

Sacking vote collapses

TWO parties are at loggerheads over a failed bid to oust Nerja's mayor.

The Partido Popular (PP) and Ciudadanos are now caught up in a war of words after failing to agree terms for a vote of no confidence in Mayor Rosa Arrabal.

Ciudadanos called the PP "theatrical," while they in turn were accused of breaking a proposed agreement "unilaterally."

The PP further claimed Ciudadanos walked away from negotiations after learning three of their councillors would still face investigation over their alleged part in an illegal landfill should the no confidence vote succeed.

Drought aid agreed

THE Junta de Andalucía will provide subsidies for irrigators who use recycled water.

The initiative is designed to compensate farmers after they are being hit with a new round of water restrictions from tomorrow (Friday).

Irrigators will be given financial incentives for using recycled water from sewage plants at Algarrobo and Velez-Málaga after La Viñuela reservoir dropped to 22.7 per cent of its capacity.

Water shortages have already begun to affect crop yield and the Junta has shown it is keen to avoid further losses to the €300 million industry.



BIG BIRD THREAT: Scene of the poisoning.

Raptor drama

Vultures die after poisoning

By John Smith

Tens of griffon vultures have been poisoned in the Sierra de Zafarraya.

It comes after an officer from SEPRONA - the Guardia Civil's nature protection branch - spotted a number of the huge birds flying with difficulty.

When he arrived at the spot where he had seen the birds in the Sierra de Zafarraya in Granada he discovered that they were all dead.

And it has now been confirmed that they were poisoned.

A police official said that this is one of the most horrific attacks on vulnerable local

wildlife in the past 10 years and the Seprona is doing all that it can to track down the culprit after investigators discovered a number of poisoned baits in the vicinity.

The dead vultures were sent to the Centre for Analysis and Diagnosis of the Wildlife in Málaga City and there is a possibility that the person responsible may be discovered.

It is believed more than likely that the birds consumed poisoned lamb or mutton meat and based on a similar case some years ago, it may be possible to isolate the DNA of the sheep and match that with records of local sheep.

What particularly enrages

environmentalists is that Griffon Vultures are carrion eaters, consuming flesh from dead animals and generally do not hunt and kill domestic animals such as sheep or goats.

Skull mystery



LA VIÑUELA: Scene of the gruesome find.

A POLICE probe has been launched after a human skull was found by a dog.

The alarm was raised by a resident of La Viñuela, whose pet brought it to his home after digging in a nearby field.

Guardia Civil investigators swooped on the scene and confirmed that the remains were human, sparking a search for the remaining bones.

The skull - which police say is complete - has been sent to a specialised forensic laboratory as detectives aim to determine the age, sex, race and cause of death.

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on the cards**

WORKS to Rincon de la Victoria's municipal pool are 95 per cent complete, according to the council. The €3.8 million project is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

Prize pupils

TWO students from Frigiliana have been named as only 58 pupils from the University of Malaga who have benefited from the Linguistic Immersion Excellence Scholarship programme.

Road works

NERJA Council has announced works to Plaza Antonio Machado are continuing well. The project is said to be at a 'very advanced stage,' and 'going at a good pace.'



POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS: The landfill and (inset) Mayor Arrabal.

NERJA'S mayor will appear in court over a controversial landfill.

Rosa Arrabal will give evidence in a Torrox court tomorrow (Friday), while six other people will provide their testimony later in the month, among them a former councillor, Jose Alberto Armijo.

Last month it was announced 34 people have been summoned to court to be questioned over their role in the illegal dumping ground, located near the Rio de la Miel within the protected nature park.

A court in Torrox will now decide whether the 34 were complicit in the illegal use of a beauty spot as a

Official questions Illegal dump probe goes on

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landfill. According to one publication, Jonathan Mendez explained he was 'very calm' about the legal action, adding, "No one ever told me that there could be no prunings left there. I have not done anything wrong, I have not signed anything I did not have to sign."

The site, which is located in

the National Park of Tejeda, Almijara and Alhama, to the east of Nerja, was previously a working quarry owned by the council. The area was later used as a dumping ground for 16 years, between 2000 and September 2016.

The Public Prosecutor's office has labelled the landfill 'a genuine environmental disaster.'

60% of Spaniards between the ages of 18-65 do not do any sports or physical activity according to a health survey by insurance company Linea Directa.

Holidays extend weekend

SPAIN is looking forward to two national holidays. Next Wednesday marks Spanish Constitution Day, but in the wake of controversy surrounding Catalanian independence, the public holiday may have a different feel to other years.

Traditionally, the day is one of national pride, with plenty of patriotic displays.

Yet with the constitution and the national flag now widely seen as a symbol of Spanish repression in Cataluña, the anniversary could be used as an opportunity for further defiance from the region.

Another public holiday takes place next Friday, with many Spaniards taking the Thursday off to enjoy a five-day weekend. The December 8 holiday is a Catholic event, known as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

It is an ideal time to visit one of the many Christmas markets springing up around the country since it is typically viewed to mark the start of the festive season.



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Missing money

A MAN has handed in a missing bag containing \$6,000 (€5,049) in cash. The Spanish resident found the bag while walking with his family in Malaga's Paseo del Parque and immediately handed it to the nearest police officer he found. On further inspection, the officers found the bag contained large quantities of cash and documentation before returning it to its owner, an American tourist.

Medal merit

THREE police officers in Velez-Malaga have been awarded medals for police merit. One received his for foiling an armed robbery in 2008, another saved the life of a tourist who suffered a heart attack in 2010 and the third saved several people during a storm as well as foiling a suicide bid.

Pay day

A NERJA councillor has said she will repay the €150 she earned for attending 11 minutes of a council session. Maria Dolores Sanchez has asked for the bank's details she needs to return the money to after missing most of a council session in January due to a doctor's appointment.

Skull island

A MAN has found a skull in the La Viñuela area. The resident called the police after making the grisly discovery while walking his dog at around 1pm. The skull has been sent to the Institute of Legal Medicine of Malaga to find the cause of death.

Motorbike death

A 33-YEAR-OLD woman has been killed in an accident in Torre del Mar. The accident took place at around 2am on Calle Carrera de las Angustias next to a petrol station. Police and health workers arrived on the scene but pronounced the

woman dead on arrival.

Smart metre

CANILLAS DE ACEITUNO is installing €270,000 smart metres to

take water readings. The technology, supplied by Danish company Kamstrup, is aimed to prevent water loss from leaks and breakdowns. The move is hoped to save €45,000 a year.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...39

In the build up to Christmas, hordes of Spaniards spend hours queuing outside to buy tickets for El Gordo, the €2.3 billion festive lottery that has become the richest draw in the world.

Feeling lucky?



Credit: Barce/Flickr

FULL OF HOPE: A queue of people waiting to buy lottery tickets in Puerta del Sol, Madrid.

'EL GORDO' - or the 'the fat one' - is the nickname given to Spain's unique annual Christmas lottery, also known as el Sorteo Extraordinario de Navidad.

According to state figures, around 70 per cent of the population take part each year, with each person spending an average of €60 on tickets, while the total prize money in 2017 is forecast to be €2.38 billion.

The draw started more than 200 years ago in 1812, and is held every year on December 22 at the Teatro Real de Madrid in Madrid.

A group of 40 children, aged between eight and 14, from the Colegio de San Ildefonso school in Segovia are chosen to select the numbers each year. The school used to be an orphanage and the winners of the lottery traditionally donate a portion of their winnings to the school.

Many people flock to watch the ball be drawn live, with many dressing up in lottery-themed clothing for luck.

The numbers are drawn from two giant golden drums, one with the numbers of the lottery tickets and another with the prize amount, and the children traditionally sing the results as they're drawn.

The prize fund is split among thousands of prizes ranging in value. Unlike other traditional lotteries, it's not possible to pick your own numbers. When you buy a ticket, the number is already printed on it and can range from 00000 to 99999. A full 'billete,' or ticket sheet, costs €200, but most people buy a 10th of a ticket, or a 'decimo,' for €20; meaning they win a 10th of the prize money allocated to the winning number. This can be split up further into 'participaciones' worth €1.

A fat chance

IT is not uncommon for people in the same location to win at the same time if they buy 'decimos' or 'participaciones' from the same place. Last year the first prize of €4 million was split between 10 people who all bought their tickets from the same lottery shop in Madrid.

In 2011, all but one of the 250 residents in the tiny Spanish village of Sodeito won a share of €120 million,

with people collecting prizes worth between €100,000 and €1 million depending on how many tickets they had bought. This was the first time in history that an entire village won the prize.

The unlucky man who missed out was a Greek man who lived on the edge of town and allegedly didn't realise what a big deal the Christmas lottery was.



Credit: Madrid Director/Twitter

SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING: The draw is chanted by schoolchildren.

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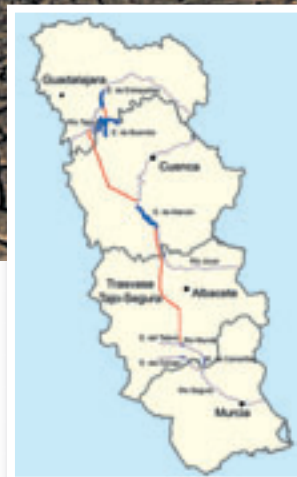
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Crisis deepens

'Spain has lived as if it were water rich'



Photo credit: Pedro Armentre/Greenpeace



DRY AS A BONE: The Entrepeñas reservoir, the Tajo-Segura transfer (inset left) and its course (inset right).

By Matt Ford

THE longest river in the Iberian Peninsula is drying up.

It comes as a series of dramatic images showing the extent of the crisis gripping the Tagus river emerged.

Known as the Tajo in Spain and Tejo in Portugal, the river rises in Aragon, northern Spain passing close to Madrid before forming a length of the border with Portugal and eventually emptying into the sea at Lisbon.

Along its 1,000 kilometre length it is dammed 51 times, but its current problems arise at the headwaters.

And they are likely to exert a knock-on effect in expatriate strongholds on the Mediterranean slope.

Constructed between 1966 and 1979, the 292-kilometre Tagus-Segura transfer is a concrete canal designed to carry water from the upper Tagus to the Segura river basin, where it is used to irrigate crops in Alicante, Murcia and Almería.

But much of the channel is open to the air, meaning tens of thousands of litres of water are lost to evaporation before reaching their destination.

Environmental organisation Greenpeace this week published a scathing report on water management in Spain, as the country continues to battle its worst drought for two decades.

The study, entitled Drought, Something More Than a Lack of Rain, concludes that 75 per cent

of Spain is at risk of becoming a desert and claims that "the problem is not drought, but robbery."

According to the report, the national government "has not worked to mitigate dry periods" and Spain has instead "lived and legislated as if it were a water-rich country."

The Entrepeñas reservoir in Guadalajara near Madrid is one of the sources of the Tajo-Segura transfer, but currently sits below 10 per cent of capacity, with local villages forced to ship drinking water in by lorry.

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OUR VIEW

It's time to save water

THE ongoing water shortage is a crisis that has been lurking in Spain's shadow for decades. But the country appears to have no plan or will to deal with it.

And as a Greenpeace report claims that Spain has 'lived and legislated as if it were a water-rich country,' then it certainly appears time to address a problem which is long in need of a solution.

As reservoirs lie at their lowest levels since the 1990s, and state weather office AEMET forecasts a mild and dry winter, a natural fix may not be close at hand after the third driest year on record behind 1981 and 2005.

Ill-advised infrastructure projects such as the Tajo-Segura transfer, largely created during General Franco's era, are wasteful and woefully inadequate for a country as rich as Spain. Golf courses and public green spaces are typically irrigated with drinking water, while a number of towns and cities continue to pump raw sewage into rivers including the Tagus and Ebro.

As climate change continues to show that it is far from a future problem, Spain must find a way to use its precious water resources more efficiently or suffer the inevitable consequences brought about by a perfect storm of rapidly-warming planet, over-exploited aquifers and unchecked pollution.

What is clear is that connecting more river basins by building pipelines, canals and dams is not the answer.

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Coastal path plans go on

NERJA'S mayor, Rosa Arrabal, has met with the mayor of Torrox, Oscar Medina to discuss upgrades to the coastal path between the two towns.

Social club

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA Council has budgeted €122,898.50 to build a new social building in La Cala del Moral. Companies can submit quotes for the job until tomorrow (Friday).

Paint pot

RAFAEL HEREDIA has exhibited his sculptures and paintings at the Casa del Aperio in Frigiliana. The exhibition, entitled *Salvadas del Mar*, also incorporated a series of activities.



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Strutting her stuff

SHE'S the philanthropic model who got her big break posing for Calvin Klein.

And now Toni Garrn, 25, has lent her looks to fashion brand Calzedonia.

The leggy star wowed in a short dress with a see-through chest panel over pear fishnet tights which perfectly showcased her endless legs.

With her golden hair falling over her shoulders, the stunner wowed at the company's 25th anniversary in Madrid.

The German model, who spends her spare time raising money for girls' education in Zimbabwe, showed off her tanned skin and chiselled cheekbones as she posed for photographers.

Garrn made headlines in September when she was spotted dining with former flame Leonardo di Caprio in New York. The stunner previously dated the Hollywood star for 18 months between 2013 and 2014.



Photo credit Toni Garrn/Instagram

SHEER DARING:
Toni Garrn.

Purr-fect hostess!

SHE'S one of the most desired women in Spain.

And actress Blanca Suarez, 29, showed why she leaves others in the shade as she appeared as brand ambassador for British car manufacturer Jaguar at the launch of the new E-type in Madrid.

After slipping into an eye-popping, multi-coloured mini-dress combined with thigh-skimming stiletto boots, the TV star posed for a series of racy snaps with the car.



TOP CAT:
Blanca Suarez.

Photo credit Twitter



LAWSUIT:
Nick and Holly.

Millionaire's row

HE'S a super-wealthy property developer married to a former star of Australian soap Neighbours.

But multi-millionaire Nick Candy is suing a former good friend whose wife filmed him being 'drunk and embarrassing' in Ibiza.

Emma Hollyoake, partner of his ex-business associate Mark Hollyoake, allegedly refused to erase the footage from her mobile phone, leading to a court battle.

The property tycoon, who tied the knot with Australian actress Holly Valance in 2012, is said to have 'engaged in some embarrassing behaviour when heavily intoxicated' at a party on Ibiza in 2010 as friends filmed him. He now claims his privacy and data protection have been breached.

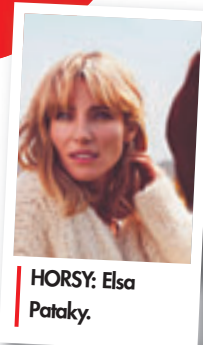
Candy, who is said to have a joint worth of €1.6 billion with his twin Christian, shares two children with his wife.

Neigh joke

SPANISH actress Elsa Pataky has a new best friend.

The Madrid-born star, 41, took to Instagram to show off her new horse Dolly as she enjoyed an afternoon of riding near Byron Bay in Australia, where she lives with actor husband Chris Hemsworth and their three children.

A smiling Elsa appeared to be fully-recovered after a recent trip to Spain.



HORSY: Elsa Pataky.

Crown glory

SHE'S the monarch with a taste for high fashion. And Spanish Queen Letizia did not disappoint as she attended a Jubilee Year celebration in Caravaca de la Cruz, Murcia.

The mother-of-two slipped into a glamorous grey jacket and snakeskin heels, together with diamond earrings.

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Schools in cash boost

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has put aside more than €270,000 to improve the area's schools. The works began at Jose Luis Villar Palasi school costing €97,000.

New plot

TWO new plots have been reserved at Velez-Malaga's Tecnoalimentario Park. Hermanos Lopez Pardo has bought two spaces for more than €1 million, marking the occasion with a signing with the town's mayor.

Street lights

MORE than €160,000 has been invested to improve street lighting in Velez-Malaga municipality. The council has upgraded lamps in Velez-Malaga, Torre del Mar, Benajárfé, Lagos, Chilches and Cajiz.

Car crash

AROUND 600 students from schools in Velez-Malaga are taking part in a scheme to prevent road accidents. The event was organised by an accident group, the Local Police, firefighters and health workers.

Social work

ALMUÑECAR Council has given €21,400 to eight local social collectives. The distribution was made based on criteria made by the Department of Social Welfare and Equality.

Red cross

THE Red Cross has held a workshop for elderly people in Almuñecar to prevent accidents. Nearly 50 people got involved in the event, which is part of the 'age healthily' scheme.

A MALAGA court is investigating five doctors who allegedly failed a pregnant woman.

A judge has now told the Andalusian Health Service (SAS) that the professionals could face civil liability claims after failing to spot a woman was pregnant until she went into labour.

The claimant, Carolina, allegedly visited doctors five times with stomach pain, eventually giving birth to twins on her final visit, without any-

Doctors face trial over birth failure

one diagnosing she was pregnant.

The mother is now suing the doctors for 'medical negligence,' after she was hospitalised for a month with complications from childbirth. Her two daughters are said to be well. Carolina first visited a Malaga health centre in June complaining of 'severe leg pain, weight gain

and that her period had stopped.'

Convinced she could not have children as she was obese, the woman was discharged from the centre before returning on August 1 for 'severe abdominal pain.' Doctors once again failed to offer her a pregnancy test and instead diagnosed her with back pain and poor circulation.

Carolina returned again on September 10, telling doctors she had not had a period in four months and in a later appointment she explained she had developed a bump on her stomach. Doctors stuck to their diagnosis, telling the woman she needed to lose weight before she eventually gave birth in October.

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NEWS EXTRA**Council
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ALMUÑECAR Town Hall is host to a full plenary council session today (Thursday) at 6pm, with a range of issues on the table for discussion, including the municipal budget, taxes and future events.

Xmas gig

GRANADA-BORN star, Marina Heredia is to perform a special Christmas concert in Almuñecar's House of Culture on Saturday December 16 at 8pm, in which she will sing a selection of Christmas songs.

All invited

ALMUÑECAR Council will mark International Disabled People's Day with a series of events starting from 11am in Plaza de la Constitución this Sunday and continuing at the Social Services Centre on Monday.



THE MEMBERS: Held a minute's silence.

€9m loan agreed

ALMUÑECAR Council has approved a loan to save interest on payments.

The town hall has changed the way it will pay suppliers, saving 5 per cent and gaining a two-year grace period on payments.

Councillor for Finance, Antonio Laborda, explained, "since payments began in 2012, we have paid off €23 million and still have another €9 million to pay with an in-

terest rate of 6 per cent," adding, "with the agreement made in the council session we went down to a 1 per cent interest payment."

The councillor added the two-year grace period would "mean more liquidity for the municipal coffers...we will be in a more comfortable situation."

He explained the vote had been taken at an extraordinary council meeting as a matter of urgency,

"because on Monday December 27 we must present the financial conditions" for the loan to the Ministry of Finance.

The council session ended with all the members holding a minute's silence at the proposal of the mayor, Trinidad Herrera, 'in tribute and memory to the victims of gender,' as the council honoured International Day Against Gender Violence.

Time for the big moment

ALMUÑECAR and La Herradura's Christmas lights will be switched on tomorrow (Friday).

Scheduled to kick off at 6.30pm, the main event in Almuñecar will take place in Plaza de la Constitución and is to feature a performance from children's choir, Arcos de Torrecuevas.

The group will perform a medley of classic Christmas carols under the direction of Pedro Hernandez.

In La Herradura, a separate gathering will be held in Plaza de la Independencia.

This will be at 8pm and feature an exhibition and awards ceremony for the winners of this year's Christmas card competition, organised by the mayor's office and Las Gaviotas public school.

At 8.30pm, the municipal nativity scene will be blessed by parish priest Nestor in the exhibition hall of the civic centre, backed by the Coro la Salinera choir.

The nativity can be visited from 9am to 2pm and 4pm to 10pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1.30pm on Saturdays.

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GET into the Christmas spirit and join Lux Mundi for their upcoming events:

Monday December 4: Half orange widows, widowers and singles group 'bring and share' lunch

You are welcome to join them and make new friends at the Centre. The group also meets on other Mondays of the month for coffee, walks and visits to places of interest.

Time: 1pm

Monday December 11: Art Appreciation Group

Starting from December the group will use, *The Private Life of Masterpieces*, which was a BBC arts documentary series that told the stories behind great works of arts languages. The original narrations were done by the actors, Samuel West and Tim Pigot Smith. Janice will give a short introduction about the artist. This will be followed by a DVD and discussion. Donation of €2.

Time 10.30am

Tuesday December 12 and 19: Photography Group

From good shots to great shots, why not come and learn the art of photography with Bob Bell Photography, a fun and informal group to help you to get more from your camera. Open to all, from beginners to the more experienced photographer, regardless of the type of camera you use.

This season they will be looking at the various styles of photography and computer software with monthly themes and photo challenges. Don't forget to bring your camera.

Time: 4pm



GIBRALTAR: Join Lux Mundi on the Rock.

Saturday December 16: Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service

Come and join in the Service at the Parish Church of San Andres, Torre del Mar. There will be carols sung by the Spanish choir, 'Amigos de Lux Mundi,' the German choir, 'Con Los Cantores' and the TMS English choir.

Time: 6pm

Thursday December 21: Coach Excursion to Gibraltar

Why not join Lux Mundi's visit to Gibraltar with a chance to take a cable car to the top of the Rock and see the unique Barbary apes. It is also an opportunity to purchase duty free items and typical English food products from the Morrisons supermarket.

Ticket price: €12, available at the Centre. Departure times: Puente don Manuel (Bar Mis Tapitas) 6.45am; Algarrobo (Lidl) 7.15am; Caleta (Vets) 7.20am and Torre Del Mar (Bus Station) 7.30am. Depart Gibraltar at approximately 3.30pm. (Passports/ID required).

For further information and bookings, please contact the Lux Mundi Centre in Torre del Mar. Opening hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm and 3pm to 6pm. Call: 952 543 334, e-mail: luxmundi@lux-mundi.org or visit: www.lux-mundi.org.

Please note you are unable to make bookings through the website and they cannot accept cards.



DENIAL: Malaga's fire brigade denies negligence.

Fire strikers defend absence

FIREFIGHTERS in Malaga have been forced to defend their decision not to battle blazes.

Sixty firemen are on trial for abandonment of public service and denying assistance after failing to work when five fires broke out on the same day in June.

Their union blamed the incident on 'disorganisation suffered by the service and poor media management.'

The union added there was not an appropriate system in place to deal with fires while on strike, claiming, 'while other cities such as Torremolinos or Sevilla have a system in place to ensure firefighters off work

are available in case of emergency, Malaga prefers to rely on improvisation in response to these situations.'

The spokesman added: "there is no rule, regulation or law by which firefighters in Malaga are obliged to be on the phone and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," adding, "although the idea that the firefighters have neglected their obligations has been put forward by some, this is flatly false and will be seen at trial."

The strike had been ongoing in the province for nine months, leading to a potential criminal case for the 60 firefighters who ignored calls.

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NEWS EXTRA**Shoot hoops**

TORROX Council is offering reduced ticket prices for the basketball Moscow Euroleague due to an agreement between the Provincial Council, Malaga Basketball Club and the Torrox Basketball Club.

Take a hike

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has organised several mountaineering events. The climbing and hiking routes took place in the Sierras Tejeda, Almijara and Alhama.

Fair time

TORROX will host its third annual Christmas fair from December 5 to 10 in the Malaga Lonja Horta, offering the largest craft souk on the Costa del Sol, according to its organisers.



Photo by Wikimedia

| NERJA: Still has a sewage problem.

Sewage works stall again

NERJA'S beleaguered sewage plant remains unfinished.

The Junta de Andalucía has accepted works are still stalled after seven months despite recent statements suggesting the project had started again. A statement put out by the Junta has stated it will find a solution to complete the works 'in the shortest possible time.'

After sources last month confirmed

the project was once again underway following a six-month hiatus, the Ministry of the Environment has released a statement saying it is still trying to find a construction company to carry out the work.

In a letter published on October 13, it said, 'The Ministry of the Environment is holding periodic meetings with the business group with a view to launching the most viable

alternative in the shortest time possible, although no other construction company has yet to answer in the completion of the work by administrative transfer of the same.'

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

Farm thefts increase

A GROUP of farmers has asked for help to tackle a spate of crop thefts.

An association is asking security services to work together more to prevent further crime after theft of olives and mangoes has caused economic loss to Axarquía.

The Association of Young Farmers (Asaja) has reported thefts reduced by 29 per cent in the first quarter of the year thanks to work by the police but it is now calling on institutions to work together to completely eradicate the problem.

The Guardia Civil is meeting with other security forces and staff from the Junta de Andalucía's Department for Agriculture and the Environment every week to exchange information.

Asaja has told these bodies it is willing to help out and has also reminded farmers to report thefts as soon as possible so the police are able to do their jobs as effectively as possible.

The combination of scarce water resources and rising avocado prices has seen crop thefts become a regular occurrence.

Avocados are now worth more than €3 a kilo, with one farmer telling police almost €1,000 kilos of avocados had been stolen from his farm in Torrox.

Farmers in Velez-Málaga have also reported thefts of the crop.



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NORWAY

Off the hunt

WOLF hunting in Norway has been temporarily suspended after the World Wide Fund for Nature sued a court in Oslo, demanding they examine current laws on controlling the wolf population.

Raised voices

MORE than 1,000 Norwegian artists have condemned sexual assault and harassment in a new manifesto published by the national media, claiming the problems are as prevalent there as in other countries.

Black protest

THE owner of an online shop in Norway has announced he will double his prices on Black Friday to protest 'irresponsible'



LEADING THE PACK: The wolf population is on the rise in Germany, while hunters in Norway have also been banned from shooting them.

conduct by retailers.

Royal recovery

KING HARALD of Norway was submitted to hospital to receive treatment for an infection, but the 80-year-old is now believed to be in good health.



NETHERLANDS

Big move

THE European Medicines Agency has decided to relocate 1,000 of their London-based staff to Amsterdam as the EU organisation will be unable to stay in their current UK headquarters after Brexit.

Hot spot

TOURISM in the Netherlands increased by 5.5 per cent last year, according to reports by Statistics Netherlands and the World Tourism Organisation, beating the European average of 2.4 per cent.

Roof rip-off

A MAN from Cork, Ireland is on trial in the Netherlands for allegedly running a roof repair fraud scheme that scammed several senior Dutch citizens.

Housing boom

HOUSE prices in the Netherlands were 8.2 per cent higher in October than they were at the same time in 2016, marking the biggest increase since 2002 according to Statistics Netherlands.



GERMANY

Cut short

THE life expectancy in Germany was revealed to be significantly lower than that in many other European countries as the 80.7 year average ranked 18th among the 28 EU countries.

Packed full

THE wolf population in Germany is reportedly on the rise, with research

showing that there are now 60 packs of wolves living across the country; 13 more than last year.

Grey matter

A DOCTOR faces up to two years in jail for providing financial information about abortions on her website - ruled illegal in Germany - after she

was reported by a member of a pro-life organisation.

Killer owns up

A 40-YEAR-OLD truck driver has confessed to murdering a 27-year-old jogger in Freiburg, and is also suspected of killing a French exchange student in Austria in 2014.



DENMARK

Sympathy vote

A COPENHAGEN councillor who resigned from her post after it emerged she used the city hall for her wedding reception free of charge was voted back into power in local elections.

Flight fright

THE Independent Police Complaints Authority is investigating an incident which saw an Algerian man lose consciousness on-board an aircraft and die in hospital two days later after a struggling with police who were deporting him.

Fluffy find

VOLUNTEERS from an animal protection organisation found 46 rabbits running freely around a small apartment in Denmark - many of which were injured - living in less than ideal conditions.

Balanced out

DENMARK has been revealed to have the best work/life balance after a survey from TotallyMoney studied which countries offered the highest amount of leisure time and minimum working hours.



FRANCE

Smoked out

A FRENCH senator has demanded that smoking in films be banned as she suggests that seeing film stars indulging in the deadly habit on screen makes it seem cool.

Xmas threat

PILOTS from the French budget airline Hop! have threatened to strike over Christmas if their request for better working conditions is not met, which could affect thousands of people.

Attraction axe

COUNCILLORS in Paris have voted to get rid of the city's riverside Ferris wheel to protect the area's 'historic visual appearance,' after already scrapping the Champs-Elysees Christmas market because they felt it looked too 'tacky.'

Job success

CONFIDENCE in French business confidence hit a near 10-year-high in November according to French statistics agency INSEE, following President Emmanuel Macron's decision to push through a major reform of French labour law.



BELGIUM

Waffle woes

A HUGE fire at a waffle factory in Brussels caused delays on the Eurostar train between London and the Belgian capital, while residents were warned to close their windows due to the potentially toxic smoke.

Safe haven

BELGIUM has issued visas to 150 Syrian refugees on humanitarian grounds, whose stay will be funded by religious groups, in an effort to stop human trafficking.

Gone to pot

POLICE busted a huge cannabis farm in Jurbise and seized 2,100 plants that were spread across four growing rooms, but have yet to arrest those responsible.

Pricey present

AN opinion poll from the myShopi app revealed that the average Belgian family with three children spends around €150 on presents from Father Christmas each year.



SWEDEN

Slavery stopped

TWO men have been sentenced to more than four years in prison for operating a human trafficking network which lured people from Bulgaria to Sweden then forced them to beg on the streets.

Santa scrapped

THE Santa Winter Games in Sweden have been cancelled this year due to urban development in the town where they have been held since 2003 due to multiple construction projects.

Case buried

A CASE against a Sweden Democrat politician, who allegedly sexually assaulted one of his colleagues, was dropped due to a lack of evidence, saying it was "word against word."

Higher power

THE Church of Sweden has urged its clergy to use gender-neutral language when referring to God as they have agreed that God is "beyond our gender determinations" and "not human."



Investment bond lasts a millennium

A COMPANY in Denmark has seen its latest bond offer five times oversubscribed, even though the bond cannot be cashed in for 1,000 years.

Orsted which builds wind farms is offering 2.25 per cent annual interest and could have raised €2.5 billion whilst analysts are surprised at how popular it has been.

There is of course no guarantee that the company will still be trading in 3017 or that descendants of bond holders will still be around.

Uber ethics under question

By John Smith

UBER, the private hire company which is surrounded by controversy, may face an EU fine of up to €20 million if they fail to alert consumers to security breaches again.

The company which has seen its licence to operate rescinded in London and taxi drivers all over Spain striking because of its presence, recently admitted that it had been hacked and lost data covering 57 million customers and drivers.

This is not the first, nor likely

to be the last, group to have information compromised in this way, but what has horrified regulators around the world is that it kept the hacking secret for more than a year after reportedly paying a ransom of \$100,000 (€84,000) to the hackers to have the data deleted.

It is claimed by the company that no financial information had been taken and the head of security has since been dismissed

with offers of assistance being made to drivers but nothing to customers whose information was taken.

A new General Data Protection Regulation is due to be enacted by the EU early next year which will require that companies have to notify data regulators about a breach within 72 hours of becoming aware of a hack.

In the event that they don't, then they can be fined 4 per cent of their global annual turnover or €20 million whichever is higher.

USA to tax olive imports

DESPITE the recent warm meeting between Mariano Rajoy and Donald Trump, 'Olivegate' continues to be a problem and could result in annual import duties of up to €4.3 million. Following a complaint from Californian olive growers that Spanish exporters were receiving unfair subsidies of between 2.3 and 7.2 per cent, the US Commerce Department has agreed and will impose equivalent import duties on ripe Spanish olives entering America.

Although the duties have been announced, it has been decided the matter is subject to final ratification in May 2018 alongside a number of other new duties aimed at protecting American producers.

Quote of the Week

"The challenge for us as a nation is to prove them wrong," said British Chancellor Philip Hammond after the Office for Budget Responsibility slashed its 2017 growth forecast from 2 per cent to 1.5 per cent.



Photo by ICCI

DR ALI (in tie) being greeted at ICCI.

Pakistan promotes EU trade

THE Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Pakistan in Spain returned to Islamabad to encourage local businessmen to expand their exports to the EU using Spain as a base. He made it clear that Spain was an ideal partner both as a stepping stone for exports and as a customer for IT and marble products in particular.

Advising those attending a meeting at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Counsellor Dr Muhammad Hamid Ali observed that the Mobile

World Congress would be held in Barcelona next February and urged that the Pakistani business community of relevant sectors should take active participation in this event to explore new business opportunities.

In addition it was suggested that as law and order had become much stronger in Pakistan that inward investment from Spain should also be encouraged and that the Pakistan Embassy and the ICCI would consider ways of assisting exporters to encourage increased trade with Spain.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Bank jobs

SANTANDER Bank has reduced the number of redundancies that it expects to make following the takeover of Banco Popular from 1,585 to 1,384. Whilst this has been welcomed by the unions, they have asked the bank to consider keeping more staff in work.

Price drop

DESPITE the fact that the average cost of luxury properties in Barcelona has dropped by 20 per cent, the actual market has collapsed by 50 per cent. This figure has been calculated by estate agents Barnes and covers the six weeks since the Catalan referendum.

EU support

THE European Union, taking into account the potential financial losses to the Spanish economy since the Catalan crisis has accepted the forecasts for the next two years may be reduced. There is no plan to threaten penalties if this is the case.

Giving Tuesday suggested

FORGET Black Friday says Giving Tuesday, a global movement supported by ecologists in Spain who last year raised €558,617 for 321 projects. The concept that they have is that the Tuesday following Thanksgiving should cele-

brate the action of giving food, money, time, second-hand objects or even blood to those worse off than oneself. With Black Friday and Cyber Monday, only Wednesday and Thursday are left without titles.

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Admiral Group	1,917.50	31.50	1.67	5,405.37
Ashtead Group	1,881.00	-38.00	-1.98	9,600.11
Antofagasta	967.00	-11.50	-1.18	9,661.40
Aviva	497.50	-1.90	-0.38	19,895.58
AstraZeneca	5,065.00	82.00	1.65	63,291.11
BAE Systems	540.00	-2.00	-0.37	17,313.94
Babcock International Group	733.25	67.25	10.10	3,450.70
Bardays	189.25	-0.10	-0.05	32,171.40
British American Tobacco	5,030.00	26.00	0.52	115,804.34
Barratt Developments	619.00	18.50	3.08	6,286.81
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,464.00	-211.00	-5.74	5,050.99
British Land Co	616.50	-2.00	-0.32	6,208.18
BHP Billiton	1,400.00	-10.50	-0.74	29,790.77
Bunzl	2,160.00	24.00	1.12	7,279.23
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Burberry Group	1,755.00	15.00	0.86	7,465.41
BT Group	257.40	10.95	4.44	24,695.27
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Carnival	4,980.00	22.00	0.44	10,481.38
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Land Securities Group	923.00	6.00	0.65	6,828.64

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.99	-0.10	-0.15	47,293.26
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,803.50	27.50	0.73	13,123.42
Micro Focus International	2,565.00	-90.00	-3.39	11,690.47
Mediclinic International	672.50	152.00	29.20	3,870.53
Merlin Entertainments	362.40	0.50	0.14	3,652.11
Marks & Spencer Group	300.00	2.20	0.74	4,853.10
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Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	212.50	0.30	0.14	5,018.95
National Grid	879.00	12.40	1.43	29,344.25
NMC Health	2,859.50	-6.05	-0.21	5,858.91
Next	4,362.50	56.50	1.31	6,409.84
Old Mutual Group	201.15	8.55	4.44	9,583.87
Paddy Power Betfair	8,560.00	-250.00	-2.84	7,204.40
Prudential	1,908.50	25.50	1.35	48,679.45
Persimmon	2,590.00	34.00	1.33	8,181.76
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United Utilities Group	778.75	-10.75	-1.36	5,400.56
Vodafone Group	225.00	-0.50	-0.22	60,122.76
Worldpay Group	414.75	-1.11	-0.27	8,296.00
WPP Group	1,267.50	11.50	0.92	16,092.99
Whitbread	3,555.00	-21.00	-0.59	6,607.02

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	231,380	-0.09%	-0,200	137.811,80
AMERICAN EXPRESS	93,4800	-0.36%	-0,3400	81.140,29
APPLE	174,970	0,01%	0,010	898.350,57
BOEING CO	265,880	0,28%	0,730	158.352,42
CATERPILLAR	137,390	-0.45%	-0,620	81.737,92
CHEVRON	116,51	0,52%	0,60	221.296,06
CISCO SYSTEMS	36,490	0,11%	0,040	182.451,97
COCA-COLA	45,88	0,09%	0,04	195.479,42
DOWDUPONT	71,16	0,79%	0,56	166.513,71
EXXON MOBIL	81,42	0,39%	0,32	344.985,18
GENERAL ELECTRIC	18,1900	0,22%	0,0400	157.745,23
GOLDMAN SACHS	235,95	-0.20%	-0,48	89.000,69
HOME DEPOT	172,3300	0,16%	0,2700	201.238,12
IBM	151,84	0,05%	0,07	140.599,94
INTEL CORP	44,7500	0,22%	0,1000	210.280,25
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	98,3200	-0.32%	-0,3200	341.143,42
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	138,0100	0,52%	0,7200	370.766,63
MC DONALD'S CORP	169,1100	0,04%	0,0600	134.812,05
MERCK AND CO. NEW	54,35	-0.04%	-0,02	148.073,14
MICROSOFT	83,260	0,18%	0,150	641.288,84
NIKE	59,32	+0.42%	0,25	77.250,82
PFIZER	35,4900	0,17%	0,0600	211.545,50
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	88,450	0,14%	0,120	224.393,94
TRAVELERS CIES	129,83	-0.14%	-0,18	35.533,94
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	116,91	0,15%	0,18	93.392,75
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	212,51	+0.61%	1,29	205.965,60
VERIZON COMMS	47,01	-0.19%	-0,09	191.856,10
VISA	111,97	+1.04%	1,15	203.561,46
WAL-MART STORES	96,6200	0,22%	0,2100	288.623,42
WALT DISNEY CO	102,6400	-0.10%	-0,1000	158.422,89

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CLOSING PRICES NOVEMBER 27

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Xcel Brands, Inc	\$ 2.65	0.4144 ▲ 18.54%
ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 74.56	11.21 ▲ 17.70%
ATA Inc.	\$ 5.10	0.60 ▲ 13.33%
Corvus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 11.51	1.27 ▲ 12.40%
Flexion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 26.32	2.83 ▲ 12.05%
Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 7.23	0.77 ▲ 11.92%
Great Elm Capital Group, Inc.	\$ 4.20	0.40 ▲ 10.53%
Videocon d2h Limited	\$ 9.39	0.89 ▲ 10.47%
Compugen Ltd.	\$ 2.80	0.25 ▲ 9.80%
IRIDEX Corporation	\$ 8.58	0.76 ▲ 9.72%
Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.25	1.35 ▲ 9.71%
Most Declined		
SMART Global Holdings, Inc.	\$ 36.20	4.45 ▼ 10.95%
Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.	\$ 10.945	1.335 ▼ 10.87%
Editas Medicine, Inc.	\$ 25.80	2.45 ▼ 8.67%
Tuniu Corporation	\$ 8.78	0.69 ▼ 7.29%
Xencor, Inc.	\$ 20.36	1.45 ▼ 6.65%
Hibbett Sports, Inc.	\$ 17.90	1.25 ▼ 6.53%
Coherus BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 8.75	0.60 ▼ 6.42%
Epizyme, Inc.	\$ 11.90	0.80 ▼ 6.30%
Novelion Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 3.77	0.25 ▼ 6.22%
Francesca's Holdings Corporation	\$ 6.90	0.45 ▼ 6.12%
Maxwell Technologies, Inc.	\$ 5.52	0.35 ▼ 5.96%

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EUR Fixed Income B
Sterling Fixed Income B

DEALING PRICE

€0.9393 €0.0018
£0.9278 £0.0005

Price Movement

Accumulating Funds

GBP Currency B
EUR Currency B
Multi Asset Conservative B GBP
Multi Asset Conservative B EUR
Multi Asset Balanced B GBP
Multi Asset Balanced B EUR
Multi Asset Growth B GBP
Multi Asset Growth B EUR

DEALING PRICE

£0.9796.....-£0.0005
€0.9528.....-€0.0006
£1.1623..... £0.0053
£1.0813..... €0.0043
£1.3299..... £0.0097
£1.2254..... €0.0083
£1.4870..... £0.0144
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STAYING on top of the latest currency news can help you time your transfers more effectively, so find out what you should be looking out for over the next couple of weeks...

Latest currency news

The pound lost much of its strength at the beginning of November, but GBP was able to rebound from its lowest levels as the month progressed. Over the past two weeks GBP/EUR has trended between a high of €1.13 and a nine-week low of €1.10.

GBP/USD, meanwhile, has seen even choppier trading, moving between lows of US\$1.30 and a three-week high of US\$1.32.

Over the same period, EUR/GBP fluctuated between £0.88 and £0.90 while EUR/USD ranged from US\$1.16 to US\$1.18.

What's been happening?

The pound has largely recovered from the significant GBP sell-off inspired by the November 2 Bank of England (BoE) interest rate decision.

Although the central bank increased interest rates at the November gathering, policymakers made it



CURRENCY MOVEMENT: The pound could climb if UK/EU trade negotiations get underway.

clear that borrowing costs wouldn't be increased again for a considerable period, leading to widespread pound losses.

Political scandals also rocked market confidence in the government and its ability to deliver a smooth Brexit, further weakening the pound. Theresa May was faced with mounting pressure from within her own party to sack Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Secretary for International Development Priti Patel following separate diplomatic incidents. Then it emerged that 40 Tory MPs were prepared to sign a letter of no confidence in May.

Since then positive Brexit news has given the pound a lift, with hopes that trade negotiations could progress bolstered by reports the UK plans to up its offer to the EU for the Brexit bill.

The UK Autumn Budget turned out to be a bit of a non-event, having little impact on GBP exchange rates.

The euro, meanwhile, was caught between positive economic data and a less rosy outlook for monetary policy. The latest Eurozone data continues to largely suggest that the currency bloc economy is in robust health and is headed for its strongest year of growth since the financial crisis.

However, the European Central Bank (ECB) is unlikely to make any positive adjustments to monetary policy for some time, somewhat limiting the euro's strength.

The euro also came under pressure in response to the news that German coalition talks collapsed, leaving the nation without a working government two months after the election.

What do you need to look out for?

Over the next couple of weeks, the euro will be responsive to any political developments in Germany.

If it looks as though the nation will have to head to the polls again, the euro could be pressured lower.

The pound, meanwhile, could climb if it looks as though UK/EU trade negotiations will finally get underway.

UK data to look out for includes the nation's consumer confidence figure and Markit's Manufacturing PMI, while the Eurozone is set to publish inflation figures and German employment data.

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BBVA TESTS BLOCKCHAIN New technology could speed up commerce

NEW technology is being tested by BBVA which could speed up international transactions by days rather than hours.

Many payments are made by use of a letter of credit which requires a great deal of physical work to actually set up and if there are any errors in the document then payment may be withheld.

In the case of an agreement between a Barcelona-based company and a Mexican company for the purchase of 25 tons of frozen tuna, the bank issued the letter of credit using Blockchain technology.

By allowing digital information to be distributed but not copied, Blockchain technology created the backbone of a new type of internet. Originally devised for the digital currency, Bitcoin, the tech community is now finding other potential uses for the technology.

Initially, the most well-known example of Blockchain technology was Bitcoin the computer generated currency



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which started as being worth less than the cost of a pizza and is now a whisker away from \$10,000 (€8,377) for a single coin.

Analysts believe that using the Blockchain procedures, a whole new and more efficient form of secure internet connectivity could be achieved in the not too distant future and this test by BBVA Bank is a major step forward in international commerce.

In this particular transaction, the entire documentation was completed in just two and a half hours rather than the normal seven to 10 days that a traditional letter of credit would take to be completed.

Not only was the activity safe and made the entire transaction much more efficient, it allowed all parties to be able to view the documentation at the same time and to note any changes in delivery.

Spain is particularly advanced in the use of new and developing technology and a recent European Union report which was very critical of the level of unemployment in Spain acknowledged that the number of students studying computers and programming was high and they were leaving university with much-needed skills and in demand.

This innovative test by the bank could well pave the way for a massive increase in the use of Blockchain technology to speed up worldwide commerce.

Congress expected to approve new payment law

A LAW proposed by the Ciudadanos political party which could see fines as high as €819,780 for late payment of invoices is expected to be approved by Congress.

Research suggests that the larger the company, the later that payment is made and in some cases it can take as long as 120 days when the legal requirement is to settle within 60 days.

Within the European Union, late payment occurs with 30 per cent of purchasers but in Spain the number is believed to be as high as 60 per cent which can have a crippling effect on the cash flow of smaller companies.

Persistent offenders will face fines ranging from €406 to €819,780.

PROPOSED URANIUM MINE STILL CLOSED Greens oppose opening

THE Spanish arm of Australian mining corporation Berkeley has had an appeal against an environmental group stymying its €454 million uranium project rejected.

A Madrid court reviewed a number of complaints raised by the company against Ecologistas en Acción and political party Equo which had started a legal attempt in 2016 to stop the company from operating an open cast mine in Retortillo, Salamanca.

According to the environmentalists, the mining company's environmental assessment failed to recognise that the uranium processing activities and nuclear debris disposal at the mine could potentially cause health problems to the residents of surrounding towns.

Berkeley had seen a previous appeal rejected by the judges at the court of National Audience and the current decision highlighted the fact that the presentation was weak in



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EQUIPMENT: Ready for use at Retortillo.

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defending its position and was similar to the previously rejected appeal.

The proposed mine is a major financial opportunity for the company which Berkeley has stated will show significant profits in the long run, especially as the local area has benefited from EU development funding and therefore initial investment is lower than normal.

According to its forecasts, the company expects to produce 4.4 million pounds of uranium each year for the next 10 years and will make between \$5 (€4.21) and \$21 (€17.70) per pound over that period.

There is already a ready demand for material from the mine, if it gets the go-ahead, as it has entered into a non-binding agreement with the Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) to cede 35 per cent of its uranium activity in Salamanca in exchange for a \$70 million (€59 million) investment.

In addition, there has been a further investment of \$120 million (€101 million) in the project from the Sultanate of Oman which means that the approval for the opening of what will be the largest open uranium mine in Europe is attracting a great deal of interest worldwide.

On one hand the environmentalists are fighting against the mine which is close to a river and a protected area as well as a number of towns, whilst the company is anxious to start converting its investment into hard cash.

Politicians are also involved in the debate with a Podemos spokesman suggesting that the Castilla and Leon authorities would make things easy for the opening of the mine whilst the president of the Junta has responded that he has no personal opinions about the opening of the mine other than wishing to ensure that the entire project respects the law.

Should do better

BASED on information collected across Europe in 2016, the EU acknowledges that whilst Spain's economy is improving, it could do better.

Although it acknowledges that many countries, especially those in the east of the Union, are suffering from significant problems with unemployment it has highlighted Spanish inequality in income and the consistently high number of young unemployed.

As the economy continues to improve and unemployment drops (often due to part-time contracts) Spain still has the second highest number of unemployed at 17.3 per cent after Greece at 21.6 per cent.

Youth unemployment however at 40 per cent in Spain compares exceptionally badly in comparison with the EU average of 18.7 per cent whilst the average age of school leavers continues to drop.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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You really couldn't make it up could you?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



APPARENTLY, the term Black Friday refers to the chance for businesses to get back into profit (black ink) after being in the red for the rest of the year. Ah well, each to his own.

The only thing that has surprised me, is that some luvvie committee or another has not declared the term to be somehow non-PC! Well just about everything else has. This past week really has taken the whole ridiculous tin. Caring surgeon Colin Baillie was chastised when he praised a toddler's father for acting 'manfully.'

The child's Mother accused him of 'promoting sexism' and demanded an apology from the surgeon's bosses. Girl Guide leader advisors ruled that teenage boys who identify as girls would be allowed to use the girls' changing rooms and showers. (Probably one of the best excuses for declaring gender confusion to date!).

A woman was banned from giving a University lecture because she, quite acceptably, stated that young children, who are somewhat sexually confused, should not immediately be labelled as transgender. A terror suspect was awarded thousands of pounds in legal aid to overturn his travel ban, as it prevented him taking his children to a



Photo credit BBC

DIANE ABBOT: 'The savvy of a senile sea sponge.'

(non-halal!) McDonald's. The whole, almost unbelievable debacle simply went on and on. We learned that re-arrested child killer and monster Jon Venables, has cost the taxpayer over five million pounds for his 'rehabilitation'! Another scintillating snippet told us that last year, every six seconds, an immigrant won the right to stay in the UK (and they were only non-EU individuals!).

And of course, the greatest humdinger of all, the woman who wanted Sleeping Beauty banned because she considered the Prince, kissing the sleeping beauty without her permission, was tantamount to sexual assault! Sorry love chucking a bucket of water over her royal highness, just doesn't have the quite the same romantic ring to it. Oh no it doesn't. You really couldn't make it

all up, could you?

The only true bit of sanity to emerge this week was the doubling of Oscar Pistorius's laughable sentence for the brutal murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. I always said the whole case involving this spoiled psychopathic brat, was a struggle of money and power versus justice and was delighted to see the rule of law finally emerged as the victor in this previously unsatisfactory example of the South African legal system.

'Dumb, Dumber' award of the week has to go to the producers who selected Diane Abbot to partner the razor-sharp Paul Merton on 'Have I Got a Bit More News for you.' This awful, incompetent political pretender, proved that with the personality of a plank and the savvy of a senile sea sponge, she could probably lose any future election of the Labour movement totally unaided. Sitting there with a blank, albeit slightly panicked expression (ala her mathematical budget gaffe) she was an embarrassment to all concerned.

Keep at it love, the way you're going, you could possibly get more votes for the Conservatives than Theresa May (the way things are going, not that difficult!).

Keep the faith.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID

Fake it till you make it

MY favourite TripAdvisor review, for a really appalling hotel, said its best feature was the car park. And that was written by the manager.

Well no, it wasn't. But it could have been, because it turns out - shock, horror - that by one professional estimate, up to 40 per cent of all online reviews are fake.

There's even a new word for it: astroturfing, or 'the deceptive practice of presenting an orchestrated marketing or public relations campaign in the guise of unsolicited comments from members of the public.' In simpler words: 'Will lie for cash.'

A recent trawl by an American consultancy unearthed 650 reviewers who had posted 40,000 fake reviews involving up to 6,000 businesses. Produce a new product or service and just over €4 buys you a good review.

In the early days you could pretty much count on a review being genuine. So much so that when a couple logged a terrible review of

Would you buy a product with a one-star review? No, neither would Terence Kennedy, but you might both be wrong



FAKE REVIEWS: Scourge of the internet.

Blackpool's Broadway Hotel ('a rotten stinking hovel'), the hotelier was deluged by bad publicity after adding a £100 (€112) fine to their bill for reputational damage.

Now tens of thousands of more flattering hotel and restaurant reviews are written by the owners themselves. Amazon is struggling under a deluge of fake reviews and has launched more than a thousand

rearguard legal actions.

The reviews may be fake, but in another twist to the tale the reviewers themselves often aren't. Companies increasingly pay (okay, bribe) real customers to write good reviews, giving them products, perks and discounts.

Why should it matter to the rest of us? Because the stakes are so high: online, 70 per cent of cus-

tomers read reviews before buying.

Any number of websites offer tips beyond the ability of most of us to perform, to discover whether a review might be real or a rip-off. Google, Amazon and others put their faith in algorithms and Artificial Intelligence to sniff out patterns, serial reviewers and obvious inconsistencies like a whole rash of great reviews coming out just as a product hits the warehouses.

But until someone creates that digital magic bullet, all the rest of us can do is sample as many reviews as we can to glean what might or might not be a realistic assessment of the product or service under review, take away the review you first thought of, and hope.

Things were so much simpler when a journalist friend managed to sink a truly awful movie about an elephant almost single-handed in his home town. All he wrote was: 'They say elephants never forget. Let us hope they forgive.'

Fake vs funny

ONE thing fake reviews don't do is 'funny.' Little could match this real review of a Kim Kardashian book: 'It's a little uncomfortable, but it doesn't leave pieces behind when you wipe, like other toilet paper brands.'

Would you stay where 'The owner kept trying to sell me the hotel?'

From a 'dissatisfied' buyer: 'I measured the TV and it was actually 104.6 inches not 105 so I returned it.'

An Amazon grocery review for Tuscan Whole Milk: 'Has anyone else tried pouring this stuff over dry cereal? A-W-E-S-O-M-E!'

Or one I confess to writing myself after visiting the lost city of Petra in Jordan: 'The tourist brochure says you approach the ruins, becoming more beautiful the further you go. Well I did, and I didn't.'

It's a complete wind up

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WE have inherited a few things from the USA but this Black Friday nonsense is a complete wind up. First of all it's the day after Thanksgiving - a holiday that doesn't even exist in the UK or Spain. Secondly, it goes on for two weeks so it should be called Black Fortnight.

I suppose you could say it's a good time to start your Christmas shopping but I think December 24 is fine for me. In fact, I now prefer to go Christmas shopping after Christmas when the real sales start, not this Black Friday nonsense.

Having said that, my daughter wanted a cordless vacuum cleaner and asked me to research some for her as she is a very busy lady and well, to be honest, I do absolutely nothing. In fact, if doing nothing was a sport, I'd play off scratch. So I got online and typed in 'best cordless vacuum cleaner' and that's when the fun started.

This make, that make, then there's the different models within the makes, then there's the different prices. I get four or five different ones up on screen and it has a comparison fea-

ture. This model has loads of tools but needs charging every 30 minutes, another one lasts for 60 minutes without charge but has no tools. Another weighs a bit more than the other two but has got a shoulder strap and on and on it goes.

Then there's the model numbers. Fifteen digit numbers and letters which are impossible to remember and probably even too complicated to use as an Apple password and, believe me, that's saying something! When I was younger you had a Hoover. That was it - no different models; just a Hoover. You might have had a choice of colours and every couple of years they might bring out a slightly different model.

I also quite like the Henry. That's simple - you went in the shop and asked for it by name. They should just make it a simple model number 1, then 2, then 3 so you can just look at it and know if it's the latest model or not. It ticks me off big time when I buy something and then find out it's a deleted model.

I sent my daughter all the information and said it was now up to her and what did she do? She ordered the only one that didn't have any discount on it and wasn't in the Black Friday sale! KIDS!!

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Classic cars in Spain

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cient, or, alternatively, as close as possible to the right outside edge of the roadway, except when overtaking or turning left, manoeuvres which may force other drivers to abruptly change the direction or speed of their vehicles. Historic vehicles are not allowed on the motorway if they are unable to reach a speed of at least 60 kilometres per hour.

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How does he pay CGT?

Q. I read your article in the *Euro Weekly News* concerning inheritance tax. If I sell my house in Spain for €225,000, how is the CGT paid or can I roll this into another property?
M C (by email)

A. You have left out some important information from your question. So, let us first suppose that you are a non-resident who lives in the European Union. You pay Spanish capital gains tax at 19 per cent. You file Form 210 within 30 days of the sale.

If your profit is €50,000, your tax will be €9,500. If

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



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It's nothing to do with the EU

SIR,

I see Leapy Lee adding weight to the argument that the most ardent Brexiteers are those with least knowledge of the European Union. In his last column he gleefully cites the case of a Somali criminal as absolute justification for leaving the EU because of the decision of the much maligned European Court of Human Rights.

Although it has the word 'European' in its title, this court is NOT an EU body, and is part of an entirely different legal system to the European Court of Justice with which it is constantly confused.

It was set up after the war by the Council of Europe to uphold the Convention of Human Rights and in fact the UK was one of the first members to ratify the Convention when it passed through Parliament in 1951.

The EU has actually decided not to be bound by the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights

Elaine, Torremolinos



STAR APPEAL? From left, Nicky Minaj, Nicole Scherzinger and Gorka Marquez.

Strictly cobblers

I WOULD be interested to know how your editors decide what news is worth including in this publication, because I see no obvious logic.

Anybody ever heard of Nicky Minaj, Nicole Scherzinger or Gorka Marquez? Er... who? Yet for some reason we are informed of their activities and of other non-entities in your page labelled Celeb Focus. Sorry, this does not qualify as news. No way! By publish-

ing this nonsense, the *Euro Weekly* is simply playing into the hands of those press agents who will do anything to get publicity for their talentless clients.

Please, *EWN*, use your valuable space to give us real news!

David Baird, Frigiliana

Editor's note: Since introduction, the celebrity page has been warmly welcomed by thousands of EWN readers.

Editor's note: This is correct, and was noted by other readers. The error slipped through due to pressing deadlines in the editing process, and we apologise.

What a puzzle!

A reader wrote in asking for puzzle answers to be printed the same week, sparking a deluge of replies. Here is a selection.

The case for...

I THINK putting puzzle solutions in the same week as set would be a bad move, as often I find that the answer is so obvious I wonder why it took me so long. If you get a majority response to include answers, will you please put them on a different page so that they are not seen accidentally!

Les Johnston, address withheld

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.

Woman rescued above busy road

Firefighters worldwide are all heroes. With love and gratitude to each and every one of you. *Irene Margaret Weston*

Good job. Hopefully she will get the help she needs.

Jeni Potter

Gibraltar 'to fall out of the single market'

'Blow for the UK leaving the EU!' You are totally mistaken! It is a blow for EU, UK leaving the EU! That is the reason that EU put up all the obstructions, they can find, in the 'Brexit' negotiations! They know, that UK leaving the sinking ship, will mean the beginning to the end, for EU!

Carsten Thorvald

It's a blow for everyone Carsten Thorvald but it will be a bigger mistake for the UK singularly and every indicator is showing this to be the case - nothing positive is jumping out to show us that leave is the way forward. As for sinking ship, well all the predictions of collapse, capitulation and other members queuing up to leave haven't transpired and if anything Brexit has galvanised the other members to stick together. Obstructions? The EU negotiators have made it clear what is required to move this forward, the obstructions to progress are internal caused by a divided government that is wasting more time and energy from belligerent in-fighting, and power positioning. The only ship sinking is the Britannia!

Dave Syd

Comments from EWN online

Police reopen toddler death

I said before that there is no way a three-year-old could walk 4km on her own at night without something happening. *Debbie Tobin*

Strange, all of it. Something doesn't add up. Keep delving more and see what the outcome will be.

Jay Ellis

Something doesn't add up!!

Karen Joy Harley

Spain defends holding migrants in prison

Here in Malta they are sent to detention centres for two years!

Maira Palmqvist

Yes, sounds like they are warm, dry and being fed, what's the problem?

Madeline Wilson

Best place. Can keep track and process... well done at least they know where they are and if not eligible for staying

they can be returned from whence they came.

Susannah Washington

Spain is battling this type of immigration virtually on its own. Eleven thousand arrived in boats on the shores of southern Spain this year alone to date. The problem is the trafficking mafias in their home countries, that is where the solutions should start.

Carl Verwulgen

Passengers 'quarantined' after flight from Spain

Better still, a dab of Vaseline in each nostril will catch the germs. Most throat and chest problems are caught when breathing through the nose. I always take a cotton handkerchief with tea tree oil on it and inhale it regularly, as it's antibacterial. I do this in hospitals as well.

Jeni Potter

Just returned from trip to UK and back. I think I have picked up every germ on those planes. People will get on, sit down and put the air-con on... Don't they realise that just spreads everyone's germs around.

Clare Lloyd

Wear a mask on every trip. The amount of people that have nasty colds when flying to and fro from the UK is terrible. The air circulation/aircon units are crap.... Thank god I don't fly these days...

Sian Foster

REGARDING the letter from Norman (November 23-29) - no, no, no - please DON'T publish the answers to the puzzles in the same issue, it takes all the fun away! Sometimes it can take me two-three days to complete the cryptic crossword and people should have a little patience to wait for the answers to be given the following week.

Barbara, Alhaurin de la Torre

...and against

I AM one of the loads of people and I definitely agree with last week's reader! It is infuriating not to be able to check the answers to the puzzles immediately. I particularly like the crosswords and even using a dictionary I cannot find one or two of the answers so have to wait.

Muriel, Algorfa

I AM writing with regard to the puzzle answers being printed in the same issue. My partner and I take two papers every week so that we can each do the Codebreaker and puzzle. We both feel that it would be much easier for most of us if the solutions were in the same issue, obviously printed on a different page, otherwise we might peek.

Lynn Hopkins, Fuengirola

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MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'TAKE A GOOD LOOK GIRLS - A MALE GENDER SEX CHANGE WOULD RUIN THE LOOK OF YOUR JEANS!'

Trivia from around the world



HANDS FULL: Ziona Chana and family.

• ZIONA CHANA is head of the world's largest family. Chana has 39 wives, 94 children, 14-daughters-in-law and 33 grandchildren, who all live in a 100-room, four-storey house in India.

• Beer was not considered an alcoholic beverage until 2011 in Russia, where it was previously

classified as a soft drink.

• Approximately 2,500 left-handed people die a year as a result of using equipment designed for right-handed people.

• The United States has the most prisoners in the world with more than 2.2 million inmates, which is 21 per cent of the global total according to the

website prisonstudies.org.

• Germany has the most McDonald's restaurants in Europe with 1,470 outlets.

DID YOU KNOW?

It would take over 1,000 years to watch every video on the video platform website YouTube.

Women's wit

"I have learned that as long as I hold fast to my beliefs and values - and follow my own moral compass - then the only expectations I need to live up to are my own."

Michelle Obama, American First Lady

Famous quote

"It always seems impossible until it's done." Nelson Mandela, Statesman

World of English

Litotes - makes an understatement by denying the opposite of a word that may have been used - The terms of the contract are not disagreeable to me.

YOUR STARS
FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19)

When you are at home this week I would like you to consider how you view your surroundings. This is a good week to make changes and have discussions about future directions. It is assumed that those close are happy with the status quo, but this may not be the case.



LEO

(July 24 - August 23)

Consider what is the most important thing to you at the moment? Is it wealth or social position? Your work, or how it may be possible to afford that new conservatory are minor considerations compared with your greatest asset which is your health.



PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

Pat yourself on the back for all of your efforts of recent weeks. Looking back just a few months, would you have thought so much progress could be made? Because of your efforts, home life is enhanced and you are more appreciated. Give yourself a break at the weekend and do something with a loved one that you have not done together for some time.



VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23)

As the saying goes, 'no one ever said it would be easy'. In the past few months you have found this to be true. Hard work is not alien to you, but there is a point where you want to shout 'enough'. It may be that business or home life needs some rearranging, or that someone is moving job and the routine is severely disrupted.



LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

As a home-loving Libran, you are torn between making changes to your surroundings and getting some cash in on the business side. Apparently, it is not possible to do both because energy levels fluctuate.



SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

There is so much in you that is determined and looking forward to a fresh start, but something that you are trying to get rid of, or give up, may be giving you more trouble than anticipated. Some things have to be done alone, or so you think, but others have gone through this before you so they are able to give support.



TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

For all of the things that you want to do, there are three others that you wish to do. Maybe they are waiting for their own time to come. During the course of this week you will be thinking of what the future could hold, even though dealing with practical issues.



SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

Is playing the waiting game really to your advantage? Your Sagittarian character naturally leads you to be optimistic, and why not? Even so, it won't hurt to hurry someone along rather than having them go at their own pace. Bear in mind that, in letting someone get away with sloppiness, you are doing them no favours at all.



GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

When it isn't possible to change something, often it is just as effective to rearrange it. That is the solution which comes to you this week. Instead of being frustrated at a delay, try changing the conditions or times. This may mean that you save money or delay a payment to your advantage.



CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 20)

The enthusiasm of your bright Capricorn mind is also capable of making you restless. There are mixed feelings about being at or near home this week, with thoughts of more progress being possible elsewhere. Your need to make things better for those round you may not make you money but it can bring great joy.



CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

When we have long-standing friendships, these are often taken for granted and yet often we could make so much more of them.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday November 25

4 7
29 45
54 56

BONUS BALL

8

IRISH LOTTO



Saturday November 25

4 16
18 24
32 35

BONUS BALL

46

EURO MILLIONS



Tuesday November 21

2 10
14 28
31

LUCKY STARS

5 7

Friday November 24

19 24
28 30
50

LUCKY STARS

3 10

LA PRIMITIVA



Saturday November 25

21 29
31 32
34 46

REINTEGRO

38 4

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA



Sunday November 26

3 24
39 50
54

REINTEGRO

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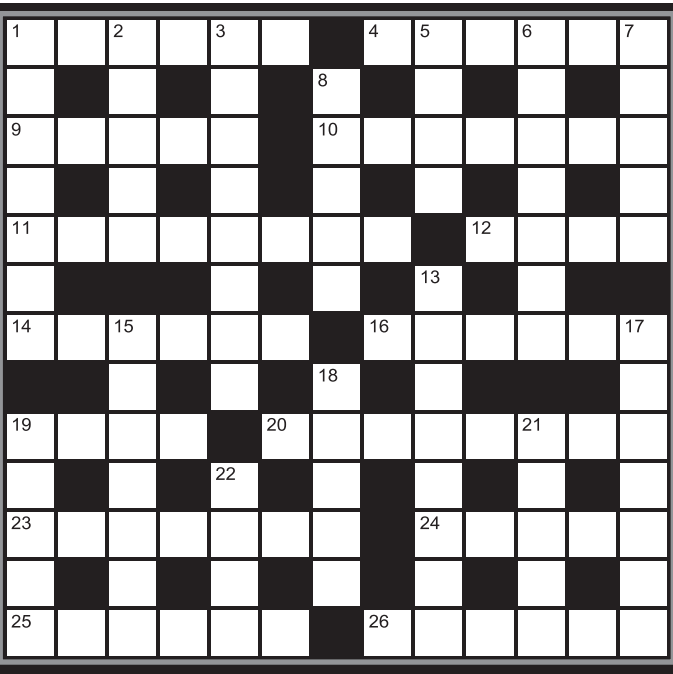
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Corporal revised by lido (6)
4 Improves barracks around the street (6)
9 Distant from pedalo off the coast (5)
10 Scottish town's tune has dire arrangement (7)
11 Broad squadron leader is in tears (8)
12 Five hundred sick, Herb? (4)
14 Animator Sidney's upset (6)
16 From and to Kensington for souvenirs (6)
19 Voice quality begins to offend nearly everybody (4)
20 Naval ice breaker in Spanish city (8)
23 Company chief ordered to get a small house (7)
24 Withdraw yearbook, it has a letter missing (5)
25 Father's address is now in a closer Monaco villa (6)
26 Prevents the desert crumbling (6)

Down

- 1 Fresh bread is cooked (7)
2 Doctor has a small aircraft (5)
3 Nobleman might feel pier shake (4,4)
5 Blades appearing when people have a row (4)
6 Presume serum is destroyed (7)
7 It's metal crime, reportedly (5)

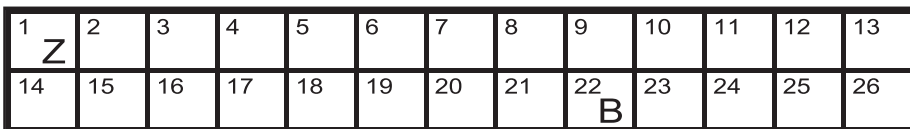
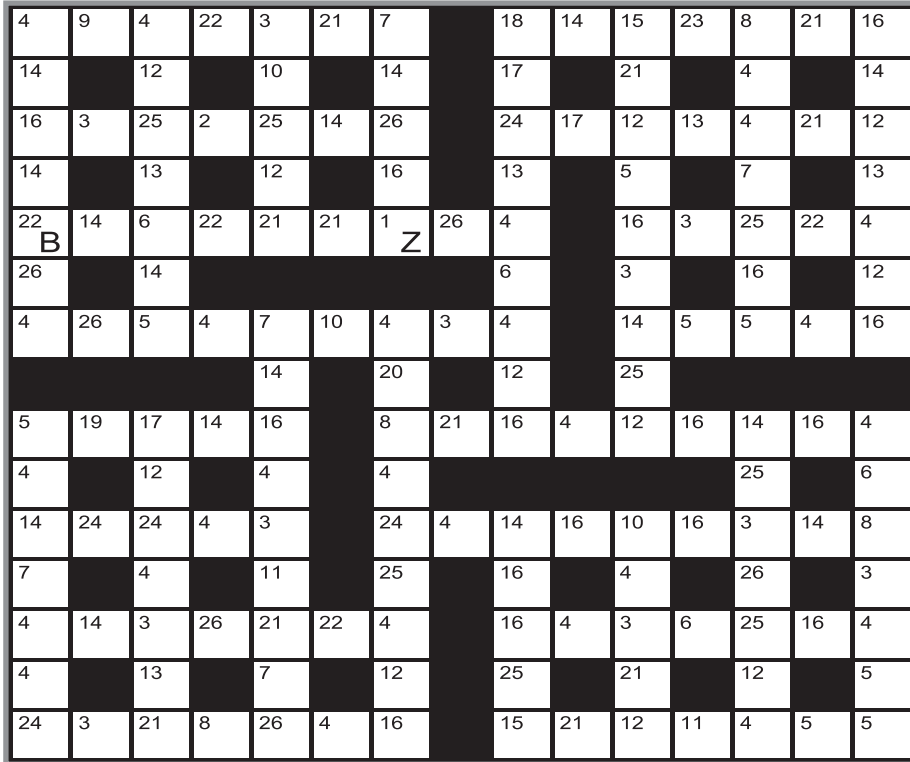


- 8 Fashionable to be covered in fat? That's hard to see (5)
13 Average fashion cost (8)
15 Failure to snare legislator (7)
17 Small pieces of furniture for farm buildings (7)
18 Rubbery stuff of recent times (5)

- 19 They secure money for the government, so we hear (5)
21 Stick nothing in boat (5)
22 Bermuda dollar contains part of a wall (4)

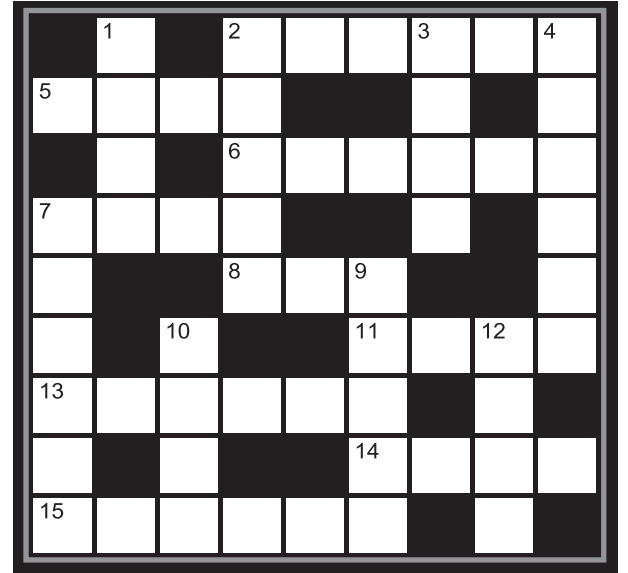
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents Z and 22 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 1 appears and B every time the figure 22 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.

Code Breaker



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

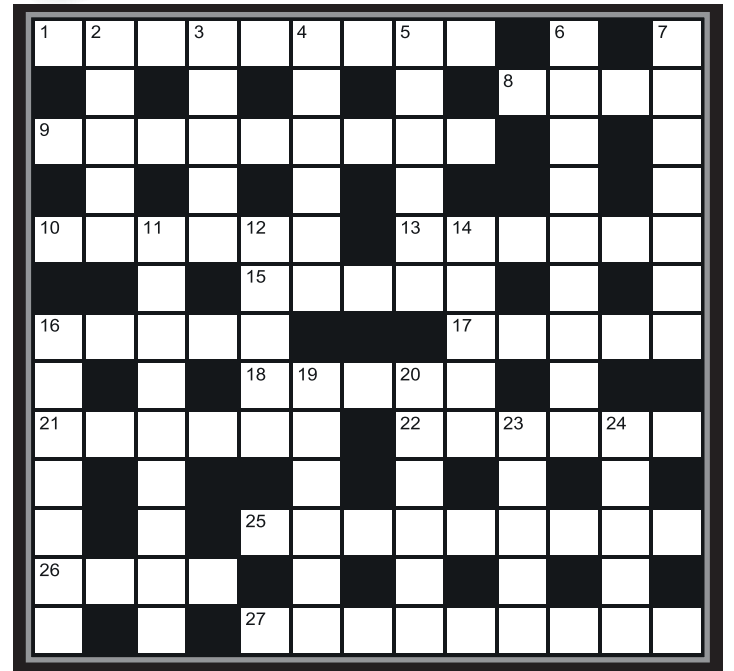
- 2 Annoy continually or chronically (6)
5 Second letter of Greek alphabet (4)
6 Eyeball membrane (6)
7 Weapons (4)
8 See 1 Down
11 Fewer (4)
13 African country (6)
14 Dreary (4)
15 Long for (6)

Down

- 1/8 Rough, tight embrace (4,3)
2 Rough (5)
3 Dry (4)
4 Plays for time (6)
7 Ludicrous (6)
9 Open space in a wood (5)
10 Go across or through (4)
12 Counterfeit or pretence (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Dump (hovel) (9)
8 Hueso (4)
9 Courgette (9)
10 Botella (6)
13 Suitcase (6)
15 Seaweed (5)
16 To owe (5)
17 Peludo (5)
18 Guante (5)
21 Raffle (draw) (6)

Down

- 22 Mirror (6)
25 Amusing (9)
26 Yesterday (4)
27 Locutor (entre programas, en anuncios) (9)
2 Used (stamp, syringe) (5)
3 Corazón (5)
4 Viajar (6)
5 Language (6)

- 6 Ama de casa (9)
7 Alemania (7)
11 Stools (seats) (9)
12 Grande (5)
14 Cenizas (5)
16 Recogedor (7)
19 Lotion (6)
20 Poison (6)
23 Python (5)
24 Juez (5)

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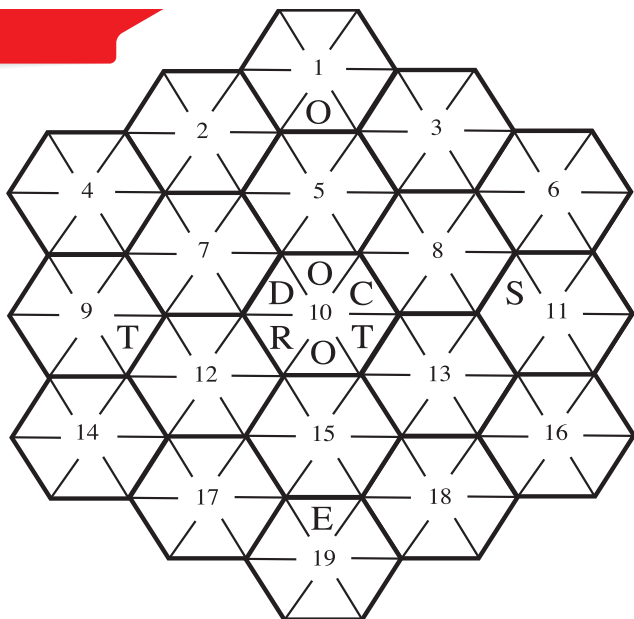
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Hexagram

ARDENT
DOCTOR (10)
ECHOES
FERRIC
HECTOR
HORROR
METEOR
MOROSE
RASTER
RETORT
SCANTY
SPEEDY
SPOTTY
STANCH
STEREO
TEETHE
TERROR
TETHER
THIRST



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

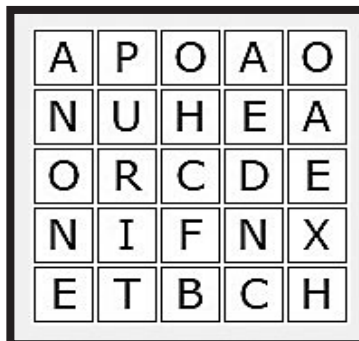
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Ransom 2 Series 3 Bounty 4 Seamen
5 Nimble 6 Subtly 7 Endure 8 Barfly
9 Oxcart 10 Defect 11 Trauma
12 Astute 13 Sherry 14 Depose
15 Cheese 16 Treaty 17 Breast
18 Arrest 19 Teeter.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 24
- Good: 33
- Very good: 48
- Excellent: 62

SCORING:

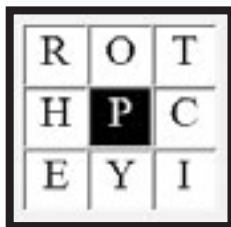
4 letters: 1 point 7 letters: 5 points
5 letters: 2 points 8 or more letters: 11 points
6 letters: 3 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

otter tower tote totter titter tuft were
twos mitt fitter fins fine fines erose
wore woes mower mows more
mouse moue moues quin quins
insure rows rose rouse roes reuse
ruse rues swore sower sore sour
sure suer rift rinse euro euros ensure
ensue peso pens

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 P)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



TARGET:

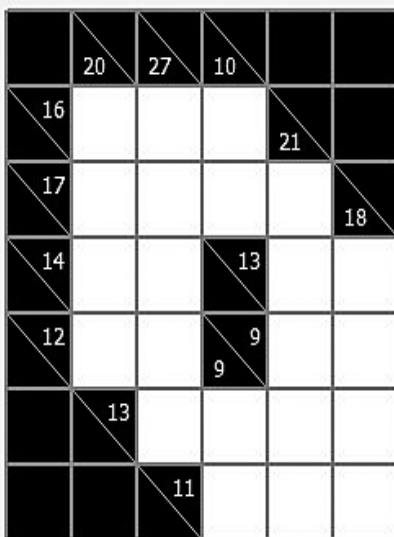
- Average: 13
- Good: 19
- Very good: 27
- Excellent: 34

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aged agree drag dreg drug egad frag frug gaud gaur
gear gird grad grid guar rage urge argue auger dirge
fudge grade grief guard guide raged ridge urged urger
argued arguer figure fridge girder grader guider regard
figured figurer gaudier guarder argufied FIREGUARD

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1/4 Rub out, 3 Rabo, 5 Esto,
6 Soft, 8 Risa, 11 Bed, 12 Aula,
15 Once, 16 Leal, 17 Onda,
18 Yes.

Down:

1 Roer, 2 Bees, 3 Rosada, 7 Fall,
9 Iron, 10 Abuela, 13 Ugly,
14 Arms, 15 Oro.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Lush, 3 May apple, 9 Parsnip, 10 Issue,
11 Taboo, 12 Erodes, 14 Crummy, 16 Starve,
19 Mantra, 21 Altar, 24 Alarm, 25 Sceptre,
26 Pleasure, 27 Reed.

Down:

1 Lipstick, 2 Scrub, 4 Apples, 5 Amigo,
6 Pasteur, 7 Eyes, 8 Inform, 13 Befriend,
15 Unaware, 17 Thanet, 18 Hawser,
20 Times, 22 Title, 23 Wasp.

QUICK

Across:

1 Pastime, 5 Bling, 8 Pious, 9 Baggage,
10 Recline, 11 Seems, 12 Suffer,
14 Canyon, 18 Stroat, 20 Shatter,
22 Edifice, 23 Agree, 24 Scarf, 25 Satisfy.

Down:

1 Papyrus, 2 Stoic, 3 Inspire, 4 Emblem,
5 Bogus, 6 Imagery, 7 Guess, 13 Florida,
15 Adamant, 16 Nursery, 17 Assess,
18 Sheds, 19 Thief, 21 Turns.

App of the week

Land Snake

In this new addictive strategy game, players grow territory by enclosing the land with the snake's long trail. Eliminate opponents by hitting their tails and avoid being hit in order to achieve the ultimate aim of having the biggest kingdom in land snake.



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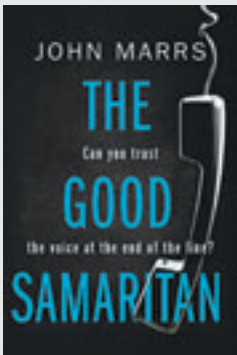
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Laura has survived sickness and a difficult marriage throughout her life and now finds herself heading towards 40, unsettled and angry.

She doesn't just love talking to people worse off than she is. She craves it but now someone's on to her, Ryan.

Ryan's world falls apart when his pregnant wife decides to end her life, hand in hand with a stranger.

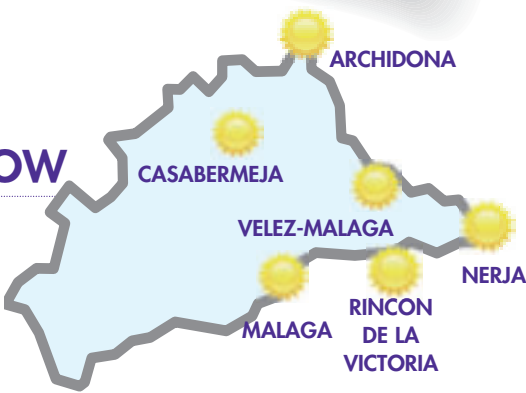
The sinister truth is right around the corner for Ryan, but he has no idea of the lengths Laura will go to because the best thing about being a Good Samaritan, is you can get away with murder.

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Axarquía



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



Malaga
TODAY: Max 14, Min 3-Sh
Fri - 16 4 - S
Sat - 16 6 - S
Sun - 15 6 - Cl
Mon - 16 6 - S
Tues - 16 6 - S
Wed - 16 7 - Cl

Almeria
TODAY: Max 13, Min 6-Sh
Fri - 16 6 - S
Sat - 15 6 - S
Sun - 15 6 - S
Mon - 15 8 - S
Tues - 15 9 - S
Wed - 16 9 - S

Bilbao
TODAY: Max 9, Min 6-Sh
Fri - 8 5 - Sh
Sat - 8 3 - Sh
Sun - 9 1 - Cl
Mon - 10 2 - Cl
Tues - 11 2 - Cl
Wed - 10 4 - S

Madrid
TODAY: Max 10, Min -1-S
Fri - 10 -2 - Cl
Sat - 10 -4 - Cl
Sun - 10 -4 - S
Mon - 10 -3 - S
Tues - 11 -3 - S
Wed - 10 -2 - S

Alicante
TODAY: Max 15, Min 6-Cl
Fri - 16 5 - S
Sat - 15 4 - S
Sun - 14 5 - S
Mon - 15 7 - S
Tues - 16 7 - Cl
Wed - 16 7 - Cl

Benidorm
TODAY: Max 15, Min 6-Cl
Fri - 17 6 - S
Sat - 15 4 - S
Sun - 14 5 - S
Mon - 14 8 - S
Tues - 15 8 - Cl
Wed - 16 9 - Cl

Mallorca
TODAY: Max 13, Min 5-Cl
Fri - 13 4 - Sh
Sat - 12 3 - Cl
Sun - 13 3 - Cl
Mon - 14 5 - S
Tues - 15 5 - Cl
Wed - 15 6 - Cl

Barcelona
TODAY: Max 12, Min 3-S
Fri - 11 2 - Cl
Sat - 11 2 - S
Sun - 11 1 - S
Mon - 11 2 - S
Tues - 13 3 - S
Wed - 13 3 - S

S: Sun

Cl: Clear

C: Cloudy

Sh: Showers

Th: Thunder

Sn: Snow

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BIRTHDAYS

• Ben Stiller, Actor, November 30, 52

The actor is most well-known for starring in films such as Starsky and Hutch, Meet the Parents and the Night at the Museum series and also won an Emmy Award for The Ben Stiller Show.

• Bette Midler, Singer, December 1, 72
Actress and singer Midler has sold over 30 million records worldwide and is known for starring in popular films Get Shorty and Hocus Pocus.



Bette Midler

• Britney Spears, Singer, December 2, 37

The pop singer's first two albums, Baby One More Time and Oops!... I Did it Again, sold over 20 million copies worldwide and was

recognised by Billboard as the best-selling female artist of the 21st century in 2009.

• Ozzy Osbourne, Metal Singer, December 3, 69

Rock and Roll legend gained fame as lead singer of Black Sabbath and became known as the Prince of Darkness and the

Godfather of Heavy Metal.

• Jay Z, Rapper, December 4, 48

Shawn Carter, better known as Jay Z, rose to fame with his first hit 'Dead Presidents' and has gone on to win 19 Grammy Awards and sold over 75 million albums worldwide.

• Little Richard, Rock Singer, December 5, 85

Rock 'n' roll dynamo who sang hit songs Good Golly Miss Molly and Tutti Frutti in 1955. His influence on the music industry in the 1950's has been compared to the influence of Elvis Presley.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT

Snow fell on parts of the mountain on Tuesday and Wednesday with more expected to fall today. Temperatures will plummet with clear skies, highs of -3 degrees expected and lows of -12 expected for the weekend. The Borreguiles ski slope is still the only area with enough snow to ski on.



Sudoku

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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.

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

Word Ladder

POSE

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

GIFT

POSE
ROSE
RISE
RIFE
LIFE
LIFT
GIFT

DVD

The ultimate mission

JUST before the fall on the Berlin Wall in 1989, MI6 secret agent Lorraine Broughton is sent to Berlin, right in the heart of Cold War Germany.

As the most elite agent the MI6 has to offer, she is asked to go to the German city and retrieve an invaluable dossier as well as find out what happened after the murder of a fellow undercover agent.

In order to complete the mission, she must retrieve the list of double agents, while battling waves of agents and henchmen, before time runs out.



This week in history

1874 - Winston Churchill born
Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, Prime Minister who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of the Second World War, is born at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.

1884 - Washington Monument completed

In 1884, in Washington DC workers finish the impressive white marble monument by placing a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop the tower.

1912 - First Balkan war ends

After a two-month conflict, Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and Montenegro sign an armistice with Turkey, effectively ending the first Balkan War.

1933 - Prohibition ends in America

The 21st Amendment to the US Constitution is ratified, repealing the 18th Amendment and bringing to an end the era of national prohibition in America.

1952 - Smog kills thousands in England

Heavy smog, which persistently hovers over London for five days, leads to the death of an estimated 4,000 people.

1955 - Rosa Parks ignites bus boycott

Rosa Parks is jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, a violation of the city's racial segregation laws, in Montgomery, Alabama.

1967 - First human heart transplant

Fifty-three-year-old Lewis Washkansky, a South African grocer dying of chronic heart disease, receives the first human heart transplant at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.

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THURSDAY - 30 NOVEMBER

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	6:20am	Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free	7:25am	Bob the Builder
10:15am	Claimed and Shamed	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom		<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective. se... (read more)</i>	6:35am	Countdown	7:35am	Fireman Sam
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	1:00pm	Live			7:20am	King of Queens	7:50am	Thomas and Friends
12:00pm	The Housing Enforcers	2:00pm	The Link			8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:00am	The Secret Life of Puppies
12:45pm	The Sheriffs are Coming	2:45pm	Terry and Mason's			9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:05am	Paw Patrol
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	3:15pm	Great Food Trip			10:05am	Frasier	8:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
2:00pm	BBC News at One	4:00pm	Going Back			10:35am	Frasier	8:35am	Peppa Pig
2:30pm	BBC London News	4:45pm	Giving Back			11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen	8:50am	Floogals
2:45pm	Doctors		The Indian Doctor			12:00pm	Nightmares USA	9:05am	Digby Dragon
3:15pm	Armchair Detectives	6:15pm	Revealed			1:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	9:35am	Rusty Rivets
4:00pm	Escape to the Country		Where Your Mouth Is			1:05pm	Channel 4 News	9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
4:45pm	Royal Recipes	7:00pm	Eggheads			2:05pm	Come Dine with Me	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
5:30pm	Flog It!	7:30pm	Strictly - It Takes Two			3:10pm	Kirstie's Crafty Christmas	12:45pm	A Country Christmas
6:15pm	Pointless	8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques			4:00pm	Countdown	2:25pm	5 News
7:00pm	BBC News at Six		Road Trip			5:00pm	Lost and Found	2:30pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	BBC London News	9:00pm	MasterChef: The Professionals			6:00pm	A Place in the Sun	3:00pm	Wishin' and Hopin' at Christmas
8:00pm	The One Show	10:00pm	Blitz			6:30pm	Four in a Bed	4:45pm	A Family for Christmas
8:30pm	EastEnders	11:00pm	Live at the Apollo			7:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:30pm	5 News at 5
9:00pm	DIY SOS The Big Build	11:30pm	Newsnight			7:30pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Neighbours
10:00pm	Love, Lies and Records	12:15am	Expedition Volcano			8:00pm	Hollyoaks	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	1:15am	Exodus: Our Journey Continues			9:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	The Gadget Show
11:30pm	BBC London News					10:00pm	Trump: An American Dream	9:00pm	Greatest British Bridges: The Severn
11:45pm	Question Time					11:00pm	The Sex Robots are Coming	10:00pm	Eight Days That Made Rome
12:45am	This Week							11:00pm	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event	
7:00am	Good Morning Britain	7:20am	Planet's Got Talent	7:00am	Judge Judy	7:00am	The Chase	7:00am	Total Goals
9:30am	Lorraine	7:45am	Dinner Date	7:20am	Classic Coronation Street	7:50am	The Chase	7:30am	Live European
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:35am	Emmerdale			8:40am	Cash Cowboys		Tour Golf
11:30am	This Morning	9:00am	Coronation Street	7:45am	Classic Coronation Street	9:25am	Pawn Stars	9:30am	Total Goals
1:30pm	Loose Women	9:30am	Coronation Street	8:15am	Heartbeat	9:55am	Pawn Stars	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		<i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>	10:25am	Ironside	11:00am	Premier League
2:55pm	ITV News London	10:50am	Dinner Date			11:30am	Quincy, M.E.	11:30am	Live European
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	11:50am	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!			12:35pm	The Sweeney		Daily
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	12:50pm	Planet's Got Talent	9:20am	Wild at Heart	1:35pm	The Avengers	11:30am	Live European
5:00pm	Tipping Point			10:15am	Judge Judy	2:50pm	Ironside		Tour Golf
6:00pm	The Chase	1:20pm	Emmerdale	10:40am	Judge Judy	3:55pm	Quincy, M.E.	2:30pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	ITV News London	1:50pm	Coronation Street	11:05am	Judge Judy	6:00pm	The Avengers	3:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	2:20pm	Coronation Street	11:35am	A Touch of Frost	7:05pm	Cash Cowboys	4:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Emmerdale	2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	1:35pm	Wild at Heart	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	6:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:30pm	Elderly Theft: Robbing the Relatives - Tonight	3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:40pm	Heartbeat	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	6:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
9:00pm	Emmerdale	7:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street	9:00pm	Steve McQueen: Motorcycle Movie Star	10:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs	8:00pm	You've Been Framed and Famous!	4:45pm	A Touch of Frost	10:00pm	The Professionals	11:00pm	Cricket
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	6:50pm	Heartbeat	1:20am	The Road		
11:30pm	ITV News	10:00pm	Family Guy	7:55pm	Murder, She Wrote	1:25am	The Road		
12:00am	ITV News London	11:00pm	Family Guy	8:55pm	Doc Martin	2:30am	Tommy Cooper		
				10:00pm	Midsomer Murders	3:35am	Tommy Cooper		
				12:10am	Blue Murder		<i>Comedy and magic from legendary Tommy Cooper.</i>		
				1:35am	A Touch of Frost	4:00am	Teleshopping		
				3:25am	ITV3 Nightscreen		<i>Shopping from home.</i>		
								1:30am	Live NFL: Washington @ Dallas
								5:50am	Cricket

FRIDAY - 1 DECEMBER

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
12:00pm	The Housing Enforcers	7:00am	An Island Parish	8:00pm	World News Today	7:20am	Kevin Can Wait	8:20am	Thomas and Friends
12:45pm	The Sheriffs are Coming	7:30am	Claimed and Shamed		<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	7:45am	King of Queens	8:35am	Peppa Pig
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	8:15am	Royal Recipes			8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	8:50am	Floogals
2:00pm	BBC News at One	9:00am	Anglesey			9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:05am	Digby Dragon
2:30pm	BBC London News	9:30am	Britain Afloat			9:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:20am	Rusty Rivets
2:45pm	Doctors	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire			9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
3:15pm	Armchair Detectives	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live			10:05am	Frasier	9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	1:00pm	The Daily Politics			10:35am	Frasier	10:05am	Mofy
4:45pm	Royal Recipes	2:00pm	The Link			11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
5:30pm	Flog It!	2:45pm	Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip			12:00pm	Nightmares USA	12:45pm	A Country Christmas
6:15pm	Pointless	3:15pm	Going Back			1:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	2:25pm	5 News
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	4:00pm	Giving Back			1:05pm	Come Dine with Me	2:30pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	BBC London News	5:30pm	Match of the Day Live			2:05pm	Kirstie's Homemade Christmas	3:00pm	Wishin' and Hopin' at Christmas
8:00pm	The One Show	6:15pm	Oxford Street Revealed			3:10pm	Countdown	4:45pm	A Family for Christmas
8:30pm	Sounds Like Friday Night	7:00pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is			4:00pm	Lost and Found	6:30pm	5 News at 5
9:00pm	EastEnders	8:00pm	Strictly - It Takes Two			5:00pm	A Place in the Sun	7:00pm	Neighbours
9:30pm	Still Open All Hours	8:30pm	Mastermind			6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You	9:00pm	Match of the Day Live			6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	8:00pm	The Gadget Show
10:30pm	Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special 2017: Chez Mammy	11:00pm	QI			7:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Greatest British Bridges: The Severn
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:30pm	Newsnight			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	10:00pm	Eight Days That Made Rome
11:25pm	BBC London News	12:05am	Snowfall			8:00pm	Channel 4 News	11:00pm	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace
		12:45am	Panorama			9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast		
		1:15am	Saying Goodbye			10:00pm	Gogglebox		
		2:15am	Army: Behind the New Frontlines			11:00pm	The Last Leg		
						12:05am	First Dates		
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event	
7:00am	Good Morning Britain	7:20am	Planet's Got Talent	7:00am	Judge Judy	7:00am	Sporting Funnies	7:00am	Live Rugby
9:30am	Lorraine	7:45am	Dinner Date	7:20am	Coronation Street	7:20am	Humorous sporting moments.	10:30am	Sevens: Dubai Sports Fans
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:35am	Emmerdale			7:45am	The Chase	11:00am	Premier League Daily
11:30am	This Morning	9:30am	Coronation Street	7:45am	Coronation Street	8:15am	Heartbeat	11:30am	Live European
1:30pm	Loose Women	10:00am	Coronation Street	8:50am	Wild at Heart	9:15am	Cash Cowboys	11:30am	Tour Golf
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	10:50am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	9:45am	Judge Judy	9:45am	Pawn Stars	2:30pm	Sky Sports Today
2:55pm	ITV News London	11:50am	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	10:15am	Judge Judy	10:15am	Pawn Stars	3:00pm	Live Rugby
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	12:50pm	Planet's Got Talent	11:10am	Judge Judy	10:45am	Ironside	6:00pm	Sevens: Dubai Ram Slam T20 Challenge
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	1:20pm	Emmerdale	11:35am	A Touch of Frost	10:50am	Quincy, M.E.	8:30pm	Football
5:00pm	Tipping Point	1:55pm	Emmerdale	1:30pm	Wild at Heart	11:50am	The Sweeney		<i>Leeds United take on Aston Villa at Elland Road in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
6:00pm	The Chase	2:20pm	Planet's Got Talent	2:35pm	Heartbeat	12:55pm	The Sweeney		
7:00pm	ITV News London	2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	3:40pm	Coronation Street	1:55pm	River Monsters		
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm	Coronation Street	2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Newbury		
8:00pm	Emmerdale	4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:45pm	A Touch of Frost	5:00pm	The Sweeney		
8:30pm	Coronation Street	7:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	7:00pm	Heartbeat	6:00pm	The Professionals		
9:00pm	Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears	8:30pm	Framed!	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	7:00pm	Cash Cowboys		
9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	8:30pm	Doc Martin	8:00pm	Pawn Stars		
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	8:30pm	Pawn Stars		
11:30pm	ITV News	10:00pm	Family Guy	10:00pm	Blue Murder	9:00pm	Road Racing Series		
12:00am	ITV News London	11:30pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp	12:05am	A Touch of Frost	10:00pm	Die Another Day		
12:15am	Total Recall	12:30am	Family Guy	1:40am	Margery and Gladys	11:00pm	FYI Daily		
2:15am	Jackpot247			3:35am	Judge Judy	11:05pm	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber		
				5:20am	Judge Judy	12:40am	The Demon Barber		
				5:40am	Judge Judy	1:40am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber		
						3:00am	The Sweeney		
						3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen		

Sticking the knife into poncey, chefy 'theatre on a plate'

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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THE 'sainted Delia' (Smith) was recently roundly attacked online for complaining that: "Cooking has become very poncey, very chefy. If I get one more plate put in front of me with six dots of sauce on it, I will go mad."

Personally, I can't stand Michelin-style minute portions, the emphasis being on minute, with artfully arranged drizzles of coloured spots or smeary daubs.

I go out to eat, not admire the lavish plate decoration when more time's plainly been spent on appearance than on how the food tastes. And don't get me started on seasonal tasting menus with wine flight - I'd have more fun at the chiropractor, getting my

corns removed. If I get served one more, I'll have the chef up before The Hague...

The problem with present-day cookery that we see on shows like 'Masterchef' is the idea of deconstruction. This turns food into something less about the pleasure of eating, more about the chef's creativity. 'Good' cooking invariably reflects the established ways of making the dishes.

That's why old-fashioned TV chefs like Keith Floyd were so much fun to watch. He wasn't a creative genius

'SIX DOTS OF SAUCE': Michelin-style food and (inset) critic Delia Smith.

but was devoted to tasty dishes made traditionally.

Nowadays, everything's rushed: chopping, pressure cooking, pan frying, pre-cooking in a water bath. What's become of long slow roasts, braising, stews? Chefs produce 'theatre on a plate,' traditional cooks produce tasty, comforting food full of flavours and tantalising smells.

But that's 'reality' TV for you: everything's instantaneous. A garden can be 'made over' in days, an entire house in a week.

Unlike in real life...

Benny Hill had it right. Diner sees sign in Diner: 'Home Cooking Just Like Mother Made.' Diner orders meal which he finds disgusting. He complains that he expected more from 'Mother's Home Cooking.' Chef responds: 'Nobody said my mother was a good cook!'

So, good, traditional 'home cooking' best done, yes, at home and you avoid the salt, sugar and fat, plus all the added preservatives most people can't spell let alone pronounce. You got this one so right, Delia!

Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore.

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Albox

No goodies at the top

WE were in Ikea last week, just for a coffee and those cinnamon rolls. No shopping. No self-assembly nightmares. Or that's what I thought. It turns out we were on a mission to find curtain rails. Now in my world, you go in and choose the first set you come to and that's it!

But according to my wife and daughter, I know nothing. The first thing we had to do was measure them, taking into account drop, width and some other things that I'd never heard of, so we picked up one of those paper tape things and that's when I perked up!

It's funny the way our minds work. Apparently, the Nepalese government aren't sure how tall Everest is now after recent earthquakes, so they've commissioned professional measurers to produce a definitive figure.

It got me thinking, well the curtain rails did. We had to measure one of them and my job was to hold the measure at one end. Unfortunately, every time it was pulled tight, I let go.

Okay I admit it, I'm not a fully qualified rail measurer and to make things worse, I wasn't paying the slightest bit of attention either! All I got for my incompetence was a very hard stare and the threat of no cinnamon roll. Imagine what would happen if the same thing happened on Everest.

Which brings me to the point of this. If you have to go to Ikea against your will this weekend, take comfort, you could be over 20,000 feet up in the freezing snow, measuring a mountain rather than curtain rails, and there are no drinks and goodies at the top!

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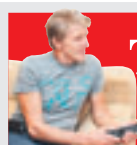
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SUNDAY - 3 DECEMBER

BBC one **BBC Two** **BBC FOUR** CHANNEL 4. CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Breakfast	8:05am	Gardeners' World	8:00pm	Great	7:20am	Kevin Can Wait	8:55am	Paw Patrol
8:25am	Match of the Day	8:35am	Monty Don's Secret History of the British Garden		Continental Railway Journeys	7:45am	Kevin Can Wait	9:10am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show		Countryfile	8:30pm	University Challenge	8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:25am	Shimmer and Shine
11:00am	Fern Britton Meets...	9:35am	Saturday Kitchen		Classic Quartets at the BBC	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:40am	Peppa Pig
12:00pm	Sunday Politics	10:30am	Best Bites	9:00pm		9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:55am	FIA Formula E: Hong Kong
1:15pm	BBC News	12:00pm	Food and Drink	10:00pm	Natural World	9:30am	Frasier	11:40am	Football on 5
1:30pm	Flog It!	12:30pm	My Life on a Plate		Wildlife film.	10:00am	Frasier	12:25pm	Finding Father Christmas
1:50pm	Mary Berry's Country House Secrets	1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra		South African naturalist	10:30am	Sunday Brunch		
		2:00pm	Snooker		Mike Rutzen is crazy about great white sharks.	1:30pm	Paul Hollywood	2:10pm	The Christmas Secret
2:50pm	FA Cup Final Score	7:00pm	Match of the Day			2:00pm	F1: Grand Prix	3:55pm	On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
		8:00pm	Turkey with Simon Reeve			3:00pm	The Simpsons		
5:15pm	Songs of Praise	9:00pm	Robot Wars	10:50pm	Natural World	3:30pm	The Simpsons		
5:55pm	Blue Planet II	10:00pm	Expedition Volcano	11:40pm	Mull: Eagle	3:55pm	The Simpsons	4:55pm	5 News
6:55pm	BBC News	11:00pm	Snowfall		Paradise	4:25pm	The Simpsons	5:00pm	On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
7:10pm	BBC London News	12:40am	Hazel Irvine introduces highlights from Sunday's second-round matches at the UK Championship.		The story of the white-tailed sea eagle is one of the great successes of British conservation.	4:55pm	Arthur Christmas		
7:20pm	Countryfile			11:50pm	Shearwater Island	6:50pm	Shrek		
8:20pm	Strictly Come Dancing					8:30pm	Channel 4 News	5:45pm	Northpole 2: Open for Christmas
9:00pm	Blue Planet II	1:30am	Snooker			9:00pm	Coastal Railways with Julie Walters		
10:00pm	Howards End	3:30am	Question Time	12:00am	Taxi Tehran	10:00pm	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol	6:45pm	5 News
11:00pm	BBC News	4:30am	Holby City	1:20am	Classic Quartets at the BBC	12:35am	I, Frankenstein	6:50pm	Northpole 2: Open for Christmas
11:20pm	BBC London News	5:30am	This is BBC Two	2:20am	Natural World	2:15am	Morning Glory	7:30pm	Call Me Claus
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2		Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.	3:10am	Natural World	4:00am	Trump: An American Dream	9:15pm	Aviva Premiership
12:30am	Ronny Chieng: Student			4:00am	This is BBC Four	4:55am	Gillette World Sport		Rugby Highlights
12:55am	Weather for the Week Ahead					5:25am	KOTV Boxing Weekly	9:55pm	5 News Weekend
1:00am	BBC News					5:50am	Mobil 1 The Grid	10:00pm	The Paul O'grady Story

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TV Couch Critic

Kay raises the smiles but its heartache from rubber ducks

HOW could Kay Mellor make the day-to-day running of a register office interesting? Simply through her usual brilliant writing.

Welcome to *Love, Lies & Records* (BBC1), her latest creation situated at Leeds City Hall and starring Ashley Jensen as Kate, a Superintendent Registrar who combines chaotic home surrounds with her professional life.

It may be a cliché but Kate doesn't always play by the rules and where work is concerned it's very successful. There was the man registering his baby's birth, born to a mother with cancer who refused treatment to save the child.

They are not married, but as Kate does weddings as well, cue the resulting tears.

Staff wise, Registrar James announces plans to work dressed as a woman, with all are pleased except Judy who happens to have been passed over when Kate was promoted to superintendent.

Popular with everyone except Judy, Kate is particularly liked by Rick, especially after they sidled off

to a storeroom for some festive fun at the Christmas party.

But Judy had a copy of the CCTV recording their event in full, with this leading to a proposal from Kate to her partner Rob, a detective investigating the local murder of a young woman.

This will no doubt be linked to one of the future story lines in a comedy drama series that is yet another triumph for Mellor, making Thursday evening one to look forward to.

BRILLIANT WRITING:
Kay Mellor.



Blue Planet II (BBC 1) was a bitter-sweet highlight with the consignment of 7,000 plastic duck bath toys ready to embark on their various journeys after being tipped from a container ship in high seas off Alaska.

The star performer landed off the west coast of Scotland, but then there was the sad sight of tons of discarded plastic, endangering

and killing the blue world, including a whale carrying dead offspring, thought to have been poisoned by pollution.

It was truly heart-breaking and

thought provoking as usual.

I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here (ITV) is beginning to scrape the barrel for so-called celebrities, though many viewers clearly still enjoy it and it's good to see Ant fit and well and self depreciating about his personal life over the last six challenging months.

The sight of the first five contestants meeting and not knowing who each other was served up amusing viewing. But the camp mates discussing each others' fame with Rebekah Vardy claiming recognition for her charity work (really?) and Hollyoaks 'star' Jamie Lomas telling Made in Chelsea 'star' Georgia Tofolo "that's what your talent is, being yourself," was another matter.

Boxer Amir Khan's frightened reaction to pulling out a snake thinking it was a rope, however, was priceless... showing there is still potential for comedy gold.

Would I Lie to you (BBC1) is back

for a new series. Arguably television's funniest panel show is as good as ever, but why put it on Monday evening opposite Coronation Street which is a traditional graveyard slot?

Meanwhile *The A Word* (BBC1) is back for a second series and as good as ever. This time around it follows Joe's move to a more specialised school and the effect this has on his dysfunctional family.

The separation of Alison and Paul, Joe's mum and dad, while travelling to his new school leads to problems between them and the inter-action between Paul's own father and music teacher Maurice and Louise is both amusing and sad as he tries to support her during her cancer fight whilst bringing back memories of his previous wife's death from the same disease.

Eddie (Alison's brother) and Nicola pretend to her parents that they haven't separated, with this leading to amusing moments, and as always some brilliant music is a theme throughout with the talented actor Max Vento having an encyclopaedic knowledge of the songs and lyrics as he sings along to them.

Critique: SC, Torreveja, Costa Blanca

Astrology: Shoot for the stars!

Sally Trotman

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Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.

Welcome to your December 2017 forecast. Every month I write about how the Astrology, Numerology, and Tarot for the month ahead affects you. Below is your forecast for December 2017

SUN in Sagittarius : This month the sun is ruled by Sagittarius. This fiery sign will give you the energy to complete tasks before the year ends. Tie up loose ends, practically or emotionally this month, so that you can begin the new year with peace of mind. Sagittarius is a confident and outgoing sign, so be brave and tackle anything which has felt too challenging to face this year. Make a start and feel good about yourself for diving in!

Get in tune with the moon : On December 3 the full moon in Gemini brings an upbeat energy to the beginning of the month. This air sign, ruled by Mercury (planet of communication) blesses you with an abundance of ideas and an increased ability to share these with others. Notice any inspiration which comes to you around the time of the full moon.

Consider your three most important

goals for the New Year and begin making a plan. The last new moon of the year on December 18 will help you to become clear about your future direction. Influenced by the sign of Sagittarius, this expansive sign is encouraging you to dream big!

Numerology: communicate your truth

Number 12: Numbers are symbols which carry energy, and the influence of the number 12 this month will help you to clearly communicate your needs. Often we put other's needs before our own. As the year draws to a close, it's time to be selfish. What do you need to do for yourself this month to feel healthier and happier?

The Hanged Man: practice patience

In the Major Arcana Tarot deck the 12th card is the Hanged Man. This card reminds you to be patient, and even perhaps to change your perspective a little.



SAGITTARIUS: This fiery sign will give you the energy to complete tasks before the year ends.

December 21) to reflect on this year, to meditate a little, and to rest in order to feel energised as you prepare for the New Year.

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Ideas will come quick and fast this month, and yet you will need to remain patient and persistent in order to fulfil your vision. Take some time out on the Winter Equinox (De-



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3:15pm	Armchair Detectives	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	12:35pm	Film Christmas Angel
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2015	1:05pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas	2:25pm	5 News Lunchtime
4:45pm	The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas	2:00pm	Snooker					2:30pm	Neighbours
5:30pm	Money for Nothing	6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	9:00pm	Armada: 12 Days to Save England	1:25pm	Nanny for Christmas	3:00pm	Film The Christmas Apprentice
6:15pm	Pointless	7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads	10:00pm	Invasion! With Sam Willis	3:10pm	Countdown	4:40pm	Call Me Claus Film
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	7:30pm	Strictly - It Takes Two	11:00pm	The Vikings	4:00pm	Lost and Found	6:30pm	5 News at 5
7:30pm	BBC London News	8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	12:00am	The Turner Prize 2017	5:00pm	A Place in the Sun	7:00pm	Neighbours
8:00pm	The One Show	9:00pm	MasterChef: The Professionals	12:30am	The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:30pm	EastEnders	10:00pm	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico	1:30am	Pappano's Classical Voices	6:30pm	Come Dine with Me	8:00pm	Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
9:00pm	Holby City	11:00pm	Motherland	2:30am	Armada: 12 Days to Save England	7:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens
10:00pm	The A Word	11:30pm	Newsnight			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	10:00pm	Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten					8:00pm	Channel 4 News	11:00pm	The 00s: The Most Shocking Celebrity Moments
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						9:00pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas		

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6:00pm	The Chase			9:15am	Wild at Heart	1:45pm	The Avengers	5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
7:00pm	ITV News London	4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:15am	Judge Judy	2:50pm	Inside Quincey, M.E.	5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:40am	Judge Judy	3:50pm	The Sweeney	5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
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9:00pm	How to Spend it Well at Christmas with Phillip Schofield	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	1:35pm	Wild at Heart	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
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More than just cold fingers



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

THIS week, the doctor answers our questions on Raynaud's phenomenon.

What is Raynaud's Phenomenon?

Raynaud's Phenomenon is a condition whereby cold temperatures or strong emotional reactions lead to vascular spasms which block blood flow temporarily. If when you are out in the cold or at emotional times find that your fingers, toes, ears or nose turn white, then blue, then red over a period of a few minutes or up to a few hours, you may have Raynaud's.

When does it happen and what is the cause?

This phenomenon is usually caused by low temperatures and stress.

There are two types: primary Raynaud's, where the cause is unknown and most patients have few symptoms, and secondary Raynaud's, which is associated with autoimmune diseases, artery problems, certain medications, infections and heavy smoking among others.

Can I beat it without having to take drugs?

These steps can help keep Raynaud's under control: keep your body warm, avoid exposure to the cold in any

form, use gloves when outside or touching ice or frozen food, avoid getting cold after active sports, stop smoking as this causes blood vessels to narrow, avoid caffeine and medicines which cause blood vessels to spasm. If these measures are not enough to control the problem, you should see a Specialist in Internal Medicine for evaluation who may prescribe medication if necessary. It is important to treat the cause of the phenomenon.

Who does it usually affect and why? When does it appear?

Primary Raynaud's usually appears in women under the age of 30. Secondary Raynaud's is associated with other conditions and generally appears in the over 30s.

Can it cause other health problems?

Primary Raynaud's Phenomenon is usually related to other illnesses and only appears due to cold or stress. Secondary Raynaud's however is associated to other conditions. In any case, patients suffering symptoms of Raynaud's should see a specialist in Internal Medicine for evaluation

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Don't suffer this winter

AFFECTING one in 12 adults, eczema is an uncomfortable - and sometimes painful - skin condition.

Often exacerbated in winter when the air is drier due to heating, the eczema can cause skin to become red, swollen and itchy. The consequences can be lower self-confidence, an inability to wear certain clothes which chafe, and an intolerance to certain skin creams.

So what you can do to avoid or reduce the impact of eczema?

If this is the first time you have suffered from the condition, it may be that you have contact eczema, where your skin is reacting to a particular irritant. This particularly affects the hands if they have been in contact with harsh chemicals and can be treated with prescription or over-the-counter steroid creams to reduce inflammation. A strong non-allergy moisturiser such as E45 will help to restore skin's hydration levels, reducing your symptoms.

If you have been suffering from eczema for some time, however, and find your symptoms flare up time and time again, there are some home remedies to improve the condition.

According to the *Express* newspaper, the most important thing is to take steps to lock moisture into

the skin and avoid irritation. This begins with lowering the temperature on your bath or shower. The hotter the water, the more moisture is drawn out of the skin and high temperatures can also cause itching.

“ Keep your skin hydrated by moisturising before and after showering.

Similarly, the newspaper suggests ditching scratchy fabrics for smoother ones, including replacing wool with cotton or cashmere and swapping manmade polyesters for breathable, natural fabrics like linen.

Finally, keep your skin hydrated by moisturising before and after showering and swap harsh shower gels for kinder soap substitutes.

If your symptoms persist, however, or you think your eczema may have become infected, it is always advisable to visit a doctor.



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Festival line up announced

By Sally Underwood

A NEW list of music acts has been announced for next summer's Weekend Beach Festival.

The annual festival in Torre del Mar will feature performances by Loco Dice, Caleb Calloway, The Qemists, Natos and Waor, Muchachito, Invisible Dance and Juancho Marques.

In addition, Alborosie, Avalanch, The Sticker, The Tarambana, The Root, Neuman, Viva Sweden, The Kanka, Celtas Cortos, and Vitalic Live, have already been confirmed.

The event will feature important names in international electric music, including Tunisian group, Loco Dice and Puerto Rican, Caleb Calloway. The British group, The Qemists will be playing the festival for the second time, performing a mixture of electro and rock.

Some of Spain's most important acts will also be playing, including El Langui, one of the country's prominent rap stars. While Natos and Waor are one of Spain's youngest and most current groups,



Credit: Weekend Beach Festival

WEEKEND BEACH FESTIVAL: Will celebrate its fifth anniversary.

according to the festival's promoters.

Invisible Dance and La Regadera

will also be performing for the second time, having played in the morning last year. The Malaga

groups form part of nine artists named for the 2018 line up in a grand reveal coinciding with Black Friday.

The international shopping event was chosen by the organisers of Weekend Beach Festival to release further information about next year's acts as well as a small selection of reduced tickets. Promoters put 2,000 low-price tickets on sale for the event, only available for as long as supplies lasted.

When the first selection of tickets went on sale last month, sales reached 10,000 within two hours of going live.

The annual event, which takes place in Torre del Mar, is, next year, celebrating its fifth anniversary, fuelling a ticket-buying frenzy before its line up was even announced.

The 'most beloved and eclectic festival on the Andalusian coast' will take place next year on July 4, 5, 6 and 7, promising 'an exceptional line up and many surprises,' according to its organisers.

Although the 2017 Weekend

Beach Festival, only took place a few months ago, starring 90's band, The Prodigy as the headline act, organisers decided to release a handful of tickets early due to demand.

On Sunday, 6,000 tickets went up on sale, which had to be increased to 10,000 within minutes due to the volume of people buying them. All tickets, costing between €28 and €35, were sold out in less than two hours, a record for the festival.

In just four years, the festival has positioned itself as one of the essential events on the Spanish festival calendar, according to its promoters. In previous years it has featured international artists including Skrillex, The Prodigy, Hardwell, Fabulous Cadillacs, Anthony B, Sepultura and Resident.

Last year, 35,000 festival-goers visited Weekend Beach Festival over four days and four stages, camping out on the beach.

Further tickets are expected to go on sale soon. For tickets and further information, visit www.weekendbeach.es.

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The DO takes its name from the town of Toro with wines made locally since 100 BC and where King Alfonso IX in 1300 year later granted lands to religious order with the obligation to plant vines.

Many of the 40 churches that still exist in Toro - which sits above the Río Duero and boasts medieval architecture and the site of Spain's first university - were built through wealth generated by the wine trade.

Producers established underground bodegas to ensure more effective temperature control, as many vineyards sit at 600 - 750 metres above sea level amid sand, clay and calcareous soils that suffer climate changes from winter lows of -11c to

Spanish value

BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



TINTO DE TORO: Deeply coloured and full-bodied.

summer highs of 37c.

Due to the protection provided by the sandy soils, Toro vines were not affected by the phylloxera louse at the end of the 19th century, and many vineyards 80 to 100 years old are now the source of grapes for special cuvées.

Tinto de Toro, which is synonymous with Tempranillo, is an early-ripening grape with small berries and thick skin translating into intense, deeply coloured, full-bodied, tannic

and excellently valued wines that pair well with meat dishes.

Most of Toro's best wines are 100 per cent Tinto de Toro, although those with just 75 per cent of the variety and blended with Garnacha, also qualify for DO status.

Tempranillo Colegiata by Bodegas Fariña (100 per cent Tinto de Toro) and Caño Tempranillo-Garnacha (Blend) by Bazoj are among my recommendations.

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BRITISH homebuyers continue to flock to Spain.

It comes after a report revealed that property sales to foreigners in Spain have increased by 13.4 per cent from last year.

For the first time in history, the number of purchases by expatriates exceeded 50,000 between January and June of this year, according to the General Council of Notaries.

More than 46 per cent of the foreign transactions were carried out by non-residents, an increase of 5 per cent from last year, while the rest was made up from those already living in the country. This figure was the highest it's been since 2011.

The highest amount of sales occurred along the Mediterranean coastline, with the Canary Islands taking the top spot with around 42 per cent of the purchases, the Balearic Islands were next with nearly 38 per cent, followed by the provinces of Valencia (35.5 per

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cent), Murcia (26.9 per cent) and Andalucía (19.4 per cent).

While the biggest increase in sales amongst the hotspots was in Valencia Province (12 per cent up from last year), the highest increase nationwide

was actually in the lesser-explored La Rioja region, which saw a whopping increase of 74 per cent in property sales to foreigners this year.

The buyers with the biggest share of the market was once

again revealed to be the British, making up nearly 14 per cent of the total purchases, closely followed by the French (8.8 per cent), Germans (8.2 per cent), Italians (7.7 per cent), Romanians (6.9 per

cent) and Belgians (6.2 per cent).

The average amount spent per square metre by foreign buyers turned out to be €1,667 per square metre, another increase of 2.9 per cent from last

year's figure.

The amount was even higher when only the purchases by non-residents were taken into account, as they spent an average of €1,941 per square metre.

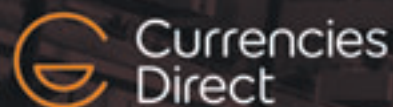
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Three Brexit questions to ask before buying Spanish property in 2018

We're fast approaching the New Year – a time when many people reassess their dreams and vow to make them a reality. But if you're determined to realise your ambition of buying a home in Spain in 2018, you won't be able to avoid thinking about Brexit, and how it could affect your purchase. Here's a look at some key moments in the tentative Brexit timetable, and how they might affect your Spanish property purchase in the year ahead.

Who will lead the UK to Brexit?

Theresa May's turn as Prime Minister has been beset by complications at every turn. She called a snap election to capitalise on the Conservative Party's poll lead over Labour, only to see her advantage collapse and be left relying on the DUP for a parliamentary majority.

Labour describe themselves as the 'government in waiting' and EU officials are allegedly preparing for negotiations with a UK Prime Minister who is not Theresa May. Everyone else seems prepared for an election; can Theresa May last an entire year without calling one?

Will there be trade tribulations?

Once trade talks actually begin and we start being subjected to rumours regarding the type of deal we will end up with, the pound will become even more volatile.

From a market perspective, the best type of Brexit is a 'soft Brexit', where the UK retains access to the EU single market and customs union, which would allow tariff free trade to continue uninterrupted.

Markets will therefore judge the evolving deal in terms of how far away it is from the best case scenario; signs that the UK is drifting towards a polar opposite 'hard Brexit' could have a profoundly negative impact upon the pound, making your Spanish property purchase a lot more expensive.

Can negotiations really wrap up in October?

Chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier said that he wanted talks finished within 18 months of the triggering of Article 50, which would mean October 2018 if things run to plan.

This deadline is already in question, considering the UK and EU spent several months making no progress on the issue of the divorce bill.

However, things could still be rescued and the deal sent to national parliaments to ratify.

Even though many complications would lie ahead, it would be a positive sign if talks were indeed finalised on schedule, and the pound would be expected to gain in response, allowing you to get more euros than you do currently when you transfer sterling to the Eurozone.

Predicting GBP/EUR movement in 2018

Unfortunately, as uncertainty regarding the future is the very thing the pound is reacting negatively to, it's impossible to say what the overall outlook for GBP/EUR and EUR/GBP is for 2018.

Regardless of what happens, it's worth bearing in mind that the currency markets are driven by the whims of large-scale investors, such as pension funds and asset managers. They're looking for good returns, so anything that threatens the UK economy will negatively affect their appetite for the pound, weakening Sterling.

Therefore, if the development seems to be moving the UK towards a soft Brexit or some kind of free trade deal, the pound is likely to strengthen, while anything that moves towards the implementation of tariffs or quotas will undermine Sterling, raising the costs of Spanish property from the point of view of UK buyers.

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Roses

A challenge for the Mediterranean gardener

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ROSES are one of the most favourite flowers for their wonderful form and beautiful scent.

To grow a rose plant in the Mediterranean is a challenge though as they prefer cooler summers and winters to be at their best. There are ways to improve the ability to grow them.

The most important difference in the Mediterranean climate is to provide summer shade for roses for at least half of the day, preferably shaded from the afternoon sun.

The normal requirements for growing roses applies in terms of providing a rich soil with soil amendments of compost, manures

and other fertilisers suited to alkaline soil. Alkaline soil is predominant in the Mediterranean regions.

Roses prefer neutral to acid soil but will tolerate a degree of alkalinity.

Applying mulch around the rose plants will also help to keep their root zone cooler in summer, so a thick layer is recommended to provide the most insulation. Organic mulches are the best for roses as they allow greater aeration for the soil to breathe.

If you apply the organic mulch after the start of the hot weather it should last through summer and even if it breaks down by winter it does not need renewing until the next spring. Allowing the mulch to thin out over winter permits the colder weather to affect the rose

plants to become dormant and rest before the spring awakening.

Planting roses adjacent to buildings can keep the rose plants too warm in winter so they are better planted in rose beds in zones more exposed to the winter cold but protected from strong winds.

Roses have the advantage in the Mediterranean of having a spring flush of flowers and a second flush in autumn. They often reduce their flowering over summer due to the heat and may have some flowers over winter, although it can make the plants stronger to remove the winter buds, it is also wonderful to be able to get roses at that time.

Pruning is best done at the start of spring to create a good framework for the coming flower season and another pruning at the end of



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A FAVOURITE: The beauty that is a rose.

summer to reduce height and remove crossing branches, but leaving many of the new shoots that have grown over summer to support the autumn flower display which can often be their best display if treated in this way.

Spring and summer removal of rose hips is also a good idea to make the plants stronger and more attractive.

Aphids can be a problem in late spring but a 50/50 mix of pharmacy type alcohol and water sprayed

on them can clean them up easily and it is safer than many chemical products. Caterpillars usually attack at the end of summer.

They can be sprayed off with water from a hose. I leave a lot of them though so that the air is full of butterflies in autumn at the cost of perforated rose leaves for a month. The rose plants always recover quickly and they seem to flower better or at least the flowers stand out better for their perfect form and beauty.

A feast of fruit salad

WHILE some of us may be lucky enough to have a garden, many of us simply have a patio or balcony.

And although this may seem to offer fewer options

for planting out, there are many things you can do to make the most of a small outdoor space.

If you are a grow-your-own fan, don't be put off, you can

still grow several fruits and vegetables by maximising the space you do have. One of the most efficient ways to grow several plants in one go is by grafting one to another.

An example of this is so-called 'fruit salad' trees which can combine up to six fruits on one plant. Stone fruits including plums, apricots, peaches and nectarines can all be grown on the same tree, while citrus fruits like lemons,

limes, oranges and grapefruits can also share a plant.

While fruit salad trees can be bought in garden centres and online, you can create your own and enjoy all the benefits of a country house garden on your balcony!

Start by buying or using an existing root of a fruit tree measuring around one inch thick. Then take up to five cuttings of plants from the same family - like stone fruits,



PLACE CUTTINGS: Into the root.

citruses or apples - which each measure around ¼ inch thick and four inches long.

Make a two-inch-deep cut into your root and use a knife to make a spear-shaped end to

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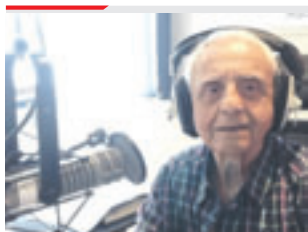
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Q. My dogs like to eat grass and mushrooms. Is this a problem?

A. There is no definitive answer as to why dogs and cats eat grass. Three veterinarians will most likely give three answers. Theories range from their stomach is upset to the need for vegetation in their diets.

The fact is grass has no nutritional value for pets. The most plausible



ROUGHAGE: A dog eats grass.

explanation is that it is a habit dating back to their ancestors where a certain amount of roughage was required for normal bowel activity.

Present-day dog and cat foods contain varying amounts of fibre

making grass eating unnecessary. It is most likely an instinct that has just not faded away with time.

It is true that too much grass can be irritating to the stomach lining, which can cause vomiting. Although some

dogs enjoy eating grass, it is best to discourage them from grazing like cows.

Some mushrooms can indeed be very toxic to pets. Most cause gastric irritation resulting in vomiting

and diarrhoea. Others can cause damage to the heart, liver and kidneys. In some cases, seizures and death can occur. The best advice is to identify the species of mushrooms in your garden. If they are safe for human consumption, they will not be harmful to your pet.

Remove all poisonous and unidentifiable mushrooms from your pets' environment. Cats are finicky and less likely to ingest mushrooms.

The potential for ingesting such toxic agents is another reason to keep your dog from roaming freely.

Owners should constantly inspect their pets' outdoor environment for potential toxins.

These include garbage, dead animals, dangerous mushrooms and toxic plants. Remember pets, especially dogs, are non-discriminating when it comes to potential food. Items such as rotting garbage and dead birds may appear disgusting to us, but they can be filet mignon to some pets.

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Planning to go away this springtime ...?

AS Christmas approaches many of us try to get ahead of the game to book our flights and hotels early with good prices for a spring break. If you're planning a holiday you may also be wondering what to do with your dog, cat or other animals. There are many options today, but keeping them at home in their own environment with minimal disruption to routines, can often be the best option.

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DOG DOCTOR: Owning a dog could protect you from developing heart disease.

Leaders of the pack

NEW research has suggested that those who own dogs are less at risk from developing serious illnesses than those who don't.

Scientists studying heart disease came to the conclusion after examining data from more than 3.4 million Swedish nationals between the aged of 40 and 80.

As registering a dog and going to the hospital both require Swedes to present their national identification number, scientists were able

to analyse the records of people over a 12-year period to see if there was any correlation between the two factors.

They discovered those who had registered a dog in the system were less likely to be treated for heart disease in the long run if they had not shown any previous symptoms of the illness.

Although the research did not draw any conclusions why this was the case, scientists suggested that it might

have something to do with the fact that having a dog gives people more motivation to do exercise.

They also encourage people to be more social and are known to improve happiness levels, all of which has a positive impact on physical and health.

It has also been suggested that being in constant exposure to dog's germs could help to boost the immune system which helps to keep serious illnesses at bay.

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Some might say...



Volvo strikes taxi deal

By Matthew Elliott

VOLVO is set to supply Uber with 24,000 cars which the American tech-taxi company will convert into driverless cars.

Uber has transformed the transport market in recent years by supplanting the traditional taxi industry in almost every country it operates in. Users order taxis and pre-pay using an application on their smart phones.

The company is also at the forefront of driving technology. Instead of hiring drivers, who have frequently been accused of sexually assaulting female passengers, it wants a legion of autonomous cars to serve as taxis.

Swedish carmaker Volvo has stepped in, signing a deal to provide Uber with 24,000 cars between 2019 and 2021. Each car will be compatible with Uber's pio-

neering driverless technology.

Uber chief, Travis Kalanick, said: "Over one million people die in car accidents every year. These are tragedies that self-driving technology can help solve, but we can't do this alone. That's why our partnership with a great manufacturer like Volvo is so important."

Volvo CEO Hakan Samuelsson said the firm has ambitions to be the major worldwide supplier of ve-



NO CHAT: Driverless XC90 new ride for Uber users (above).



cles for the emerging driverless taxi industry. If the Uber deal goes ahead it will be the biggest for Volvo since it was taken over by Chinese giant Geely in 2010.

Although Uber will be responsible for the autonomous component of the

cars, Volvo has its own designs on the intelligent car market.

It is currently trialling its driverless XC90 in the United States and has four other models Volvo engineers are working on making it 100 per cent autonomous.



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Classic Car Club of Andalucia

CCCA does Estepona Fair!

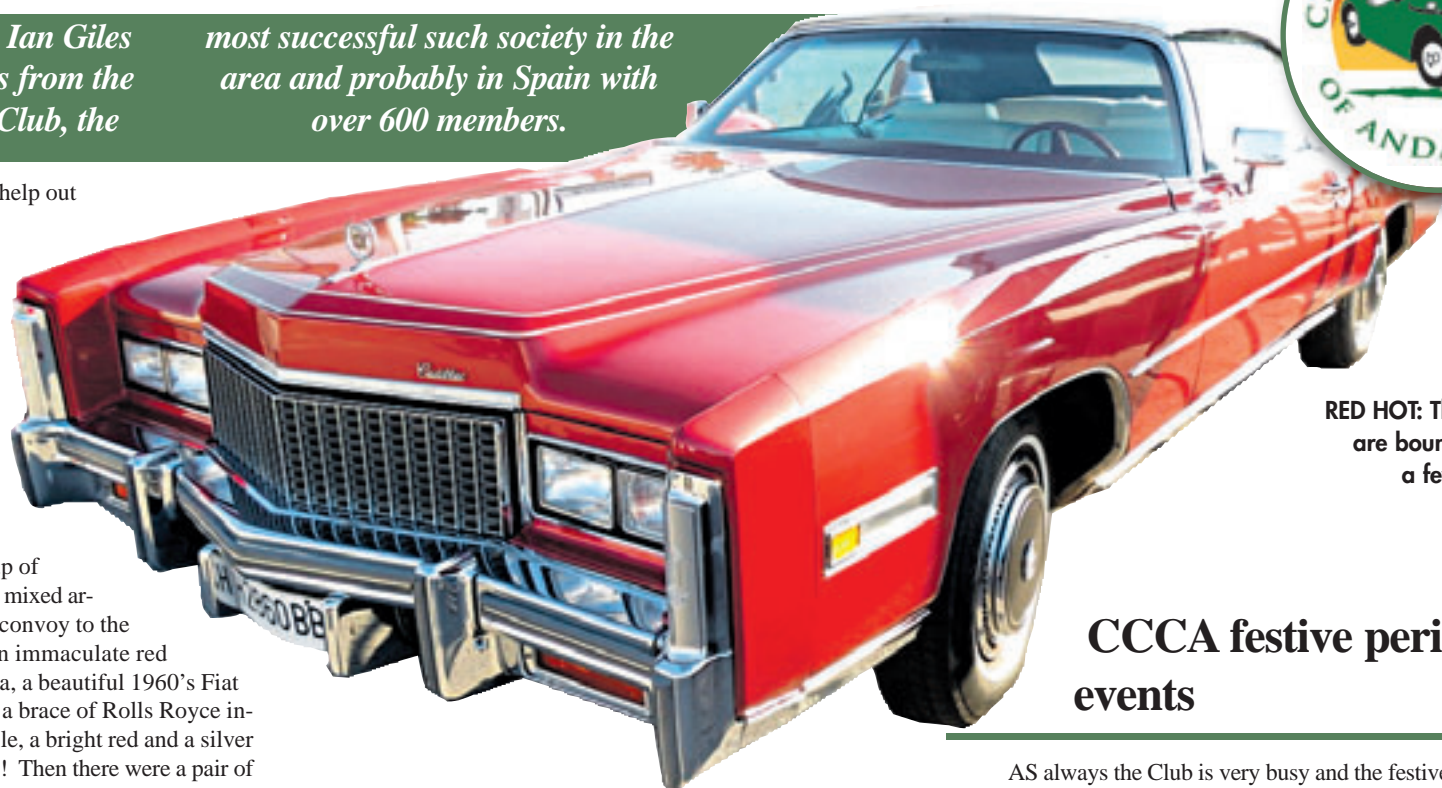
Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucia Classic Car Club, the

most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

THE CCCA always likes to help out where possible and following a call from the Costa del Sol chapter of the Church was able to supply a display of around 25 classic cars to go on show at the annual Christmas Fair in the Palacio de Congresos, Estepona.

First, and most important, an excellent breakfast was enjoyed by all crews at El Caserio near Estepona, on the A7 coast road. A marvellous group of enthusiasts turned up with a wonderful, mixed array of cars which were then driven in convoy to the Palacio. There were such things as an immaculate red Ferrari 308 GTSi, a genuine AC Cobra, a beautiful 1960's Fiat 500, a lovely 1960 Mercedes 190SL, a brace of Rolls Royce including a stunning Corniche convertible, a bright red and a silver V12 Jaguar E-Type, always a favourite! Then there were a pair of cars from Will Jackson, a bright red MGA and a similarly coloured and very lovely, Jaguar XK150. The most beautiful, orange 1978 Porsche 911SC came with Gerry and Kirsti Denn who had only arrived back from Finland in the early hours of that Saturday morning, well done to them! Jaguars were well represented as already mentioned, but also on show were two virtually identical burgundy coloured XJ-S V12's from the early 1980's. So too were Mercedes which included a very pretty E320 Sportline. A rare Fiat 124 Spyder came along and a beautiful, new Jaguar F-Type which, try as it might, could not overcome the steep and angular slope into the exhibition centre without grounding its very low underside!

Stefan and Judith Nicholson made a brave effort to bring their gorgeous old Bull-nose Morris, but it misbehaved with magneto problems after coming out of Gibraltar en route so the intrepid pair returned to Gib and collected their marvellous, old English white



RED HOT: These cars are bound to turn a few heads.



CCCA festive period events

AS always the Club is very busy and the festive period is no exception. The fun starts off on Tuesday with the regular Club night and dinner at 'Treetops' restaurant at El Chaparral Golf Club in Mijas Costa. To add some Christmas flavour to dinner the Club will be providing music and song from the excellent Karen Cooper and canapés will be served before dinner. These club nights are always a great way to spend an evening with friends and the Club is happy for any number of guests to come along.

The December Classic Car Run

CLUB Presidente Ian Giles, along with wife Carol, will be organising a special Christmas classic car run on Saturday December 9. The start will be from Venta Carlos del Mirador, on the A-7000 just above Malaga. A fabulous route is being prepared by these two which will take in a coffee stop at the oldest Inn in Andalucia, some spectacular views of the countryside including the lake at Viñuela and a second coffee stop at La Galeria art gallery near Periana.

After that, a first class lunch has been organised at Lake Viñuela Hotel. Many members have already opted to book rooms there for the Saturday night which means 'Something of a Party' is on the cards. The Club has even invited members of the local Porsche and Jaguar Owners Clubs to join them for this festive event.

The CCCA Christmas Party, Tuesday December 12

THE Club has always organised its own Christmas Party and this year is no exception. Trying a new venue again this year, the Club will be having its own party rooms and bar with dancing area at La Sala in Puerto Banus. A first-class festive dinner is guaranteed, cava will be served on arrival, wines will be plentiful and music for dancing will be provided by the very good Tony Capo. Tickets are only €45 inclusive and guests are very welcome to attend this super night. Contact Ian Giles if you would like to join in the fun!

That's it for now, back in two weeks time.

Ian Giles
MOTORING

Morgan +8, another favourite with the crowds there.

All in all, it was an excellent turn-out of very lovely cars and helped to provide something different for the visitors to the fair to enjoy whilst rummaging around the stands and raising some much-needed funds for the Church's charities.

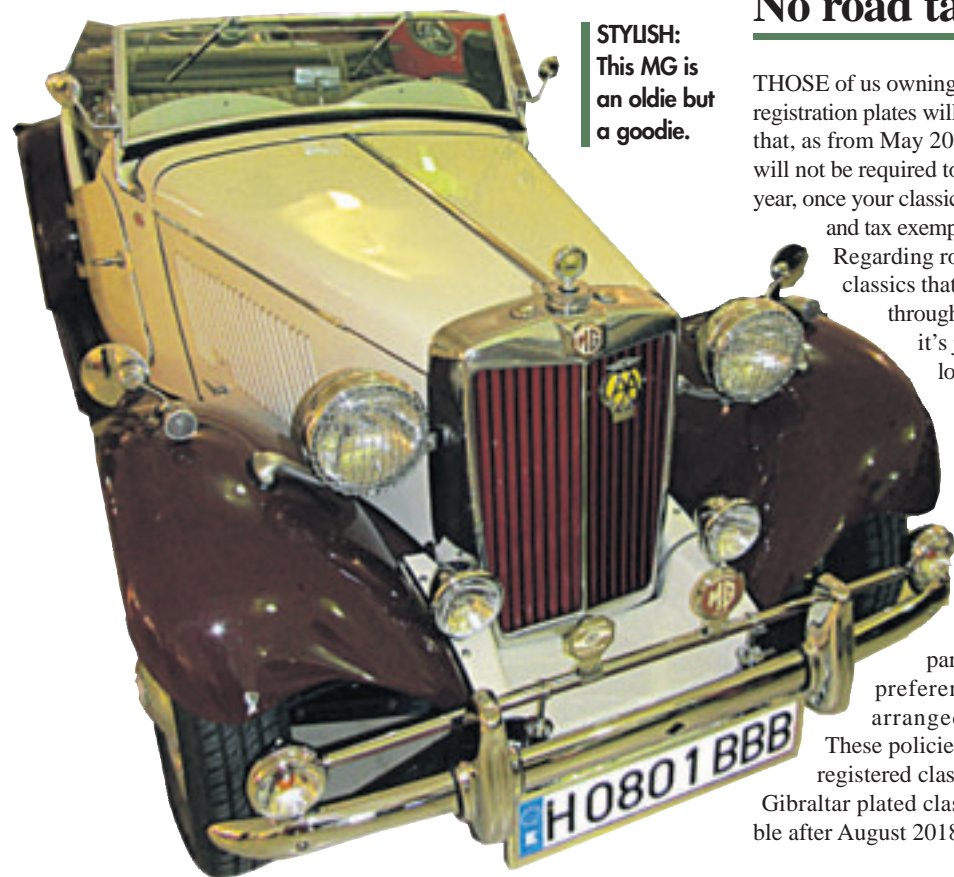
Many of the members then went on to enjoy a first-class lunch together, in the sunshine, on the terraces of Laguna Village, just a few kilometres out of Estepona,

MOT changes for Classics! No road tax for the over 40s!

THOSE of us owning and running classic cars that are still on UK registration plates will be very happy to hear news from the DVLA that, as from May 2018, once a classic reaches 40 years of age it will not be required to pass an MOT test. Thus, from May of next year, once your classic reaches 40 years of age it will become MOT and tax exempt. Excellent news for many CCCA members! Regarding road tax, the same 'rolling' system applies to classics that reach 40 years of age. You still have to go through the VED system, to register the car for tax - it's just that no money changes hands. Marvellous!

In Spain, if a classic car is over 25 years old it can qualify to go onto 'Historic' registration plates, which means road tax is free of charge and a much gentler ITV (MOT) is necessary only every two years. And, of course, classic car insurance policies, which are considerably less expensive than for modern counterparts, can be arranged. In fact, the CCCA has preferential terms for special classic car policies arranged for its members which is a great help. These policies can be available for both Spanish and UK registered classics. These policies also were available for Gibraltar plated classics but that, sadly, will cease to be possible after August 2018.

STYLISH:
This MG is an oldie but a goodie.



Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucia events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com. Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con el.

Three Lions set to roar in 2018 World Cup

Harry's top quality - we're fortunate to have him - Southgate

THE 2018 World Cup Group draw is set to take place in the Kremlin Palace, Moscow, Russia, with England's Three Lions set to roar.

The 32 teams playing at 12 venues in 11 different cities that go head-to-head during June 14-July 15, 2018, will be split into four pots, based on their current FIFA world rankings. Pot 1 contains Russia and the highest-ranked seven teams.

The December 1 draw will divide the 32 teams into eight groups of four, from A to H. Each group will play three matches, before the top two countries advance to the second round. Russia are in Group A as host nation.

England meet Italy and Holland in friendlies in March, prior to manager Gareth Southgate naming his final 23-man squad: "The team are getting clearer messages in how we want to play," said Southgate.

"Playing for England is different from that at club level and one of the key things we have to continue to work at," said Southgate.

There will be players 'missing out' in the England 23, with Daniel Sturridge, dropped in the friendly internationals against Germany and Brazil, desperate to return to the fold.

Liverpool outcast Sturridge, 28, in the cold at Anfield under manager Jurgen Klopp, is among a plethora of players that could miss the cut.

Ashley Young, Adam Lallana, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Fraser Foster, Chris Smalling, Danny Wellbeck, Jermaine Defoe and Theo Walcott await their fates.

Sturridge could miss out, with Liverpool teammate Dominic Solanke, 20, getting the nod after his surprise call up to the England squad.

"We assess who can take us forward - that's the challenge for



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HARRY KANE: One player who has surely got his England passport stamped for Russia.

all the players - you have to be playing well enough to get into the squad," said Southgate.

Klopp, ahead of Liverpool's

Premier League game at Brighton on Saturday, said: "Solanke will be a future player for England, 100 per cent.

"Apart from his football skills, his character is absolutely outstanding. He is completely calm and doing so well, but doesn't feel like 'roll out the red carpet'; he is a smart lad."

Chelsea duo Ruben Loftus-Cheek, 21, and Tammy Abraham, 20, on loan at Crystal Palace and Swansea, respectively, are among new blood, alongside Solanke, brought in by Southgate.

"Ruben and Tammy are two really good young players - the future for Chelsea," said Blues boss Antonio Conte, ahead of the Blues fixture against Newcastle on Saturday.

Two players who have surely got their England passports stamped for Russia are Phil Jones and Harry Kane: "Phil Jones has got the pace and the reading of the game at a relatively young age.

"He competes well and it's clear what he brings to the team.

Harry's finishing is top quality, as good as anyone, we're fortunate to have him," said Southgate.

Manchester United travel to Arsenal on Saturday and Red's boss Jose Mourinho said of defender Jones, 26: "Phil Jones is still young, still learning."

The 2018 World Cup Final Draw: Pot 1: Russia, Germany, Brazil, Portugal, Argentina, Belgium, Poland, France.

Pot 2: Spain, Peru, Switzerland, England, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay, Croatia.

Pot 3: Denmark, Iceland, Costa Rica, Sweden, Tunisia, Egypt, Senegal, Iran.

Pot 4: Serbia, Nigeria, Australia, Japan, Morocco, Panama, Korea Republic, Saudi Arabia.

Group Stages: June 14-June 28; Round of 16: June 30-July 3; Quarter Finals: July 6-July 7; Semi Finals: July 10-July 11; Third place play-off: July 14. Final: July 15.

JULEN LOPETEGUI'S shoulders carry the hopes of Spain's 2018 World Cup glory in Russia - after qualifying undefeated to top Group G - in a bid to repeat Spain's success in 2010.

"Whoever wants to do something special at the World Cup, besides having great players, they will need a great team," said Lopetegui.

Spain, who beat the Netherlands 1-0 at Soccer City, Johannesburg, South Africa after an extra-time goal by Andrés Iniesta, giving Spain its first World Cup title in 2010, have a great team.

Spain qualified for the 2018 World Cup, winning nine and drawing one of their 10 group games, scoring 36 goals, conceding a paltry three.

That underlines David de Gea will be the No. 1 goalkeeper pencilled in by Lopetegui, knowing their chances of glory are in safe hands.

Spain are in Pot 2 at The Kremlin in Moscow on Friday December 1, along with Peru, Switzerland, England, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay and Croatia, for the draw on the road to the final on July 14 at the Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow.

Spain have a plethora of talent, including Carvajal, Pique, Ramos, Alba, Azpilicueta, Nacho, Alonso, Alba, Busquets, Iniesta, Silva, Isco, Koke, Alcantara, Niguez, Pedro, Deulofeu, Asensio, Morata and Alcacer.

Will Juan Mata, Cesc Fabregas, Diego Costa, Iago Aspas, Nolito and David Villa get the nod in Lopetegui's 23-man squad?: "There are many that will be in Russia," said Lopetegui.

"But I have not got the clear 23 players that will go to the World Cup. There are some that

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MORENO: World Cup dream.

Baby talk from Moreno as he dreams of Spain World Cup glory

are certain and others that have an excellent opportunity," said Lopetegui.

Spain have a strike force to be reckoned with and Lopetegui said of striker Alvaro Morata,

who joined Chelsea from Real Madrid in the summer: "Morata is a very good No. 9 and we are very happy with him."

Costa, Celta Vigo's Iago Aspas, Valencia's

Rodrigo and Athletic Bilbao's Aritz Aduriz are all vying for striker roles in Russia, and Lopetegui said: "Rodrigo is very good - so is Aspas - Diego Costa too.

"We will decide who our No. 9 player will be for our first game. It may be that we will not play with the same No. 9 for our second game. We shall see. They all have possibilities to be the starting No. 9 for Spain."

Atletico Madrid's Costa cannot play until January 2018, having last played for Spain in June, having missed the final four qualifying games, after a dispute with his former club Chelsea.

Liverpool left-back Alberto Moreno, 25, returned to the Spain squad for the friendlies against Costa Rica in Malaga and against Russia after a three-year absence.

"Alberto, a left-back that suits us, is someone that is eager to go forward, and is also very fast at correcting his position," said Lopetegui.

Former Sevilla star Moreno and his wife Lilia, who became proud parents following the arrival of Alberto Junior two weeks ago, said: "Last season was bad for me. I didn't play.

"I am playing all the games now, and at a good level. I am here now, and with the World Cup so close why not dream?"

Defending champions Germany, bidding to become the first country to win back-to-back World Cups since Brazil in 1958 and 1962, are the 5-1 favourites; France 11-2; 6-1 Brazil; 7-1 Spain; 8-1 Argentina; 14-1; Belgium; 20-1 England; Portugal 24-1; Russia 40-1; Mexico 80-1.

MALAGA, Real Madrid and Barcelona were all in Copa Del Rey action earlier this week. La Liga clubs dominate the final 16, which may provide more drama than the league, where Barca remain comfortably top.

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England to take on Australia Rugby League World Cup Final

ENGLAND coach Wayne Bennett believes his side's huge task in defeating Australia in the Rugby League World Cup final is unlikely: We probably won't win.

"We'll be there, we'll still go to the game, but we probably won't win," said Australian Bennett, 67, a World Cup winner with New Zealand in 2008, when assistant coach.

England, who defeated Tonga in the semi-final, play in their first World Cup final since

REALISTIC:
Wayne Bennett.



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1995, against holders Australia, 1-9 odds-on favourites, in Brisbane on Saturday.

Australia, unbeaten under coach Mal Meninga, are on a path to win a fourth World Cup crown in five attempts. Underdogs England's odds are 6-1. Will defeat see Bennett retire?: "Retiring isn't in my head.

"The England job challenges me - there's a lot of talent in this team - the type I want to work with," said Bennett.

Global Sport: Cricket: Ashes

ENGLAND and Australia go head-to-head in the opening day of The Ashes 2nd Test at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday December 2 after the First Test in Brisbane.

Vice-captain Jimmy Anderson has laughed off speculation it will be his last Test Series after Aussie off-spinner Nathan Lyon talk about ending England players' careers.

"The stuff he's been coming out with has been tickling us - we've been laughing about it in

the dressing room - it's good for team spirit," said Anderson.

Swing bowler Anderson, 35, played in the 2010-11 series in Australia, that England won; and the 2013-14 Ashes series humiliating 5-0 whitewash.

"I am not thinking if we don't win I am 'done.' My body feels fine. It's just a case of looking after myself. If I can keep fit, keep my speeds up," said Lancashire star Anderson.

Anderson, who broke onto the international scene in the 2002-03 season, says he could be in the 2021-22 Ashes series in Australia.

"There's no reason why not. There's no reason why I can't extend my career - I wouldn't rule it out," said England's most successful test bowler Anderson.

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