted in China and India.

The ‘3D’ crossing actually employs a clever optical illusion by painting the white strips in 3D paint. It isn’t actually a hologram but works in a similar way, giving approaching drivers the impression that the crossing is three-dimensional.

That alone is psychedelic enough to get drivers to slow down and pay attention. If the trial works well in Iceland, a country not known for its wild driving, then tech firms across Europe are bound to take notice.

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.

The engineering marvels extend to the design. There is a full-



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BEAST:
Panamera Turbo Hybrid takes clean power to a new level.

ly-digitised

Porsche Advanced Cockpit, which allows adaptive cruise-control and rear-axle steering.

The rear-spoiler can change between three settings, going into the aerodynamic performance

position automatically at speeds over 170km/h. Turbulence at high speed is minimised by automatic streamlining.

Inside there is 425 litres of

storage space and much more comfort than might be expected from such a high-performance car. There are three rear seats, two of which are electrically adjustable. When the seats are folded down total storage space ex-

pands to 1,295 litres.

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

Lorry cartel smashed

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

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

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

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England chief's heart to Hart with stopper Joe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



UKSPORTSCENE

with Andrew Atkinson

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

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

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

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

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

England squad: Goalkeepers: Joe Hart, Fraser Forster,

Jack Butland, Jordan Pickford.

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

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

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

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

While the FA see St Petersburg and

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

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

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

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

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

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

I became good buddies with



JOE HART: Backed by England boss Gareth Southgate.

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

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

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

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

SPORTSCENE SPAIN

with Andrew Atkinson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

child, was on holiday in Mallorca.

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

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

Since his drink-drive debacle,



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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?

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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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SANT BOIANA RC from Cataluña was the opposition for the Babarian's XV Calvia third match in the Division de Honour B League.

The home team made an explosive start, kept up the pressure and within the first 10 minutes had earned themselves a penalty kick.

Most of the play continued in the Sant Boiana half and a scrum 10 metres out from the score line resulted in the first try for the home team. The Babarians XV scrum was more powerful than the visitors and this proved useful for the next try which was pushed over and put down by Ricardo Vaquero and converted by Agustin Di Santo. The score at half time was 15-0.

Sant Boiana began the second half far more aggressively but the Babarians were able to respond with a stolen ball and a 50-metre run resulting in another try.

With 10 minutes to go Babarians scored their fourth

Bonus point home win for Babarian's XV Calvia



BABARIANS XV: Thanking the crowd after the game.

try. Sant Boiana were still on zero points and, as the players tired, and changes were made the visitors made a final effort and slipped a try into the corner. Babarians XV pushed over for the final try taking the score to 35 points to seven and giving them their first win.

Friendly Warm Up Match in Son Caliu

El Toro RC and RC Ponent played a friendly 'training' match to give new players incorporated into the Senior teams chance to play under game conditions. The match was divided into four sessions of 20 minutes with a coaches' chat between each. Final result was a win for RC Ponent by 12 points to 14.

Coming up next weekend

Next match for the Babarians XV Calvia is away against CAU Valencia and the team will be hoping to keep the momentum going from their win this weekend.



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