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Laid to waste

WORK on Nerja's troubled water treatment plant is set to continue after a six month delay. It comes after the national government's subdelegate in Malaga, Miguel Briones, confirmed that the Environmental Ministry has reached an agreement with a temporary union of companies formed by the contractors Corsan-Corviam Construcciones and Isolux Ingenieria.

Last month it was revealed that following pressure from the Association of Entrepreneurs of Nerja, the Ministry had agreed a scheme to fund and manage the works.

For months politicians in Nerja had demanded Spain's central government help in resuming works to Nerja's sewage treatment plant.

Miguel Angel Heredia, the socialist PSOE party's deputy leader in Malaga, claimed the lack of a solution over the halted project was an "insult," and the government had not shown "the slightest interest" in getting involved.



DRAMA: The dead-end street and (inset) Volkswagen Golf stopped in Marbella.

Court case begins

A TOTAL of 34 people have been summoned to court to be questioned over their role in Nerja's illegal landfill.

Most are local businessmen working in the construction sector, while three former politicians are also facing serious questions. A court in Torrox will now decide whether they were complicit in the illegal use of a beauty spot as a landfill.

The investigation, which began in August last year, revealed the potential fraud of €2.5 million to cover the costs that would have been incurred if the waste had been disposed of legally.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News* the site, which is located in the Natural Park of the Sierras Tejeda, Almijara and Alhama, was previously a working quarry owned by the council. The area was later used as a dumping ground for 16 years, between 2000 and September 2016.

Hot pursuit!

Police open fire on high-end cars

By Matt Ford

A manhunt has been launched after a high speed car chase and police shootout in Torrox.

It comes after officers were forced to open fire to avoid being mowed down by two high-end BMWs.

The drama unfolded after a Local Police patrol tried to stop three vehicles that "were performing suspicious and evasive manoeuvres," an official said.

But the cars sped away, leading to a pursuit.

The first, a Volkswagen Golf, headed for the A-7 motorway and was intercepted at a toll booth in Marbella several hours later, with two Spanish men, from Ceuta and Algeciras respectively, remanded in custody.

Meanwhile the other two cars, both BMW 7-series and each containing two people believed to be foreign, hurtled through the centre of Torrox Pueblo for almost three kilometres before taking a dead-

end turn near the town's cemetery.

When the chasing officers realised, they parked at the end of the street, blocking most of it with their car and leaving just a two-metre gap.

And as they drew their weapons and shouted for the fugitives to step out of their vehicles, the officers instead saw both spin around and accelerate towards them, leading them to open fire, aiming at the wheels and engines.

But the ploy failed and the men were forced to dive to safety as the cars shot by, sparking a major search operation.

Initial reports suggest that the incident was related to drugs trafficking or robberies.

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Mayor affair

VELEZ-MALAGA'S conservative Partido Popular (PP) party has reportedly slapped the town's mayor with a court order for cancelling an extraordinary council meeting.

The group, who requested the meeting, argue Antonio Moreno Ferrer is breaching their civil rights after he axed the event. A second meeting was scheduled for October 9 but the PP has said it will launch a fresh complaint after claiming that the mayor refused a debate on certain economic issues.

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About time!

THE clocks will go back this Sunday October 29 at 3am so remember to alter all your timepieces the night before to avoid any confusion.

The change officially marks the end of summer, so get ready for shorter days and cooler temperatures.

It also means you get an extra hour in bed so it's not all bad news!

NEWS EXTRA

Seven car thieves held

SEVEN suspects have been held in Torrox after a series of vehicle thefts sparked a Guardia Civil probe. The gang reportedly targeted vehicles driven by Moroccans as they parked up at service stations on their way to or from their home country.

No Brexit disruption

Spanish minister interviewed by BBC

SPAIN'S foreign minister, Alfonso Dastis, has said British expats will be allowed to continue living in Spain even if Britain doesn't strike a Brexit deal with the European Union.

The senior government minister speaking on BBC One's Andrew Marr Show, said, "I do hope that there will be a deal.

"If there is no deal we will make sure that the lives of ordinary people who are in Spain, the UK people, is not disrupted.

"As you know, the relationship between the UK and Spain is a very close one in terms of economic relations and also social exchanges.

"Over 17 million Brits come to Spain every year and many of them live here or retire here and we want to keep it that way as much as possible."

Spain is host to the largest

number of British citizens living in the EU (308,805) and just over a third are aged 65 and over, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Prime Minister Theresa May is continuing to negotiate withdrawal issues with the EU, including a financial settlement, expat's rights and Irish border issues.



BIG WORDS: Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis on the Andrew Marr Show.

Spain's Foreign Minister also responded to questions on Catalan independence saying, "This is a matter to be decided by all of the Spanish people," before denying that the government's move to strip autonomy from the region represents a coup.

"If anyone has attempted a coup, it is the Catalan regional government," he added.

Meanwhile Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, suggested that Britain could still choose to reverse Brexit. Tusk said that Britain's negotiations with the EU could finish with "no Brexit," if the UK government wanted.

"It is in fact up to London how this will end," he announced. "With a good deal, no deal or no Brexit."

Norwegian slashes UK flights

LOW-COST airline Norwegian is scrapping all its flights from Birmingham, Edinburgh and Manchester to Spain with effect from this weekend.

Norwegian operates routes to five destinations in Spain from the Midlands; Barcelona, Gran Canaria, Madrid, Malaga and Tenerife. The Manchester routes included popular winter destinations Alicante and Lanzarote. Apart from Tenerife, all flights departing from Edinburgh have also been scrapped.

A statement from the company on Tuesday said, "Following a review of our services, we will cease operating flights from Birmingham to Spain with the last services departing on Saturday, October 28," and then the following day they announced they would pull out of the northern hub.

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Robbers foiled

TWO people have been arrested in Benamocarra for their part in a burglary spree which netted them more than €40,000 in cash. Police are still looking for a third robber who allegedly injured a member of the Guardia Civil. The trio are said to have robbed tobacconists, supermarkets and bars.

Wonder wall

TORRE DEL MAR Council has begun work to restore the artistic murals on the walls of its promenade. The works have been in place for more than 20 years and feature pieces by seven local artists, including Antonio Aranda, Luis Mugar, Jose Narvaez, Rafael Jurado, Manuel Cotilla, and Atencia.

Motorway robberies

THE GUARDIA CIVIL has brought down a gang of seven people responsible for robbing from cars at motorway service stations. The criminals allegedly targeted Arab cars which were parked up overnight. The police explained that the group believed their victims "travel with cash and gifts for relatives."

Walking dead

A MOBILE PHONE app has been created which brings to life the historical figures buried in Malaga's San Miguel cemetery. The technology uses augmented reality and interactive visualisation to allow figures including Salvador Rueda, Miguel Angel Heredia and Felix Saenz to discuss their life and works.

Domestic abuse rise

COURTS in Malaga dealt with 2,084 cases of domestic violence in the second quarter of this year, it has been revealed. The figure represents a 57 per cent increase in the

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...34

Halloween has crept into the Spanish psyche in recent years, and is now the spooky event of the year

Creeping it real

LIKE other religious holidays including Christmas and Easter, Halloween has become more commercialised in Spain over the years and has moved away from its religious origins.

While 20 years ago trick-or-treaters were a rare occurrence, stores these days are packed with themed sweets and creepy costumes from September onwards.

Another reason Halloween has become more popular is that the next day, typically known as All Saints' Day, is a national holiday. Children and adults now take advantage of partying the night away in spooky costumes without worrying about going to work or school the next morning.

Many Spanish cities still hold their own unique celebrations around this time, however, which keep the holiday separate from the profit-oriented notion of Halloween made popular by the US.

One of the best places to visit at this time of the year is Cadiz. Although not actually linked to Halloween, on October 31 they celebrate the 'Fiesta de Tosantos'. Locals create over-the-top market stall displays depicting all the latest political and social scandals and hold concerts and street performances across the city.

A more sinister event is celebrated in the small Catalan village of Sant Feliu Sasserra. During the two-day 'Witch Festival,' residents pay tribute to the 23 women accused of witchcraft during the Spanish Inquisition and sentenced to death.

Meanwhile in the rest of Cataluña, locals celebrate 'La Castanyada,' putting on various events and market



HALLOWEEN: Becoming popular in Spain.

stalls, selling chestnuts, sweet wine and traditional Catalan 'panellet' cakes.

In Castile and León, people commemorate the holiday by baking traditional pastries called 'Huesos de Santo' which they bring to the graves of loved ones.

Feelin' spooky

These days, Halloween is now closely associated with the Mexican holiday 'Día de los Muertos' (Day of the Dead) on November 1. While Spain has traditionally celebrated 'Día de los Santos' (All Saints' Day) on this day, the increased popularity of the Mexican festival means that people are beginning to combine traditions from the two.

It is becoming more common to see people perform traditional 'Day of the Dead' rituals such as decorating graves with sugar skulls and gifts.



ZOMBIE NATION: Day of the Dead revellers.

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crime from the same period last year.

Spooktacular

MARO is set to celebrate both Hal-

loween and All Saints' Day this year by distributing 800 kilos of chestnuts and sweet potatoes. The event will take place on Tuesday October 31 and Wednesday November 1 alongside a costume contest and parade.

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Poll of the week

After France announced it will introduce fines for wolf whistling, should it be banned in Spain as well?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

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

Yes = 38%
 No = 62%

Top Social Media comments

Police call for expats' help in Spain to find UK's 'most wanted' man

You're wanting immigrants, to inform on someone who is on the run in Spain, when quite a substantial amount of British immigrants are also living in Spain because they could help the police in the UK with certain enquiries, (ie on the run)! Good luck. *George R Carman*

British expats will be able to stay in Spain 'even if there is no deal' says Spanish foreign minister

Okay, then they don't have to negotiate that issue, with the dumbheads in EU! *Carsten Thorvald*

Think about it. We don't cost Spain a penny/cent as we are self sufficient. If all the English pulled out they probably wouldn't survive. *Clare Lloyd*

Whereas the majority of Brits in Spain are pensioners or at least autónomo the difference is that the Spanish in the UK are employed because jobs in Spain are scarce. So the Spanish in the UK have more to lose and Spain has more to lose if the Brits were to depart. *Sandra Russell*

Goes without saying people forget that expats lived in Spain before the EU. *Neil Walker*

Spanish police identify 800 British tourists accused of sickness scams

Let's hope they are all caught and the people who set up companies to help scam the insurance companies are all imprisoned. These kind of people are the ones who give our resorts a bad name and travel insurance gets more expensive. Greed total greed. *Elizabeth Dobson*

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Ban them from entering Spain as well as tracking them for fraud. *Richard Taylor*

Absolutely disgraceful I'm ashamed to be British reading this! *Wendy Nerdin*

Very soon all you Brits will require Visas to enter Spain, or any other EU country for that matter. I'm sure the Spanish keep records of all these scammer's names and their 'let's get rich quick' lawyers. Guess who won't be having a holiday in Spain in future! *André Van de Loo*



DEADLY: The intense red and black bracelets are made with abrin seeds

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South Africa is called the 'Rainbow Nation' because it has 11 official languages.

35 per cent of men from rural Brazil have had sex with an animal, a study found.

In 2016, a Singaporean street food vendor was awarded a Michelin star.



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OUR VIEW

Results of the poll in Italy

COINCIDENCE or not, referendums have been held in two formerly secessionist parts of Italy calling for greater autonomy from the Italian state.

Lombardy with Milan as its main city and Veneto with Venice as its most famous icon both saw votes exceeding 90 per cent calling for a larger percentage of tax payments to remain in the regions rather than see it be sent to Rome.

The turnouts were in excess of 60 per cent in each case and although the results are not binding on central government they are an example of how a legally undertaken referendum can alert government to the wishes of the people.

Interestingly, the two Italian regions are both in the north of the country and like Spain, there is some divide between the wishes, aspirations and expectations of those living in the north and the south.

Whilst it is possible that there will be similar votes in other parts of the European Union, it must be remembered that as recently as 1993, Czechoslovakia split amicably to form two independent republics which both went on to become members of the EU.

The Spanish situation is much more volatile but it is to be hoped that the breakdown in communications with Cataluña will be resolved using sense rather than violence from either side.

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MAN WITH A PLAN: The MA-5105 and (inset) Mayor Medina.

Road to success

THE Provincial Council has agreed to invest €340,000 into upgrading the MA-5105 road linking Torrox and Frigiliana.

The funds, which come from the 2017 Financially Sustainable Investment Plan, will see the mountain road reformed.

Oscar Medina, Torrox's mayor, announced the plan alongside the councillor for Public Works, Paola Moreno, explaining, "this is a confirmation of commitment secured by Torrox Council, which will see the works begin soon."

He continued, "the improvement of this road, which is also an important link with municipalities such as Competa, is a historic demand from residents. It is the part of Torrox which is in the worst condition because of years of inactivity on the part of the previous socialist council team."

Meanwhile, Manuel Villena, an opposition PSOE councillor, criticised "the neglect of the Torrox to Frigiliana road by both the Partido Popular in the county council and in Torrox Council."

NEWS EXTRA

Lit up

TORRE DEL MAR has illuminated its Virgen del Carmen statue to celebrate World Breast Cancer Day. The statue was lit up in pink to 'show the support and solidarity of the people of Torre del Mar who suffer from Breast Cancer.'

Mr Muscle

FIFTY candidates for Mister International Malaga 2018 have fought to make it through to the next round in Velez-Málaga. The event took place at the Fernanco Ruiz Hi-erro sports centre.

Car thief

A 25-YEAR-OLD woman was arrested in Granada after filing a false police report that her car had been stolen. Police identified the woman after discovering she had previously filed a similar claim in Malaga.



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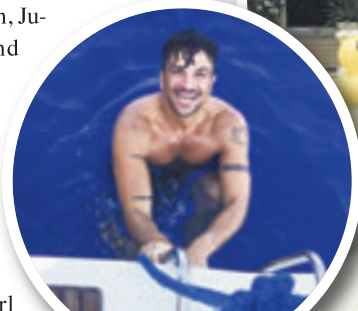
HE'S the 90's pop star who became known for his six pack abs.

But Peter Andre, 44, managed to keep his shirt on as he made a splash on a jet ski in Marbella with children, Junior, 12, and Princess, 10, who he shares with ex-wife and glamour model Katie Price.

They were joined by the Mysterious Girl singer's current better half, Emily McDonagh, 28, who was rocking a tiny grey summer dress as she smiled from the deck of their luxury yacht.

The pair also have two children together, daughter Amelia, three, and son Theo, 11 months, having tied the knot in 2015 following a whirlwind romance.

Asked about her relationship with her step-children, McDonagh explained, "they are the loveliest children. It taught me what I was doing before I had my own children. They are great."



DOTING FATHER: Peter Andre.

Peter Andre/Instagram



Photo credit: Elsa Hosk/Instagram

WORKING OUT: Elsa Hosk.

Hosk stuff!

SHE'S set to return to the catwalk in Shanghai for the Victoria's Secret 2017 fashion show.

And Swedish supermodel Elsa Hosk, 29, has been preparing to storm the runway with a week-long detox and Pilates blowout at the SHA Wellness Clinic in Alicante.

It will be the seventh consecutive year that the blonde beauty has rocked lingerie alongside the likes of Adriana Lima and Alessandra Ambrosio.

Suits her

SHE'S the Oscar-winning actress who made her name playing orphan Fantine in *Les Misérables*.

But Anne Hathaway is to show her lighter side in upcoming comedy remake *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, currently filming in Mallorca. The 34-year-old Hollywood star was spotted in character as she donned a white suit and yellow-rimmed sunglasses at a restaurant shoot.



Lady Gaga/Instagram

ISLAND FUN: Anne Hathaway.

Two Ronnies: Madrid ace bags gong

AND Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo was named the best player in the world for the second year in a row at FIFA's 'The Best' awards in London.

Accompanied by glamorous girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez, who proudly displayed her baby bump, the 32-year-old won by a resounding margin with 43.16 per cent of the votes. Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi came second with 19.25 per cent and the most expensive



Cristiano Ronaldo/Instagram

player in the world, Neymar, came third with 6.97 per cent.

Ronaldo was instrumental in Real Madrid's double winning campaign last season as Los Blancos secured the La Liga title and the Champions League.

The former Manchester United star scored twice in the 4-1 Champions League final win against Juventus as Madrid ensured that they became the first team in the modern era to successfully defend the Champions League crown.

CRIS IN BLISS: Ronaldo.

Feeling broody?

SPAIN'S glamorous Queen Letizia has been spotted looking broody as she held a baby on a trip to Porenu village in Villaviciosa. The royals were on the trip to honour the 2017 Best Asturian Village winner when Letizia held a resident's baby while her husband, King Felipe, looked on with an adoring smile.



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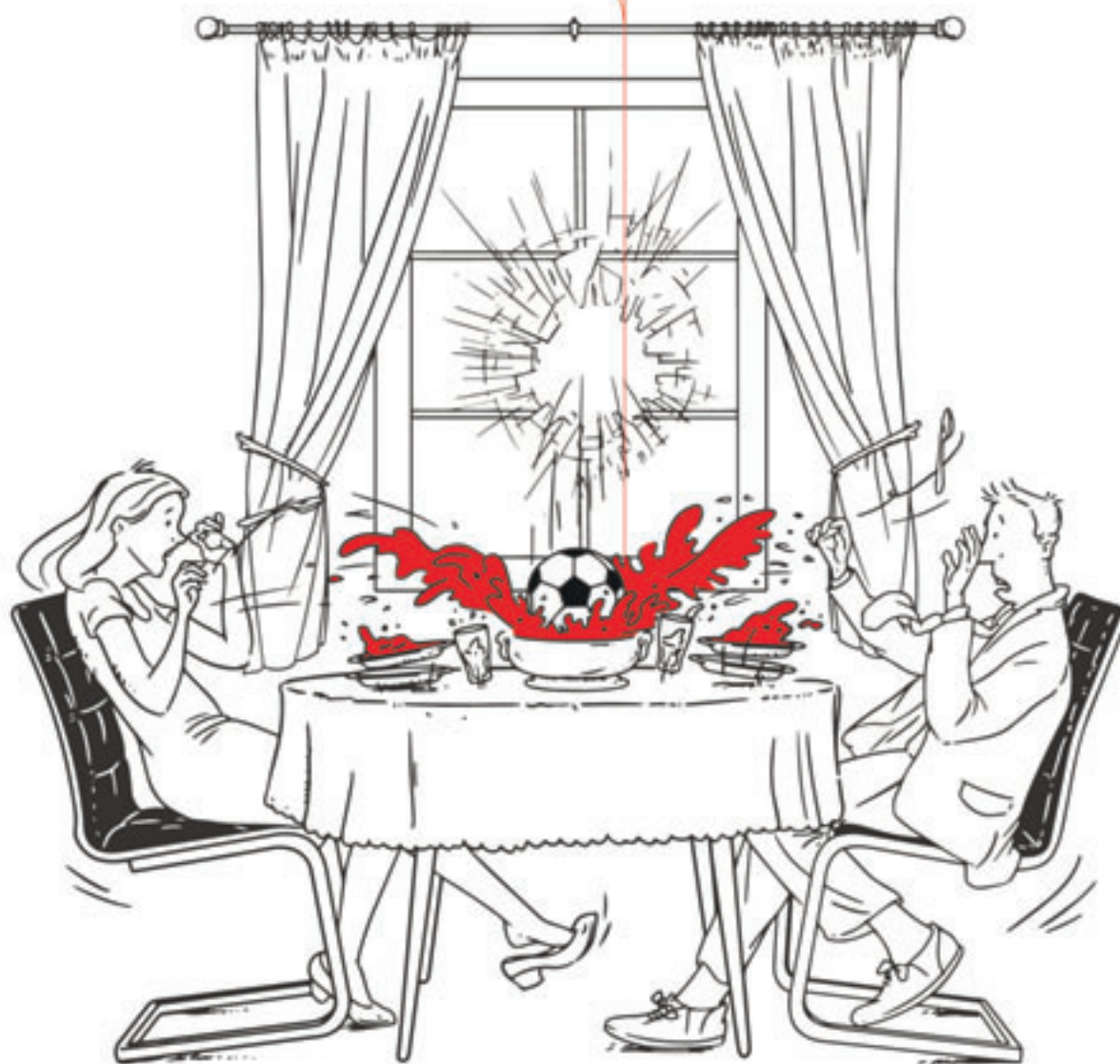
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Wreck remembered

CHILDREN from a school in La Herradura have taken a boat trip to visit one of Spain's largest shipwrecks.

Around 50 students from the second year of IES La Herradura went on the trip before visiting a mural next to the church of San Jose which commemorates those lost in the incident. The ship went down in the bay of La Herradura next to Punta de la Mona in an event which Miguel de Cervantes wrote about in Don Quijote.

The event honoured the 455th anniversary of the Spanish naval wreck which occurred during the reign of King Felipe II. The trip organised by the Mayor's Office, also saw three teachers accompany the students, alongside Deputy Mayor, Juan Jose Ruiz Joya, and local historian, Jose Angel Ruiz.

Councillor Ruiz Joya welcomed and thanked everyone who came together to make the trip possible, as well as Juan Pablo Fajardo of the Fajardo Group who allowed their boat, Boatdil, to be used, as well as the company Marinas del Mediterraneo for allowing their facilities to be used.

Jose Angel Ruiz then spoke about the accident, explaining the shipwreck struck a serious blow to the Spanish navy at the time because as well as killing almost 5,000 people, including important and experienced sailors, it also brought down 25 of the 28 galleys captained by Juan de Mendoza.

After their boat trip, the group headed to the church of San Jose in La Herradura where a mural depicting the accident is positioned. The group Amigos de La Herradura joined the commemoration alongside their president, Concepcion Cacin, honouring the event with a large laurel wreath.

Getting fruity

By Sally Underwood

TWO Almuñecar companies have hosted a stand at the Fruit Attraction festival in Madrid.

Fruta Los Cursos and Fruta Manzano displayed the best of the area's produce at the International Fruit and Vegetables Sector Fair.

The councillor for Agriculture, Francisco Alba Casares, who attended the event for the second consecutive year, praised "the effort and the positive image the two most important subtropical fruit marketing companies the municipality has have offered up in this event."

He added, "I have been able to see for myself how well received subtropical fruits were and in particular the new juices from chirimoya and mango, alongside the guacamole offered by Fruta Los Cursos."

The companies' stands were designed and assem-



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Almuñecar

THE EXHIBITORS: Showing off their stand at the festival.

bled by another of the municipality's companies, Jean Louis Andreck at CK Fotolab. All three businesses

were praised by Francisco Alba Casares.

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By John Smith

THE British Consul in Malaga, Charmaine Arbouin unveiled a new website aimed at the over 50's in Spain before an invited audience last Tuesday.

Speaking at the council offices in La Cala de Mijas, she explained that the concept of this new site in English and Spanish www.supportinspain.info is to point elderly expatriate residents in the Costa del Sol and Malaga towards a range of services that they may not be aware of.

It had been recognised for some time that there are a huge range of resources offered by charities and the Spanish authorities for those in need of advice and help but someone needed to put all of the information together.

The British Consulate in Malaga took the lead in promoting the concept and obtained assistance from Dr Kelly Hall, a specialist in Social Policy from the University of Birmingham and local marketing expert Neil Hesketh.

As ever, funding was an immediate problem but Dr Hall was able to use the University to tap into funds from the Economic and Social Research Council to turn the dream into reality.

Contact was made with voluntary groups across what was described on Tuesday as a city that is 100 miles wide and just a few miles deep so that as much information about assistance from San Roque to towns in Axarquía



British Consul Charmaine Arbouin standing centre with Dr Hall to her left.

A new website aimed at older expats

could be logged.

Information received from those groups together with details from Spanish resources including government and local councils were combined in order to produce this helpful

and easy to use online directory aimed at British and other expatriates aged 50 or over who are resident in Spain.

As Charmaine explained, the British Consulate in Malaga can assist in replacing a lost or stolen passport (in-

deed they are now trialling an online emergency replacement option at www.gov.uk) but it is far more difficult to help in times of personal crisis.

This is where this new site could be invaluable as it gives clear and easy to

follow advice of where to go for assistance no matter what the problem may be and because it is also produced in Spanish, those who can't speak the language can demonstrate to neighbours or the authorities the assistance they are seeking.

Thanks to the fact that this is part of a much wider project, connected with research into Muslim and Polish communities in Britain and the possible effect on them caused by Brexit, funds were made available which allowed for the site to be translated into Spanish.

Representatives of many charities and organisations involved in assisting older people attended the launch alongside Council representatives from Benalmadena, Manilva and Mijas.

As a number of the target audience are not completely computer savvy, the site has been made as simple as possible with direct links whenever available to each organisation on the site.

Those directly working with the elderly will also be able to print out the contents of the site for people without computers and many will be distributing a useful flyer which explains the concept of the site.

This is without doubt a very useful and impressive option for those who don't know exactly how to proceed to obtain help and assistance and it is hoped that it will eventually be extended to other parts of the country.

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RESIDENTS in Nerja are complaining after a rubbish collection point was installed next to their homes.

The 1,639 square metres rubbish plant was built in the north of the Poligono de Castillo Alto, next to around 300 homes in the La Noria, Pueblo Rocio and Jardines de La Noria housing estates, as well as many individual

houses.

The council-approved site, which was built to collect waste from various

companies in the area, is due to open once final approval is received from the Junta de Andalucía.

Residents have now written to the council asking for answers over why it has been built near homes. One resident, Nerja lawyer Julio

Cesar Abreu, said the site will "cause, with total impunity, disruption from the noise of heavy machinery, as well as large amounts of contamination from dust particles as it is a rubble dump."

Nerja's mayor, Rosa Arra-

bal, is now due to meet with residents to hear their concerns, confirming the site will not open until approval has been received from the Junta.

The council claimed the site was planned after it emerged the Rio de la Miel had been used as an illegal dumping ground for 18 years until September 2016. Jorge Bravo, councillor for the Environment, explained, "this is the solution we have come to to avoid this continuing."

That's rubbish!

Outrage over council plans



Photo credit: Google Maps

DOWN IN THE DUMPS: The site in question.

NEWS EXTRA

Dementia donation

THE Veterans of Velez-Málaga FC have donated €1,035 to the Association of Relatives of Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias of the Axarquía (Afadax). With the donation, Afadax will continue to work on its various projects to improve quality of life.

Clean gain

TWENTY-ONE students in Frigiliana have received diplomas for passing a phytosanitary products application course. The event was chaired by Sofia Gonzalez, councillor for the Environment.

Cheese fun

AROUND 50 varieties of cheese will be on offer at Nerja's Andalusian cheese fair on Saturday and Sunday. The event, at the Balcon de Europa, will offer eight tapas for €5.

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She is friendly and will approach someone for help. She has a ring on her right leg and is microchipped

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The Phoenix Club

ON Tuesday November 7 at 12.30pm, The Phoenix Club is hosting an informative talk on several topics, including Residencia and Empadronado by Myra Cecilia Azzopardi from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Spain.

There is so much confusion regarding some of these subjects and Myra will be able to sort out the wood from the trees.

The last time Myra gave a talk it was very popular so to reserve your seat, please email phoenixsocialclub@yahoo.co.uk.

Come along to Casariche Sunday market on November 19 where you can find all sorts of treasures from dried fruits to divan beds, from sausages to snails and from clothes to cheeses.

A very different market to the area and well worth a visit - the veggies are phenomenal! So bring a trolley!

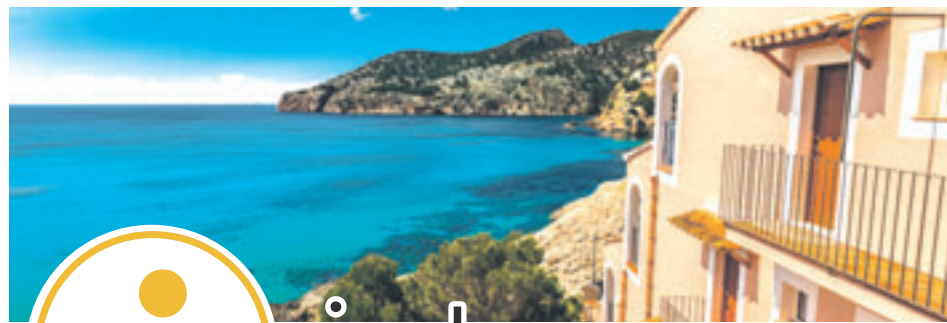
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The Phoenix club is a registered charitable association raising funds for three local charities and SSAFA in the UK.

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Charity spa day in Los Romanes

TWICE a year, local therapists and beauticians give their expertise at a charity spa day to help raise money for Los Angeles de la Noche food kitchen in Malaga.

The next one is scheduled for November 11 at Hotel Las Orquideas in Los Romanes. Each treatment lasts 30 minutes and costs €25. Treatments include aromatherapy, reiki, reflexology and massage. The total raised by these spa days in the last few years is now over €4,300.

Anybody interested in booking a treatment should contact Maggie by email on maggiaculver77@yahoo.com.

Autumn/winter fashion show

COME and join friends at the Lux Mundi, Torre del Mar Centre and see a fashion show on November 8. The show is an incredible opportunity to purchase new and nearly new clothes, shoes and accessories to add to your wardrobe. There will be a welcome drink and refreshments available to purchase during the interval. Time is 3.30- 4pm. Tickets are €4 from the Centre.

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DENMARK

Horse around

THERE are now so many horse-owners who want to hand over their departed steeds to the lions at Copenhagen Zoo that there is a six month waiting list for donations.

Foul fungi

TWO children have died and nine other family members have been poisoned after reportedly eating toxic mushrooms in the town of Haslev.

Cheat feat

DENMARK'S Education Minister has proposed a new law which encourages students to grant schools access to their personal laptops to make it more difficult to cheat in exams.



LION THING: Feeding lions is a popular pastime of Danish horse owners.

Teen tragedy

A 16-YEAR-OLD died from his injuries after being shot in

Copenhagen, and police have urged young people to come forward if they know any information about the incident.

GERMANY

Corrupt cop

A GERMAN police officer has been accused of encouraging extremists to carry out terror attacks and reportedly was in contact with the man who carried out the Berlin Christmas market attack last December.

Knife attack

A MAN has been arrested after alleged-

ly harming four people with a knife in Munich last Saturday, but fortunately no-one was seriously injured in the attack.

Hamster hamper

CONSTRUCTION on a building site in Euerbach has been halted until next spring after a species of endangered

hamster chose the spot to hibernate during the winter.

Kebab crown

THE world's largest döner kebab was served at a Berlin shopping centre last Friday weighing 413 kilos, beating the previous world record held by Australians since 2004.

FRANCE

Fine time

FRENCH men will be charged fines for wolf-whistling or lecherous behaviour to women from next year, as the government plans to pass a new law against sexism and sexual abuse.

Tragic tour

A 20-YEAR-OLD French cyclist was killed when he was hit by an accident travelling in the opposite direction of the race he was competing in on the French territory island New Caledonia.

Poverty struck

ACCORDING to a national census, more than 16,000 people live in 570 shanty towns across the country, with over a third of these being children.

Dire error

THE operator of Paris Charles de Gaulle airport faces charges for manslaughter for the collapse of an airport terminal in 2004, which killed four people and injured several others.



BELGIUM

Fatal slip

THE bodies of an elderly couple who had been missing for several days were found by divers in the Albert Canal in Limburg Province, and are believed to have drowned after a biking accident.

Murder mystery

A MAN has died after being stabbed in the centre of Brussels, but police were unable to identify him at the scene as he didn't have any identification on him at the time.

Smoked out

THE European Union were forced to change the venue of a summit in Brussels after toxic fumes were found leaking from the Europa building's drains.

Sparkle city

ANTWERP has been revealed to be the world's main diamond hub, with over a quarter of the 26 tonnes of diamonds mined in 2016 taken straight to the city to be traded.



NETHERLANDS

Modern marvel

DUTCH officials have opened the world's first 3D-printed concrete bridge made from reinforced concrete in the city of Gemert, which will be mainly used by cyclists.

Shaky base

A UNIVERSITY building in Rotterdam was shut down and temporarily evacuated due to fears that the building wasn't secure, following investigations into the city's buildings after an airport car park collapsed in May.

Sea sick

THERE has been a 30 per cent increase in Dutch people falling sick or injuring themselves on cruise ships over the past two years, according to the Eurocross Alarm Center.

Tourist trap

THE tourism industry in Amsterdam is growing faster than in other popular European cities, according to the SEO Economic Bureau, and contributes €2.7 billion to the city each year.



SWEDEN

Beggars backed

SWEDISH authorities overturned the country's first begging ban in the town of Vellinge after ruling that those asking for money were not disturbing the public.

Assault avenged

THE biggest media companies in Sweden are investigating sexual assault claims, following the high profile #metoo campaign on social media, which has led women to accuse well-known TV presenter Martin Timell of harassment.

Train named

SWEDEN'S MTR Express rail company launched a contest to determine the name of a new express train running from Stockholm to Gothenburg, with 'Trainy McTrainface' coming out on top.

Blast theory

POLICE believe that criminal groups were behind the explosion that hit a police station in the city of Helsingborg, though luckily no-one was harmed in the blast.



NORWAY

Flood fees

OVER €50 million has so far been claimed in damages after recent floods in Norway which is reported to be one of the worst the country has experienced in recent times.

Horse appeal

A RIDING centre in Oslo has applied for permission to be the first horse-drawn taxi service in the capital since the 1950s now that Uber no longer runs operations in the city.

Girl power

FOR the first time, Norway's top three government positions are now all filled by women, after Ine Eriksen Soreide became the country's first female foreign minister.

Royal statues

PRINCESS Ingrid Alexandra of Norway, who will one day be crowned queen, opened a new sculpture park in the grounds of the Oslo royal palace, which was also named after her.



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Readers help EWN make headline news

IN media circles there is a saying that “the news should not be the newspaper.”

But with the findings of the EWN's Win-a-Car Readers' Survey now fully digested and analysed, answers given by the more than 15,000

readers who took part over a two-month period earlier this year make truly fascinating reading.

For starters, take the three following pointers:

- 92 per cent of EWN readers give the local news coverage as their favourite topic, one point

ahead of the Time Out leisure section.

- 88 per cent check out the daily TV listings
- The Business, Food and Classified advertisements sections each attract more than 77 per cent of readers.

Many more revealing insights into the reading habits of some of our half a million plus weekly readers are also now to hand following the survey.

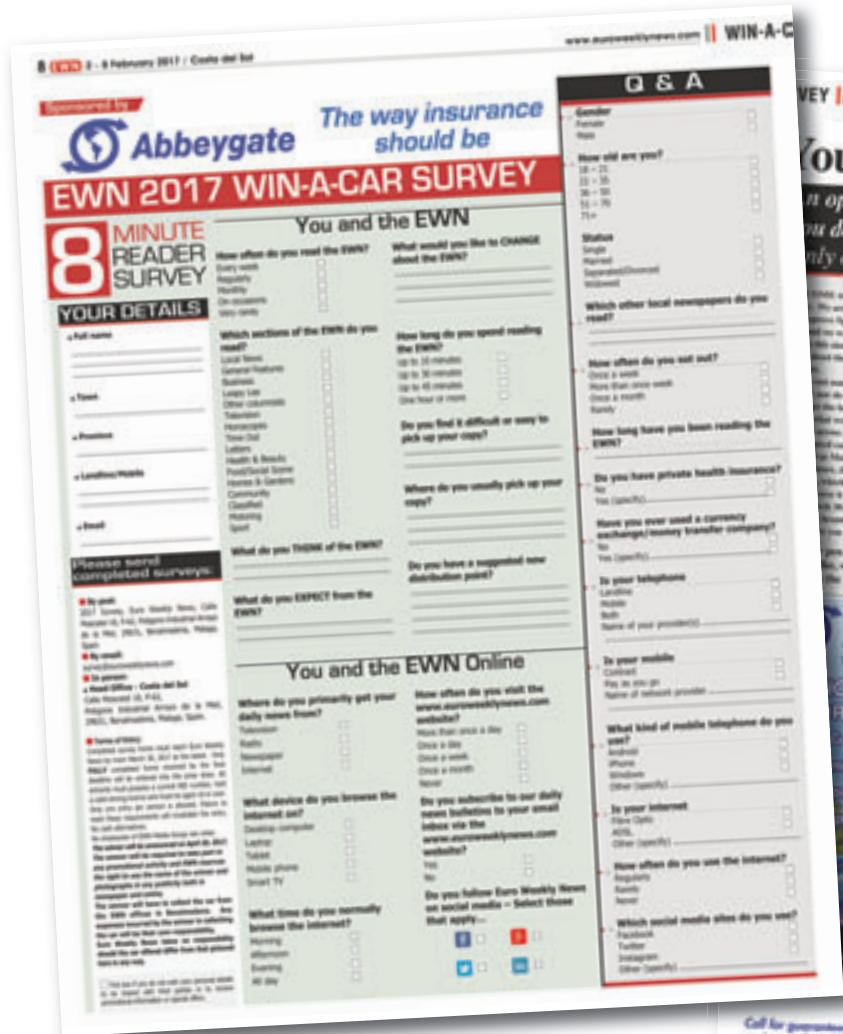
Across the six weekly issues of the EWN, with individual editions published for the Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca North, Costa Blanca South, Almería, Axarquía and Mallorca, almost four in 10 readers spend one hour or more checking through their latest copy.

SURVEY FACT

53%
were submitted by men.

A further almost three in 10 spend up to 45 minutes reading and digesting the articles, advertisements and everything else that helped lead the EWN to being named the Best Free Newspaper in Spain 2017.

The fascinating facts about the habits of the huge EWN readership - envied by the other English-language newspapers circulating in Spain, along with many of the nation's Spanish publications - also reveal that though 61 per cent of readers completing the survey were aged 51 - 70, and a further 25 per cent were 71 plus, they are still in the main technically savvy, as spelled out by statistics published in the accompanying Internet panel.



The €15,000 EWN Win-a-Car Readers' Survey prize draw for a Dacia Sandero Ambiente, plus one year's insurance and dinner for two at La Sala in Puerto Banus was won by Virginia de la Torre Unceta, a Spanish reader from Marbella.

Moving with the times

ONLINE statistics gathered from the survey show that an amazing 96 per cent of those responding use the internet regularly.

And a further peep also reveals that just over six out of every 10 visit the EWN website

SURVEY FACT

72% were married, 11% separated or divorced, 10% single and 7% widowed.

more than once a day, and a further two out of 10 check it once a day.

Seventy per cent of those who use Social Media ticked the Facebook box as their favoured site, followed by Twitter.

Linked In, Google and Instagram were also popular with many.

The survey statistics - gathered ahead of huge rises in online traffic over the last three months - also revealed that 65 per cent use desktop computers or laptops when online, and almost half also use tablets, and 40 per cent mobile phones.

SURVEY FACT

92% use TV as the primary news source, 77% newspapers, 51% internet and 38% radio.

Almost four in every 10 readers answering online questions revealed that they subscribe to the EWN's daily news bulletins.

And nearly half admitted they browse the internet at various times throughout the day, and while 35 per cent indicated they mainly prefer afternoon sessions, a further 14 per cent like morning browsing.

Extra servings

WE did not seek ONLY the good news, but pointedly asked readers: What would you like to change about the EWN?

The majority of readers indicated 'change nothing,' commenting 'Leave it as it is, it suits me fine' and 'Don't change, just maintain your standard,' plus a succinct 'Nada.'

But some asked for 'sport to be improved,' for 'more television' and 'extra Spanish news.'

These comments have already been acted

upon, with Sports veteran freelancer Andrew Atkinson now writing two new exclusive weekly columns, a weekly TV Couch Critics column has been introduced, and when pagination allows extra national Spanish news is published, though not at the expense of our hugely popular local news coverage.

Since the survey there is also added reader appeal with a newly introduced Bacchus wine column, and Technology for the Timid.



Invest in Manhattan now

CROWDFUNDING for property whereby investors 'chip in' to purchase real estate has just taken a step forward with an American investment company offering in Spain. Prodigy Network in New York will accept Spanish customers who wish to commit \$10,000 (€8,500) or more into the purchase of commercial and residential property in Manhattan which will be rented out.

Giving away €42 a month

ALTHOUGH a large number of mobile phone owners in Spain tend to purchase their telephones outright, the opposite is almost the norm in the UK.

In many cases, arrangements are made whereby customers agree a higher contract price in order to pay for expensive phones over a period of 18 to 24 months.

This means that phone users are able to obtain the latest models with affordable monthly payments but in many cases, once the contracted period expires, some com-

By John Smith

panies simply renew without deducting the extra charged for the phone.

Now, the British government accepts that a Citizen's Advice Bureau report that highlighted three companies - EE, Three and Vodafone - who act in this manner should be considered.

These companies have stated that their charges are fair, but the other major supplier O2 has made it clear that it separates the charges

so that customers are totally aware of costs and can see the reduction once the phone has been paid for.

It is also suggested that those over 65 are the least likely to change their contracts and are therefore at the greatest risk of paying too much.

As many expatriates in Spain still keep their UK numbers, it would be worth their while to check that they are not on expired contracts which can cost up to £38 (€42) per month more than they should according to the research.

Catalan crisis could hurt property

MAJOR estate agents in Spain fear that what started out as a great year could see a property recession in Cataluña. Meeting at a symposium in Barcelona, they have called for the parliament to return to "legality" so that there is no loss of external investment in the province. The relocation of various companies outside of the province could see a glut of empty office property in the marketplace.

Quote of the Week

Spanish companies are among the best options for building Jamaica together. To tell you the truth, I see Spain as the ideal partner for Jamaica,' Spain's Ambassador to Jamaica Josep Maria Bosch Bessa.



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BARCELONA: One of Spain's busier container ports.

Imports increase but exports up more

EVEN though Spanish exports have increased by 9 per cent in the past eight months, the trade deficit now stands at €16.4 billion.

This deficit increase is 49 per cent higher than the same period last year and imports have continued to rise to €198.7 billion.

To some extent this was to be expected as the recovery in the economy required an increase in purchase of raw materials which

may be converted into consumer products for later export.

Despite the negative situation, Spain continues to be the most successful exporter within the European Union except for the United Kingdom, which has been helped by the drop in value of the pound against the euro.

These figures do not yet take into account any negative effect following the crisis in Cataluña.

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Energy scam

A WARNING has been issued alerting customers of energy company Endesa that bogus e-mails are being sent asking clients to give bank card information as direct debits had been rejected. Anyone who has responded with details should contact their bank urgently.

Not over

ALTHOUGH it seemed that the takeover of Spanish toll road operator Abertis by Italian company Atlantia was agreed, a surprise and financially better bid has been received from construction giant ACS. All activity is suspended whilst the National Securities Market Commission considers the situation.

Share view

BARCLAYS is very impressed with the future trading of communications company Telefonica, especially regarding its potential Latin American business. It has upgraded forecasts regarding the target value of the firm's shares for the second time in 10 days.

Romania and Spain

ROMANIA and Spain have entered into an in principle agreement to avoid double taxation following a visit from Foreign Minister Dastis.

Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Meleşcanu described it as being of, "fiscal and economic relevance to the citizens and entrepreneurs of the two countries that will round up the legal framework

for encouraging bilateral economic relations."

During the meeting, Mr Meleşcanu reconfirmed his government's strong support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Spain and expressed solidarity with Madrid, reminding Mr Dastis that Spain is and will remain a valuable strategic partner of Romania.

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Large firms reduce waste

MANY WILL BEAT THE EU 2030 DEADLINE

A LARGE number of major companies are now committed to significantly reduce the amount of waste they generate and to conserve energy and resources.

As a recent report suggested that 64 per cent of Spanish consumers polled were looking for greater clarity in packaging description and the European Commission is introducing strict targets for reduction in waste, Spanish companies are enthusiastically looking at their procedures. Landfills are a major environmental problem within the EU and although household waste is often not properly sorted for recycling, these companies which include Procter and Gamble (P&G), Nestle and Pascual are taking major steps to reduce their negative affect upon the environment.

One obvious area where those involved in the production of food and drink is to ensure that there is no spillage - which would result in rejection and end up as possible landfill - by improving their production lines and such investment also means in the long run that they will save money by producing more saleable products.

The Grupo Pascual has streamlined its Barcelona milk packaging factory so that it sends nothing to landfill and any waste liquid is recycled. It expects that all of its factories will significantly reduce waste by 2020 and will follow a 3R rule (reduce, reuse and recycle) to achieve this.

Already half of the 10 production units operated by Nestle in Spain are able to boast that they send nothing to landfill and they too are committed to make all of their factories environmentally friendly by 2020.

Unilever was able to declare its entire factory base around the world as free of waste in 2015 and discovered that it was able to make savings



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GRAND OPENING: New Nestle factory.

of €200 million, so has now turned its attention to its global office network. More than 50 per cent of P&G factories are already producing zero waste and this group has also set 2020 as its target for all factories worldwide to join in the Spanish success which has already seen the elimination of all landfill.

As these major manufacturers lead the way in ensuring that their production produces as little waste as possible, so it is expected that other smaller businesses and consumers will start to play their part in making the world a less dangerous place.

Stock markets still strong

MANY Stock Exchanges around the world have seen significant increases in share value except for Spain, although even there the Catalan problem has not seen huge drops.

The convincing re-election of Japanese leader Shinzo Abe saw the Nikkei index raise to its highest level in 21 years and Wall Street saw record levels last Friday, based on an expectation of tax cuts and the suggestion that Janet Yellen may be reappointed as head of the Federal Reserve.

European markets were fairly static and slightly worried about the Spanish situation and possible problems with other European separatists, but most analysts consider this to be unlikely and say the Catalan crisis will be contained within Spain.

THE CATALAN CRISIS AFFECTS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

National economy suffers

WHILST a great deal has understandably been made about the political problems facing the Madrid government, managing the financial fall out of article 155 is another thing.

Already the Catalan economy is facing a potentially disastrous downturn with a number of major companies moving their head offices out of the province, but according to Prime Minister Rajoy, at least 1,300 small and medium size businesses have already moved with a further 3,000 considering the possibility.

Fear of potential public disruption with protests, especially in Barcelona appears to have frightened a number of potential foreign visitors off and bookings have already fallen by 30 per cent which will directly affect hotels with the possible knock on effect of lay-offs of staff.

This reduction in the number of visitors has seen a similar loss of income for many retail outlets as well as bars and restaurants in city centres, which to a great extent rely upon tourists spending, with even taxis



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LA RAMBLAS: Losing tourists.

feeling the pinch.

Investment in the province is most certainly down, with companies considering whether investment or even the granting of loans to Catalan companies is a wise move at this pivotal time and indeed some operations have already indicated that they will put Spain as a whole on hold.

Car sales continue to appear to be buoyant at the moment, but that is because dealers have already placed orders with manufacturers, but the

harsh reality is that the number of advance orders being placed could have fallen by at least 20 per cent.

If Spain wants to hit its GDP forecasts and please the European Union, it needs a vibrant and economically strong Cataluña back in place, otherwise it will face a number of very unpleasant consequences.

Already the government is having to increase rates of interest paid when issuing bonds which means that it is costing considerably more to borrow money on the international market and with the European Central Bank looking likely to cut back on the amount it is spending on buying euro bonds, another interest hike could be on the cards.

Several years of economic growth meant that the international credit ratings companies such as Standard & Poor's and Moody's were considered likely to upgrade Spain's rating but this is now unlikely until what they consider a positive conclusion with Cataluña independence is reached.

More jitters over Cataluña

THE Starwood Capital Finances Europe which has recently loaned €46 million for the building of a new hotel in Barcelona has expressed concern at the situation in Cataluña.

With a further €61 million advanced to two other developments in other parts of Spain, it has announced that it will divert investment to other parts of the EU until the current crisis is resolved.

It isn't just Spain which is being watched closely by the company which is also nervous over Brexit and the results of the German election but with €53 billion in funds being managed, the group intends to ensure that customer's funds are safeguarded as much as possible.

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British banks split in two

AS British banks with assets in excess of £25 billion (€28 billion) split their businesses in two in order to protect retail customer's deposits, Santander takes a different stance.

Large retail banks around the world accept customer deposits and manage commercial accounts, whilst at the same time speculating in the international market.

The British government has given high street banks until 2019 to split their operations so that each stands alone with their own staff and accounts in order to try to ensure that the debacle of 2008

is never repeated.

With Brexit around the corner, there is the risk that some banks may consider taking the opportunity to relocate their speculative and high value customer business outside of the UK, although so far both Barclays and HSBC seem likely to keep the bulk of business within the UK.

Spanish bank Santander however is taking a different stance and has announced that its higher risk activities - thought to be worth £40 billion (€45 billion) - will be transferred to Banco Santander, the Spanish parent of the group.

Largest trade partner

A RECENT visit by King Felipe VI to Saudi Arabia underlined the importance of trade links which in 2016 were worth €5.5 billion to Spain.

Whilst his visit was primarily aimed at ensuring that the Kingdom purchased five Avante warships, trade talks have continued and the recently appointed Spanish Ambassador Alvaro Iranzo Gutierrez made it clear that his government was not only happy to be involved with ongoing trade but supported Saudi Vision 2030.

"We fully support the Vision 2030. Our companies are ready to contribute and help it develop in all areas, such as the development of renewable energies and state-of-the-art infrastructure. Spain hopes to contribute to unleash the potential of Saudi youth using professional

training centres across the country," he told the *Riyadh Daily* newspaper.

There are currently 120 Spanish companies who have combined with Saudi partners to set up offices in Saudi Arabia and the rail link between Mecca and Medina, whilst having some problems has been hailed as a successful innovation managed by a consortium of Spanish companies.

Other large infrastructure projects related to water, electricity and renewable energies are also under way, while Spanish brands such as Zara with 34 stores and discount store Lefties are well represented in the Kingdom's shopping centres.

One potential new market for SEAT and other Spanish produced vehicles will be Saudi women, now that they are officially allowed to drive.

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An observation on society's poison

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



WHY is it that people who speak out against minorities are vilified and attacked by all and sundry, but minorities seem to be at liberty to declare their own views with impunity and no interference from the authorities whatsoever?

The recent sacking of Magistrate Richard Page is a case in point. This Christian judge stated publicly that he believed children were better off with both male and female parents than those of the same sex.

To cut a long story short, because of the ensuing outcry and protests from gay and lesbian groups, the ultimate outcome of this statement of belief resulted in him getting the sack. You can rest assured, if this had been someone in his position who had stated that they believed children were better off with same sex parents, they would have been hailed as heroes of free speech and most probably promoted.

Why is there a war against majority factions in the world today? Why are people in prominent positions and leading media organisations bending over backwards to appease and grovel to minorities, while treating those who make up the majorities of the human race as some kind of pari-



Photo by You Tube

RICHARD PAGE: Sacked over beliefs.

ahs who should be not only ashamed of their positions but penalised for actually believing what the bulk of the human race agrees with?

While we're on this tack, why should success be frowned on and wealth accrued by legitimate

hard work be considered unfair to those who haven't managed, for one reason or another, to attain higher levels of life satisfaction achieved by others? Well I'll tell you, in my opinion there are two main reasons for all this inequality bleating

and bitter furore that is poisoning our societies today. Insecurity, and envy.

Insecurity in their own beliefs, and envy for what others possess, be it normality, success, or merely a comfortable existence. The greatest weapon disgruntled minority whingers can lay their hands on, is the power to cause as much disruption to those of us who are happy or satisfied with our lot as they possibly can. If we continue to appease those who are inclined to blame everyone else for their problems, we will create so much unrest that today's minorities will become the majorities of tomorrow, which is of course the main intention of most of them anyway.

Just as a final observation and knowing full well that one should never wish another human being any harm, did it not give a certain sense of warm serves 'em rightness to read the final days of Abu Sa'eed were apparently spent in the torture chambers of the very people he went to fight with? Bet he wished a thousand times he had stayed in the country that nurtured him! Let's hope more of these traitors also suffered the same miserable end.

Thanks for all those letters of support. Fair warned the 'cockles.' Nice to know you're there.

Keep the faith. Love Leapy.

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That's inkredible

PRINTERS come in two main flavours: laser and inkjet.

Lasers are the workhorses of the printing world: generally monochrome, more expensive to buy than inkjets but cheaper to run if you're a serial printer.

Inkjets are cheap as chips - until you start buying the replacement ink cartridges. And they print ever so pretty in colour, at a price.

That's a pain you can ease slightly by buying generic cartridges online or from your local shop, and despite the manufacturers' quality warnings, I've never yet encountered one which printed any worse than the branded one, or which 'ruined' a printer.

(And don't even think of refilling your cartridges by hand, as some of us used to do. Accompanied by frequent embarrassment when visitors would remark on the profusion of used syringes lying around the home...)

Now is the printer of our discontent

TERENCE KENNEDY shares his love-hate relationship with the most treacherous of computer devices, the printer.

EVER wondered why your printer won't let you produce a black and white document because it's 'out of magenta ink'?

Is it a good idea to let your printer know you're in a hurry, because it can smell the fear?

And if we had a 3D printer, could we then print out our own 3D printers?

You'd think after more than three decades, Messrs Hewlett-Packard, Epson, Canon, Brother and co. could finally get it right - but 'printer rage' is now so common that an idle search on Google produces more than three million hits.

Paper jams, empty cartridges, upright A4 printed in landscape, worthy but misguided attempts to save the forests by printing double-sided: these are all facets of our troubled interactions with technology.

The irony is that not too long ago, pundits like me were confidently predicting the paperless society, yet today in the developed world we each consume an astonishing 200 kilos of paper a year. And in 15 years the planet's paper consumption has actually grown 77 per cent.

As for the printers themselves, at the current rate they'll soon be given away free with the cornflakes.

That's because they use the Gillette business model, so-called from the days when that company sold the razor for next to nothing, but made its fortune on the blades we then had to buy for it (one of the reasons I stopped shaving; call it a matter of principle - but more probably sheer laziness).

I recall staying up all night years ago trying to persuade my clunky bubblejet to print a British pound symbol. Or wrestling with it for hours



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PRINTERS: What happened to the paperless society?

to produce an envelope despite my exasperated partner's entreaties to 'Just write the **** thing by hand!'

Now printers 'simply work', or they should, at a (hidden) price.

Despite printers being cheap and cheerful these days, ink in branded cartridges has become one of the most expensive liquids in the world: €1,500 a litre by my quick calculation.

You'd think as a result that we'd be more selective about what, and how much we print. Yet I had an older colleague who insisted on

printing all his e-mails.

Until he saw reason, he was using an entire ream of paper (that's 500 sheets to the stationery-challenged among us) every few days.

So next time you're wondering whether to print, you could do worse than abide by the automatic signature I've had at the end of all my e-mails for years:

'Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail. No trees were harmed in sending this message, but quite a few electrons were slightly inconvenienced.'

I just can't remember!

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



HAVE you noticed that all the fun of getting old is slowly disappearing? Things like little aches and pains appear, we have pills for this, creams for that, something to help you sleep then something else to get you going in the morning.

I have an injection in the morning and another one at night. The first one is insulin and the other one is something that stops me getting hungry so I don't eat too much and therefore take less of the insulin I use in the morning.

And of course with advancing years there is the memory loss. I just got a message from a friend of mine that I had lunch with yesterday asking me the name of the video I suggested he watched on YouTube as he can't remember. I text him back saying I couldn't remember either and could he give me a clue and, of course, neither of us have any idea what we were talking about. So that was the end of that conversation.

My memory for this sort of thing now is getting worse and worse. This was further

proved last night when we had some friends round and, as the evening progressed, we were chatting about all different topics and as we were talking all of us had our phones and had to keep Googling so many things like names of actors, names of songs, singers, film titles etc. It was a constant search fest.

That in turn got me wondering - do all these search engines help or hinder? I mean if we didn't have them the whole evening would be us not being able to recall anything or would it? Are we relying on the fact that we have Google to just quickly reference everything? If we didn't would we try that little bit harder?

The strange thing is I can remember poker hands that I've been beaten by or won with for weeks and rattle them off to anybody who wants to listen (there's not many!) Yet I don't know my wife's or daughter's telephone number off by heart any more. Why? Well I don't have to, do I? I just pick up my phone and press their name. Yet I can remember my home telephone number from when I was six years old.

There was something else I was going to write about but I can't remember what it was now. I'll get back to you if I do.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Wet weather tips

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.

WEATHER conditions pose the biggest risk to road users, partly due to inexperience and lack of preparedness, and partly due to changing road dynamics and the driving environment.

Here are our top tips for dealing with rain.

1. Slow down

It's easy to be lulled into a false sense of security but speed and adverse weather is a deadly combination. When the road is wet, your vehicle's tyres cannot grip the road as much as in normal, dry conditions, so slow down.

Cornering and braking are all affected by water on the road, reducing grip and increasing stopping distances considerably; slowing down allows more time to adapt and deal with the situation. Ease off the accelerator a little and you will see the difference immediately.

2. Avoid violent movement/sharp braking

Sudden braking, acceleration or harsh movements of the steering wheel may result in loss of vehicle control. If the operations are carried out progressively, smoothly and slowly, it also gives other drivers more time to react. Remember that a smooth drive is a safer and more efficient ride under normal conditions and even more so when it rains.

3. Avoid driving on road markings

Road markings provide less grip than the road surface itself and can therefore increase braking distances. Riders on two wheels should be particularly aware of this problem.

4. Be seen

During rain or reduced visibility, make sure that you have your lights on. Daytime Running Lights may not suffice, especially in reduced visibility where headlights must be used. The timely use of indicators and brake lights is crucial.



WET WEATHER: Poses a challenge.

cial to give other road users advanced warnings of your intentions. Keeping your vehicle under control and following all the advice for a smooth ride will also allow for an improvement in your visibility to other road users.

5. Avoid aquaplaning risks

Keep a sharp lookout for puddles, which may reduce the grip of your tyres, potentially creating a liquid barrier between the tyre and road surface, commonly referred to as aquaplaning. However, don't carry out any sudden movements to avoid puddles. Simply slow down, hold the steering wheel firmly and try to keep your vehicle on a straight and level course. Whilst maintaining an adequate distance from the vehicle in front, it is often beneficial to follow vehicles through such areas as the displacement of water becomes easier.

With these five basic tips your journey through the rain should be much safer. But remember, it's not only about how you drive your vehicle, but about the vehicle itself.

Proper maintenance is crucial. Check tyres and their pressure, lights, windows, brakes and other features regularly to reduce the risk. If in doubt, your local garage can check the vehicle.

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How much CGT do I pay?

Q. IF I sell my house in Spain valued at €225,000, how is the CGT paid, or can I roll this into another property?

M.C. (email)

A. THAT depends on whether you are a tax resident in Spain, selling your principal residence, or you are a non-resident.

If you are a non-resident, you will pay Spanish Capital Gains Tax (CGT) at 21 per cent of your profit. If you bought for €125,000 and sell for €225,000, you have a profit of €100,000 and a tax of €21,000. A

David Searl

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non-resident has no rollover provision.

You may be free of CGT if you meet three conditions. You are selling your principal residence, where you have lived for three years. You have paid your income tax in Spain for

three years. You are over 65 years of age. If you are younger than 65, you can also escape CGT if you purchase a new principal residence using the total value of your sale.

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Women's wit

Happiness is a choice. You can choose to be happy. There's going to be stress in life, but it's your choice whether you let it affect you or not. *Valerie Bertinelli - Actress*



Famous quote

People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader leads, and the boss drives. *Theodore Roosevelt - Former US President*

World of English

Epanalepsis - repeats something from the beginning of a sentence at the end - My ears heard what you said but I couldn't believe my ears.

Historic buildings in Spain

TOP 5

SPAIN has a plethora of historic sites all across the country. Here are our top five alternatives.

1. Santiago de Compostela Cathedral - Galicia

According to legend, the Santiago Compostela is the reputed burial place of one of Jesus Christ's apostles, Saint James the Great. Construction of the present cathedral began in 1075 under the reign of Alfonso VI of Castile. The construction was halted on numerous occasions and was consecrated in 1211 in the presence of king Alfonso IX.

2. The Roman Theatre Cartagena - Murcia

Located in south east Spain, the city of Cartagena has a number of Roman ruins. Constructed between 5 and 1 BC, the Roman theatre was significantly damaged in 5 AD and was opened to



HOLY SITE: Santiago de Compostela Cathedral.

the public in 2003. The 6,000 capacity theatre has a 43.6 metre long stage.

3. Town wall Museum Orihuela - Valencia

The archaeological ruins of the town, which sits between Alicante and Murcia on the Costa

Blanca, were first discovered in 1998. The importance of the ruins led to the ruins being integrated into the basement of the Town Wall Museum. Because of this, the museum allows visitors to walk along glazed walkways and around the original city lay-

out of Orihuela, dating back 1300 years.

4. Cordoba Mosque/Cathedral - Andalusia

Cordoba's famous Mosque-Cathedral is surrounded by a low wall the focal point of which is the horseshoe arched mihrab in the prayer hall. The historic centre of Cordoba, which includes the Mosque-Cathedral, became a World Heritage site in 1984.

5. Almudaina Palace - Mallorca

The Palace still contains the ruins of a prehistoric town that it overlooks, dating as far back as the Romans in 121 BC. Today, it is the headquarters of the Captain-General of the Balearic Islands, although King Juan Carlos is known to use some of the rooms. Parts of the palace are open to the public.

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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

You are likely to reveal information unintentionally. You'll find it easy to charm members of the opposite sex this week. Have some fun, but draw the line if someone tries to fast talk their way into your heart. You have to let go of your past if you wish to get out of any sentimental mood that might be hanging over your head. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Those you work with may have little consideration for the underdog. You can raise your standard of living if you pick up some freelance work on the side. Don't jump into investments too quickly. Try not to overreact to the loss. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

New partnerships will develop if you join investment groups. Property investments could be prosperous. You can't do everything on your own. Family responsibilities are escalating. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Use your energy wisely. You may find yourself in the limelight for the wrong reasons. Someone envious of your popularity may challenge you to a debate.

Travel for business purposes may bring the highest returns. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Your home environment may be hectic, which could result in emotional upset if you aren't well organised. Try not to take everything so seriously. Be sure to find out all you can before you commit to anything. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

You can ferret out secret information if you just listen to what others have to say.

Travel will be good if you are seeking knowledge. Minor accidents may occur if you don't concentrate on what you're doing.

Problems with financial investments could make you nervous. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Put your efforts into being creative. Don't give out any personal information that you don't want spread around. You could lose a good friend because of it. Learn some new skills that will increase your income. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Changes involving your domestic scene may be unpleasant.

Try to mix business with pleasure while travelling.

You can convince anyone of anything. Get your domestic chores out of the way early.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You can't make things better if you don't know what to fix. You may interest people in a service you have to offer. Work quietly behind the scenes for best results. Don't hesitate to look for alternatives that will enable you to raise the kind of donations you need to do the job right. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

Arguments with children or friends may leave you steaming.

You will have excellent ideas and you should be able to help your partner get ahead.

Concern yourself with legal matters and formulating contracts rather than finalising your objectives.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Your ability to visualise will help you convince others of the possibilities. Insincere gestures of friendliness may be misleading. Spend some time with people who can shed some light on your personal situation. Don't be too quick to voice your opinion. Listen to others carefully. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

You need to sit back and enjoy.

Things have been moving so quickly that you need to do something physical to release your tension.

Unexpected changes in friendships could occur. Make creative changes to your living quarters.

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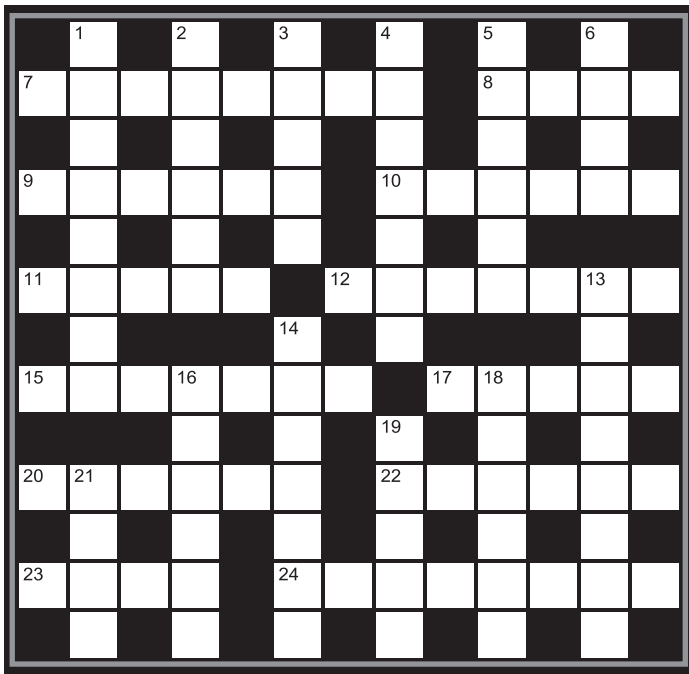
Cryptic

Across

- 7 Shell motor at full speed (8)
- 8 Behind Defense Attorney's disclosure (4)
- 9 Fellow the French say is kind (6)
- 10 Ageism in motion pictures (6)
- 11 Agree about Earnest (5)
- 12 Surrenders and somehow enters mid-Wales (7)
- 15 It tends to confuse one involved in oral examination (7)
- 17 North American swine's home is revolting (5)
- 20 Show about meat (6)
- 22 Set a stage for The Stones (6)
- 23 Family doctor's first to be sympathetic (4)
- 24 Example of epic men's make-up (8)

Down

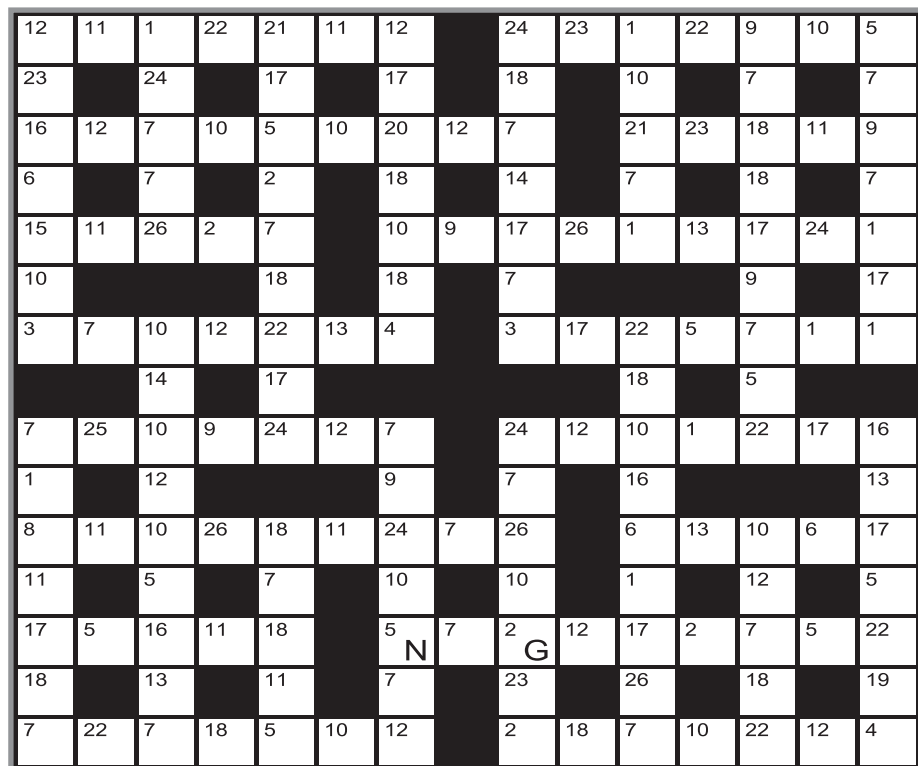
- 1 Hack reveals palace rates of pay (8)
- 2 Upset baby's plaything (6)
- 3 Right cards for sporting events? (5)
- 4 Resolute British detectives in action (7)
- 5 See about taking cover in flight (6)



- 6 Weak beginning left a muddled ending (4)
- 13 Carrying mammal, Edward moved unsteadily (8)
- 14 Vain female tennis player in America? (7)
- 16 Finish in an attempt to be hip (6)
- 18 Some para mistaken for a Musketeer (6)
- 19 Supply for Tom Queen (5)
- 21 Eat up, Miss Blyton (4)

Code Breaker

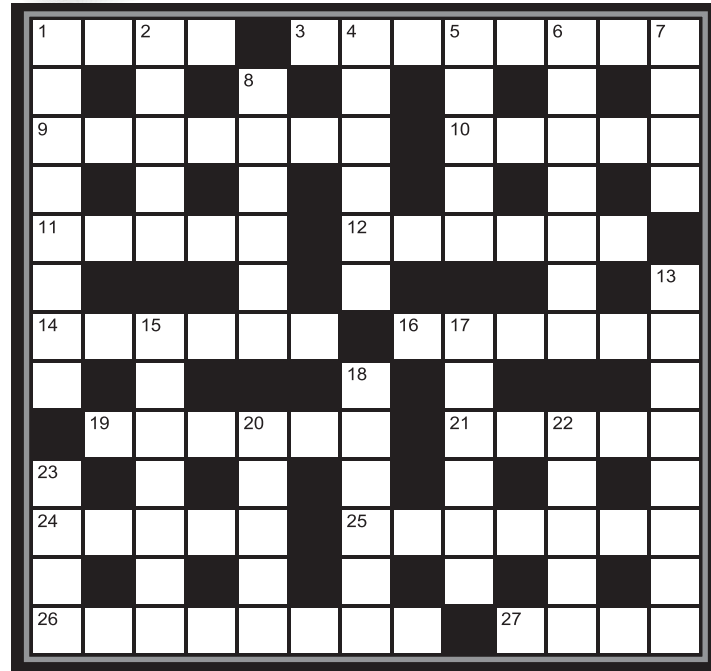
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents G and 5 represents N, so fill in G every time the figure 2 appears and N every time the figure 5 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	G			N								
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

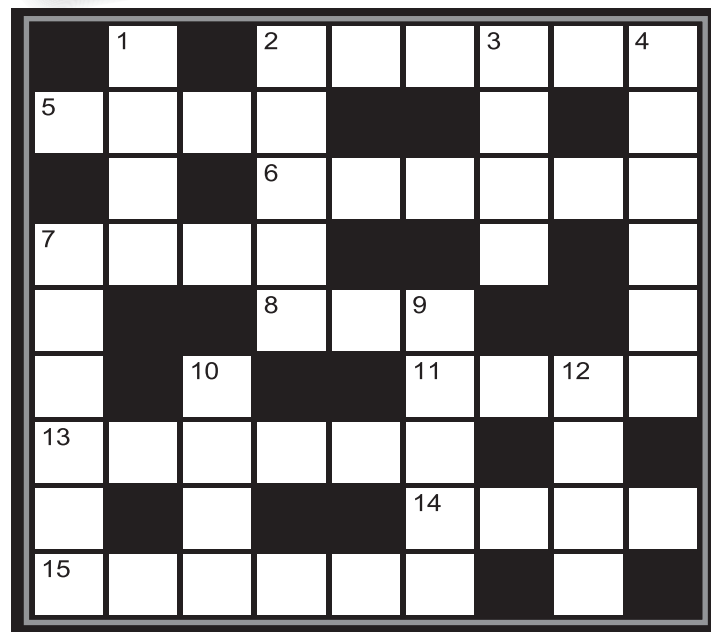
- 1 Final (4)
- 3 Authorised (8)
- 9 Housebreaker (7)
- 10 Take pleasure in (5)
- 11 Mislays (5)
- 12 Money that is paid regularly for doing work (6)
- 14 Blunders or mistakes (6)
- 16 Jail (6)
- 19 Scratch repeatedly (6)
- 21 Student (5)
- 24 Further or added (5)
- 25 Sculptures representing humans or animals (7)
- 26 Cellar (8)
- 27 Show the way by going first (4)

Down

- 1 Tagged (8)
- 2 Arranges (5)
- 4 Woodland (6)
- 5 Perfection (5)
- 6 Harms (7)
- 7 Ballads (4)
- 8 Nearer (6)
- 13 Shut in (8)
- 15 Repeats aloud from memory (7)
- 17 Revoke (6)
- 18 Cause (6)
- 20 State of sudden fear (5)
- 22 Intermission (5)
- 23 Part of speech (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 2 Veneno (6)
- 5 Eyebrow (4)
- 6 To lose (6)
- 7 Mismo (4)
- 8 Tapa (de caja) (3)
- 11 Envidia (4)

Down

- 13 Almendra (6)
- 14 Hatred (4)
- 15 Tornillos (6)
- 1 Candle (4)
- 2 Paper (material) (5)

Across

- 3 Silk (4)
- 4 Noruega (6)
- 7 Ensaladas (6)
- 9 Fingers (of hand, glove) (5)
- 10 To love (4)
- 12 Vena (4)

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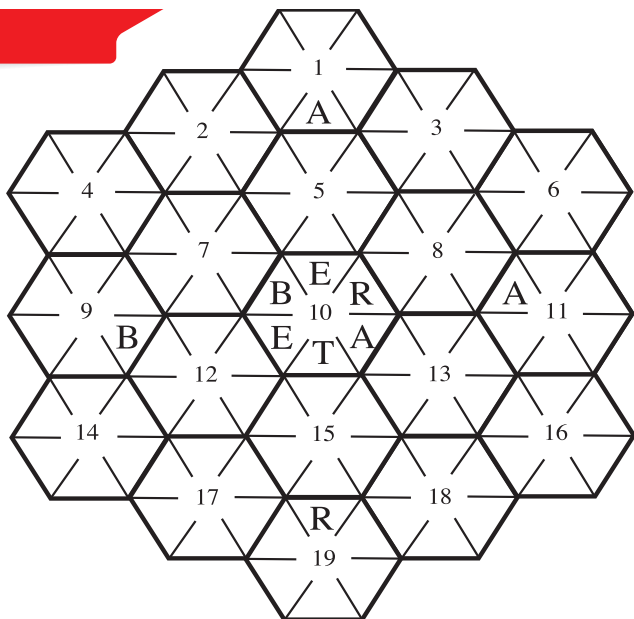
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Hexagram

- BERATE (10)
- BROWSE
- CLUMSY
- ENABLE
- ERRATA
- HEARTY
- MARBLE
- MARVEL
- MORTAL
- RASCAL
- SEARCH
- STENCH
- STOLEN
- STRAIT
- TARGET
- TEEING
- THREAT
- TRAUMA
- TRENDY



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

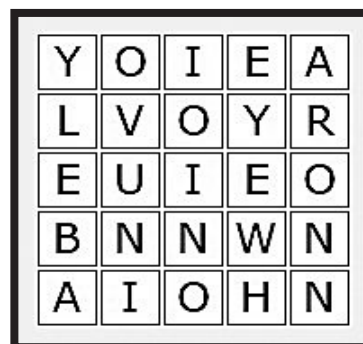
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Plunge 2 Pander 3 Eyelet 4 Cartel
- 5 Dueler 6 Pounce 7 Latter 8 Glycol
- 9 Treble 10 Legacy 11 Citron 12 Prayer
- 13 Repeat 14 Repair 15 Recess
- 16 Fletch 17 Arrive 18 Splash
- 19 Mulish.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 14
- Good: 19
- Very good: 28
- Excellent: 36

SCORING:

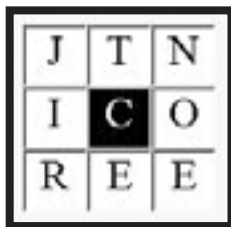
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

fern rent reuse reused nous noes nose nosed nosh tref tune tuner tram trug mart mung antre antrum arum aunt onus outran outrun used rant rung runt suer supra sued shun shunt shut shrug shoe shoed shod shmo hunt hues hueed hoed hose hosed hods gran grant gram grunt guar gurn does dose dosh ohms odeon odes odes mosh mode modes mods thus thru thrum those

Nonagram

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



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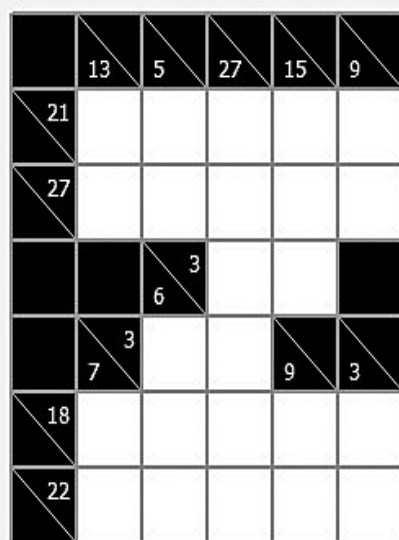
- Average: 9
- Good: 13
- Very good: 19
- Excellent: 24

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

alit caul ceil clue cult evil lace laic late lave leva lice lieu lite live lute tael tail talc tale teal tile tilt vail vale veal veil vela vial vile alive atilt calve cavil clave cleat latte telic title utile uveal valet value vault vital cattle cutlet cuttle lattice tactile victual CULTIVATE

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Skirt, 3 Necks, 6 Egg,
- 8 Rainbow, 9 Somewhere,
- 12 Nuestro, 13 End, 14 Tools,
- 15 Ritmo.

Down:

- 1 Seed, 2 Tormentas,
- 3 Neighbour, 4 Cobarde,
- 5 Saws, 7 Grosero, 10 Knot,
- 11 Odio.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Draughts, 5 Scar, 9 Tribe, 10 Barge,
- 12 Copse, 13 Yoke, 15 Wander, 18 Script,
- 20 Elba, 23 Serve, 24 Aorta, 27 Skint,
- 28 Nest, 29 Vehement.

Down:

- 1 Drab, 2 Afar, 3 Gates, 4 Trivia, 6 Corporal,
- 7 Ravens, 8 Decide, 11 Ago, 14 Kestrels,
- 16 Arrest, 17 Resign, 19 Plaice, 21 Bit,
- 22 Lathe, 25 Rage, 26 Abet.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Drops, 3 Crayons, 6 Surreal, 8 Bongo,
- 10 Robin, 11 Octagon, 14 Eclair, 15 Rafter,
- 17 Alimony, 20 Goals, 21 Nonet,
- 22 Ancient, 23 Shannon, 24 Outdo.

Down:

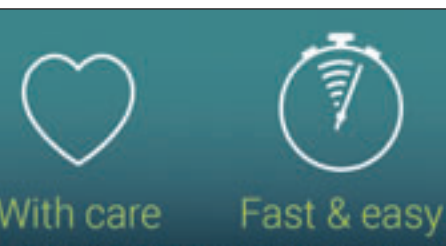
- 1 Deserve, 2 Stern, 3 Cello, 4 Abbot,
- 5 Spoon, 7 Rebellion, 9 Nightmare,
- 12 Carp, 13 Iron, 16 Risotto, 17 Aunts,
- 18 Often, 19 Yearn, 20 Gecko.

App of the week



Rummikub

In Rummikub FREE version, a game that combines rummy and mah-jong, players have a number of tiles and take turns putting down their racks into sets of at least three, drawing a tile when they cannot play. Arrange the tiles to create colour and numbers combinations.



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Secrets and lies

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Two days later and with fears for the entire family's safety, a nearby house is set on fire and the body count is rising.

Lottie and her team begin to unpick a web of secrets and lies, as the murders seem to link back to a case first investigated by Lottie's father before he took his own life.

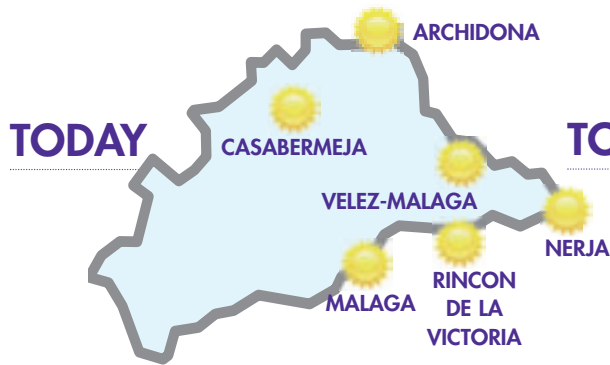
With little knowledge of what really happened to her father, when Lottie delves further into the case, she soon realises that she may be able to discover some answers of her own.

From the bestselling author of The Missing Ones and The Stolen Girls, Patricia Gibney's The Lost Child will have you guessing right to the very last page.

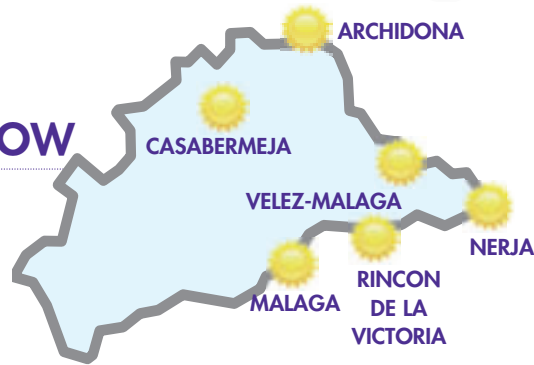
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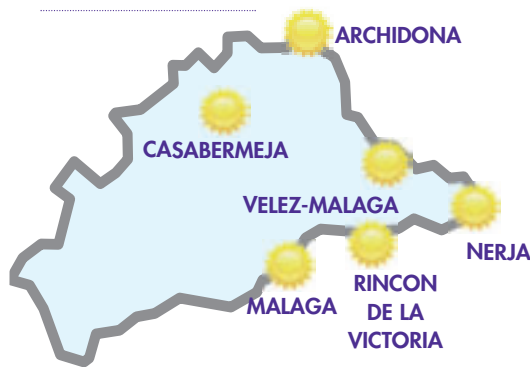
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TOMORROW



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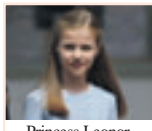
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BIRTHDAYS

- **Hillary Clinton, Politician, October 26, 70**
The former First Lady of the United States and Secretary of State under Barack Obama famously lost to Donald Trump in her challenge to become the first female president of the USA.
- **John Cleese, Comedian, Oct 27, 78**
Started his comedy career in the Frost Report and found lasting fame as one of the founders of Monty Python's Flying Circus as well as Fawlty Towers. Has appeared in a number of films and is considered to be one of the UK's most

- gifted comic talents.
- **Hank Marvin, Guitarist, Oct 28, 76**
Found fame as the leader of Cliff Richards backing group the Shadows which went on to become a successful band in its own right. Although considered a major influence on many guitarists, he declined to accept an OBE.
- **Leonor, Princess of Asturias, Spanish Royal, Oct 31, 12**
The oldest daughter of King Felipe VI and



Princess Leonor.

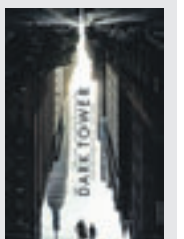
- Queen Letizia, HRH Leonor, Princess of Asturias is next in line for succession in the event of the death of her father.
- **Michael Vaughan, Cricketer and TV Presenter, October 29, 43**
The highly successful captain of the England cricket team which managed to regain the Ashes from Australia after 18 years. Having retired from the game he has become a regular broadcaster covering various international matches and took part in Strictly Come Dancing.

- **Henry Winkler, Actor, October 30, 72**
Gained worldwide fame as The Fonz in US TV hit Happy Days where he was considered to be the king of cool. He has had plenty of work during his career and is also a successful children's author.
- **Jeremy Hunt, Politician, Nov 1, 51**
Conservative MP and Minister of Health, he has been criticised for his stance in trying to force junior doctors to sign new contracts. He holds the record for being the first MP to have a petition calling for a vote of confidence in his abilities to receive 100,000 signatures.

DVD

The Dark Tower

Director: **Nikolaj Arcel**
Starring: **Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey, Tom Taylor**



IN a post-apocalyptic world, The last Gunslinger, Roland Deschain (Idris Elba), finds himself locked in an eternal battle with Walter O'Dim, also known as the Man in Black (Matthew McConaughey), determined to prevent him from toppling the Dark Tower, which holds the universe together. With the fate of the world at stake, good and evil collide in the ultimate battle as only Roland can defend the Tower from the Man in Black. An adaptation of Stephen King's The Dark Tower, the ambitious and expansive story from one of the world's most celebrated authors, makes its launch to DVD.

Sudoku

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

Word Ladder

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

GORY

FILM

WFM
FRM
FORM
FORE
GORE
GORY
Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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	5			7				6
					2			9
7		2			9			
					1	9		
3		1	7					

Trivia Fact

The leg bones of a bat are so thin that no bat can walk.

This week in history

- 1517 - Martin Luther condemns Catholic Church
- The priest and one of the main founders of the Protestant Reformation nailed 95 accusations onto the door of a church in Wittenberg.
- 1904 - New York subway opens
- Inspired by similar systems in London and Boston, the first nine miles of the New York subway had stops at 28 stations.
- 1926 - Houdini dies
- Harry Houdini, one of the most celebrated magicians of the 20th century, dies of peritonitis aged 52.
- 1929 - Stock market crash
- On what is known as Black Tuesday, Wall Street saw investors trade 16,410,030 shares on the New York Exchange in a single day, losing billions of dollars.
- 1938 - Orson Welles causes panic
- So realistic was the radio adaptation of War of the Worlds that listeners in the USA panicked believing the Martians were invading.
- 1940 - Italy invades Greece
- Italian forces launched their attack on Greece from Albania after a demand to surrender bases made by Mussolini was rejected.
- 1984 - The assassination of Indian Prime Minister
- After a series of death threats, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by two of her bodyguards.

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FRIDAY - 27 OCTOBER

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7:00am Breakfast	7:00am Real Lives Reunited	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	8:40am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:15am Flogals
10:15am Rip Off Britain	7:30am Money for Nothing	8:30pm Great Continental	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:35am Peppa Pig
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am A Matter of Life and Debt	9:00pm Railway Journeys	9:40am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:45am Peppa Pig
12:00pm A Matter of Life and Debt	9:00am Council House Crackdown	9:15pm <i>Michael Portillo sets off with his 1913 guide down the spine of Italy from Rome to Sicily.</i>	10:10am Frasier	9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
12:45pm Caught Red Handed	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	9:30pm Handmade	10:40am Frasier	10:05am Mofy
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	9:30pm Handmade on the Silk Road	11:10am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:00pm BBC News at One	1:00pm The Daily Politics	9:30pm <i>Series about traditional crafts along the ancient trade route of the Silk Road.</i>	12:05pm Undercover Boss USA	12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:30pm BBC London News	2:00pm The Code	10:00pm Retreat	1:00pm Channel 4 News	1:10pm 5 News
2:45pm Doctors	2:45pm The Planners	10:00pm Meditations From a Monastery	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	1:15pm Lunchtime
3:15pm Impossible	3:45pm Family Finders	11:00pm Genius of the Ancient World	2:05pm A New Life in the Sun	1:15pm The Hotel Inspector Returns
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:15pm The World's Busiest Railway 2015	11:00pm <i>Series in which historian Bettany Hughes investigates three giants of ancient philosophy.</i>	3:10pm Countdown	2:15pm Home and Away
4:45pm Money for Nothing	5:15pm Sea Cities	12:00pm The Work: Four Days to Redemption	4:00pm Find it Fix it Flog it	2:45pm Neighbours
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	6:15pm Flog It!	1:25am City Beneath the Waves: Pavlopetri	5:00pm My Kitchen Rules	3:15pm NCIS
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads	2:25am I Know Who You are	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:10pm A Sunday Horse
7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:30pm Strictly - It Takes Two	3:45am Great Continental Railway Journeys	6:30pm Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star	6:00pm 5 News at 5
7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Further Back in Time for Dinner		7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Autumnwatch 2017		7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away
8:30pm EastEnders	10:00pm The Big Family Cooking Showdown		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
9:00pm Council House Crackdown	11:00pm Match of the Day		8:55pm Stand Up To Cancer	8:00pm All New Traffic Cops
10:00pm The Ganges with Sue Perkins	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm The Supervet	9:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	12:15am Army: Behind the New Frontlines		10:00pm Feral Families	10:00pm Rich House, Poor House
11:30pm BBC London News			11:00pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice	11:00pm Bad Habits, Holy Orders
11:45pm Question Time			11:50pm Fighting Cancer: My Online Diary	12:00pm Borderline
12:45am This Week			12:50am Gogglebox	
1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead				

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1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00am Gardeners' World	10:00am <i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 5 April 1979.</i>	10:40am Frasier	12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:00pm BBC News at One	10:00am Rugby League World Cup	10:00pm <i>Top of the Pops Gary Davies and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 18 October 1984.</i>	11:10am Ramsay's Hotel Hell	1:10pm 5 News
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8:30pm Sounds Like Friday Night	8:00pm Channel 4 News		8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm The Gadget Show
9:00pm EastEnders	8:55pm Stand Up To Cancer		8:30pm Unreported World	9:00pm World's Greatest Bridges
9:30pm Porridge	9:00pm The Supervet		9:00pm Food Unwrapped	10:00pm Eight Days That Made Rome
10:00pm Have I Got News for You	10:00pm Feral Families		9:30pm Travel Man	11:00pm The Undiscovered Secrets of Petra
10:30pm Tracey Breaks the News	11:00pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice		10:00pm Gogglebox	12:00am Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild - Canada
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:50pm Fighting Cancer: My Online Diary		11:00pm The Last Leg	
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11:35pm The Graham Norton Show			1:10am Middle Men	
12:25am Josh			3:05am The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice	

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Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

AS usual Spain takes a beating in the European press.

Despite applying the Constitution's Article 155 and booting out the Catalan president and his government, Spain's president Mariano Rajoy emphasised that Cataluña's autonomy had not been removed.

The region would not be governed from Madrid and there would be elections within six months.

So the next morning the *Observer* observed that Cataluña had been stripped of its autonomy and would be governed from Madrid.

The *Mail on Sunday* showed thousands with placards calling for Freedom without explaining that they demanded the release of recently-remanded Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sanchez, the leaders of two pro-secession associations.

Rajoy has a gift for striking wrong notes and words like 'disobedience' don't sound good in translation. But this time it was just what most Spaniards wanted to hear.

Lost in translation



side have increased, he said, dismissing the falls as irrelevant.

Meanwhile Christmas, the cava season, is coming and old habits die hard, so it's a given the names on the bottles will still belong to Codorniu and Freixenet. But when glasses are raised in the Palacio de la Generalitat Catalana, who will be holding them?

It doesn't add up

MISTAKES have been made in Madrid, especially since 2012 when former regional president Artur Mas

started believing his own independence fantasies.

But Carles Puigdemont makes graver errors with his stirring to-the-barricades addresses. He refers to Catalans and Cataluña, bemoaning a Madrid-enforced end to democracy.

But Puigdemont speaks for the Junts pel Si coalition shared between his own PDeCat and the ERC which is shored by the CUP.

Between them they have a majority of seats in the Parliament, but not voters on the street. And the majority who did not vote for them are those who most fear an end to democracy.

As per usual

ON October 12, Spain's National Day, when all was closed, 80 town halls remained open in Cataluña.

Such dedication to independence! Civil servants and municipal employees are as envied as they are criticised for their cushy jobs and working on a national holiday is uncharacteristic.

Admitted, it was more a question of opening their doors in most town halls, rather than attending the public. Business as usual in other words.

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Blowing bubbles

CODORNIU has moved its registered head office to Haro in La Rioja. Freixenet is waiting until the end of this month before making up its mind.

Both face boycotts inside Cataluña because they are deemed 'too Spanish' and outside the region because they are 'too Catalan.'

Freixenet boss Jose Luis Bonet wasn't too bothered. Sales on one

Getting the answer right

JUAN JOSE IBARRETXE was the Basque region's president from 2004 until 2009. During his term as lehendakari he decided to declare independence, hoping to put an end to ETA's separatist terrorism.

His independence proposal was approved by the Basque government but later defeated by the PSOE and PP in the national parliament in Madrid. Undeterred, Ibarretxe planned a referendum on "the right to decide" which was challenged by Jose Luis Rodriguez's government. The Constitutional Tribunal declared it illegal and Ibarretxe accepted the sentence. End of story.

Cataluña could have followed the same route but always rejected this option because politicians knew they wouldn't get the result they were hoping for. Because the Catalan secessionists are only ever going to take "yes" for an answer.

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TV Couch Critic

Have I Got News for You (BBC1, Friday) has returned to our screens for an unbelievable 54th series.

If you can stand it, watch, turn the sound down and wait ... you will quickly realise you could be watching any of the shows from the previous 53 screenings.

I realise it is not strictly true (or *Strictly Come Dancing* for that matter) for you can roughly date the series being shown by gauging the amount of make-up Ian Hislop has been plastered with, combined with how bored he looks.

The more make-up and bored looking, the more recent the series.

Even with a random mix of rotating hosts, I wonder if they have considered Max Headroom. Do you remember him? This tried, tested and now past-it format is surely due for the refresh treatment; to illustrate, years ago I was in the audience (there was free wine, warm and nasty, but free) and I'm sure they still use the same audience shot in the opening sequence.

Just look for a blonde haired male,

Focus on Auntie Beeb, and she won't like it

second row from back, fourth left.

For the second of three swipes at the Beeb, there are reports of a new look for *Question Time* (BBC1, Thursday).

This is another offering following the same format; correctly balanced panel and specially invited angry - though slightly ignorant - audience member primed to ask the one question which will make them a hero or an idiot, depending on choice.

In a digital age, surely there is a more gripping way to probe the panel and involve a wider pool than 'the lady in the sweater, yes you madam.'

While we all love a Dimpleby and I subscribe to the notion every casa (home) should have one, part of any refresh must include a new host, just not anyone who has sat in the middle chair for *Have I Got News For You*.

Mind you that's cutting it down.

My final nudge, not a swipe, is that someone at Broadcasting House should axe *Crimewatch* (BBC1, was monthly, then bi-monthly, now not at all).

In an age of BBC refresh this is one show which should stay, get a makeover and grab viewers once more with reconstructions, serious looking members of HM Constabulary and an anchor from a US news network.

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daytime spin-off, *Crimewatch Roadshow* will continue, just don't confuse it with the one about antiques.

Away from the Beeb if you haven't caught up with *Bad Habits*, *Holy Orders* (Channel 5, Thursday) give it a look. The Daughters of Divine Charity (they are the Nuns in this piece) fling open their convent doors and invite five ladies in.

Young, glamorous, and addicted to social media, body image and themselves, it seems their lives and views of themselves are going change without phones, selfies and make-up.

So keep watching, just to see what's in it for the Nuns.

Finally *Modern Family* (Sky1, Fridays) series nine is launching us into weekends with fresh stories about the everyday family who are anything but everyday, doing ordinary things, in an anything but ordinary way.

Enjoy.

Critique: J S Mojacar, Almeria.

HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU: Tired and dated?

Serving the right ingredients for a successful restaurant

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson



NO-NO: Menus with photos.

HEARD about the country pub in North Yorkshire voted best restaurant in the world by TripAdvisor? My first thought was great! Hopefully, a no-nonsense country restaurant serving no-nonsense food that excluded one of my restaurant bugbears: taster menus (convenient and lucrative for the restaurant but only half the items of which many of us really like). But no! It has a taster menu that'll set you back £95 (including a £50 deposit).

And my other bugbears since you ask? Serving food on bits of wood, roof slates, shovels, drinks in jam jars, chips in mugs, tin cans, dog bowls and shoes. You didn't know some restaurants serve food in shoes? Count yourselves lucky!

Then, there's the 'concept.' Explained by hipster waiters who breathlessly tell you the salad leaves were foraged from the central

reservation of the M25, or the salmon hand-smoked in a skip in Stornoway.

And are restaurant staff instructed to wait until they see you fill your mouth with some especially trying, invariably leafy, mouthful before they ask the 'How's everything?' question, making an intelligible answer impossible? Some restaurants are worse than others, waiters hovering around watching, one after another coming to ask.

Well, here's my TripAdvisor five-star advice for hipster waiters: shut up asking how's everything every five minutes... please.

But the thing I detest most is pictures of food outside restaurants. Holidaying in Greece way back, the custom was so widespread that I took a stand: never to enter restaurants where photos of spaghetti bolognese, bangers and mash or whatever else was displayed outside. If you don't know what spag-bol looks like, you've only yourself to blame for what you end up with!

Another rule is to avoid (like the plague) restaurants where waiters are desperately trying to lure you in. They're nowhere to be seen when your order arrives - that lacks any resemblance to the photo of spag-bol. For me, it's Nora's Law and it's never let me down.

Finally, heard about the new restaurant on the moon? Fabulous food but no atmosphere...

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Albox

Enjoying your life

DO you ever stop and wonder to yourself, has the world lost its marbles? I'm sure you do it many times, I did it only last week. We keep being told how little money there is for this, that and the other thing that may be lifesaving, then we see a story about what I'm about to tell you and you think, there's more sense in an episode of Popeye than there is out in the world in general.

Just recently the Glasgow Science Centre launched a chocolate teacake into space. Over 30,000 people watched the whole thing live on the internet. Yes, you read it right, huge numbers of people took time out of their busy day to watch... a flying teacake. Can you imagine asking your boss for time off to go and watch a biscuit being launched into space? I'm quite sure you can guess what the response would be.

Maybe I've got it wrong here. Could it be that in years to come, people will remember exactly where they were on that momentous day when the first teacake hurtled into space?

But it's not just teacakes. Even though it could have ended in tragedy, I had to do a double take at a story earlier this month about a man who swallowed a live fish, whole. As far as I can see there is no reason I can fathom for trying to swallow a fish. As it turned out it was an accident - the man was trying to kiss the fish when it shot out of his hands and went down his throat. Fortunately, paramedics were called and they managed to save the man - though the unfortunate fish didn't fare too well.

The point I'm trying to make is that, really, there's often no point to things so we should just carry on in blind ignorance, and enjoy life as much as we can.

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The man behind LPL Commercial Services



INDEBTED: To Stephen Lewis.

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Time to clamp down on sex trade

SIR,

Reading an article in your issue number 1684, I would like to raise a point. A few years ago, a Nigerian prostitute mugger was arrested, spat in the face of the police and was sentenced to be banned from Magaluf. She moved to Palma Nova.

Now two women have forced a 17-year-old Nigerian into prostitution, but why are they still here and not deported?

Magaluf has always been a party resort but recently the drug and sex trade has taken over. Yes, there was recently a big drug bust but nothing significant in the sex trade.

Magaluf is what it is - a party town for the young. But you need the tourist industry, so get rid of the sex and drugs and party people will still come!

It's up to the local government and the courts to do the right thing. It's called common sense. But no government officers ever address the serious issues. Why?

Ronald Lutschan, Puerto Pollensa

Brassed off with Brexit?

I KNOW that it's important cos my life is here in Spain

But all this talk of Brexit has become a tiresome pain

It's spouted daily on the news, it's just been on again

I wish it wasn't happening, I wish we could remain

The vote was o'er a year ago and people voted out

The info we were given full of fantasy and doubt

Money for the NHS did Boris Johnson shout

And Theresa May who voted in is now supporting out

So here we are, no wiser, as we fumble on the ground



BREXIT: A rotten deal?

Getting out of Europe isn't easy we have found

The whole thing is a bloody mess, the talks go round and round

They need to get it sorted quick, it's ruining the pound

David spat his dummy out and left it all to May

Europe says deserting ship means Britain has to pay

Boris says we're paying nought, there is no chance, no way

The future isn't looking bright, it's turning dark and grey
As the people voted out then Brexit must be done
But talking on the telly news has all been overdone
Whether it's a rotten deal, the time has come to run

As long as I can stay in Spain and live here in the sun

Bye bye Britain, bye bye bye, it's time to say goodbye

I'll pop back every now and then to say a sunny hi

Brexit is in motion and the time is almost nigh

So bye bye Britain, with a sigh, it's time to say goodbye.

John Sharples,
La Cala de Mijas

Sad good-bye



BIG MISS:
Karen and Jean-Michelle.

I HOPE that your newspaper can mention the sad fact that after 30 years of delivering fine foods and wines to an impeccable standard, Jean Michelle and Karen will on October 31 be closing their doors for the last time. We loyal customers wish them a long, active and happy retirement but we will miss our favourite restaurant, El Perro Negro, and Altea will have lost a gem.

John E, Altea

Badly educated

THE swivel-eyed version of Catalan history that has been peddled to school children in the region over the last four decades has only served to educate them in racism and hatred while being told that we are tolerant. We are clearly moving towards a fascist society within which only independence is 'acceptable.'

David Penya, Barcelona

Bawdy Brown

YOUR TV Couch Critic wisely mentions that some of the scrit of Mrs Brown's Boys (BBC 1) is best referred to adult humour. Within the concept of the show, it's acceptable, but I guess my Great Aunt perhaps wouldn't agree!

What your excellent critic might not be aware of is that all Brendan O'Carroll's 'Adlibs' are in fact scripted and timed, but certainly none the worse for that!

Robert W Barnes, Campoverde

Gone south!

COLUMNIST David Noon in his article on bullfighting (*Issue 1685*) stated Gabriel Garcia Marquez is American when in fact he is Colombian.

Philip Rigg (by email)

Editor's note: Oooops. The original submitted for publication stated SOUTH American.

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Brit suspect released for birth of child

Just wrong, all wrong. Plain as the nose on your face. Should be behind bars. *Lorraine Quinn*

Unbelievable, he should be in prison not out on bail. *Gill Reynolds*

Catalan protesters punish banks

They want to have the right to decide about their future but deny the companies / banks the same right. Hypocrisy. *Paula Neumeier*

Just think of the amount of people who kept their money in because they moved, me for example! *Peter Jones*

Norwegian airline scraps flights from Birmingham to Spain

Not surprised flew to all the wrong destinations in Spain, the real business is done by the expats going backwards and forwards. Monarch were the best and offered lots of bonuses with

Comments from EWN online

Vantage cards. *Mike Bulmer*

What's going on with these airlines?! *Deborah Foster*

Brit expats can stay in Spain post-Brexit

Sounds a bit of the relationship we had with the Spanish people before we joined EU. *Michael Childs*

Oh, that's very magnanimous of him! Considering the millions of Brits living and holidaying here pays his wages... they should be begging us to stay. *Steve Walsh*

Undoubtedly the Spanish would want to do the right thing, but they will have to act as agreed amongst the EU27. And, if the UK doesn't treat EU nationals in the UK properly, then it is possible the EU would retaliate. *Graham Clark*

800 Brits accused of holiday sickness scams

Hope they get them all and the companies behind it all. Bloody disgraceful another black mark against us Brits. They don't deserve to holiday again - should confiscate their passports. *Lilian Vela Rubio*

So anyone who has a genuine claim will face the 'Spanish Inquisition' because of the pure greed of the scammers! *Ray Moody*

Get the companies that are creating the scam as well. *Alexander Ongley*

Cataluña 'will not accept' Spain's plan

They insult 47 million Spaniards with their acts ... the Spanish and European democracy will triumph ... the independentistas will end up in jail. *Carlos Games*

Put the leaders in jail, they are trouble makers and should be locked up for an attempted coup!! *Karen Joy Harley*

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Sciatica and how to deal with it



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

What are the symptoms or signs of it?

The main symptoms that produce pain usually originate in the lower back. This can affect the legs and produce muscle contractures and the inability to move.

When should I talk to my physician?

Whenever you begin to feel symptoms that may suggest something's wrong in the previously mentioned areas you should consult a health care professional. First, talk to your family doctor but if that's not enough you will need to consult a specialist.

What causes it?

It's usually caused by problems in the intervertebral discs which bring about herniated discs, inflammation of the tendons and muscles and dislocation of the back bones, typically

via arthritis and mainly in the elderly.

How do I treat it?

The first things needed are rest, dry heat, painkillers, anti-inflammatories and muscle relaxants. Physiotherapy exercises are also helpful in lessening the pain derived from this illness. In very advanced cases when pain cannot be managed, surgical intervention may be required.

OPTIONAL INTRO: The term sciatica describes a set of symptoms that are characterised by leg pain (and possibly tingling, numbness or weakness) starting at the bottom of the back and going through the buttocks and the greater sciatic nerve down the back of each leg. Sciatica is a symptom of another underlying health problem. It is not a disease in itself.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Pushing the limit

A NEW study has found that white men who do excessive amounts of exercise each week are almost twice as likely to suffer from heart disease as those who work out moderately.

A study by the University of Illinois in Chicago analysed the exercise habits of over 3,000 people over 25 years and discovered that white men who exercised for more than seven hours per week were more likely to suffer from serious cardiac problems.

However, the researchers didn't find that the outcome applied to men from other ethnicities.

According to Public Health England, heart disease claims more men's lives in the UK than any other illness.

The study discovered that white men who exercised excessively were more likely to build up plaque in their arteries which can lead to severe heart problems such as heart disease. This suggested that too much exercise could put excessive stress on the arteries.

The results surprised the researchers, who expected those who did the most exercise to be less likely to devel-



FIT FACT: Health experts recommend that we should do everything in moderation, including exercise.

op these illnesses. Deepika Laddu, the co-author of the study, revealed that more re-

search needed to be done to investigate why this was the case and why there was such

“Swimming, weight training and cycling all can help.

a difference in the results from white participants and those of other ethnicities.

However, Laddu stressed that the study did not suggest that people should stop exercising altogether, but that they should limit workouts to the recommended 150 minutes a week.

While any form of exercise is considered crucial to keeping your heart healthy, there are some workouts that could be more beneficial than others. Swimming, weight training and cycling have all been shown to help prevent illnesses such as heart disease and boost overall health.

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Do the fandango

By Sally Underwood

VELEZ-MALAGA is promoting its flamenco heritage with its first ever fandango contest on Friday, November 3.

The event, organised by the councillors for Culture and Fairs and Festivals alongside the Cristo del Mar guild and the Peña Flamenca, will take place at the Teatro del Carmen.

Cynthia Garcia, councillor for Culture, launched the event along with Cristobal Moya, president of the Peña Flamenca. The competition provides a unique opportunity for any amateur to participate regardless of age or gender.

Contestants must perform three fandangos, in which one should pay tribute to Velez-Malaga or Axarquía. A jury will evaluate the quality and variety of the styles used.



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Velez Malaga

FERRER, GARCIA AND MOYA: DISCUSS THE EVENT

Cynthia Garcia said she hoped, "flamenco to be heard more than ever in Velez and beyond our borders and this helps to safeguard and promote our identity."

Bienvenido Ferrer, a representative from the Cristo del

Mar Cofradia thanked the council for supporting the event and commented "we expect a great turn out from residents of Velez-Malaga and the surrounding areas for what will certainly be a great quality flamenco show."

The president of the Peña Flamenca Crisotabal Moya, added, "the contest will be accompanied also by dance performances brought to us by the Beatriz Muñoz Company."

An initial selection phase will take place on Saturday from 10pm at the Peña Flamenca. Entry will be free. On November 3 the event will begin at 9pm with an entry fee of €8. The first prize winner will receive €800, while €450 will be handed out for second prize and €200 for third. A special prize of €100 will be given to the fandango with the best lyrics relating to Velez Malaga or Axarquía.

Those interested in getting involved can find out more information or register for the competition at www.cofradiacristodelmar.es, as well as at the town hall and the flamenco

Half marathon

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA is gearing up to host its eighth half marathon on Sunday from 10am.

The sporting event, which departs from the Tourist Office and finishes at Plaza de la Constitucion, is expected to attract around 500 runners.

The Triathlon Club of Rincon de la Victoria this year organised the event with a new tour of different points of the municipality, according to Sports Councillor Sergio Diaz.

As a novelty, this year the route will extend through a greater number of areas throughout the municipality, from 'the area of Añoreta to Arroyo Totalan, crossing La Cala del Moral, El Cantal and the centre of Rincon de la Victoria.'

The town's mayor, Francisco Salado, explained, "Rincon de la Victoria is one of the municipalities that organises the most sporting events each year." He thanked the Triathlon Club, Local Police, Guardia Civil and Red Cross "for their good management of the marathon."

Expected to compete will be runners from all over Spain, with outstanding athletes such as the winner of the last editions Mario García and the winner of several editions, Beatriz Jiménez.

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Grown in Spain since Phoenician times more than 2,000 years ago, although native to the north the grape is found throughout the globe from Argentina to New Zealand.

The major producing Spanish regions are Rioja in north central Spain and the more southerly Ribera del Duero,

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Robert Mckintosh

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Tempranillo with its savoury qualities pairs well with all food, including regional Spanish cuisine, ham, lamb, grilled meats, casseroles and game, dishes with tomato-based sauces, Polenta, and Mexican food including tacos, nachos and burritos.

Alternatively try it along with a nice Manchego cheese with crusty bread.

Happy tasting.

BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



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House prices in Spain increase by 16 per cent

THE price of houses in Spain has increased 16 per cent since the end of 2014, according to a report by the Bank of Spain.

This is a significant improvement following the 37 per cent drop the market experienced after the 2007 financial crisis.

Investment in Spanish property has also grown about 1.5 per cent each year between 2014 and 2017, which has been put down to higher employment rates and rising disposable incomes.

According to the same report, there has also been a gradual increase in sales of Spanish property during this time period, with deals by international investors up a whopping 17 per cent. This also means the number of homes still left on the market is starting to go down.

The Bank of Spain also revealed that there is a

clear upward trend in mortgage stability. Given that the International Monetary Fund estimated that Spain's GDP growth will surpass 2.5 per cent by the end of 2017, making it the fastest growing economy in Europe, it would seem the country's recent financial stability is increasing investor confidence.

BBVA, Spain's second biggest bank, estimated that half a million properties would be sold in 2017, and figures at the six-month mark suggest that target would easily be met.

There are still several regions in Spain that stand-out in the recent property boom; however, including the Costa del Sol, Mallorca and the Costa Blanca. In fact, there has been a 43 per cent increase in real estate agencies in Malaga Province since 2013 as a result of the surge in demand.



BOOMING: The Spanish property market is the strongest it's been in recent years.

Nearly 30,000 property sales were recorded in the region from June 2016 to June 2017, marking an increase of almost 10 per cent from the previous 12-month period, according to data from the Registrar's Association.

The good news does not stop there as the country's prime property hotspots are expected to continue to increase in value this year, according to a report by global real estate consultants Knight Frank.

Mark Harvey, head of European Sales at Knight Frank revealed that enquiries for Spanish homes are up 150 per cent year-on-year. He credited the strengthening euro as one of the reasons why international investors were keen to invest their money in the Spain market.

The study also revealed which nationalities

monopolised the key property hotspots. Madrid's main investors were from Venezuela, Mexico and Switzerland while Barcelona was popular among those from France, Turkey and the US.

In Marbella, the main foreign investors tended to be from Germany, Morocco, Russia and Scandinavia while in Mallorca the market belonged to the Brits, the Belgian and the Dutch.

The predicted increase in prices also looks promising to those looking to make an investment on a Spanish home, as a property in an 'in-demand' location is likely to bring high returns.

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Spot Transfer

Making an immediate overseas payment at the going market rate is known as a spot transfer. It can be beneficial if the market is currently in your favour and you have the money ready to send.

Forward Contract

If the markets are in a favourable position, but you haven't sold your Spanish property yet or aren't quite

ready to send money back to the UK, you can use a forward contract to 'freeze' the EUR/GBP exchange rate for up to a year. You can then transfer your funds at the rate you've fixed when you want to, allowing you to budget effectively and protecting you from negative shifts in the currency market.

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What else do you need to know?

As the last couple of years have shown, exchange rates are really volatile things. Even when there aren't major events like the German election and Catalanian referendum to contend with, euro exchange rates can move by as much as 5% in a matter of weeks.

Mistiming your currency transfer and choosing to move your money home from Spain when the euro is weaker could have a significant impact on how many pounds you receive – so it's important to stay on top of the latest market movements.

Subscribing to receive regular market updates from your currency broker is one of the easiest ways to keep track of what exchange rates are up to. With Currencies Direct you can even set up a Rate Alert and get an instant email or text when your target rate is achieved.

Maximise your money when moving it home from Spain by looking into your currency transfer options today.

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Sweeten up your garden with sugar cane

GRAEME TYRRELL

BRIGHT sunny spots in the Mediterranean garden are often a challenge to find plants hardy enough to tolerate the intense heat and sun and yet be strong enough to resist the cold winter months with shorter day length.

An interesting alternative to the more common species for these zones that requires minimal maintenance and provides a wonderful food source is sugar cane, (*Saccharum officinarum*).

Sugar cane has been grown commercially in Spain for hundreds of years, especially along the Mediterranean coast, but production declined when it was found to be more economical to grow in the New World after Christopher Columbus took plants there to grow on the tropical islands off Central America.

For the home gardener it is a great alternative to bamboo as it is less invasive and gives the option of extracting the wonderful sugar cane juice.

The sugar cane plant grows and looks similar to bamboo as it is of the grass family of plants,

Poaceae. With stalks of cane growing up to four metres high and with a width of five centimetres, it has wonderful flowering tassels at the top of the canes that are often called arrows, due to the flowers form appearing as an arrow head.

The tassels wave in the wind giving a gentle relaxing rhythm reminiscent of the waves in the sea. The leaves are long, a very distinct shade of green and



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GREEN FINGERS: Growing and flowering sugar cane.

rustle in the wind. The canes can be used like bamboo for making supports in the garden, or other structures.

The juice from the mature canes is used to make crystallised sugar, molasses and syrups. Sugar is controversial for its health benefits as the refined sugar made from the juice has chemicals including added sulphur, which makes it acidic in nature, but the natural juice is deliciously sweet and alkaline has many positive health benefits. It is recognised in Ayurvedic and other traditional medicines as therapeutic.

Extracting the juice requires a strong press to remove cleanly but alternatives are to boil down the inner core of the canes to make a syrup, or use a powerful blender or juicer.

In India it is a common refreshment with lime juice and ginger, added from street vendors all over the country using what looks like a washing machine wringer to crush and extract the juice.

The plants are easy to grow from the stalks, by planting a piece from a strong healthy plant about 30 - 40 centimetres long with three or four joints which the plant will grow from. Growing from seed can give very variable results as the sugar cane can cross with other Poaceae species and may not be true to the parent plant. It takes two to three years for the emerging canes to be mature enough to produce the juice that can be extracted and be tall and thick enough to harvest as canes.

They are best grown in a position in full sun all year but protected from the cold if only growing a few as an ornament feature.

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SPRING DREAMS: Tulips come in a variety of colours and styles, and can brighten up even the dullest of gardens.

WHILE tulips are most associated with Holland, they actually originate from Southern Europe and Central Asia, so make the perfect addition to brighten up a Spanish garden.

Tulips are a member of the lily family and there are around 100 variations of the tulip bulb to choose from, meaning you can have a lot of fun experimenting with colours and displays.

While tulip bulbs seem quite delicate on first appearance, they are actually fairly hard and easy to grow. When choosing your bulbs, look for ones that are firm when you

squeeze them, with an intact outer skin. They also need to be a reasonable size to be able to flower in their first year.

The best time to plant tulip bulbs is in October or November, as they tend to flourish in cooler weather. However, if you live in an area where the temperature doesn't tend to drop too low, keep the bulbs in the fridge for a few weeks before planting, usually four is enough.

Tulip mania

You can either plant tulips in individual holes or one big hole, but make sure you leave around 15cm between each bulb and plant them twice as deep as the bulb is high.

Tulips thrive in sunny spots, and won't flower well unless they receive enough natural light. Also make sure they're planted in soil with good drainage, but you can also plant them in pots or raised beds to better control their water supply.

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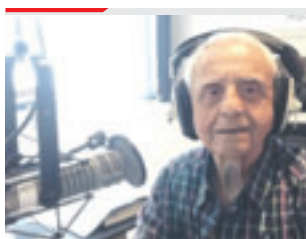


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MANY times in a week I am informed that a dog only understands German, French, Spanish, or English.

I find that many owners and some trainers have a misguided perception of what a dog really is and entertain false expectations of their pet. Most think their pet is a small hairy person based on the assumption that a dog's level of understanding is equal to their own.

It is vital to keep in mind that dogs do not have the capacity to intercept human language, behaviour or emotions.

How intelligent is a dog?

Dogs are capable of linking two ideas together, but cannot link actions, which are separated to another time. If for example a dog makes a mess during your absence there is no point in telling the dog off or getting annoyed; the dog's brain cannot link the action. Many will say 'He knows he has done wrong', he does not, the brain is not formulated this way.

A dog's brain is much smaller than man's, in particular the cerebrum - the portion of the brain associated with intellectual function, emotion and personality. Dogs cannot understand our human language. It is far more important to use sound patterns, intonation and facial and body language as a form of communication.

A dog wants to please and all learning should be based on a positive reinforcement of reward. Owners should keep in mind that a large part of a dog's brain is occupied with sensory activity, particularly the interpretation of scent.



CHASING INSTINCT: Can be managed.

Instinct is something either there or not there.

Dog's natural instinct plays a vital role and often it is difficult to understand why so few dog owners can differentiate between in-

stinct and intelligence. Instinct is an urge from within which makes a dog act in certain ways and has no connection with intelligence.

Dog's first instinct is to survive, when a pup is born he squirms

about until he finds a teat and then sucks it. No intelligence or learning by any association plays a part in the process.

The maternal instinct tells the female to clean up the foetal membrane and stir the puppy into action by licking it. The female is not taught, as she has not seen another female do this. Most instincts provide pleasure to the dog, and because it associates the action with pleasure, the instinct grows stronger with usage.

Instinct can be strengthened, weakened or diverted, it cannot be put there and it cannot be taken away. It might lie dormant, but once developed it can never be weakened.

A dog with an obsession for chasing balls or chewing socks can be controlled by training and by providing other outlets for his energy. The same if a young dog is corrected the first time he chases a car he may give up the idea, but if he is allowed to chase cars the hunting instinct becomes stronger, and in no time it will be very difficult, even impossible to cure the habit.

Instinct also covers survival, hunting, guarding, and the pack.

Doggy sick day



HOUND-BREAKING: More people could soon be able to claim sick leave to look after their pets.

By Kat Ashton

AN Italian woman was granted sick pay for taking time off to care for her sick dog. The woman, an academic from Rome's La Sapienza University, won the landmark court case where she argued that taking time off to care for sick pets should be legally allowed.

The woman claimed that she should be compensated for the two days she took off to care for her 12-year-old English setter,

who had recently undergone surgery.

The dog-lover had some help from one of the biggest animal rights groups in Europe, the Italian Anti-Vivisection League (LAV), whose president Gianluca Felicetti declared that the court win was "a significant step forward that recognised that animals that are not kept for financial gain or their working ability are effectively members of the family". The woman's lawyers argued that her employers should have

allowed her leave on the grounds that it was an absence related to 'serious or family personal reasons'. Their reasoning was supported by an exception in Italian law that punishes people who abandon an animal 'grave suffering' by punishing them for a year or fining them up to €10,000.

The court case was a landmark victory for animal lovers, as this marked the first time an Italian court allowed someone to receive sick pay while caring for a sick pet.

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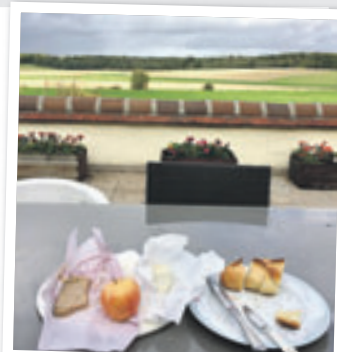
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Motoring shorts

Goodbye gearbox

BETTER efficiency and more choice have seen automatics now account for more than a third of all new car sales. The clutch is still dominant but future trends clearly favour the automatic.

A report from Glass’s, a car guide specialist, found that the automatic’s share of the UK market has leapt from 15 per cent in 1997 to 35 per cent in 2017.

The firm also found that premiums have increased on automatics across the board. They are now 4 per cent more expensive on average than their manual equivalent.

This is because their retained value is also improving. After two years of use, manuals typically are valued at less than half their purchase cost. Automatics, however, retain 55 per cent of their value.

Brexit’s luxury gamble

Hopes and fears for UK’s niche motors

by **Matthew Elliott**

A HARD Brexit could threaten Britain’s continued leadership in the motoring world’s luxury market. The UK is currently a global trailblazer in the specialist and high-performance car production business.

But that could all change according to a study from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). If leaving the EU means tighter import restrictions and costs, the study suggests that British superiority might be over.

“We need certainty on Britain’s future trading relationships, including customs plans, market access, regulations gov-

erning the design, production and approval of vehicles”, said SMMT boss Mike Hawes.

But Aston Martin chief executive Andy Palmer, who described Britain as the ‘Treasure Island’ of the European motor market, isn’t concerned.

“The UK is too important for European manufacturers”, he

said. “If you take away the treasure then it becomes just an island.

“Brexit is something we will manage and move on - it’s the British spirit. We’ve good products we need to engineer and

launch and we are not letting it get in the way”, he added.

There are more than 60 specialist car manufacturers in the UK. Turnover for the market last year was an incredible £3.6 billion (€4) billion. Aston Martin, Bentley, Lotus, Caterham, and McLaren are just a few of the biggest names.

Two out of every three specialist cars produced in the UK are exported to the rest of the world. There are 32,000 built annually now, expected to rise to more than 50,000 by 2020, assuming Brexit doesn’t interfere.



HOME GROWN: Aston Martin isn’t fussed about a hard Brexit.

Porsche 718s get GTS

GTS versions of Porsche’s 718 Boxster Convertible and Cayman Coupe have been unleashed. Both boast 365hp and top speeds of 180mph, being capable of hitting 62mph from a dead-start in just over four seconds.

The release is being interpreted as Porsche trying to fix the Boxster and Cayman’s less than stellar reputations. While the German giant’s GTS models have enjoyed critical acclaim thanks to their engineering prowess and manual gearbox options.

Both the new Boxster and Cayman will have six-speed manual gearboxes as standard. Those who prefer automatic have a seven-speed PDK option.

They are 35hp more powerful than previous incarnations of the models. The GTS logo is emblazoned over both cars, which boast 20-inch black, satin-finished alloy wheels.

A Sports Chrono Package,

Active Suspension Management, Porsche Torque Vectoring, and electrically adjustable seats are included in both packages.

Both the new 718 models are available to order now.

Deliveries are already pencilled in for December across the continent. The 718 Cayman GTS starts at around €70,000, and the 718 Boxster GTS at around €72,000.



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Wake-up call for England in Rugby League World Cup



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with Andrew Atkinson

ENGLAND face Australia in Melbourne in the opening match of the 2017 Rugby League World Cup on Friday - with preparations of tailor-made mattress toppers and personalised pillows.

"Quality sleep on a familiar surface is proven to enhance recovery rates naturally," said Rugby Football League Head of Human Performance, Richard Hunwicks.

Members of the England squad will be hoping to benefit from the tailor-made mattress toppers and personalised pillows in preparation for the 2017 Rugby League World Cup.

It is deemed the preparations will offer players a cooler,

pressure-relieving and more breathable sleeping surface - while in competition.

The England squad have undertaken pressure point testing, prior to the 2017 Rugby League World Cup, to determine preferred levels of mattress firmness in a bid to improve recovery rates and induce quality rest.

"This approach, accompanied by regulating breathing before sleep, will add to the detailed processes we have in place during the World Cup," said Hunwicks.

England are amongst 14 teams playing 28 games over a five week period - during October 27 - December 2 - in a bid to become World Champions on the international Rugby League stage.

After England's fixture against Australia in Melbourne they have two Group games - against Lebanon in Sydney and France in Perth. In addition to playing matches in Australia and New Zealand, there will be three pool matches played in Papua New Guinea.

"The challenge of training, games, travel and changing hotel beds on a weekly basis are all elements that can affect a player's rest and recovery," added Hunwicks.

And England and Castleford Tigers star Luke Gale said: "It can get pretty busy when on international duty with the training schedules, meetings, travel and games. A quality night's sleep is essential - to maintain our energy levels."

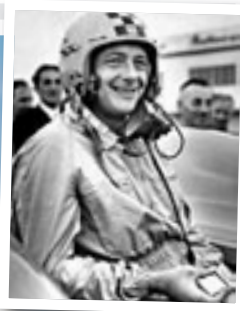
Gale, aged 29, who underwent an operation in September to have his appendix removed, said: "A lot of planning goes into the squad's performance."

Gale, who was set to miss the 2017 Rugby League World Cup having been rushed into hospital for emergency keyhole surgery, said: "The doctor said my season was over - and I wouldn't be going to Australia."

And half-back Gale quipped: "In Rugby League we tend not to listen to doctors. I'm feeling fit and healthy again."

On England's preparations, Gale added: "It's good to know that we're leaving no stone left unturned when it comes to doing our best at the World Cup."

The 2017 Rugby League World Cup Final will be staged at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on Saturday December 2.



50 YEARS AGO: Donald Campbell and Bluebird K7 (insets).

Campbell-Bluebird - 50 years on

THE Coniston Power Boat Records week gets underway on Monday on Coniston Water - featuring all classes of boat in the finale to the 2017 racing season - 50 years after Donald Campbell's tragic death.

In 1964 Campbell broke both world land and water speed records, making history. Three years later Campbell, aged 46, died on Coniston - a mere split-second from claiming

the water speed record for an eighth time.

In 2017 hydroplanes, inshore circuit racers and offshore boats are entered for the Coniston Power Boat Records week.

Bluebird was raised from Coniston Water in 2001 and donated to the Ruskin Museum in Coniston. The Coniston Power Boat Records week takes place during October 30 - November 3.

SPAIN'S two-times F1 world champion Fernando Alonso is looking ahead to 2018 - with the Gods mapping out his future: better times are coming.

"I believe things happen because they have to happen," said Alonso, who is competing in the F1 2017 Grand Prix in Mexico on Sunday October 29.

Alonso's last F1 win was the 2013 Spanish Grand Prix at the Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona. It was Alonso's 32nd Grand Prix victory.

Looking ahead to 2018, Alonso - whose odds to win in Malaysia on October 1 were an astonishing 400-1 - said: "Next year there are minimum changes of regulations."

Renault will be supplying Alonso's current team McLaren's engines in 2018, and he said: "I think the rate of development this year has been very high - because of new regulations - and there will be extra development over the winter."

Alonso, who has approaching 100 podiums, finishing first on 32 occasions, sees his fall from the top of F1 as fate: "All the things that happen - in a race, in a championship, or in your life - are for a reason," he said.

"Better times are coming - I prefer to think that way," said Alonso, who tipped Lewis Hamilton for the 2017 F1 title, ahead of Sebastian Vettel.

Alonso, who has competed against both Hamilton and Vettel for world titles, revealed he punched a fist into a wall in frustration after the 2017 Singapore GP.

Alonso, who went out of the race at the first corner, said: "It was frustration.

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SPAIN'S F1 STAR ALONSO: Destiny awaits.

Destiny awaits Alonso in 2018

"I want to be competitive - back in victory for the F1 world championship."

That podium could have been one of the biggest things of my career - and we missed it."

Alonso, who ended Michael Schumacher's reign at the top, moved to McLaren, had spells with Renault and Ferrari, and clocked up 17 victories, with three championship runner-up titles.

Oviedo born Alonso, aged 36, secured his first F1 race drive with Minardi, prior

to joining Renault as a test driver in 2002, becoming a race driver in 2003.

In 2005, aged 22, Alonso made history by becoming the youngest ever pole-sitter in Malaysia, and the youngest winner, with maiden victory in Hungary.

In 2007 Alonso moved to McLaren, alongside Hamilton, returning to Renault in 2008 - gaining victories at the inaugural F1 night race in Singapore - fol-

lowed by a race win in Japan.

In 2010 Alonso took just one podium, in Singapore. A move to Ferrari followed, to partner Felipe Massa, a season that saw Alonso gain five wins - finishing behind new world champion Sebastian Vettel.

Alonso's second season with Ferrari saw victory at Silverstone - followed by nine podiums - finishing fourth overall.

In 2012 Alonso won the Malaysian GP, and victory in front of a home crowd in Valencia saw Alonso head the drivers' standings, only to be thwarted by Vettel, who won a third F1 title.

Alonso achieved wins in China and Spain in 2013 - along with seven podium standings - but Vettel was crowned F1 Champion, yet again.

In 2014, despite Alonso's two podium finishes, the team failed to win for the first time since 1993, leading to Alonso returning to McLaren.

In a woeful 2015 campaign Alonso scored points - in just two races - ending the season with a paltry 11 points.

Alonso, who was lucky when he avoided serious injury following a crash at Melbourne's Albert Park in 2016, said: "I want to be competitive next year, back on the podiums. I want to be back in victory - fighting for the world championship. I remain optimistic."

Despite no F1 wins during the 2017 season - and no podium placings, Alonso is undeterred: "I think positive - always.

"What has happened this year is because destiny wanted that - it is taking care of our luck for better opportunities."

SERGIO GARCIA has won the Andalucia Valderrama Masters. The Spaniard, whose foundation hosted the event, carded a final round four-under-par 67 to beat Dutchman Joost Luiten by one shot.

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Spain to face England in U17 World Cup final

By Benjamin Park

SPAIN will play England in the final of the U17 World Cup after a 3-1 victory over Mali in the semi-final.

Abel Ruiz's first half double, his fifth and sixth goals at the tournament, and a Ferran Torres header were enough to defeat the African Cup of Nations Champions and secure La Rojita's progression to the final.

Spain took the lead early in the first half as Barcelona youngster Ruiz converted a 20th minute penalty after

Cesar had been fouled.

Mali seemed to be the better of the two sides in the opening 25 minutes but struggled to break the Spanish side down, who were very comfortable in possession and seemed to want to slow the game down.

And Ruiz had his sixth goal of the tournament late in the second half after he finished a perfectly weighted pass from the ever dangerous Cesar.

Mali came out fighting in the second half and seemed to be back in the game after Cheick Doucoure smashed

the ball off the underside of the bar and it looked to have crossed the line.

But with no goal-line technology at the tournament, the goal was not given, leaving the Mali players and bench furious.

Spain soon capitalised on their good fortune as Ferran Torres headed home Sergio Gomez's cross all-but sealing the victory.

Despite Mali's quick response through N'Diaye and a lot of late pressure from the African side, it was too little too late as Spain held out to reach the final.



SPAIN: Abel Ruiz helped secure a victory for his country against Mali.

They now face England in the final, who secured their

place in the final with a dominating 3-1 semi-final win over Brazil.

Liverpool youngster Rhi-an Brewster scored his second hat-trick in as many games as he continues to fill the void left after Jadon Sancho was recalled by Borussia Dortmund.

The Young Lions, who are yet to lose at the U17

World Cup, could cap off an amazing tournament year for England with a victory in the final and will look to follow in the footsteps of their U20 and U19 counterparts.

England have already won the U20 World Cup in South Korea and also the Under 19 European Championships in July.

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