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Green light for €100m motorway

THE long-promised Almanzora Valley motorway took a small step closer to reality.

It comes as a list of owners whose properties will be forcibly expropriated was published in the Andalusian Junta's Official Gazette.

Dozens of properties will be taken over and flattened to make way for the motorway. It will cost well over €100 million and directly serve more than 70,000 inhabitants of the Valley's 28 municipalities.

The first section will connect El Cucador with the A-7. The priority stretch between Fines and the A-7 is expected to serve 10,000 people each day. It will be immensely busy with freight traffic transporting marble from Macael.

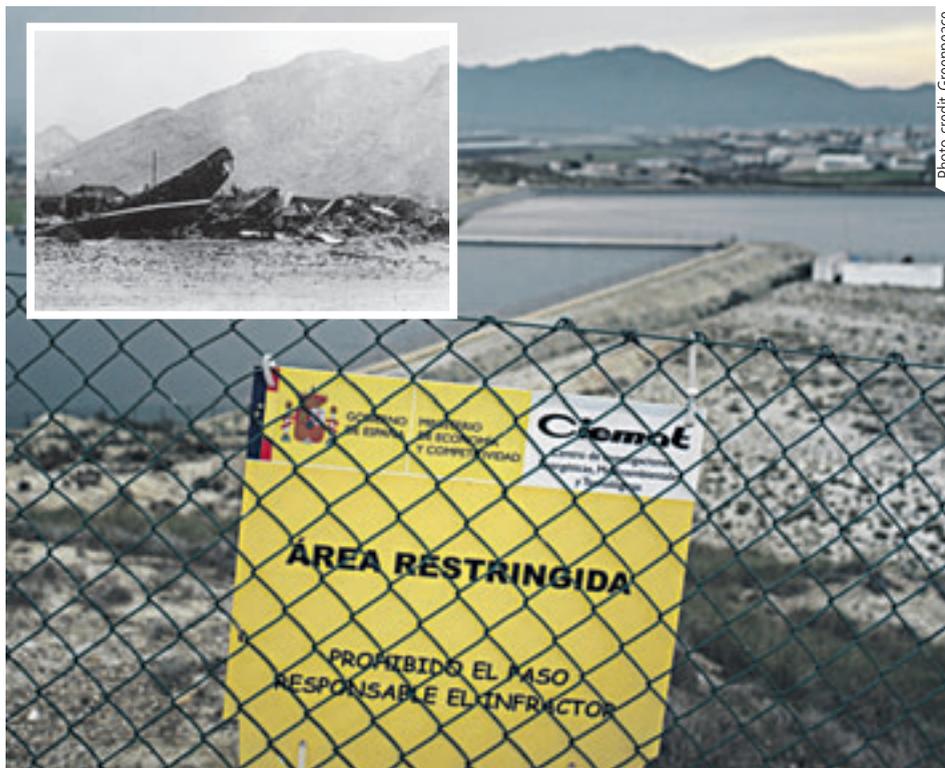
Danger driver detained

A DRIVER was seen speeding 20 kilometres in the wrong direction down the A-7 motorway, before crashing into two other cars. He became the 50th person in Almeria Province to be charged with dangerous driving this year.

The driver will lose at least six points on his licence and be fined €500. Despite the recklessness of the offence he was not under the influence, police sources confirmed.

Nuclear option!

Illegal site slammed by greens



DISASTER: The site today and (inset) the crash.

By Matthew Elliott

Radioactive waste from two American bombers still lingers in Palomares, two years after the US government pledged to clean it up.

Conservation group Ecologists in Action have now raised a formal complaint with the Spanish government, urging them to establish a deadline to rid the town of plutonium.

In January 1966 a B52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crash landed after a mid-air collision with a tanker plane as it refuelled.

It was the worst nuclear ac-

cident in history at the time. Two bombs fell into the sea but the others leaked highly radioactive plutonium into the atmosphere.

Thousands of tons of contaminated soil were shipped to America. But in the 1990s it was discovered that the radioactive material had seeped far deeper underground than initially feared.

On October 19, 2015 Secretary of State John Kerry signed a deal promising American help to rid Palomares of radiation once and for all.

But since then nothing has happened. Ecologists in Action have also now filed a

court suit demanding that a 2010 plan to treat the estimated 50,000 cubic metres of contaminated earth be enforced 'without delay.'

They accused Spain's Nuclear Safety Council of "allowing an illegal nuclear cemetery in Palomares" and hiding it from public records.

Around eight kilos of plutonium is still underground, analysts say, with just a few hundred grams removed.

They want the soil removed and held in temporary storage until the Americans honour the deal. A ship, similar to those used by nuclear power stations, has been proposed.

Most wanted man arrested

A 19-YEAR-OLD who was considered one of the most active and wanted criminals in Almeria since mid-2016 has been arrested by the National Police.

The man has allegedly committed 20 serious thefts in offices, establishments and homes over the past 15 months.

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Airport flying high

ALMERIA airport has reported its best summer ever with 521,572 passengers using its services, an increase of 18.3 per cent when compared to 2016 figures.

Farm dump

TWO new centres for collection of agricultural plastics, one in Nijar and the other in Mojonera are joining the existing one in El Ejido after being opened by Cicloagro, a not for profit association.

Life line

LIFEGUARDS in Nijar rescued more than 60 people over summer. Mayor Esperanza Perez revealed 30 regular lifeguards ensured there were no drownings for the second year running.

By Matthew Elliott

EXPATRIATES in Mojacar have been reminded by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) that they must apply for residency or be removed from the population data altogether.

An estimated 2,000 foreign residents in Mojacar are at risk of being wiped from the record books. If they don't get residency then the village will receive less payments and support from the government to match a 'lower' population.

According to INE number crunchers, there are 6,147 people living in Mojacar. But the town hall has 8,486 inhabitants on its books. The INE is adamant that the numbers should match.

Mojacar Town Hall has worked wonders in raising awareness among expats, getting 332 people to apply for residency in only a few months.

But local leaders, including Jessica Simpson of Somos Mojacar, have urged that more must be done to ensure people who are definitely residents aren't removed from the list.

The difference is more than 2,300, but many may have left Mojacar for good. Most are

Expats residency risk
Budget threat over 'invisible' inhabitants



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British but there are sizeable numbers of Romanians, Germans and French.

The INE has stressed that having residency has nothing to

do with having a tax number. Expatriates wishing to gain local rights, must be in the Central Register of Foreigners and apply directly for residency.

Cave fiends face justice

TWO teenagers accused of triple murder face lengthy spells behind bars.

The Prosecutor has urged the court to place the younger in an offender's institute for eight years followed by a five-year probation order, while demanding five years' psychotherapy for the elder.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News* two girls, aged 15 and 12, and a 21-year-old man, burned to death in La Molineta cave in Almeria City when it was blocked with a burning sofa.

Fire ban extended

THE Junta de Andalucia has extended the season for the prohibition of bonfires and barbecues across the entire region as the wildfire risk remains dangerously high.

A mix of the exceptional October temperatures and a scarcity of rain has led to the extension of the regular period from June until at least October 31.

The ban prohibits the burning of vegetation or agricultural waste and the use of barbecues even in designated areas at camping resorts and any area within 400 metres of a forest.

Motor vehicles are also banned from forest areas.

Since January 1 the Plan Infoca specialist wildfire teams have tackled more than 800 fires.

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Hiker rescue

A SIX strong team walked two kilometres to rescue a woman who broke her leg while hiking in Nijar. The 55-year-old slipped on the road linking Agumarga with Cala Enmedio. She was stretchered to Cala Enmedio beach then taken by boat to a waiting ambulance.

Speedy Gonzalez

A SPEED demon was caught tearing down the A7 past Huerca-Overa at 239kph, double the speed limit. A shocked Guardia Civil patrol with a speed camera saw him whizz by but were helpless due to his high speed. The next day the 33-year-old Spaniard was tracked down.

Newborn net

A MILK bank has been set up in Poniente hospital to celebrate Breastfeeding Week. Lactating mothers are being asked to donate milk to help newborns with serious immune issues or who weigh less than 1.5kg. Special rooms have been set up for any interested mothers.

Plastic mountain

FARMERS have 15,000 tons of plastic which they don't know what to do with. Two Chinese companies which formerly removed and recycled it have pulled out over new regulations. Now hundreds of local producers are considering burning the waste as collection is too time consuming.

Ticket touts

A GANG of ticket touts bought 64 tickets to a rock concert in Almeria valued at €5,000 with a stolen credit card. The tickets were voided on delivery, but still sold on to dozens of teenagers for cheaper prices, who were later turned away from the

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 33

Spain is the second most mountainous European country after Switzerland, and is also home to one of its most active volcanoes.



VOLATILE: Mount Teide with the famous Garcia Stone in front.

Mountain high and totally breathtaking!



SKY HIGH: The monastery at Montserrat.

SPAIN was once described as "just one big mountain," and although a tongue in cheek comment by a 19th century English travel writer, the nation does possess an extensive and rugged landscape.

With five main mountain ranges - the Sistema Central, the Cordillera Cantabrica, the Pyrenees, the Cordillera Subbetica and the Sierra Morena - more than 20 per cent of the country's land is 1,000 metres or more above sea level. The individual daddy of them all, though not on the mainland, is Mount Teide, in Tenerife on the Canary Islands.

More than 3,700 metres high, Teide is the country's most visited natural attraction and the highest - and still active - volcano in the world outside Hawaii when measured from peak to ocean floor.

Teide last erupted in 1909 but it is still rated as being unstable leading many to speculate an eruption is imminent.

A study eight years ago by Granada University found that Teide is likely to violently erupt and the International Association of Volcanology also labelled it a 'decade volcano,' one with a destructive history that is close to populated areas.

The highest mountain peak on mainland Spain is Mulhacén, at more than 3,400 metres, just over two hours' drive from Granada in the Sierra Nevada range.

Not only does the Sierra Nevada offer opportunities to do extreme sports, but it is also a popular ski resort.

Peak interest

ON the French/Spanish border in the north, the Pyrenees have more than 200 peaks over 3,000 metres high, and the largest surviving glacier can be found on Aneto, the region's tallest peak.

Larrun, at nearly 1,000 metres, was used by the French troops when they sought shelter from Wellington's forces during the 19th century Peninsular War.

Many interesting sights can be found sky-high including St Mary's church on Mount Naranco and the Montserrat monastery in Cataluña, which is more than 1,000-years-old.

'Bad Bunny' gig.

Migrant crisis

EUROPEAN border control specialists joined forces with the Almeria

Guardia Civil to rescue 75 immigrants. They were aboard four quickly sinking boats just off the Cabo de Gata coast. The vast majority were men in healthy condition, now being processed by police.

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- 2 Ryanair announce MASSIVE flight cancellations due to French ATC strike - **21,425**
- 3 UK airlines warn Tuesday's French air traffic strike hit Spain flights - **17,907**
- 4 Prepare for another scorcher! Hot weather returns to Spain - **7,847**
- 5 Hurricane Ophelia heading towards Spain - **7,242**



VIGO BURNS: Fires spread across the north-west of Spain

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Poll of the week

Should Spain turn back the clock and revert to Greenwich Mean Time, abandoning the time zone it joined under the Franco dictatorship?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:
 Should Spain introduce payments for the return of plastic bottles in the war against environmental pollution?

Yes = 88%
No = 12%

Top Social Media comments

Galicia blazes
 The government needs to change their laws and max 10-year jail sentence for anyone starting fires! The bomberos put their life at risk, nature killed the cost!!! IDIOTS. *Wendy Nerding*
 My thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones and their homes, the firefighters, ordinary people and military who are trying to put a stop to the fires. Such devastation to wildlife as well by a few senseless idiots. *Sallyann Wiseman*
 Maybe those concerned never thought their own granny, cousin etc could be killed or trapped by these fires. In some scenes it appeared there was nowhere to escape to. *Jenny Dodd*
 They aren't wildfires, these are acts of sick criminal minds who deserve to burn in hell. *Debbie Carter*

Penélope Cruz "sad and shocked" over Harvey Weinstein revelations
 They should have spoken out years ago. Were they more concerned about their own careers than preventing future victims? *Andy Funnell*

UK insurance cheat with bad back caught out on TV doing bungee swing in Spain
 Not good enough to just get a suspended sentence that will not deter others to do the same.

Shame on the judge. Should have been jail and community service. *Edith Farminer*
 I knew a bloke who was off six months with a dislocated shoulder. He played golf every day! *John Babb*

Brit couple jailed for holiday in Spain fake food poisoning claim
 Right to do, as in the long run all these fake claims put the price of everyone's holiday up!! *Erika Stanbury*
 Stupid greedy pair. 'IF' they were ill on their first trip... why go back? *Evil Joy Jones*
 The con artists who make false claims about food poisoning here in Spain create a very bad image for the UK travel companies. Their clamping down on these scammers who are in their thousands who make false claims... they should be ashamed of themselves, very bad for tourism and especially the brilliant friendly hotels here... *Steve Cline*
 About time too! I was also a rep for a British holiday company, but the British guests were a nightmare! It seems to have become the typical Brit culture to lie and cheat to get compensation money! What's wrong with them???

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Lost in translation



1 Kumquat with Lemon
 2 Whatever

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Little bits on the side

Sadistic shooter's revenge

A MAN who shot a foe in the penis is facing nine years in prison for attempted murder. He shot his victim six times, leaving him for dead in an Almeria street.

A court heard how he approached his victim in the capital, told him "you are finished," and pulled out the pistol. He shot him in the right leg, groin, arm, penis and side.

The defendant, a local man identified only as LAH, didn't have a licence for the gun, which has never been found.

It is unclear exactly what prompted the attack. The men were longstanding acquaintances. The defendant told police that he had a troubled relationship with the victim and had grown increasingly ill-disposed towards him.

OUR VIEW

Galician disaster

AFTER the terrible news of the wildfires devastating parts of California and killing at least 41, things have moved closer to home with four killed in Galician fires.

It appears that at least some of those fires were started by arsonists and that they have been made worse by strong winds hitting the coast of Spain due to the fall-out from Storm Ophelia.

Fire brigades in the region have found it incredibly difficult to cope with more than 100 separate active fires and this problem has been made worse by the fact that many brigades have laid off firefighters now that the dangerous summer period was thought to have passed.

Prime Minister Rajoy travelled to his home province as a show of support for those who had been affected by the fires and to grieve alongside the families of a 78-year-old man who died trying to protect his animals and a 70-year-old man who was fighting the fires near his home in Vigo.

Two bodies were also discovered in a burnt out car but at the time of writing the victims had not been identified.

Our hearts and best wishes must go out to all of those affected by these fires and those in the emergency services fighting them.

We hope however that if any of these fires have been started deliberately that those responsible realise the pain and suffering that they have caused.

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Abs-olutely fabulous!

HE'S the Australian beefcake who has conquered Hollywood as Marvel musclemán Thor.

But Chris Hemsworth has revealed that his stunning Spanish wife Elsa Pataky is not a fan of his muscular frame.

The 33-year-old star, speaking at the premiere of Thor: Ragnarok in Sydney, let slip that his 41-year-old squeeze is "wildly unimpressed" with his chiselled body.



THOR BLIMEY: Chris and Elsa.

Instagram/Elsa Pataky

Having put on 10 kilos of muscle for his role as the hammer-wielding Norse superhero, he said: "I had to do all that work and I'm like come on honey, but she's always like, 'meh, it's fine.'"

It comes after the dad-of-three earlier revealed that Elsa is "much fitter" than him.

The pair hooked up in 2010 and married in December that year, and have three children together, five-year-old daughter India and three-year old twins Sasha and Tristan.



Michael Fassbender/Instagram

WEDDED BLISS: Alicia and Michael.

X-man and wife

THEY'RE the Hollywood couple on everyone's lips after being spotted sporting wedding rings.

And it has emerged that Irish actor Michael Fassbender, 40, has tied the knot with Swedish Oscar-winner Alicia Vikander, 29, in an environmentally-friendly wedding on party island Ibiza.

Although the showbiz pair have yet to confirm that they are married, a source close to the couple leaked the news to the media, confirming that "the bash went on until 6am."

Spain's silver screen stars speak out

THEY are two of Spain's biggest film stars.

And Penelope Cruz, 43, and Antonio Banderas, 57, pulled no punches as they waded into the debate surrounding disgraced Hollywood producer and alleged sexual predator Harvey Weinstein.

Oscar winner Cruz wrote on Instagram: "The stories that have emerged over the last few days about Harvey Weinstein have left me with a mixture of astonishment and profound sadness. Obviously I didn't know that side of



him. "I need to express my support to the women that have had such horrible experiences. They have shown great bravery by speaking out. This kind of abuse of power is completely unacceptable. "All of us, men and women, need to inspire the value of support for one another in future generations."

Leading man Banderas added "I will tell you what is obvious. For me the attitude of this man is unacceptable."

ASTONISHED: Penelope Cruz.

Going Gaga

SHE'S the Poker Face singer who cancelled a series of shows on her European Tour last month.

But Lady Gaga, 31, seemed carefree after taking to Instagram to confirm that she is fighting fit, as she posted a photo captioned: "Tough girl on the mend." The news comes as confirmation that the star's shows in Barcelona have been rescheduled for January 14 and 16.



Lady Gaga/Instagram

FIGHTING FIT: Lady Gaga.

Trips don't lie

IT was rumoured that their relationship was on the rocks. But Barcelona footballer Gerard Pique and Colombian pop siren Shakira have moved to scotch the gossip after posting a photo of themselves shopping on Instagram.

It comes after the high-profile pair, who have two sons together, were earlier snapped together in Pique's Audi.

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Turre - 89,950€ (ref: TAI)

2 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 126m² • Build: 74m²

Located on the edge of the village of Turre this property with terrace, courtyard, off road parking & communal pool is well presented & within walking distance of the village centre.



Los Gallardos - 89,995€ (ref: HNOO)

2 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 404m² • Build: 77m²

Set on a plot of more than 400m² this property has benefitted from considerable investment to create a wonderful home and priced as it is, represents amazing value for money.



Los Gallardos 95,000€

(ref: HNOL3)

Penthouse apartment
2 beds • 2 baths
Build: 833m²



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The solarium is one of the major investments in the property with wood decking fitted with solar up-lighters, pergola with retractable side awnings and a roof to make another outside living room as and when required and amazing views to both Mojácar Pueblo and Sierra Cabrera, and also a vista or two of the Mediterranean.

It is also a fantastic space in which you are able to BBQ all year round regardless of the weather.



Vera Playa Bahía de Vera Naturist Urb. 159,950€

(ref: NBVBB)

First floor apartment
2 beds • 1 bath
Build: 60m²



Breaking with the more traditional presentation of similar style properties on Bahía de Vera this remodelled apartment is presented to a show home standard and will not disappoint the discerning viewer.

Considerable thought and investment have been made by the current owners to present a contemporary style property that has been their full time home and as a result benefits many extras compared to that of a rental or holiday home sale.



With two terraces that together take views to all points of the compass; extended internal living space combined with adaptable external living space; allocated covered parking and both indoor and outdoor swimming pools; surely this is a naturists' paradise.

Located in one of the more tranquil areas of the development the apartment and all that it has to offer is available for immediate purchase and occupancy.



Los Gallardos - 94,950€ (ref: HNNW2)

2 (3) beds • 2 baths • Build: 95m²

This end of row penthouse property located on one of the smaller communities in Huerta Nueva is presented to a high standard & would be ideal for either full time living or as a holiday home.



Turre - 114,950€ (ref: TAW)

3 beds • 2 baths • Build: 119m²

Located on the edge of the village of Turre this large three bedroom property with off road parking and roof top solarium is well presented and within walking distance of the village centre.



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By Matthew Elliott

POLICE arrested 51 members of a gang that shipped hundreds of kilos of drugs hidden in watermelons to Holland. Guardia Civil took down the syndicate in a major operation, recovering 271 kilos of high-grade marihuana, 46 luxury cars, a heavy truck, gun and almost half a million in cash.

The gang were headquartered in Granada Province but also operational in Almeria. In addition to drug trafficking, charges brought against gang members include bribery and money laundering.

Tax officials also took part in the raid and have arrested 11 of the detainees on financial-related charges.

The gang was headed by members of the same criminal clan. They oversaw a network of mari-

Crime ring smashed

Gang busted with weed, weapons and luxury cars

huana growers across southern Spain who supplied them with abundant quantities of the crop.

The second rung of the ladder involved storing and preparing the drugs for shipment. Specialist drivers then transported the product to the Netherlands, typically in large haulage trucks with marihuana hidden in watermelons, oranges, or even electric appliances.

When the Guardia Civil had gathered enough intelligence they intercepted one truck and uncovered 271 kilos of marihuana in watermelons and cans of vegetables.



Photo credit: Guardia Civil

Tax officials suspect that the dirty money gained from drug sales was washed through the purchase of luxury cars from a Malaga dealership.

Theft of tax information from third parties and a regular dose of bribery meant they didn't pay any duty on the expensive vehicles.

BUSTED: Police seize weed, weapons, cash and crooks.



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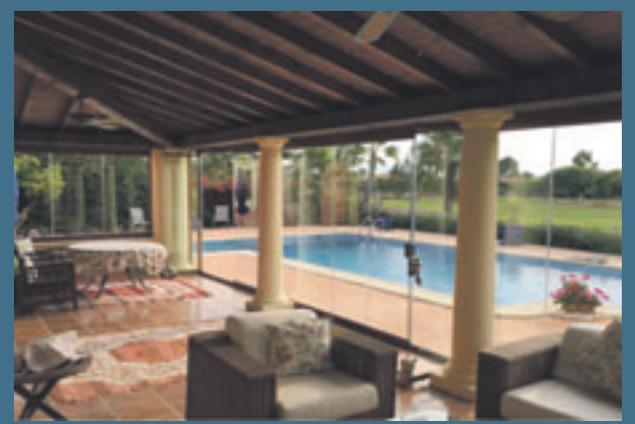


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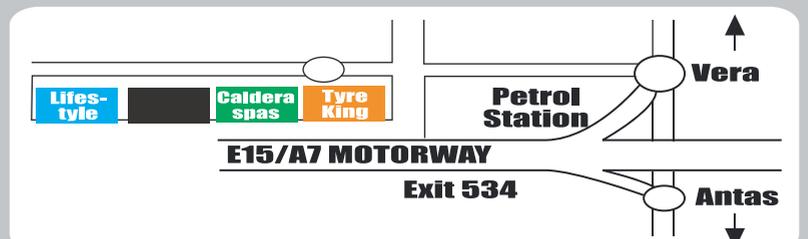




Photo by Guardia Civil

BUST: Police secure major drugs haul in farmhouse.



NEWS EXTRA

Fury over lost police

RESIDENTS of Carboneras have complained over the lack of bobbies on the beat in the evenings. Socialist councillors have pledged to restore 24-hour policing to the streets.

Wage rise

NO public employee in Almería Province will earn less than €1,000 per month for full time work under the new 2018 budget. The working will be also be reduced to 35 hours.

Green plan

FIVE new parks will be built in Almería City at a cost just shy of €2 million. All will be adapted for disabled residents and children as part of the city's pledge to create green spaces.

Farm fiend

POLICE caught a thief who snuck into an El Ejido farm, stealing tractor engines and irrigation equipment. He was spotted by witnesses struggling to stack his loot in a getaway van.

Farmhouse flush

POLICE raided an Almería farmhouse, seizing 10 marijuana plants in full bloom. One local man, aged 59, was arrested and charged with growing and dealing drugs.

The raid was organised by

the Guardia Civil. Officers were alerted to the tell-tale stench of marijuana growing in the Doña Maria neighbourhood.

After a surveillance operation they acquired enough evidence for a search warrant. Once they seized the plants the hunt began for the owner.

He was soon tracked down and confessed to owning, growing and selling the drugs. When weighed the plants totalled 28 kilograms.

The detainee has since been jailed and is awaiting sentencing.

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Pig killers punished

Gangland shooter on trial

A FARM worker who crushed 79 piglets to death by belly-flopping and stamping on them has escaped jail.

Almeria's criminal court gave the Lithuanian national, and the Spanish colleague

who filmed him, suspended sentences of 15 months in prison each.

Both men have been banned from working with animals for three years. They must also pay compensation

of €4,470 to the farm owner, roughly €60 for each piglet killed.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News*, DAA and MR, aged 19 and 22 at the time, trapped the piglets in a tractor at the Huerca-Overa farm in January 2016.

While one filmed the scene on his phone, the other jumped onto the squealing piglets, who were all less than a week old. Horrifying footage posted on WhatsApp shows him leaping around as though it were a ball pool.

Nineteen piglets were crushed to death instantly. Another 60 died later from their injuries.

The 21-second video was all the evidence the court needed to pass judgement. Lawyers for the Spanish worker who filmed the violence tried to get him off the hook. But the judge threw out his defence, saying that common decency compelled him to "instinctively stop recording."

PROSECUTORS are urging a nine-year sentence for a man who shot a drug-dealing rival four times. His victim is facing three years for the attempted hit and run and constant threats that ultimately led the man to try to kill him.

The two were bitter enemies, running rival turfs in Almeria's murky drugs underworld. For years their hatred simmered with frequent insults and threats.

Then one day the shooting victim, identified as VJAF, dramatically escalated the situation. He spotted JMS walking through the city's Barrio Alto neighbourhood and began chasing him through the streets in his car.

Driving dangerously and with 'clear intimidation,' the court heard, he was stopped only when JMS whipped out a pistol on Plaza de las Mulas. He fired four shots from the semi-automatic, which he had no licence to possess.

All missed but did serious damage to the car.

Prosecutors concede JMS had cause to fear for his life and the four shots fired amounted to attempted murder.



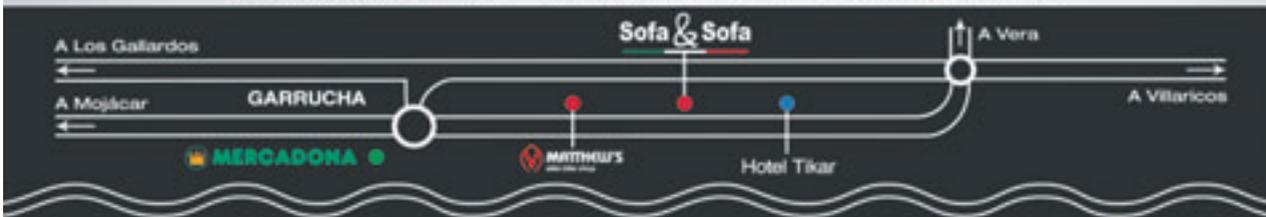
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Ahead of the pack

NEW rules governing household pets are about to be passed to the provincial council.

If approved, there will be a 30-day period of public exposure for a raft of new

measures designed to protect animals.

These include reduction of the number of animals abandoned in Almería in order to achieve a slaughter rate of zero per cent in

municipal shelters, with the legal period of stay for individual animals increased from 10 to 15 days.

A limit of five dogs and/or cats will also be imposed on private householders, with additional rules regulating the breeding and sale of many other species, including banning the display of live dogs and cats in pet shop windows.

Pigeon and chicken coops will also be subject to new regulations regarding their placement in respect of neighbouring properties, while citizens caught feeding feral populations of domestic animals are likely to face fines.

Owners of dangerous dog breeds also face sanctions of up to €500 for walking their animals without a muzzle.

It comes in the wake of long-term lobbying by animal rights' groups.

Coastal scheme goes on

PLANS to construct the second phase of Mojácar's coastal relief road are being drawn up. Mayor Rosmari Cano signed an agreement with the Andalusian Ministry of Development, giving the long-promised project the green light.

It is designed to drastically relieve congestion and bottlenecks during summer, particularly on access roads to the beaches.

Just over three kilometres of road were built in the first stage.

The second encompassed another 5.7 kilometres but encountered problems as it impacted the habitat of a rare tortoise, forcing planners to draw up a new route.

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PARCHED: Almeria in urgent need of water boost.

LAST month was one of the driest since the weather station was installed at Almeria airport in 1968. There was hardly any rainfall in September across the province, new data from Aemet, Spain's meteorological agency.

The last hydrological year ended on September 30. Despite the parched final 30 days of the water calendar, the year itself witnessed an increase in rainfall compared to 2016.

Despite this, concluded Aemet, "in Almeria there is the paradox that, regardless of getting more rainfall than average, the province is experiencing severe supply problems."

The Andalusian executive has pledged to guarantee water supply to homes and to ensure that agriculture is harmed as little as possible.

The news comes a week after the Almeria Water Board revealed that the province has a water deficit of 190 cubic hectometres, or 190 billion litres. The Almanzora Valley is by far the worst hit region.

An estimated 24,000 hectares of prime agricultural land are now believed to be at serious risk of being lost to drought. The Water Board has called on the immediate reopening of the Villaricos desalination plant, which closed, ironically due to flooding, in 2012.



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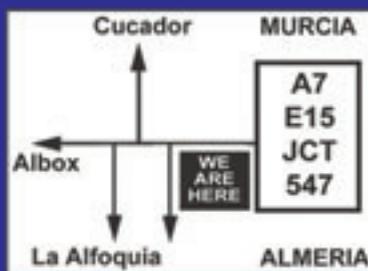
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Gun thugs jailed

TWO heavily armed men who guarded a major drug plantation were jailed. The Ohanes residents watched over the Los Lunes site with a stockpile of shotguns at their disposal.

Inside the compound were 38 marijuana plants. Police raiding the site also found 8.1kg of prepared marijuana with a street value of €82,000.

A concrete cabin had even been constructed for the guards, who maintained a 24-hour presence at the site in shift patterns. The men,

aged 51 and 42, have been jailed on drugs preparation and weapons possession charges.

One of them had previously acquired a firearms licence, but it was revoked following a string of convictions for violent offences.

The court heard how local residents lived in fear of the gun-toting thugs. Police conducted a thorough surveillance operation on the premises to ensure they weren't drawn into a gun fight during the raid.

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Crack down

TRAFFIC police launched a major crack-down over the weekend. Helicopters were dispatched to oversee traffic and increased alcohol checks made as 330,000 road trips took place across the province.

Van blaze

A VAN caught fire on the A-332 at Cuevas del Almanzora. The driver had to perform an emergency stop and watched as the van was reduced to charcoal before firefighters arrived.

Feet first

VERA is developing a new mobility plan, focusing on walking and healthy movement. The town hall wants resident input into how to make the town more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.

Book worms

A NEW public library will be built in Almería thanks to a €496,000 subsidy from Madrid. The minister of finance travelled to Almería to sign the deal with Mayor Ramon Fernandez-Pacheco.

Road works

THERE will be severe restrictions on the A-1001 road at Torrecardenas until at least November 27. Signposts are in effect to warn drivers of delays and diversions.

Swim safe

LIFESAVING rings are in place at Nijar's Agua-marga, Las Negras, and La Isleta beaches. They can be flung into the sea by civilians to help swimmers as lifeguards take a winter break.

NEWS EXTRA

Mystery
not murder

POLICE investigators say no foul play is suspected in the finding of a body floating near Almería Port. The white male with multiple tattoos appears to have drowned.

Class act

THIRTY-FIVE graduates of Almería's Chinese language classes won their diplomas. There are now 3,500 young people studying Chinese at eight centres across the province as the language grows more popular.

Spring clean

ALMOST €500,000 will be invested in sprucing up 24 churches across the province to restore Almería's cultural heritage. Included are Las Pocicas de Albox and La Asunción de Olula del Rio.

CONTINGENCY plans against a dreaded tree disease have been made amid fears it will spread to the Almanzora Valley.

Xylella fastidiosa, a quickly spreading crop bacteria also known as 'olive ebola,' has been detected in nearby Alicante Province. It is wreaking havoc in Mallorca, where more than one million olive and almond trees are believed to be infected.

In preparation for the worst-case scenario, the twin agricultural offices of the Almanzora Valley and Andalucía Junta held information sessions for local farmers.

They provided olive, almond, and wine growers, in particular, with information on how to identify the disease and prevent its spread.

Xylella fastidiosa causes the trees it infects to wilt, dry and die. The process is slow and contagion of neighbouring trees is extremely likely.

Italy was the first European country to suffer from an outbreak of the disease. More than one million olive trees were destroyed in 2010, a disaster the country's agriculture sector is still struggling to recover from.

Dreaded disease

Fears mount over 'olive ebola' bacteria

Citrus, blueberry, alfalfa, acacia and dozens of other species are also at risk. In most cases the disease doesn't show symptoms until it is too late.

There is no cure. Almanzora farmers are being told that preventing the disease from arriving in the first place is their only real hope. They are being

advised to buy produce only from unaffected areas and to make sure of plant passports,

which guarantee quality.

Inspections are being made of garden centres, and parks.



DEADLY: Dreaded tree disease could destroy Almanzora agriculture.



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STRESS, age and cigarettes are behind the majority of killer diseases in Almeria. New data published from the Ministry of the Economy reveals that stroke is the leading cause of death and disability across the province.

In both men and women it is the single biggest mortal threat. Last year 86 died from stroke. Many more suffered permanent disability.

The health report also expressed concern that the age of people experiencing

Killer diseases remain

Leading causes of death revealed



HEALTH: Classic killers still affecting Almeria's ageing population.

lung cancer, with 51 deaths. For women Alzheimer's and dementia are a greater risk. In total 49 people died from those diseases of the mind in 2016.

Prostrate, breast cancer and diabetes were the other leading causes of death for Almeria residents. Suicide was also a significant factor among men.

Today across the Almanzora Valley events are taking place to commemorate World Breast Cancer Day. There are an estimated 4,000 new cases each year in Andalusia. Survival rate is now at 90 per cent given early detection.

Almeria is also doing its bit to combat leukaemia, which killed nine people across the province last year. So far in 2017, 658 people have put their name down to become bone marrow donors, a 15 per cent rise on last year. There are now 4,142 people on the list.

NEWS EXTRA

Traffic delays

DIVERSIONS are in place on the AL-3106 road from Nijar to Las Negras for roughly one month as major road safety works take place. Delays can be expected.

Police day

CELEBRATIONS were held across Almeria Province as the Guardia Civil enjoyed its special feast day. Top brass police were out in force to discuss their role in combating crime with curious citizens.

Beach loos

A NEW beach plan will see 55 normal toilets and 24 adapted toilets set up alongside all of Almeria City's beaches. They will be ready by June and found near beach bars.

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strokes has declined recently. This is blamed on unhealthy eating habits.

The majority of deaths from stroke occur in people aged between 75 and 84.

The second biggest killer for men in Almeria was

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The number of years that the Sagrada Familia church has been under construction, with it expected to be complete by 2026.

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Bound for Middle East

SPANISH soldiers based at Viator are being dispatched to Iraq to train Iraqi forces in their fight against terrorism. The 350-strong contingent have completed multiple tours of the war-torn country.

Why not?

A MUSIC director who made a tidy profit selling guitars he was directed to 'get rid of' was acquitted of robbery. The band expected him to throw them away instead of earning €5,000.

Drug help

EIGHT in 10 youngsters seeking help from the Proyecto Hombre drug counselling charity are doing so over cannabis use. The vast majority of attendees are men aged under 40.

Homecoming king!



STAR POWER: Legions of local fans swooned over Bisbal.

POP sensation David Bisbal drove 7,000 fans wild during his comeback gig in Huerca-Overa. It was the final Spanish leg of his 'Hijos del Mar' tour before he departs for Latin America, where millions more loyal fans await.

Performing at the Huerca-Overa football field in an evening gig last Thursday, amid unusually heavy security, Bisbal didn't disappoint. With it being a special

gig for the Almeria-born pop star, it was cracking with emotion.

Bisbal sang a song devoted to his young daughter in the audience. He told the crowd "you are my energy, you have always supported me." Flags of Almeria, Andalusia and Spain draped the stage.

Classics including 'Slave of your kisses,' 'Ten thousand ways,' and 'Hail Mary,' delighted the crowd.

Bisbal, aged 38, is Almeria's most successful music export. A singer, songwriter and actor, he first shot to fame in the early 2000s as a reality TV star and pop contestant.

Next week he'll be in Panama before moving on to Colombia, Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay, showcasing his credentials as one of the biggest crossover Spanish stars on the world stage today.

Promised motorway takes shape

THE long-promised Almanzora Valley motorway took a small step closer to reality. A list of owners whose properties will be forcibly expropriated was published the Andalusian Junta's Official Gazette.

Dozens of properties will be taken over and flattened to make way for the motorway. It will cost well over €100 million and directly serve more than 70,000 inhabitants of the Valley's 28 municipalities.

The first section of the motorway will connect El Cucador with the A-7. The priority stretch between Fines and the A-7 is expected to serve 10,000 people each day.

The first section from El Cucador, is expected to be operational by 2020. The Fines stretch will open a year later.

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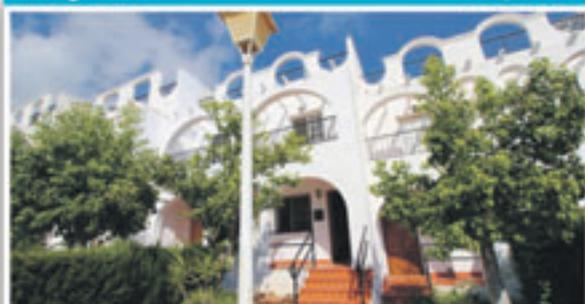
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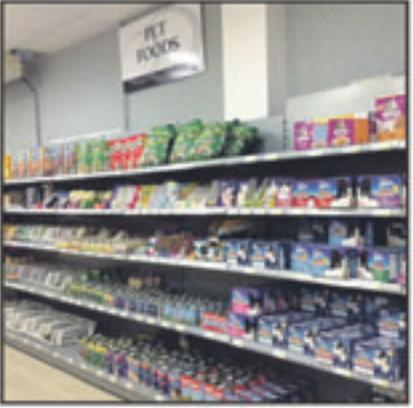


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Low cost flights are increasing



CHEAP: Low cost companies targeting Almeria airport.

LOW-COST flights account for just 40 per cent of Almeria airport's total traffic, substantially below the Spanish average.

But they are on the rise, jumping by 5 per cent this year as a record numbers of Germans, Brits and Belgians choose the Costa de Almeria.

In Malaga seven in 10 flights are run by low-cost operators,

including Ryanair and Norwegian. In Alicante, Palma, Barcelona, Valencia, and other major hubs the figure exceeds 60 per cent.

Almeria airport is below even the Spanish average of 54 per cent. That will change soon, according to director Pablo Lazaro, who expects Costa de Almeria's growing tourist repu-

tation to spark a flurry of low-cost flights.

He is also confident that El Alquian will bust the one million mark by Christmas. Surpassing a million passengers has been the airport's stated dream since it was opened in 1968.

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NEWS EXTRA**Blazing a new trail**

A HIKING programme with eight routes launches from Huerca-Overa next weekend. The trails explore Calabres de Filabres, Cabo de Gata and other key attractions, costing €12 per person.

Story teller

TOP Spanish diplomat Inocencio Arias visited Huerca-Overa to discuss his new book. 'Chencho,' born in Albox, was Ambassador to the UN and even Director General of Real Madrid.

Karate kids

SIX medals were won by the Almeria taekwondo youth team at the regional championships. Seven young students won their ticket to a national competition held in November.

Best of the west Desert film festival a roaring success

EUROPE'S biggest Western Film Festival crowned *Mimosas* by Oliver Laxe as the overall winner of an action-packed seventh edition.

Shot in Spain, France and Morocco, the acclaimed 'mystical thriller' scooped three of the Almeria Western Film Festival's (AWFF) four feature film awards, almost a clean sweep.

It won best neo-western, best technical direction, and best interpretation awards. It missed out on best western, which went to 'Hell or High Water' an American heist flick from director David McKenzie set in the Wild West era.

The awards capped off four days of an intensive and rewarding film extravaganza. More than 50 workshops, eight feature films, 22 shorts and dozens of documentaries wooed the thousands of festival goers and film lovers.

Best short was 'Gold' by Guilhem Connac. Photographer Carlos Perez-Siquier was awarded the Desert of Taber-



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WILD WEST: Desert genre alive and kicking in Tabernas.

nas award for his artistic efforts.

AWFF director Jose Francisco Viruega said the festival's metamorphosis into a top international event was due to Almeria's eye-catching scenery, which had "immortalised" the western genre

since the 1960s.

Tabernas mayor Jose Diaz was also in attendance. "We have a film heritage that we must care for. Because cinema is not only past and present in Tabernas, but also part of our future."

Smart zebras active

TWO smart zebra crossings have debuted in Almeria City. The intelligent crossings cost €21,000 and are located on Instincion street and Cabo de Gata avenue.

Another eight smart zebras will be built in the coming months.

They are equipped with LED optics and sound detectors. They can detect when a pedestrian steps out onto the road and flash an amber signal to alert drivers.

There is also a nighttime lighting system to ensure that people are always seen. The project is similar to one already rolled out in the eastern city of Badajoz.

In Iceland 3D zebra crossings are being piloted which project a huge hologram to slow drivers down.

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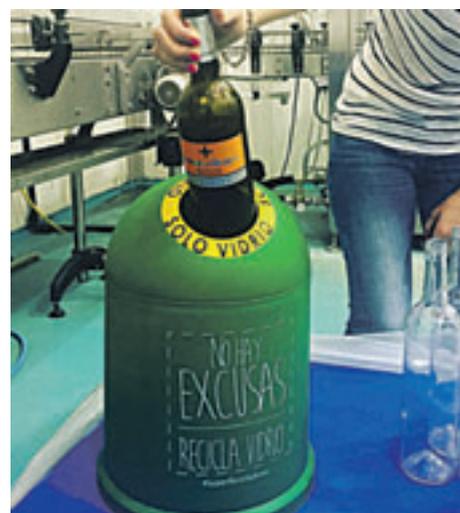
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GOING GREEN: Ecovidrio's campaign cancels out car pollution.

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Green scheme working wonders

AFTER recycling a hefty 112 tons of glass over summer, Mojacar has received the Green Award from Ecovidrio. The non-profit sustainability organisation worked hand-in-hand with Mojacar Council to oversee the impressive effort.

Working with hotels, bars and residents to collect glass bottles, Mojacar recycled more than 56 per cent than last summer's volume.

The awareness campaign on the importance of recycling won the collaboration of 80 local establishments. Each handed over their used glass bottles, contributing to half of the total amount recycled.

To make recycling easier, an extra seven huge

glass bins were set up strategically around the pueblo this summer. Another 71 smaller containers were dished out to local establishments.

In honouring Mojacar with its Green Award, Ecovidrio revealed that last year's glass recycling total from the pueblo was 106 tons. That equates to each Mojacar resident recycling 16.3 kilos of glass. This year's total has already surpassed 2016, with months still to go.

Nationwide Ecovidrio has now helped 80 coastal areas and more than 6,000 hotels recycle almost 30,000 tons of glass. In doing so people have avoided CO2 emissions equivalent to removing 4,500 cars from the roads.

DISREPECTING traffic lights is the single biggest crime committed by Almería Province's drivers. Six out of 10 traffic incidents leading to injury or death are caused by a failure to stop at the lights, with both pedestrians and drivers to blame.

There are roughly 300 such incidents in Almería each year,

Red light danger

according to the Directorate General of Traffic (DGT). Seven out of 10 are the fault of

pedestrians but the DGT says the speed of the driver often makes the situation even worse.

Half of pedestrians hit at 50kph die, while just 5 per cent struck at 30kph are killed.

In the past 19 years 1,775 drivers across the province have had a total of 7,172 points docked from their licence for failing to stop at a red. By the end of September, 82 drivers had been caught. The current penalty is a €200 fine and the loss of four points.

146 The reported number of fires that hit Galicia last weekend.

Stage Door 34

COMMENCING with The Beachcomber on October 24, the Indalo Players are about to embark on their first World Tour of Almeria with their new Murder Mystery play, 'The Speakeasy Murder.'

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The next date will be in Kuki's Bar, Mojacar Playa on Tuesday December 6, but keep watching this space for extra shows at a location near you!

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The Dames are also looking for donations of items suitable for their Tombola stall and the main Christmas Raffle, all monies raised at this event help towards local charities. Dames in Turre appreciate the support the general public give and hope this year will be the best one yet, thank you for your support in advance.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Storm forces flight back

AN easyJet flight from Spain was forced to make an emergency landing in the UK on Monday due to excess dust in the air caused by storm Ophelia and the wildfires raging in Spain and Portugal.

Sick scheme

A BRITISH couple have been jailed after submitting a fake food poisoning claim trying to claim £20,000 for fake gastric illnesses while on holiday in Mallorca.

Local heroes

A THIEF attempting to rob a shop at gunpoint was restrained by several have-a-go heroes in Spain who wrestled with the man for several minutes to release the weapon from his grip.

Car crisis

BRITISH owners and drivers of Mercedes-Benz cars in Spain have been alerted to a massive recall notice, as the cars may have a potential short-circuit electrical fault which could deploy the airbags by mistake.

Traffic trauma

OVER 1.3 million people have been injured in traffic accidents in Spain in the past decade, according to a study by Direct Line insurance and the Spanish road safety foundation (FESVIAL).

Party over

IBIZA council leaders threaten to close bars and nightclubs in popular resort San Antonio as part of plans to clamp down on noisy and drunken holiday revellers.

Home safe

A TWO-YEAR-OLD girl who vanished while walking her dog with her father in Gil Garcia (Avila) forest on Monday night was safely returned to her family after a major search.

Flag flaunter

A REAL ESTATE developer placed what is believed to be the largest ever Spanish flag, valued at around €15,000 and measuring 731 square metres, on the side of a building in Valdebebas, Madrid.

Leaders' arrest sparks fury

THOUSANDS took to the streets in Barcelona, Catalonia's regional capital, on Tuesday to protest the arrest of two senior pro-independence activists who were sent to prison without bail.

Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sanchez were accused of stirring up major demonstrations in the run-up to the controversial independence referendum on October 1 which Madrid re-

gards as illegal.

The two are presidents of pro-independence groups and are being investigated over a protest in which a crowd blocked Civil Guard officers inside a building in Barcelona. The ruling has heightened tensions between Madrid and Cataluña again with protests breaking out in Barcelona as news of their imprisonment spread.

On Monday the Catalan President Carles Puigdemont failed to confirm whether he had declared independence or not but instead wrote a letter to Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy calling for a meeting "as soon as possible."

Rajoy had warned that Madrid will suspend Cataluña's autonomy if independence was declared.

Wildfires acts of 'incendiary terrorism'

AT least 40 people have died in the wildfires that have swept northern Spain and Portugal after more than 500 fires were declared over the weekend.

Rain from passing Hurricane Ophelia helped firefighters to tame the blazes, which the Spanish government called acts of 'incendiary terrorism.' On Tuesday authorities announced that the biggest fires had been brought under control.

In Spain, Alberto Nuñez Feijoo, the leader of Galicia, claimed that many of the fires had started as acts of arson.

"The only thing we desire is that these criminals pay for what they have done," he told a news conference.

However, it has emerged that two weeks ago, Galicia dismissed 436 forest rangers who had been hired on temporary contracts over the summer months.

When asked to justify the decision, Mr. Feijoo said that the risk of fire along the Atlantic coast had "lowered significantly."

The fire in Carballeda de Avia (Ourense) led to more than 500, mainly elderly, people being evacuated from their homes.

Mayor Luis Milla said it was "like the end of the world" and claimed that "70 per cent of the city had burned down." Milla also reported that there were many people who did not want to leave their homes, saying they preferred to burn with their houses because they had nothing left.

In the city of Vigo 400 people were evacuated from their homes including students from the university campus.

The city's mayor has pointed out that, given the large number of outbreaks, and the distance between them, "Everything indicates that this was not accidental."



BURNT OUT: Firemen battle to tackle the blaze.

Slave bosses held amid abuse claims

THREE Portuguese men have been arrested in La Rioja accused of keeping compatriots in a state of 'semi-slavery.'

All three were Spanish residents and ran a business which persuaded vulnerable Portuguese men, some of whom were alcoholics, to work as countryside labourers, promising to pay them €50 per day, but in fact they received as little as €15 for a 10-hour day as they were charged for food, overcrowded accommodation, transport, cigarettes and alcohol.

Once in Spain, the men were not allowed to contact relatives in Portugal and were threatened if they attempted to complain or tried to

return home.

Police officers had kept a close watch on one of the three men, who had been involved in similar activities in the area previously, and discovered that the man and his accomplices were 'renting out' 40 men to different farmers in the area.

Terror suspect held

A 21-YEAR-OLD woman has been arrested in Girona for her alleged involvement with Islamic terrorists. The suspect is believed

to be a member of the Daesh terrorist network and reportedly recruited other young women to send to fight in Syrian war zones.

Fake cash culprits caught out

TWO men have been arrested in Ibiza accused of distributing fake €50 notes and selling drugs.

Officers of the National Police across Spain were aware that a large number of fake €50 notes were being put into circulation, especially in Barcelona and Madrid.

Eagle-eyed officers were intrigued when they saw two men, who they recognised as members of a local gang, hand a bundle of notes to a third man in Ibiza town who then went into a guitar shop and purchased an expensive acoustic guitar.

After the man left with the guitar, officers entered the shop and checked the notes which they discovered were counterfeit.

The discovery of these notes tied in with a number of complaints received from local shop keepers and businesses, so the National Police visited three properties associated with the gang.

During these raids, they arrested two men and found 2,000 of the fake €50 notes, much of which was stashed in the recently purchased guitar, and €24,000 in genuine currency, along with heroin and cocaine.

Second jet tragedy

FOR the second time in a week, a Spanish pilot has died following a crash.

According to the Spanish Ministry of Defence, the accident happened as the F-18 fighter plane was taking off from the Torrejon de Ardoz airbase in the outskirts of Madrid on Tuesday morning.

It is understood the aircraft suffered a loss of engine power on take off and hardly left the ground. The pilot, 26-year-old Lieutenant Fernando Perez Serrano, was unable to eject from the aircraft.

The disaster comes after a Eurofighter crashed while preparing to land at Los Llanos air base in Albacete last Tuesday, killing the pilot instantly.

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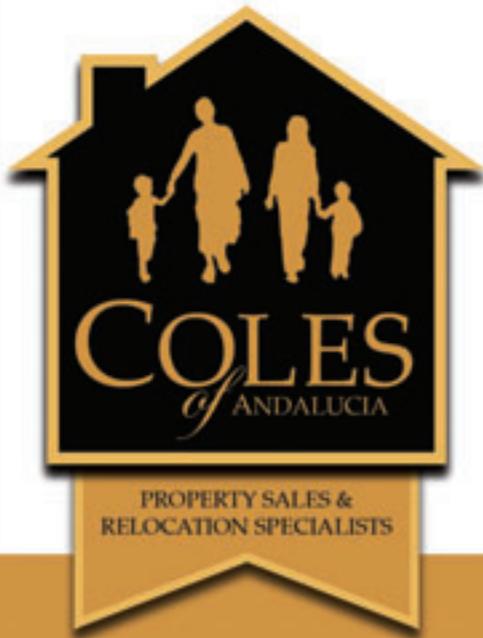
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Los Gallardos

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€169,950

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Poor ratings

THE latest ratings agency to comment on the Catalan situation, Standard and Poor's has suggested that what it calls a crisis could push the region into recession.

It does not believe that independence will be achieved but is of the opinion that if the tension between the National government and Cataluña is allowed to continue it will hurt the economy.

Ryanair to fight Germany

By John Smith

THERE is to be a public spat between Ryanair and the German government over the proposed €210 million sale of parts of Air Berlin to Lufthansa.

Air Berlin was the second largest airline in Germany which had a major base in Mallorca and was one of the busiest airlines transporting passengers from different parts of Germany to Palma.

It had been haemorrhaging money for several years and in the end, main shareholder Etihad, the Abu Dhabi-based airline, indicated that it

would no longer support Air Berlin and its subsidiaries and the company went into liquidation.

The German government injected €150 million into the company by way of a loan in order to allow it to continue to operate for a short period of time whilst the liquidators negotiated possible sales of assets with interested parties.

It has now been revealed that an agreement has been reached whereby it would purchase the Austrian

leisure travel airline Niki (founded by former racing driver Niki Lauda), the LGW German regional airline and 20 aircraft.

Ryanair is furious and has referred to the agreement as a "stitch-up" orchestrated by the German government in order to strengthen flag carrier Lufthansa and therefore intends to refer the matter to the EU competition authority.

A spokesperson for the German government has however made it clear that it expects the European Commission to approve the deal.

Bouncing pound

THE pound has recovered slightly against the euro following a drop when Chief EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said that no agreement over the 'divorce bill' had been reached.

Without this, it seems highly unlikely that the 27 remaining EU states will agree to any immediate discussion of unfettered access to the EU trade market even though Britain has offered to continue to make contributions during a requested two-year transition period.

Quote of the Week

The situation in Cataluña is worrying because it creates a lot of uncertainty, both for the Catalan economy and for the Spanish economy," according to Maurice Obstfeld, chief economist of the International Monetary Fund.



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ON PARADE: Victoria's Secret.

Major brands prefer shopping centres

INTERNATIONAL brands Armani and Victoria's Secret are about to make their Madrid retail debuts not in swanky stores on posh streets but in a new €200 million shopping centre.

The Plaza Rio 2 is a massive new undertaking from French real estate giant La Société Générale Immobilière (LSGI) which has persuaded a large number of major brands to open in this shopping centre which sits

on the banks of the Manzanares river flowing through Madrid.

Swedish Group H&M has taken a large area to promote their new range of products designed for the home and will be joined with such regular high streets names as Massimo Dutti and Zara Home from the Inditex Group.

Other shopping centres in the Madrid area are being renovated.

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Sale approved

THE European Commission (EC) today authorised the acquisition of the Spanish highway concessionaire Abertis by Italy's Atlantia, after concluding that its merger would not prevent 'effective competition' in the market.

Budget deficit

AS it has not been able to obtain full approval for its 2018 budget in parliament the Spanish government will have to increase its deficit target. Whilst it had hoped to hit a 2.2 per cent deficit, this is now to be uprated.

ECB support

THE European Central Bank (ECB) is currently injecting €60 billion into the bond market monthly but this will come to an end at the end of the year. It is forecast that it will halve the amount spent in 2018.

Spain and Belarus meet

IN a spirit of expansion of contact the first meeting of the Belarusian-Spanish joint intergovernmental commission on economic and industrial cooperation will be held in Minsk.

The parties will discuss the current state and prospects for cooperation in trade and investment and it is expected that the two countries will sign a

document of understanding following the meeting.

This initiative has been organised following the visit of Belarus' Minister of Foreign Affairs Vladimir Makei to Spain in June 2017 when the two governments signed a memorandum of economic and industrial cooperation which allowed for the establishment of a joint commission.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,502.75	33.25	2.26	20,254.43
Associated British Foods	3,338.00	-10.00	-0.30	26,156.92
Admiral Group	1,889.00	6.00	0.32	5,366.79
Ashtead Group	1,864.00	3.00	0.16	9,250.65
Antofagasta	1,046.00	31.00	3.05	9,868.43
Aviva	497.05	-2.55	-0.51	19,795.11
AstraZeneca	5,156.50	29.50	0.58	65,169.25
BAE Systems	612.25	-1.25	-0.20	19,590.16
Babcock International Group	827.75	2.25	0.27	4,156.00
Barclays	189.95	-1.30	-0.68	32,449.90
British American Tobacco	4,835.25	-22.75	-0.47	112,761.50
Barratt Developments	679.50	-1.50	-0.22	6,762.45
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,867.50	6.50	0.17	5,193.18
British Land Co	608.75	0.25	0.04	6,166.37
BHP Billiton	1,428.50	30.50	2.18	28,861.46
Bunzl	2,275.00	-9.00	-0.39	7,755.66
BP	492.03	1.23	0.25	96,811.90
Burberry Group	1,882.50	-9.50	-0.50	7,894.80
BT Group	274.73	-0.12	-0.04	27,377.88
Coca-Cola HBC	2,602.00	2.00	0.08	9,483.04
Carnival	5,017.50	17.50	0.35	10,752.49
Centrica	171.80	-2.80	-1.60	9,821.11
Compass Group	1,616.50	-3.50	-0.22	25,462.29
Croda International	3,939.00	-20.00	-0.51	5,098.04
CRH	2,749.00	-3.00	-0.11	23,128.16
ConvaTec Group	239.40	-39.90	-14.29	5,452.42
DCC	7,322.50	-12.50	-0.17	6,515.85
Diageo	2,538.50	-13.00	-0.51	64,311.46
Direct Line Insurance Group	378.35	1.85	0.49	5,088.88
Experian	1,533.00	-3.00	-0.20	14,363.24
easyJet	1,303.50	-6.50	-0.50	5,120.01
Ferguson	5,242.50	-17.50	-0.33	13,132.47
Fresnillo	1,471.00	4.00	0.27	10,640.74
G4S	282.70	1.40	0.50	4,325.85
GKN	313.60	-4.40	-1.38	6,042.09
Glencore	384.48	7.88	2.09	52,540.80
GlaxoSmithKline	1,516.25	0.25	0.02	74,615.64
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,536.00	0.00	0.00	7,095.81
Hammerson	533.50	-1.00	-0.19	4,231.83
HSBC Holdings	741.30	2.30	0.31	152,153.86
International Consolidated Air	619.75	-1.75	-0.28	13,299.19
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,098.00	-5.00	-0.12	7,787.70
3i Group	963.00	-4.00	-0.41	9,193.52
Imperial Brands	3,142.00	-2.50	-0.08	30,116.00
Informa	686.25	-1.25	-0.18	5,669.16
Intertek Group	5,172.50	-32.50	-0.62	8,319.68
ITV	175.15	2.55	1.48	6,992.14
Johnson Matthey	3,482.50	7.50	0.22	6,539.50
Kingfisher	307.40	-1.90	-0.61	6,647.82
Land Securities Group	986.75	0.25	0.03	7,362.47

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	265.75	-0.55	-0.21	15,691.40
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.67	-0.23	-0.35	47,850.86
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,914.50	-7.50	-0.19	13,592.60
Micro Focus International	2,411.00	-1.00	-0.04	10,485.39
Mediclinic International	681.50	2.50	0.37	5,039.06
Merlin Entertainments	455.05	2.25	0.50	4,709.29
Marks & Spencer Group	350.65	-0.15	-0.04	5,684.95
Mondi	1,915.50	3.50	0.18	9,351.77
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.85	-0.05	-0.02	5,501.25
National Grid	927.15	-4.65	-0.50	32,107.32
NMC Health	2,913.50	-1.50	-0.05	5,981.49
Next	4,937.00	26.00	0.53	7,402.30
Old Mutual Group	200.95	0.05	0.02	9,682.33
Paddy Power Betfair	7,730.00	5.00	0.06	6,486.53
Prudential	1,828.75	0.75	0.04	47,166.58
Persimmon	2,802.50	-4.50	-0.16	8,573.63
Pearson	629.75	-4.25	-0.67	5,074.10
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,100.50	-86.50	-1.20	49,516.97
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	273.45	-1.75	-0.64	32,787.69
Royal Dutch Shell	2,286.75	1.25	0.05	104,748.76
RELX	1,677.50	-2.50	-0.15	17,939.19
Rio Tinto	3,772.25	83.75	2.27	48,434.47
Rolls-Royce Group	908.25	-4.75	-0.52	16,767.74
Randgold Resources	7,562.50	27.50	0.36	6,989.65
RSA Insurance Group	612.00	-0.50	-0.08	6,289.83
Rentokil Initial	305.30	-0.20	-0.07	5,613.05
Sainsbury (J)	242.90	1.20	0.50	5,245.32
Schroders	3,500.00	-7.00	-0.20	7,763.87
Sage Group (The)	723.50	-2.50	-0.34	7,789.85
Segro	548.50	-1.00	-0.18	5,490.97
Shire	3,910.50	62.50	1.62	34,854.98
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,157.00	-23.00	-1.06	5,234.19
Sky	935.25	3.75	0.40	15,703.22
Standard Life Aberdeen	438.30	1.10	0.25	12,879.87
Smiths Group	1,599.50	-2.50	-0.16	6,370.19
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	436.70	1.00	0.23	6,094.58
Smith & Nephew	1,419.50	-2.50	-0.18	12,257.12
SSE	1,381.50	-9.50	-0.68	14,024.76
Standard Chartered	749.85	3.75	0.50	25,181.89
St James's Place	1,176.50	-0.50	-0.04	5,978.02
Severn Trent	2,092.00	-12.00	-0.57	5,079.18
Tesco	186.05	0.05	0.03	15,330.73
TUI AG	1,336.00	-3.00	-0.22	7,743.03
Taylor Wimpey	202.00	-0.40	-0.20	6,547.24
Unilever	4,495.25	-7.25	-0.16	55,305.61
United Utilities Group	840.50	-5.00	-0.59	5,864.24
Vodafone Group	216.30	0.65	0.30	58,310.89
Worldpay Group	405.95	-1.45	-0.36	8,262.00
WPP Group	1,378.50	0.50	0.04	17,360.71
Whitbread	4,028.50	0.50	0.01	7,388.41

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BOEING CO	260,740	-0,45%	-1,170	154,119,08
CATERPILLAR	130,710	+0,55%	0,720	77,246,05
CHEVRON	119,16	+0,02%	0,02	225,808,52
CISCO SYSTEMS	33,470	+0,63%	0,210	167,351,81
COCA-COLA	46,18	+0,15%	0,07	197,057,05
DOWDUPONT	71,43	+0,04%	0,03	166,858,50
EXXON MOBIL	82,41	-0,02%	-0,02	349,179,89
GENERAL ELECTRIC	22,9800	-0,30%	-0,0700	198,959,60
GOLDMAN SACHS	238,53	-0,53%	-1,27	92,281,32
HOME DEPOT	164,4700	-0,07%	-0,1200	194,033,37
IBM	147,10	+0,05%	0,07	137,135,01
INTEL CORP	39,6700	+1,22%	0,4800	186,409,33
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	95,8600	-0,14%	-0,1300	337,398,31
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	136,4300	-0,29%	-0,4000	366,178,08
MC DONALD'S CORP	165,3700	+0,89%	1,4600	133,949,14
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63,39	-0,69%	-0,44	172,886,99
MICROSOFT	77,490	+0,48%	0,370	596,846,89
NIKE	50,98	+0,30%	0,15	66,389,86
PFIZER	36,3400	-0,03%	-0,0100	216,126,66
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	93,040	+0,97%	0,890	237,253,32
TRAVELERS CIES	126,67	+0,57%	0,72	34,954,21
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	118,72	-0,08%	-0,10	94,907,97
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	192,52	-0,21%	-0,40	186,139,87
VERIZON COMMS	47,86	-1,01%	-0,49	195,240,46
VISA	108,66	+0,51%	0,55	198,852,52
WAL-MART STORES	86,6200	+0,60%	0,5200	258,751,41
WALT DISNEY CO	97,3800	+0,46%	0,4500	150,304,18

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Optibase Ltd.	\$ 8.90	1.70 ▲ 23.61%
Secoo Holding Limited	\$ 8.16	1.19 ▲ 17.07%
Sohu.com Inc.	\$ 64.50	7.45 ▲ 13.06%
Echelon Corporation	\$ 5.305	0.545 ▲ 11.45%
Trevena, Inc.	\$ 2.19	0.22 ▲ 11.17%
ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 60.11	5.88 ▲ 10.84%
Zion Oil & Gas Inc	\$ 3.22	0.31 ▲ 10.65%
vTv Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 7.77	0.67 ▲ 9.44%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 6.77	0.57 ▲ 9.19%
Optical Cable Corporation	\$ 2.60	0.20 ▲ 8.33%
Ra Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 15.82	1.19 ▲ 8.13%
Most Declined		
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 2.99	1.69 ▼ 36.11%
Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.83 ▼ 22.25%
Voyager Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 20.21	5.67 ▼ 21.91%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	\$ 47.01	11.83 ▼ 20.11%
Del Frisco's Restaurant Group, Inc.	\$ 12.75	1.70 ▼ 11.76%
Endocyte, Inc.	\$ 4.34	0.51 ▼ 10.52%
GlycoMimetics, Inc.	\$ 11.26	1.27 ▼ 10.14%
Westmoreland Coal Company	\$ 2.28	0.24 ▼ 9.52%
Westport Fuel Systems Inc	\$ 3.37	0.34 ▼ 9.16%
Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 16.13	1.62 ▼ 9.13%
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Telefonica invests millions

MOVISTAR PLUS LOOKS TO WIN TV AUDIENCE

WHEN it was first launched, Telefonica's Movistar Plus looked as if it would be very similar to more mature pay TV operations like Netflix and Amazon but it has been something of a revelation.

Rather than just offer a selection of blockbuster movies and American series, the company has invested large amounts of money in order to produce Spanish orientated transmissions which use national stars and directors acting out well-written stories set in Spain.

In the same way that Scandinavian detective programmes have found an international audience, it looks as if Spain will not be the only country in Europe watching some of these new productions.

BBC4 is running *I Know Who You Are*, produced by Telecinco but the new big budget Movistar Plus productions promise to really get audiences excited and earn money for their producers.

The Spanish have come to pay TV quite late and initially without a huge amount of enthusiasm but recently an episode of its first big series *Velvet Collection* attracted the broadcaster's largest audience ever and it even saw more viewers than *Game of Thrones*.

So confident is the company in its Spanish series that it is currently promoting *Velvet Collection* alongside *The Plague*, *Giants* and *La Zona* at Mipcom in Cannes, the world's largest market place for the promotion and sale of TV series.

All of these big budget series have high production values with some of the most successful Spanish directors bringing original scripts to TV screens with attractive locations ranging from the Rastro Market in Madrid, to the Pyrenees and 16th century Sevilla.

As Telefonica is such a wealthy company, it can afford to take the



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PACO LEON: Star of The Plague.

risk of producing such impressive properties in order to not only consolidate the position of its subsidiary within the Spanish pay TV market, but also to try to generate income from sales across the world.

One advantage it has is that although the programmes will have to be dubbed for English speaking and European markets, there are some 52 million Spanish speakers in the United States and close to 500 million in Latin and South America, many of whom will enjoy these blockbusters from Spain.

FINANCIAL LIFELINE OR ECONOMIC COLONIALISM

China invests in Silk Road

FOR many years, China remained insular except for excursions into Africa but in 2013 it committed €127 billion a year to its 'one belt, one road' initiative.

With 60 nations involved, it is investing in a number of countries who were part of the ancient Silk Road trail which is supplying much needed investment, although also causing some worries as to whether this is invasion by stealth.

A recent forum held in Thessaloniki, Greece highlighted the importance of Chinese investment in that country and indeed in many of the European Union states although the American government fears that this is a form of financial colonialism.

Spain believes that the growth of trade with China is beneficial to both countries especially as the quality of Chinese goods is increasingly high, whilst there is a market for Spanish produce and know-how in China.

The latest trade figures for 2106



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CHINESE LEADER: Xi Jinping.



show that Spain earned in excess of €5 billion exporting to China and now that there is a direct rail link between Madrid and Yiwu City in Zhejiang Province, trade can only become easier and busier.

There is an added benefit for Spain as it sits opposite Morocco which is a gateway to the North African market as well as an ideal conduit for Chinese products to be sent to Latin

America and vice versa.

Chinese businessmen have been investing in real estate in the country as well as expanding tourist activities with plans for specially built Chinese orientated hotels and holiday centres plus in a smaller way, every town of any size has at least one Chinese Emporium.

The Spanish government has been trying to make it easier for Chinese business people to invest in the country and also for corporations to bring senior staff and their families to Spain by making applications easier.

Spain has relied to a great extent on investment from Britain with a huge influx of tourists and at one time, the settlement of relatively well-off retirees. With the strengthening of the euro and uncertainty for a post Brexit future, it has to look further afield for investment and partnership.

If the past is anything to go by then Spanish trade links with China can only continue to grow.

New book review

THE SEVENTH SENSE: Its Power, Fortune, and Survival in the Age of Networks; a review by Ron Immink.

I am a conspiracy theorist. If you want to read a book with that perspective on computers, the internet and artificial intelligence, this is a book to read. It will make you sit up and wonder.

It is a book on how technology and particular networked technology is shifting the power bases and how the politicians are the last ones to realise that. Networks are taking over, and networks cannot be controlled.

The book tells you that anything that can be hacked will be hacked as cyber security is a myth.

The book published by Little, Brown and Company asks questions that are really interesting. It has a ring of the book 1984 to it. Think about this as a question; if artificial intelligence has taken over, would it tell us and would we know?

I suspect not.

Ron Immink is CEO of *book buzz.biz*, a company that helps you make better business decisions.

Inflation on the rise

SEPTEMBER inflation figures show that General Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased by 1.8 per cent which is 0.2 per cent higher than the August result.

The bulk of the increases are due to higher costs of fruit and vegetables and a minor rise in non-alcoholic drinks.

Thanks to the recovering economy, prices of white goods and electrical items have not dropped as much as they did in 2016.

MALLORCAN BUYERS BOYCOT CATALAN GOODS

No cava for Christmas

ALTHOUGH there are close historical links between Cataluña and the Balearics, there appears to be a backlash against Catalan products in Mallorca.

According to the Federation of Small and Medium-sized Companies of Mallorca (PIMEM), there seems to be a significant number of companies deciding to effectively boycott certain products and the most obvious target is producers of cava.

Traditionally, a bottle of cava is included in Christmas hampers but as two of the major producers Codorniu and Freixenet are Catalan-based it appears that they will feel the pinch as their sparkling wine is dropped from the hampers.

A number of Catalan-based companies have already moved their head offices to different provinces but with cava having a Denominacion de Origen contained within Cataluña, a move is unlikely to help.

Amazingly it appears that even brands such as Cola Cao who have their



CAVAS FREIXENET: Catalan-based.

head office in Valencia are suffering as their production centre is in Barcelona and this decision to cut back on the purchase of goods from the province could have far reaching effects, if this antipathy spreads across Spain.

Many clouds do have silver linings however and there are other Spanish regions which produce sparkling wines which are very similar in style and taste to cava, with perhaps the most popular being Rueda Espumoso from Castilla y Leon whilst Italian Prosecco is becoming much more popular in Spain, especially with expatriates.

It seems likely therefore that those

companies importing various foodstuffs and drinks into Mallorca may have to consider obtaining other sources of supply of similar items but without the Catalanian association.

In some cases this could be easier said than done, especially in the agricultural sector where a number of long standing agreements exist in such areas as supply of almonds and other nuts from producers based in Tarragon and Reus.

Trade bodies representing exporters from Cataluña are anxious to play down the problems and want to be able to continue to supply goods to the Balearics and mainland Spain, but in the short term appear to accept that there will be some resistance to purchase of their products.

Businesses on Mallorca also have to consider whether dock workers and even hauliers would be likely to boycott products being imported from Barcelona and therefore look for other sources of supply with ferries coming from Denia and Valencia.

There is gold in Spain's hills

THE Canadian based Orvana Minerals Corp has announced that it expects considerable growth in gold production at its El Valle and Carles mines in northern Spain for the last quarter of 2017.

With gold currently trading at €1,105 per troy ounce, it forecasts production of 15,201 ounces worth €16.75 million, an increase of 11 per cent over the third quarter figures.

These Spanish mines also produce copper and silver but it is gold which is the major generator of profit and production will increase thanks to an expected upturn in the quantity and quality of ore being extracted.

Annual production of gold from these two mines is estimated as being in excess of 60,000 ounces



Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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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.

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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’).



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What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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Sometimes I really do lose the will to live

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



HAVE you noticed that since the Weinstein revelations all those 'actors' have suddenly become actresses again? Funny that. Another thing I wondered, amidst all this hysterical sexual abuse furor, is just how many 'actresses' actually succumbed to the couch and did in fact get the part, if you'll pardon the double entendre! Ah well, at least all those luvvies have once again reverted to gender. Thankful for small mercies I suppose.

Another example of reversed racism bull...t reared its pathetic, but dangerous head again this week. Namely the outcry that followed the Dove body wash advert that, amid grovelling apologies from the company was, to my mind, disgracefully withdrawn. It showed a series of women removing their sweaters and morphing into different races and ethnic origins. Dove had meant to show the product was aimed at a whole diversity of different cultures and skin colours. Wrong! Don't be ridiculous, its racist innit!?! Sometimes I really do lose the will to live.

One thing that is becoming increasingly apparent during all these Brexit negotiations, is just how deeply entwined we have actually become with the EU. I'm surprised we didn't have to go to them for permission to wipe our behinds. The sooner we tell



IN THE NEWS: Clockwise from top left; the controversial Dove advert, Harvey Weinstein, Theresa May, and French air traffic control.

them all to get on their bikes and take back our autonomy the better. Unfortunately, I'm afraid the simpering Ms May and her gang of incompetents are not the ones to do it. Come back Maggie all is forgiven.

I see the French air traffic controllers have taken their en masse annual vacations again. Bet they plan their trips by road and sea. Personally, I'd sack the lot of 'em. Trouble is they'd have to be replaced by... yep you've guessed it, more French air traffic controllers. Ah well, flying, or rather not flying, just wouldn't be the same without them. It would however be a decent gesture to announce their intentions at the beginning of the year. At least we could then plan our own vacations around theirs!

Funny story emerged from Michael Portillo this week. Apparently, he was asked by a constituent to send her a signed photo. A week later he found she had left him a reminder in his office. Beneath her name was written 'horse face.' Portillo took this to be a self-deprecating joke. He subsequently popped a photo in the post, writing on it, 'To my very dear horse face.' Later his assistant asked if he had seen the note. 'I thought you may not remember who it was, so I wrote 'horse face' on it to remind you.'

Gotta laugh aintcha!?

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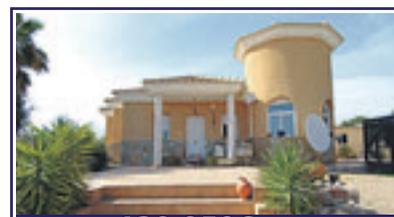
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David Tennant will voice The Highway Rat in BBC One special this Christmas

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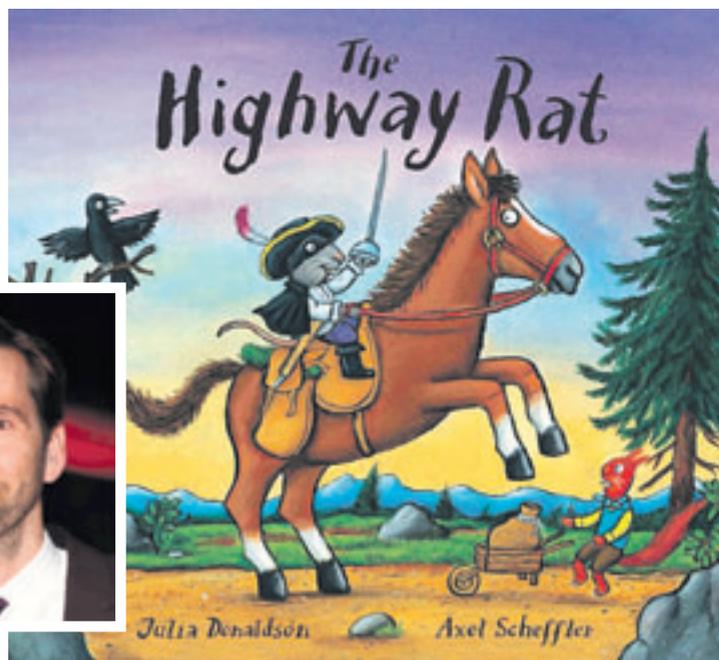
DAVID TENNANT has bagged his first festive TV role for this coming Christmas, and it's so exciting we don't even care that it's only October. David will be voicing the one and only Highway Rat, from legendary children's author Julia Donaldson's book of (almost) the same name.

The half-hour animated special will see David voice the tricky rat from the 2011 book alongside the likes of Rob Brydon, Nina Sosanya, Tom Hollander and Frances de la Tour. In case The Highway Rat isn't on your reading list (and if not, why not?), we'll give you an outline of its 'swashbuckling tale.'

The Highway Rat is all about,

well, a highway rat who's always hungry and on the look-out for biscuits and delicious sweet treats. He's just like us, basically, except he has fewer qualms about robbery. The children's book follows the rat as he tears along the highway searching for snacks to steal until his sweet tooth leads him to a sticky end.'

It appears we'll have to wait until summer 2018 to get our third helping of Strike on BBC One. After The Silkworm wrapped up, the BBC announced that Tom Burke's Cormoran Strike would return in 2018 with The Career of Evil, the third story based on JK Rowling's bestselling



SO TO SQUEAK: David Tennant (inset) will voice the Highway Rat.

crime novels written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

Thanks to Deadline, we might have an airdate for that third out-

ing as they've reported that Cinemax will air all three stories back-to-back in the US from June, meaning we'll likely get The Career of Evil around the same time. Of course, this is just guesswork and we might get it earlier, but it's unlikely that we'll wait until after it's aired in the US, so we reckon June at the latest.

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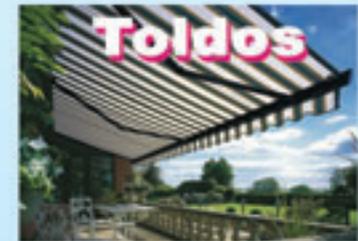
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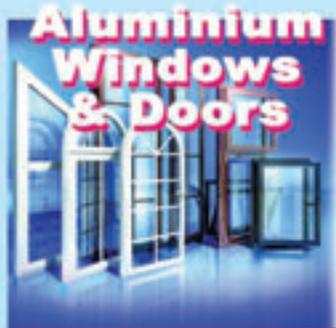
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Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.

I AM always pleased to be distant from town. Naturally I am asked where am I from and know fully well I only have to spit out the word 'Mojacar' and it is known and accepted. Unlike people from other places must say, Turre, Almeria to get their full meaning across.

Having a home as a well-known monument I am comfortable and pleasing. But, it might surprise you to learn that Garrucha too is famous amongst the knowledgeable and well fed. You obviously should know the answer: it's the famed 'Gamba rojo' (red prawn) of these waters.

Years back on Mallorca when bragging about Mojacar, a Russian

oligarch remarked unpleas- antries concerning the food we were sharing. I told him about Mo- jacar and he insisted we go there immediately. I re- l u c t a n t l y agreed to al- low him to fly me to Almeria and we drove down to the village.

He was enthralled and drank too much even before noon. While extolling the highlights of the area I mentioned the local 'gamba rojo.'

He was intrigued but wouldn't give in as he had supped the prawns in Malaga 'the way they serve them on the beach bars along the sea.' I challenged again and he being the standard brute I expected insisted we



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PRAWN STAR: The authentic Garrucha gamba roja.

fly to Malaga that moment and taste them. Relax on the beach there and fly back before sunset so we could dine on Garrucha's finest. That we did in a small but fast plane. Certainly broke the hum-drum of a casual summer's day. Well, you'll be proud to learn that my side won (and didn't have to pay for the gambas either).

Now, here is the catch, even if you have lived here 10 years there is a good chance you have never tasted this delicacy. In fact, good bars that would serve them need to be given notice, in order to procure them. Worse yet, they are not part of any menu del dia, EVER, anywhere.

The arrogant and rich Spanish from the north will gladly enquire where to find the authentic treat and are prepared to indulge. Most foreign tourists are not and some not even aware of the delicacy just below their noses.

Furthermore you must take someone with you as a guide to

show you how to eat them and suck the heads. I recommend myself as that learned tongue.

Be assured that 99.5 per cent of the gambas that you have tasted here are from Thailand sailed by Shanghaied American tourists too drugged to defend themselves when thrown on board. Their sentence of captivity is for five or six months at a time on a starvation diet and serving their master's whip. Any objection - 'Man overboard - keep fishing.'

Garrucha's home fleet has diminished from 16 boats to just four and their daily catch is truly abysmal. When it comes time to meet your maker, possibly you can tell him you noshed a good plenty on that almost endangered species. To date the fish and game authorities have announced nothing, but then again, they said nothing about the picudo beetle that destroyed the palm tree population.

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Keep calm and change your password

ONE of the world's most popular password managers (LastPass) was recently hacked - but then these days, who hasn't been?

By and large though, you would expect password managers to safeguard the precious keys to your life, and they do.

Many are free: look for LastPass, Dashlane, LogMeOnce or Symantec Norton Identity Safe.

Pay a few smackers and you can add more bells and whistles, like protection for multiple devices, automatic form filling and for all I know, the ability to brew a good cup of Earl Grey.

Whatever you do, don't accept your web browser's kind offer to Save a password when you input it into a site. All it takes is for your computer to be stolen and there goes your life. Not to mention your electric toothbrush tracker.

PASSWORD is no longer the world's most popular password, but it's close. This year's winner is 123456. Followed by 12345678 and perhaps most curiously at number 11, login.

Passwords really are a pain, and the bane of our technological age, as we stagger under growing torrents of the things. Even my new electric toothbrush has a password so that I can track my brushing performance, when what I actually need is a life.

And we really are so hopeless at choosing good passwords. Even the simplest computer these days can crack a six-letter password in seconds, putting your whole identity at risk if you've decided to go with hola or cheers because you can't be but-tocked to come up with something better.

If there's anything we're even worse at than thinking-up passwords, it's remembering them. Sure, even Stephen Hawking probably couldn't remember the 80-something passwords I need to stay afloat online, for everything from managing my subscription to Barbed Wire Monthly right through to keeping Nigerian princes away from the €63 in my current account.

Offices are still replete with every IT administrator's nightmare, Post-it

Easing the pain of passwords

Hackers in the movies crack industrial-strength passwords in seconds. In real life it may take a minute. So is it worth remembering 'r87%!@#?' just to order a pizza online, asks TERENCE KENNEDY?



PASSWORDS: Pain in every pixel.

stickers with a password - a situation made worse by the recently-discredited practice of changing passwords every month to the bafflement of pretty much everyone involved (I once performed assault and battery on a favourite computer mouse when

last month's password would no longer let me check this month's bank balance, and to get a new password I had to enter, yes, the new password).

But now there are password managers, with a few of the most popular

listed in the panel alongside. These promise to store all your passwords and apply them where needed, as long as you remember, inevitably, One Password To Rule Them All.

Of course you could also write down every password in a notebook as you collect them - and just hope your home isn't burgled by a computer-literate Beagle Boy.

Or you could use your own down-home solution like mine: a text file of usernames and passwords, which is then compressed ('zipped') with any of the many widely-available zip programs (WinZip or 7-Zip are just two) - which let you encrypt (lock) the file with a password each time you save it. As with password managers, forget this master password and your cyberlife goes down the pan.

For my part, I'm thinking of changing my password to 'incorrect.' That way, whenever I forget it the computer will always respond: 'Your password is incorrect.' Perfect!

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Theresa May and the tarnished Tories need to get their act together fast!

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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FIFTEEN months on from the EU referendum and it's all about 'should she go?', 'should he go?' etc. when the only thing that matters is getting Britain out of the mess it's in and ending the uncertainty - one way or the other.

Too many politicians have hijacked the Brexit vote to make it all about themselves. Political point-scoring seems more important than actual policy. It's about time politicians (of all sides) represented Britain's interests rather than their own. The news is more like a soap opera full of manipulative gossips with their own agendas, not the country's welfare at heart.

And when it comes to poten-



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SELF-SERVING? The UK Cabinet.

tial prime ministers, they should be careful what they wish for. Take Tony Blair: he was good at presentation (unlike Theresa May) and popular (at least at the beginning). But it's hard to argue he was a successful PM. Britain's finances are still recovering from 13 years of New Labour. And Boris as PM? BoJo with no grasp of fine detail, gaff prone and with the attention span of a gnat. Yes, he'd be fine if the electorate feels safe with some-

one who'd only reinforce divisions within the Tories and the country.

Oh for the days when we had an election every four or five years. Then politicians just got on with messing up our lives quietly in the background. Now, weirdly, they feel they have to play out their incompetence with the full glare of publicity and in the media spotlight. They show total disrespect for the people who put them in their posts and

don't even care that we know. They're destroying the incentive of ever voting in any election again. Perhaps that's what they want?

Politicians carrying out the will of the people? Don't make me laugh. Regardless of political hue, some of these self-serving, arrogant individuals couldn't be trusted with a wheelk stall.

Finally, many thanks to all of you who have purchased my crime thrillers (all profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity) following my piece here two weeks ago. And keep those donations going to Cudeca!

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

James Cotterill, Estepona

Grave New World

SOMETIMES it feels as if I went to sleep in one world and then woke up in another bizarrely different copy. I have roots in the UK and Spain and both countries seem to be going through incredible changes with no-one able to actually take control or influence events.

Here in Spain we are back to deep divisions with a minority of the people in Cataluña apparently desperate to commit what appears like financial suicide by declaring independence despite the fact that they would be thrown out of the European Union and could well be invaded by Spanish troops. With the National government unlikely to enter into meaningful negotiations, there are only two possible outcomes, either Cataluña backs down or it will be controlled from Madrid which is likely to infuriate even the local anti-independence groups.

Meanwhile Theresa May is not having a good time with regards to Brexit and so little progress has been made that she had to travel to Brussels for an intimate dinner with Jean-Claude Juncker with both accompanied by their chief negotiators David Davis and Michel Barnier. The results of the meeting however were somewhat predictable as it was agreed that negotiations need to speed up but following their dinner which was undertaken in a 'constructive and friendly atmosphere,' there were no new agreements reached.

Basically paraphrasing Jerry Maguire, Brussels simply said "Show me the money" and there is unlikely to be a trade deal before an agreement is reached about the amount that Britain has to pay in the 'divorce' settlement. It does rather look as if we are heading towards a 'Grave New World.'

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Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

ON what should have been Independence Day, pro-secessionist crowds gathered as near to the regional parliament as the police would allow, ready to welcome the Catalan republic.

Silence reigned as Carles Puigdemont's expected UDI declaration inside the parliament chamber was diluted into plans for dialogue over several weeks before severing links with Spain.

Some booed and others went home and meanwhile all the pro-secession MPs signed a piece of paper assuring themselves, the world and their voters that there will be a republic. Eventually.

In the words of the song, 'He didn't say yes and he didn't say no' but it could be enough to get Article 155 slapped on Cataluña.

Blinking shame

DID Carles Puigdemont blink?

Was his failure to declare outright independence influenced by the big businesses already leaving

Cataluña?

The Sabadell and La Caixa banks, which operate nationally, have moved their registered head offices to Alicante and Valencia respectively.

Gas Natural Fenosa has gone, so has the MRW courier service, motorway concessionary Abertis, insurers Catalana Occidente and Axa-España as well as iconic Catalan publishers Planet.

Some names packing their bags mean little to outsiders but Cola Cao, Nocilla and Bimbo are part of every Spanish childhood while San Miguel - that's another familiar one - has left for Malaga where there has been a plant since 1966.

Cava giants Codorniu and Freixenet will move their headquarters if UDI is declared and even the pro-independence multinational pharmaceutical group Grifols would leave after a UDI.

This was always the weapon that would hurt most. More effective and far more painful than baton charges.

On easy instalments



MIXED MESSAGES: Carles Puigdemont.

In fine voice

DEMONSTRATIONS protesting at Catalan secessionists' disdain for the Constitution and their Statute of Autonomy finally arrived. Did

the pro-independence politicians believe - or hope - that only the national government had noticed what was going on?

The silent and hitherto silenced minority inside Cataluña found its voice and demonstrated in favour of Spanish unity, sending a clear message that Carles Puigdemont, Oriol Junqueras and Anna Gabriel ignore at their peril.

Double vision

PODEMOS SUPREMO Pablo Iglesias insisted weeks ago that there are political prisoners in Spain.

Perplexingly Iglesias won't acknowledge the existence of politi-

cal prisoners in Venezuela, whose government once paid him and other Podemos politicians handsome sums for their advice.

Doubtless if Carles Puigdemont ends up in the slammer he, too, will be regarded a political prisoner, which will make the pair of them happy. Puigdemont can become a martyr and Iglesias will have a big stick that he can use to beat everyone with except himself.

Not to be believed

THERE was the usual ration of fake news, some of it tweeted by Julian Assange.

It was also reported in the *Daily Mail* which, although it is no bastion of liberalism, loves to put the boot in whenever possible where Spain is concerned.

Nevertheless it was a relief to learn that two seedy-looking individuals giving the fascist salute in Madrid weren't at the multitudinous gathering in Colon. Instead they belonged to a 30-strong minidemo in out-of-the-way Plaza Salvador Dali where they attracted more sniggers than cheers.

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Just a gentle reminder

LAST word goes to Teresa Freixes, Professor of Constitutional Law at Barcelona University. "A declaration does not give a state independence," she said. "The Western Sahara declared independence years ago and look at them."

The Saharawis, it should be remembered, now live in tents in the Tindouf refugee camps in Algeria.

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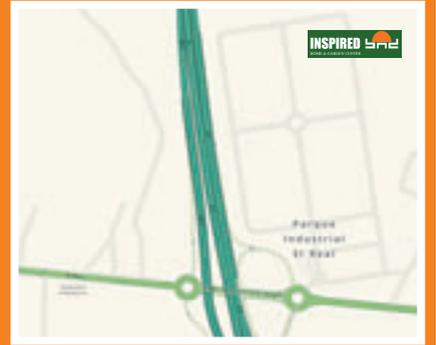


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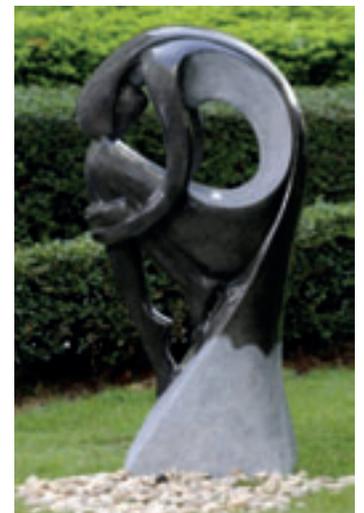
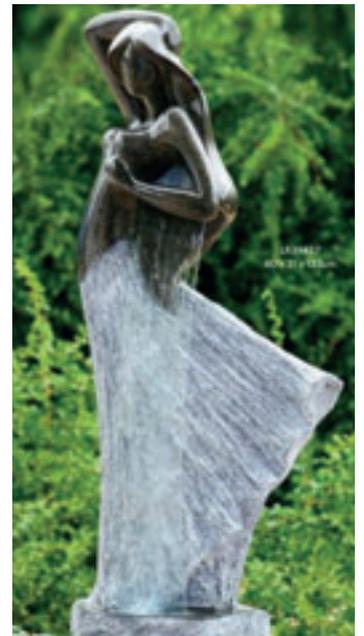
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	7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:30pm Strictly - It Takes Two	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News at 5	12:00pm Live European Tour Golf	
	7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Further Back in Time for Dinner	8:30pm Work 'Til You Drop? Tonight	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours	2:00pm Sky Sports Today	
	8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm The Big Family Cooking Showdown	9:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away	3:00pm Sky Sports Today	
	8:30pm EastEnders	10:00pm Natural World	9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	9:00pm The Supervet	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	3:30pm Live European Tour Golf	
	9:00pm Council House Crackdown	11:00pm Match of the Day	10:00pm Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine	10:00pm Educating Greater Manchester	8:00pm Police Interceptors	6:30pm Sky Sports News	
	10:00pm The Ganges with Sue Perkins	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice	9:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour	7:00pm Sky Sports News	
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	12:15am Army: Behind the New Frontlines	11:30pm ITV News London	11:50pm George Michael	10:00pm Rich House, Poor House	8:00pm Sky Sports Tonight	
	11:30pm BBC London News		11:40pm After the News	1:45am George Michael	11:00pm Bad Habits, Holy Orders	8:30pm Rugby Union	
	11:45pm Question Time		12:15am The Late Debate		12:00am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies	11:00pm The Debate - Live	
	12:45am This Week					12:00am Sky Sports News	
	FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER	7:30pm BBC London News	3:45pm Family Finders	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	4:15pm Smokescreen	12:00pm Live European Tour Golf
8:00pm The One Show		4:15pm Full Steam Ahead	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News at 5	2:00pm Sky Sports Today	
8:30pm A Question of Sport		5:15pm Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble	8:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away	3:00pm Sky Sports Today	
9:00pm EastEnders		6:15pm Flog It!	9:00pm Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	3:30pm Live European Tour Golf	
9:30pm Would I Lie to You?		7:00pm Strictly - It Takes Two	9:30pm Coronation Street	8:30pm Unreported World	8:00pm The Gadget Show	4:45pm Live United States GP: Practice	
10:00pm Have I Got News for You		8:00pm Further Back in Time for Dinner	10:00pm Cold Feet	9:00pm Food Unwrapped	9:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	7:00pm Sky Sports News	
10:30pm Porridge		9:00pm Mastermind	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:30pm Travel Man	10:00pm A Celebrity Taste of Italy	8:00pm Football	
11:00pm BBC News at Ten		9:30pm Only Connect	11:30pm ITV News London	10:00pm Gogglebox	11:00pm Paul Daniels: My Life in Magic	11:15pm Carling in Off the Bar	
11:25pm BBC London News		10:00pm Gardeners' World	11:45pm After the News	11:00pm The Last Leg	12:30am TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks	11:45pm PL Greatest Games	
11:35pm The Graham Norton Show			12:20am Bad Move	12:05am Rude Tube		12:00am Sky Sports News	
12:25am Josh							
SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER		6:25pm BBC News	6:30pm Anglesey: The Island Life	2:00pm ITV Racing: Live From Ascot	2:55pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	5:40pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	10:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
	6:35pm Regional News	7:00pm Gardeners' World	6:00pm Thunderbirds are Go	3:55pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	6:40pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	11:00am Soccer Saturday Pre-Match	
	6:40pm Weather	8:00pm Coastal Path	6:25pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	4:55pm Best Laid Plans	7:40pm The Bridge at Remagen	12:00pm Soccer Saturday Pre-Match	
	6:45pm Pointless	8:30pm Front Row	7:00pm Local News and Weather	5:55pm Formula 1	9:55pm 5 News	12:30pm Football	
	7:35pm Strictly Come Dancing	9:00pm Britain Afloat	7:05pm ITV News and Weather	7:30pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Football on 5	4:15pm Live European Tour Golf	
	9:20pm Casualty	9:30pm Dad's Army	7:20pm Cannonball!	8:00pm Rivers with Jeremy Paxman	10:55pm Football on 5	6:00pm Rugby Union	
	10:10pm Gunpowder	10:00pm Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera	8:15pm The Chase	9:00pm Hidden Britain by Drone	11:25pm Law and Order: Special Victims Unit	8:30pm Live Fight Night	
	11:10pm BBC News	11:00pm QI XL	9:15pm The X Factor	10:00pm Formula 1	12:20am Law and Order: Special Victims Unit	12:30am Football	
	11:25pm Weather	11:45pm Later... with Jools Holland	11:15pm The Jonathan Ross Show	12:35am Lone Survivor	1:15am Super Casino		
	11:30pm Match of the Day	12:50am In Our Name	12:20am ITV News and Weather				
	1:00am The NFL Show						
	SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER	7:05pm Regional News	4:00pm Northern Italy Unpacked	2:00pm The X Factor	1:30pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food	1:00pm Police Interceptors	9:00am Total Goals
7:10pm Weather		5:00pm Flog It!	3:55pm Mr Bean's Holiday	2:00pm The Simpsons	2:00pm Police Interceptors	10:00am Cricket	
7:15pm Countryfile		6:00pm Hi is for Hawk: A New Chapter - Natural World	5:35pm Victoria	2:55pm The Simpsons	3:00pm Police Interceptors	12:30pm Football	
8:15pm Strictly Come Dancing		7:00pm Top Gear	6:35pm Local News and Weather	3:20pm Rango	3:55pm Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls	1:45pm Live Nissan Super Sunday	
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow		8:00pm Colombia with Simon Reeve	6:45pm ITV News and Weather	5:20pm The Crystal Maze	5:35pm Daddy Day Camp	4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday	
10:00pm The Last Post		9:00pm Robot Wars	7:00pm Tipping Point	6:20pm The Great British Bake Off	7:15pm Bulletproof Monk	8:00pm AJ/Klitschko: Wembley's Greatest	
11:00pm BBC News		10:00pm Louis Theroux	8:00pm The X Factor	7:35pm Channel 4 News	9:05pm Poseidon	8:30pm Live USA GP: Race	
11:20pm Regional News		11:00pm Snowfall	10:00pm Your Song	8:00pm Formula 1	10:55pm 5 News	11:30pm Live NFL: Sunday Game	
11:25pm Weather		11:45pm Mock the Week	11:00pm ITV News and Weather	8:35pm Formula 1	11:00pm 2012	2:00am Live NFL: Atlanta @ New England	
11:30pm Match of the Day 2		12:20am Glory	11:15pm Peston on Sunday	11:10pm Formula 1	2:15am Super Casino		
12:30am NFL			12:15am Liar	12:15am Child 44			
MONDAY 23 OCTOBER		8:00pm The One Show	6:15pm Flog It!	7:00pm Local News and Weather	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:00pm 5 News	9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
	8:30pm Inside Out	7:00pm Eggheads	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:30pm Neighbours	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans	
	9:00pm EastEnders	7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	11:00am Premier League Daily	
	9:30pm Trouble with Being 100	8:00pm Grenfell Tower: The 21st Floor - BBC Newsnight	8:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily	
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	11:40pm Weather	11:00pm WTA	11:00pm ITV News and Weather	10:00pm Feral Families	11:00pm Hunted and Confronted: Cowboys, Crooks and Chancers	11:30pm Sky Sports News	
	11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More News for You	11:30pm Newsnight	11:45pm The Best: The FIFA World Football Awards 2017	11:00pm First Dates	12:00am The Island	12:00am Through the Night	
	12:30am The Graham Norton Show	12:10am Weather	12:50am Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine	12:00am Celebrity Hunted			
	TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER	7:00pm BBC News	6:15pm Flog It!	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:30pm Neighbours	11:00am Premier League Daily
		7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Eggheads	6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
8:00pm The One Show		7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two	7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News	1:00pm Sky Sports Today	
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11:00pm BBC News		11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	9:30pm Call the Cleaners	11:15pm The End of the f****ng World	11:00pm When Celebrity Goes Horribly Wrong	11:30pm Boxing	
11:30pm Regional News		11:30pm Newsnight	10:00pm The 18-30 Stone Holiday	11:45pm Gogglebox	2:00am Super Casino	11:30pm Sky Sports News	
11:40pm Weather		12:10am Weather	11:00pm ITV News	12:45am How to Get a Council House		12:00am Through the Night	
11:45pm Valley Cops			11:40pm After the News				
12:30am Double Mastectomy Twins			12:15am Lethal Weapon				
WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER		5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	5:15pm Sea Cities	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:30pm Neighbours	8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
	6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Flog It!	6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans	
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	7:30pm Regional News	7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two	7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	10:00am Cricket	
	8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Further Back in Time for Dinner	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:55pm SU2C	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors	5:00pm Live ATP 500: Basel	
	9:00pm Eat Well for Less	9:00pm Autumnwatch 2017	8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke	10:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour	8:30pm Football	
	10:00pm The Apprentice	10:00pm Army: Behind the New Frontlines	9:00pm Bad Move	10:00pm Grand Designs	11:00pm Next Door	11:00pm Boxing	
	11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm The Apprentice: You're Fired!	9:30pm Coronation Street	11:00pm Man Down	11:35pm Football on 5	11:30pm Sky Sports News at Ten	
	11:30pm Regional News	12:10am Weather	10:00pm Doc Martin	12:30am Educating Greater Manchester	1:05am Traffic Cops	12:00am Sky Sports News	
	11:40pm Weather		11:00pm ITV News				
	11:45pm A Question of Sport		11:45pm After the News				
	12:15am The Ganges with Sue Perkins		12:15am The Jonathan Ross Show				



TV Couch Critic

WHAT a turn-around, with Jessica Raine, a prim and proper midwife in *Call The Midwife* now portraying a sex-crazed alcoholic in *The Last Post* (BBC 1), a new Sunday night offering.

Centred around a bunch of Military Policemen (MPs) keeping the peace in Aden - the port city in south Yemen once under British rule - why is it that they wear bright red hats that are surely an open invitation to pot shots without telescopic sights.

With steamy scenes, a bit of gore and twists, keep an open mind, for *The Last Post* could develop, and of particular interest as it brought back memories of my own merchant vessel life in the Middle East and Africa at around the same time as the series is focused on.

Zoe Ball is back with *Strictly It Takes Two* (BBC2 Monday to Friday). She is always bubbly and good for a laugh, but why must the crew/audience scream and whoop in *X Factor* style every time someone comes on.

Those Americans have a lot to answer for! The failed dancers (for want of a better de-

From prim and proper to sex-crazed drunk

NEW ROLE: Jessica Raine.



ALWAYS BOUNCY: Zoe Ball.

scription for some) pour out their disappointment to lovely Zoe and I always fear she's going to burst out crying.

While the *X Factor* (ITV 1

Saturday and Sundays) is surely a weekend must for a big percentage of Brits, it does not focus on the epitome of singing talent, but is just a huge ego trip for the judges, and surely raises the question of how long the tired old format can continue?

House prices in the not-so-quiet village of *Emmerdale* (ITV 1 Monday to Friday) must be rock bottom nowadays given the ragged bunch of thieves, murderers, liars, schemers, fraudsters and dogsbodies crammed into one place in this popular soap opera.

While script writers want action, surely not at the total cost of reality!

With people dropping like flies, it is all a long way from its conception of tales of country folk, where the outside scenes were shot in the Yorkshire village of Esholt. The landlord and his wife of the village pub The Woolpack (The Commercial in real life) now live on the Costa Blanca, though the real village inhabitants were nothing like their TV counterparts.

Driven by an unassuming presenter whose travels are always interesting, *Russia with Simon Reeve* (BBC 2 Sunday) gets to the parts others won't or can't access.

His down to earth style and easy going manner provides a different slant on issues in this vast country, from the apparent abject poverty in Tula where alcoholism is 10 times more preva-

lent than in the UK.

Featuring the proud descendants of the Mongolian Empire with their horses on the Steppe to the state funded Christian Cossack school in Stavropol, a fascinating non-censored peep at Russia.

Meanwhile I can't see the likes of Germany losing sleep over the England World Cup qualifying rounds televised on ITV. I think the best term is average!

Mrs Browns Boys (BBC 1 repeats on Saturdays), are the marmite of the media, measured with love or hate! The number of people who do not find the series funny still amazes, for I can't get enough of Brendan O'Carroll, a true master of the one liner with the bang on timing of a speaking clock.

When he veers away from the script and adlibs he has other cast members cowering, hoping they are not going to be targeted.

It's adult humour that offends some, but truly funny, and considering the lack of anything remotely laughable in the sit com stakes, the Beeb should commission more.

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A monthly view on Canary Islands life

Letter from the Canaries

By Barbara Belt

THE small, green western Canary Islands of La Gomera, El Hierro and La Palma are quiet at the moment. You can hear a collective sigh of relief that the late summer visitors have all gone.

There's time to relax, play dominoes and cards and enjoy the all-important tertulia, or social chat. Stories of the noisy, demanding, rubbish-tossing summer tourists from the other islands, and comparisons with the quieter visitors from northern countries, including the UK, who'll arrive soon abound. This annual conversation is traditional, after our short dose of mass tourism.

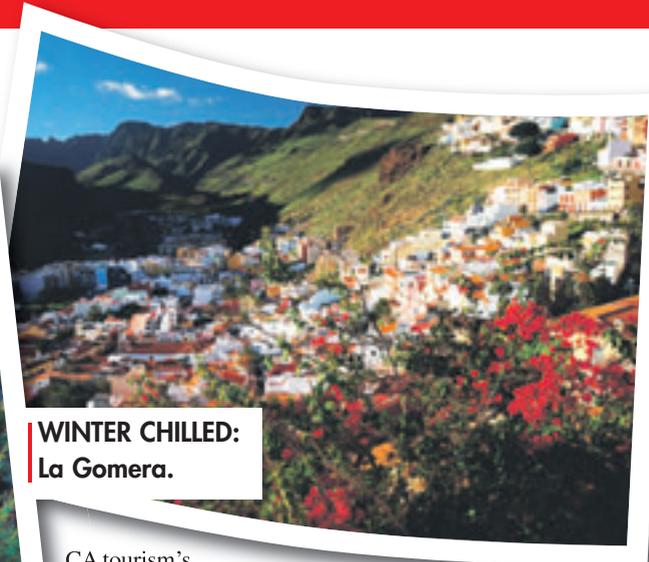
Small island Canarians prefer nature-loving Northern European visitors because the local, summer visitors' mass tourism attitudes and habits impact negatively, while the winter visitors' don't.

Locals from the bigger islands of Tenerife, Lanzarote, Fuerteventura and Gran Canaria wouldn't agree that Northern Europeans are lower impact, because their northern tourists are different and often of the dreaded shag

and vomit sector. Puce-coloured drunks in 'Good Boys Go to Heaven, Bad Boys Go to Tenerife' t-shirts, bottle in hand, screaming obscenities as local families hurry past, spring to mind.

On these nature tourism western islands, we get reasonable people, staying in a tourist complex, apartment block and shopping mall-free zone. In fact, apart from subtropical coastal climate and vegetation, good beaches, myriad micro-climates, stunning natural beauty, good walking, teeming sea life, prehistoric forests and constant benign weather, there's not much here at all.

Small island winter tourists have come to explore, relax and walk. They magically achieve this whilst sober and aren't liable to fight or even mumble obscenities to passing families. They aren't noticeably vomiters and all



WINTER CHILLED:
La Gomera.

shagging's conducted discreetly. This is different tourism and is the Way To Go.

There's a mass tourism mantra, foisted upon (and submissively adopted by) Europe's post war, never-had-it-so-good workers. Here it is in all its glory: Consuming As much as you can as Cheaply As possible (CACA) equals Happy Holidays.

This untruth leads to frustration at all levels, but more importantly, CA-

CA tourism's responsible for accelerating the deterioration of local environments, both natural and cultural, nearly everywhere it exists.

The tourism boom on the Spanish mainland and islands over the last few years has bolstered bank accounts, but exacerbated already glaring infrastructure-overload problems, which need addressing now. If the vast Atlantic's suffering, imagine the state of the Med.

A summer of scandals, political ostriching, infighting and lying about the effects of pumping uncontrolled toxic residues into the sea around the Ca-

naries, together with an invasion of strange, residue-feasting microalga which closed beaches at a sensitive time, raise important questions, not only about our disregard for the planet, but also about the ethos of tourism and how we can change it for the better.

Whilst we all collude in planet-trashing, killing the goose that lays the tourism golden egg makes little business sense. Who wants to frolic in toxic water? Do marauding bands of nosy drunks make for happy holidays, let alone a happy place to bring up your children? Will avarice save the day?

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It's not rocket science

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I USE McAfee to protect my computer. I know there are loads of free ones out there but I've used the same one for years and, to be honest, the free ones, in my experience, are always trying to download something I don't want and it's often the case with this stuff that you have to uncheck the box not to get it.

So, I got a notice saying my account was coming up for renewal. I used to have automatic renewal but stopped when I found if I waited I'd get offered a deal and, sure enough, the offer was if I renewed in the next 24 hours I could get it for two years at a discounted price plus a £40 cash back offer. I thought I would take a closer look at that deal. The trouble was, when I tried to renew, the offer wasn't there. This was about 9pm by the way.

I went to the 'contact us' section and found they had a live chat option so I thought I'd have go at that. I filled in the usual bits and bobs - email address, username blah blah and then got a message from a person whose name I could not pro-

nounce and even tell what gender they were. I don't think there were even any vowels in the name but it would score about 400 points in Scrabble. They asked how they could help and I explained the situation and was told 'no problem.' They asked what package I wanted and I asked what ones were available. They told me a few different options and I asked what was best.

They told me and I said OK, paid for it and downloaded it. I then realised it had one thing different in it that was a bit of a nuisance so I decided they had flogged me the wrong one. This meant I now had to start the whole live chat thing again.

They cancelled the first one they had sold me and gave me the second one. Then I had to download another form to get my £40 cash back. It was now 1.30am! The moral of this grump is: don't make life difficult. Just tell me my renewal is coming up and this is the best price. Don't make me fill in forms. Life would be so much easier if you didn't have 10 different deals for the same thing. A simple 'Dear Sir, your renewal is due. It's £39 and this is our best discounted price. Please press accept.' Not rocket science is it?

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Guidance on speeding

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.

ACCORDING to Article 51 of the Reglamento General de Circulación: "The maximum fixed speeds for conventional roads which do not pass through urban areas may only be exceeded by up to 20kph by saloon cars and motorcycles whilst overtaking other vehicles travelling at lesser speeds."

This clause first came about to allow cars to pass a slower moving vehicle in the shortest time possible, allowing an increase in speed in order to execute the move quickly.

The word 'execute' being a potential reminder though that overtaking is one of the most dangerous manoeuvres we can carry out. In the event of a head-on collision, our speed is added to that of the oncoming vehicle, and so a crash where two vehicles are travelling at 90 kilometres per hour is the equivalent of crashing at 180 kilometres per hour, when the two speeds are combined.

But the rule does exist and does allow drivers to go over the speed limit, but only in certain circumstances. In order to simplify the explanation, let us break it down to see when this clause can actually apply.

Firstly, we can see that it can only ever apply to cars and motorcycles, so we know the sort of vehicle the allowance applies to.

Secondly, we need to look at the types of roads the clause can apply to. We can see that it is not permitted on motorways. We can also see that it does not apply on dual carriageways. So, we can exclude faster moving roads straight away.

Next, we see that the clause does not apply in towns, or cities for that matter, so we can exclude those routes too.



OVERTAKING: The rules explained.

Now, all that we are left with is so-called conventional roads, single carriageway, with no central reservation and outside of towns. But, then we have to take away those for which a speed limit already applies, because, that speed limit overrules this clause too.

In other words, you are NOT permitted to exceed the speed limit for any reason, including overtaking.

On a conventional road, the maximum permitted speed on a road where no other signs indicate a restriction, and there is a hard shoulder of more than 1.5 metres, is 100 kilometres per hour. On other conventional roads, the maximum permitted speed is 90 kilometres per hour.

This is what we might refer to as the National Speed Limit in UK terms. Incidentally, these roads do sometimes have an R-301 sign.

Finally, we must add sections of roads where overtaking is either prohibited or undesirable, then that too is an overruling element.

So, the only road where this clause can apply is a conventional road, where no overruling speed limit applies and where overtaking is allowed.

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Is cable legal on his roof?

Q. A few weeks ago while I was out a local Internet provider ran a cable over my roof and the roofs of my neighbors. I complained to the company's office, that they had not got permission to go on my property, with no response. Now they have laid another cable on the roof, which goes on to another street. As we live in terraced

bungalows, Telefonica always asks for permission to run cables along the front of the bungalows but these people do not. I have also e-mailed the Internet company office and asked if they are insured in case of an accident while they work on our roof but have received no reply. What can I do?

K G (Costa Blanca)

A. Article 45 of the Spanish Telecommunications Act 9/2014 provides that telecommunications operators can make use of private properties for their installations by simply advising

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



beforehand.

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band and fibre optic usage.

You should have been informed but it seems there is little you can do to change it. Perhaps your Community of Owners could protest.

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WHILE the sight of a matador toying with a bull is the iconic image of Spain's obsession with the animal, there are several other controversial festivities which focus on the horned beast.

The most famous is Pamplona, which sees thousands of locals and tourists take to the streets of the city.

The catch: bulls are set free behind the willing runners before being slaughtered in the bullring that very same evening.

This year's event saw almost as many protestors as runners as those for and against the festival clashed.

One of the most controversial bull 'traditions,' is the Toro Embolado... also known as 'the Burning of the Bulls.'

Although rarer these days, the Toro Embolado sees a bull's horns set alight while it runs around attempting to extinguish the flames.

The custom hit international headlines in July this year after a video showed a bull 'commit suicide' by driving itself into a wooden post after its horns had been set alight during a show in Valencia.

And it doesn't stop there. Of the countless other tradi-

Outside the ring

tions which protesters are trying to ban, the encierros - which take place in rural communities - are near the top of the list.

Setting a bull free in an open field, dozens of men mount horses or run after the bull on foot, armed with rocks and spears.

The aim is to drive a spear through the bull bringing it to an abrupt stop. In reality the

Each year, approximately 250,000 bulls are killed in bullfights around the world.



bull often limps on for much longer than intended, enduring multiple blows before it finally gives in.

With bullfighting on the ropes, campaigners will hope that these traditions - and many more like them - are also given the boot.

Cock and bull story

SAY what you will about bullfighting. But to go into a ring against a 1,000 kg bull armed with no more than a sword and a cloak takes a lot of courage.

This year alone, two matadors have lost their lives in the ring and several more have been injured. The latest to lose his life was legendary matador Iván Fandiño who was gored after tripping on his cape.

Others are more fortunate and live to tell the tale, but suffer life changing injuries.

One of the most famous incidents took place in Madrid earlier this year

where onlookers were left wincing after matador Juan Miguel took a horn to the nether region as he was tossed into the air.

His colleague Frenchman Andy Younes then suffered a catastrophic injury of his own after being thrown into the air before landing on his head as he attempted to tame the bull.

Of Spain's most famous matadors to return to the ring Juan Jose Padilla must top the list. Losing an eye to a bull in 2011, Padilla came back to fight again. However, last year, almost five years since the horrific goring, Padilla was again struck in the face and gored in the same eye socket.

Whether or not Padilla dons the traje de luces again remains to be seen. But no one would blame him if he calls it a day.

To ban or not to ban has long been a matter of debate. Trick or

It is not just the matadors doing the fighting, as those for and against Spain's most controversial tradition engage in verbal sparring outside of the ring. David Noon takes a look at the history of bullfighting and weighs up whether or not Spain should consign the corrida to history.

IT was once considered as ingrained in Spanish culture as tapas or flamenco, but a decade of decline suggests that the corrida's days are numbered.

As the gates are locked on many iconic bullrings across the country, it begs the question of whether or not Spain's controversial tradition can limp on for much longer.

In 2017, where animal rights and political correctness sit on lofty pedestals, the decadence of bullfighting jolts somewhat out of kilter.

And many would argue - and do so, en masse - that bullfighting is fit only for the history books.

Where previously thousands upon thousands of Spaniards took to the plazas de toros in celebration, in their place equal numbers take to the streets to protest in anger.

Each year, fewer and fewer Spaniards openly support the pastime.

A poll carried out earlier this year by the World Animal Protection organisation found that as few as 19 per cent of adults in Spain support bullfighting while 58 per cent are totally opposed to it.

In September 2016, record numbers of protestors lined the streets of Madrid in the largest-ever demonstration against the corrida.

And this year, large, boisterous protests again in Madrid and during Pamplona's bull run have further proven that momentum is swinging in favour of those against bullfighting.

The beginning of the end (if that is where we are headed) took place in Barcelona in 2011, in front of a packed house of nearly 20,000 people at El Monumental.

Top matadors Jose Tomas, Juan Mora, and Serafin Morin lead the corrida, as Cataluña brought the curtain down on bullfighting in the region ahead of a ban coming into force in 2012.

It was an important moment in Spanish history felt far beyond the borders of the ever-headline grabbing Cataluña.

Municipalities across the country have followed in Cataluña's footsteps, with a trickle-down effect leading to bans far and wide.

Nowadays there are dozens of municipal bans on bullfighting across the country. And no doubt more will follow.

It is a reality that was unimaginable in Spain until the last decade.

Even in the bullfighting heartland of Andalucía,

Horses are also victims of bullfighting. Around 200 die each year after being gored by terrified bulls.



IN CHARGE: A matador outmanoeuvres oncoming bull.

Bullfighting is banned in Catalonia and the Canary Islands but is still legal in most other parts of Spain, as well as in Portugal, parts of southern France and some South American countries.



The European bullfighting industry receives €600 million a year in public funding.



g been the bullfighting conundrum tradition



Fighting to keep the custom alive



WHILE thousands take to the streets to put an end to Spain's most hotly talked about tradition, there are others looking for an alternative way of keeping the custom alive.

For the last two years Santilliana del Mar in Cantabria has enjoyed a successful bull run without bull nor human injury.

Replacing the bulls with men dressed in bull suits, the organisers claim that the event 'keeps tradition alive while ensuring the safety of animals and people.'

More spectacularly, and still with a serious element of danger, one trend gaining steam in Spain is the flight of the bull jumpers.

Armed with nothing more than their reflexes, the Recortadores are put into a ring with a bull and then aim to jump over the oncoming beasts in the style of a high jumper arching his back over the pole.

However, unlike pole jumpers, bull jumpers risk their lives by mistiming the leaps of faith.

And while the tradition dates back more than 500 years, supporters argue that the nail biting spectacle could replace traditional bull fights and maintain Spain's love affair with bulls for years to come.

People have been speaking out against bullfighting for almost 500 years: in 1567, Pope Pius V called for an end to the 'cruel and un-Christian' sport.



some 2,000 events are still held every year in front of packed out stadia.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is perhaps the most powerful supporter of bullfighting.

In 2012, the leader of the country risked a backlash when he overturned a broadcasting ban to bring live coverage of the corrida back to public TV for the first time in six years.

Throughout the years artists, authors, politicians and singers have all voiced their admira-

tion of the tradition.

Pablo Picasso, Orson Welles, Goya, Dalí, Hemingway and the poet Garcia Lorca to name just six were all vociferous in their admiration of bullfighting.

American author Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Spain's top folk singer Joaquin Sabina have both spoken out against 'antitaurinos,' blasting their protests as 'ignorant.'

Holding no punches, Sabina recently claimed that 'art of the antitaurino problem' was that those against bullfighting simply 'can't accept the profound truth

that, without death, there can be no life.' And while there are many more who would support Sabina in her argument, the scales appear to be tipping in favour of those opposed to her views.

The opinions of poets and artists of the past bare little significance when challenged by PACMA's YouTube channel which boasts countless images of animal cruelty.

How far the scales tip and for how much longer the fight goes on remains to be seen. But for as long as there are matadors in Spain, bullfighting will be a topic of much debate, protest and bloodshed.

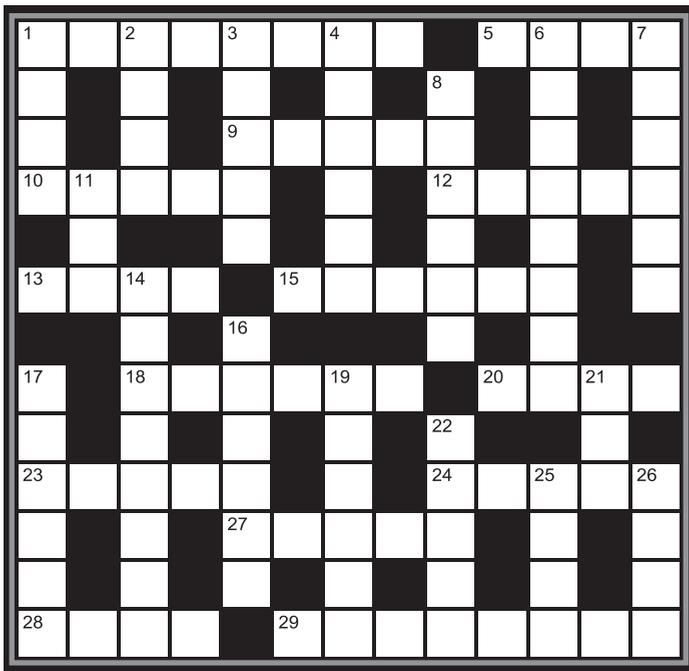
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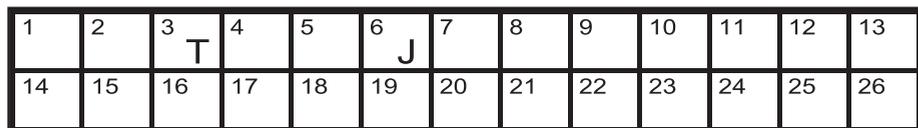
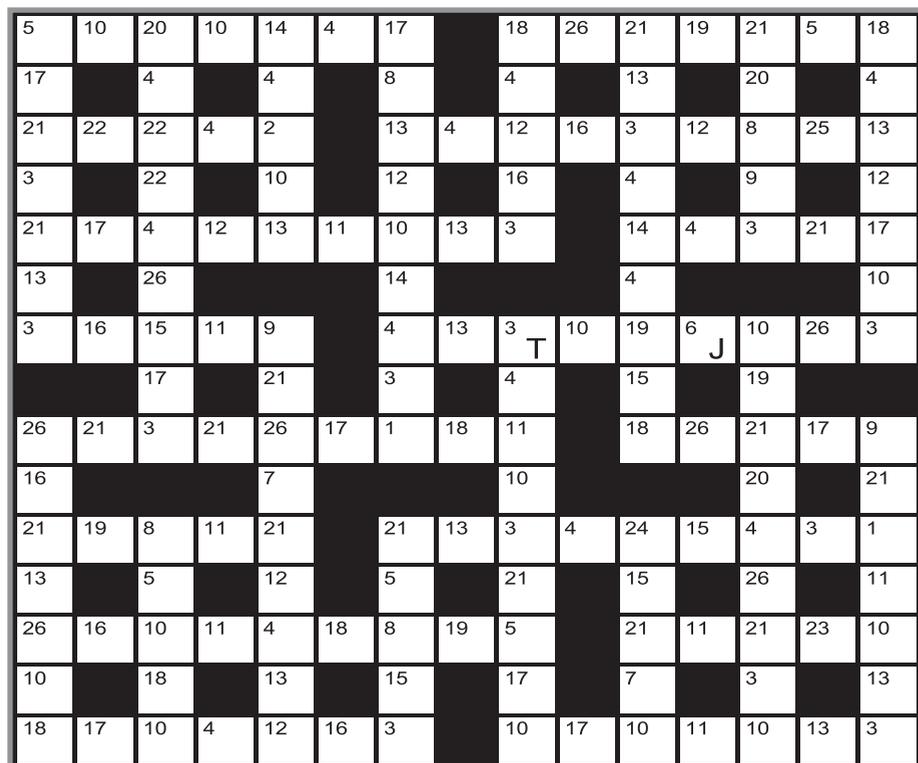
- Across**
 1 Drinks provided for men on board (8)
 5 Shows cut after repair, initially (4)
 9 Brave group from Mount Ribense (5)
 10 Shove canal boat (5)
 12 Trees manage to conceal skinhead (5)
 13 A pair in a Tokyo kebab shop (4)
 15 Possibly making Andrew stray (6)
 18 Handwriting learnt by actors (6)
 20 Island able to turn (4)
 23 Start of a game of tennis, wait (5)
 24 Vessel seen in Zambia or Tanzania (5)
 27 Cleaned out horrible stink (5)
 28 Breeding place discovered in Lone Star State (4)
 29 Passionate animal doctor embraces he-men (8)



- Down**
 1 Will, from the rear, looks dowdy (4)
 2 A farmer starts off in the distance (4)
 3 Stage is redesigned for The Doors (5)
 4 A mix-up between the IRA and ITV is frivolous (6)
 6 Type of punishment for NCO (8)
 7 Birds talk wildly to Poles (6)
 8 Choose to put detectives in river (6)
 11 Saigon is without sin in the past (3)
 14 Trek less organised for birds of prey (8)
 16 Catch a ring-leader taking a break (6)
 17 Singer out to leave work (6)
 19 Fish to come first, second or third, say (6)
 21 Part of the arbitration process (3)
 22 Start looking after the machine (5)
 25 Right time for anger (4)
 26 Help needed in a punt (4)

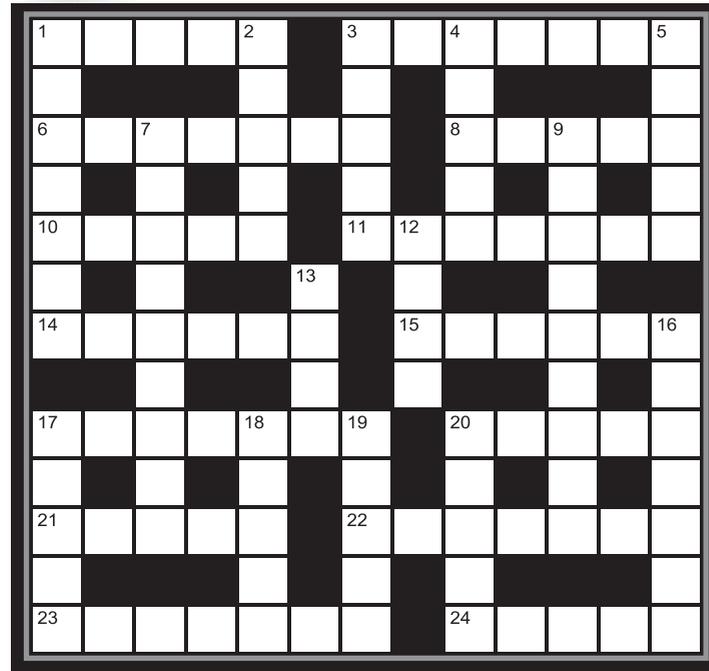
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents T and 6 represents J, so fill in T every time the figure 3 appears and J every time the figure 6 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.



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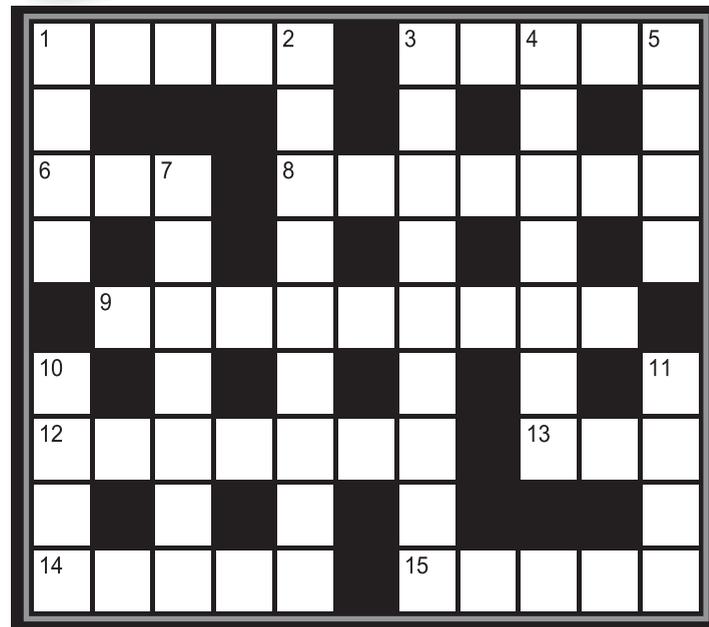
Quick



- Across**
 1 Lets fall to the ground (5)
 3 Colouring sticks (7)
 6 Dreamlike (7)
 8 Small drum (5)
 10 Small songbird with a reddish breast (5)
 11 Eight-sided polygon (7)
 14 Cream-filled pastry (6)
 15 Inclined beam supporting a roof (6)
 17 Court-ordered support paid by one spouse to another after they are separated (7)
 20 Aims (5)
 21 Composition for nine performers (5)
 22 Very old (7)
 23 Longest river in Ireland (7)
 24 Get the better of (5)
- Down**
 1 Entitled to by merit (7)
 2 Severe (5)
 3 Large stringed instrument (5)
 4 Person in charge of an abbey (5)
 5 Eating utensil (5)
 7 Uprising (9)
 9 Bad dream (9)
 12 Edible freshwater fish (4)
 13 Metallic element (4)
 16 Italian rice dish (7)
 17 Sisters of your father or mother (5)
 18 Frequently (5)
 19 Desire strongly or persistently (5)
 20 Nocturnal lizard (5)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
 1 Falda (prenda) (5)
 3 Cuellos (5)
 6 Huevo (3)
 8 Arco iris (7)
 9 En alguna parte (9)
 12 Our (7)
 13 Final (de ceremonia, vida, aventura, guerra) (3)
 14 Herramientas (5)
 15 Rhythm (5)
Down
 1 Semilla (4)
 2 Storms (9)
 3 Vecino (9)
 4 Coward (7)
 5 Sierras (herramientas) (4)
 7 Rude (discourteous) (7)
 10 Nudo (en hilo, cuerda) (4)
 11 Hatred (4)

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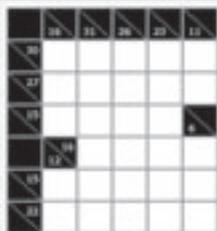
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Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



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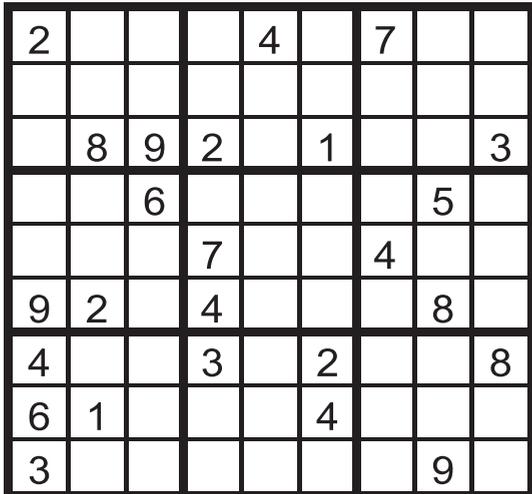
- Average: 9
- Very good: 19
- Good: 13
- Excellent: 24

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

bent bite bunt debt dent diet dint duet edit gent tend tide tied tine ting tube tune tung unit bidet debit debut tined tinge tubed tuned unite untie budget bunted indebt nugget tinged tubing tugged united untied BUDGETING

Sudoku

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

During at least one part of your week the glamorous Sun comes out to shine, and together with the new Moon in realistic Capricorn, sweeps across your working, home and social life. Go-getters will definitely benefit from whatever moves are afoot.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

Trust your instincts about those who chop and change. Chill out on Tuesday, and start planning next year's ideas - with the Sun making friendly aspects with determined Saturn, you should be concentrating on promoting all you have to offer.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Be ready for a refreshing cycle of possibilities, as the Sun is in charge of your short and long-term aspirations. Regardless of what is happening in the background, or whatever thankless tasks niggle you on Wednesday and Friday, your efforts will reward you at work, or wherever you need to improve your situation. Meanwhile, watch your diet.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

You, of all the signs, best know the value of taking each day as it happens. It's the old story of making time to catch up with life's little routines. Spread your efforts, and you'll reach your goals much faster. The tempo is picking up, and what you encounter will confirm that you're getting somewhere.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Both kind-hearted Venus and butterfly Mercury flutter with luck. This week's planetary sound-bites suggest that you widen your social circle and conquer new horizons. Also, the lively Sun is ready to dawn on a positive outlook for any long-term changes. Forget the hassles, and dig deep. Take Thursday and the weekend in your stride.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

If you cannot avoid conflicting opinions or certain odds and ends, accept them and show just how tactful you can be. You might not hold a winning hand, but at one point you'll be able to teach as well as learn. In your head-to-head discussions, leave things as they are until the signs are right.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Even if you've been feeling out of sorts or confused about a certain person or your future, it won't be long before you get a clearer picture. All things change eventually, so don't apply any unnecessary pressure to yourself or others. You'll be surprised at how much better you feel, especially if you're expecting a gleam of hope.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Considering some of the things that are about to happen, you'll be wise to follow your feelings. Your ability to analyse and understand other people is one of your supreme assets. The links between your job, personal and family lives suggest that you need to be a lot more flexible.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

Regardless of the weather or other mixed blessings, you should try and get off the grindstone. Although the emphasis seems to be on home, family and practical property tasks, you'll be running true to Libran form, trying to help everyone around you. Don't forget that the planets are positively geared towards fresh steps and new projects.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Your workaday, family and financial trends offer little respite from ironing out a variety of comings and goings. This is partly because not everyone is being co-operative, but it would be a big mistake to rock any boats close to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

If you're single, get out and about, and if you're job hunting or working towards a particular result, stay on course. This is definitely a phase to follow your instincts. With the spotlight on your social, home and self-motivated activities, you could be in for some unexpected surprises.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

Your ambitious streak will be in full flow. Stay glued to what you do best, and it will be much easier to get others on your side. The new Moon in Capricorn will heighten your chances of making the right contacts or receiving some useful advice. If you're tempted to buy home-related items or useful gadgets, budget with care.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Teems, 4 Braised, 8 Rollers, 9 Dogma, 10 Hostages, 11 Drop, 13 Austin, 14 Stolen, 17 Pack, 19 Irritant, 22 Cuppa, 23 Mae West, 24 Singles, 25 Paste.

Down:

- 1 Torch, 2 Enlists, 3 Scenario, 4 Busted, 5 Aida, 6 Sugar, 7 Deadpan, 12 Strike up, 13 Aspects, 15 Leaders, 16 Tramps, 18 Capon, 20 Tithe, 21 Ball.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Roots, 3 Smudges, 6 Latrine, 8 Cocoa, 10 Agree, 11 Elegant, 14 Edible, 15 Stalls, 17 Moistens, 20 Sonic, 21 Judge, 22 College, 23 Referee, 24 Texas.

Down:

- 1 Release, 2 Seize, 3 Sieve, 4 Uncle, 5 Scant, 7 Terrified, 9 Challenge, 12 Less, 13 Mere, 16 Success, 17 Major, 18 Their, 19 Niche, 20 Split.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Tapete, 4 Beer, 8 Reina, 9 Aviso, 10 Calabacin, 14 Cheek, 15 Boina, 16 Ojal, 17 Agosto.

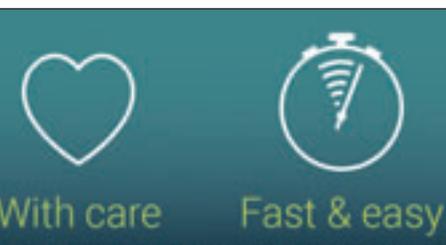
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- 1 Turn, 2 Primavera, 3/15 Tea bag, 5 Edificios, 6 Roof, 7 Vaca, 11 Asks, 12 Ocio, 13 Mano.

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Crowd funding the answer to rail woe?

SIR,

The continuing prevarication and lack of progress in extending the railway from Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol needs an imaginative and bold plan. If local people along the likely route want it enough, would people make a small investment, say €50 each or €100 per family with a guarantee of getting it back with a small amount of interest perhaps?

And would businesses along the route - hotel companies, shops, eg, those at Miramar chip in too? Local government and Renfe themselves would need to be involved of course.

It could perhaps be done in stages. Fuengirola to Miramar and then, if the idea proves successful, beyond.

Maybe EWN could convene a meeting of interested parties to test the waters and lead a campaign?

And shame them in your pages if they won't consider the possibility!

Tim Lucas, Malaga

Calling all cars

I AM no longer a resident in Spain but a regular visitor with a small apartment on the Costa del Sol.

For some years now I have been using a particular hire car firm and have eventually persuaded them not to argue when I tell them I do not require their outrageously priced comprehensive insurance because I have acquired a policy in the UK which will cover any excess I might incur.

On my most recent hiring (my fifth this year) I found I had been charged nearly €115 for a hire I paid for direct on booking and



SMALL PRINT: Always read when hiring a car (stock photo).

when I queried this I was advised this was for an upgrade of vehicle.

I was not asked if I wanted an upgrade and did not require one, but the company are refusing to refund my money claiming I had signed a contract!

I know your paper is directed primarily at British residents, but many of them will have friends and family visiting and renting

cars and I would ask you to print this letter as a warning to them.

Check the details of your hire contract, question anything you do not understand and be careful what you sign. Of course you are desperate to get on your way, but a few minutes more at the airport can pay for a good lunch for your hosts!

Ernie Goddard, Malaga

Bad cat-itude

I WAS saddened to read that another lynx has been shot in southern Spain (EWN issue 1685). Why can no-one address the shocking environmental education in this country???

Jackie Brightwell, Alicante

Shower scene

WANTING to see the promised meteors I looked out about 3am from my home at the eastern end of Torre del Mar, Malaga. There are few people about, but everywhere was lit up like daylight with so many over-bright street lights that I didn't see a thing. The local council must have money to burn!

Michael Hill, Torre del Mar

Let Leapy be

HI, whilst everybody doesn't always agree with Leapy, Issue 1684 was fiercely against him. Surely you must have folk in agreement with him write in, so that you can balance your output. Firstly the reader's comment on page 53 (Costa Blanca South edition) was not only 100 per cent against him, but then repeated on the back of page 86, followed by more 'anti' letters on page 62.

The EWN seems to be becoming as one-sided as the BBC is becoming biased towards the Remainers in the Brexit saga!

Richard Prowse, Cartagena

Editor's note: The EWN is committed to voicing both sides of any argument, hence why we printed a reader's reply to an earlier Leapy column. Unfortunately several pages were reproduced twice, but this was a one-off printer's error for which we apologise.

Dear Leapy

I FULLY agree with your mail on the situation in South Africa, my family have lived there for over 40 years and I have visited many times over the years and it has gone exactly as you wrote.

Valerie Wolferson, address withheld

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Brexit could end flights between UK and EU

FLIGHTS between the UK and the EU could cease if a Brexit deal is not agreed according to Philip Hammond.

Don't some people realise a lot of perishable foodstuffs come in from the EU by air, foreign visitors spend a lot of money in British shops. About time they grew up and got a life.

Lyn Thompson

Dear oh dear. How are all the British OAPs going to get to Benidorm for their annual winter break. Shouldn't have voted to leave in the referendum should they? What an absolute mess the whole thing is!

Ian Hannah

STOP SICKNESS SCAMS: Government launches probe into fake holiday sickness claims

THE UK government is urging travel industry insiders to help with a crackdown on fraudulent holiday sickness claims which are estimated to have cost the industry £240 million already. The insurance companies should stipulate anyone sick needs hospital/doctors confirmation, even hotel management or tour company confirmation as there's always a holiday rep around that could check on them being bedbound during their holidays, or tour operators have a designated area health rep you have to phone if you're ill... and of course they must have their EHIC card and use it

Comments from EWN online

for claim confirmation... there's lots of things they could implement...

Julie Jones Peel

BREAKING: Fighter jet pilot dies in crash near Madrid

FOR the second time in a week, a Spanish pilot has died following a crash, this time of an F-18 aircraft.

Time to stand-down, pull the pilots and planes and look over maintenance schedules for the planes and duty schedules for the pilots

Erik Robinson

So very sad. RIP. Condolences to his family and friends on the loss of such a young and obviously talented man.

Jennifer Bilton

'Fake' Catalan referendum violence images shared on social networks

FAKE videos and images of the Catalan referendum have emerged on social media. Social Media = Fake News. And we wonder why

some governments try to suppress Social Media! It's the bane of the modern age.

Mike Brown

EXCLUSIVE: Costa del Sol expat faces constant threat of floods A MANILVA expatriate is furious at the lack of aid he has received after flooding to his property cost him €60,000.

Would be worth finding out if the wall the neighbour built had permission and whether or not the council inspected to see what was being built and if it would affect a neighbour. If not - possibly denouncing the neighbour and or going to regional court (not local) might be a forward option.

Dave

End of my rainbow (Leapy Lee)

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.

Anyone who believed Jeremy Corbyn & his crafty appearance at a festival has to be very naive. He just chose the venue to capture as many of the younger voters as possible in one place: As Leapy put it... He can promise what he likes and once voted in give what he can (NOTHING).

The UK Teddy Boy

Holy guacamole

JUST when you thought avocados couldn't increase in popularity - they've become one of the biggest global food trends in the past few years - a Spanish company has now launched a 'low-fat' version of the creamy green fruit.

Isla Bonita, the fruit and vegetable innovators who are behind this product, claim that the new 'light' avocado contains 30 per cent less fat than normal avocados. Allegedly, they also ripen faster and turn brown slower than the normal type. It's also supposed to taste juicier.

While avocados are incredibly good for you - the fruit is packed with dietary fibre, magnesium, vitamin E and potassium - they are also high in fat.

This prompted Isla Bonita to create this new type of avocado, which is also bound to be popular among the impatient types who hate having to wait for their creamy fruits to ripen.

However, when consumed in moderation, normal avocados are still incredibly good for you as the fat they contain is actually 'good' fats that help lower cholesterol and improve heart health. They also contain more potassium than bananas and are high in antioxidants.

Dieticians recommend that you consume half an avocado at most per day because the fat content is so high. This would make the new 'low-fat' avocado a game changer as unpeeled avocados usually turn brown by the next day so it often seems like a waste if you only eat half.

Avocados can be substituted into meals in a variety of ways to make them healthier. They make a tasty alternative to mayonnaise in sandwiches or in salads.

You can even swap butter for avocados when baking. This immediately substitutes all the bad saturated fat with good monounsaturated fat. Just take care that you adjust some of the other ingredients so the bake comes out moist enough.



SMOOTH FOOD: A smoothie makes a great pre-workout treat.

Eat your way fit

FOOD is probably the first thing on your mind following a workout, after a cool glass of water of course, but ensuring that you eat the right things both before and after your exercise could make all the difference to your health.

Snacking on a banana before exercising is the perfect way to boost blood sugar levels and stock up your glycogen stores. This will keep your insulin levels from dropping halfway through, which can prevent you from feeling weak and dizzy.

A small pot of Greek yoghurt with muesli is also a great pre-workout treat as it's easy on your stomach and keeps you going for longer.

Seeds and nuts are high in fat which mean they take longer to digest. Keep them to a minimum though; otherwise they might leave you feeling slow and sluggish.

A smoothie is also a great option to have on the way to the gym as your stomach can digest it quickly so it will stop you from feeling sick when you start to exercise.

Just whack your favourite fruit, a dollop of Greek yoghurt, a dash of milk and a teaspoon of honey into a blender and enjoy.

A good portion of protein is essential after a lot of exercise as it helps your muscles to recover and will fill you up without leaving you feeling bloated.

Grilled chicken or salmon with vegetables is a great option, and will stop you feeling sore in the morning.

Eggs are also incredibly high in protein and make a great vegetarian alternative. Add a few slices of avocado to a vegetable omelette, which helps your body to absorb nutrients, and some leafy greens which are packed with iron and will help ward off any dizzy spells.

A post-exercise treat that is actually quite good for you is chocolate milk. This sweet drink is not just for children and actually contains everything you need following intense exercise in one glass: carbs, protein, sugar and calcium.

All these ingredients help you to recover faster and bounce back to your energetic self in no time.

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LIQUID DIET: Try to set a daily water goal and stick to it.

Fountain of youth

WHILE it is easy to remember to reach for a glass of water on a hot day or after a strenuous workout, a lot of people miss the mark when it comes to drinking the recommended two litres a day.

Our bodies need water to function efficiently as it regu-

lates body temperature, delivers nutrients to our organs and helps to prevent infections by getting rid of toxins. Your body will tell you if you're dehydrated, but these signs can be easy to miss - especially if you live a hectic lifestyle.

Common signs of dehydration include fatigue, thirst, dizziness and even confusion. A lot of people also suffer from headaches when they are dehydrated for a prolonged period of time and skin can also start to dry out and become flaky.

There are many benefits to drinking lots of water. Research has shown that it can give you more energy, make you stronger and improve your reflexes.

It has also been proven to have a significant impact on the brain as it can boost concentration, memory and even your mood.

Dropping below optimal lev-

els of hydration can cause headaches and fatigue so you're bound to feel much better throughout the day when you always have a bottle of water on hand.

If you want the kind of glowing, radiant skin you usually see in skincare commercials, the answer might be much simpler, and cheaper, than buying a fancy new product.

Drinking plenty of water has been shown to help clear up spots and can even make you look younger. As our skin is 30 per cent water, it needs regular top ups to keep it looking plump and elastic - which also helps to reduce wrinkles.

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Hip pain



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

THIS week we've asked the doctor about hip pain, a common problem for many especially as the colder months descend.

What are the most common causes of hip pain?

There are many things which can cause hip pain. The most common is osteoarthritis of the hip, when the components of the joints like bones and tendons degenerate over time. Other common causes are infections or injuries.

Many elderly people seem to suffer from hip pain. Is it something which we will all suffer in the end, in other words, is there no way to avoid it?

Over time deterioration of the hips is inevitable and osteoarthritis is bound to appear. This appearance can, however, be delayed or the severity reduced with certain rehabilitation exercises and by avoiding being overweight and following a balanced diet.

How can hip pain be cured, is there any medication?

Pain-killers, anti-inflammatory medication and muscle relaxers can be used to help keep the pain under control. Physiotherapy is also vital to help control the symptoms.

Are there any specific exercises to help prevent or improve the pain?

There are different exercise routines which can help to control the pain and stop it from progressing. Yoga and pilates exercises and certain exercises in the swimming pool, especially low impact ones, can help a lot.

Will surgery be necessary in the end?

Sometimes and with the pass of time the damage produced is so severe and causes so many symptoms, especially pain and mobility limitations, that surgical intervention is required. This often consists of implanting a prosthesis.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Sweet music

FOR an evening with a touch of class, head to the Apolo Theatre in Almería City on Saturday October 20 to see the Federico Chueca Quintet light up the stage with their sweet symphonies.

The quintet has been performing together since 2012 and specialises in interpreting traditional Spanish music in a unique way. The group also invests their time in tracking down and restoring lost classical musical scores to bring forgotten Spanish masterpieces back into the spotlight.

Its members have collaborated with many renowned orchestras such as the Almería City Orchestra, the Sevilla Royal Symphony Orchestra, the Andalusian Youth Orchestra and Spain's National Youth Orchestra.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8.30pm. Tickets cost €10 and can be purchased online or at the theatre.

THE annual Almería Swing Festival is rolling into town this weekend and is jam packed with events to tempt you out of the house and onto the dance floor. Even those with two left feet might just find themselves dancing the night away as there will be workshops and taster sessions for those new to the dance, followed by performances from professionals and open free-for-alls where anyone can join in.

There will be performances from the Old Dixieland Band, Dixieland Clasijazz and the Rollin' Stomps. Some of the teachers confirmed to take part include Arnas & Egle (from Lithuania), Fosy & Andrea (from the Swing Mechanics of Vitoria) and Sam, Cris & Isa (from Madrid's Animal Jazz troupe). The swing workshops will be spread out at locations across the city, including the Plaza de Velas, the Arte 16 Dance School, the Cortijo Grande Social Centre and Clasijazz on Calle Maestro Serrano. The organisers of the event have also prepared free guided tours of Almería City to

It you ain't got that swing...



Photo by Ayo Roquetas de Mar / Twitter

SWING TIME: Don't miss the chance to see Dixieland Clasijazz at the Almería Swing Festival.

kick the celebrations off, which you can book online via the event's Facebook page: Almería Swing Fest III 2017.

On Saturday 21 at 12pm there will be a one-hour guided tour of the historic centre, which will stop at the city's most beautiful and iconic landmarks. Par-

ticipants will also have the opportunity to sample traditional Almerian tapas at the end of the route.

On both Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 at 12pm there will be guided visits to the Almería bomb shelter, one of the few in Spain that could accommodate

virtually all of the city's population during the Civil War.

Finally, on Sunday 22 there will also be a 90-minute tour of the historic Alcazaba of Almería, one of the biggest of the citadels built during the Arab occupation. The fortress boasts some of the best views in the

city and is just as spectacular inside, with vaulted ceilings, gothic doors and embellished gardens.

Tickets for the festival can be bought online and range from €12-80, depending on the number of classes and events you would like to attend.

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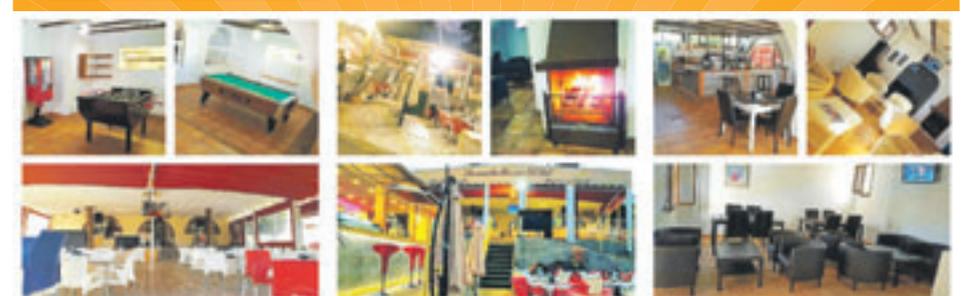
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ART CRAZE: Cartoon enthusiasts will get the chance to celebrate their passion this weekend at the Festicom comic festival.

Toon time

THE Festicom festival will return to El Ejido this weekend to celebrate all things comic book related.

The event, which will be held in both the old library and the town theatre, will be packed with activities to allow children and adults alike to indulge in this popular art form from October 21-22.

Among the scheduled events are master classes with the best in the business, talks with authors and designers, film screenings and concerts.

Notable guests include Pedro Perez, animator of the film Tadeo Jones, Fran Carmona and Santiago Giron, authors of 'The Samurai Sheep' and Nacho Arranz, cartoonist of 'the champions of Albion.'

The films 'Star Wars: Rogue

One' and 'Ghost in the Shell' will be shown during the weekend, and gamers will also have the chance to participate in the various videogames tournaments that are also scheduled to take place.

Comic aficionados will have the chance to get their favourite books signed by some of the best in the industry and can enter contests to win exclusive merchandise.

Victor Cara, president of the DIABLO cultural association who organises the event claims that the event is "a great promotional platform and opportunity to bring this art form to the public's attention."

The event is completely free and will run throughout both Saturday and Sunday.

Man without a shadow in town

MIKEL ERENTXUN, formerly of the musical duo Duncan Dhu, will grace the stage at Almeria's Cervantes Theatre on Saturday October 21 to showcase his latest album 'El hombre sin sombra' (The man without a shadow).

Erentxun, born in Venezuela but with a Basque heritage, claims to take inspiration from British rock bands such as The Smiths and has collaborated with several noteworthy musicians during his career such as Mark Gardener, drummer Pete Thomas, Lloyd Cole, Fred Mahe and Matthew Sweet.

Erentxun describes his latest offering 'El hombre sin sombra' as an album about 'love and its consequences.' The musician has experimented with combining the sounds of various unique instruments in his work, including the tuba, organ and the kettledrums, and his music is often recommended for fans of Morrissey's solo work.

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POETRY IN MOTION: Dancers pay tribute to the life of the renowned Spanish philosopher.

Dance is the word

THE Karlik Dance Theatre will pay tribute to iconic Spanish philosopher Maria Zambrano in 'La palabra danzante' (The dancing word) at the Apolo Theatre in Almeria on Thursday October 26.

The performance will celebrate the life and work of the essayist 25 years after her death, which also coincides with the Karlik Dance Theatre's own 25th anniversary.

Dancers will explore Zambrano's unique philosophy through movement, making reference to her ideas about the divine, poetic freedom and universality.

Zambrano was born in Velez-Malaga but her family moved to Madrid just a year later. She was a member of the Generation of '36, a group of Spanish artists, thinkers and poets who were working

around the time of the Spanish Civil War.

During the Civil War, she openly sided with the Republic and was forced into exile when Franco came into power in 1939. She finally returned to Madrid in 1984, and became the first woman to be awarded the Miguel de Cervantes Prize in 1988.

The performance will begin at 8.30pm and tickets cost €13.

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Adding cheer for seafood lovers

tensity it is loved for its high acidity, refreshing citrus flavours (lemons, limes, pear, grapefruit, honeysuckle, nectarine, apricot

and mango), dry taste, and slight saltiness.

To maintain its acidity and fruity aromas it is best consumed

one to two years after the vintage, although Albariño wines are known to age for five to seven years.

As well as complementing seafood, its acidity and slight bitterness works well alongside white meats and with citrus and/or aromatic herb dishes, and it is also fun to experiment Albariño with Vietnamese and Thai cuisine.

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by Lorenzo Barbareschi



Curtain down on councilman

A COUNCILLOR representing the Popular Party (PP) in Cantoria has resigned because he had 'political differences' with his colleagues.

Santos Agüera Pedrosa, aged 27, told local media sources that he does not agree with the policies of his party's current spokesperson and believes that it would be better for him to resign.

Although he dismissed reports of an 'internal war' within the party, he admitted that there have been 'clashes' and 'disagreements' with his colleagues about the direction he believes the party should take.

Pedrosa, whose father and grandfather had also been in politics, claimed that his resignation did not mean he would be giving the career up for good as he found he had a passion for helping out the local population.



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Water crisis sparks protest rally

OVER 5,000 demonstrators joined forces in Villaricos (Cuevas del Almanzora) on Monday to protest the water shortages and demand the urgent repair of the desalination plant.

Thousands of farm workers joined together with representatives from fruit and vegetable companies, international transport agencies and the region's mayors to criticise the lack of solutions from regional politicians to address the current water shortage, such as repairing the desalination plant in Villaricos.

The plant was damaged by a flood five years ago, and has since been out of action. Jose Antonio Fernandez, a spokesperson for the Almeria Water Board, announced at the rally that the region "could cope" with the water crisis if the Villaricos plant was up and running.

Fernandez demanded that the plant "be fixed immediately because it is a shame that millions



Credit: ASEMPAL/Twitter

FLOODING IN: Local farmers turned out in droves to protest the water shortage.

were invested in constructing it" and now that money has been effectively "wasted."

Most farmers in the Almanzora region find themselves threatened by the water shortage, with 25 per cent of farms and four million trees in the region in danger of drying out completely. Fernandez claimed that "without water there is no agriculture and without agriculture the whole province of Almeria is going to ruin."

The Water Board also called for further actions to be taken to combat the drought, including the reusing of purified water, expanding the Balerma desalination plant and finishing work on the 'Autovía del Agua' underground aqueduct.

Almeria Province has been most affected by the recent drought out of all the regions in Spain, with many of its reservoirs on high alert at just 9 per cent capacity.

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Get quizzzy with it

MALOANS in Albox will once again play host to one of the largest quizzes in the area on Saturday November 11. In the previous five years the quiz has raised more than €4,000, with €1,200 raised in 2016 alone.

Teams of up to six players can enter the event, with a €5 per head entry fee. The quiz will be a mix of general knowledge and audio questions to suit all ages and all abilities. The quiz starts at 5pm and is scheduled to end at around 8.30pm.

The winning team gets a cash prize, the annual trophy and the chance to choose which local charity or good cause gets the donation. Previous beneficiaries have included Asprodalba, MACS, PiRDA and the Leo the Lion Appeal. The proceeds from the raffle also get passed on to good causes.

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Future dream home reality

HUNDREDS of property experts discussed the future of the Spanish market at the Fotocasa Real Estate Conference 2017.

Fotocasa, one of Spain's biggest property portals, gathered academic, sales and business experts to detail the trends expected over the next few years.

Among the consensus conclusions was the prediction that home prices in large cities will continue to increase until at least 2021.

Keynote speaker Gonzalo Bernardos, an economics professor at Madrid University, said unemployment will soon drop to around 10 per cent, ushering in an era of greater consumer confidence and purchasing power.

This will weaken the rental market and spark

sales, he said, while confidently stating that there is no looming risk of another property bubble.

Head of Studies at Fotocasa, Beatriz Toribio, agreed that the market was stable. She said stricter financing deals and fixed rate mortgages help protect both lenders and consumers.

In recent years the Spanish have changed their opinion about renting, with younger generations in particular more open to the market, yet they still dream of buying a home.

Much of the conference was dedicated to sales advice for real estate agents. They were encouraged to view a client relationship as a life-long partnership, rather than simply slamming the door after a sale.



LUXURY SECTOR: Subject to buyer flight?

Luxe landlord opportunities

By Matthew Elliott

BECOMING a landlord is far more profitable in today's Spain than placing money in a bank account. The average annual profitability on buy-to-let properties is now a very healthy 5.7 per cent.

The sizeable return is up considerably on just a few years ago. In 2013 it was 4.8 per cent. Since then the rental market has flourished thanks to young professional and students.

Returns vary fairly dramati-

cally by region. In Cataluña it is 6.6 per cent, making it the most profitable region to lease property in the country.

Yet the Catalan capital Barcelona offers a cautionary tale for landlords. Rent prices have soared so quickly that they have now plateaued. In 2017 landlords can expect an annual return of 5 per cent less than the Catalan regional average.

Those looking to invest in buy-to-let property should strike while the iron is hot, before rents hit a natural peak.

Meanwhile, buyers interested in owning luxury property might be among the few investors excited by the possibility of Catalan independence.

Luxury real estate agent Uxban has warned of 'buyer flight' from Barcelona, should independence become a reality.

In 2016 more than 80 per cent of the €1 million plus homes sold were purchased by foreigners. Many chose Barcelona property to get a Spanish Golden Visa and a foothold in the European

Union. Both perks which could disappear in the event of separation.

Uxban expect any such crisis to result in a mass flogging of luxury real estate in the city at heavily discounted prices. "This collapse in the price of luxury property would be far more pronounced than that experienced in London after the Brexit vote", said the CEO.

Prices in London's richest areas, such as Chelsea, have plummeted by more than 10 per cent since June 2016.



ON THE UP: Summer property sales.

Summer sales hit budding heights

SALES soared in Spain over the summer, with records showing the best three months for sales since 2011, in May, June and August.

In August, sales crossed the 40,000 threshold again, seen as an indicator of the market's robust health.

Another good sign is that the increase in new home sales surpasses that of second-hand homes. Used homes are still in the ascendancy when it comes to total volume, but new home sales are increasing faster.

New home sales shot up by 21.3 per cent in August, the impressive pace of increase is only set to

continue until Spain's thirst for new homes is quenched.

Per capita, the Valencian community, which includes most of the Costa Blanca, clocked the highest number of sales in August. It averaged 163 sales per 100,000 residents, compared to 152 in the Balearic Islands, and 125 in Andalucía, which registered the highest volume with 8,225 sales in just one month.

Nationwide, there is near unanimity in the property sector that total sales will surpass the half million mark in 2017. Next year's projections are even more optimistic, at around 650,000 sales.

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A STRAWBERRY TREE: Loaded with juicy fruit.

Strawberries on a tree, seems unlikely but...

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ONE of the fascinating things about gardening is the variety of plants that are available from various regions around the world.

Here in the Mediterranean there are a number of lesser-known plants that make

great ornaments, produce sweet-smelling flowers and provide fruit. One of my favourites is the Strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*).

You can see the tree growing wild in its native habitats in oak forests in zones below 800 metres in Spain. It has also become domesticated and can be

seen in gardens as a feature tree due to its cinnamon coloured bark and deep green foliage being most attractive and highlighted in autumn with bunches of scented white waxy vase shaped flowers in clusters and dangling fruits that ripen individually from green to yellow and finally red when mature over a long period of time.

The fruit resembles a strawberry hanging from the tree but the similarities end there. It does not taste at all like a strawberry. It requires an acquired taste to appreciate and is not a fruit that you usually would eat many of. It is a delight to sample a few on occasions as an alternative to the more com-

mon fruits available, if only to try something different.

If you have a tree or can source the fruit it makes wonderful jams with a unique tinge to the taste. It needs the fruit to be fresh to use as the fruit deteriorates quickly once off the tree. Only the soft red fruit is fully ripe and the fruit ripens gradually at different times on the tree making it difficult to collect significant numbers at one time.

This makes it tempting to pick some nearly ripe to make up volume for making jams but it does reduce the quality of the jam. Some people prefer to collect the fruit regularly from the ground as they fall once fully ripe. Overripe fruit can be intoxicating as they ferment.

This is why it is very difficult to find the preserves and nearly impossible to buy the fresh fruit in good condition. If you are able to grow the tree you will have a rare flavour to add to the larder. The fruit can be made into a compote, syrup, puree, glaze, jams, jellies, ice cream flavouring and converted into wine and spirits.

It is commercially used to make liqueur and wine in Sardinia and Portugal. The tree, the Madroño tree in Spanish, is featured on the coat of arms for Madrid being hugged by a bear so it is also dearly loved in Spain.

It is an interesting addition to the garden and can grow in a large container. It does not like to be transplanted or moved so it should be located permanently in a partly shaded zone. It is a pioneering and under storey tree that only grows to around five to 10 metres over many decades. It is drought tolerant to survive Mediterranean summers but needs watering to get established.

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I THOUGHT that this week I would write about my weekly show on Talk Radio Europe from 10-11am.

My team consist of Nazli, our vet from the Pointer Clinic Estepona, and Celia Haddon, an expert on small animals especially cats. Celia was the pet agony aunt for the UK *Telegraph*. This week Rona Brown sat in for Celia who is taking a climbing holiday.

Rona Brown is known for her work on movies *Fish Tank* (2009), *Creation* (2009) and *Gorillas in the Mist* (1988).

This week The Boris Bulletin

from Barrie Nathan about his cat Boris who is a she!

“Our morning schedule is as follows. Boris waits for me to aablute in my bathroom, she then comes in and jumps onto her cushion which lives on the corner of the bath (I prefer bathing to showering), she then waits patiently for me to get in the bath, which may be as long as a 30 minute delay. Only when I get into the bath does she raise herself from her cushion, leans into the tub and starts drinking the hot water. She knows the water level is substantially higher after my entry! After about two minutes she gets off the bath and goes back to bed.”

Nazli mentioned that there are reports of dog poisoning and to be extra careful in dog parks and recommends a muzzle. I know most of you will say ‘my dog does not like a muzzle’, believe me they get used to a muzzle and it will protect your dog from putting his nose into trouble. Give the muzzle a try not once but a few times and of course rewards when taking off.

**MUZZLE: Dogs will become accustomed.**

Nazli says: “My vet has asked me to bring a urine sample of my dog, how do I do this?” You will need a clean container. For the female dog you can use a ladle, so that you do not have to crouch down when she squats, and pour the urine into the container, (do wash the ladle thoroughly afterwards). The male dog will sniff an

area, position himself and lift up his leg to urinate. Place the container in the flow of the urine, fill the container and then wash your hands. If you have problems then why not go to a professional for help at Pointer Clinic dog school.

Mic Martin, the famous trainer from Dog Borstal at the BBC joined us for the second half of the show. I

would mention that those attending Dog Borstal, if they get it wrong they can expect a punishment as Mic says “It’s the owners fault, not the dog.”

They can get ‘press-ups’ or running round the field, etc.

Mic worked in the Police Special Services as an instructor and certainly knows all about dogs from scent and rescue work. Mic spoke about the relationship one must have with the dog which is of prime importance. Like me he dislikes harnesses and flexi leads and explained a few simple rules “Stop the dog licking you” as germs can be passed.

If you want to hear the show go to: www.talkradioeurope.com/listen/listen-live/, if you do not have time then you can have a copy each week by emailing: radiolist@thedogman.net.

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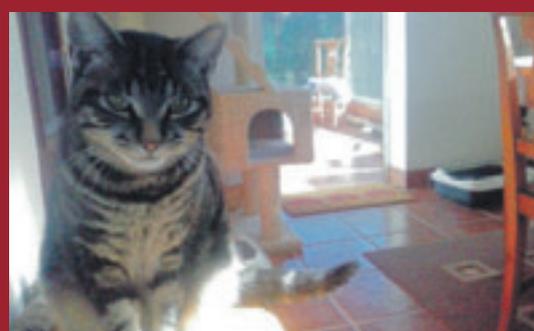
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Porsche on-demand

German giant reinvents the wheel

by Matthew Elliott

ON-DEMAND Porsches are now available in an American pilot project. In exchange for a monthly charge, the German giant will deliver a Porsche model of the customer's choosing to their home, or any other location.

The pilot is being rolled out in the southern American city of Atlanta. Drivers can choose between two different membership plans. For \$2,000 (€1,700) a month they have access to eight Porsche models, including the Cayenne and 718 Boxster.

For \$3,000 (€2,500) a month almost the entire Porsche collection is at their disposal, with on-demand access to 22 models, including the top of the range Carrera S, Panamera 4S, and classic 911.

Ordering a Porsche is as sim-

**ON DEMAND: Porsche
reinventing car
ownership.**

ple as ordering a pizza. Customers will have their Porsche app on their smartphone. They can pick a model, delivery spot and time frame.

A businessman looking to make a splash at a meeting might order a flashy sports model. But if he's taking a road trip with the family might prefer a roomier Cayenne.

“Our Strategy 2025 vision is to

be the most aspirational brand in a new era of mobility and consumer expectations,” said CEO of Porsche Cars North America Klaus Zellner. “With Porsche Passport, we now offer our customers a simple and flexible driving solution at their fingertips.”

Mileage is unlimited, and full insurance included in the monthly fee. Extensive driving and credit checks are carried out on clients.

Porsche Passport is similar to Jaguar's concept of selling

steering wheels instead of cars. Drivers would be able to order Jags to the doorstep, then use their personalised wheel with all their preferences, routes, and driving history to enjoy a smoother ride.

Both ideas represent a sea change in the concept of car ownership.


Motoring shorts

‘Alcolyser’ anniversary

THE Breathalyser test marked its 50th anniversary this month.

In October 1967 the first alcohol test was performed on a confused driver in Shropshire, England.

Just a day previously Britain's first drink driving act had taken effect.

It made driving with more than 80mb per 100ml of alcohol in the bloodstream illegal.

The new device was dubbed the ‘Alcolyser.’ It contained a tube filled with crystals.

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Government ministers faced fierce criticism from drivers. Some considered it an attack on the working class, who were only just beginning to enjoy car ownership.

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Land Rover's 'digital butler'

LAND ROVER has released the first specs of its new 2018 Range Rover. The highlight news is that the firm are offering a plug-in electric version of its iconic model.

The P400e PHEV Range Rover is expected to cost up to €150,000 with all mods and cons. For that hefty sum, green-minded drivers get a 2.0 litre four-cylinder petrol engine with an 85 kW electric motor stashed in the automatic gearbox.

Running purely on the electric motor, the Range Rover can travel for 31 miles and reach a top speed of 85mph.

For those who care more about power than

ticking the environmentalist box, Land Rover offers 5.0 litre supercharged V8 petrol engine with 518hp. It can reach 60mph from a deadstart in 5.1 seconds and weighs 2,497kg. Diesel options are also available.

All models include 4G wifi hotspots and come with 17 charging points. Land Rover has aptly described the 2018 release as a "digital butler fit for the 21st century."

The stereo boasts a whopping 1,700 watts and there are 29 separate speakers.

Front seats adjust in 24 different directions. They have 25 massage settings, massage intensity can be managed by phone, and the armchairs are al-

so heated. Sun visors can be moved simply by waving your hands at them.

There is a dazzling 144 LEDs in the headlights which offer pixel laser vision. Luckily for other drivers the intelligent lighting system dims itself down when it detects them.

With all the fancy mod cons, the only decision facing Range Rover buyers next year is whether to pick the eco-version or the petrol guzzler.

Land Rover is tempting petrolheads with its SV Autobiography Dynamic model. The most powerful Range Rover of all time, with the 3.0 litre V6 engine, will be priced at around €200,000.



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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

BMW 5 Series M Sport

BMW's 5 Series executive saloon has been around for more than 40 years and the latest seventh generation models are still dominant in the business sector, offering style, status and dynamic driving.

Current 5 Series models are a little larger and - thanks to extensive use of aluminium - a little lighter than predecessors, and more refined too. Prices start at €39,965 (£35,835) for models that are well-equipped but most buyers are keen to move up the range to versions

like my recent test model, the M Sport.

In 2.0 litre 187 hp diesel form, this version costs €43,531 (£39,025) and delivers a 0-60 kph of just 7.5 seconds and top speed of 235 kph (146 mph). But the stand-out figures are the fuel economy of 25.6 kpl (72.4 mpg) and low emissions of 114 g/km.

The 5 Series M Sport comes with all the standard kit you would expect, including power windows, alloy wheels, air-conditioning and con-

nectivity features but various option packages are available that can soon boost the price - my test model had almost €10,000 (£9,000) worth of extras! These included technology and comfort upgrades, electric sunroof, larger wheels and even soft-close doors.

The cabin, with its wrap-around dashboard, is beautifully designed and

immaculately finished, with premium materials throughout and excellent noise suppression. It is very spacious, with rear seat occupants getting almost as much leg-room as in its larger 7 Series stablemate. Boot space, at 530 litres, is much the same as that of main rivals in the saloon sector.

Ride quality is excellent, even with the slightly firmer M Sport suspension, and the standard eight-speed gearbox is impressively seamless. The smooth effortless driving dynamics make the car a joy to be in.

The exterior of the 5 Series M Sport is elegant and its sporty body quite subtle.



M SPORT:
Looks elegant.

Stats panel

Model: BMW 5 Series M Sport
Engine: 2.0 litre diesel
Transmission: 8 speed automatic
Performance: 0-100 kph 7.5 seconds, top speed 235kph (146 mph)
Economy: 25.6 kpl (72.4 mpg)
Emissions 114 g/km

Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

FUV: Ferrari Utility Vehicle

A FERRARI SUV is now a 'dead serious' proposition, according to CEO Sergio Marchionne. Just last year the same man told press "you'd have to shoot me first," spitting out the sleek Italian brand's distaste for the SUV phenomenon.

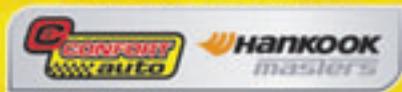
But last week he presented plans to inject a Ferrari version into the extremely competitive marketplace. Standing outside the New York Stock Exchange he said his firm would redefine the field with the new FUV, or Ferrari Utility Vehicle.

Ferrari will follow high-class competitors Bentley and Porsche into the crowded SUV market. The Lamborghini Urus SUV is slated for a 2019 debut.

But Marchionne pledged to maintain the brand's exclusive aura by always keeping production lower than demand.



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O'Brien eyes £4.3m prize money at Ascot

QIPCO British Champions Day in record

ASCOT hosts the QIPCO British Champions Day - the richest race day in the British calendar on Saturday October 21 - with Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien eyeing £4.3 million prize money.

The world's top sprinters, over six furlongs, long distance horses, over two miles, and the fillies and mares, over 1m 4f, will be racing.

Champion trainer O'Brien is looking for one more winner in the QIPCO British Champions 2017 Series to achieve a record haul.

Flat racing's showcase event sees the world's leading trainers, horses and top jockeys at Ascot in the finale of the 2017 European Flat racing season.

The QIPCO British Champions Series features the QIPCO British Championship (Group 2) with a prize fund



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Aidan O'Brien with Churchill - one winner in the QIPCO British Champions 2017 Series to achieve record.

September, gave O'Brien his 10th winner in this year's Series. And O'Brien will be raiding Ascot this year - eyeing a repeat of bagging £5,648,937 in the 2016 Series.

O'Brien, who has won £5,153,693 in the 2017 Series, has a plethora of entries, including 2015 Gold Cup winner Order of St George.

Caravaggio, who won the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot in June, is entered in the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes.

O'Brien has duplicate entries in the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes, including Winter, Rhododendron, Seventh Heaven and Hy-

drangea, prior to the final stage declarations.

In the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes O'Brien's pre-race entries includes duo Churchill and Winter, who have won four Classics between them, along with Alice Springs and Roly Poly.

Ballydoyle based O'Brien could run Churchill in the QIPCO Champion Stakes, being a pre-race entry, alongside Highland Reel and Winter.

The QIPCO Champion Stakes, Europe's richest mile-and-a-quarter contest, sees the entry of Enable, ranked third best in the world in the wake of winning the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes ahead of Ulysses, Idaho and Highland Reel, all of who are entered.

"It's a great day - a meeting we've had success at in the past. We hope to be supporting the whole day with runners," said Gosden.

Richard Hannon trained Barney Roy, winner of the St James's Palace Stakes, is entered in the QIPCO British Champions Day.

"I'm not sure which race he goes for. He's very effective over a mile - a mile and a quarter isn't a problem either," said Hannon.

Richard Fahey trained Ribchester is also eyeing the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on QIPCO British Champions Day, the richest Group 1 mile race run in Europe.

Churchill is just one horse who could oppose Ribchester - among a record pre-race entry of 48 horses for the £1.1 million race.

Classic winners Churchill and Winter could face opposition in UAE 2000 Guineas and Derby winner Thunder Snow, who won the Group 1 Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly.

"Thunder Snow has been a star horse for me this year. I would like to run him at Ascot on QIPCO British Champions Day," said trainer Saeed bin Suroor.

"We will look at both the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and the QIPCO Champion Stakes," added bin Suroor.

of £350,000; The QIPCO Sprint Stakes (G1) with a prize fund of £600,000; and The British Champions fillies and mares (G1) with a prize

fund of £600,000. The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (G1) has a prize fund of £1.1 million; The QIPCO Champion Stakes (G1) has a

prize fund of £1.3 million and the Balmoral Handicap has a prize fund of £250,000.

Capri, who won the William Hill St Leger at Doncaster in

SPAIN'S Jon Rahm makes his first professional appearance on Spanish soil - when the World No 5 plays in the third edition of the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, hosted by the Sergio Garcia Foundation, during October 19-22.

"I'm a competitor and I believe a lot in myself. The more I enjoy myself - the better I play," said Rahm.

A plethora of top golfers will line-up in the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, including Rahm's fellow Spaniards Sergio Garcia and Rafa Cabrera Bello.

Tommy Fleetwood, Justin Rose and Ross Fisher are the leading English trio, with Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy among players ranked in the top 10 on the European Tour.

Rahm will return to the European continent in the wake of victory in his last regular European Tour appearance - a six-shot win - at the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open in July.

"I prepare well for a tournament. If I don't believe in myself who else will?" said Rahm.

In 2012 Rahm won the Campeonato de España Junior Y Boys, Campeonato Absoluto País Vasco, followed by the 2014 ASU Thunderbird Invitational, Campeonato de España Absoluto, Eisenhower Trophy (individual title).

After the 2016 US Open, Rahm turned professional and in August 2017, Rahm reached a career-high ranking of No 5 in the world after a maiden professional victory on the US PGA Tour at the end of January.

Ahead of the Andalucia Valderrama

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JON RAHM: To make his first professional appearance on Spanish soil.

Andalucia Valderrama Masters hosted by the Sergio Garcia Foundation

Masters, Rahm, aged two when Valderrama staged the 1997 Ryder Cup, said: "I really look forward to playing in front of the Spanish fans."

Rahm, who went to European Tour venues as a teenager in a bid to get play-

ers' autographs, said: "My first round at Valderrama was five years ago.

"I played the Sotogrande Cup - with the Spanish national team. My game has changed a lot since then."

Rahm added: "Valderrama is one of

the best layouts I have played - visually attractive and wonderfully maintained.

"I am extremely fortunate that my dreams are coming true. In October, I will be proud to play my first professional event in Spain.

"I look forward to playing the Andalucia Valderrama Masters in front of my home crowd - I will do my best."

The Real Club Valderrama will stage the third edition of the Andalucia Valderrama Masters, the last European Tour stop on European soil before heading for China, Turkey, South Africa and Dubai.

And Masters Champion Sergio Garcia said: "I am delighted to support the Andalucia Valderrama Masters through my Foundation.

"As the tournament host I would love to see everyone come and enjoy a great event and a wonderful occasion for all the Spanish players."

The Sergio Garcia Foundation was founded in 2002, amalgamating with the Deporte y Desafío Foundation in 2003.

A two-fold programme has led to golf being made accessible to people with disabilities; along with promoting adaptive golf throughout Spain.

The Spanish Golf Federation and the Autonomic Federations have also joined the initiative.

"Valderrama is a very special place - full of memories," said Garcia, who won the Andalucia Masters at Valderrama in 2011.

"Valderrama is one of my favourite courses - one of the best in the world. I always enjoy playing there," he added.



CELTA VIGO held a minute's silence before their La Liga game against Las Palmas to honour the heroes and victims of fires that have spread across Galicia, Asturias and Portugal.

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19th Hole Golf Society match report

MARINA GOLF COURSE was the venue for the members of the 19th to play a Texas Scramble competition, and with greens back to good condition the scoring was very low.

Indeed only a difference of 2.1 separated the first four groups, led by the team of Doug Birrell, Nekane Galindez, Dave Wadey and Alan Brigden on net 56. Very close behind them on net 56.5 was the team of Mike Esposito, George Reid, Ray Wicking and Steve Tucker, from in third spot Willie Ellis, Peter Dow, Vince Swain and Karyn Esposito net 57.

There were only two genuine two's recorded Doug Birrell (5th) and Steve Tucker (14th) but the teams managed nine in all with 28 birdies.

Nearest the pins;

- 1st in 2 Mike Esposito
- 2nd Mike Esposito
- 5th Doug Birrell
- 9th Peter Dow
- 14th Steve Tucker
- 17th Ray Wicking

The 19th Hole Golf Society plays every week on local courses.

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New clubhouse for Indalo



CUTTING THE RIBBON: Ken Ferry, one of the founder members.

THE Indalo Bowling Club near Los Gallardos, has just had a brand new Clubhouse, which had its official opening on October 7, having been first talked about nine years ago.

Ken Ferry, one of the founder members who was involved in the creation of the club in 2001, cut the tape in front of

approximately 150 people which included bowlers, invited guests and members of the general public who had come along to try bowling.

As well as the new Clubhouse, a new high quality bowling carpet has now been laid which is being much appreciated by the Club's members.

Indalo Bowling Club is now better equipped to serve the very enthusiastic bowlers of the Almería area, as well as coping with the increasing social life of the Club. This had led to a steady flow of new members in recent months.

The Club is looking forward to welcoming new bowlers, hosting visiting clubs and large regional competitions.

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