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## Ferry horror

### Fire leaves dozens injured

Tributes are pouring in for Mallorca's emergency services after a major disaster was averted.

It comes after a French ferry with 470 passengers and 137 crew members aboard was forced to make an emergency stop in Mallorca after it caught fire at sea.

The blaze broke out in the hold of the vessel, named Tariq Ibn Ziyad, while en route from Marseille to Algerian capital Algiers, with a distress call placed and around 35 cars torched, Spanish authorities said.

Three people were hospitalised and another 26 treated for smoke inhalation and minor injuries at Alcudia Port after a field hospital was set up.

Firefighters managed to extinguish the flames, with passengers and crew placed on



**SHAKEN:** Families are escorted off the boat (inset).

two replacement boats from parent company Algerie Ferries.

Mayor of Alcudia, Antoni Mir, said: "It was very difficult for them to enter at first.

"It was a very big operation. There were 15 Civil Protection response teams.

"People were scared and needed to be calmed down because they didn't know

whether their car had been affected. There was a brief outbreak of violence."

Those on board are reported to be mostly French and Algerian.

## Physical graffiti

IN an act of graffiti the Spanish flag was painted on the staircase outside a Santa Margalida secondary school.

There is suspicion that the IES Santa Margalida was targeted by political activists as it recently held a talk by controversial Mallorcan rapper Valtoryc.

He spoke in March after being sentenced to three years in prison for glorifying terrorism and insulting the Spanish royal family.

School head Joan Miquel Font said: "acts like this have no positive consequences" and confirmed that he had contacted the Balearic education ministry and Santa Margalida Council.

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## Wet and wild

THE high winds that battered Mallorca produced waves measuring up to a staggering 11.7 metres in height for the first time since 2001. It comes after gusts of up to 129 km/h were recorded off the Tramuntana Mountains as windows were smashed and yachts floated out to sea after breaking free of their moorings.



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**NEWS EXTRA****Holiday flights**

LOW-cost airline Jet2 will be offering an extra 12 flights to Palma from the UK over Christmas, six from Manchester and six from Leeds, between December 20 and January 6.

**Gun attack**

**POLICE are hunting armed robbers who threatened staff at a Santa Ponsa arcade with what appeared to be a pistol before making off with €700.**

**Wrong era**

A SENIOR director at the Consell de Mallorca sparked outrage when he was spotted patting the behind of a female colleague just before a public event in Palma kicked off.

# Feeling bullish

## Balearic fighting ban in peril

THE Spanish government will launch an appeal against the bloodless bullfighting law that took effect in Mallorca this summer. Madrid has announced its intention to appeal certain sections of the law, which expressly forbids the killing of bulls.

It is unclear which sections of the law the central government is unhappy with. But it has petitioned judges at the high court to temporarily suspend the law while the appeal process is underway.

This would make traditional bullfighting legal once again in the Balearics, barely four months after the law successfully passed through parliament. The season is over but it is unknown how long the appeal process will last, or whether judges will suspend the law.

Spokeswoman of the Balearic executive, Pilar

Costa, said they had anticipated an appeal from Madrid. It was not political interference, she said, but part of the democratic process. Nevertheless, the Balearic authorities "will defend this law before the courts," she stated.

The basis of the government's appeal is that the law, which permits bullfighting as



**PALMA BULLRING: Could be bloodstained again.**

a spectacle but imposes severe restrictions, undermines its competence to ensure all Spaniards can exercise their rights, and to protect Spain's cultural heritage.

A Catalan law that banned bullfighting outright was struck down by the Constitutional Court in 2016. Judges

ruled that the state had the responsibility to conserve and protect bullfighting as a cultural heritage.

The Balearic ban was designed to circumvent that reasoning by allowing a bloodless spectacle. Whether that has worked remains to be seen.

## Porn charges dropped

THE parents of Nadia Nera have been acquitted of child pornography and exhibitionism charges. Fernando Blanco and Margari-da Garau are still facing prison for allegedly raising almost €1 million to cure their daughter's medical condition and spending most of it on themselves.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News* the couple, who previously lived in Mallorca, are accused of spending around €600,000 of the money raised for their 'personal enjoyment'.

Nadia, aged 11, lives in Mallorca with relatives and suffers from a rare inherited disease that causes brittle bones. Prosecutors believe her parents, now on trial in Lleida, perpetrated a 'large scale fraud' by profiting from her pain.

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## LETTERS

Readers' views on  
eclectic  
topics in  
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# Freedom march

YELLOW ribbons were worn as thousands of people marched in Palma to demand the release of Catalan politicians. Banners read 'free political prisoners' and there were a few Republican flags in sight from the Civil War era. Protesters called on the EU to step in.

## Clock stops

A WATCH shop with a history spanning 132 years has become the latest iconic Palma business to close. Pere Caminals, owner of Relojería Española, cited economic difficulties, his advanced age and lack of family willing to keep the business alive as reasons for the closure.

## Road danger

SINCE January, 52 people have been killed on Balearic roads, including 31 in Mallorca. Traffic authorities have pledged to enact more police controls on dangerous roads and set up new speed cameras. So far the number of deaths on Mallorca is 10 fewer than last year.

## Shell shocked

NINETY Mediterranean tortoises were released into the wild at Llucmajor. They were among roughly 1,000 tortoises staying at a Balearic sanctuary who have been rescued after injury. Animal protection authority Cofib gradually prepares the reptiles for life back in the wild.

## End of an era

SIXTY years after opening, the Cine Goya is looking for a buyer. The promoters of CineCiutat are interested in snapping up the iconic Manacor property. A local Muslim group might convert the 500 seat auditorium into a prayer room, while hotel chains have al-

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...37

With Christmas around the corner, Kat Ashton says it's time to break out one of the season's most beloved tipples - and one of Spain's greatest exports - Sherry.

# A vine art

SHERRY is unique fortified wine closely associated with Spanish festivities, particularly in the southern province of Andalucía. The name 'Sherry' is an Anglicisation of Jerez, a town in Andalucía near Cadiz, where the wine has been made for centuries.

The so-called 'Sherry Triangle' is marked by the towns of Jerez de la Frontera, Sanlúcar de Barrameda and El Puerto de Santa Maria. The towns are only about 20 minutes apart and all have a longstanding tradition of producing the drink.

Like cava or Iberian ham, Sherry has protected designation of origin status and only wine produced in the 'Sherry Triangle' can legally be labelled with the name.

Most Sherries are initially dry to begin with, as they are fortified following fermentation, with sweetness being added later. A typical bottle contains 15 to 17 per cent alcohol by volume.

Fino is considered one of the best Sherries out there



**BARREL OF FUN:** The traditional wooden barrels used to make Sherry in Jerez.

and is also one of the driest. It is aged under a layer of yeast which protects it from oxygen, so even though the average bottle might be seven years old, it still tastes very fresh.

Manzanilla is another popular variety, and can only be produced in the town of Sanlúcar de Barrameda. It is known for being very pale and dry, and also has a slight salty aroma as it is produced so close to the sea.

# A drop of history

THE practice of wine-making was first introduced to the region by the Phoenicians in 1100 BC. The Moors then introduced the process of distillation, needed to make fortified wine, when they conquered the region in 711 AD.

By the end of the 16th century, Sherry had become popular across Europe and became particularly popular in Great Britain after English sea captain Francis Drake invaded Cadiz in 1587.



Credit: Andy/Facebook

so shown some interest.

## Villa scam

A SCAM artist who advertised luxury Mallorca villas online was jailed for

five years by a Berlin court. More than 70 hapless tourists paid up front then landed on the island to find empty properties. The scammer was part of a sophisticated gang which is still at large.

# Finest wine

THE world's most expensive bottle was sold at the London auctioneers Sotheby's in 2001 for \$43,500 (around €37,000). The bottle was dated in 1775, and was found in the Massandra cellars in the Crimea, Ukraine. This particular Sherry gained more fame several years later when Russian President Vladimir Putin and Italy's ex-Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi drank a bottle of the 240-year-old wine while visiting the cellar, which had then reached an estimated value of more than \$90,000 (€77,000).

**PRICEY:** The most expensive bottle of sherry sold for more than €37,000 at auction.

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- 2 Temperatures set to soar this weekend on the Costa del Sol - **4,541**
- 3 Europe's largest man-made beach to be built in Spain - **4,163**
- 4 Out-of-control Chinese Space station could hit Spain 'within months' - **2,771**
- 5 In pictures: Snow falls in northern Spain as weather warnings issued for Balearics - **2,758**

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## Poll of the week

**Should Spain follow Thailand's example and ban smoking on its beaches?**

### LAST WEEK'S POLL:

**Is it wrong not to wear a poppy ahead of Remembrance Day?**

**Yes = 38%**

**No = 62%**

## Top Social Media comments

**INNOCENT: Man accused of dragging dog behind his vehicle released by police** - Now that he is apparently exonerated, I'm sure all the posters of previous, vile, aggressive, messages will publicly retract. *Patrick Murphy*  
 Whichever way you look at this it was stupid. It could also encourage other twisted people to do the same. *Jenny Dodd*

Vile! Who tied the dog must be put in prison. And him for even saying this. Vile people. *Beverley Wheeler de Soler*

**Belt up in Spain and don't get fined!** - Should do it for phones as well never seen so many people driving while on their mobile in Spain. *Pat Ward*

**Spanish rider Mark Marquez is youngest four-time MotoGP champ** - What an achievement, such skill, and stamina. Congratulations *Debbie Ray*

Fair play. You can't beat real talent. *Tomas Kirken*  
**Ex-shelter boss becomes first person in Spain to be jailed for animal abuse** - Not good enough! If it were just the animal cruelty charges, she would not have got a prison sentence! It is the other charges that has gotten her

time in jail. That said, I hope she rots!! *Kate Jenn*  
 Not long enough... disgusting woman. The law is long overdue on dealing with animal abusers... they should be given the same sentences as child abusers and murderers. *David Ogilvy*

**Brits held in one of Spain's largest ever cocaine busts** - That's a great result, nothing to be sniffed at there. *Charles Daniel Darius McDonald*  
 There goes their WHITE Christmas *Matt Silver*  
 Great, glad they are caught. I am ashamed to hear it is Brits. *Janine Turner*

**POPPY SHOCK: Seller sent packing from Axarquía car boot sale** - Ridiculous. Won't let someone sell poppies for a day outside the gates even, yet beggars are allowed continually outside Lidl, Aldi, Mercadona. Shame on the Lions. *Nicki Morley*

This is a shame as the Lions are a pretty together outfit and certainly have raised plenty of money themselves. Perhaps there are now so many people shaking boxes in front of you that this is the way to stop it. *Richard Taylor*  
 No, not justified. She was selling remembrance poppies, not selling goods for her own financial gain. *Carl Glover*

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When the mummy of Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II was sent to France in the mid-1970s, it was issued a passport, labelling him as 'King (deceased).'

The two shortest place names in the world are 'Å', used for five villages in Norway and one in Sweden, and the small French hamlet of Y.

★★★★★★

### Did you know?

The Vatican Bank is the world's only financial institution that allows cash machine users to perform transactions in Latin.

### Lost in translation



Prenez garde, cette plante porte des piquants très acérés. Beware, this plant wears very sharp prickles.

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Little bits on the side



# From Russia with love

RUSSIAN propaganda is using Mallorca to sow discord in the west according to a European Union task force. The East StratCom Team was set up by the EU to combat Russian 'disinformation' campaigns.

It collates articles in Russian media disseminated in western countries which it considers to be propaganda. Among those highlighted is a recent article from the Kremlin-backed news agency Sputnik International, which has offices in London and Edinburgh.

Entitled 'This Spanish Region Mulls Independence Vote,' the article is based on the real news story that local environmentalist party Mes per Mallorca want independence for the Balearic Islands. It was written as the Catalan crisis unfolded and inspired by remarks made by Mes spokesman David Abril, who suggested a Balearic referendum could be held in the next 20 years.

But the article deceives readers by presenting Mes per Mallorca as the governing force of the Balearic Islands. It neglects to mention that the party is the junior coalition partner of the Socialists, who have expressed no appetite for Balearic or even Catalan independence, nor that Mes is the fourth largest political force on the islands.

East StratCom Team believe the article is part of a wider disinformation campaign related to the Catalan crisis. Other articles included the suggestion that an independent Cataluña would recognise the Russian-annexed territory of Crimea.



**RESCUED:** Guardia raided dozens of premises to save rare birds.

## Police tackle predators

POLICE raided zoos and bird centres across the islands, rescuing 23 birds of prey from illegal animal trafficking. Eight arrests were made on Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza, including the presidents of three falconry associations.

Operation Pihuelas also saw a monkey rescued by Guardia Civil officers. Two Bonelli's eagles and a peregrine falcon were among the

birds of prey taken into police care.

Inspections took place in Esporles, Cala Murada, Palma and Felanitx on Mallorca as police sought to ensure that bird breeding facilities were operating above board.

Most of the animals, including the eagles and monkey, seized came from a small breeding centre in Raiguer. Inspectors found no documentation for the

animals and made arrests for falsifying documents.

Police believe that the owners of the facility took newly hatched birds of prey from the wild, then forged documents to pretend they were born in captivity. This would allow them to be sold under current laws.

At the same location police uncovered a large-scale marihuana plantation, seizing 142 fully grown plants.

## Missing money suspect

THE former president of a Pollensa disability association is facing two years in prison for allegedly misappropriating funds.

The defendant, aged 58, is accused of diverting roughly €75,000 to his own company and buying personal gifts. He was president of Prodis from 1998 until 2010. During this time he had access to the organisation's bank accounts.

In 2005 a plasma television was purchased for €2,699 but never used by the association. The same year he charged Prodis with an invoice for a washing machine and dryer. Allegedly the purchase was never actually made.

Irregular billing accounted for around €25,000 of the missing funds. Some €35,000 prosecutors believe he simply transferred to his company's bank account without even an attempt at justification.



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## Get ready to rock

LEGENDARY rockers Guns N' Roses have announced they are playing two dates in Spain next year.

The band, which reunited in 2016 after 23 years apart, will headline the Madrid Download Festival on June 29 before playing Barcelona's Olympic Stadium on July 1.

The *Knocking on Heaven's Door* hit-makers are coming to Spain as part of their worldwide Not in This Lifetime tour, which will have been running for 27 months by the time the European leg is complete.

The tour will be the band's second longest after their Use Your Illusion Tour from January 1991 to July 1993. The LA-based band formed in 1985 and have sold more than 100 million albums backed up by a string of hits including *Paradise City*, *Welcome to the Jungle* and *Sweet Child O'Mine*.

The new tour is so-named after lead guitarist Slash replied, "not in this lifetime," when asked in 2012 if the band would ever reform.



**STILL GOT IT: Guns N' Roses.**

**HAVING A BATH: Rita Ora.**



Phot by Rita Ora/Instagram

## Forgotten something?

**CHART TOPPER** Rita Ora set tongues wagging after turning up for the 2017 MTV Europe Music Awards in a bath robe and towel.

The braless 26-year-old songstress then flashed her underwear as she shocked on the red carpet before hosting the glitzy London event.

And after changing outfits a staggering 13 times during the show, the *How We Do* singer revealed that next year's ceremony will be held in the northern Spanish city of Bilbao.

## Style queen

**DOCTOR WHO** and *Victoria* actress Jenna Coleman brought some extra glamour to the Madrid Heroes Comic Con this year. The 31-year-old star, who shot to fame in *Emmerdale* in 2005, made a personal appearance in the Spanish capital and looked stunning in a navy polka dot dress with her brown hair in loose waves.



**GLAM: Jenna Coleman.**

## Abs-olutely fabulous

**SHE'S** the Latina songstress known for her stellar figure and racy onstage outfits.

And mother-of-two Jennifer Lopez, 48, has hit the headlines again after her new single shot to number one in Spain.

A happy looking J-Lo was spotted wearing an oversized fur coat in New York after her Spanish-language hit *Amor Amor Amor* topped the charts in both Spain and Puerto Rico within hours of its release.



Phot by YouTube

**TOP OF THE POPS: J-Lo in her new video.**

The track is the second taken from her new album *Por la Primera Vez* featuring Puerto Rican star Wisin. The accompanying video shows an age-defying Lopez flaunting her famous curves as she dances on a New York subway.

J-Lo's latest long player sees her collaborating with ex-husband Marc Anthony with whom she shares nine-year-old twins Max and Emme.

She is currently dating former baseball player Alex Rodriguez.

## Real daddy

**REAL MADRID** star Cristiano Ronaldo has celebrated the birth of his fourth child with girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez.

The Portuguese captain, 32, posted an image of his 22-year-old squeeze, baby daughter Alana Martina and eldest son Cristiano Jr onto his social media pages yesterday evening, before streaming live on Instagram as they returned home with their newborn daughter.



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## Petite village is on

A TINY village of 21 luxury homes of different sizes has been given the green light for Deia.

Real estate company Mar Mar will build its 'Petit Deia' development in Clot de Deia. Homes are expected to be ready for buyers by summer 2019. Each home will have its own parking space and there will be community areas.

The houses will be built using stone and complement the historic aesthetic of the Deia area. That they don't stand out too much was a key requirement to secure planning permission.

There is local opposition to the development from Agrupacio DEIA. The party says an extra 21 homes won't help with housing shortages and has pledged to try and 'paralyse' the project.



**DEADLY:** Xylella is killing Mallorca's almond and olive trees.

## Scientists stumble in tree cure

SCIENTISTS are struggling to identify the insect responsible for spreading the Xylella fastidiosa bacterium across Mallorca. The disease has now spread to more than one million olive, almond and vine trees across the island.

After six months of research, zoologist Miguel Angel Miranda of the University of the Balearic Islands told the European Congress on Xylella that his team had

had no luck. Only a few suspects had been identified, he said, chief among them a species of froghopper known as Philaenus spumarius.

That insect carries the disease from tree to tree in Italy, where a million trees were culled in 2010. But researchers in California, where the disease originated, have proven that it can be carried by multiple insects.

Without identifying the exact

insect responsible, Balearic scientists stand little chance of preventing the disease from spreading, without resorting to a disastrous cull.

The European Congress, which concluded yesterday, heard from Californian scientists that Xylella was still a major threat to the region, despite decades of spending and research.

The American state spends more than \$100 million (€85mn) per year simply learning from the disease, the Congress was told.

## Sensual satisfaction

A NEW project hopes to help sufferers of cerebral palsy develop their sex lives. Dating platforms and even sex assistants will be part of the plans devised by the Cerebral Palsy Association of the Balearic Islands (Aspace).

Aspace are set to work with around 70 people in different residences across the islands to help them express their sexual urges. They have been roughly split into three groups, each with different needs.

The first are those who simply need physical release. They will be provided with a private, sanitary space suited to their physical ability, where they can touch themselves freely.

The second group have the same basic desire but also want to attend workshops, helping them develop consciousness of their sexuality and explore ways of overcoming reduced mobility to express themselves sexually.

Third is the group with a higher level of sensuality and more complex sexual needs. Provided they are responsible, they might have the help of a sexual assistant. The role will be to encourage and assist mentally. No touching will be allowed.

To help those wanting a full sexual life, Aspace is working with other organisations to create Facebook and WhatsApp groups for dating. Consensual adults will be able to date and be given help finding privacy if they wish to get intimate.

**13** People died in car accidents in Spain last weekend according to the traffic directorate DGT.

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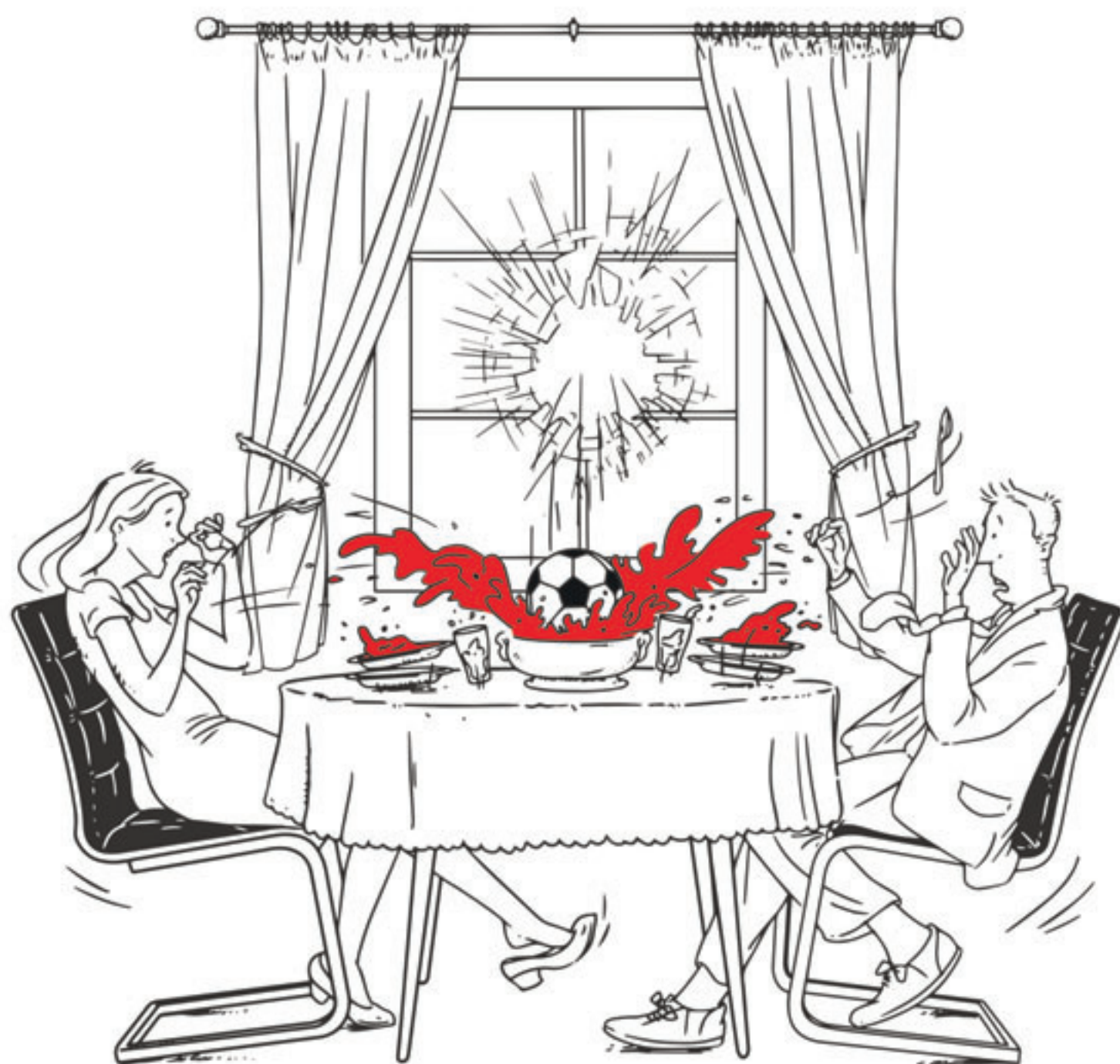
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# Fight over fossil fuels

## Madrid vetoes plant closure

PLANS to close the Es Murterar power plant in Alcudia by 2025 have been vetoed by Madrid. The Balearic executive wants to permanently shut down the plant, which uses coal, as part of a pledge to switch entirely to renewable energy.

But the national government has put a spanner in the works. The energy ministry released a statement that read: 'the cost of closing the Es Murterar plant is unaffordable for the Spanish electricity system.'

The government estimates the cost of closure at €200 million. But Balearic energy minister Marc Pons says his department's estimates are closer to €10 million.

He accused Prime Minister Rajoy of breaching European regulations and vowed to continue moving towards an emissions free Mallorca.

Pons reaffirmed that: "The Balearics will not authorise or accept a step back in everything that means the perpetuation of polluting power plants."

He also voiced suspicions that the Endesa power company, which owns Es Murterar, lent on Madrid to keep it open.

Madrid was thought to be on board with plans to progressively close the plant,



Photo credit: Wikimedia

**CONTROVERSY:** Workers have also protested potential plant closure.

making up the deficit with electricity produced in Son Reus and natural gas from Cas Tresorer.

According to Pons, closing the plant would reduce sulphur and nitrogen pollution in

the air, which is already at dangerous levels.

The islands currently meet just 3 per cent of their energy needs through renewable sources. By 2020 the figure is supposed to be 20 per cent.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Bench brawl

A POLICEMAN from Son Servera was convicted of assaulting a colleague in the changing room, pushing him over a bench and causing the victim months of lower back pain.

### Boy hero

JUDGES jailed a Palma man who tried to rape his ex-wife, only for him to be stopped by his nine-year-old child who entered the room armed with a knife to protect his mother.

### Super visit

POLICEMEN dressed as superheroes visited sick children in Son Espases in a pre-Christmas surprise involving Batman and Superman costumes, and officers in regular uniform.

### Anger issue

A WOMAN, aged 36, who assaulted a Manacor doctor in the emergency ward was let off the hook with a suspended sentence and insulted journalists on her way from the courtroom.

### Sex fiend

A MAN who repeatedly raped his sister-in-law's mentally disabled step-daughter at her Palma home was jailed for 12 years after the girl confided about the attacks to her classmates.

### Teen escape

A TEENAGE boy went missing from a group outing to Alaro castle, with police and fire-fighters still searching for the 16-year-old, who they suspect made a run for it, at the time of writing.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Tales from the Gulag

MALLORCA-born writer Roser Amills has written a new novel about Asja Lacis, a Latvian actress who spent years in the Soviet Gulag and was the lover of philosopher Walter Benjamin.

## Girl power

A MOTHER and daughter are on trial for squatting on the Bunyola finca of the girl's estranged father who accuses them of breaking in three years ago, changing the locks.

## Rally smash

A WOMAN and her teenage son suffered leg fractures when a car crashed into a wall during a rally race in Campanet. The car occupants, two brothers aged 29 and 35, were unharmed.



PEOPLE POWER: Palma has hit a new population high.

# Palma's a senior city

## Pensioner population rises and impacts on resources

DEMOGRAPHIC figures released by Palma Town Hall show that the city has hit a new population high. The percentage of registered inhabitants aged over 65 has also increased.

The official population now stands at 434,516, although this doesn't include people who aren't registered with the town hall.

Within one year an extra 4,000 people have joined the city's ranks,

an increase just shy of 1 per cent.

Among registered residents 15.5 per cent are pensioners aged 65 or older. This makes Palma slightly younger than Spain as a whole, where 18 per cent of residents are over 65.

The increase in older citizens is having an impact on resources. There are now 500 people waiting to join a care home. There is also a small core

of 138 centenarians, of whom 113 are women and 25 men. There are twice as many women in their 80s than men, but there are more males than females aged under 20.

Children aged under 14 account for 14.4 per cent of the population. Roughly six in 10 people work and pay taxes, while four in 10 are dependent on state assistance in some manner.

## Quality over quantity

ONE million less tourists might visit the Balearic Islands next year, Mallorca's Hotel Business Federation has warned.

Acting president of the federation, Gabriel Llobera, painted a bleak future of tourism on the islands at the World Travel Market in London. He described the tourist tax, recovery of the Greek market, and currency devaluation tricks from Tunisia and Turkey as major threats to the industry on Mallorca.

"The governments of other countries are getting in gear while we, on the other hand, are stuck," he said. "One million visitors can be lost, thinking otherwise is being blind to reality." He accused the Balearic executive of toying with the salaries of hotel employees by doubling the summer tourist tax while rivals slash prices.

Balearic tourism minister Biel Barcelo responded that the Balearic market has no room to grow it is so overcrowded.

Greece and Turkey both have tourism taxes in different guises, he said, arguing that low season popularity and spending are more important than volume in the summer.

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# Treasuring every moment...



By Karl Smallman

BRAIN CANCER battler Leo the Lion is putting up a brave

fight as his fifth birthday is now just a few weeks away.

Over the past two years Leo Bermejo, from Almeria has

undergone major brain surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK and travelled to Oklahoma in the United States for cutting edge proton-beam therapy.

But, despite all this, the 'monster' in his brain continues to grow.

Mum, Karen, has said that if he makes it to December 6 then Leo will have a party - only balloons and a birthday cake so he can blow out the candles.

Leo's Go Fund Me account has been closed and his fighting fund collection tins have now been brought in.

Karen said, "We have been very fortunate to receive so much overwhelming financial and emotional support during Leo's illness and we thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.



**BRAVE FIGHTER:** Leo, right, with sister Sofia.

"We have been able to give Leo the best chance possible to survive and be cured from this evil disease, but unfortunately the odds have been against him since day one when this monster grew in his head.

"Since Leo became terminal we have been able to take Leo

and Sofia to Euro Disney to make lifetime memories for us all to treasure forever.

"We have also been able to give Leo an early Christmas as it looks more and more unlikely that he will survive until then."

She explained how difficult it is watching the lump on the side of Leo's head get bigger.

"It is the hardest thing in the world watching him go downhill. We just need to focus on

making him as comfortable as possible."

"There is nothing more we could have done to give Leo a chance and we are at the point where nature has to take its course, even though a tiny part of me is still hoping for a miracle.

"At this stage the most important thing is that Leo does not suffer and he is made as comfortable as possible and we need to treasure every moment, every minute, every second we have with him now.

"Leo's legacy will live on and has changed so many people's outlook on life."

Karen went on to say that in the future she plans to do things to make a difference. To help families overcome the obstacles they have had which has made the fight even tougher.

"I do not know how yet or when I will be able to do this, but I will do something in Leo's name."

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# King of the swingers!

## Dad deserts son to visit sex club

A HORNY father has been held after leaving his four-year-old son in the car so he could visit a wife-swapping club.

The 40-year-old, who had allegedly been drinking, was so desperate in his search for a romp that he locked the child inside the vehicle before partying at the erotic nightspot in Dos Hermanas, Sevilla.

But the alarm was raised after Local Police received a call from an irate motorist whose parked car had been blocked in.

And when they arrived at the scene officers found the youngster "crying and screaming because he was cold," a police official said.

A National Police unit brought warm clothes and a search for the missing dad



**SHAMELESS:** The car park where the randy dad left his child.

was launched after his identity was confirmed in a call to traffic police.

Having failed to find him in nearby bars and restaurants, he was eventually

tracked down at the sex club, where he had made a payment with his credit card.

He was drunk and spent the night behind bars before being handed a six-month suspended sentence for abandoning a child, while the young boy was returned to his mother.

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By Matt Ford

THE disgraced former president of a Costa del Sol animal shelter is set to become the first person ever to be jailed for animal cruelty in Spain.

A Malaga judge has ordered Carmen Marin, who previously ran Torremolinos' municipal cat and dog sanctuary, to enter prison within the next four days.

The landmark decision comes three weeks after the Provincial Court upheld a three years and nine months sentence in the wake of an appeal.

Marin was last year found guilty of slaughtering thousands of animals from 2008-2010, despite preaching a zero sacrifice policy.

In a statement the judge said that Marin injected cats and dogs with euthanasia drugs "without any veterinary control or form of sedation, using inadequate methods and lower doses than recommended, causing prolonged agony."

This proved lucrative since the shelter received cash from the town council each time it took in a new animal.



**LAVISH LIFESTYLE:** Carmen Marin (inset) used shelter funds.

## Landmark decision Ex-shelter boss jailed for animal abuse

Although the majority of the sentence is related to forged documents, it is a historic case since one year of the punishment is for animal cruelty, the first time that someone has been imprisoned for such an offence in Spain.

If Marin fails to present herself to police by Wednesday, a search and capture warrant will be issued in her name.

Her sentence could yet be

extended as she and her two daughters remain under investigation by a Torremolinos court for suspected fraud, misappropriation and money laundering.

It is alleged that the trio used money from the shelter to fund a lavish lifestyle, including a €104,000 shopping trip, plastic surgery, luxury holidays to several countries, high-end cars and expensive meals.

# 'He's a clown'

## Foreign Secretary slammed by dinner guests

BORIS JOHNSON has left Spanish officials 'fuming' after speaking in support of bullfighting at an Anglo-Saxon dinner in Bath.

The gaffe came as the UK's Foreign Secretary told guests that attempts to ban the controversial practice are "political correctness gone mad."

MPs at the event to honour ties between the two countries said Johnson's 'lecture,' during which he encouraged Spanish officials to support the 'sport,' had sparked outrage.

A source told UK media: "He antagonised every Spaniard there. They fumed for the rest of the dinner."

"Bullfighting is the subject of lively debate. Some parts of Spain have banned it."

"The Spanish don't like people painting a caricature of their country as bullfighting, flamenco and paella."

One Spanish guest apparently remarked: "He's a clown. He's not fit to represent your country."

The Foreign Office said in a statement: "The Foreign Secretary was expressing a personal view that he respects this Spanish tradition."

"However, he does not personally support bullfighting and he is proud the UK upholds



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The ex-mayor of London's latest slip-up comes days after Prime Minister Theresa May was urged to sack him over comments he made which could see British mother Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe's Iran jail sentence doubled.

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# Busted!

## Trio of Britons held in major coke bust

SPANISH Police have arrested three Britons for their alleged involvement in one of the country's largest ever cocaine busts. The trio were held after officers seized 1.2 tonnes of the drug while carrying out raids near Almuñecar, Granada and in the Basque province of Guipuzcoa.

Two Spaniards were also detained during the operation.

A police official revealed that the men were members of an international drug trafficking organisation which smuggled drugs into northern Spain before sending them south and selling smaller amounts to other gangs, includ-

ing several in the UK.

Lorries registered to a haulage firm were used to transport the narcotics, and a particular British driver raised suspicions, leading investigators to tail him and a car being used as a lead vehicle to tip him off about police patrols.

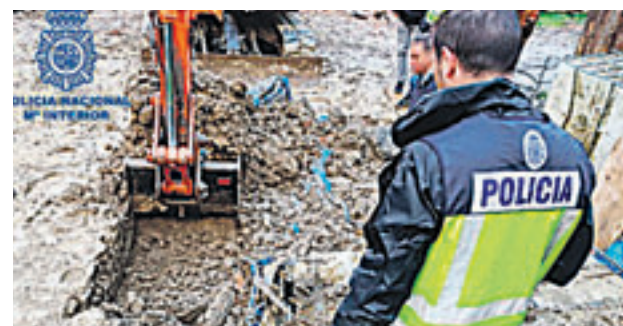
The spokesman said: "The person driving the lead vehicle, whose job it was to guide the lorry safely, led it to a remote property near San Sebastian."

Using secondary routes to avoid busier roads, both vehicles concluded their journey at a warehouse between Almuñecar and Salobrena in the province of Granada.

Police arrested three of the suspects as the driver began to offload his cargo, discovering that inside the boxes there were 483 packets of cocaine with 1,100 grams each in them, making a total of 531 kilos. Detectives then used shovels and a JCB digger to uncover an additional 678 kilos of the drug at an address in Zarautz, Basque Country, where the lorry had stopped on its way south.

A cannabis plantation was also found in an abandoned house on the property.

The official described the drug haul as "one of the largest ever intercepted on Spanish soil."



**DIGGING DEEP:** Police man a JCB.



**BRITISH DRIVER:** The lorry in Granada.



**HAUL:** The previously buried drugs.



**IN ATTENDANCE:** Simon Manley (centre) in Madrid.

## British Ambassador Simon Manley attends Madrid Remembrance Service

THE British Ambassador in Spain, Simon Manley, attended and read a lesson at the Service of Remembrance at St George's Anglican Church in Madrid. The Ambassador, who attends this service every year, was joined by diplomatic colleagues from across the Commonwealth, EU and other countries, as well as serving members of UK armed forces based in Spain, as part of NATO operations or bilaterally. In addition, a number of British consular teams also attended Remembrance Day events across Spain.

Simon Manley said: "Remembrance Day is a special moment for us all to remember those who serve, and have served, to keep us safe and free. I will remember the members of my own family who served: my father in the Eighth Army in North Africa and Italy, my maternal grandfather with the RAF in Sri Lanka, and my paternal grandfather with the RFC in France. It's absolutely right, in these turbulent times, to underline that the United Kingdom's commitment to Europe's security remains absolute."

## Belt up and don't get fined!

SPAIN'S new roadside cameras that automatically monitor the use of driver seat belts have started issuing €200 fines.

The first 50 cameras have come into full operation and eventually 227 will be rolled out.

The scheme has been trialled over the last two months with 331 drivers receiving an informative letter.

From now on if drivers are caught not wearing a seat belt they will be hit in the pocket with a fine notification in the post.

The Dirección General de Tráfico (DGT) say that the images captured by the cameras are subject to a 'strict quality control.'

They are sent every day to the Automated Complaints Treatment Centre, where software designed specifically for the purpose will review the photographs.

The software will discard photographs in which it detects that the driver is using a seat



**DRIVERS:** Don't forget to belt up.

belt. The remaining images are then manually reviewed.

If an offence is registered the image is sent to the corresponding Provincial Traffic Headquarters, where it is manually checked again.

The owner of the vehicle will then receive a request in the post to identify the driver

that appears in the photographs.

If a passenger appears in the photographs, their face is pixelated, so that they are not identified.

Once the driver has been identified the fine of €200 is issued and three points deducted from their licence.

If the vehicle owner does not name the person driving a penalty fine will be issued for not identifying the driver.

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## DENMARK

### Shoot scare

THREE people have been arrested in Copenhagen after a 22-year-old was killed, and another person was injured, during a shooting on Thursday, with one of those held allegedly connected to an organised crime network.

### Moving forward

THE Danish Transport Authority has approved a trial run of the first driverless bus service to be operated in the country, which, if successful, could give the futuristic project the green light for the future.

### Singles' sale

THE Danish electronics retailer 'Elgiganten' has paved the way for China's celebrated holiday 'Singles' Day' to become



**FURRY FRIENDS:** A Danish study found that cats could help prevent children from developing asthma.

equally as popular in Denmark by offering discounts to mark the occasion on Friday.

### Furry friends

SCIENTISTS from the Copen-

hagen Studies on Asthma in Childhood Research Centre (COPSAC) have concluded that having a cat in the home could help to prevent newborn babies from developing asthma later in life.

## GERMANY

### Third gender

GERMANY must create a third gender category for birth certificates after a court ruling found that forcing those born with characteristics of both genders to choose between registering as either male or female violated anti-discrimination laws.

### Doomsday plan

A LEAKED German military docu-

ment has revealed the country's concerns about the stability of the EU and has laid out plans in the case of an increase in extremist and terrorist activity.

### Killer nurse

A GERMAN nurse currently serving time in prison for taking the lives of two people is suspected of

killing over 100 in total, which would make him Germany's deadliest serial killer.

### Lucky escape

EMERGENCY services were able to rescue a 45-year-old German mountain climber who was trapped for five days after falling into a deep crevice in the Austrian mountains.

## FRANCE

### Free ride

TOWNS in France are choosing to scrap fees on public transport, with 15 towns to date making the move to encourage people to use public transport services instead of cars.

### Airport shocker

PARIS' Beauvais airport has been named the ninth worst airport in the world by travel site 'Sleeping at Airports,' following the likes of Juba International airport in war-torn Sudan and Port Harcourt International Airport in Nigeria.

### Poor parking

A LORRY driver in France accidentally parked his vehicle in the entrance to the metro, after allegedly forgetting to put the hand brake on which caused it to roll down the metro steps.

### Meat scrapped

FRENCH people have been urged by a health watchdog to cut down on the amount of meat and fish they eat in order to improve their health and save money.

## BELGIUM

### Smog salute

KING PHILIPPE and Queen Mathilde of Belgium were greeted on their trip to India by a thick layer of smog as they met with President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi.

### A sour turn

CARS were burnt and more than 20 police officers were injured when celebrations over Morocco's 2018 World Cup qualification turned violent in Brussels, as many Belgium-based Moroccans hit the streets to celebrate their home team's victory.

### On the loose

THERE are more than 250 ongoing cases of organised crime in Belgium, according to Home Affairs Minister Jan Jambon, with the number of cannabis-related incidents also on the rise.

### Lagging behind

BELGIUM is in danger of missing the European Union's target to reduce greenhouse gases by 20 per cent, despite the fact the block as a whole looks set to meet this goal by 2020.

## NETHERLANDS

### Paradise lost

THE Dutch government has agreed to review 4,000 tax deals offered to overseas companies between 2012 and 2016 after the 'Paradise Papers' revealed they gave one company an estimated tax break of almost €145 million.

### Striding ahead

A NEW study has revealed that Dutch women are more likely to have a university degree than men, as 45 per cent of those aged between 25 and 45, are graduates compared to just 39 per cent of men.

### In cold blood

AN Iranian political activist, who founded a nationalist pro-independence group for the Khuzestan Province, was shot dead in The Hague and police have detained a suspect who tried to flee the scene.

### Beer-bike ban

AMSTERDAM has banned 'bier-fet' beer bikes - a bar on wheels popular with stag parties - from streets in the city centre after a petition in 2016 gathered thousands of signatures to get rid of the 'nuisance.'

## NORWAY

### Armed forces

NORWAY's government looks set to bring in armed police at Oslo's Gardemoen Airport for a temporary three-month period as a result of increased global threats to security.

### Firearm fright

A 'CONFUSED' man in his 20s who allegedly fired a number of shots in the centre of Oslo has been held by police, but no one was injured during the incident and it has not been treated as a terror attack.

### Viking thieves

TWO people have been arrested on suspicion of stealing up to 400 Viking artefacts from the University Museum of Bergen, and police have already managed to retrieve a number of the stolen objects.

### Tremor terror

AN earthquake registering 3.8 on the Richter scale was felt in Norway's Bergen region and was the first time an earthquake of this strength had been felt in the region for 10 years.

## SWEDEN

### Parent time

A SURVEY by the Swedish Social Insurance Agency revealed that fathers now receive almost 30 per cent of the childcare benefits allocated to each set of parents, making it one of the world's most generous schemes.

### Topping charts

SWEDEN has topped the list of the 'Good Country Index' report after coming first in the 'prosperity and equality' and 'health and well-being' categories.

### Theatre drama

THE Swedish culture minister, Alice Bah Kuhnke, called a meeting of the country's top theatre bosses after 456 stars signed a letter describing experiences of sexual abuse in the industry.

### Lager lovers

A COUPLE have been forbidden to name their baby boy Pilsner, after the beer, as Sweden's tax agency thought it was 'unsuitable' for a child.



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STILL HERE: Tis but a scratch said rapper poet Gnoyny.

# Rappers war

FAMOUS rapper Vyacheslav Mashnov was attacked by seven people in St Petersburg. They demanded he apologise for his lyrics. Also known as Gnoyny, the rapper has gained fame from his 'battles' with rivals. One battle against a rival called Oxymirrin gained more than 26 million views on YouTube.

## Space travel

FIVE Russians and one German were locked in an artificial spacecraft for 17 days in Moscow. The experiment simulated the time it would take to reach the moon. Scientists will gradually expand the trial period to lengths of up to one year in anticipation of deep space missions.

## Red flag

COMMUNIST leader Gennady Zyuganov will run for president for a fifth time in next year's election. The veteran politician won 17.2 per cent of the vote in 2012. His party has strong support among voters aged under 35. President Putin is expected to win but hasn't officially announced his candidacy.

## Cat rescue

WHEN a cat got stuck up a tree, residents of the Siberian city of Omsk managed to raise enough money online to hire a lorry with a hydraulic arm to rescue the pet. Local firefighters had said it wasn't their problem so locals appealed to the internet for help.

## Retro strip

A RED shirt with white stripes has been criticised for resembling the old Soviet football strip. Russia's national team revealed their new Adidas-designed top as they prepare for the 2018 World Cup on home turf. Stadiums are facing a race against time to be ready for June.

## Star gazers

THE world's biggest planetarium has opened in St Petersburg. There is a museum of space exhibits, a virtual reality room and a dome measuring 37 metres in diameter. It was built on an old gas plant and will hold space-themed workshops and offer guided tours to school groups.

## Holy bikers

FLANKED by Patriarch Kirill, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, President Putin took stock of a new motorcycle. The IZ motorbike was built by arms company Kalashnikov Concern and has a top speed of 250kph. The company are also producing a limo and sedan for Putin.



Photo by Twitter

ANGELS: President and Patriarch eye new wheels.



## Catalan fear stalls €350m China deal

THE owner of a Chinese business consultancy has put the brakes on a €350 million investment in Spain due to fears over the Catalan political crisis. Veline Ong, owner of the Alicante-based Veline Group, has previously facilitated business deals worth €150 million between Chinese and Spanish firms. But the 37-year-old, speaking in the wake of a trip to Shanghai, said that in China "they are afraid of investing in Spain due to political instability."

## Monarch woe goes on

COLLAPSED British airline Monarch will not be able to sell its take-off and landing slots to other carriers.

The blow comes after the former carrier's administrator lost a legal battle leaving it unable to cash in on assets worth an estimated €67.6 million.

Jet2, Norwegian Air Shuttle, IAG, Wizz Air and easyJet are all rumoured to be competing for the slots at Manchester, Leeds Bradford, Birmingham, Luton and Gatwick airports.

But two judges in London's High Court have ruled that KPMG, Monarch's administrators, do not have

By Matt Ford

rights to the slots. The decision follows an application for a judicial review submitted by KPMG after independent scheduling company Airport Coordination Limited, which manages flight schedules at 39 UK airports, opted not to allocate slots to Monarch for the summer 2018 season.

It represents a major upset for the ill-fated airline's owner, the private equity firm Greybull Capital, which intended to pocket millions by selling the slots, and an appeal is now expected.

KPMG's legal representative, Bankim Thanki QC, said: "Monarch Airline Limited's (MAL) portfolio of slots would represent MAL's most valuable asset.

"MAL would therefore seek to exchange those slots with other air carriers in order to realise value for its creditors." The winding down of UK's fifth-biggest airline in October saw 1,858 people made redundant and the flights of about 860,000 people cancelled, and sparked the country's biggest peacetime repatriation to fly home 110,000 stranded holidaymakers.

## Economy on the upswing

SPAIN is set to meet its latest European Union budget deficit deadline.

The European Commission forecast comes as the country's spending gap - which must fall below 3 per cent of gross domestic product by the end of 2018 - is expected to plummet to 3.1 per cent this year, down from a high of 4.5 per cent in 2016.

### Quote of the Week

No, no, the forecast is for growth of 2.3 per cent for 2018, and this already includes the impact from the Catalan situation." Spain's economy minister Luis de Guindos on the country's economic growth forecast.



Photo by Xiaomi/Twitter

NEW CHAPTER: Wang Xiang in Madrid.

## Xiaomi targets Spanish market

CHINESE smartphone brand Xiaomi has picked Spain as its first market in Europe.

A selection of the firm's flagship products, including the €229 Mi A1 smartphone, are now available alongside scooters, fitness trackers and coffee makers.

The tech giant's senior vice-president Wang Xiang said that the company has embarked on "a new chapter" in its global expansion as he spoke at a launch event in Madrid.

He added: "It's proof we are

very, very serious to be a global company, not only a Chinese company and not only working in developing countries."

Two authorised Xiaomi shops opened in the Spanish capital on Saturday, and sales partners including Carrefour and Media Markt will carry the brand from next Wednesday.

The push into Spain comes after the company pulled out of several overseas markets including Brazil and Indonesia due to regulatory issues and local competition.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## All aboard

CIVIL ENGINEERING firm Grupo ACS - chaired by Real Madrid president Florentino Perez - is one of seven companies sharing a new €322 million, two-year maintenance contract for Spain's conventional rail network, according to state-owned railway manager ADIF.

## And sold!

MELIA INTERNATIONAL is to add more than 30 new hotels to its 350-strong global portfolio before the end of 2017. It comes after the Mallorca-based chain generated revenue of €1.5 billion up to September, 5 per cent more than in the same period in 2016.

## Sole traders

FRENCH and Norwegian investors are reportedly mulling over an €18-25 million investment to convert the disused Lemoiz nuclear power plant in the Basque Country into a giant fish farm for the production of sole, salmon, trout and prawns.



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## Rotten eggs whip up stink

THE price of eggs is soaring in Spain. A dozen extra-large eggs from caged hens currently costs 20-50 cents more than in 2016.

It comes in the wake of the contamination scandal that hit 24 European nations this summer, leading Spain, which was not affected, to

become one of the main suppliers to other EU countries.

The scare broke out after eggs were found to contain high levels of a toxic insecticide, leading to millions being pulled from supermarket shelves across the continent.



# LONDON - FTSE 100

CLOSING PRICES NOVEMBER 13				
COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,491.00	6.00	0.40	20,858.44
Associated British Foods	3,076.00	10.00	0.33	24,272.73
Admiral Group	1,843.00	-14.00	-0.75	5,333.57
Ashtead Group	1,910.00	2.00	0.10	9,525.23
Antofagasta	974.25	6.75	0.70	9,538.16
Aviva	493.25	-2.45	-0.49	19,883.55
AstraZeneca	5,002.50	132.50	2.72	61,651.71
BAE Systems	539.75	-16.25	-2.92	17,712.15
Babcock International Gr	781.25	-31.25	-3.85	4,107.97
Bardays	177.65	-1.50	-0.84	30,535.13
British American Tobacco	4,943.25	33.25	0.68	112,616.22
Barratt Developments	619.00	-1.00	-0.16	6,276.69
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,598.00	-15.00	-0.42	4,892.56
British Land Co	590.75	-2.25	-0.38	5,984.44
BHP Billiton	1,437.50	13.50	0.95	30,075.90
Bunzl	2,138.50	-18.50	-0.86	7,245.64
BP	510.55	3.65	0.72	100,431.76
Burberry Group	1,737.00	-9.00	-0.52	7,456.74
BT Group	245.95	-1.80	-0.73	24,571.29
Coca-Cola HBC	2,470.00	-115.00	-4.45	9,448.96
Carnival	4,912.00	48.00	0.99	10,299.89
Centrica	166.45	-0.75	-0.45	9,355.98
Compass Group	1,645.50	10.50	0.64	25,858.08
Croda International	4,197.50	15.50	0.37	5,494.85
CRH	2,703.00	2.00	0.07	22,652.41
ConvaTec Group	190.90	0.50	0.26	3,716.32
DCC	7,317.50	12.50	0.17	6,515.85
Diageo	2,576.25	16.75	0.65	63,998.61
Direct Line Insurance Gr	354.55	-1.15	-0.32	4,890.88
Experian	1,635.50	1.50	0.09	15,132.62
easyJet	1,266.50	-8.50	-0.67	5,064.40
Ferguson	5,315.00	20.00	0.38	13,293.52
Fresnillo	1,316.50	18.50	1.43	9,564.88
G4S	257.20	-1.40	-0.54	4,012.42
GKN	318.75	-1.25	-0.39	5,495.93
Glencore	363.83	1.23	0.34	52,195.33
GlaxoSmithKline	1,327.75	9.75	0.74	64,828.23
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,572.50	-10.50	-0.66	7,508.46
Hammerson	523.75	-0.25	-0.05	4,156.50
HSBC Holdings	735.90	-5.40	-0.73	148,188.50
International Consolidated Airlines	584.75	-12.25	-2.05	12,278.74
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4,288.50	8.50	0.20	8,131.58
3i Group	938.00	-7.50	-0.79	9,198.44
Imperial Brands	3,180.75	-0.75	-0.02	30,384.94
Informa	730.75	-0.25	-0.03	6,023.48
Intertek Group	5,367.50	2.50	0.05	8,658.60
ITV	157.15	0.35	0.22	6,311.84
Johnson Matthey	3,372.00	7.00	0.21	6,512.40
Kingfisher	304.70	-5.10	-1.65	6,719.08
Land Securities Group	938.25	0.75	0.08	6,950.98

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	264.40	-0.70	-0.26	15,795.16
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.06	-0.42	-0.63	47,840.16
London Stock Exchange Gr	3,705.00	-15.00	-0.40	12,898.05
Micro Focus International	2,629.00	10.00	0.38	11,398.86
Mediclinic International	600.50	-3.00	-0.50	4,449.27
Merlin Entertainments	384.15	1.15	0.30	3,890.55
Marks & Spencer Group	316.10	-3.10	-0.97	5,186.17
Mondi	1,800.50	-6.50	-0.36	8,773.96
Morrison Supermarkets	215.55	-0.55	-0.25	5,089.60
National Grid	900.30	5.50	0.61	30,360.64
NMC Health	2,823.50	-94.50	-3.24	5,961.06
Next	4,367.00	-12.00	-0.27	6,406.08
Old Mutual Group	190.40	0.10	0.05	9,386.57
Paddy Power Betfair	8,620.00	60.00	0.70	7,225.50
Prudential	1,856.25	10.75	0.58	47,722.67
Persimmon	2,670.50	-2.50	-0.09	8,249.66
Pearson	697.50	4.50	0.65	5,641.47
Reckitt Benckiser Gr	6,557.00	13.00	0.20	46,042.04
Royal Bank of Scotland Gr	273.70	-1.60	-0.58	32,932.05
Royal Dutch Shell	2,452.25	34.25	1.42	109,883.95
Royal Dutch Shell	2,489.50	32.00	1.30	92,045.34
RELX	1,737.50	17.50	1.02	18,308.93
Rio Tinto	3,723.50	28.50	0.77	50,250.20
Rolls-Royce Group	909.75	-18.25	-1.97	17,080.68
Randgold Resources	6,952.50	47.50	0.69	6,495.76
RSA Insurance Group	608.75	-1.25	-0.20	6,238.73
Rentokil Initial	321.90	1.30	0.41	5,890.49
Sainsbury (J)	230.20	-2.00	-0.86	5,085.54
Schroders	3,433.50	-18.50	-0.54	7,802.29
Sage Group (The)	752.25	3.25	0.43	8,098.46
Segro	548.25	1.75	0.32	5,480.99
Shire	3,552.50	18.00	0.51	32,115.85
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,269.50	4.50	0.20	5,364.56
Sky	917.25	-0.75	-0.08	15,780.58
Standard Life Aberdeen	413.90	-1.70	-0.41	12,373.98
Smiths Group	1,517.50	-0.50	-0.03	6,006.62
Scottish Mortgage Inv Trust	454.70	2.50	0.55	6,307.37
Smith & Nephew	1,349.50	10.50	0.78	11,710.97
SSE	1,352.00	-8.00	-0.59	13,894.25
Standard Chartered	730.90	-3.10	-0.42	24,192.90
St James's Place	1,139.50	-6.50	-0.57	6,063.09
Severn Trent	2,174.50	5.50	0.25	5,124.56
Tesco	176.00	-0.60	-0.34	14,463.73
TUI AG	1,320.50	2.50	0.19	7,737.16
Taylor Wimpey	192.95	0.05	0.03	6,311.66
Unilever	4,287.50	63.50	1.50	52,367.70
United Utilities Gr	839.00	6.00	0.72	5,680.13
Vodafone Group	218.65	1.00	0.46	58,166.11
Worldpay Group	407.60	3.60	0.89	8,080.00
WPP Group	1,303.50	-0.50	-0.04	16,479.73
Whitbread	3,577.00	7.00	0.20	6,548.32

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3M	227.45	-0.41%	-0.94	135.649,75
AMERICAN EXPRESS	93.52	-0.25%	-0.23	81.235,77
APPLE	174.67	-0.69%	-1.21	898.298,71
BOEING CO	260.85	-0.70%	-1.85	155.237,42
CATERPILLAR	136.48	0.84%	1.14	81.202,54
CHEVRON	117.18	-0.05%	-0.06	222.245,74
CISCO SYSTEMS	33.99	-0.18%	-0.06	169.826,83
COCA-COLA	46.54	0.67%	0.31	198.334,49
DOWDUPONT	69.97	-0.37%	-0.26	163.846,12
EXXON MOBIL	82.94	-1.23%	-1.03	351.357,36
GENERAL ELECTRIC	20.49	2.50%	0.5	178.428,15
GOLDMAN SACHS	240.15	-0.27%	-0.64	90.811,26
HOME DEPOT	164.11	0.51%	0.84	193.597,21
IBM	149.16	-0.76%	-1.14	138.327,12
INTEL CORP	45.58	-1.56%	-0.72	213.828,00
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	97.51	-0.12%	-0.12	339.582,04
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	139.56	-0.56%	-0.79	374.742,68
MC DONALD'S CORP	165.59	-0.84%	-1.41	131.487,79
MERCK AND CO. NEW	55.48	-1.30%	-0.73	151.056,40
MICROSOFT	83.87	-0.26%	-0.22	644.804,91
NIKE	56.09	-0.07%	-0.04	73.011,92
PFIZER	35.18	-0.06%	-0.02	208.305,90
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	88.16	0.43%	0.38	224.046,38
TRAVELERS CIES	135.54	0.75%	1.01	37.036,53
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	118.11	-0.22%	-0.26	94.390,96
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	211.07	-0.23%	-0.49	204.715,50
VERIZON COMMS	44.88	-0.42%	-0.19	183.146,50
VISA	111.88	-0.23%	-0.26	203.470,56
WAL-MART STORES	90.92	0.69%	0.62	272.253,56
WALT DISNEY CO	104.78	2.05%	2.1	162.829,52
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Multi Asset Conservative B EUR

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Multi Asset Growth B EUR

DEALING PRICE

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£0.9540.....-£0.0009

£1.1659.....£0.0071

£1.0856.....£0.0062

£1.3356.....£0.0120

£1.2316.....£0.0105

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Xunlei Limited	\$ 13.09	3.70 ▲ 39.40%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 18.17	4.08 ▲ 28.96%
Avid Technology, Inc.	\$ 5.10	1.06 ▲ 26.24%
Restoration Robotics, Inc.	\$ 7.19	1.43 ▲ 24.83%
Ovid Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 9.03	1.59 ▲ 21.37%
Teligent, Inc.	\$ 3.74	0.62 ▲ 19.87%
Immunomedics, Inc.	\$ 12.40	1.96 ▲ 18.77%
China TechFaith Wireless Comm. Tec. Ltd.	\$ 2.68	0.41 ▲ 18.06%
Bravo Brio Restaurant Group, Inc.	\$ 2.15	0.30 ▲ 16.22%
Fossil Group, Inc.	\$ 6.60	0.92 ▲ 16.20%
Roku, Inc.	\$ 33.25	4.06 ▲ 13.91%
Most Declined		
Kona Grill, Inc.	\$ 2.05	0.60 ▼ 22.64%
Puma Biotechnology Inc	\$ 103	24.20 ▼ 19.03%
FTD Companies, Inc.	\$ 8.09	1.71 ▼ 17.45%
Frontier Communications Corporation	\$ 6.77	1.19 ▼ 14.95%
The Trade Desk, Inc.	\$ 50.995	8.285 ▼ 13.98%
Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.41	0.39 ▼ 13.93%
Veritone, Inc.	\$ 22.07	3.53 ▼ 13.79%
Frontier Communications Corporation	\$ 12.50	1.85 ▼ 12.89%
PetIQ, Inc.	\$ 19.70	2.79 ▼ 12.41%
Yintech Investment Holdings Limited	\$ 11.43	1.50 ▼ 11.60%
Clearfield, Inc.	\$ 12.40	1.40 ▼ 10.14%



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# Teens now appy shoppers

## MOBILE PAYMENTS FOR U18S ROLLED OUT

SPANISH teens are addicted to mobile phones.

A number of studies have shown that young Spaniards clock up more screen time on their devices than in any other European nation.

And the tech savvy teens now have a new payment method after German electronic payment specialist Wirecard teamed up with mobile network operator Orange.

The partnership sees the range of functionalities available for Orange's mobile wallet app Orange Cash upgraded, tapping into the mobile payment market for 12 to 18-year-olds under their parents' supervision.

After the successful launch of Orange Cash Jeune in France, the app feature has now been launched in Spain.

It comes despite widespread fears and expert claims that excessive mobile phone use can have an adverse effect on childrens' mental health.

But the total transaction volume of mobile payments in Spain is set to triple by 2021, according to online statistics portal Statista.

With Orange Cash Joven, Wirecard and Orange believe they have developed a solution that they claim addresses the needs of the younger generation.

To create an account, parents or legal guardians sign up over the web interface of Orange Cash and install the app on their childrens' smartphones. Via the web interface, adults can control the sums of money, which can be charged on the account and get a real-time overview of the expenses.

All financial administration is managed through the parents' Or-



**MONEY TALKS:**  
Teens are now able to pay using their smart phone.

ange Cash account.

Philippe Laranjeiro, Head of Sales Telecommunication at Wirecard said: "Today, nine out of 10 young people in Spain use a mobile device to connect to the internet on the go.

"No wonder teenagers would rather use their smartphones to shop in stores than use cash.

# 'CORRUPTION IN ITS PUREST FORM'

## €120m enquiry returns

THE head of an in-depth probe into Spanish political finances has accused Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's party of "corruption in its purest form."

Manuel Morocho, chief inspector of Spain's Unit of Economic and Financial Crimes (UDEP), said that the national leader's centre-right Popular Party (PP) behaved as a "criminal organisation" after it accepted slush money from illegal donations.

The investigator also claimed that there exists "circumstantial evidence" linking Rajoy himself to the alleged offences.

His comments follow Rajoy becoming the first serving Prime Minister to testify as a witness in a criminal trial since Spain became a democracy in 1978.

The PP allegedly used a secret accounting system in parallel to its official one to channel bribe money into party coffers through the so-called 'Box B' managed by ex-treasurer Luis Barcenás, who stood down as the scandal erupted in 2009.



**PP PROBE:** Mariano Rajoy and (inset) UDEP's Manuel Morocho.

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Barcenás has since admitted that he used to hand envelopes stuffed with undeclared cash to party members.

Addressing a Spanish Congressional commission, Mr Morocho said: "An organisation that has operated for a long time, which has penetrated to very deep levels in public administrations until it has become

parasitic and absorbed the capacity of a political leader to allocate and manage public funds...

"That is the concept of corruption in its purest form."

He added that circumstantial evidence links Rajoy, who would have benefited "indirectly" and former Spanish ambassador to the UK, Federico Trillo, to the payments.

But the Prime Minister is not considered a suspect in the case despite him being included in Barcenás' notes.

The inquiry into the PP's finances, known as the Gürtel case, has been ongoing since 2007, although it was not until October 2016 that most suspects began to appear on trial.

Mr Morocho also added that the UDEP had been placed under pressure to terminate their investigation, a move which led opposition party Podemos to slam the PP's efforts to 'intimidate' the independent body.

Analysts have suggested that the case resulted in the loss of at least €120,000,000 in public finances.

## The future of farming?

SPANISH farmers are selling their expertise to the Middle East.

A group of businesses from the agricultural sector aims to help ensure profitable, year-round production of fruit and vegetables in Qatar.

Dubbed AgroQatar, the alliance was "created especially to facilitate the development of agribusiness in the country," according to Ignacio Escobar, Spanish ambassador to the gulf nation.

"The Spanish solution is the most advanced, efficient and adapted integrated system able to produce throughout the year a variety of crops with the highest quality and in the most sustainable and cost-efficient way in Qatar," he added.

His comments came at a matchmaking event in the Qatari capital Doha, with experts from Almeria, famed for its intensive soil-free farming, flown over to liaise with local investors.

## Green light for €1bn Spanish investment

SPANISH energy company CEPSA is to invest more than €1 billion in 2018.

The announcement from chief executive Pedro Miro comes as the firm looks to create new opportunities for growth in Asia, Latin America and other developing markets.

Miro confirmed the budget was rubber-stamped in Abu Dhabi by sole shareholder Mubadala Development Company, an investment vehicle of the Emirate's government which counts Manchester City FC owner Sheikh Mansour among its directors.

"In Europe, it is difficult to build a new factory because there is no more consumption, but to keep the existing ones, we invest €85 million per year per refinery," the official said.



# IBERDROLA COMMITS TO RENEWABLES Gone with the wind!

SPAIN'S electricity, gas and services giant, Iberdrola, is to invest in new wind farms after announcing a €2.41 billion net profit for the third quarter of 2017.

The boost - 18.4 per cent up on the same period last year - comes after poor results in Spain were offset by a positive performance by the firm's international subsidiaries.

A countrywide drought meant the first nine months of the year saw low hydroelectric power production - some 57.2 per cent below 2016 levels.

And Spain's renewables output was also affected by low wind resources, although results improved elsewhere, with the company growing 34.7 per cent in the UK. Europe's second-biggest power company by market value is also the owner of Scottish Power.

But the UK core profit fell 77 per cent to €53 million in the nine months to September, partly due to the depreciation of the pound, lower output following the closure of a coal-fired power



**CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION: Urged by Iberdrola chairman Ignacio Galan (inset).**

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station in Scotland, an increase in regulatory costs, weaker gas sales and narrowing profit margins.

In the first three quarters of 2017, Iberdrola carried out investments worth €3.99 billion, up by 31.5 per cent from the same period last year.

A total of 91 per cent of investments were allocated to networks, renewable energy and long-term contracted energy generation.

The group has 7,400 megawatts (MW) of new infrastructure under construction, of which 2,700 MW are ex-

pected to be operational by the end of 2018.

Since announcing the results, Iberdrola's Chairman Ignacio Galan has called on governments and corporations from all sectors of the economy and other actors across the world to take firm action on combating climate change.

Speaking at the COP23 summit in Bonn he said: "Time for talking has passed, it's time for action now!"

Citing Iberdrola's decision to close their remaining coal power plants in Spain he added: "Iberdrola has set very strong targets to reduce carbon emissions, meaning we will reduce our carbon intensity by 50 per cent in 2030.

"In this sense, we have made the tough decision to close all of our fuel oil and coal-fired power plants around the world (almost 7,500 MW), and focus on renewable technologies.

"Iberdrola will continue to do our part, but we need other industries and companies to follow our lead."

## Inequality on the rise says report

THE planet's richest 1 per cent owns more than half the world's wealth.

Swiss financial services company Credit Suisse's annual global wealth report says that the world's most moneyed individuals have seen their share of the globe's wealth increase from 42.5 per cent in 2008 to 50.1 per cent in 2017.

And their combined fortune is equivalent to €118 trillion.

"The share of the top 1 per cent has been on an upward path ever since [the crisis], passing the 2000 level in 2013 and achieving new peaks every year thereafter," the report said.

The increase has seen 2.3 million new dollar millionaires in the last year, with the global total now standing at 36 million of which 428,000 are based in Spain, a rise of 58,000 on 2016.

The world's 3.5 billion poorest adults account for just 2.7 per cent of its riches.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

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

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

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



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

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

**Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?**

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

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





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# Politically correct or a step too far for some

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



IF ever there was a case for leaving the EU then the recent decision to award a Somali criminal nearly £80,000 for wrongful imprisonment, has to be it. Abdulrahman Mohammed had amassed 30 convictions while living in the UK and had been imprisoned more than a dozen times over 15 years.

The government were trying to deport him back to east Africa and detained him for a total of 445 days over three periods between 2012 and 2016. A judge at the High Court ruled that, despite being described as a prolific and violent offender, there was some evidence he could be tortured if he returned to Somalia (oh dear!) and it was unlikely he would be sent back. Therefore, the judge concluded he had been falsely imprisoned and was entitled to 'justice in a civilised society.'

The 39-year-old had initially been refused asylum on entering Britain. He had been granted leave to remain but only until August 2000. In 2008 (it took eight years!) the Home Secretary made a deportation order against him. But lawyers took his case (yes, you've guessed it) to the European Court of Human



**A STEP TOO FAR? Drag queens set to teach British schoolchildren.**

Rights and the UK was ordered not to remove him from the country 'until further notice'.

Because he could not legally be deported, the judge decided the three periods of confinement had been 'improper detention' and were therefore illegal and awarded him £78,500 in compensation! Confused? Don't be.

Basically, some violent criminal illegal im-

migrant thug, has just been given nearly 80K of UK taxpayers' money. You really couldn't make it up. The sooner we say goodbye to the unbelievable and often downright lunacy of these arrogant EU idiots the better for us all.

I know it'll get a few backs up, but I think that allowing drag queens to sing and recite nursery rhymes to classes of two-year-old kids, is most definitely a step too far. As far

as I'm concerned nothing can be gained from this exercise, except more confusion and insecurity among our youngsters, serving no more purpose than teaching these little tots that, instead of a special treat at Christmas, Panto is now a classroom event.

It really is a time to call a halt to all this gender bender extremism; which in the main emanates from a minority of transsexuals, who won't be happy until all the toilet seats are glued down and 'boys and girls' a distant memory. Far from creating more acceptance of transgenderism, all this overkill is actually having a reverse effect.

For heavens, and sanities sake, these extremists must be reined in, before the whole, often commendable cause, is lost in a mire of mistrust and messy misinterpretation.

Got a laugh for you now. On the subject of name combinations, I was delighted to hear Tim Rice is set to marry a Miss Garlick. Apparently Mr Curtain is also about to tie the knot with a young lady called Annette and there actually appears to exist a Miss Flay whose first name is Sue! Can you do any better? I'm all ears. Only genuine combinations need apply!

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## Deal or no deal

HALF a million people in the States take out loans every year just to shop on Black Friday.

This year Spain may spend €1.3 billion, and virtually every major retailer is now on board.

But beware of over-inflated discount hype.

A British investigation last year found that up to half the goods on offer were not the real deal, that the 'was' price had been inflated, that the goods were obsolete models, or that some were actually cheaper before or after the big day (or week).

Buy from reputable retailers with a money-back guarantee, use a credit card rather than a debit one if you can because then the bank will foot the bill if things go wrong, and use your browser's bookmarks to keep track as you trawl the web and things get hectic.

## Black Friday's child is loving and giving?

**If retailers can afford such massive discounts next weekend, are consumers being scammed the rest of the year, asks Terence Kennedy.**

GOT your Black Friday shopping spree planned? Ready to splash out next weekend on that electronic spaghetti fork you've always wanted, a WiFi-enabled toaster or a remote-controlled churros extruder?

In just over a decade Black Friday has morphed into a worldwide shopping frenzy (followed no doubt by Blue Saturday when adding up the resulting credit card bills). For one more bite at the cherry, retailers have added Cyber Monday, so now you really can shop till you drop. Or your bank account does.

Since Spanish rules on sale dates were lifted in 2012, Viernes Negro has taken off here: 90 per cent of Spaniards surveyed knew what it

was, nearly 60 per cent actually buy something, and the country is expected to splash out nearly €1.3 billion next weekend on discounts, real or imagined.

Cynics say the one who profits most from Black Friday is the one smart enough not to go shopping that day. Certainly those who do choose to partake may be safer here than in America, where there have been seven Black Friday deaths listed and nearly a hundred serious injuries. Indeed, two people died during a shooting altercation at a Toys 'R' Us in California. Someone must really have wanted that cut-price Disney princess.

Physical Black Friday shoppers



**CHAOS: Black Friday scenes.**

(those who will surge to the bricks and mortar retailers this weekend) are said to be older, less internet-savvy and often pay in cash. Cyber Monday shoppers are younger, more affluent, use credit cards and often don't have a lot of time (or patience) for shopping.

So why brave the madding crowds when you can bankrupt yourself so much more comfortably from home? Some online retailers have even extended the buying frenzy to a whole week (here's lookin' at you Amazon).

The trick to coming out on top next week is to know what you want, and to have priced it before the madness strikes. 'Fifty per cent off!'

might indeed mean it's half-price (assuming it doesn't mean only half the product is actually present...). But half-price of what? The price some overhyped designer store might have tried and failed to charge? Or the manufacturer's recommended retail price which no self-respecting consumer would ever expect to pay?

Ask yourself the killer question: it may be hyperventilatingly cheap, but what exactly is a WiFi detector shirt, and do I really need one?

So happy shopping one and all, and where I won't be spending my money next week is on an Irish site with my favourite Black Friday offer ever: 'Two for the price of three!!'

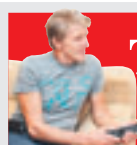
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## TV Couch Critic

# Ramsay serves up dollop of coke surprises in loo

WITH the scale of cocaine use absolutely staggering in the UK, the new documentary series *Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine* (ITV 1, Thursdays) provided fascinating, if at times very disturbing viewing.

His first out-of-the-kitchen drugs task was to check the toilets of his own restaurants. Surprise, surprise, evidence of cocaine positive in every one, not only the gents and ladies loos but more worrying to him, further drug proof when the staff toilets also turned the wipes he was using blue, signifying Coke use.

Caution... for Ramsay also turned the air blue with his characteristic strong language.

It seems Albanian crime gangs - ever willing to use extreme violence - allegedly control London's cocaine trade, with the UK topping the European league table for use of the white powder!

Ramsay then travelled to Colombia, the main source for cocaine cultivation, and discovered that there are a million people involved in its growth and distribution.



RAMSAY: A drugs insight.

My own personal note to cocaine users is that it is manufactured using petroleum, acids and alkaline, so rather than me.

What would Ena Sharples (young readers Google her) make of her beloved *Coronation Street* (ITV weekdays) at present? The chances are she would get her hairnet in a twist at the goings on.

Where did Phelan come from?

How come he's found his long lost daughter? How did he acquire the house which he uses for his captives?

Will Ken Barlow turn out to be his proper dad? Will Aliens be hiding in Roy Cropper's deep fat fryer? Will Schmeichel come back as a poodle? Stay tuned folks as it's turning that unbelievable!

*Blue Planet 2* (BBC 1 Sundays) blasted on to our screens in a wave



SHARPLES: What would she feel?

of anticipation and hype that didn't disappoint one bit.

Four years in the making, the filming, expert knowledge and professionalism of Sir David Attenborough, the master of all things in nature and the planet's best friend, were extraordinary.

Another blockbuster triumph from the BBC. *A Rhapsody in Blue* that George Gershwin would have been proud of and a superb must see.

For something totally different that does not tax the brain, try *Pawn Stars* shown on various channels, and centred around one family and a friend of the son, Chumley, working in a Las Vegas pawn shop.

Amazing items arrive through the door, some original worth thousands and some fakes. However, the banter between granddad, father, son and the not-so-bright Chumley make it a pleasant half hour.

A recent trend in television advertising is slow, re-recorded classic songs played over ads and sung by - to me at least - unknown female vocalists.

One that really grinds me down is the Beatles belter *Across the Universe*, now turned into a melancholy dirge by an anonymous vocalist!

I have no idea what is being promoted as I switched it off. Speaking of advertisements, thank the lord for the Beeb with no mundane interruptions.

Most ITV viewing is advertisement slots with programmes thrown in between. You can cook a three-course meal in the intervals now whereas it was at one time ideal only for making a cuppa!

**Critique: PM, San Fulgencio, Costa Blanca.**

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## Are you sure you're on the padron?

SIR,  
I wonder whether you could consider including an article regarding an issue which I have only just discovered despite many years serving on the council.

I recently had a few elderly couples come into my office asking for help due to their partners needing 24-hour nursing care, and we helped them get a place in a care facility.

Subsequently, we helped them contact social services with a view to applying for financial assistance. I then discovered that the claimant has to have been resident in the municipality for 10 years and consecutively on the padron (civil register) for the past two years, and if not they are not entitled to financial assistance.

The system for the maintenance of the padron creates a regular check to ensure that it accurately reflects who is in the municipality. But if the town hall are unable to contact the individual (due to changed phone number, no Spanish number, etc) they then drop off the padron and may not even know about it.

The only way to be sure is to check

### Lions are losing roar

IT is very unfortunate that Nerja Lions Club now has members who seem to have forgotten what a Lion Club stands for.

When the Lions Club Nerja market was started many years ago, local charities were encouraged to take stalls and given half price rental rates.

Occasional charity sales were supported and given free access to a standing place by the gate.

This practice was continued until three years ago when a new President shelved the discount on the charity stalls. This also marked the time when a new intake of members created internal frictions which led to some people being forced to leave the club or resign.

These rejected members, believing in the ethics of the Lion Movement, started a new Lion Club in Nerja; the Lions Club, Balcon De Europa, Nerja.

We hope that readers will not think badly of the Lions movement because of the spiteful actions of one group of people.

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### Blooming dispute Poppy seller sent packing

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By Neil Tisdale  
A recent Poppy seller who has been sent packing after a dispute with the Lions Club in Nerja. The seller, who was sent packing after a dispute with the Lions Club in Nerja, was sent packing after a dispute with the Lions Club in Nerja.

PREVIOUS EWN: Covering the recent dispute.

Margaret Barratt, past President, Nerja Lions Club

with the town hall. My suggestion would be that everyone makes that enquiry once a year, maybe on or near their birthday to ensure that they have not been inadvertently removed.

Jim Simpson, Zurgena Town Council, Almeria

### On the turn?

WELL, it's official, the Leaping One's virtually owned up to being one of us and not one of them by giving the thumbs down to politicians who came through the public school system and we all know which party that is, well in the main anyway. What a fabulous picture in EWN (Issue 1688) of the chosen ones who believed they were born to rule. As for schemes and skulduggery the ex-Bullingdon's Club members and Tories are the masters of that!

Philip, San Fulgencio

### Rental rip-off

I WISH to advise readers to make sure on returning their rental car to Goldcar at Alicante Airport they have it checked by a representative and take photos of the vehicle. My friends recently returned their vehicle at 6am - before the office was open - and have since been charged €615 for alleged damage!

Images which showed no obvious damage were attached to the bill. Several attempts have been made to contact them without success.

Mel Christie, Calpe

### PC madness

WHY is it assumed that until recently everyone has enjoyed being deliberately rude about blacks and homosexuals so they had to introduce 'politically correct speech' to make sure that no-one would ever be inadvertently offended? But now we are to stop calling children girls and boys? Oh please!

June Rendle, Marbella

### Out of town

HAS your printing equipment lost the word 'town'?

The only city on the Costa del Sol is Malaga! All the other municipalities are towns, villages or hamlets. Some of the places you call cities are not even towns, so please drop city everywhere!

Roberta, Malaga

Editor's note: Although the Spanish also class Marbella as a city, this point is well made and has been passed to the relevant department heads.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

All letters by email or post should carry the writer's address, NIE and contact number though only the name and town will be published.

Readers who have missed correspondence can see all letters - which can be edited before publication - posted on: [www.euroweeklynnews.com](http://www.euroweeklynnews.com).

## Ex-shelter boss jailed for animal abuse

### Pure evil!

IT'S time Spain started awarding minimum sentences of more than two years for animal cruelty - anything less, including the current one-year custodial term, will practically never have to be served as it is always suspended for a first offence. People actually being locked up for animal neglect and cruelty rather than just getting a symbolic black mark may act as a deterrent. Kally

I hope she will spend a long time in prison, absolutely heartbreaking all those poor dogs had to die because of greed. Doris Teasdale

Not enough time in my opinion... but a step in the right direction.

Let's hope this brings to the fore many other facilities that are operating in this way too. Karen Perry

### Boris Johnson infuriates Spanish dinner guests

I JUST don't understand why he hasn't been sacked!!! He's an embarrassment to the UK. Anita Oakes

### Comments from EWN online

How he even GOT that job still astounds me. Anne Sewell

Why does he even bother to open his mouth?? Ann Ayckbourn

And he's supposed to be a diplomat????? Barbara Taylor

### Poppy seller sent packing from car boot sale

SHE'S not SELLING anything. She is taking donations. For which she is licensed.

People that know me understand that as much as I'm proud of my previous career, I will discuss it when asked, regale when invited to do so but don't walk around with my medals, tie and blazer on all of the time. But at this time of year it is different - it is special to me. It is a time for me to

privately reflect, to remember my comrades, my brothers and sisters of my 'Service Family' and to respect the Ultimate Sacrifice made for this country by some whom I knew and many that I didn't.

I am a Veteran, and a Veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank cheque payable to the United Kingdom for an amount up to, and including, their life. Regardless of personal political views, it is an honour to serve one's country, and there are far too many people in this country who no longer remember that fact. Sean Scully

Very embarrassed as this is our local car boot market and that the Lions have their own event for remembrance ... why stop someone else who is well known in town? Lydia Taylor

### Mother shot and killed by ex-partner

A RECORD of physical and verbal violence against the deceased and released on bail pending trial for domestic violence. Why was he at liberty therefore to do this? Lorena Irwin



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# How ridiculous they are

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



I'M lucky because I'm pretty computer savvy. I've always used computers for work, as well as at home, using search engines to look things up. But here's a word of warning about what not to look for on the internet. The worst thing you can do is to google medical symptoms.

Here's my advice - if you don't feel well go to the doctor. Do not self-diagnose because, if you do, I can guarantee you will have some of the worst diseases known to mankind. Every lump, stomach ache, going to the loo a lot or not enough will definitely mean you have got some form of horrible, nasty illness.

The same applies to looking at the side effects of medication the doctor has given you. I did it once and I absolutely had the majority of them and the ones I didn't have before I looked completely scared me about taking the medicines in case I got any of the others.

So now I just don't look and I advise you do likewise and save yourself a lot of worry.

'When are you going to do that?' I asked

the handyman. 'I'll get round to it sooner or later,' was the reply. What does that actually mean? Will it be sooner or later? It's one of those total dumbass sayings. He might as well have said, 'I'm not telling you!'

So of course that got me thinking about a couple of other sayings that makes me think how ridiculous they are.

I was watching one of those US cop TV shows and when they are questioning the suspect, they always say, 'Can you tell us, in your own words, what happened that night.' If that was me I'd be very tempted to say, 'I'm sorry, I don't have any of my own words, I just always use the same words as everybody else. Will that do?'

Another one that doesn't make sense is when you ask someone to do you a favour and they say, 'Sure, I'd be more than happy to do that for you.' What's more than happy? Delirious?

Last one today - when something is as 'easy as pie.' So back to google. What does it mean and why is it used? Apparently it's not the making of the pie; it's the eating of it. Well that's not easy for me because I'm diabetic and I've also googled what happens if I eat too much pie...

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### More potential road hazards

**WE** answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



**OBSTACLES:** If you need to 'moove' into opposite lane you must give way.

EVERY time we get behind the wheel of a car to embark on a journey our fate lies somewhat in the hands of others and there are potential hazards at every turn.

Last week we looked at some of the hazards drivers meet and how you can best avoid the risk.

**Obstacles in the road:** There are countless items that could find themselves in the road and pose a problem to vehicles, fallen trees, items fallen from vehicles, rocks and boulders, parked cars, the list is almost endless. If you encounter an obstruction one thing you must be aware of is that if you have to invade the opposite lane then you must give way to oncoming vehicles and only pass when safe to do so.

**Permanent road features:** It is vital that you pay attention to surroundings by reading and observing the physical signs on a road, like maximum permitted speed limits or warnings of hazards ahead. Also look at the physical

characteristics of the road itself for junctions, narrow streets, dangerous bends, elevation changes and dips, blind corners and merging traffic.

**Parking:** When parking your vehicle, always choose a location that is safe, legal and convenient. Respect distances between vehicles, look for signs or signals that prevent or restrict parking. Be careful when opening your door, look in the mirrors and around the vehicle for cyclists, motorbikes, pedestrians or other cars.

**Reversing vehicles:** Always try to avoid reversing wherever possible as the field of vision is significantly reduced. Reversing into a parking bay makes it safer and more convenient for leaving, and avoid reversing from a minor road to a major road.

**Animals:** Animals in the road pose a major risk, especially in countryside areas. Drive slowly and always respect distance, because animals are unpredictable and can be startled.

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

## Can we change quotas?

**Q.** Some owners in our community have extended their properties by almost 50 square metres, making them into units of three bedrooms and three bathrooms. My own property is a two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit, as originally designed and built. However, I pay the highest community charges due to the original quota system established in the year 2000. Is it possible to have the quota re-assessed? I have asked at the AGM for equal shares, but this was refused.

*S M (Costa Blanca)*

**A.** Yes, it is possible to change the assignment of quotas. In your case, it is necessary in order to match the reality of the new construction. Ask these questions: Did the owners have com-

**David Searl**

*You and the Law in Spain*



munity permission for new construction? Did they have building permits from the town hall?

Are the new extensions registered in the property registry? Legally, your community needs to change its original basic charter and assign new percentage shares that reflect the new reality.

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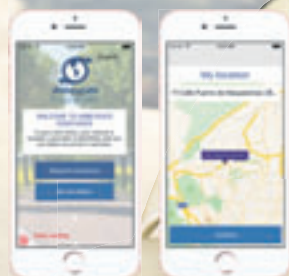
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# Defending taking food porn photos Gordon Ramsay style

**Nora Johnson**

*Breaking Views*

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**SNAPPY:**  
Gordon Ramsay has defended those who post food pics online.

HEARD about the latest squabble between rival three-Michelin star chefs Gordon Ramsay and Michel Roux? Ramsay described Roux as “pompous” and an “old fart” for banning diners at his Waterside Inn in Bray from photographing their food on Instagram: “If I see a great-looking picture posted, I’ll want to go and eat there immediately, he’s just an old fart who’s forgotten to move on!”

Personally, I’m not too bothered if people want to take pictures of food provided it’s done discreetly, though I do question the motivation. Perhaps they’re all keen chefs who want to replicate the dish, though wouldn’t it be embarrassing if people started posting photos of Big Macs, KFC bargain buckets or home-cooking disasters, and tagging them as if they were taken at

Monsieur R’s establishment?

As for attention-seeking, motormouth Ramsay, it’s simply unfortunate that he can’t actually discuss anything without his usual unintelligent four-letter expletives, or being rude and pretentious.

Talking of pretentiousness, navigating London’s restaurant scene these days is a bit like trying to find Wally in the dark, isn’t it? From weird pop-ups in shipping containers in Brixton to no-reservation, foraged-food joints in hipster Hackney.

Why must everything be ‘curated’ now - hang on while I curate some clothes to put on today - or ‘hand-crafted’? My coffee

from a local coffee ‘artisan’ was ‘hand-crafted’ (although I’m pretty sure I saw it coming out of a machine). And don’t get me started on ‘hand-cut’/‘hand-cooked’ chips - though better, I suppose, than crushed by foot or strained through teeth.

But I confess I’m a connoisseur of foodie pilgrimage stories. I love hearing tales of hazardous journeys to some distant outpost where, in some hovel known only to indigenous mystics, you’re served the local black flatbread made from unicorn’s ashes and garnished with virgin’s tears, and the taste is simply ‘a-w-e-s-o-m-e’!

Well, Monsieur Roux. I’ve just posted on Instagram a photo of my lunch of ‘haricots à la sauce tomate sur pain grillé’ (or ‘beans on toast’ to us), everything hand-cut, curated and foraged. Délicieux. So beat that!

*Nora Johnson’s psychological crime thrillers ‘The Girl in the Red Dress,’ ‘No Way Back,’ ‘Landscape of Lies,’ ‘Retribution,’ ‘Soul Stealer,’ ‘The De Clerambault Code’ (www.nora-johnson.net) from Amazon. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity*

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## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Susan Piercy (Albox)

### The adventure

LET’S move to Spain we said. It’ll be an adventure. We can live like movie stars in a white villa with a swimming pool. Live the dream. The envy of our friends. Enjoy endless sunshine, cheap booze and minimum bills.

We arrived in February; expectations high after years of hard work. Wishful dreamers that we were, the weather was cold, wet and windy. Spain was supposed to be hot; wasn’t it? The villa was freezing so we lit our log fire eager to warm our disappointed cockles by the hearty chunks of blazing olive wood. Only when we were choking in a smoke-filled room did we discover the chimney was ornamental.

It rained, the ceiling leaked and the wind howled through the house like a screaming banshee. The tiles were cold and our feet freezing. Why oh why had we swapped our semi in England with wall to wall carpeting and central heating for this?

Swimming pool full of sludge, broken pump and leaking water. What had happened to the film-star life style?

To make matters worse we got our medication mixed up. (Knew we should’ve learned the lingo.) I suffered head rushes while hubby felt great on my HRT. Reality hit, should we give up our dream? Go home? Had our adventure turned sour?

Suddenly the sun shone, the rain stopped, the wind died down and was replaced by a warm breeze heralding summer. Each problem found its solution and our skin took on a golden glow along with our humour.

We laugh about those early days now because the mishaps were the adventure.

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IF you hanker for great food like mother used to make, then O’neills Bar and Restaurant in Palma Nova is the place to visit.

According to owner and chef Stuart, “It’s all about the food” whilst his wife Nicky added “Everything we serve here is home cooked, sourced from local ingredients.”

Of course Sunday lunch comes with a choice of lamb, roast beef, pork, honey roast ham and chicken served with six different vegetables, roast potatoes, mash and home-made gravy.

Then for dessert there is a choice of bread and butter pudding along with rhubarb and apple crumble with other favourites such as Bakewell tart, cheesecakes (various flavours) fresh meringues and the house special: chocolate and Guinness cake with a frosted Baileys top, being part of the home cooked traditional desserts available every Sunday

However, O’neill’s is more than a Sunday restaurant, offering daily specials every day (except Monday when they are closed) for

less than €10. The stand out among these is Friday’s fish and chip special. Beer battered fresh fish with hand cut proper chips (no sign of anything frozen here) accompanied by the obligatory mushy peas.

All sports are shown on a large flat screen TV displayed on the comfortable terrace with another four flat screen TVs inside for when it gets colder.

Naturally, with Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, they will be including a special Christmas menu and family and work groups will be more than welcome.

Situated next to Eroski in Palma Nova with easy parking, O’neill’s family restaurant is popular with locals and tourists alike.

A range of children’s meals are available from just €5 and an Irish bar wouldn’t be an Irish bar if it wasn’t possible to obtain one of the finest pints of draught Guinness available on the island - not to be missed!

So the next time you are thinking of eat-



**O’NEILL’S:** Everything is home cooked, sourced from local ingredients.

ing out why not give O’neill’s a try for cheerful and friendly surroundings, fine home cooked food and desserts to die for.

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By Steve Collins

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

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

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

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

Why put them up for sale so early? The

# Christmas is coming



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

official line is to 'encourage tourists to take a piece of Spanish luck home with them.' Also, it will help cash flow for year-round residents who would otherwise decide not to buy an El Gordo ticket in December as the usual extra Christmas expenditure means €20 is harder to find.

Many local people form syndicates and pay in so much a week to buy the tickets from different parts of Spain, and I can remember delighted customers in my local asking me to get a couple of El Gordo tickets for them when I announced I was off to Barcelona for a weekend!

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

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

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

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

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



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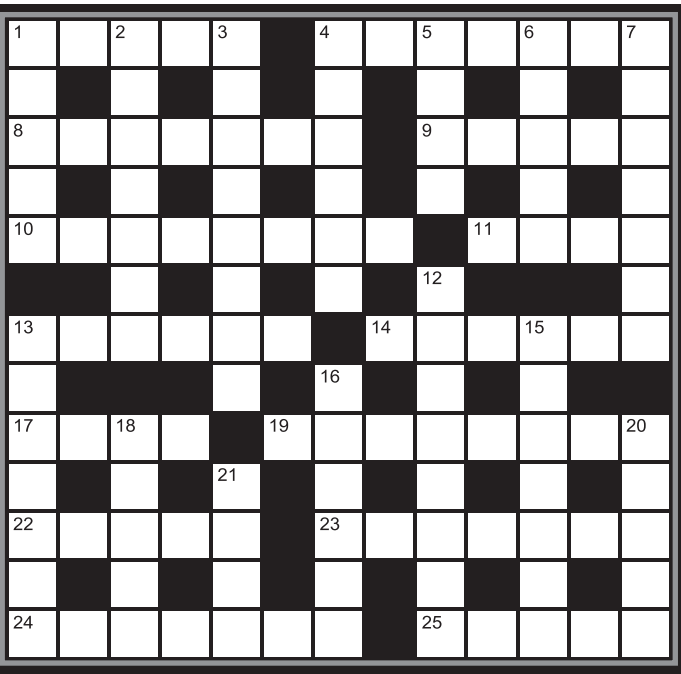
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- Across**  
1 Charlie enquires about barrels (5)  
4 Former pilot's daft adventure (7)  
8 Object when put into torn clothing (7)  
9 Ring about never ending internet pest (5)  
10 I acted in poor show (8)  
11 Spirit around end of December causes a smile (4)  
13 Relieves incantations (6)  
14 Chaplains are spread around (6)  
17 The remainder sleep (4)  
19 Pet cried about being infirm (8)  
22 Saw a daughter get mature (5)  
23 Blend ten wine ingredients (7)  
24 Recommend guests start getting organised (7)  
25 What was a performance to be precise (5)

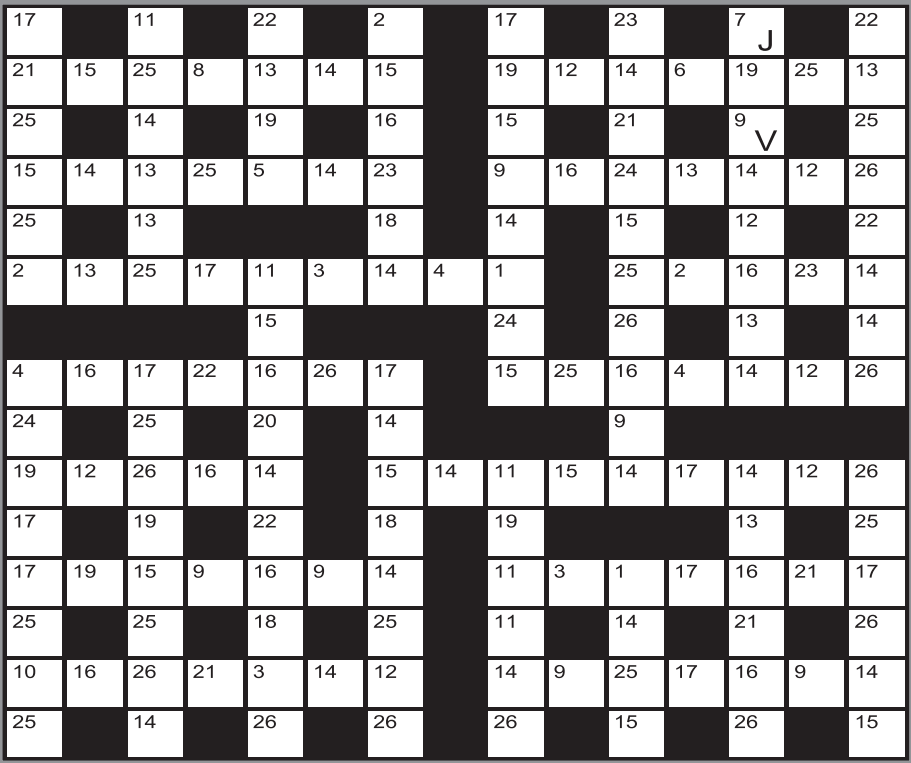
- Down**  
1 Dog runs between an officer and a private (5)  
2 Edwin's upset about Lloyd's first fraud (7)  
3 Outlines for small, confused clients (8)  
4 English country property (6)  
5 Trail from the Carpathian Mountains (4)  
6 A smell from the food, our dinner (5)  
7 New Testament stories about



- gifts (7)  
12 Surrealist friend is filled with determination (8)  
13 Saint has lots of paper for courses (7)  
15 Parcel I untied reveals an identical one (7)  
16 Deprived female in a hat (6)  
18 Some careless language (5)  
20 An endless pact to foot the bill (5)  
21 English monk buying every dinner, excluding starters (4)

Code Breaker

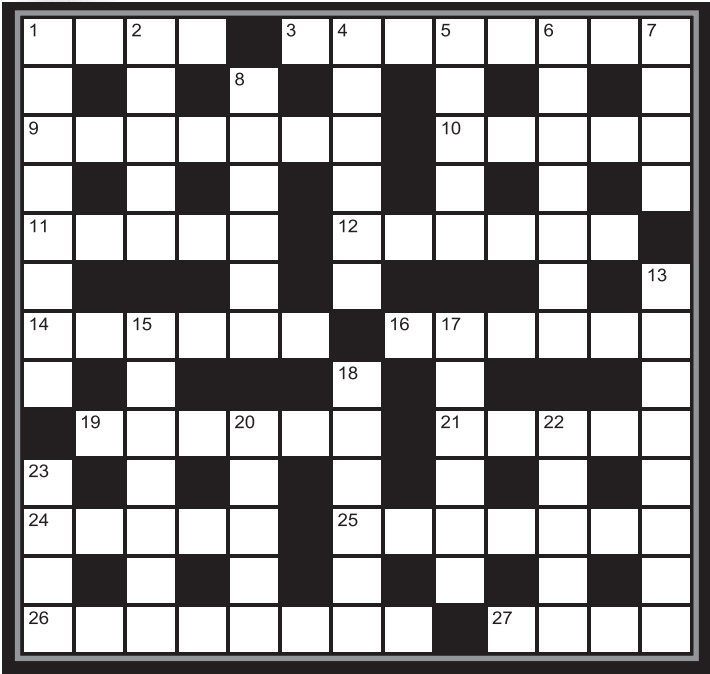
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents J and 9 represents V, so fill in J every time the figure 7 appears and V every time the figure 9 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should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

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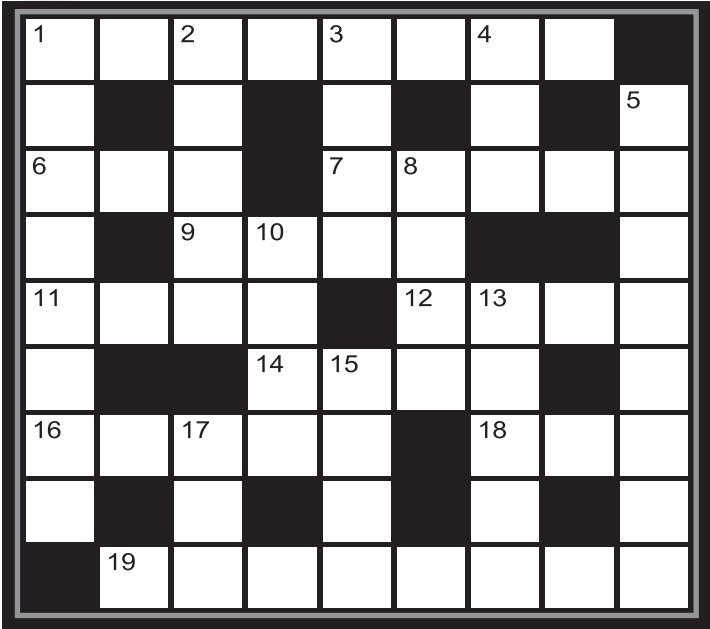


- Across**  
1/23 Become quiet or quieter (4,4)  
3 Answer (8)  
9 Regular payment (7)  
10 Japanese dish (5)  
11 Excessively fat (5)  
12 Acquire (6)  
14 Pass by, as time (6)  
16 Disease of the skin (6)  
19 Small informal restaurant (6)  
21 Cause fear in (5)  
24 Aquatic fish-eating carnivore of the weasel family (5)  
25 Gun dog (7)  
26 Drug that produces numbness or stupor (8)  
27 Nothing (4)

- Down**  
1 Any undertaking that is easy to do (8)  
2 Graceful and elegant bearing in a person (5)  
4 Severe or trying experience (6)  
5 Disturb the balance or stability of (5)  
6 Encourage (7)  
7 Small metal spike with a broadened flat head (4)  
8 Niche or alcove (6)  
13 Major London railway station (8)  
15 Pilot (7)  
17 Unconcerned (6)  
18 Japanese dwarf tree (6)  
20 Body excluding the head and neck and limbs (5)  
22 Similar (5)  
23 See 1 Across

English - Spanish

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



- Across**  
1 Frost (substance) (8)  
6 Huevo (3)  
7 Alcalde (5)  
9 Those (4)  
11 Expensive (4)  
12 Ordenado (4)  
14 Pie (anatómico) (4)  
16 Granos (en la piel) (5)  
18 Bird (large) (3)  
19 Cristales (8)  
4 Today (3)  
5 Hermanos (8)  
8 Ass (donkey) (4)  
10 Blando (madera, droga, agua) (4)  
13 Stage (phase) (5)  
15 Bears (animals) (4)  
17 To hear (3)

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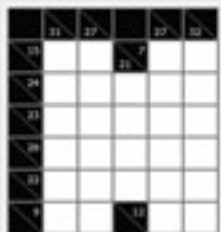
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**Kakuro**

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


**Nonagram**

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


**TARGET:**

- Average: 12
- Very good: 24
- Good: 17
- Excellent: 31

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

alit alto gait gilt girt goat grit grot iota lilt loti rata riot rota tail tala tall taro till tiro toga toil toll tori trig trio allot altar aorta argot atoll atria gator gloat griot groat raita ratio taiga tiara trail trial trill troll aortal atrial lariat latigo latria rialto tailor otalgia ALLIGATOR

**Sudoku**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

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	6			7		9		
			6			8		
	1		2	9	8			

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**
**CRYPTIC**
**Across:**

1 Rare earth, 8 Silo, 9 Catalonia, 10 Repeal, 13 Shrewd, 15 Route, 16 Curer, 17 Award, 18 Oscar, 21 Renown, 22 Starch, 25 Volunteer, 26 Teak, 27 Celebrate.

**Down:**

2 Aware, 3 Elate, 4 Apollo, 5 Thirst, 6 Disrepair, 7 Hoarded, 11 Perennial, 12 Arrow, 14 Heart, 16 Corinth, 19 Snooze, 20 Assume, 23 Alter, 24 Cheat.

**QUICK**
**Across:**

1 Cygnet, 4 Boring, 9 Avarice, 10 Stain, 11 Slice, 12 Targets, 13 Strict, 15 Census, 18 Resolve, 20 Scrub, 22 Aroma, 23 Nervous, 24 Shekel, 25 Ceases.

**Down:**

1 Claws, 2 Glazier, 3 Exile, 5 Observe, 6 Inane, 7 Genesis, 8 Deity, 13 Surpass, 14 Collate, 16 Serious, 17 Feint, 19 Scope, 20 Surge, 21 Basis.

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**
**Across:**

2 Sillas, 5 Cena, 6 Pozo, 7 Pared, 10 Words, 13 Cosa, 14 Lado, 15 Loncha.

**Down:**

1 Seda, 2 Sale, 3 Llover, 4 Stones, 7 Pencil, 8 Raisin, 9 Dew, 11 Olla, 12 Duda.

**CODE BREAKER**

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

**KAKURO**

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

**LOTTERY**
**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**

Saturday November 11

4	16	27	BONUS BALL
30	41	49	54

**IRISH LOTTO**

Saturday November 11

9	16	27	BONUS BALL
41	42	47	4

**EURO MILLIONS**

Tuesday November 7

7	19	20	BONUS BALL
37	41	12	

Friday November 10

13	22	29	BONUS BALL
36	37	9	

**LA PRIMITIVA**

Saturday November 11

6	8	22	BONUS BALL
24	43	45	1

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**

Sunday November 12

11	30	37	BONUS BALL
44	49	4	

**YOUR STARS**  
 FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
 (January 21 - February 19)

A chance remark alluding to your past brings a flashback. This helps you to see a current situation more clearly. We all make mistakes and follow the same old patterns, but this time you are being forewarned. It is in your experience and power to make a different choice of action this time. In doing so, much confusion and upset can be avoided.


**PISCES**  
 (February 20 - March 20)

Someone will most certainly come to the rescue when your situation changes. Well, they will, won't they? Have Plan B ready just in case. In continuing to think in the short term you do yourself no favours. Think now of a '10- year plan' and be determined to reach your goal. Bit by bit and day by day you will progress. You don't have to rush ahead and get stressed.


**ARIES**  
 (March 21 - April 20)

An exciting project is bubbling away in your mind but may need financial backing. Take advice from a professional or someone with successful experience in these matters. Remember that any idea has to grow, so consider what you need to see happen in five years' time.


**TAURUS**  
 (April 21 - May 21)

During your social encounters this week you meet someone who offers to help. That is great, but do ask yourself if you would be prepared to give anything in return.


**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)

Some exciting suggestions make you think twice about a current business matter. However, it may not be necessary to change anything but to consider the new suggestion as a sort of 'add on' to a current project.


**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 23)

The moment that you have been waiting for has arrived. A colleague has made a decision that is long overdue. Perhaps you are a little shocked and speechless because there has been such a time lag, but this will pass. It may not be over-convenient but the phrase 'striking while the iron is hot' springs to mind.


**LEO**  
 (July 24 - August 23)

You work hard for your money. Make it worthwhile by trying to hold on to as much of it as possible. Someone who is charming and plausible may try to get you involved in a fast-track money making scheme.


**VIRGO**  
 (August 24 - September 23)

By showing confidence in your own way of doing things, you inspire others. This is chiefly because you are at last finding a balance between work and home life. In the past you may have felt stressed and equated that with working - not so now.


**LIBRA**  
 (September 24 - October 23)

Because you are intent on pleasing others, you may be cramping your own style. This is something that you have in abundance and it should be used. You may be feeling that a business idea does not stand a chance.


**SCORPIO**  
 (October 24 - November 22)

A juicy bit of gossip comes your way this week and it is hard to keep it quiet. You must do so, however, because there is a lot riding on it. When people trust you, they are saying much about the relationship. In this particular case, the person may well be able to progress you socially at some time in the future.


**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (November 23 - December 21)

The rather more serious side of your nature needs to take over this week. Someone in a higher position is keeping an eye on you. This maybe because they are considering you for promotion, so be on your best behaviour. It is important at the moment to stick to any rules and regulations or your reputation (and pocket) could be hit.


**CAPRICORN**  
 (December 22 - January 20)

Letting life get too tame will eventually irritate you no end. Your social life needs a boost which, in turn, helps romance blossom. It is easy to be a bit lazy when things are going smoothly but we all need constant stretching. With an active mind such as yours, the important thing is to keep making progress. This may be in a physical way or in some kind of business. A brisk attitude to your whole life is needed.



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DREAM ON: Make sure you create the right environment for a good night's sleep.

THE changing seasons can affect our sleep patterns, leaving us tired and more vulnerable to illness.

In addition to affecting our immune systems, lack of sleep also increases our risk of diabetes and depression, lowers our concentration levels and alters our mood. A recent study even found our brain cells slow down when we are tired, meaning we process information slower and making driving, whilst tired, as bad as drink driving in some cases.

Creating the right environment to get some shut eye is crucial and The Sleep Foundation has some suggestions.

Firstly, the organisation recommends getting your body clock into an optimum position by going to bed and waking up at the same time every day. The Sleep Foundation claims this will regulate your sleep patterns, helping you to stay asleep

# Sleep tight

for longer.

Next, it recommends establishing a relaxing routine you practise before bed each day, whether this is taking time to massage in a moisturiser or clenching then unclenching all your bodies muscles in turn starting from your toes.

The Sleep Foundation also suggests checking your room for distractions, including light and noise. It is well-known 'blue light' - the sort of light emitted from mobile phones and tablets - can disrupt sleep and even induce depression so make sure to turn off any devices at least

45 minutes before trying to get to sleep. Block out excess light with lined curtains and reduce any noise pollution, including snoring, by using a white noise machine to mask the sound.

Use good quality mattresses, pillows and linens in breathable fabrics to make your bed as comfortable as possible and reduce your risk of being woken up.

Finally, if you are struggling to relax before sleep, why not turn your bedroom into an oasis by using a lavender pillow spray or diffuser and get ready to sleep like a baby!

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## Prostate cancer: what to look for



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

**HOW often is prostate cancer present in middle-aged men?**

Prostate cancer is extremely common, although its exact cause is unknown. Around 29,000 men in Spain suffer from the disease each year, making it the most common form of male cancer, affecting up to 50 per cent of males over 70.

**When should you get checked?**

All men over 50 should get checked even if they present no symptoms. If any symptoms present themselves or if you have any queries before this age don't hesitate to see a specialist.

**What are the symptoms of the onset of prostate cancer?**

Symptoms can take a long time or even years to manifest. In the early stages, when the tumour is confined to the prostate, it may be asymptomatic or accompanied by mild obstructive symptoms such as urinary incontinence, interruption of the urine stream, increased frequency of urination, especially at night, difficulty urinating or a burning sensation during urination.

When tumours are in an

advanced stage they can be accompanied by blood in the urine, infection, back pain and difficulties in sexual relations.

When it comes to advanced tumours, legs may appear swollen (due to the growth of regional lymph nodes), bone pain can present itself (due to the tumour spreading to the bone) and even weakness or loss of strength in the legs can appear (due to compression of the spinal cord or nerve roots). It can also cause kidney failure, loss of appetite and weight loss or anaemia.

**What is the prognosis for the disease?**

The evolution of the disease is usually slow, allowing early and timely treatment to control the disease in the majority of cases.

**If diagnosed, what is the treatment?**

Treatment depends on how the disease evolves and data, such as the grade and stage of cancer, age and health status of the patient are important to deciding treatment. Currently there are four ways to proceed to reduce and/or remove prostate cancer: surgery, radiation, hormonal therapy and permanent observation.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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**FULL OF BEANS:** Pulses like beans are a good source of protein and can help ward off illnesses.

## Packed with protein

MAKING sure you eat enough protein each day is important, as your body needs a healthy amount to function effectively.

The body uses protein to build and repair tissue, as well as for making hormones, enzymes and strengthening bones and muscles.

The good news is, unless you're extremely active,

you will probably get enough protein just from eating a normal, balanced diet. Good sources of protein include fish, dairy, beans, nuts and seeds.

To work out your recommended daily intake in grams, you just need to multiply your weight in kilograms by 0.8.

If you are exercising four to five times a week, you should consider increasing this 1.2g

per kilogram of body weight per day to help rebuild muscle tissue.

Research has also shown that increasing your protein intake by a small amount as you get older may help you to maintain muscle mass and prevent osteoporosis.

Protein also helps you stay fuller for longer as it takes longer to digest than carbohydrates.



**FEET TREAT:** It's important to give your feet some extra TLC in winter.

## Twinkle toes

BEREFT of their customary uniform of flipflops and sandals, our feet can become sadly neglected throughout the winter as we cover them up more.

Giving yourself a pedicure can give you a quick makeover as well as ensuring your feet are hot to trot when the weather heats up again. Regular pedicures also get the blood flowing in your feet and lower legs, improving your circulation and help you detect any skin or nail problems early on.

Before starting your pedicure make sure you have all the es-

entials to hand; a bowl filled with warm water, exfoliant or sea salt, good quality nail scissors or clippers, a nail file, a pumice stone or foot file, moisturiser and nail varnish remover and nail polish if applicable.

Remove any existing nail varnish before placing your feet into your bowl of water. For an extra treat, add Epsom salts, bath salts, bubble bath or essential oil to the water for further skin-softening properties. Soak feet for around 10 minutes before massaging them with an exfoliator or a

handful of dampened sea salt; this will help to remove dead skin.

Remove your feet from the bowl and dry them thoroughly before using your pumice stone or a very fine grade foot file to slough any particularly rough skin from heels and toes. Now trim your toe nails with scissors or clippers. Make sure you cut them in a straight line rather than an arc shape as this will encourage ingrown toenails.

Cover your feet in a layer of moisturiser.

## Unsettling news



**TUMMY BUG:** Make sure you take extra measures to stay healthy during the festive season.

PARTY season is definitely upon us and with it an increased risk of contracting food poisoning.

Buffets left out too long, wrongly defrosted party food and improperly handled seafood all place us at risk of salmonella and other infections. In the United States, around 300,000 people are hospitalised with food poisoning each year with 5,000 dying from their illness, making it especially important to prevent against germs.

So if you are hosting a party this winter, here are some easy-to-follow tips to make sure your food is as safe as possible.

According to website, Web-

MD, the two most common causes of food poisoning are unwashed hands and cooking food at the incorrect temperature. To avoid this, make sure you wash your hands thoroughly using an antibacterial soap every time you handle food, particularly if you are handling different meats or raw and cooked meat.

Make sure you cook your food to the temperature recommended on the recipe or packaging by using a food thermometer in any meats or flat foods.

Before even starting to cook, make sure you store your food properly by refrigerating it as soon as possible when you get home and cook-

ing it within two hours of it being out of the fridge.

When handling meats, make sure to use one set of utensils and serving dishes for raw and cooked meats and store them on different shelves in your fridge.

Finally, once your food is prepared, if you are laying it out buffet-style make sure to keep hot food hot with chafing dishes and cold food cold, for example by placing seafood on ice.

If you are refilling depleting supplies of a particular dish, put a fresh dish out rather than mixing the older food with the new and make sure nothing stays out for longer than two hours in total.

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# Charity cycle raises more than €6,000

A CHARITY cycling challenge has raised over €6,000 to be shared among two different charities.

The inaugural Calvia Six-Points Charity Cycling Challenge has raised a total of €6,440 for two charities on Mallorca.

The two charities benefiting from the 2017 edition of the event are Fundación RANA and Fundación Allen Graham Charity 4 Kidz and both were handed over cheques at an event held at the Calvia Town Hall.

RANA Foundation is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to preventing child abuse and child sexual abuse, through activities of awareness, education and networking.

The Allen Graham Charity 4 Kidz was founded in 1992 to help disadvantaged children and young adults in Mallorca who, through no fault of their own, do not have the opportunity to develop the skills that ensure their secure and safe future.

The Calvia Six-Points Charity Cycling Challenge event took place on May 20, 21 and 22 and saw 26 riders participate.

Starting at the Calvia Town Hall, the course travelled to the four compass extremities of the island: Saint Elm (west), Cap Formentor (north), Cala Ratjada (east) and Ses Salines (south).



**ALL SMILES:** Some of the cyclists during the Calvia Six-Points Charity Cycling Challenge.



**HANDOVER:** The two charities were given a share of the €6,440 raised.

Riders also travelled to the island's two vertical extremities the highest (Puig Major) and lowest points (Paguera beach).

The course was over 400 kilometres long and saw riders ascend more than 7,500 metres, almost the height of Everest, over three days.

One intrepid rider however, Orlando Jiménez Bonila, completed the Six-Points in less than a day (16 hours and 56 minutes).

Bryan Visser, founder of the Six-Points, said: "I would like to sincerely thank the Corporate Sponsors of the event - Lady Telecom, Ticket, Arash, Minkner and Partners, Sunbird, Bendinat Vet and Ibox for their huge contribution.

"Also, our riders raised a large amount of money and our sincere thanks go to them too. In addition, I would like to personally thank the Calvia Town Hall for their wonderful support and encouragement and my particular thanks go to Eva Serra, Deputy Mayor for Sport and Dolina Richards, Head of International."

The 2018 event is expected to attract over 50 riders and if you'd like to take part in the challenge as a rider, support with the fundraising activities or become a sponsor, visit the website: [www.sixpointsmallorca.com](http://www.sixpointsmallorca.com) or contact Bryan Visser on +34 636 030 004 or [bryan@SixPointsMallorca.com](mailto:bryan@SixPointsMallorca.com).



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# Mallorca's Dot talent on show

AWARD-WINNING children's show 'Dot' is set to play at the Teatre d'Arta.

'Dot' follows the story of Laia who takes care of her white wall, erasing any stain that appears on it.

When Dot arrives on the wall, Laia begins to realise that with a little bit of magic and a lot of imagination, that a wall can be much more than a simple wall, it could be the perfect setting to make her dreams come true.

The performance combines dance, music, theatre and new technologies in a puzzle where everything is possible.

A magical journey that takes as a starting point the work of the American artist Sol Lewitt and that transforms a giant white wall into a space full of colour.

Dot has won a number of awards since it began, including the 2015 Premio MAX Best Children's show, 2014 Premis Butaca Nominat Millor Espectacle Familiar and the 2014 Premi FETEN Mejor Espectaculo infantil.

Maduixa teatre first began performing in 2004 with street performances and conventional theatre performances before be-

coming professional with their play 'Maniacs.'

With dramaturgy and direction of Juan Pablo Mendiola and choreographic direction of Mamen García, the assembly is interpreted by Ezequiel Gil and Laia Sorribes.

The show will play this Sunday and is perfect for families and children between three to six years old, with tickets starting at €6.

## Blind performance

A THEATRE group made up of blind and visually impaired actors from the Balearic Islands is set to perform at the Principal Theatre in Palma.

Sa Boira celebrates its 30th anniversary with the premiere of this adaptation of Yerma, a rural tragedy written in 1934 by Federico García Lorca.



Credit @saboirateatre/facebook

**“** The group has won two awards for being the best amateur theatre group.

The performance of Yerma will begin at 8pm on November 20, with tickets starting at €6.

The group was first founded in 1987 and since then has done an intense theatrical work. At present

**MILESTONE:** The group celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

they have more than 50 members and the group has toured virtually throughout the Peninsula and the rest of the Islands.

In 2013, the group won the Max Award, together with the Eleven Theater Movement, for the best amateur group.

According to the group's website their 'sets are simple, minimalist; we also do not want to have difficul-

ties moving on stage. Large colourful curtains always accompany us.

'What we do try is for the costumes to look in full colour by wearing each and every one of the scenes where the symbols are always present.'

For more information, search for the group @saboirateatre on Facebook.

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# Record numbers sign up for Race against Cancer

MORE than 3,000 people have taken part in this year's AECC Race against Cancer Mallorca.

Organised by the AECC Balearic Council, the charity Race against Cancer had a total of 3,357 registered runners across three distances: three, six and 12 kilometres, which is over a thousand more than the 2,300 athletes who signed up last year, according to the organisation.

The course was a circuit through the historic centre of Palma, with Beatriz Antolín and Aziz Boutoïl winning the six and 12 kilometre races, while the popular walk was not competitive, the AECC said in a statement.

The collection money from the event will be entirely donated to the programmes and services offered by the AECC to cancer patients and their



**BUSY:** Thousands lined the streets of Palma.

families.

Thousands were presented to the winners in a

ceremony attended by the Minister of Health, Patricia Gómez and the Deputy Mayor for Education and Sports of Palma, Susana Moll, as well as Marc Ponsetti, from Obra Social

'La Caixa,' Antonio Sánchez, from El Corte Inglés, sponsors of the event and President of the Balearic Provincial Board of the AECC, Javier Cortés.

It is estimated that across the 41 Provincial Boards of Spain, the 2017 edition of the AECC Race against Cancer had roughly 120,000 participants, approximately 20,000 more than last year.



**CLASSIC:** Un montón de artistas perform the musical.

## Musical Chicago comes to Mallorca

MUSICAL sensation Chicago is set for two performances at the Auditori d'Alcudia.

Set to be performed on November 25 and 26, the story follows the story of two vaudevillian murderesses, Velma and Roxie, locked up in Cook County Jail.

After nightclub star Velma is sent to prison for killing her husband and sister she enlists the help of help of prison matron Mama Morton.

The pair turns her incarceration into media frenzy and prepare the outside world for her showbiz comeback, but fellow inmate Roxie has something to say about it all.

Un montón de artistas will present their adaptation of the classic with a special concert on the occasion of the festival of Santa Cecilia in a production of the Fundacio Escola de Musica d'Alcudia.

The November 25 performance begins at 8pm, with the November 26 performance starting at 6pm. Tickets range from €8-10.

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A red wine from Gamay grapes grown in the Beaujolais region of France, nearly 4,000 vineyards produce the 12 officially designated types of Beaujolais Nouveau.

Initially meant to celebrate the end of the harvest and intended only for local consumption, around 70 years ago producers saw the potential for marketing Beaujolais Nouveau and the idea of a race to Paris carrying the first bottles of the new vintage was consequently born.

This attracted wide media coverage, and by the 1990s it had become an international event.

The wine - from grapes

## It's Beaujolais Nouveau time

**BACCHUS CELLAR**

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



**BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU:** Grapes must be hand-picked.

fermentation period and is bottled only six to eight weeks after harvest. Purple-pink, fresh and very low in tannins, Beaujolais Nouveau's fruity flavours include banana, figs and grapes.

Definite variations between vintages are an early indicator of the quality of the year's regional harvest and it is recommended to serve Beaujolais Nouveau slightly chilled to 13°C (55°F), ideally with light meals, and within six months from harvest.

While connoisseurs do not regard it as a great wine, I feel it is worth trying.

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**Cassandra Nash***A weekly look*- and not entirely impartial reaction -  
to the Spanish political scene

RAJOY'S go-to strategy for political predicaments has always been to hide behind the courts or the public prosecution department.

Now it has come and bitten him on the backside.

The Fiscalía - less detached from the government than it should be - accused the Catalan government of sedition and



# Crime and punishment

rebellion. With these charges there was little for investigating Judge Carmen Lamela to do than remand the nine politicians remaining in Spain.

Result? Instant martyrdom and a probable slew of votes in the Catalan elections on December 21. Rajoy has blown it again.

Sometimes the punishment does not need to fit the crime and there has been too much stick and not enough carrot over Cataluña.

All the present government has ever made clear is what would happen if the Catalans left, and the punishment that

awaited them. They have never been told how much everyone would like them to stay.

Rajoy could have tried that, but he never comes across as anything other than a third-time-lucky president unable to tackle a problem requiring instinct and warmth, not rule-book logic.

## Alternative vocabulary

THERE was a point during and immediately after the Catalan UDI when the separatists were in disarray and ex-president Carles Puigdemont hightailed it to Brussels.

The disarray was not only due to the Constitution's Article 155 that suspended Cataluña's autonomy. Companies were leaving Cataluña, unemployment was rising, tourism and the economy were less robust. What was promised as epic and heroic turned into a cowardly shambles, a deflated balloon after the party has ended.

The elections announced for December 21 were welcomed inside and outside Cataluña. The voices of the anti-independence majority, drowned out until now by the two million separatists would be heard, and a pro-remain vote would make everything

ticketyboo once more.

Then the remaining government members were remanded for rebellion and sedition.

Esquerra Republicana is rising in the polls and will not repeat the Juntspel Si coalition with Carles Puigdemont's downwardly mobile centre-right PDeCat. Left wing pro-independence parties might or might not go hand-in-hand but if the separatists win it, it will be thanks to voters who believe that words like rebellion and sedition, unheard in Spain for decades, are too redolent of former regimes.

## Food for thought

ORIOL JUNQUERAS, leader of Esquerra Republicana de Cataluña (ERC) was criticised for his low profile following

the region's short-lived declaration of independence.

The same can't be said for Junqueras' silhouette which was as rotund as ever when he was remanded on November 2 for sedition, rebellion and misuse of public funds. He is likely to get rotunder: prison food is notoriously calorific nowadays.

## Keep smiling

WHO knows what Barcelona mayor Ada Colau truly feels regarding Catalan independence? What we do know is her much-criticised equidistance between 'stay' and 'go' means she wants to have her cake and eat it. She wants to remain mayor and needs PSC-PSOE support to do so. Her party Catalunya en Comu is not separatist but she needs separatist votes too.

Colau's pussycat smile does not falter but only she knows if the cream is curdling.

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### Travel

# Volcanoes, lakes and skiing

By Matthew Elliott

THOUGH renowned for its glorious beaches and cosmopolitan cities, Spain actually boasts some of the very best natural parks in the world. These vast, awe-inspiring spaces scattered around the country offer you the chance to easily escape the hustle and bustle of coastal life for a day or two.

In Andalucía the Sierra Nevada is known for its excellent skiing but it offers far more than meets the eye. Hiking here is a terrific experience with more than 20 gorgeous peaks and an abundance of rolling, easy trails. The park itself spreads out over 850 square kilometres and is very easy to get to by flying or driving to Granada.

Towards Spain's rugged north you will find the spectacular natural water park that is the Aiguestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici. This Pyrenean phenomenon has countless lakes, waterfalls, valleys and forests all rolling over one another under jagged skies watched by rare birds of prey.

Hiking, camping or staying in the lovely hotels and pensions dotted around the park are excellent options,



**Sierra Nevada (above)  
Aiguestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici (above right)  
Timanfaya (right)**

especially in spring or autumn when it's not too hot.

A completely different experience can be found on the volcanic, alien landscape of Lanzarote's Timanfaya park. While Lanzarote itself is a firm favourite on the tourist trail, not many people swerve off the beaten track to



explore this rare geological majesty of flowing lava and spraying geysers.

If you do make it all the way to Lanzarote, be sure to visit the recently opened Museo Atlantico. Though not quite a natural park, it would be a travesty to miss Europe's first underwater sculpture museum. Hundreds of eerie statues linger 14 metres below sea level offering a genuine once-in-a-lifetime travel experience for even the most seasoned adventurers.



By Matthew Elliott

MINI-HOMES are coming to Spain. Popular in the post-recession US and UK, the tiny houses are winning over Spaniards lured by cheap prices and easy maintenance.

Typically less than 40 square metres, these prefabricated homes emerged in Japan in the 1990s as rents skyrocketed in Tokyo. They have a Zen vibe and are popular among young professionals who haven't a hope of stumping up enough money for a regular deposit.

In 2013 Spanish television ran a show called Minicasas. Now demand has grown and there are specialist architectural companies, including Microcasas. Pequeñas casas Bioclimáticas and Abaton Arquitectura, who are happily building small, cheap, personalised homes across the country.

Some of the homes are so light that they can be moved on wheels. This means owners can rent space to place their property, without having to purchase plots of land.

Many of the homes are energy efficient and constructed with natural materials. Prices are appealing with €1,000 per square metre an average guide. A smartly constructed 30 square metre space can provide owners with a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom for €30,000. These homes can be built in as little as six weeks.

Demand in Spain is currently strongest in Galicia and Cataluña. Expecting young professionals, buyers including people looking for a second home, and others who buy the minicasas to place on their own property as an extension.

One problem area is regulation. Different regions have different definitions of housing and water, sanitation and electricity rules to be enforced.

# Mini casa revolution

## Small homes, big imagination



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### Ref 3112, Campos, 1,060,000€

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### Ref 3105, Llucmajor, 260,000€

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### Ref 3021, Vallgornera, 585,000€

Lovely semi-detached luxury villa. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, guest toilet, very large living room with American kitchen, garage, large terraces, community pool and garden (4,000m2). aircon and central heating. Living area 220m2



**THINKING FREE:** Energy efficient and constructed with natural materials.

# Home prices' rosy future

CREDIT rating specialist Moody's has predicted that Spanish house prices will increase by 8.6 per cent over the next three years. The American giant has analysed the expected impact of recent demographic trends on seven European residential property markets.

In Spain, Moody's expects property prices to rise by 5.6 per cent on average next year. In 2019 and 2020 this will stabilise at 1.4 per cent.

The firm's analysis cites a stronger

economy and lower interest rates as key to price increases. The proportion of young workers in the marketplace has also risen by 8 per cent in the past decade.

Moody's suggested there were a few areas Spain could improve on to support the property sector. More affordable homes and a boost to the construction sector to build new homes were chief among them.

While the outlook is positive for Spain, Neinor Homes has expressed

fears that activity in the Catalan real estate sector could fall by as much as 25 per cent. Juan Velayos, CEO of the major property developer, said that the political crisis was generating distrust and instability.

He welcomed the call for fresh elections and reiterated Neinor's support for its Catalan operations. Neinor is set to build 12,000 homes across Spain in the coming years, including 1,900 in Cataluña.



# Olives trees - the marvel of the Mediterranean landscape and cuisine

**GRAEME TYRRELL**

THE olive tree is the most symbolic tree of the Mediterranean. Spain has been the centre of olive oil production for thousands of years with olive oil being traded by Spain with the Roman Empire importing boat loads of the golden oil for centuries.

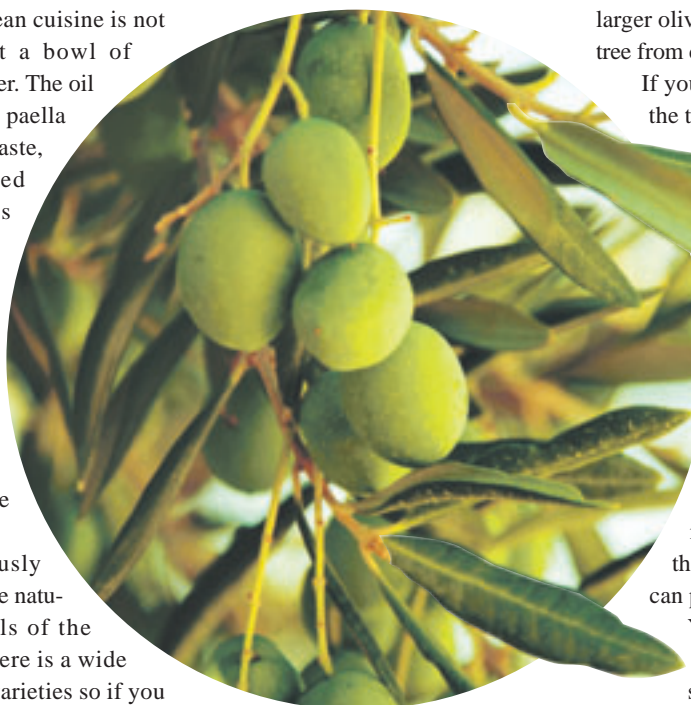
Mountains have been terraced and stone walls built in abundance to host the olive tree on thousands of hectares of otherwise unproductive land where the olive tree can grow and bear fruit for hundreds of years. There are olive trees that are known to be more than a thousand years old.

The branches of the olive tree are displayed in hieroglyphs in Egypt and are on the current United Nations flag. It has been allocated as a symbol of victory by the ancient Greeks and Romans and Noah is said to have received a branch from a dove in the Bible when the flood waters receded.

Any Mediterranean cuisine is not complete without a bowl of olives as an appetiser. The oil is the key to giving paella its Mediterranean taste, salads are anointed with it and bread is drenched in it.

The olive tree can grow up to 50 metres high but are usually kept severely pruned to allow easy harvest and to give maximum size of the olive fruit.

The trees obviously grow perfectly in the naturally alkaline soils of the Mediterranean. There is a wide range of different varieties so if you wish to grow them, you need to decide if you want the olives for eating or oil as they have different characteristics. It is then a matter of finding the best of the type you want for



**SYMBOLIC: Mediterranean olives.**

your region. Wild olives have very small fruit so if you want to have

larger olives it is necessary to have a tree from cultivated varieties.

If you want an established tree, the trees transplant very easily.

The roots are not very extensive and reshoot well when pruned to allow transplanting. Very old trees do not produce as much fruit as younger ones but they make a wonderful ornament in the garden and for the domestic garden one tree can produce enough for eating. You would need an orchard to get enough to make oil so it is best to plant eating varieties if you want to use the fruit.

The fruit is bitter due to glucosides that are present when first picked so it is a process to make them edible. There are so many variations on how

to do it. The ancient Greeks used to tie baskets full of olives to their boats and let the sea water naturally cure them of the bitterness.

The basis of curing olives is to soak them in salty water and keep changing the water until they are the right taste. It is an art form to prepare the olives to be just right, although right can have regional preferences.

The oil is usually extracted by crushing the fruit and filtering it. It can take around 10 kilos of olives to make one kilo of olive oil depending on the olive and the extraction method. The virgin oil is graded as Extra with less than 1 per cent acidity, Corriente that does not exceed 3.3 per cent acidity and Lampante with above 3.3 per cent acidity. The virgin oil can be further refined into regular olive oil and blended to find the right taste for its purpose.

The olive tree is a must for the Mediterranean garden as a tradition that has occurred for thousands of years.

## It's mistletoe and wine time

ONE of the best things about the festive season is comfy nights in at home with a roaring fire.

Snuggly blankets, warm cocoa and a good box set to watch all make hibernating fun. But if you want to

make your home even cosier, why not try adding some seasonal scents to really create a winter wonderland?

According to *Country Living*, there are several cheap ways you can create home-made perfume for your home.

While it is a little early to be thinking about Christmas trees, if and when yours does arrive, use the spare trimmings to create scent sachets using scrap fabric. These can be placed under pillows or cushions and in drawers and cupboards to create a fresh and seasonal smell which is sure to get you in the festive spirit!

*Country Living* also suggests making home-made garlands which will provide both a free decoration and an uplifting fragrance. Bake thin slices of orange and cinnamon coated apple

in the oven before using a needle to connect them with ribbon or string and hang them from your mantelpiece or ceiling.

Take advantage of Spain's abundance of pine trees by collecting any fallen cones and spraying them with cinnamon essential oil before arranging them in a bowl. Festive and pretty!

Another decorative suggestion includes taking a Styrofoam wreath and filling it with sage. This minty smelling herb will mimic the scent of candy canes, filling your home with a pleasant, Christmassy aroma, as well as saving you money on your decorations this year.

Finally, give your fire an aromatic lift by throwing in any excess pine cones. These will help get your fire going as well as giving off a cosy, wintery smell.

## Time to plant your veg

WINTER is actually a great time to work on your vegetable garden if you live somewhere with a Mediterranean climate.

Those who live in places blessed with warmer summers choose to wait until later in the year to plant their crops in order to use the natural rainfall, which tends to come in winter months.

However, the ground is still quite warm at this time of the year, even as the temperature starts to drop, which makes it a great time to plant grasses, shrubs and trees.

Leafy vegetables tend to do well when planted at this time of the year, such as cauliflower, kale, celery

and broccoli, as do root vegetables like parsnips and beetroot.

While potatoes are traditionally planted in the spring, they can also be planted in Mediterranean gardens while it is still quite warm outside, so you can time your harvests to make sure you have a year-round supply.

The only plants that can't be planted during winter months are 'fruit' crops, such as tomatoes, courgettes and peppers, as they need continuous warm weather in order to ripen.

It's a good idea to plant your crops in stages, so they mature at different times, but still try to get them all into the ground as soon as possible in case the temperature suddenly plummets.



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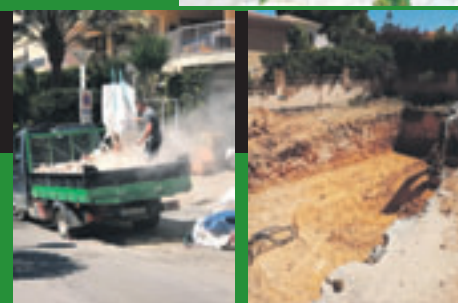


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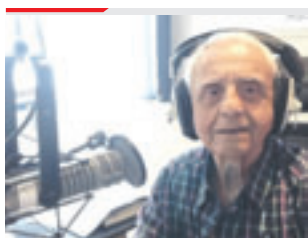
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#### THE sit and stay

This is an exercise that can only be correctly taught if each stage is perfected before continuing on to the next stage. The training for this exercise should be started indoors, the dog on the lead and no distractions. Initially the handler should be kneeling on the floor with the dog close to the handler's left side.

1. Give the SIT command once only, whilst putting the dog into the sit position at your left side, thereafter NEVER re-command, even if the dog moves. Pull up and back with your right hand in the collar, simultaneously push down with your left hand on the

dog's back just above the base of his tail. Never apply pressure any higher up the dog's back as this could cause injury. Remember - even if the dog does not sit immediately - DO NOT repeat the sit command.

PRAISE the dog quietly once he is settled and comfortable in the SIT and remains there without any physical restraint from the handler. If the dog moves, replace him into the SIT with no further commands. Do this as often as necessary, until he is sitting still and comfortable, praise quietly, then give the release command and at the same time move the dog from where he is sitting. PRAISE.

2. Repeat stage 1 until the dog is sitting when commanded with confidence. Always use the method described in stage 1 to guide the dog into the sit position. Gently try to pull or push the dog out of position (the handler should still be kneeling next to the dog), but be prepared to place him back into the SIT should he move. If he resists your gentle attempts to dislodge him, PRAISE and give the re-

lease command. If the attempts to move succeed - place him back into the sit position without commanding and go back to stage 1 and start again - until he is doing the exercise with more reliability.

The more frequently stages 1-2 are repeated the easier it will be to progress through this exercise and the more reliable your dog will be.

3. When the dog is doing stage 2 confidently, without moving, the exercise can be expanded. Put the dog into the SIT and with as little fuss as possible, stand upright. If he moves, put him straight back into the SIT without saying a word. When you are able to stand next to him use the lead, gently applying pressure to the collar to test the sit. If he moves again, replace him giving no ex-

tra commands and start stage 3 again.

NB On no account should you proceed any further if he is not reliable on stage 3.

4. When he is doing stage 3 reliably and confidently, the exercise can again be expanded. Place him in the SIT, take a couple of steps away from him, but be ready to

put him back just as he moves. Using the lead again gently apply pressure to the collar, return to the dog immediately, PRAISE profusely and then RELEASE.

NEVER release the dog until you are standing by his side or he will never do a reliable sit stay.

#### The down stay

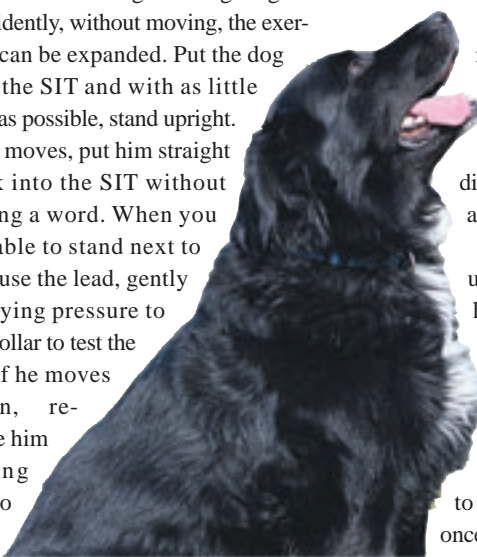
This is taught in exactly the same stages as the SIT - remember to only command the dog once and only when you are

#### TRAINING: The sit and stay way.

standing next to him, always replace him into position using no extra commands and always PRAISE and RELEASE at the end of each sit/down.

When both the sit and down are perfected with no distraction indoors, use different places where there are no distractions and start again at stage 1, working through all the stages. Perfect the technique by gradually increasing the distractions i.e. rattling a bunch of keys, dropping your hanky etc.

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# Three Spaniards in the running for trophy

THREE Spaniards have been named among the finalists of the prestigious Mirabaud Yacht Racing Image.

Photos by Cristina Balcells, Pedro Martinez and Tomas Moya have been selected among a 20 strong final shortlist for the annual best nautical photography prize.

The 20 best photographs of the prize were exhibited at the Annual World Sailing Conference in Puerto Vallarta between November 4 and 12 and will now feature at the Yacht Racing Forum in Aarhus, Denmark on November 27 and 28.

Delegates attending the Yacht Racing Forum will be asked to vote for their favourite image, which will be added to online votes, with the winner announced on November 28.

Started in 2010, the Mirabaud Yacht Racing Image award is the world's premier photography competition dedicated to the sport of sailing, celebrating the very best yacht racing image taken during the calendar year.

More than one million people saw the pictures submitted for the last edition of the contest.

France and Russia lead the way in terms of this year's nominations, with



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**FINALIST: The picture presented by Spaniard Tomas Moya.**

four each, while Spain sit in second with three, ahead of the United States and Germany with two apiece.

Photographers from New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Italy, and Holland all contribute one photo each and make up the list.

More than 130 professional photographers from 27 countries sent images for the 2017 edition of the award

which is recognised throughout the industry.

Eighty images were selected last month after being selected by an international jury and were published on the official website before the public chose their final 20.

Voting can be done via the Mirabaud Yacht Racing Image Facebook page.



Credit: @bluewater\_yacht

**BEAUTIFUL: The 3,500,000 yacht.**

## €1.3 million off

A YACHT lying in Mallorca has had a €1,300,000 price drop.

The Eighteen 2, a 24-metre explorer motor yacht listed for sale by Jim Archer at Bluewater, is now priced at €3,500,000.

Delivered in early 2016, the yacht is virtually new having only clocked 70 hours on her engines since she was delivered.

Twin 850hp engines mean that the yacht has a cruising speed of 8.5 knots, with a maximum speed of 13 knots.

The steel built yacht has an in-house design by Van Der Heijden and can accommodate up to eight guests in four cabins consisting of a master suite, VIP suite and two twins, one of which converts into a double.

All cabins have entertainment centres, en-suite shower

facilities and there are also quarters for two crew members.

The main deck salon has L-shaped seating and has a number of compelling features, such as a bar and an entertainment centre, which includes a Samsung flatscreen and a Sonos sound system.

Further along the main deck is a dining area with seating for eight guests and the well outfitted galley also has a dining table, perfect for informal snacks.

On the large aft deck there is an al fresco dining area, fitted with a table and chairs alongside a bar while up on the flybridge, equipped with a drop-down transparent PVC enclosure to protect against the worst excesses of the weather you will find built-in upholstered seating, an electric grill, bar, ice maker and a Jacuzzi.

# Registrations open for China International Boat now open

REGISTRATIONS are now open for the China (Shanghai) International Boat Show 2018.

More than 300 exhibitors have already been confirmed for the event that will take place between April 26 and 29 next year and will feature brands such as Speedo, Beneteau, JETSET, Novurania spa and Brunger Expor.

This year's version of the event at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre in April attracted more than 30,000 visitors.

The CIBS 2018 will have a number of new features, including a 'leisure carnival.'

The leisure carnival will



Credit: @MiamiYachtSales

**BUSY: More than 30,000 visitors attended the 2017 show.**

feature a 300 square metre pool that will allow visitors and water sports enthusiasts to experience canoeing,

stand-up paddle, kayaking, paddle boarding, sailing, water skiing, fishing, diving, underwater photography and

many more water sports.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy stand-up paddle and wakeboard performances given by invited athletes, alongside a fashion runway for the launch of outdoor clothing including diving and swim wear.

Exhibitors will be displaying items such as state-of-the-art boating equipment and design, fabrics for inflatable boats, waterjet propulsion units, water-sports equipment, instruments, sensors, marine fittings and outboard propellers.

Registrations are available online.



Credit: Joaquin Camon, Objetivo Torre Vieja/Facebook

**CELEBRATION: The final boat returns.**

## Torre Vieja triumphs

THE town of Torre Vieja is celebrating after rowers participating in the 2017 version of their annual Dragon Boat International Festival set a Guinness World Record.

One hundred and eighty sailors from countries across the world took part in the 24-hour relay event aiming to achieve the record of greatest distance travelled over a 24-hour period in dragon boats.

In total, the Torre Vieja relay travelled 266 kilometres, beating the previous record set by Hong Kong by 19 kilometres.

However, the record will reportedly only feature on the Guinness World Records website because in order to enter the book officially, there must be an official Guinness World Record judge present which reportedly costs more than €6,000.





## Clarkson Quote of the Week



*It's called a Kubang which, being a Maserati, is probably also the sound it'll make when the warranty expires."*

Some might say...



## Motoring shorts

### Written in the cars

THE University of Leon is set to host the first driverless cars in Spain.

According to reports, the first 'driverless vehicle experimental circuit in Spain' will be in Santurde de Toranzo as part of a project developed by Auvsí España and the University of Leon themselves.

An installation is set to be presented at the start of 2018 and is the first leg of a broader government scheme, The Nertra Cantabria Plan, which focuses on mobility patterns of autonomous vehicles allowing software to make decisions and ultimately replace drivers.

This software provides a network of sensors that will update the behaviour of vehicles to allow them to adapt to real life situations on the road.

The circuit will be a rural circuit with forecasts for other experimental urban, air and maritime circuits.

# Speed record smashed

By Matthew Elliott

CLOCKING an average speed of 277.9mph over two separate runs through the Nevada desert, the Koenigsegg Agera RS is now officially

the world's fastest production car.

During the runs the Swedish-built hypercar struck a top speed of 284.5mph, smashing the previous record set by a production

car, the Hennessey Venom GT, which stood at 270.5mph.

Despite tackling an incline the Agera RS managed to reach 271.2mph on the first run. Enjoying a decline on the second it hit 284.5mph.

The average was calculated from the two runs in the opposite

direction on the same stretch of Nevada's Highway 106.

Driver Niklas Lilja said that the next stage was seeing how the Agera RS handles corners. Driving at 280mph plus was "really quite bumpy," he said,

with his only concern being that the Michelin tyres were only guaranteed for speeds of 186mph.

A five-litre V8 engine with 1,300hp helped Koenigsegg engineers challenge the limits of aerodynamics. Ground force was tailored to prevent a disastrous flip on a small imperceptible bump.

Unlike the Bloodhound SSC aiming for a land speed record of 1,000mph plus next year with its jet engine, the Agera RS is road legal, though pushing 300mph might lead to a spell inside.



Photo credit Twitter



**WILD SIDE:**  
Agera RS is new king of hypercar universe.

## Easy money

FERRARI is on course to make €1 billion in profits this year. It would be a record for the Italian giant, registering a 14 per cent increase on 2016's takings.

The one billion milestone was set as a target for 2020 by CEO Sergio Marchionne in 2014. Despite Ferrari racing to that finish line quicker than expected, this year's record profits are below those anticipated by shareholders who hoped for a 24 per cent profit increase.

Profits are expected to shoot up if Marchionne makes good on his pledge to take Ferrari out of Formula One.

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# Baggies boss Pulis pipes on sun cream in Barbados

UNDERFIRE West Brom boss Tony Pulis - whose Baggies host Champions Chelsea on Saturday - spent the international break tanning himself in Barbados.

Despite only two wins from their last 20 Premier League games Pulis relaxed with a trip to Barbados, having been booed by fans, following their 1-0 defeat against Huddersfield.

"I've been here nearly three years and talk was about us finishing in the top eight. If you go on a bad run supporters are unforgiving," rued Pulis, on a winless run of nine games.

Ander Herrera and Chris Smalling will be back in Premier League action on Saturday - as Manchester United host Newcastle United - at Old Trafford.

Herrera was given a week off by United boss Jose Mourinho.

"After so many matches



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Herrera deserved to have a week off," said Mourinho, who also gave United defender and England outcast Smalling - left out of England's friendlies against

Brazil and Germany - time off.

United, who face six games in 17 days, are set to see the return of Paul Pogba and Marcos Rojo following injury.

Mourinho is hopeful that Pogba and Rojo will return to face Newcastle: "They have to work every day, but they are in a good position now," said Mourinho.

Striker Zlatan

Ibrahimovic, sidelined with cruciate ligament injuries, has been pencilled in for a return in late December.

While United have been hit with injury woes their chances of narrowing the gap on league leaders Manchester City have faltered, with Pep Guardiola's side eight points ahead of United, going into their fixture at Leicester on Saturday.

Spain and United star Juan Mata, who was left out of United's squad at Chelsea, and Spain's squad against Costa Rica and Russia said: "There's

still a lot to play for."

Ex-Barcelona defender Dani Alves has not ruled out a move to City, despite snubbing a summer move to the Etihad, when joining Paris St-Germain: "I was considering going to play for Manchester City," said Alves.

"I don't hide my admiration for Pep and my will to play in the Premier League in the future," said Alves.

Liverpool, whose left-back Alberto Moreno was recalled to the Spain squad for friendlies against Costa Rica and Russia, host Southampton at Anfield on Saturday.

Moreno returned from the international wilderness having started eight Premier League matches and all four of Liverpool's Champions League group stage games this season.

Liverpool midfielder Jordan Henderson, who missed the 4-1 win against West Ham prior to the international break, is set to

return after a thigh injury.

Spurs, who meet Arsenal at The Emirates Stadium on Saturday, are hopeful trio Dele Alli, Harry Kane and Harry Winks, who withdrew from the England squad, will return from injury.

Arsenal's Olivier Giroud, Rob Holding, Santi Cazorla, Danny Welbeck and Shkodran Mustafi are nursing injuries at the Emirates.

Struggling West Ham are hoping that David Moyes can turn round their fortunes as they face Premier League relegation - starting against Watford - on Sunday.

The Hammers turned to ex-Preston, Everton, Manchester United, Real Sociedad and Sunderland boss Moyes after snubs by Carlo Ancelotti, Roberto Mancini and Rafa Benitez, to replace axed Slaven Bilic.

Moyes has yet another mammoth task, underlined with facing Manchester City, Chelsea, Arsenal and Spurs before the new year.

"I've managed five clubs since starting out nearly 20 years ago at Preston and I'm hungry to make sure I get things right," said Moyes, whose historic Georgian mansion formerly belonged to Squire Anderton, and has a helicopter pad, private chapel, tennis courts and ancient woodland.

Chelsea boss Antonio Conte has a debacle whether to recall defender David Luiz, dropped for the game against Manchester United prior to the break, when replaced by Andreas Christensen.

Conte criticised Luiz following poor displays in two Champions League games with Roma: "He has to work hard," said Conte, who said he didn't know whether the Brazilian has a future at Chelsea.

Luiz believes he is being punished - because of his close ties with ex-teammate Diego Costa - who had a rift with Conte, prior to rejoining Atletico Madrid in September.



DAVID MOYES: Under the hammer.

## SPORTSCENE SPAIN

with Andrew Atkinson

QUALIFIED Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver, Zoe Connolly who successfully defended her Open Water Junior World Oceanman Female World Champion title in 2017 is eyeing further glory.

"I intend to participate in Oceanman for the third time in 2018. I'm going to try my best to maintain my title as World Champion," said Zoe.

"Another goal for 2018 is to achieve Elite Athlete Status, as it will also help me get a place in a Spanish University," said Zoe, who lives in Los Montesinos, Alicante.

"I am also aiming to get into the Spanish team for Fin Swimming. My aim is to win a medal in the Fin Swimming National Championships," said ambitious Portsmouth born Zoe, who has lived in Spain for 10 years.

"Last year I was very close to achieving both goals," said Zoe, who trains in the pool six days a week and also Fin-swims two days a week.

"When I don't do double sessions I go to the gym for an hour, after swimming three times a week," said Zoe, placed first, second or third in every race, with distances from 1,500m to 8km, in the 14



Zoe Connolly's Elite Athlete aim.



2017 Half Oceanman Tabarca.

## Elite Athlete Status aim for teenage swimming star Zoe

sea races during 2017.

"Each distance has its own difficulties. It always depends on the conditions of the sea," said Zoe.

"The most difficult part of any race is

just after the second half, when the lactic acid kicks, and your muscles start aching," said Zoe.

"It's pointless putting extra pressure on. I do my best and have fun. I don't

think the experiences make it easier - you still give 110 per cent - but it helps you know how to swim it, what speed to go, when to go faster and slower," said Zoe.

"It helps you to be able to control the waves - how to orientate yourself - and to not get lost or go off course," said Zoe, who has been the youngest swimmer in a plethora of competitions.

"I wouldn't say it puts extra pressure on me. It motivates me. It's pointless putting extra pressure on yourself, over things you can't control. I just go out there, do my best, and have fun," said Zoe.

"To know, not only am I placed highly in my age group, but also one of the better female swimmers in competition, is a fantastic feeling," said Zoe.

"Every time I finish a race the first question I ask my parents, who are watching is: 'How many girls have come in before me?'"

"My parents signed me up for swimming classes when I was four and swimming has always been for me, without a doubt. I started competing when I was seven and it's been my life ever since," said Zoe.

*\*NEXT WEEK: Zoe Connolly reveals the financial costs to compete - with competition costumes costing anything up to €400.*

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# Barbarians suffer defeat at the hands of Las Abelles

THE Babarians XV Calvià rugby team faced top of the league team Las Abelles in Valencia, knowing that it would be a difficult match.

By half-time, the visitors were ahead by 19 points to 26. Unfortunately the home team were too strong during the second half and scored three tries to take the win.

## Baleares Senior League

El Toro RC played at home on Saturday afternoon against a strong Corsaris RFC team finally winning by 27 points to 17 maintaining their unbeaten run.

Elsewhere, Bahia RC had a tough match against Shamrock RC in Son Roca but came out winners by 12 points to 15.

**Rugby Day, U14, U16 and**



Credit: Astrid Mockridge

**TRY: Fergus McCoss scores for El Toro.**

## U18 League

The new venue of Ses Salines was the pitch for the Rugby Day

and U14 league on Saturday.

All teams and supporters enjoyed the atmosphere and gave

their best as always. Ses Salines was also used for training sessions on Sunday for the U16 and

U18 Baleares teams.

## Coming up next week

Babarians XV Calvia have a rest day after eight matches giving themselves time to prepare for the next home match in Son Caliu against Tecnidex from Alicante.

The Baleares Senior League continues with matches for El Toro RC away to Bahia RC; Corsaris RC are due to play Ibiza RC, Capdepera RC travel to Menorca RC and Dimonis RC has a match against RC Ponent.

The U16 and U18 teams will continue their league in Son Caliu on Saturday.

The first Flag Rugby Day will take place in the San Fernando sports centre in Palma on Saturday morning.

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