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€35m job concerns

MARBELLA Council has been accused of ignoring the unemployed.

The claim was made by former mayor Jose Bernal, a member of the socialist PSOE party who was in August replaced by his conservative Popular Party counterpart Angeles Muñoz.

It comes after the city hall confirmed it is to hand contracts worth €35 million to private firms for management of public facilities.

Mr Bernal said: "We are facing a spiral of privatisation that is killing the illusions of 13,000 people who scour the job boards every week."

Brazen thieves filmed in act

FOOTAGE of a theft at a Costa del Sol restaurant has gone viral on social media. The video was uploaded by the eatery's owner in an attempt to identify the robbers.

Images appear to show two individuals enter the premises on Calle Muroon several times and leave with a number of items.

They reportedly stole €700 in cash, as well as a plasma TV and lottery tickets.



UNBELIEVABLE: The thieves make off with tomatoes and (inset) the scene in the wake of the fatal crash.

Photos by EWN Media Group/Bomberos de Mijas

EXCLUSIVE

By Matt Ford

This is the shocking moment that looters ransacked the scene of a deadly lorry crash.

At least seven people ran off with their arms full of tomatoes, which the wrecked vehicle was carrying in its trailer, while others arrived to pay their respects to the driver, who died in the accident.

Among them was British expatriate Andrea Brown, 54, who captured the images after heading down to the site with her husband.

"We went down with a candle and a white rose to show solidarity," she told the *Euro Weekly News*. "At first I thought they were doing the same, but then we realised they were brazenly

Looters strike

Raiders pillage wrecked lorry

walking off with crates of tomatoes!

"We were very shocked and upset to think that the poor man had only been gone a couple of hours and these people just didn't seem to care.

"That man could have been a husband and father.

"The scene was taped off but we didn't see a single policeman on the beach, they were all up on the road attending to the broken barrier."

The raid - which took place after the driver's body had been

removed by medics - has not been reported by local Spanish media.

It comes after the articulated lorry careered off the A-7 dual carriageway on a notoriously dangerous bend in La Cala de Mijas, smashing through the crash barrier and plummeting several metres onto the beach.

The driver was reportedly killed instantly, and the tractor unit was so badly damaged that his body remained trapped inside while firefighters worked to cut it free.

Police are probing the cause of the incident, which sparked fresh calls for the regional authorities to improve safety on the hazardous stretch, since it continues to be an accident black spot despite installation of average speed cameras and prominent signage.

Francisco Sepulveda, president of La Cala de Mijas resident's association, said: "The radar has reduced the number of accidents, but it is still rare that a month goes by without one... they need to change the layout."



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Record breaker

MALAGA Airport has smashed records after receiving more than 17.6 million passengers between January and the end of November, beating the final total for 2016 by a million with a month to spare.

Horror crash

TWO people were seriously injured in a Manilva traffic accident after a 56-year-old motorist caused a head-on collision by unwittingly joining the A-7 motorway in the wrong direction.

Doctor who?

A BOGUS psychotherapist has been held in Antequera, after police received a tip off the 43-year-old man was offering counselling and therapy - with clients including schoolchildren - despite having no qualifications.

Feliz navidad!

Spanish royals spread festive cheer

By Kat Ashton

KING FELIPE VI and Queen Letizia of Spain have debuted their annual Christmas card with their daughters, Princess Leonor, aged 12, and Infanta Sofia, aged 10.

The family took a more formal approach this year, with the family colour-coordinating in red outside the Royal Palace of Madrid.

King Felipe wore a red patterned tie while his daughter Princess Leonor, who is first in line to the throne, wore a bright red dress reportedly from Carolina Herrera, one of her mother Letizia's favourite designers.

Meanwhile, Infanta Sofia was dressed in red and white tweed believed to be designed by children's fashion house Pili Carrera.

According to Spanish media sources, the photo was taken on the balcony overlooking the palace's 'Plaza de la Armeria' on October 12, which is Spain's National Day.

Last year, the family sent out a

more relaxed portrait and were seen hugging in casual outdoor clothing in the garden at the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid.

Spain's royal family first released a Christmas card in 2014 to celebrate Felipe becoming the ruling Spanish monarch after his father, King Juan Carlos, abdicated the throne.

They then became the first European royals to make their Christmas card public in 2015.

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card is a note that reads 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018,' along with each family member's signatures.

A message was also sent on behalf of former King Don Juan Carols and Queen Doña Sofia, his wife, which included a Christmas-themed painting by 15th century Italian Renaissance artist Bartolomeo Vivarini.

A RIGHT ROYAL XMAS: The King and his family.

Final call for airport pickpurses

TWO men have been held in connection with a spate of holidaymaker thefts at Malaga Airport.

The arrests come after police received a number of reports from disgruntled tourists who were robbed after landing or while waiting to check in.

A brief probe revealed the culprits to be a 58-year-old from the Czech Republic and a 39-year-old from Kosovo.

The pair would distract or take advantage of their victims' negligence to steal wallets and other valuables before escaping in a car which they left parked nearby.

Investigators found the vehicle near the airport's exit with the key hidden underneath.

The pickpockets have so far been charged with nine thefts during which they reportedly made off with €30,000, 30,000 Russian roubles, and £450 in cash, plus five computers, two high-end mobile phones, three watches and other items of jewellery.

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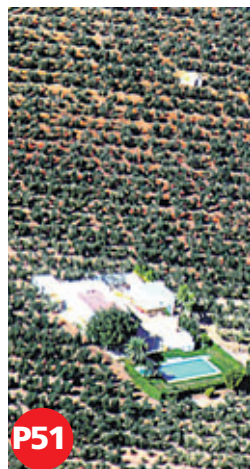
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Cat killers on trial

AN elderly couple face nine months in prison after being charged with poisoning their neighbour's eight cats. Five of the animals died after the pair, aged 68 and 71, threw balls of spiked meat over a dividing wall after becoming infuriated by the animals' howling.

Traffic jam

BRITISH real estate developer McArthur Glen must double the capacity of the MA-20 motorway near the Plaza Mayor shopping centre between Malaga City and Torremolinos in order to open their planned luxury outlet, the Spanish government has said. The work is expected to cost €3 million.

Casting call

PRODUCERS of the TV series *Snatch* - based on the Brad Pitt film of the same name and starring Harry Potter's Rupert Grint - are holding casting sessions for extras in Malaga this Friday and Saturday with the second season of the hit show to be set on the Costa del Sol.

Not fare

MOST Costa del Sol towns do not have enough wheelchair taxis despite a law being passed a decade ago requiring at least 5 per cent to be equipped for the disabled, according to a report by two Spanish foundations. Only Malaga City, Marbella and Estepona currently meet the target.

Long sentence

A 48-YEAR-OLD Moroccan man who battered his sister, 52, with a clothes iron before using the cord to strangle her to death in Torremolinos faces a 21-year-and-eight-month jail sentence and will have to pay €150,000 to each of the deceased's two children if he is

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 41

As the first snows begin to fall in Spain's mountains, ski and snowboard enthusiasts are itching to visit one of the country's more unlikely tourist attractions, writes Harrison Jones.

Snow way

DESERTIFICATION is coming to Spain. The south of the country sees temperatures regularly top 40 degrees and millions flock to beaches along its coasts.

Yet the country is also home to around 35 ski resorts and roughly 1,000 km worth of runs - some of it within hours of the beach.

Complete with an attractive party scene and good terrain for beginners, many resorts are relatively cheap compared with the rest of Europe, making them highly attractive.

Figures are scarce, but of the near 75 million tourists who visited Spain in 2016, a significant number are thought to have been skiers and boarders.

Statista suggests snow sports vis-

itors - including natives - have numbered around five million in the last few seasons, since 2012.

But visitors tend to opt for a select few resorts.

Dubbed 'the world's best ski resort' by the *Daily Telegraph*, Baqueira-Belet is the most popular, best rated and biggest.

Found in the heart of the Pyrenees, many believe it is favourite of the Spanish royal family, but though the monarchy are still thought to have a chalet there, the King no longer skis.



SKI OR BOARD: It's not just snow on offer in Spain.

The resorts of Benasque and La Molina are other tourist favourites, while Formigal has the most terrain in Spain.

The Spanish season can - in theory at least - run from late November to early May, though this depends heavily on snow conditions. The best snow tends to be found between January and March.

Europe's sunny uplands

WHILE most of Spain's skiing is in the Pyrenees, there is a little in the south of the country too. In fact, Sierra Nevada, about a 40-minute drive from Granada, is Europe's most southerly ski resort - and a highly popular one at that.

Thought to boast over 321 days of sunshine, it also claims the title of Europe's sunniest ski resort.

The classic local brag is that you can ski by morning and sunbathe, on the Costa Del Sol, in the afternoon.

Around a million people, many of them Spanish, skied the



NICE ICE: Tobogganing is also on offer in Sierra Nevada.

resort in 2014, according to Planet Ski.

Remembering his appearance at the 1996 world championships, Graham Bell - a former Olympic skier and *Ski Sunday* presenter - told *Euro Weekly News* that the resort had a "great atmosphere and stunning views."

Though he is also quick to warn that the "snow can be a little hit or miss."

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Births drop

THE birth rate in Malaga Province has allegedly dropped by 22 per

cent since 2007 and reached a 10-year low this year. Less than 7,000 babies were born in the first six months of the year, while 32,000 more deaths were registered than births.

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A good Claus

Thousands of Santas run for charity



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SEA OF RED: Thousands of Santas took to the streets in Madrid.

MORE than 7,000 people dressed up as Father Christmas to run through Madrid city centre in aid of a cancer charity.

The athletes braved freezing temperatures and strong winds as Storm Ana rolled into Spain, but the festive atmosphere certainly seemed to warm their spirits up.

Children also took part in the five kilometre gallop, donning green tunics and elf hats, while many of the adults wore long white beards to accompany their bright red hats and robes.

The event saw the merry throng dash along the Spanish capital's famous Paseo de la Castellana, crossing landmarks including the Cibeles and Colon squares.

It is the fifth successive year that the event - which organisers claim is the largest Santa-themed race in the world - has taken place.

And a portion of each runner's registration fee will be donated to the Intheos Foundation, a non-profitable organisation dedicated to fighting cancer.

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KATE MOSS:
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Just model behaviour

HE'S the ex-boyfriend of Australian songstress Kylie Minogue. But Spanish model Andres Velencoso, 39, shows no sign of settling down after being pictured with yet another new squeeze.

The Catalan hunk posted photos of himself alongside Argentinian actress Luz Cipriota, 32, in Tossa de Mar on the Costa Brava.

And it appears the pair have sealed their love after jetting off on a South American jaunt.

The rumoured couple visited Buenos Aires, where Luz was born.

It comes weeks after Andres expressed his happiness with 25-year-old Italian model and presenter Ginevra Rossini, known in her homeland for being the ex-girlfriend of Luigi Berlusconi, son of former Prime Minister Silvio.

But the heartthrob has clearly moved on once more, following earlier flings with Spanish model Steffy Argelich, 23, and tennis star Maria Sharapova, 30.



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Andres Velencoso.

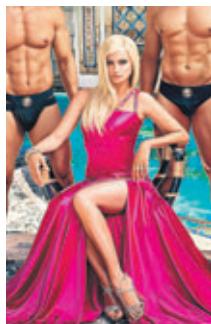
EXPECTING:
Alice Campello.

Alice in wonderland

SHE has over a million followers on social website Instagram.

And Chelsea footballer Alvaro Morata's stunning wife Alice Campello now has another reason to celebrate after the couple announced they are expecting their first child.

The Italian model, 22, tied the knot with the Spanish striker in June, just weeks before his €65 million Premier League transfer was announced.



BOMBSHELL:
Penelope Cruz as Donatella Versace.

It's all about Cruz control

SHE'S Spain's favourite sweetheart. And now Penelope Cruz is due back on our screens in new series, The Assassination of Gianni Versace: An American Crime Story.

The 43-year-old stunner plays Donatella Versace, sister of the murdered fashion designer who was killed in 2007. Due for release in January 2018, the show follows the lead up and aftermath of the icon's death.

Cruz, whose normally brunette locks have

been died platinum blonde for the role, stars alongside pop star Ricky Martin, who plays Antonio D'Amico, Gianni Versace's long-term partner. And showing just how well the stars were getting along on set, Martin posted a photo of him and Cruz snuggled up in full costume.

Martin, normally known more for his singing prowess, explained he accepted the role to make a stand against the homophobia believed to have been behind Versace's death.

Moss be joking?

SHE'S the enigmatic model who has managed to stay on top for almost 30 years. And now Kate Moss has explained she's no fan of social media. The 44-year-old stunner, who spends her time between London, the US and Ibiza, said: "Everything now is so instant with digital photography and there's no mystique. I'm just not into posting about personal stuff online."

Taken by storm

SHE recently signed up to the E4 show Celebs Go Dating.

And single beauty Tallia Storm, 19, showed why she's such a catch after slipping into a plunging neon pink swimsuit on the beach in Spain.

The Scottish singer flaunted her petite frame as she frolicked in the shallows before taking a stroll along the sand.

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OUR VIEW

Spain is failing migrant children

THE discovery of a 12-year-old West African boy inside the dashboard of a car bound for Spain shows that migrants are prepared to use ever more daring methods of reaching Europe.

But the find also illustrates the chilling reality that the number of unaccompanied children fleeing their homelands has risen at an alarming rate.

A recent United Nations (UN) report suggests that the running total for Andalucia so far this year has increased by 240 per cent compared with 2016, leaving the regional authorities unable to cope.

Those aged under 18 are officially protected by Spanish law and placed in so-called 'reception centres,' but once they turn 19 they are released onto the street without food, shelter or documentation allowing them to legally find work.

And it is then that they become prey to prostitution networks, fall victim to radicalism or are tempted by other shady influences, according to non-governmental organisation Voluntarios Por Otro Mundo.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Spain is party, obliges countries to prioritise the best interests of children, while international law states that questionable individuals must be treated as children until proven otherwise.

But the Spanish government is ignoring its obligations, with many youngsters homeless or held in adult detention centres.

It is time the country stopped failing them.

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Sex workers suffer

Police fines 'worsening' prostitutes' plight

By Harrison Jones

AN Andalucian women's rights group has criticised the use of sanctions against prostitutes.

The slam follows reports that the number of police fines have doubled in a year, while those issued to sex workers' clients have fallen.

The 637 fines made against Malaga prostitutes - up on 304 last year - dwarfs the 24 filed against people soliciting their services - down from 31 in the same period in 2016.

The figures, accurate until mid-November, suggest a rise in prostitution in the city.

But the feminist group Aimur said sanctions should not be imposed, "unless the money is used to help these women in vulnerable stations."

The non-profit pressure group - based in Almeria but campaigning for equality and to help vulnerable women throughout Andalucia - said they did agree to sanctions against clients. Speaking to *Euro Weekly News*, they added: "The sanctions against women only worsens their situations."

Alongside fines, sanctions bring the total number of penalties up to 719, compared to 549 in 2016 - 49 of which were



Photo by Guardia Civil

ROAD SIDE: No activities linked to prostitution are allowed in public places.

in December.

Prostitution is decriminalised, meaning police do not arrest people and instead sanction them for offering, requesting, negotiating and indulging in sexual services on public roads.

Often, police are responding to public complaints. Most fines are up to €750, while more serious cases result in fines of up to €1,500.

However, the number of people caught performing sex acts on public roads has this year dropped from 165 to 58, compared to

the same period last year.

The charity Doctors of the World reportedly told Spanish media that they believe the number of women operating in clubs and as local hostesses has increased far more than the number on the streets.

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They suggested that the increase is mainly from local women and could be one symptom of Spain's economic crisis.

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Killer will not be freed

A TORREMOLINOS judge has ruled that a Guardia Civil officer who allegedly killed three people while speeding on the A-7 motorway before testing positive for drugs and alcohol, must remain in jail until his trial has ended.

Chief dies

THE Chief Sergeant of Estepona's fire service has died. Antonio Garcia Ocon, 42, drowned in Bornos, Cadiz, after becoming trapped in a paraglider. He was renowned for his humanitarian work.

€800,000 hole

FUENGIROLA Town Hall is being accused of failing to collect €800,000 after the opposition Ciudadanos party reportedly forced the publication of a report showing that the money, linked to three urban agreements, was never paid.

Migrants riot at Archidona prison

By Harrison Jones

ACTIVISTS at the Archidona prison are claiming that rioting broke out at the facility yesterday (Wednesday), amid fears that migrants being held there were set to be deported.

The ministry of the interior refused to comment, but reports in Spanish media suggest that riot police were called in yesterday afternoon.

A column of smoke was reportedly seen rising from the prison, following reports that 40 migrants had been deported to Algeria via Almeria on Monday.

Lawyers and Red Cross representatives were reportedly expelled yesterday, though the organisation did not immediately respond to *Euro Weekly News* last night.

Daniel Machuca, a spokesman for the Citizens Platform against the Centre for Internment of Foreigners (CIE), told *Europa Press*: "in the face of the progressive reduction of food and imminent deportation, the people imprisoned in the prison seem



FENCED IN: A protester's sign hangs outside the facility.

to have started a riot."

For the past few days, various activists and rights groups have been warning that deportation may begin imminently.

Reports have suggested that the Spanish government are keeping between 464 and 570 people - including children - in the facility, which is a prison not scheduled to be opened until early next year.

Details are disputed but rights groups have roundly condemned conditions that

the migrants are enduring. Many have also labelled their treatment 'illegal.'

The migrants have been held there since mid November.

The government have repeatedly not responded to requests for comment but reportedly said they will 'try' not to hold the migrants for more than 60 days, during a meeting with Archidona's mayor.

They have previously said that because other facilities were full, the prison was being used.

Meanwhile, a group against the internment of refugees have called for the Minister of the Interior, Juan Ignacio Zoido, to step down.

Last week a solidarity platform of around 20 groups again denounced the conditions and said that as many as 570 people may be inside the facility.

The group suggested last week that migrants had stayed in the same clothes for 12 days, heating was not on and that only one doctor and interpreter was available.

Noisy late night cleaning goes on

FUENGIROLA Town Hall are continuing to use drinking water to clean pavements, late at night and early in the morning.

Last week, *Euro Weekly News* reported that the local authority has been using high-power spray hose pipes on the streets.

The authorities are using vast quantities of drinking water despite concerns about shortages in the region.

This week there have been more reports of noisy late night cleaning when residents are trying to sleep.

Residents reported that the cleaning had taken place at 5.30am last week, and on Wednesday, more cleaning began at 12.30am.

One resident called the decision to use drinking water and the timing of the cleaning "unbelievable."

The town hall have not responded to multiple requests for comment.



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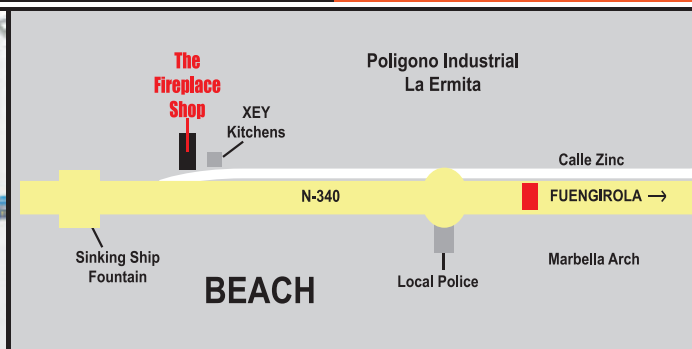
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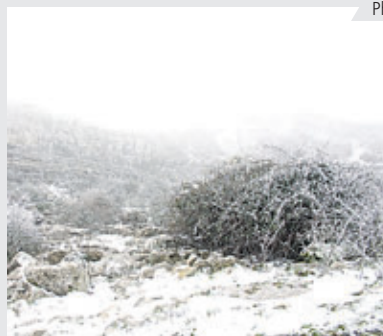
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LASHED: Port of Malaga.



MALAGA CITY: At least 40 trees felled.



CRISP: El Torcal.



COSTLY: Many vehicles were damaged.

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MALAGA City Council has pledged to replace 9,000 trees in the wake of Storm Ana.

The squall brought freezing temperatures and winds of over 100 kilometres per hour, wreaking havoc across the Costa del Sol as national weather office AEMET issued alerts across the country.

At least 40 trees were felled in the provincial capital alone, with one injuring a 63-year-old woman as emergency services attended to more than 100 incidents.

Wet and wild

Storm Ana batters region

Several flights from Malaga Airport were cancelled at the height of the bedlam, while snow blanketed the peak of El Torcal in Antequera, the Sierra de las Nieves, and the Sierra de Tejada. Heavy rain sparked traffic chaos, with long jams forming as roads flooded or became blocked by debris, but the area's reservoirs were not significantly replenished and remain two-thirds empty.

The rain is set to return tomorrow (Friday) but no weather alerts have been issued.

Vuelta route confirmation

By Benjamin Park

A ROUTE rejig will see Malaga host four stages of next year's Vuelta a España, it has been confirmed.

The 73rd edition of the famous Spanish race will officially get underway from the Pompidou Centre in the provincial capital on August 25, 2018.

The second stage will take the riders from Marbella to the Caminito

del Rey gorge, with stage three between Mijas and Alhaurin de la Torre, before the final stage in Malaga Province departs from Velez on August 28

The race ends in Madrid on September 16, and full details will be unveiled in Estepona on January 13.

The news comes in the wake of the news that current champion, Chris

Froome, is under investigation after providing an 'adverse' test during this year's race.

A urine sample provided by the 32-year-old on September 7 proved 'abnormal,' showing that the Team Sky rider had twice the allowed limit of Salbutamol, a drug used to treat asthma, in his system.

If he is unable to fully explain the test result, Froome may have to forfeit his Vuelta title and could also face a lengthy ban.



Photo by Team Sky/Twitter

CONTROVERSY: The 2018 Vuelta will start in Malaga, but will Froome be there?

€170,000 was the fine issued to a convent in Sevilla for taking apart an antique organ and cleaning it without asking for permission.

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AN 18-year-old has been arrested in Malaga after allegedly attacking members of his family with a knife while on a hallucinogenic drug.

The teen is accused of attacking his mother, grandmother and sister with a knife at their home in the Churriana area, leaving all three with various injuries.

According to reports, on

Cactus sparks knife attack

the night of the incident, the teenager had begun to act 'very strange' after ingesting a powder that comes from the 'San Pedro' cactus, which is known to have hallucinogenic effects.

He then allegedly proceeded to attack his family mem-

bers, with his mother receiving a cut to her neck, his grandmother to both her face and arms and his younger sister, a head wound.

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BURNING BRIGHT: The Rondeles fiesta.

Playing with fire!

CASARABONELA is ready for Christmas.

It comes after the village, 40 minutes inland from Malaga, celebrated La Fiesta de la Virgen de los Rondeles, one of its most important events of the year.

Taking place on the eve of Saint Lucia - December 12 - the spectacular event sees local olive oil producers burn their traditional capes in an act of thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary

for the year's harvest.

The capes, made from esparto fibre, are doused in oil before being placed atop olive rakes and lit.

Those bearing these 'rondeles' then make their way from the Veracruz Hermitage to the church at the top of the hillside pueblo, where they line the streets as the Virgin is carried inside.

DISGRACED former public relations agent Max Clifford has died of a heart attack.

He was serving an eight-year prison sentence for sex attacks on four girls carried out between 1977 and 1985, and collapsed in his cell at Littlehey Prison in

Cambridgeshire before suffering a cardiac arrest in hospital.

Former PR guru dies



You Tube

MAX CLIFFORD:
Suffered heart attack.

Clifford had a high profile on the Costa del Sol with the Max Clifford Celebrity Golf Tournament raising hundreds of thousands of euros for charity.

Trial prosecutors portrayed Clifford as a successful manipulator who promised to

boost his victims' careers and introduce them to celebrities in exchange for sexual favours.

Clifford was arrested by Operation Yewtree detectives in December 2012, and charged in April 2013.

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New pecking order?

Exotic parrots spotted in city centre

By Matt Ford

BEAK AND ENTER: The bird has colonised a Malaga park.

A SOUTH AMERICAN bird is breeding in Malaga City centre.

The scaly-headed parrot is native to wooded habitats in Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay and Argentina.

However, a pair has, for the first time, been observed feeding a chick in the provincial city's Parque de Malaga near the port.

At least two other adults are thought to be loose in the park according to University of Malaga biologist, Antonio Roman.

He told the *Euro Weekly*

News: "We spotted the adults feeding a chick during a field trip.

Malaga is a place where the weather is really suitable for escaped birds to survive and reproduce."

It is likely that the parrots were purchased legally as pets.

The discovery comes as fears grow over the environmental impact of the monk parakeet, the small, green bird which is now ubiquitous along much of the Costa del Sol.

There are at least 4,000 in Malaga City alone and the species is considered invasive as it competes with native species for food and other resources.

The new record brings the total of parrot species seen in Malaga over the last decade to 15.

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Bravo, Mireya

A FORMER beauty queen from the Costa del Sol has been voted off a TV reality show.

Mireya Bravo, 20, failed to make it beyond week seven of the singing contest, Operacion Triunfo, losing narrowly to Galician, Luis Cepeda, one of the public favourites.

However, the Alhaurin de la Torre native was happy to look on the bright side as she said: "This was the best Christmas present of my entire life."

Having impressed the celebrity judging panel throughout the series, the aspiring songstress has vowed to 'keep working' until she achieves



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GRACEFUL LOSER: Mireya Bravo.

her dream of a career in music.

It comes after the stunner picked up the Miss Cosmos Malaga 2017 crown earlier this year, going on to compete in the national final.

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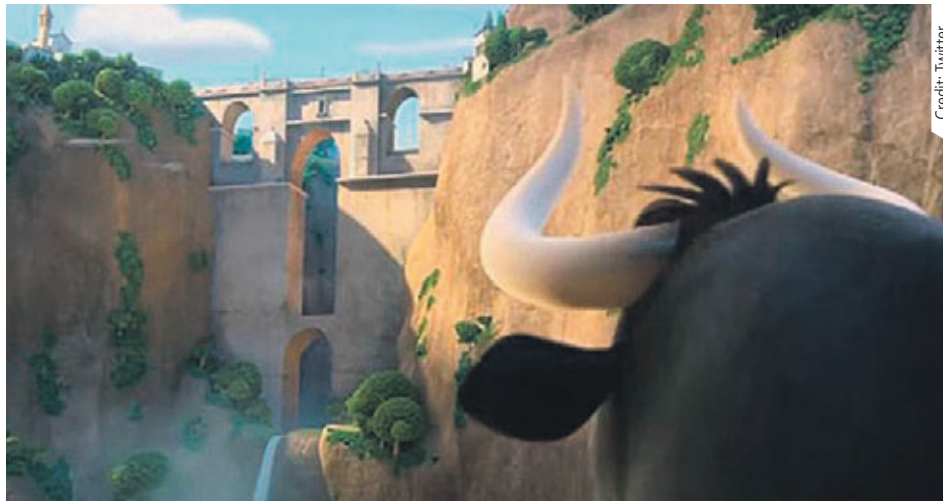
AFTER being reported for punching his partner in front of their child on Calle Santa Isabel in La Linea de la Concepcion, an unnamed British expatriate was arrested and charged with gender violence.

Park up

THE Sierra de las Nieves is one step closer to being upgraded from a natural park to a national park, as a new proposal has been submitted to the park's governing board and mayors of the local towns.

Lit at last

BENALMADENA Council has finally switched on the town's Christmas lights after resolving problems with the company setting them up.



Credit: Twitter

FAMILIAR SCENE: Ferdinand the bull walks through the Tajo de Ronda.

Spain set for the big screen

MALAGA landmarks are set to appear in 20th Century Fox's latest animated blockbuster. *Ferdinand*, a story about a Spanish bull, is set to be released in cinemas next week.

Ferdinand tells the story of a giant pacifistic bull who is mistaken for a dangerous beast and gets captured and torn

from his home, forced to fight in a bullring.

Over the course of the film, several scenes depict animated versions of well-known Spanish places, including Ronda's Puente Nuevo bridge and the famous Madrid bullring.

Based on *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson, the family

friendly film highlights the negative issues that continue to surround bullfighting, without examining the topic in great detail.

The Blue Sky Studios film, which stars wrestler, John Cena, Kate McKinnon, David Tennant and NFL star Peyton Manning, is officially released in Spain on December 22.

Royal repairs

MARBELLA Council has announced it will repair the wall of a house, allegedly belonging to the Saudi Arabian royal family, that is at risk of collapsing.

The bad state of the wall forced the council to close a public path leading to a beach in Casablanca on the renowned Golden Mile two years ago. The wall has been propped up ever since to prevent it from collapsing, while beachgoers have been forced to go around the side of a

nearby bar to access the sea front.

The property owners, who have been linked to the royal family in Saudi Arabia, have paid €25,000 to cover the cost of the work.

Javier Garcia, the Marbella councillor responsible for public works and infrastructure, claimed that: "We want to make this project the utmost priority so the beach path, which has been closed for some time, can reopen without posing a risk to any locals or visitors."

Midnight cowboy

A MAN has been held for stealing mind-altering drugs from a Ronda chemist.

The thief, 41, first broke into the business owner's car and snatched a bag containing personal effects, including keys to the establishment.

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New drug route blocked

EIGHT people have been held during a major drug-trafficking operation, which saw police seize more than 30 kilos worth of narcotics.

Police in Malaga busted the Spain-based crime ring that smuggled drugs from Brazil into Spain via Morocco as part of operation 'Banca Latvia.'

Four gang members were held in Malaga and another four in Brazil, while seven others

are being investigated for their involvement in the drug-trafficking activities.

More than 23 kilos of cocaine were confiscated during the raid, which was found hidden in compartments in suitcases, or smuggled underneath clothes or in the body.

The 'mules' who transported the drugs would allegedly book a round trip flight from Madrid to Buenos Aires, but would

never return on that flight in order to cover their trail.

Once in Argentina they would fly to Sao Paulo, Brazil, where a member of the organisation gave them the drugs and a new ticket from Sao Paulo to Casablanca, Morocco where they would finally fly to Malaga.

Police were alerted to the gang's activities when they stopped someone who carried a suitcase with a hidden compartment, in which more than four kilos of cocaine was hidden.

Officers discovered the gang recruited citizens from various different countries who needed the money, to smuggle large amounts of narcotics into the country from Brazil via Morocco.



Credit: GoEuro/Twitter

WANDERLUST: Spaniards more restless than others.

On the road

ANDALUCIANS are the most adventurous Spanish travellers at Christmas according to GoEuro, the online travel platform.

The new study revealed that 22 per cent of Andalusians use the holiday season as an opportunity to go and explore somewhere new, compared to the Spanish average of 20 per cent.

This is much higher than those from other European countries, with just 6 per cent of Germans and 3 per cent of Brits admitting they travel at Christmas to discover new places.

It also revealed that a fifth

of Spaniards choose to travel without friends or family, with 4 per cent of Andalusians even admitting they travel to escape family gatherings.

On the other hand, people from the north of Spain are the most likely not to travel at all during Christmas, with 30 per cent choosing to stay home in comparison to the national average of 24 per cent.

Spaniards also take the highest number of trips out of all Europeans according to the data, with 24 per cent making between three and four trips and 11 per cent going away five or more times over the Christmas period.

NEWS EXTRA

Sex abuser sentenced

A MAN has been sentenced to 12 years in prison and fined €10,000 for abusing his partner's 12-year-old daughter while her mother was asleep in Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena.

Boat block

A BOAT with 56 African migrants on board was intercepted off the Costa del Sol after maritime rescue was tipped off that the vessel had been spotted leaving the Alhucemas Islands, just off the Moroccan coast.

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French flights

FRENCH low-cost airline, Transavia has introduced a new route between Malaga and Lyon for next summer that will run twice a week starting from April.

Horse play

A 60-YEAR-OLD man was arrested in La Linea de la Concepcion for letting a horse run loose in the Plaza de la Iglesias and then after refusing to restrain it, insulted Local Police officers and threatening to kill them.

Break in

A YOUNG man has been held on suspicion of breaking into the house of an 87-year-old man in Riogordo in Malaga Province, assaulting him with a knife and stealing €450 and his phone.

Hot property in Mijas

€200m housing boost brings more investment to the area

A TOTAL of €200 million has been invested in property development in Mijas, bringing more than 600 new homes to the area.

By the end of October, the amount of investment in new property in Mijas had already exceeded €150 million, which was focused mainly in La Cala de Mijas and Calahonda.

Now the construction company, Bekinsa has begun work on the Jardines de Las Lagunas urbanisation. According to Spanish media sources, this project has been estimated to bring the total invested amount in the area to €200 million.

The 'Jardines de Las Lagunas' development is set to include a public green space that spreads across more than 10,000 square metres.

The first phase of the development will see the construction of more than 120 homes, located next to the Mercadona in Las Lagunas. These houses will reportedly cost between €215,000 and €350,000 and are predicted to sell out in the coming weeks.

This new housing project comes on the heels of Taylor Wimpey Spain's latest development in collaboration with Irish hotel chain FBD Hotels and Resorts, which has already brought more than 100 new apart-



Credit: Escassi Arquitectos/Facebook

IN DEMAND: An artist's impression of the first phase of the housing development in Las Lagunas.

ments and 55 townhouses to the area.

Andres Ruiz, the local councillor for urban development, claimed that this new de-

velopment shows how housing companies feel "secure and confident" investing in the town.

Flood risk remains

MARBELLA City Council has announced that it is waiting to sign an agreement with Andalusian authorities in order to begin cleaning local river beds and streams to prevent them from overflowing.

The announcement follows criticism of the council from members of the United Left (IU) party for not having implemented precautionary measures in high flood-risk areas.

IU spokesman Miguel Diaz pointed out that during the two years they were in power, they acted "within their own means to remove debris and plants that block the river and streams' natural draining systems and pose a serious threat to locals and their property".

Manuel Cardeña, the local councillor for the environment, responded by confirming that "the council has set aside money from the budget in order to carry out these measures". He also denounced the IU for "their strategy of asking for one thing and then the opposite" which 'causes constant confusion.'

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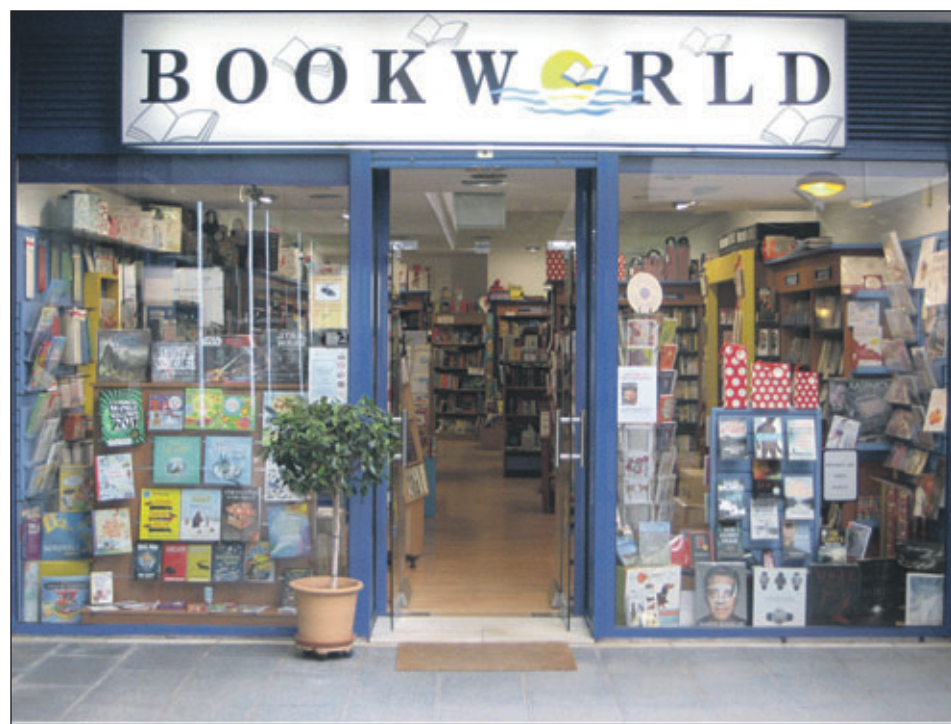
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Christmas crime crackdown begins

By John Smith

FOLLOWING a major fight in the Plaza Cruz Herrera last weekend, Local Police in La Linea de la Concepcion will increase their numbers on the streets.

Whilst there was no obvious reason for the fight which started in the early hours of last Sunday, a number of people were involved in attacking each other and chairs and tables were thrown around indiscriminately.

It was only after the combined efforts of the Local and National Police assisted by the Guardia Civil that the brawl was brought to an end and a few injured individuals were given medical treatment.

In view of the seriousness and unexpected nature of the outbreak of violence, the mayor of the town has announced that an additional



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de La Linea de la Concepcion

LOCAL POLICE: More officers on the streets.

five officers of the Local Police will patrol the streets supported by the Rapid Intervention Unit in the run up to Christmas and the New Year.

Discussions will take place between the authorities and bar owners who have been granted a two hour extension on their opening hours in order to try to ensure that any new outbreaks of this type are quickly reported and controlled.

NEWS EXTRA

Road safety improved

WORK to improve safety on the MA-8.300 crossing in Casares Costa has begun with the removal of a water pipe and pruning of trees, which means that there may be some traffic delays until the New Year.

Smoke alert

HAVING spotted a number of people on mopeds, officers of the La Linea Local Police arrived and discovered 500 packs of contraband tobacco with an estimated value of €2,500.

All done

DUE to falling masonry at the former residence of painter, Mariano Bertuchi on Calle Los Reyes in San Roque, emergency repair work was carried out and completed over a two month period. The building has now been reopened.

Dates for the diary

MALAGA City Council will allow stores to open on Sunday for the next two weekends to make up for the fact that they were closed during the recent bank holidays.

Stores will remain open on Sunday and December 24, although they will close at 8pm on the latter because it is Christmas Eve.

However, they will not open on December 31 as it is New Year's Eve, which counts as another bank holiday.

Stores will also open on Sunday January 7, but then will continue to be closed on Sundays as per usual for the rest of the year.

The school Christmas holidays will also run straight through from December 22 to January 7.

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was the increase in house prices in Spain in the third quarter of 2017, as valuations reached their highest level in a decade.

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Fishy business

Mislabeled seafood rampant in Spain

SPANISH consumers have been warned about seafood fraud.

The widespread con involves scammers swapping expensive products for cheaper alternatives.

And a new report by the national Agency for Consumer Affairs, Food Safety and Nutrition (Aecosan), has alerted restaurant-goers to the particular dangers of eating escolar.

An inexpensive but tasty fish, escolar is fraudulently being sold as tuna, white tuna, butterfish, cod or grouper in eateries, with the practice especially rife in sushi restaurants.

Nicknamed the 'ex-lax' fish or 'laxative of the sea' in the industry, it is considered dangerous enough to be banned in Japan and Italy.

Eating the buttery flesh can cause keriorrhea, a form of fish poisoning with symptoms ranging from stomach cramps to severe diarrhoea and vomiting.



MISLABELLED: The sushi trade has been singled out and (inset) an escolar.

Its sale is legal in Spain, and the Aecosan factsheet features a series of recommendations for seafood lovers since the fish 'contains a fat composed of waxy esters that humans are unable to digest.'

These include removing as much fat from the flesh as possible, especially the skin, never eating it raw, and avoiding consumption of cooking juices when it is pan-fried.

Children, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with im-

munodeficiency or similar ailments should avoid it entirely.

But the issue of misidentification remains, with some experts recommending that shoppers should only buy fish with the head still on to avoid mishaps.

Seafood ranks number one in the global food fraud ranking, and a 2010-2013 study by conservation group Oceana which tested 114 tuna samples in the United States found that 84 per cent were mislabelled.

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By Harrison Jones

THE 11 new locations joining the prestigious list of 'Most Beautiful Villages in Spain' have been announced.

Villages applying for the network must have 15,000 inhabitants and certified natural or architectural heritage. But there is also a certain *je ne sais quoi* required to join the elite list.

Wish you were here

Even more 'beautiful villages' announced

Here, we round up the new additions, which mean membership numbers now stand at 68.

Sleepy Segura de la Sierra (Jaén) dates back to Arab times, when the town was called Saqura. The town boasts silent, picturesque streets with a number of historic monuments. The Andalusian village also has striking scenery from its hilly perch.

The main attraction of quaint Mondoñedo (Lugo) is the Romanesque cathedral, which had a number of different influences on its attractive architecture. Caves on the outskirts of the Galician village are also worth a visit.

A medieval aqueduct leading into rural Ledesma (Salamanca) gives a taste of the village's vibe. A walled town believed to have its routes in Roman times, the stonework and nearby river make for striking scenery from afar.



'WHITE TOWN': Zahara de la Sierra's nickname is not the most imaginative.

In 2011, Briones (La Rioja) reportedly had a population of just 873 people. A gothic monument and the town's rich history might have been the main attraction, but for the vineyards surrounding it: wine is the only game in town here.

Lerma (Burgos) has a num-

ber of important 17th century religious monuments. Quiet, cobbled streets and stunning surroundings make it one of Spain's pleasant, traditional retreats.

Perched atop a mountain, Zahara de la Sierra (Cádiz) looks over a beautiful lake and

up at an impressive castle. Known as a 'pueblo blanco' because of its white housing, it also has the Garganta Verde canyon within striking distance nearby.

Mountainside views and Moorish features makes Bubiión (Granada) a scenic tourist

attraction, complete with modest church and traditional markets. Spectacularly located on the Poqueira river gorge, beneath the Sierra Nevada, the village is thought to date back to Roman times.

Almonaster La Real (Huelva) is dominated by archaic buildings and boasts one of Spain's few rural mosques and an impressive open-air bullring.

Stonework and cobbled streets give quaint Mirambel (Teruel) a deeply traditional, relaxed feel. The town's population was reportedly under 200 just 13 years ago, and is unlikely to have grown much since.

In the right light, the red architecture of Guadalupe (Cáceres) could seem oddly reminiscent of Florence. But the town's central square and monastery have plenty of charm in their own right. The latter was named a World Heritage Site in 1933.

The Caldeas people of Castro Caldelas (Orense) wake up to an impressive castle dominating the village skyline. With narrow streets and a collection of red roofed houses, it feels authentically Spanish.

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TIGHT SQUEEZE: It is not known how long the boy had been in the car.

Boarder control

Boy, 12, rescued from car dash

SPANISH police have discovered a 12-year-old boy hidden inside a car dashboard.

The child was suffering with numb limbs and breathing difficulties after being crammed into the tiny space, to cross the Moroccan border into Spain.

Reportedly, he is from Guinea, West Africa - though he has no official documenta-

tion - and has been given treatment in a centre in Purisima.

The 65-year-old driver, thought to be Moroccan, was arrested by the Guardia Civil after a heartbeat sensor detected the boy in Melilla, Morocco.

Melilla is controlled by Spanish authorities. Police then began an intrusive search of the BMW X5, and ripped into the dashboard to

find the child.

People smuggling is a prominent issue in Spain, with 5,695 people being released from slavery between 2012 and 2016, according to the Interior Ministry.

A Guardia Civil spokesman said: "He was asked to open his boot but nothing was found.

"When a heartbeat sensor was passed over the car, officers became suspicious. When officers detected the heartbeat, they took the expensive car to pieces."

77% of the Spanish population will be retirees by 2050 according to the Economic Cooperation and Development Organisation.

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JOINT FORCES: Donald Trump has been criticised by European ministers including Spain's Cristobal Montoro (inset top) and the UK's Philip Hammond (inset bottom).

Spain and Britain slam Trump's tax scheme

THE Chancellors of Spain and Britain have joined forces with three other major European countries to criticise Donald Trump's tax cut plans.

The ministers, from Europe's five largest economies, Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Spain, have penned a letter saying the reforms risk starting a trade war.

President Trump's tax plans represent the largest US tax overhaul in a generation.

Trump claims they will encourage business investment, give the middle classes a tax break and simplify the system. However, critics argue it is a tax break for the rich and corporations at the

expense of the poor.

Yesterday's letter, signed by Cristobal Montoro of Spain and Philip Hammond of Britain, expresses greater concern about the changes 'having a major distortive impact on international trade'. The ministers add that the proposals could contradict World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules and America's own tax guidelines.

The hard-hitting letter, to Treasury Secretary, Steven Munchin

and a number of US finance figures says: "It is important that the US government's rights over domestic tax policy be exercised in a way that adheres with international obligations to which it has signed up.

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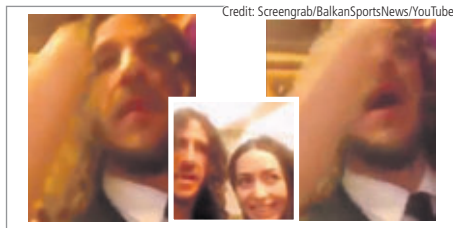
Spain football legend attacked with sex toy

FORMER Spain captain Carles Puyol got more than he bargained for as he posed for a video with Russian fans after the 2018 World Cup Draw.

The World Cup and Champions League winner was in Russia to draw the positions of teams in Group G and H during the World Cup Draw on Friday, December 1. Following the draw, the 39-year-old was approached by two fans at his hotel for a seemingly harmless video.

In the bizarre clip posted on YouTube, two women can be heard speaking in broken English asking Puyol "Can you help us? Can you say you love us?" before one explains "it is for our video. You have such beautiful hair. You are so pretty."

Things suddenly take a drastic turn however, as one of the women brandishes a large sex toy and proceeds to push it in Puyol's face.



BIZARRE: Former Barcelona captain Puyol was clearly taken aback by the girls' offer.

One of the women can be heard telling him she wants to have sex with him using the "big toy," to which Puyol protests, before the video ends with both women being escorted from the hotel by security guards.

Nothing has come of the confrontation and police have not been involved, according to reports.

74 suspected terrorists have been arrested in Spain this year.

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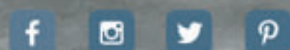
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Smuggler caught at airport

them to stop and search him. Although their baggage was clear, the man was found to have the drugs attached to his thighs and calves in eight different places.



Photo by Tomertu

CANDLE LIGHT: The Hannukah, a symbol of the festival, holds nine candles.

Jews celebrating Hannukah in Spain

THE Jewish festival of Hannukah began on Tuesday.

The festival commemorates the rededication of Jerusalem's Holy Temple during a Jewish revolt from 167 -160 BC.

It is also known as the festival of lights, with one of the most recognisable symbols being the Hanukkah, a nine branch candlestick.

Since Tuesday, people have been lighting one candle every night to mark each day of the event. Celebrations finish at nightfall next Wednesday.

Jews in Spain have endured a turbulent history.

The country used to have one of the largest and most prosperous Jewish communities. But in 1391, anti-Jewish riots across the country slaughtered thousands, while others were forced to renounce their faith.

Then, in 1492, the Alhambra Decree led to a mass exodus of Jews from Spain, and the conversion of many others, decimating their numbers.

There are currently thought to be around 50,000 Jews living in Spain, mostly in Madrid and Barcelona but also in cities including Malaga, Benidorm and Ali-

cante, although in smaller numbers.

Celebrations of the festival are small and generally private. In fact, 1998 is believed to have seen the first public celebration of the festival in over 500 years.

Traditions include eating foods fried in oil to remember the legend of a small flask of oil, keeping the Holy Temple's candles alight for eight days.

Types of fried food vary across the world, though children from numerous countries are given chocolate money and a four-sided spinning top known as a dreidel.



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TENS of thousands of pro-Catalan protesters demonstrated in Brussels last week, in a massive show of support for Catalan independence.

In another week of drama for the independence movement, scuffles between police and protesters broke out in the Catalan city of Lleida.

Chants of 'wake up Europe' rang around the streets near the EU headquarters in the Belgian capital, as 45,000 protesters urged the EU to support the Catalan cause.

Following an independence referendum - which was declared illegal by Spain and marred by police violence - the EU have so far been supportive of the Spanish position.

Last week the British Prime Minister, Theresa May, met her Spanish counterpart, Mariano Rajoy, and gave her support for the Spanish government's position.

Thursday's rally also supported the deposed Catalan president, Carles Puigdemont, who spoke at the event, while some protesters carried flags for Flanders, another European area with a strong separatist movement.

Controversy and clashes continue over Cataluña



INDEPENDENCE UNITY: Police say 45,000 people protested in Brussels.

Puigdemont, along with four former ministers, fled to Brussels in November, having been charged with sedition, rebellion and misuse of public funds by Spain after declaring independence.

A European arrest warrant for the former Catalan leader has since been dropped by a Spanish judge.

Meanwhile, demonstrators in Lleida protested against the forced removal of 44 works of art from a museum by Spanish authorities on Monday.

In the early hours of Monday, the Mossos d'Esquadra - Catalan police - and Guardia Civil, began picking up art from the museum.

Around 500 people accused

the Aragonese authorities - who claim ownership of the works - of using the situation to 'rob' the works.

Various anti and pro-independence parties are standing in the Catalan elections on December 21. Polls are finely balanced between the two camps, though Puigdemont's party is expected to win most seats.

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Festive fun among friends

AGE CARE ASSOCIATION held their annual Christmas Lunch for their clients at the Tamisa Golf Hotel.

It was a special event on the calendar for Age Care and their clients. Around 112 clients, carers and guests attended. Everybody was welcomed with a glass of mulled wine and a selection of hors d'oeuvres and nibbles, followed by a short speech from Lesley Berridge, the Welfare Leader at Calahonda who thanked all the welfare volunteers and shop volunteers for their invaluable help during the year.

All were served with a three-course meal of vegetable soup, a traditional turkey dinner followed by Christmas pudding and coffee. During lunch entertainment was provided by Martin Joseph, a member of the coast's Rat Pack.

After the meal Lesley, with support from volunteer Bobby Griffiths, ran the raffle which was followed by a performance by 'Mania Performers', a group of local singers and dancers.

Age Care Association considers that the Christmas meal has huge benefits for the el-



LOVELY LUNCH: Age Care and their clients tucked in to a traditional turkey Christmas luncheon.

derly, many of whom have mobility problems, loneliness, coping with bereavement, health issues and isolation from family members who often live in other countries so may spend Christmas Day on their own.

Age Care Association holds coffee mornings at five venues:

Benalmadena: Mondays, 11am to 1pm at Bar Pitanza, near Bonanza Square.

Calahonda: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church, near Los Olivos.

Fuengirola: Wednesdays, 11am to 12.30pm at Salon Varietes Theatre Bar.

Coin: Thursdays, 11am to 1pm at Pepe's Bar, opposite La Trocha.

Los Boliches: Thursdays, 11am to 12.30pm at Hogar de Jubilado.

Feel free to drop in and have a coffee and a chat or if you need support or assistance with anything, Age Care Association will try and help you.

Age Care Association is a non-profit making organisation run entirely by volunteers to help the older English-speaking community across the Costa del Sol.

For information call: 635 407 255 or email: info@agecarecosta.org.

Cool cubs and eager beavers

CUBS and Beavers from the 1st Fuengirola Scout Group enjoyed a party as a final celebration to mark the 20th anniversary year of the group.

The evening began with the children grouped round for the cutting of two celebration cakes featuring the badge design that is worn on the uniform during the year of

celebration.

The cubs and beavers then divided into teams to take part in a number of team games and activities.

The fishing game proved popular with sweets for prizes. A team race involved ball skills and the children enjoyed aiming water pistols to spin a target. The marble run and ping pong target games

proved quite difficult and plenty of air control was needed using a straw to move sweets from one container to another.

If you are interested in becoming a leader or would like to find out more see: www.fuengirolascouts.com or contact the Cub Leader and the Beaver Leader at: fuengirolacubsandbeavers@outlook.com.

Snow White comes to Los Boliches

By Pete Woodall

THESPA (The English Speaking Players Association) founded in 1979 by Patricia Hammill will present another evening of their monthly play readings at the Masonic Centre in Edificio Bougainvillea, Avenida de Los Boliches 108, Los Boliches, Fuengirola.

The next performance will be the late Jim Fenton's *Snow White and her five dwarves*, next Wednesday, followed by a variety of other bumper Christmas entertainment by the members of THESPA. They aim to start the entertainment at 7.30pm.

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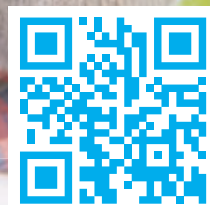
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Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? Why not take that first step and become a volunteer with Age Concern. If you have just a few hours a week and like talking to people, they have many opportunities for you. Those few hours will make a real difference.

Would you like to join one of their teams their charity shop in Los Boliches? If you have never done any retail work before, there is no need to worry as full training will be given.

Maybe you have a car and a few hours to spare to

take clients to their doctor's appointments. Spanish language skills are not necessary.

If you are interested, then pop into their charity shop on Calle Francisco Cano 56 in Los Boliches. Friendly volunteer staff will be there to help you. They are open every weekday from 10.30am to 2pm.

If you prefer to phone then please call their lifeline on: 652 537 615. The lifeline is open every weekday from 10am to 5pm. If you ring out-of-hours please leave a message and they will call you back the next working day.

This year, Age Concern is holding their third Christmas dinner dance at the Hotel Tamisa Golf on

December 22.

Their two previous Christmas parties were sold out very quickly and they expect the same for this year. Go along, have a great time and lend your support to a charity that makes a big difference.

The Christmas party starts with canapes and drinks at 7.30pm, followed by a four-course meal with either fish or vegetarian options and a performance by Laura Elen.

Tickets cost €30 and there will also be a special 20 per cent discount off bar prices for all Age Concern guests.

You can purchase your tickets at either the Age Concern Charity shop in Calle Francisco Cano 56, Los Boliches or pop into the Hotel Tamisa Golf who will have tickets for sale at reception.

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ALL SMILES: Guests at the glittering Radio Radio Network awards.

Radio stars

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The evening was attended by all of Marbella's VIPs and the award-winning Manu Gonzalez, and Maite and Vicky also performed.

Special mentions were also made for those

awarded who were not present:

Paul Jackson Jr., Rick Brown, Michael McDonald, Camelpath, Bruno Mars, Ed Sheeran and Gerald Albricht.

The night started with a photo call and the manager of Finca Besaya, Lorena Sastre Ledesma, greeted all the VIP guests personally.

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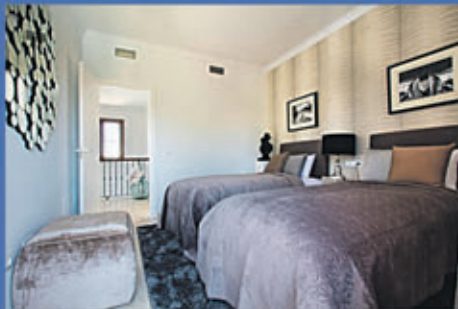
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Arrive at 1.30pm on Monday December 25 for a meal at

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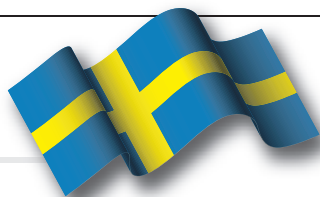
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SWEDEN



ETHEREAL: Skiers were in for a treat when they spotted this natural phenomenon.

Angelic sight

SKIERS at the Vemdalen resort in western Sweden were awestruck to see a rare phenomenon which makes the sun appear surrounded by a halo

of light, caused when light refracts through clouds 20,000 feet above the ground.

Support slips

A NEW government poll revealed

national support for the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats party has slumped to its lowest level since its surge during the 2015 migration crisis of 2015.

Treasure trove

A FARMER from Gotland was awarded more than 40,000 after he discovered hundreds of silver coins dating from the Viking era in his land after it had been dug up for road works.

Tax fail

SOCIAL media network Facebook has been hit with a tax bill worth around €200,000 from Sweden after it was denied a round of tax deductions for not submitting the appropriate documents.

GERMANY



Close call

MORE than 220 asylum seekers have avoided being deported from Germany after pilots refused to take off with them on board, allegedly making the decisions on a 'case-by-case' basis if they thought 'flight safety could be affected.'

eight seriously, after a passenger train collided with a freight train near the town of Meerbusch.

Keep away

A CHRISTMAS market in a forest in Velen, which has a population of only 75 people, has begged visitors to stop coming after thousands descended on the village, blocking its

streets in every direction.

Village venture

A GERMAN village with only 20 residents, who are mostly retired, will be put up for auction with a starting price of €125,000, after a private investor bought it in 2000 for one Deutschmark (around 50 cents).

Off the tracks

MORE than 40 people were injured,

FRANCE



End of an era

RENOWNED French singer Johnny Hallyday - the 'French Elvis' who sold more than 110 million albums worldwide - has died at the age of 74 from lung cancer.

Smoke alarm

AROUND 200 workers working at a nuclear reactor site currently under construction in northern France were evacuated 'as a precaution' after smoke was detected on the premises, making the air difficult to breathe.

Crowded castle

MORE than 7,400 people bought a French castle called La Mothe-Chandeniers during a crowd-funding appeal which raised more than €500,000 to save the 13th-century chateau from ruin.

Golden oldies

PENSIONERS in France enjoy the longest retirement out of all Western European countries, according to a study by the OECD economic think tank, and also have one of the world's lowest rates of poverty among the over-65s.

BELGIUM



Modern living

AN architect in the Belgian town of Keerbergen has structured a building around a street lamp, saying its a "creative solution" to the problem as authorities still haven't moved it after two years of requests.

On the march

AROUND 45,000 Catalans marched in the Brussels European Quarter demanding that the European Union both respects their wish for independence, and that the Catalan leaders still in jail be released.

Bias bother

ONE in five people of North African or Turkish descent say they have been victims of discrimination while looking for a job in Belgium, according to an independent anti-discrimination institution.

No refuge

THE European Commission in Brussels will allegedly sue Hungary, Poland and Czech Republic over their refusal to take asylum seekers into their countries.

NETHERLANDS



Lucky escape

POLICE were called to deactivate a hand grenade which was found in front of a house in Rotterdam after a man fired around 25 shots at the home with a firearm, and tried to throw the weapon inside.

Bike ban

THE Netherlands could ban texting while cycling from 2019 onwards, as ministers are currently in talks on how the law could be implemented, with 75 per cent of Dutch people allegedly in favour of the move.

Traffic trouble

DUTCH traffic accidents have increased by 8 per cent in the last year, according to research from VNV, the Dutch association of vehicle insurers, who claim 905,000 damage claims were registered last year.

Housing boom

MORE than 27,000 new homes have been built in Amsterdam in the past four years to try and combat the housing shortage, with a further 60,000 scheduled to be built before 2020.

NORWAY



Mountain high

TO mark the hundredth anniversary of Finnish independence from Russia, Norway tried to give its neighbour a mountain as a present but it was rejected on the grounds that it would be too controversial legally.

Tall plans

NORWAY has plans to build the world's tallest timber building in the town of Brumunddal, which will be more than 80 metres tall when complete and 30 metres higher than the current tallest timber building.

Youth held

A 14-YEAR-OLD Norwegian boy in Grenland has been accused of raping a girl the same age, filming the encounter and posting the video online before being reported to police by the girl's parents.

Ferry flooded

PASSENGERS and crew were evacuated from a ferry in Hordaland after it began to take on water, with nearly 20 people on board in total, and fire services were also dispatched to pump water from the boat.

DENMARK



Let it snow

THE chances of a white Christmas in Denmark this year are 50/50, according to a national weather forecaster, which only happens roughly every 13 years on average due to the country's strict criteria.

Gang busted

POLICE detained 15 people allegedly connected to organised crime gangs which were linked to several incidences of gun violence in Copenhagen, as well as theft, fraud and breaking and entering, following a major operation.

Speedy chase

A 37-YEAR-OLD man was detained on suspicion of vehicle theft and driving under the influence following a dramatic car chase in Fredericia, during which the car lost a tyre but carried on after driving over a spike strip.

Wrong turn

A TRAIN which was part of Letbane's light railway in Aarhus, which is still being tested, collided with a car driven by a 19-year-old man who accidentally turned left at a junction where the manoeuvre was forbidden.

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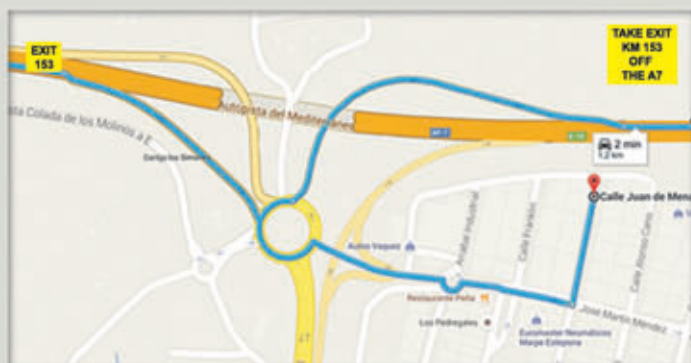
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French group may move into Spain

THE European Commission has approved the takeover of Spanish car rental firm Goldcar by Europcar for an estimated €550 million. Having considered the overall number of European companies involved in the market, the Commission does not consider this acquisition likely to hurt competition.

The French company considers that the incorporation of Goldcar into the group will help it to expand its business in the Mediterranean area in particular and strengthen its position in the leisure market.

New idea for street sales

IT is virtually impossible to escape the approaches of Looky Looky men in almost any tourist area in Spain.

Many people consider these young men who are mainly African in origin harmless and at least they aren't scrounging off social services, but others see them as an example of illegal activity, as they sell shoddy counterfeit goods, don't pay taxes and some of the profits made may go towards supporting terrorism.

The Spanish call them manteros (blanket makers) after the blankets many keep their goods in which they

By John Smith

can unfold to 'open up shop' and then close quickly and run if they see the police.

One man Aziz Faye, a Senegalese immigrant has come up with an innovative idea as he now purchases large numbers of unbranded clothes and trainers from Asia and then has colleagues sew on the Top Manta (blanket top) logo of his range.

His concept ensures that his sellers are offering legal merchandise on which tax is paid and he hopes that

this project will take off in a big way, allowing more immigrants to become accepted members of society.

It may be some time before street sellers give up their stock of inferior fake products, but at least this is a step in the right direction and may combat some of the prejudice against them.

The next part of the plan will be to try to persuade councils to allow the sellers of the Top Manta branded material to legally offer their goods for sale in the streets although this could be quite difficult to achieve.

Amazon and Ebay lose EU case

THE European Court of Justice (ECJ) has supported a case brought by Coty which owns Marc Jacobs and Calvin Klein to ban the sale of their products on Amazon and Ebay.

Currently consumers may use the internet to try to obtain luxury goods at reduced prices by ordering from the websites of different companies in different countries.

Although the decision affects just one brand, it is common practice for such decisions to be quoted as precedence.

Quote of the Week

In the UK we are a British bank and will consider the implications once the outcome of the process is known," Ana Botin Executive Chairman of Santander Bank.



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SPANISH FARMING: An Andalusian orange grove.

Farmers fear loss of subsidies

THERE is a significant fear that the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will start to wind down from 2020 causing major problems for Spanish farmers.

The Federation of Agribusiness Cooperatives of Andalusia believes that recent comments from the European Union suggest that the CAP could be on its way out which will be of particular damage to the Spanish agricultural industry.

The federation argues that the maintenance of the finan-

cial support will allow farmers to continue to invest for the future and to move forward with environmental improvements.

They blame the fact that the UK is leaving the European Union for a possible break down of the CAP and with Russia banning the import of some Spanish products and the USA placing much higher tariffs on imports such as olive oil, the farming industry in Spain expects more rather than less support.

BUSINESS EXTRA

More power

THE Spanish economy Minister Luis de Guindos has said that following Brexit he expects that Spain will have a much bigger role in the European Union. Currently even Portugal appears to hold more positions of power within the Union but he expects that to change.

Fibre cover

GIANT telecoms company Orange is to spend €2 billion in order to expand its Spanish fibre optic service to 16 million homes by 2020. This is an increased user target of 15 per cent and an additional spend of €500 million over that originally planned.

Aid grant

THE Provincial Council of Huesca has allocated €200,000 to 30 development projects around the world. The money will be spent during the next six months on projects in different developing countries around the world.

Hotel to be auctioned

SANTANDER bank foreclosed on a €2.12 million debt owed by the beachfront Koral hotel in Morro de Gos (Castellon) forcing it into liquidation. Now the former four-star

tourist hotel which had slipped to become a two-star operation has been put up to auction by the courts with an estimated value of €7.08 million.

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Support for de Guindos

Next ECB vice-president may be Spanish

DESPITE denials a week ago, it looks as if Spanish minister Luis de Guindos wants to become vice-president of the European Central Bank (ECB).

The Economy and Industry minister had previously declared that a Spaniard should take up the position next May when current incumbent Vítor Constâncio of Portugal leaves the post but he had not indicated that he was actually looking for the job.

Now, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has stated publicly that whilst his government has not put De Guindos' name forward for the position, he would be an ideal candidate as he has raised the status of Spain as a successful financial player since he came to his position in 2012.

The Prime Minister believes that the international profile of his Economy minister is high and that should he be put forward for the role, he should be a natural successor to Mr Constâncio especially as Spain is poorly represented in the higher echelons of European institutions with only one Commissioner, Miguel Arias Cañete who is European Commissioner for Climate and Energy.

Whilst it is recognised that many European countries would like to hold the position, as one of the top four economies in the eurozone, Spain believes it is only right that it should be represented at a senior level within the ECB.

The actual decision to appoint the next vice-president will be decided by a vote of all members of the European Commission and the successful candidate will be allowed to serve a single eight year term of office.

Mr De Guindos has had some disappointment in the past when he ran for president of the Eurogroup (an informal meeting of EU finance ministers) which he was tipped to win but lost to the Dutch minister



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Firm friends
Mariano Rajoy
and Luis de
Guindos.

Jeroen Dijsselbloem when it appears that socialist members of the voting committee turned against him.

Time will tell and it is possible that in order to save the minister from any embarrassment that Mr Rajoy is sounding out fellow heads of state before announcing his official nomination in order to ensure that there is a large enough majority who are happy to see Spain take on the vice-presidency.

Egyptian sales slump

THE Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry Tarek Qabil has announced that exports to Spain at €779.8 million were 75 per cent up on last year.

Currently in Buenos Aires for the 11th World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial conference which has attracted representatives of 164 member countries, he met with his Spanish counterpart Maria Luisa Poncela.

The export figures refer only to the period January to August 2017, although imports from Spain to Egypt for the same period were down from €929 million to €823.5 million significantly narrowing the trade gap as far as Egypt is concerned.

According to the Spanish minister, Spain is currently looking at ways of expanding investments in the Egyptian industry.

AS ECONOMY RECOVERS AWAIT HIGH INTEREST RATES

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ANALYSTS believe that financing for companies will shortly become more expensive and therefore loans should be obtained sooner rather than later.

The reasoning behind this opinion is that bank regulations will continue to get tighter and that there will be less liquidity in the market as the European Central Bank (ECB) reduces its purchasing support of EU members bonds.

For the larger company it is suggested that they should issue their own long term bonds where investors lend them an agreed amount of money over a set period of time while the companies pay annual interest and redeem the bond at a date in the future.

For smaller businesses who cannot afford this, now may be a good time to enter into a long-term loan with fixed interest rates which are still available from some banks at the present time.

It is forecast that there will have to be an increase in both interest



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An old Italian bond.

rates and inflation across Europe during 2018 and as banks are being instructed to make sufficient provisions in order to safeguard their customers, they are likely to increase rates or general charges to support the cost of making the provisions.

The other problem for the banks is that the targeted longer-term refinancing operations (TLTROs), an ECB operation that provides financing to credit institutions for

periods of up to four years will be coming to an end.

They offer long-term funding at attractive conditions to banks in order to further ease private sector credit conditions and stimulate bank lending to the real economy, but they are effectively subsidising the lending that banks are undertaking so again, interest rates charged to borrowers between 2018 and 2020 are likely to increase.

Whilst there is action that companies can take in order to try to reduce the likely effect of rate increases, the consumer is in a much worse situation.

With governments leaving interest rates at very low percentages, banks and lenders still manage to turn a 0.5 per cent interest rate into a 20 per cent rate on credit cards and even cheaper overdrafts suddenly attract new higher bank charges so that the amount of interest paid remains low but the overall cost increases dramatically.

Baby milk problems could hit

A FRENCH manufacturer of baby milk which is sold in Spain has ordered a global recall of baby milk product due to fears of salmonella.

Lactalis which took over Granada-based group Puleva in 2010 has admitted that so far 26 French users of the milk powder marketed under the names of Celi, Milumel and Picot have become sick during December.

A spokesman for the company which is one of the world's largest dairy producers has told press sources that up to 7,000 tonnes of powder produced in a single factory in northern France may have been contaminated, but Lactalis is unable to determine how much is currently still in stores around the world.

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A NUMBER OF LAWSUITS COULD HURT SPAIN

Another legacy of crash

A GROUP of hedge fund managers who have purchased debt from the builders of nine bankrupt toll roads around Madrid are looking to claim €4.5 billion.

The roads themselves were built by a number of Spanish companies who formed joint venture operations with toll road managers in order to earn what they expected to be lucrative income.

Sadly for them however all of this took place prior to the financial crash and by the time that the roads were opened, the money collected was far less than originally forecast, leading many of the groups to declare bankruptcy.

The roads themselves have been closed for years and many of the debts were sold at heavily discounted rates to various global investors who are now working together in order to make the Spanish government pay damages, thanks to particular clauses known as RPAs which existed in the contracts when the approval for the building was granted.



DESERTED: A toll road.

Whilst the government acknowledges that it will be unable to reopen and franchise the closed roads without making a payment to those holding the debts, the amount which they believe is due and that which the hedge funds are claiming is significantly different.

The government previously indicated that it expected to have to pay a manageable €2 billion, but those who are claiming compensation which includes corporate giants such as Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank are looking for a whopping €4.5 billion pay out.

Rather than each acting separately, all of the major claimants have joined forces and are being led by American company Houlihan Lokey to try to lever the best possible deal out of the Spanish government.

According to their spokesman, the Spanish are acting like a South American government by delaying any agreement in order to hide the potential problem from the Spanish people, although the government rejects this, explaining that the delay was due to matters relating to the correct procedures when any bankruptcy occurs.

Spain finds itself in a somewhat difficult position as it tries to negotiate a settlement with the combined might of some of the world's biggest hedge fund organisations.

On one hand it wants to pay as little as possible so that the amount does not hurt its economic recovery, but at the same time cannot afford to be too parsimonious as the government doesn't want to be at the receiving end of a number of law suits.

Surprise closure of franchise

WHAT was thought to be a successful frozen yogurt franchise Ilaollao in Singapore leased from the Spanish chain closed with just 24 hours' notice.

With 29 outlets the stores have been very successful and there has been no information about why the closure took place, although all stores reopened two days later branded Yole, another frozen yogurt company.

Four years of success came to an end without explanation from D+1 Holding, the company that is the master franchisee of Ilaollao in Singapore which simply confirmed that it will no longer be continuing the franchise. It did not reveal the reason why.

No explanation has been received from the Spanish company either although similar events have occurred in Singapore in the past with the original company taking back the franchise within six months.

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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?

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Back in Blighty nothing much has changed

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TWO things have been glaringly consistent on my latest trip to the old country, the almost unbelievable volume of traffic and the cold!

Talk about the appendages of brass primates; the streets are littered with them! As for the traffic - well, not being the most patient of drivers, after two days of automobile altercations, my companion has now banned me from taking the wheel altogether. We did however manage to squeeze in a three-day trip to Malta.

Although it temporarily took care of the brass monkey syndrome, it certainly didn't resolve the increased traffic dilemma. Malta's tourist economy is, I'm delighted to say, positively booming, but unfortunately the road development programme hasn't quite caught up with the amount of newly acquired vehicles the locals are treating themselves to. Ah well I'm sure they'll sort it. Good luck to 'em. This historically beleaguered island deserves all the success it can get.

'Course back in Blighty nothing much has changed. I was particularly peeved about the report of the black female, who was ticked off for putting her muddy feet up on the seat of a train.



TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE: London, left, and Malta.

When the gentleman opposite (an MP no less) objected, she launched into a mouthy tirade which, among other things, included calling him a 'white idiot.' The report went on to say that it was all resolved peacefully however and by the end of the journey they had 'become friends.' Mmm, interesting. If he had called her a black idiot they would have been having their differences resolved down the local nick!



I was also a party to the views of some of the ladies concerning the recent surge into the, oft trivial, sexual harassment complaints. Almost without exception they consider the bulk of accusations frivolous and often quite ridiculous. Indeed some have told me that in their younger days, if they didn't receive some form of sexual connotation or wolf whistle on their travels they would often worry that there may be something

wrong with them. I did take note of the recent cartoon which showed a woman complaining to her boss that, as she was the only member of the female staff that hadn't been subjected to some form of sexual harassment, she was going to sue for discrimination. Don't laugh, nothing would surprise me anymore.

Not sure the latest Brexit deal is quite as wonderful as they all seem to be making out. Hopefully it will at least finally shut up all the Remoaners and allow the more forward thinkers to get on with the task of making the UK a leading, independent and successful runner in the whole host of world markets now finally opening up to us.

One dark spot, for the ol' boy, straight from the horse's mouth as it were. Apparently I had actually been seriously considered for a spate in the Celebrity Jungle series but had been passed over because of my past criminal record! Marvellous ennit? One, highly debatable slip, some 45 years ago, in an otherwise untarnished lifetime of lawful existence, and it still follows me around. Ah well, didn't want to eat their rotten grubs anyway.

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LAST month I won half a million in an online lottery I hadn't entered. Before that I could make a tidy commission simply by giving my bank details to a nice Nigerian minister to help him move his money.

Well may you laugh, but it's astonishing how many people plunge wallet-first into obvious scams, especially since e-mail made the con-artist's job so much easier and saved on the stamps.

A Tennessee pensioner lost tens of thousands of dollars of his life savings not once, but three times to the same conmen, in a triumph of hopeless greed over basic hog-sense.

You might think it takes an IQ in single figures to fall for such swindles. Indeed a recent BBC documentary revealed that e-mail scammers with a perfectly good command of the English language deliberately 'dumb down' their appeals with terrible grammar and spelling, because that weeds-out the more literate (and apparently less gullible) among us up-front.

But things have become so sophisticated in this age when hooking even a tiny fraction from an e-

Watch out for that damn scam spam

Terence Kennedy decided not to collect his vast online winnings and is all the richer for it



SCAMS: Think before you click.

mail blitz can unlock a fortune for the scammer.

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ching and goodbye life savings.

Or take our Nigerian minister and similar fraudsters offering truly improbable amounts of money, if only you will pay the transfer fee involved. Ka-ching.

A friend (whose name has been hacked from your address book) e-mails from Thailand where she's stranded without funds. Of course you'll help? Ka-ching again.

A sad little girl in Anywhereville needs money for a life-saving operation and you open your heart. And wallet. No such girl, naturally.

The UK alone saw 1.7 million reported cases of cyber-fraud last year - never mind the rest that go unreported because victims are too embarrassed to admit their gullibility.

Just one victim website, , gets 10,000 hits a day. Plus two dozen messages daily from people who are victims of sextortion; that's when a person is blackmailed after being persuaded to carry out a sex act on webcam, which is then recorded.

Many scams are not a particularly sophisticated form of fraud, and you might think you're not going to fall for it.

So just remember the old adage: if it looks too good to be true or not quite right, it probably is. And if you do decide to 'take the chance' of untold riches despite utter improbability, well, step this way because I have a bridge to sell you.

Hooked

SCAMMING may be an old trick but it's still an effective one. If you do get scammed, here are a few simple rules:

Drop all contact with the scammer.

Don't try to track them down - remember, the scammer has your real details and possibly compromising information about you. It's not worth the risk to continue talking to them, and especially not worth confronting them.

If you sent cash, there's no realistic way to get it back; beware the 'recovery scam' where the scammer then claims to be an agency able to get the money back, for a fee.

Contact the police.

Share as many details about the scam as you can to warn others.

And a final golden rule to use in the first place: Google everything.

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Jeff Sinton, San Pedro de Alcantara

Defining dates

THINGS seem to change without explanation and in a conversation with a young person it transpired that they didn't recognise the terms BCE and CE.

Common Era and Before Common Era have in theory replaced BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini (Year of the Lord)) in official parlance although it appears that most people guess what they mean rather than actually understanding the letters.

The concept of using the birth of Christ as the starting date for modern history was first thought of in 525 and was adopted in England in 731 by the Venerable Bede who actually then came up with the concept of referring to events with dates BC.

By the early 15th century the whole of Europe had adopted this concept and was generally accepted around the world (even though Jewish and Muslim societies have their own calendars) until the early 21st century when it was considered appropriate to replace what could be considered unacceptable to non-Christians.

Slowly but surely, different countries have accepted the Common Era definitions and these were introduced into the English and Welsh school curriculums, but some staunch Christian societies, especially in the USA are opposed to the concept.

In simple terms, BCE is the same as BC and CE is the same as AD but just to confuse, some organisations such as the History TV Channel are said to use the original letters for most dates, but then the new ones when referring to Jewish or Muslim history.

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Will Brexit Britain 'Cinders' get to the ball or be stopped by her EU 'stepsisters'?

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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INSPIRED by the #MeToo campaign against sexual harassment, a PR consultant wants the Sleeping Beauty story taken off the curriculum at her son's school because the non-consensual kiss by the prince who wakes her up has an 'inappropriate sexual message.'

For goodness sake! What's the world coming to? For centuries, children have been familiar with this fairy story and haven't become raving rapists. Soon young people will be so paranoid about kissing they'll need written consent. Incredible!

And what might be banned next? Goldilocks and the Three Bears as she nicks their porridge and abuses their home without their consent? The Tale of the



CONTROVERSIAL: Are fairy tales at risk of being written out of our literary heritage for good?

Three Pigs, as the wolf blows down their houses, again without consent? Let alone Little Red Riding Hood, that encourages girls to walk alone through woods and talk to strange wolves...

What about old women in pointy hats, living in forests, wanting to cook and eat small children after enticing them with candy? Call the police now, this must be stopped!

And, yep, Sleeping Beauty should file charges for having been drugged with that Rohyp-

nol-tipped spindle.

As for Cinderella, wearing glass shoes is highly dangerous - they could smash. Also, it's extremely misogynistic about ugly older sisters and defamatory of stepmothers. Incidentally, looked at in a different light, it could also be regarded as an allegory of the UK's frustrated attempts to get to the ball and away from the constraints of Europe and its 27 stepsisters, er, member states. Brexit fairy tale or Brexit nightmare?

Heck, this could mean the end

of the Panto tradition as we know it. All these could be banned: Aladdin, for trespassing in a cave and stealing jewels. Jack and the Beanstalk, the murder of an innocent giant. Babes in the Wood: oh, no way! And don't get complacent, Famous Five: you'll be next!

In the present climate, when police have warned Christmas party goers to get consent before kissing under the mistletoe otherwise they may be guilty of rape, Prince Charming should wait another 100 years before trying anything on...

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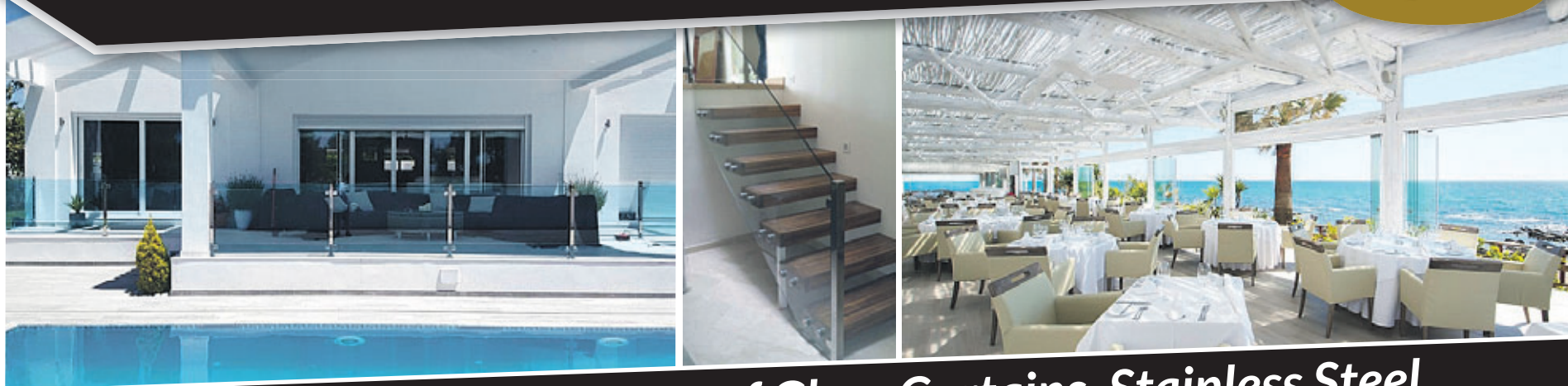
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Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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



CRITICAL COALITION: Ada Colau and Pablo Iglesias.

Which way to turn

HOWEVER much the PP and PSOE fear Cs, they can't coherently fail to back Arrimadas should she win enough votes and parliamentary seats on December 21.

But the Cataluña en Comun-Podemos coalition between Ada Colau's party and Pablo Iglesias' party will be the deciders.

Neither party knows which horse to back, although Colau only has to worry about Catalan voters who are anyway split 50-50 regarding separatism. At least she knows she will please half of them whichever way she swings.

Iglesias has his party's plummeting popularity to contend with and the power-hungry, popularity-seeking Podemos supremo knows that whether he supports a separatist or a constitutionalist party on December 22, somebody will be upset, either in Cataluña or in the rest of Spain.

Ines and the bride's bouquet

CIUDADANOS (Cs) were the eternal bridesmaids and never the bride. Attractive and worth a second glance but never

the centre of attention - until now.

At the time of writing Cs would be the most-voted party ahead of the ERC secessionists if the December 21 regional elections were held today.

What was founded in Cataluña as a regional civic association opposed to independence is now a national, constitutionalist party. In March 2016 it came within a hair's breadth of helping the PSOE socialists and Pedro Sanchez to form a government, a nice little plan scuppered by Pablo Iglesias and the Podemos party.

Come December 22, if Cs progress we shall see if the constitutionalist parties will put their money where their mouths are by backing a Cs government.

Could be time for the bridesmaid to

catch the bride's bouquet.

The president over the water

CARLES PUIGDEMONT, erstwhile president of the Catalan region, stayed out of jail by decamping to Brussels shortly after declaring the Republic on October 27.

If he wanted to remain in the public eye and Catalan hearts he would have done better to stay and accompany the Jordis, Oriol Junqueras and his former government in prison.

Instead of cutting a romantic exiled figure, a sort of Catalan Bonny Prince Carles, Puigdemont is unromantic and an irritant inside and outside Cataluña.

He recently described the December 21 elections as the second round of the October 1 referendum-that-wasn't or at the very least a plebiscite, neither of which is far from the truth.

But Puigdemont and his latest party, Junts per Catalunya, can probably expect a result like Artur Mas's in the 2015 regional elections. In other words, plebiscite, schlebiscite. Or, possibly, plebischite.

The very idea of it

GABRIEL RUFIAN, MP for the ERC party in the national parliament in Madrid, claimed recently that the imprisoned Jordis, Oriol Junqueras and now-released government members reminded him of Galileo.

Like the separatist politicians, he was punished for his ideas and obliged to declare that the earth was flat, Rufian maintained.

In fact Galileo got into hot water because he insisted that the earth revolved round the sun, not the other way round. Rufian got his history wrong and he's equally wrong about the Jordis, Junqueras and the Consellers. They were remanded for breaking the law and breaching the Constitution, not for their ideas.

Spare a thought

THE six ex-consellers released from remand insisted as they exited prison, "We are thinking of Oriol, their remaining colleague Joaquim Forn and the Jordis." No doubt. But above all they are thinking of themselves, home for Christmas, turkey, turrón and cava.

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| SKIN COMPLAINT: Maybe a soak in the baths might help?

Roman baths in Casares

IF you have a nose for history then a visit to the Baños de la Hedionda (Casares, Malaga) might be a good idea.

That is if you also have a nose that can ignore the smell of sulphur in the baths which date back to Roman times and are said to be where the devil breathed out after being expelled from heaven.

These sulphurous springs are difficult to reach but are still accessible to the public if somewhat tatty as they have been partly vandalised over the past few years.

History records that Roman legionnaires on the side of Julius Caesar visited the area in 61AD prior to one of the major battles with the troops of Pompey. Those suffering from the skin com-

plaint scabies were said to have recovered after bathing in the waters.

Although it is not confirmed that Caesar himself was a visitor, work was undertaken in the baths over the centuries by the Romans, Moors and Spanish, and the area next to the Rio Manilva has been declared an area of local cultural interest.

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Taking away the stress of a funeral

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SOME years ago, my father sadly passed away in Spain. At the time my mother and I had no plans in place for his funeral and had to rely upon the people around us to get everything organised. Whilst things went perfectly, my mum sometime later felt she did not want me to have to deal with all of this on my own.

“Golden Leaves are efficient, professional and most importantly very caring.”

So my mum called a very helpful young agent called Emma, at Golden Leaves to come and talk her through their plans. It was a very easy process, they offered ‘a pay in full option,’ which my mum took or you could pay over a period of time, I was skeptical at the time but understood it was my mum’s decision.

A few months ago we had a very

sad event take place, my mum had always been a fun loving bubbly person, threw many parties and had lots of friends. She had a sensitive side and was always happy to help anybody if they needed it. My mum took things in her stride and lived life to the full.

Unfortunately, she was advised that she needed to be admitted into hospital for a small operation, things took a turn for the worse and she became critically ill. Fortunately, I had flown over to Spain to stay with her whilst she was in hospital, which should have been a couple of weeks.

However, mum ended up staying in intensive care for nine weeks and after a courageous battle, we were advised by the medical team that there was no longer any hope of her surviving. I made the dreaded phone call to Emma at Golden Leaves to update them with the circumstances, Emma gave me her mobile number and advised me to call her directly.

After some heart-breaking hours, I made the call to Emma who immediately took over. Having Emma as my



| SERVICE AND FLOWERS: Exactly what mum would have wanted.

contact took the stress and worry out of what needed to happen next. This was invaluable at this incredibly upsetting time for both my family and myself.

Emma held my hand throughout. She came with the funeral director, Maria, to where I was staying. She organised extra days so that family members could fly out, the flowers and of course,

helped with the service itself.

The entire process was efficient, professional and most importantly very caring. Emma and her team at Golden Leaves were exceptional throughout. I would also like to mention Maria from the funeral directors in Mojacar, who was compassionate and an enormous help at this very distressing time. I cannot thank them both enough for their expertise,

which was greatly appreciated by myself and my family.

The service and the flowers were exactly what my mum would have wanted. I was amazed and overwhelmed at the amount of people who attended my mum’s funeral.

Everybody said that they would miss her so much, but they would especially miss her laugh. She had been a very important part of the community and seeing how much she was loved and had touched so many people’s lives.

Mum taking out the Golden Leaves plan totally took away the stress of having to organise everything.

I cannot thank Emma and her team enough for being there for me at this most distressing time. They took away all the organisational worries for myself and my family. I would recommend anybody to contact them and take out a plan.

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In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I'M not big on social media. I do have a Facebook account just because it's where my Orthostatic Tremor organisation posts a bit of news. I never post anything on Facebook. I also use Twitter where, I must admit, I do post a few comments. I only follow 100 people and I have a few followers myself.

Something I've noticed recently is the amount of hate, lies and bullying that goes on there. Katie Hopkins and Donald Trump are two of the worst offenders but I've also noticed how it's used to manipulate simple everyday entertainment shows.

Mrs S and I enjoy Strictly Come Dancing and view it as a simple entertainment show. Nothing more and nothing less. Just an hour or so of 'celebs' trying to out dance each other. But all of a sudden on Twitter a columnist, from the scummiest of the red tops, has started a hate campaign against one of the celebrity participants - Alexandra Burke - absolutely slaughtering her anyway he can.

My question is why? This is not only on Twitter but in the paper too. Which, of course, is not one I'd read. We also enjoy 'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here' and this same geezer - his name is Dan Wootton - waited until one of the celebs - a young lad called Jack Maynard - was in the show for a couple of days and then exposed something he said three or four years ago and, of course, made sure Jack got booted out.

Now, what the kid said wasn't very nice and it was pretty offensive. My point is tell the producers of the show before he goes in. Don't wait until he's in and then make it a big thing on Twitter trying to show how you have exposed this scoop. But it's what he does. On another note every time I buy something online or book something I do not need emails asking me to fill in a survey or asking if I'm happy with the service I received. Believe me you will know if I'm not.

I don't want to be on your mailing list receiving emails every day about what events are coming up. If they just sent me something every couple of months maybe I wouldn't unsubscribe or delete them the instant I see who they are from.

By the way, if you want to follow me on Twitter, I'm @silverfox1949xx or email

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Carrying a load

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



I LOADING THE BOOT: Heavy items must be secured.

"COULD you please clarify for me the rules regarding what (if anything) you are allowed to carry on the rear seats of the car? I have heard so many conflicting stories. Thanks."

If you are driving a vehicle that is carrying a load in the car, you have to make sure that the load is restrained properly.

Load restraint is not just about making sure that the load does not come off - it is also about making sure that the load does not shift in a way that makes the vehicle unsafe to handle or allows the load to crash into the driver's cabin, which may cause injury or death.

Please restrain the load properly, if you have a traffic accident, you could have serious injuries caused by the load you carry.

The Spanish Traffic Law requires that any load carried on or in your vehicle must:

1. Not be placed in a way that makes your vehicle unstable or unsafe.

2. Be secured so it won't move or fall from your vehicle while driving - including driving consisting of emergency braking or turning suddenly.

3. Not project from your vehicle in a way that is likely to injure a person, obstruct the path of other drivers or pedestrians, or damage another vehicle or anything else.

4. Be restrained using an appropriate load restraint method. Anything on the back seats must be secured with seat belt.

What objects can you carry in your vehicle? Do you take any security measure when you carry them?

It is advisable to not carry anything in the car, please use the boot. In case you need to carry load in the vehicle, use the seat belt to secure the load, and if you carry heavy things, use a car net, it is forbidden to carry a heavy load without a load restraint net.

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Reinvest full price in EU home

Q. In your article in EWN of 30 November, about Capital Gains Tax relief on selling your principal residence, you omitted to mention that homeowners resident in Spain can also be exempt from CGT on selling their main residence in Spain if they purchase a new residence anywhere in the European Union, not only in Spain. It seems to be a little known change of tax legislation. Many estate agents and even tax consultants seem ignorant of it.

WE (Costa Blanca)

A. You are quite right, on both counts. If a homeowner residing in Spain sells his main residence here and uses all of the proceeds of the sale to purchase a new home in Spain or in another EU

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain



country, he can be completely exempt from Spanish Capital Gains Tax. Imagine a German on the Costa Blan-

ca who wants to return home to Germany. He sells up in Spain and buys a new home in Germany. He will be free of CGT if he uses all the money for the purchase. If he reinvests only half the price, he will get half off his CGT.

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Two-year-old Pablo needs our help

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



WE have a mission!

Pablo has suffered from a very rare disease since he was seven weeks old: mastocytosis. What is that you may ask? No idea is usually the answer.

However that answer is no longer acceptable because Pablo and his family could really do with our help and us knowing about the problem can only help them find a solution.

Jose and Silvia, Pablo's parents, had no idea what lay ahead of them when the first blister appeared on Pablo's leg out of nowhere.

They were living in London at the time and coincidentally had an appointment with the GP that same day. The doctor was baffled as to the cause and sent them directly to Westminster hospital.

The attending doctors had no idea either and kept Pablo in overnight. In the morning a paediatrician thought perhaps Pablo was suffering from Urticaria Pigmentosa, but although she was on the right track as it turned out this disorder was even more rare than that.

Within days of the first blister appearing Pablo was covered from head to toe in welts on his arms, legs, torso, face and head, making him itch all over. Those were just the external symptoms of what was happening to their baby.

Mastocytosis is characterised not just by abnormal accumulations of mast cells in the skin, it also affects the bone marrow and internal organs such as the liver, spleen, gastrointestinal tract and lymph nodes, so his condition was actually worse than they feared.

Even without knowing this they were already distraught, devastated and desperate to cure what they could see. Only through the determination to help their child and endless hours of online searches did Silvia finally find a specialist in the Hospital in Toledo who correctly diagnosed the condition, here in Spain.

Unfortunately the diagnosis is still not enough to help Pablo, as there is no specific treatment yet. It will only be through investigation that a cure can be found.

I only found out about this through Vanessa Van Camp who has initiated a charity event to help the family, and others like them, in San Pedro church square on Saturday December 30.

This 'Masto Magic' event will be a true to form Marbella style charity extravaganza with many volunteers already involved in the preparation. Top calibre artists are offering to perform free of charge so there will be a host of music to add to the entertainment.

The aim is to raise money for the Spanish Association for Mastocytosis and related illnesses (Asoc Española de Mastocytosis y Enfermedades relacionadas AEDM) and create much-needed awareness.

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 2:30pm BBC London News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm Armchair Detectives
 4:00pm Escape to the Country
 4:45pm The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
 5:30pm Money for Nothing
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News at Six
 7:30pm BBC London News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm EastEnders
 9:00pm The Apprentice: Why I Fired Them
 10:00pm Love, Lies and Records
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
 11:30pm BBC London News
 11:45pm Question Time
 12:45am This WeekThis Week

BBC TWO

7:00am Flog it! Trade Secrets
 7:30am Island Medics
 8:15am The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
 9:00am MasterChef: The Professionals
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
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 1:00pm The Daily Politics
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 3:00pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip
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 5:05pm The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway
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 9:00pm MasterChef: The Professionals
 10:00pm Blitz
 11:00pm Live at the Apollo
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:15am The Year in Music 2017
 1:15am Employable Me
 2:15am Expedition Volcano

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 10:00pm The Science of Doctor Who
 11:00pm Horizon
 12:00am Every Breath We Take: Understanding Our Atmosphere
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 1:00am Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World
 2:00am Peaky Blinders
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Period crime drama set in Birmingham.
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 3:00pm SKY Sports News
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 5:00pm Ram Slam T20 Challenge
 7:30pm World Darts Preview
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 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
 2:55pm ITV News London
 3:00pm Judge Rinder
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
 5:00pm Tipping Point
 6:00pm The Chase
 7:00pm ITV News London
 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Emmerdale
 8:30pm Tonight
 9:00pm Emmerdale
 9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
 10:00pm Bancroft
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:30pm ITV News London
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 10:20am Judge Judy
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 11:35am A Touch of Frost
 1:35pm The Royal
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 8:45am The Darts Show
 9:40am Pawn Stars
 10:05am Pawn Stars
 10:35am Ironside
 11:40am Quincy, M.E.
 12:45pm The Sweeney
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 9:00pm Fred Claus
 11:00pm Keanu
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 4:25am Road Trip: Beer Pong

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 8:00pm EFL Matters
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Wendy Codd who owns the company has been in insurance since she left school at 17 and worked at the Prudential Insurance for 15 years, from there she went on to working at Allied Dunbar, Rothschilds in Mayfair and



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up, why not give EU Insurance Direct a call, you may be pleasantly surprised at their prices and knowledge of what you need.

Wendy says that many clients have no clue about who they are insured with, how much they are insured for or even when their renewal date is due. Some are even not insured with the correct vehicle and many companies have their dates of birth wrong, it is so important to check your insurance documents.

With Christmas looming fast and homes being left unoccupied for longer periods of time, make sure your home insurance is up to date and correct.

If you have an ITV coming up make sure you have your documents for the car as you will need them. This is a new law in Spain, no documents, no ITV. They will not accept a copy on your phone.

For all your insurances, whether general (home, car, bikes etc) or personal, health, life, savings or holiday insurance, pet liability and medical, EU Insurance Direct offers it all.

For a no obligation quote, call Wendy or Ashley on 952 830 843/951 080 118 or mobile 635 592 610

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ISMOKEKING was founded four years ago by Thomas Andre Berg and Terje Henriksen from Norway.

ISMOKEKING was started due to their own positive experiences when making the crossover from the standard nicotine cigarette to vape. They felt the health impacts of the switch so well, that they quickly understood that vape would become a major substitute for the normal standard nicotine cigarette.

Earlier this year they partnered up with Bjorn Jackobsen who lives in Marbella. The goal was clear, to establish multiple ISMOKEKING stores across Spain. To date they have already opened up at three different locations, San Pedro, Coin and Fuengirola.

Bjorn Jackobsen states that he is anticipating that a minimum of 12-15 shops will be up and running by the end of next year.

The timing for introducing the vape concept across Spain could not be better than it is now. The number of customers is rapidly increasing, and people are more aware of

Four years of healthy success

this great product as a replacement for the original cigarette.

Bjorn and Terje firmly believe that the future for ISMOKEKING in Spain looks very good.

Four years ago they first opened up a web shop in the UK. Shortly thereafter the first retail store in Sweden was opened. Now four years later, they have a web shop in the UK, three shops in Sweden, six shops in Norway, three in Spain, and the first shop in Holland will be opened in two to three months time giving them a total of 13 shops to date.

ISMOKEKING is extremely focused on their customer service. It is crucial in every shop that each customer receives the guidance and assistance they require, whether they are an experienced vaper



ISMOKEKING: Can help you kick the habit.

or a brand new customer.

This is important to ensure that each customer gets the vape device which is the most suitable for them, along with the appropriate nicotine level, if any nicotine at all.

This great customer service has provided the ISMOKEKING shops with a loyal customer base. The fact that the shops are stocked with top notch products and hardware

currently offered in the marketplace also helps.

ISMOKEKING also have their own juice brand, Four Elements, which they are very proud of. This product has quickly become a best seller in their shops. The juice is being produced in an EU approved and licensed laboratory in the UK.

Terje says that he feels very privileged to be work-



VAPE: The healthier option.

ing with ISMOKEKING as over the past four years he has seen so many returning, happy customers coming in to their shop explaining how much better they feel health wise, since switching over from normal nicotine cigarette to vape.

It is a joy to stand behind the counter in the shop and see the happy customers coming in knowing their

health is getting better since they quit smoking and all of the staff feel lucky to work with customers that come through the door with a big smile and the knowledge that this product has made them change their lives.

For more information call them on 952 478 498 (Fuengirola), 951 339 065 (San Pedro) or 619 717 310 (Coin).

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Island Medics
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Street Auction
12:45pm	Fake Britain
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Armchair Detectives
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
5:30pm	Money for Nothing
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Still Open All Hours
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Would I Lie to You?

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Island Medics
8:15am	The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
9:00am	MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Coast
3:00pm	Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip
3:30pm	Home Away From Home
4:15pm	32 Brinkburn Street
5:00pm	The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway
6:05pm	The Blue Planet
7:00pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Only Connect
10:00pm	The Sweet Makers at Christmas
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Expedition Volcano
1:05am	Panorama
1:35am	Hotel for Refugees

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2016
9:00pm	Danny Baker Rocks the Seventies (a Bit)
9:30pm	Top of the Pops
10:30pm	NewRoy Orbison: Love Hurts
11:30pm	Roy Orbison and Friends: A Black and White Night 30
12:35am	Rock 'N' Roll America
1:35am	Top of the Pops
2:35am	Roy Orbison: Love Hurts
3:35am	Peaky Blinders <i>Period crime drama set in Birmingham.</i>
4:35am	This is BBC Four <i>This is BBC Four BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Jamie's Festive Feast
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:15pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:25pm	Christmas Magic
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
6:00pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates

CHANNEL 5

8:20am	Fireman Sam
8:30am	Peppa Pig
8:40am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:45pm	5 News Lunchtime
12:50pm	Married by Christmas
2:35pm	Once Upon a Holiday
4:15pm	Mr Christmas
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:35pm	The Yorkshire Vet at Christmas
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Brunel
10:00pm	Strictly Come Dancing: Before They Were Famous
11:00pm	The Strictly Story: Fake Tan, Tangos and a Ten From Len
12:35am	Strictly Special: Lip Sync Battle

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10:00am	Rules of Engagement
10:30am	Rules of Engagement
11:00am	Black-Ish
11:30am	Black-Ish
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
1:30pm	New Girl
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Kevin Can Wait
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7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Melissa and Joey
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Impossible
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory

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6:00am	SKY Sports News
7:00am	Live European Tour Golf
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	SKY Sports News
2:00pm	SKY Sports News
3:00pm	SKY Sports News
4:00pm	SKY Sports News
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Football
10:30pm	Live World Championship Darts <i>Day two of the William Hill World Darts Championship at London's Alexandra Palace.</i>
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	SKY Sports News
2:00am	SKY Sports News
3:00am	SKY Sports News
4:00am	SKY Sports News
5:00am	SKY Sports News

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crown Court
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Through the Keyhole
12:45am	Play to the Whistle - Extra Time

itv2

7:20am	Planet's Got Talent
7:45am	Dinner Date
8:35am	Emmerdale
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	You've Been Framed!
10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am	Dinner Date
11:50am	Britain's Got Talent
12:50pm	Planet's Got Talent
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Emmerdale
2:20pm	You've Been Framed!
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:55pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The Hangover Part III
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Hangover Part III
12:05am	Family Guy

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7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Coronation Street
7:45am	Coronation Street
8:15am	Heartbeat
9:20am	The Royal
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Judge Judy
11:35am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	A Touch of Frost
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
10:00pm	Tommy Cooper Forever
11:05pm	Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This
1:15am	A Touch of Frost
3:10am	The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes
5:00am	On the Buses
5:25am	Judge Judy

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7:00am	Hat-Trick Heroes
7:15am	The Chase
8:05am	The Chase
9:00am	Cash Cowboys
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:20am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	Ironside
11:50am	Quincy, M.E.
12:55pm	The Sweeney
1:55pm	River Monsters
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase Celebrity Special
10:00pm	A View to a Kill
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	A View to a Kill
12:45am	Crank 2: High Voltage
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Crank 2: High Voltage
2:50am	The Sweeney

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9:40am	The 5th Wave
11:45am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
12:15pm	Jack Reacher
2:30pm	The Patriot
5:25pm	Anaconda
7:00pm	The 5th Wave
9:00pm	Jack Reacher
11:15pm	Troy
2:00am	Rocky III
3:45am	Rocky IV
5:20am	Rocky V

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7:35am	Runaway Bride
9:35am	Our Brand is Crisis
11:30am	Hail, Caesar!
1:25pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:20pm	Bridesmaids
5:30pm	Calendar Girls
7:30pm	Airplane II: The Sequel
9:00pm	Bridesmaids
11:10pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
1:10am	Borat

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7:00am	Sharing Christmas
8:45am	Heartbeats
10:35am	Life <i>Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.</i>
12:30pm	Within
2:05pm	Fist Fight
3:45pm	9/11
5:35pm	Sharing Christmas
7:10pm	Heartbeats
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:40pm	Life <i>Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.</i>
12:30am	Within
2:15am	Lemon
3:55am	The Tiger

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11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	EFL Matters
12:00pm	Eredivisie
1:00pm	One2eleven
1:45pm	One2eleven
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview 2017/18
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	SPFL Matters
11:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:00am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30am	SPFL Matters

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11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas
1:00pm Football Focus
2:00pm BBC News
2:15pm Sports Personality of the Year 2017 - The Contenders
3:15pm Bargain Hunt
4:15pm Escape to the Country
5:00pm Final Score
6:25pm BBC News
6:35pm BBC London News
6:40pm Pointless
7:30pm Strictly Come Dancing
10:00pm Michael McIntyre's Big Show
11:00pm BBC News
11:20pm Match of the Day
12:45am The NFL Show
1:15am Surviving Christmas
2:40am Weather for the Week Ahead
2:45am BBC News

BBC TWO

8:00am Nature's Weirdest Events
8:30am Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
9:00am Deadly 60
9:30am Show Me What You're Made of: UK
10:00am Saturday Mash-Up!
12:00pm Penguins on a Plane: Great Animal Moves
1:00pm Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well
1:30pm Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes
2:00pm Homes Under the Hammer
2:45pm Coast
3:20pm Garden Rescue
3:50pm Mastermind
4:20pm Possessed
6:05pm Roger Moore: My Word is My Bond
7:05pm Escape to Athena
9:00pm Attenborough's Life That Glows
10:00pm Feud: Bette and Joan
10:55pm Feud: Bette and Joan
11:45pm QI XL
12:30am Jeff Lynne's Elo - Wembley or Bust

BBC FOUR

8:00pm All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride
In a Slow TV Christmas special, a traditional reindeer sleigh is rigged with a fixed camera for a journey across the frozen wilderness of the Arctic.
10:00pm Witnesses
10:55pm Witnesses
11:55pm The Vietnam War
12:50am Rich Hall's You Can Go to Hell, I'm Going to Texas
2:20am Natural World
3:20am Flamenco: Gypsy Soul
4:15am This is BBC Four
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CHANNEL 4

7:05am Adventure Racing
7:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
Ray worries when Ally's friend's mother flirts with him.
7:55am Everybody Loves Raymond
8:20am Everybody Loves Raymond
8:45am Frasier
9:15am Frasier
9:40am The Big Bang Theory
10:05am The Big Bang Theory
10:35am The Simpsons
11:35am The Simpsons
12:05pm Holiday in Handcuffs
1:50pm Come Dine with Me
3:55pm Come Dine with Me
4:30pm Grand Designs
5:30pm Best Laid Plans
6:35pm Channel 4 News
7:00pm Word of the Robot Car
8:00pm Guy Martin v the Robot Car
9:00pm The World's Most Expensive Presents
10:00pm Pitch Perfect
12:10am The Inbetweeners Movie

CHANNEL 5

8:45am Blaze and the Monster Machines
9:10am Paw Patrol
9:30am Nella the Princess Knight
9:45am Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:15am Shimmer and Shine
10:30am Digby Dragon
10:45am The Gadget Show
11:45am Nativity 3: Dude, Where's My Donkey?!

1:55pm One Christmas Eve
3:40pm Love Always, Santa
5:25pm Mariah Carey's a Christmas Melody
6:25pm 5 News
6:30pm Mariah Carey's a Christmas Melody
7:05pm Sinkholes
8:00pm Sinkholes
9:00pm Sinkholes
9:55pm 5 News Weekend
10:00pm Football on 5
11:00pm Football on 5
11:30pm NCIS: New Orleans
12:20am NCIS: New Orleans

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7:00am How I Met Your Mother
7:30am How I Met Your Mother
7:55am Baby Daddy
8:25am Baby Daddy
8:55am Baby Daddy
9:25am The Goldbergs
9:55am The Goldbergs
10:30am Made in Chelsea
11:35am Celebrity Couples
Come Dine with Me
12:45pm A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures
2:30pm The Goldbergs
3:00pm The Goldbergs
3:30pm The Goldbergs
4:00pm The Goldbergs
4:30pm The Goldbergs
5:00pm The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm The Hunger Games
12:50am Gogglebox
1:55am Gogglebox
3:00am The Inbetweeners
3:35am The Inbetweeners
4:05am The Inbetweeners
4:30am Rude Tube
5:00am Rude Tube

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7:00am SKY Sports News
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:00pm Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:30pm Live Premier League
Leicester City host Crystal Palace at the King Power Stadium in the Premier League.
4:00pm Rugby Union
An all-French clash from the European Rugby Champions Cup as Racing 92 meet Castres.
6:15pm Football
8:40pm Live World Championship Darts
12:00am Live NFL: Chicago @ Detroit
2:00am Live NFL: La Chargers @ Kansas

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8:30am Scrambled!
8:35am The Tom and Jerry Show. Meanie Genie
8:50am Fangbone
9:10am The Powerpuff Girls
9:30am Thunderbirds are Go
10:00am Wishfart
10:25am ITV News
10:30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
12:50pm Countrywise
1:20pm Thunderbirds are Go
1:45pm ITV News
1:55pm Endeavour
3:55pm The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
5:35pm The Chase
6:35pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:05pm ITV News London
7:15pm ITV News
7:30pm The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
10:45pm ITV News
11:00pm The Hangover
12:55am Tonight at the London Palladium

itv2

9:35am Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm Take Me Out
Celebrity Special
1:30pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
Coming Out
2:35pm Mr. Bean
3:10pm Mr. Bean
3:45pm Mr Bean's Holiday
4:45pm FYI Daily
4:50pm Mr Bean's Holiday
5:35pm Yogi Bear
6:35pm FYI Daily
6:40pm Yogi Bear
7:10pm Liar Liar
8:10pm FYI Daily
8:15pm Liar Liar
8:55pm The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift
9:55pm FYI Daily
10:00pm The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift
11:00pm Celebrity Juice
12:00am Family Guy
12:30am Family Guy
12:55am Family Guy
1:30am American Dad!
1:55am American Dad!
2:25am The Cleveland Show

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6:10am Judge Judy
6:30am ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am On the Buses
7:25am Murder, She Wrote
Murder mystery series about sleuthing writer Jessica Fletcher.
8:25am Murder, She Wrote
9:25am Ben-Hur
10:45am FYI Daily
A round-up of the latest entertainment news.
10:50am Ben-Hur
1:40pm Columbo Goes to the Guillotine
3:40pm The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes
6:00pm Mamma Mia!
7:05pm FYI Daily
7:10pm Mamma Mia!
8:10pm Agatha Christie's Marple
10:00pm Grantchester
11:00pm Grantchester
12:10am Hattie
1:55am Up Pompeii
3:00am FYI Daily

itv4

10:30am New ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes
11:40am Pawn Stars
12:10pm The Last Sunset
1:10pm FYI Daily
1:15pm The Last Sunset
2:30pm ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham
5:00pm Storage Wars Texas
5:30pm Storage Wars Texas
6:00pm Paranoia
7:00pm FYI Daily
7:05pm Paranoia
8:15pm Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
9:20pm FYI Daily
9:25pm Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
10:00pm Navy Seals
11:05pm FYI Daily
11:10pm Navy Seals
12:20am Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning

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8:50am The Day the Earth Stood Still
10:40am Charlie's Angels
12:25pm Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
2:25pm The Mask of Zorro
4:45pm The Day the Earth Stood Still
6:35pm True Lies
9:00pm Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
11:00pm Hitman

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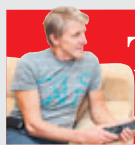
8:00am Failure to Launch
9:45am Paul
11:35am The Back-Up Plan
1:25pm Bridget Jones's Baby
3:35pm Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
5:20pm Groundhog Day
7:10pm The Back-Up Plan
9:00pm Bridget Jones's Baby
11:10pm Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
1:00am Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
2:40am Bad Santa

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6:30am Justice League: Special
7:00am 9/11
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8:00am Football Years
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12:30pm SPFL Matters
1:00pm Eredivisie
2:00pm La Liga Icons
2:15pm La Liga Icons
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TV Couch Critic

Strictly's Shirley is out of step through real lack of charisma

SHIRLEY BALLASS, the new head judge on *Strictly Come Dancing*, (BBC1, weekends) somehow just does not fit into the show.

She may be an expert and has all the experience and professionalism to sit in 10-from Len Goodman's chair, but she lacks charisma, which is the most important part of the job.

True, she can shimmy as good as the rest of them, but she gets a lowly three from me I am afraid.

The Yorkshire Vet run by former James Herriot trainee George Wright with veterinary partner Julian Norton and their team is worth a look on My5 on various nights.

The North Yorkshire town of Thirsk is the setting of this real life *All Creatures Great and Small* continuation, but be prepared to witness scenes in the operating theatre as well as in the farmyards and barns.

Undoubtedly some viewers will not find them overly appealing.

I feel *EastEnders*, BBC1's flagship soap opera brought in to counter ITV's *Coronation Street* dominance years ago, deserves a mention this week.

Having not seen an episode since

WASTE OF SPACE:
Greg Wallace.



Martine McCutcheon was mowed down, at first I thought I had stumbled on to *The Jeremy Kyle Show* given the shouting and arguments, though this appears par for the course since Angie and Den's famous Christmas ding dong of yesteryear.

I feel Albert Square is covered in chewing gum and not gold as Dick Whittington thought. Still, the view-

ing figures don't lie.

My own tip for Worst TV Programme Ever goes to *Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme* (BBC1 Saturday). Resurrecting Z listers to help two contestants identify rhymes and mimes; what a total shambles and a real embarrassment as Len ain't no Brucie, though *Strictly* definitely needs him.

Dec's 'he's a very small man' put



WRONG FOOTING:
Shirley Ballass.

down for Dennis Wise and himself on *I'm a Celebrity Get me Out of Here* (ITV nightly) is hilarious.

Amir Khan has turned out to be a proper wuss with his girlie screams (though I am anxious he does not know my full identity!) But Toff (the posh one) is a star who smiles through everything and Stanley Johnson with an even posher DNA also comes

across as a jolly good egg.

Ant and Dec have a plethora of awards under their belt, and watching the quick-witted pair, it is easy to see why.

Narrated by the late and great Sir Laurence Olivier, a repeat of *World at War* (Yesterday) is a timely reminder of the horrors of the Second World War, with black and white film capturing live footage of carnage, coupled with eye witness accounts of what must have been a nightmare.

It is good to remind ourselves occasionally just how lucky we are.

Meanwhile, *Master Chef the Professionals* (BBC2) is a mixture of culinary expertise and near nervous breakdowns for some of the victims... sorry competitors.

Mainly sous chefs battle it out to create the dish that can make their careers, with triumph and despair in equal measures when judges Marcus Waring and Monica Galetti taste the dishes.

But why do some of the competitors submit dishes they have never cooked before, though the greater question for me is what does ex-greengrocer Greg Wallace add to the proceedings?

Critique: PM, San Fulgencio, Costa Blanca.



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7:00am Breakfast
8:35am Match of the Day
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am Fern Britton Meets...
12:00pm Sunday Politics
1:15pm Bargain Hunt
2:00pm BBC News
2:15pm Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
3:15pm Songs of Praise
3:50pm Toy Story 2
5:20pm Blue Planet II
6:20pm BBC News
6:35pm BBC London News
6:45pm Countryfile
7:45pm Sports Personality of the Year 2017
10:00pm The Apprentice
11:00pm The Apprentice: You're Hired
12:00am BBC News
12:20am BBC London News
12:30am Ronny Chieng: International Student
12:55am Weather for the Week Ahead
1:00am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:05am Coast
8:05am Gardeners' World
8:35am Monty Don's Secret History of the British Garden
9:35am Countryfile
10:30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:00pm Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas
12:30pm My Life on a Plate
1:15pm MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm Escape to the Country
2:30pm Equestrian
5:35pm Ski Sunday
6:20pm Nativity!
8:00pm Life in Polar Bear Town with Gordon Buchanan
9:00pm James May's Toy Stories
10:00pm The Alternativity
11:00pm Detectorists Christmas Special
11:30pm Match of the Day 2
12:30am Insert Name Here
1:00am Roger Moore: My Word is My Bond

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Only Connect
8:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm Mrs Dickens' Family Christmas
10:00pm The Mystery of Edwin Drood
12:00pm The Real Star of Bethlehem: A Sky at Night Christmas Special
1:00pm The Genius of Marie Curie - The Woman Who Lit Up the World
2:00pm Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track
3:00am Time Shift
4:00pm The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
5:00am This is BBC Four
BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.

CHANNEL 4

7:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7:35am 3rd Rock from the Sun
8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am Frasier
9:55am Frasier
10:30am Sunday Brunch
1:30pm Paul Hollywood
2:00pm Jamie's Ultimate Christmas
3:05pm The Simpsons
3:35pm The Simpsons
4:05pm Jingle All the Way
5:50pm Born Silly
6:20pm Channel 4 News
6:50pm Miracle on 34th Street
9:00pm Coastal Railways with Julie Walters
10:00pm Inside Bentley: A Great British Motor Car
11:00pm Die Hard
1:35am Mercury Rising
3:25am I Origins

CHANNEL 5

9:30am Nella the Princess Knight
9:50am Noddy: Toyland Detective
10:00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:10am Shimmer and Shine
10:30am Digby Dragon
10:45am Peppa Pig
10:55am Peppa Pig
11:00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am Football on 5
12:30pm Football on 5
1:00pm Season's Greetings
2:50pm Twelve Trees of Christmas
4:35pm Our First Christmas
5:35pm 5 News
5:40pm Our First Christmas
6:20pm 5 News Weekend
6:25pm A Heavenly Christmas
8:10pm Legally Blonde
10:00pm Agatha Christie's Crooked House
11:50pm Sleepy Hollow
1:50am Criminals Caught on Camera
2:15am Super Casino

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8:25am Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm Made in Chelsea
1:00pm Catch That Kid
2:50pm Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
3:00pm The Goldbergs
3:30pm The Goldbergs
4:00pm The Goldbergs
4:30pm The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm The Three Musketeers
11:10pm Gogglebox
12:15am Gogglebox
1:20am The Inbetweeners
The first episode from the second season of the award-winning series.
1:55am The Inbetweeners
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sky sports main event

7:00am SKY Sports News
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am Cricket
1:00pm Football
2:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
5:15pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
Bournemouth take on Liverpool at the Vitality Stadium in the Premier League.
8:00pm Live World Championship Darts
Day four of the 2018 William Hill World Darts Championship from the Alexandra Palace.
12:00am Live NFL: Sunday Game
A match from the NFL.
1:50am NFL Gameday Week
2:20am Live NFL: Sunday Game
5:30am PL Highlights
Bournemouth take on Liverpool at the Vitality Stadium in the Premier League.

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8:50am Ben 10
9:10am Mr. Bean
9:30am Tom and Jerry
10:00am Wishfart
10:25am ITV News
10:30am Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
10:55am Countrywise Winter Wonderland
11:40am The Martin Lewis Money Show
12:10pm Save Money: Good Food
12:40pm How to Spend it Well at Christmas with Phillip Schofield
1:40pm ITV News
1:45pm Step Up
3:50pm Midsomer Murders
5:45pm Tipping Point
6:45pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:45pm The Chase: The Bloopers
8:40pm ITV News London
8:50pm ITV News
9:00pm The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
12:05am ITV News

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7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am Coronation Street Omnibus
12:50pm Take Me Out
1:55pm Mr. Bean
2:30pm Mr. Bean
3:00pm Jack Frost
4:00pm FYI Daily
4:05pm Jack Frost
5:05pm Catchphrase
6:05pm Happy Feet
7:05pm FYI Daily
7:10pm Happy Feet
8:15pm Gravity
9:15pm FYI Daily
9:20pm Gravity
10:00pm The Holiday
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm The Holiday
12:45am Family Guy
1:15am Family Guy
1:40am Family Guy
2:10am Family Guy
2:40am American Dad!
3:05am American Dad!
3:30am Teleshopping

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9:20am Heartbeat
10:20am Heartbeat
11:25am Murder, She Wrote
Mystery drama series featuring a sleuthing writer.
12:30pm Murder, She Wrote
1:30pm Murder, She Wrote
2:30pm Columbo
Detective drama.
4:10pm Columbo
6:15pm Up Pompeii
7:20pm FYI Daily
A round-up of the latest entertainment news.
7:25pm Up Pompeii
7:55pm Doc Martin
The peace of Portwenn is disturbed when a hoard of twitchers descend on the village.
10:00pm Tommy Cooper Forever
11:00pm Tommy Cooper Forever
12:00am A Touch of Frost

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8:10am The Darts Show
9:00am Storage Wars Texas
9:35am Storage Wars Texas
10:00am Pawn Stars
10:25am Pawn Stars
10:55am Pawn Stars
11:25am Pawn Stars
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12:25pm Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
1:30pm FYI Daily
1:35pm Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
2:10pm Red River
3:10pm FYI Daily
3:15pm Red River
4:55pm Bend of the River
5:55pm FYI Daily
6:00pm Bend of the River
6:55pm NewBritish Superbike Championship Review 2017
8:55pm River Monsters
10:00pm FilmSpecies 2
11:05pm Fyi Daily 2017
11:10pm FilmSpecies 2
11:55pm Gangs of New York
12:55am Fyi Daily 2017

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:40am The Great Wall
11:30am Rocky
1:35pm Rocky II
3:40pm Troy
6:25pm Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
9:00pm The Great Wall
10:50pm The Terminator
12:40am Last Action Hero
2:55am Rocky
5:00am Rocky II

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:45am My Best Friend's Wedding
9:35am Sisters
11:35am Ride Along 2
1:20pm The Nutty Professor
3:00pm Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
4:50pm Knocked Up
7:10pm Ride Along 2
9:00pm Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
10:45pm The Nutty Professor
12:30am The Klumps

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:30am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
7:00am Heartbeats
8:50am 9/11
10:40am Fist Fight
12:25pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
2:10pm Don't Think Twice
Turmoil strikes a New York improv troupe when one member leaves to star in an SNL-like TV show.
4:00pm Sharing Christmas Life
5:35pm
Sci-fi horror about astronauts hunted down by a hostile alien life-form.
7:25pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
9:00pm Fist Fight
10:40pm Don't Think Twice
12:25am Life
2:15am Within
3:50am Lemon
5:25am FilmSharing Christmas

sky sports football

8:00am EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
8:30am Football Countdowns
9:00am Football's Greatest
9:30am EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:30am Sunday Supplement
12:00pm EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
1:00pm Football
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12:00am Magical Messi

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Seagulls are not the problem

SIR, To Mr P Comwall (EWN, November 11, 2017).

You must be kidding. You present the seagulls as public enemy number one. You call them 'flying rats' and 'horrible birds.'

Don't you think you've seen Hitchcock's 'The Birds' too many times?

If you are proposing to murder them then you are not kidding.

Think a little: we can frighten them, move them away, stop violating the environment so that these animals could return to their natural habitats.

Or are we going to cut the trees because some fruits fall on our heads? Dry the sea because it sometimes causes damage to the coasts? Destroy the sun because it causes skin burns? Shoot the EWN readers who like the seagulls?

There are no 'horrible birds.' There are birds. We share the planet with them but we have not worried about respecting nature. These seagulls now return, in some way, the damage we have done to Mother Nature.

Who is the real menace? The birds that no longer have places to find food

Customer care all important

AT this time of year when unwanted gifts are often received I am happy that in Spain nowadays there appears to be new marketing re-think whereby more local shops agree to exchange purchases.

When I lived in the UK more than 40 years ago Marks and Spencer's had an enviable reputation as a concern always willing to exchange purchases for customers as long as they were returned undamaged and with a receipt. But this policy at that time definitely did not extend to the majority of shops.

Move forward to the end of 2017 and to Spain, and I have increasingly found in recent years more shops



SENSIBLE RETURNS POLICY: Shoppers in Benidorm.

happy to exchange items, and at times surprisingly so.

Last week my wife even returned a pair of shoes, and the shop happily exchanged them for a different colour and size... even though she had worn them one night (admittedly on carpeted floors... but she told the assistant they had been worn (even though the soles did not identify with the fact).

And a neighbour happily recalled that she had received total satisfaction from Lidl recently when returning a garment that did not fit perfectly by merely producing the receipt and returning the item in its box within 30 days.

Such businesses deserve praise, along with the likelihood of swelling sales thanks to all-important customer care.

C Power, Huercal-Overa

or we, who believe we have the right to exploit, usufruct and damage the world? Love, peace and reason.

Jose Manuel Fernandez Santana, address withheld

Calling card

SPARE a thought before you abandon the idea of sending a printed Christmas card to your family or friends due to the recent changes at the Post Office and send an email greeting instead.

Although having a printed card from a loved one on the mantelpiece at home is not quite as good as them being with you in person, it sure as hell beats printing out an email to stick to the walls.

Edwin Cheeseman, Javea

Sorry state

MOST people worth their salt might issue an apology or retraction when they have been found to commit to print a falsehood which perpetuates a misunderstanding. Not so Leapy Lee, who brushes aside his blunder as a 'completely innocuous EU gaffe' and considers correction to be 'vitriolic spitting' by 'sad sacks' and 'jowl juggling vultures.'

He consoles himself though with his 'thousands of wonderful like-minded readers,' who he must assume to be also ill-informed. But as I said... most people worth their salt...

Elaine, Torremolinos

Final word

NO, No, No. Please don't publish the answers to the puzzles in the same issue! What's the point in attempting the cryptic crossword deciding you can't solve a clue and just giving up and looking at the answer! There are plenty of inferior free papers that supply answers in the same issue, so let's keep these puzzles a challenge.

Stewart, Torrevieja

Lotto plea

YOUR weekly newspaper is the best of the bunch, but I request an improvement to be considered for the thousands of lottery ticket buyers. There are two weekly La Primitiva draws but you only give results for one, and the Euro Millions tickets now carry numbers that are for a Spain-only million Euro prize. Can you include both in the Lottery section of Time Out please

Name and address withheld

Editor's note: The lottery winning details have now been expanded.

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Lorry driver dies after crashing onto beach

RIP driver, but people mention it's an accident blackspot but what is wrong with the road? I drive up and down that road all the time and have done in all weathers but to me there's nothing actually wrong with that part of the road. *Adam Brown*

Road's fine, they drive too fast and disregard the suggested speed reduction signs... *Matt Silver*

No judgement intended and of course no one should die, but I think the lorries in particular go into the bend too fast and when they break it just jack knives and goes over onto the beach. I've lost count of the number of accidents there over the years, all unfortunately involving lorries. Let's hope they come up with something. *Anne-Marie Nyberg Savastano*

I think they made a mistake lowering the limit along the whole section between Fuengirola and Marbella. Before at least people not familiar with the road could sense some dangerous section approaching when the speed limit dropped. Now they've been numbed by the time they reach tricky spots. Speed limit is fine there, but you often see lorries ignoring it. *Jurgen Imschoot*

How many more people will be injured or die before they remove the ridiculous tolls on the motorway? *Peter Courtney*

Comments from EWN online

Brexit 'really is a shambles'

Yes. We should walk away and see if the EU shoot themselves in the foot by imposing stupid tariffs on imports from the UK.

I can't see German and French industry letting that happen. They have just as much to lose as the UK does. Their 'negotiating' stance (aka bullying) is the reason we find ourselves in this mess to start with. *Andy Funnell*

I think the government are trying to negotiate with an EU who do not want to negotiate. They really don't want us to go and will try anything to delay negotiations in the hope that Brexit will go away. Who will fill the huge financial hole when the UK are gone? Looks increasingly more likely that we will leave with no settlement which will harm EU countries more than it will the UK. Roll on 2019. *John Grieve*

In one word ... NO. Don't think they have any idea what to do to be honest. They didn't have a

plan at the start and they don't have one now. It takes two parties at least to negotiate and in this case a lot more. Needed for everyone to get round a table at the very start rather than putting it off and upsetting all and sundry since. *Moirá Armitage*

No white Christmas for drug dealers in southern Spain

That's good. Might actually be able to walk down a busy street at night without every Tom, Dick and Harry offering to sell drugs when I'm on holiday in Spain. *Neil Hilton Butchers*

Great news!!!! *Audrey Carr*

Two Malaga hospitals named among the best in Spain

Brilliant hospital, they totally deserve that award. After spending six days in there cannot fault them. Kind and professional I felt totally safe. *Michelle Johnstone*

Best hospital abroad. Saved my husband's life! *Cathy Ransome*

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2:45pm Father Brown
3:30pm Escape to the Country
4:30pm The Instant Gardener
5:15pm Money for Nothing
6:15pm Pointless
7:00pm BBC News at Six
7:30pm BBC London News
8:00pm The One Show
8:30pm Panorama
9:00pm EastEnders
9:30pm Mary Berry's Christmas Party
10:30pm Would I Lie to You?
11:00pm BBC News at Ten
11:30pm BBC London News
11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am Michael McIntyre's Big Show

BBC TWO

7:00am Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am Island Medics
8:15am The Hairy Bikers
Home for Christmas
9:00am Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm The Daily Politics
2:00pm The Link
2:45pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip
3:15pm Home Away From Home
4:00pm Inside Claridge's
5:00pm Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom
6:00pm The Blue Planet
7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads
7:30pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
8:30pm Inside the Christmas Factory
9:30pm University Challenge
10:00pm Employable Me
11:00pm The League of Gentlemen
11:30pm Newsnight
12:15am Blitz
1:15am Countryfile
2:10am Blue Planet II

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2016
9:00pm Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life
10:00pm New The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
11:00pm New Handmade in Mexico
11:30pm Britain's Lost Masterpieces
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12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm Channel 4 News
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1:10pm Jim Henson's Turkey Hollow
2:55pm Back to Christmas
4:35pm A Cinderella Christmas
6:25pm Christmas Bucket List
8:00pm World's Strongest Man 2017: Giants Live
9:00pm Brick by Brick: The Lego Story
10:00pm Abba: When All is Said and Done
12:05am ABBA: Live in Concert

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11:00am Rules of Engagement
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12:00pm How I Met Your Mother
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6:55pm Heartbeat
7:55pm Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm Midsomer Murders
11:00pm Cilla
12:00am The Guilty
1:00am Appropriate Adult
2:25am Appropriate Adult
3:45am Agatha Christie's Marple
5:20am Judge Judy
5:45am Judge Judy

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7:00am Barcelona's European Glory
7:10am The Chase
8:00am The Chase
8:45am Cash Cowboys
9:40am Pawn Stars
10:05am Pawn Stars
10:35am Ironside
11:40am Quincy, M.E.
12:45pm The Sweeney
1:50pm The Professionals
2:50pm Ironside
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5:00pm The Sweeney
6:00pm The Professionals
7:05pm Storage Wars New York
7:35pm Storage Wars New York
8:00pm Pawn Stars
8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm River Monsters
10:00pm First Blood
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm First Blood
12:05am Universal Soldier: Regeneration
1:20am FYI Daily
1:25am Universal Soldier: Regeneration

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7:05am Anaconda
8:40am Superman Returns
11:15am Jason Bourne
1:25pm Forsaken
3:00pm Rocky III
4:45pm Rocky IV
6:25pm Superman Returns
9:00pm Hanna
10:55pm Jason Bourne
1:05am In Harm's Way
3:55am Rocky III
5:40am Rocky IV

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8:05am Our Brand is Crisis
10:00am Ordinary World
11:30am In Her Shoes
1:45pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
3:20pm The First Wives Club
5:05pm Love Actually
7:25pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
9:00pm Calendar Girls
11:00pm T2: Trainspotting
1:05am Grimsby
2:35am Ali G Indahouse
4:10am T2: Trainspotting

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7:00am Heartbeats
8:50am Don't Think Twice
10:40am Fist Fight
12:15pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
1:50pm How to be a Latin Lover
3:50pm Sharing Christmas
5:30pm Heartbeats
7:20pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
9:00pm Fist Fight
10:35pm How to be a Latin Lover
12:35am Don't Think Twice
2:10am Within
3:40am 9/11
5:25am Sharing Christmas

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8:00am Football Years
8:30am Football Countdowns
9:00am Football's Greatest
9:30am Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:15am Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am Football
1:30pm Football
3:35pm Football
5:40pm La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:15pm La Liga Icons
6:30pm Football Countdowns
7:00pm Football Years
7:30pm Football Countdowns
8:00pm Soccer A.M.
8:30pm Ronaldo
8:55pm Football
11:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18
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 2:45pm Father Brown
 3:40pm Escape to the Country
 4:25pm The Instant Gardener
 5:15pm Money for Nothing
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News at Six
 7:30pm BBC London News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm EastEnders
 9:00pm Holby City
 10:00pm U2 at the BBC
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
 11:30pm BBC London News
 11:45pm Drugsland
 12:45am KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy
 1:45am Weather for the Week Ahead
 1:50am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am Flog It! Trade Secrets
 7:30am Let's Get a Good Thing Going
 8:15am Street Auction
 9:00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 1:00pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm The Link
 2:45pm Equestrian
 4:00pm Inside Claridge's
 5:00pm Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom
 6:00pm The Blue Planet
 7:00pm Russia with Simon Reeve
 8:00pm The Repair Shop at Christmas
 9:00pm MasterChef
 10:00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
 11:00pm The League of Gentlemen
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:15am NFL
 1:05am Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay
 2:05am The Apprentice
 3:05am Expedition Volcano
 4:05am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
 8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2016
 9:00pm Armada: 12 Days to Save England
 10:00pm New Invasion! With Sam Willis
 11:00pm The Science of D-Day
 11:30pm Flying Scotsman From the Footplate
 12:30am The Trains That Time Forgot: Britain's Lost Railway Journeys
 1:30am Everything and Nothing
 2:30am Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections
 3:35am The Man Who Collected the World: William Burrell
 4:30am This is BBC Four
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CHANNEL 4

9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:00am Frasier
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 11:05am The Big Bang Theory
 11:35am The Big Bang Theory
 12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Jamie's Cracking Christmas
 1:20pm Carry on Cabby
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm Lost and Found
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
 6:00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm Jamie's Italian Christmas
 10:00pm Shamed
 11:00pm Extraordinary Teens
 12:05am Micky Flanagan's Out Out Tour
 1:10am Naked Attraction
 2:05am The Supervet at Christmas

CHANNEL 5

8:00am The Secret Life of Puppies
 8:05am Paw Patrol
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 8:30am Peppa Pig
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 9:05am Digby Dragon
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 9:35am Shimmer and Shine
 9:50am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
 10:10am Mofy
 10:15am Access
 10:25am Nutcracker Sweet
 11:45am Free Birds
 1:25pm Five Children and It
 3:10pm A Royal Family Holiday
 4:50pm Hearts of Christmas
 6:25pm A Prince for Christmas
 8:00pm World's Strongest Man 2017: Giants Live
 9:00pm Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens
 10:00pm Britain's Favourite Biscuit
 11:30pm Greatest Ever Christmas Movies

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9:10am The Dog Who Saved Christmas Vacation
 11:00am Rules of Engagement
 11:30am Rules of Engagement
 12:00pm How I Met Your Mother
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 6:30pm Kevin Can Wait
 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 8:00pm Hollyoaks
 8:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 10:00pm Tattoo Fixers at Christmas
 11:00pm Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2016
 12:05am The Big Bang Theory

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 11:00am Premier League Daily
 12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
 1:00pm SKY Sports News
 2:00pm SKY Sports News
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 4:00pm SKY Sports News
 5:00pm SKY Sports News
 6:00pm SKY Sports News
 7:00pm SKY Sports News
 8:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
 8:30pm Football
 11:00pm Live World Championship Darts
 12:00am Cricket

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7:00am Good Morning Britain
 9:30am Lorraine
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 11:30am This Morning
 1:30pm Loose Women
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
 2:55pm ITV News London
 3:00pm Judge Rinder
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
 5:00pm Tipping Point
 6:00pm The Chase
 7:00pm ITV News London
 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Emmerdale
 8:30pm The Royal Variety Performance 2017
 11:05pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:40pm ITV News London
 11:50pm Lethal Weapon
 12:50am Lethal Weapon
 1:35am Jackpot247
 4:00am Loose Women
 4:50am ITV Nightscreen/TV Nightscreen
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7:00am The Cube
 7:45am tBritain's Got Talent
 8:35am Emmerdale
 9:00am Coronation Street
 9:30am Coronation Street
 10:00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 10:50am Mr. Bean
 11:30am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
 11:45am You've Been Framed!
 12:15pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
 1:20pm Emmerdale
 1:50pm Coronation Street
 2:20pm Coronation Street
 2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 3:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 7:00pm Take Me Out
 8:00pm You've Been Framed!
 8:30pm You've Been Framed!
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
 9:30pm Two and a Half Men
 10:00pm The Hangover Part II
 11:00pm FYI Daily
 11:05pm The Hangover Part II

itv3

7:00am Judge Judy
 7:20am Coronation Street
 7:45am Coronation Street
 8:10am Heartbeat
 9:15am The Royal
 10:15am Judge Judy
 10:40am Judge Judy
 11:05am Judge Judy
 11:35am A Touch of Frost
 1:40pm The Royal
The Royal Nostalgic medical drama spin-off from long-running police series Heartbeat.
 2:40pm Heartbeat
 3:40pm Coronation Street
 4:15pm Coronation Street
 4:45pm A Touch of Frost
 6:55pm Heartbeat
 7:55pm Murder, She Wrote
Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer.
 9:00pm Midsomer Murders
 11:00pm Cilla
Second of a three-part biopic of the Liverpoolian songbird who would later find fame and fortune.
 12:00am The Guilty

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7:00am Football Rivalries
 7:10am The Chase
 8:00am The Chase
 8:50am Storage Wars New York
 9:15am Storage Wars New York
 9:40am Pawn Stars
 10:05am Pawn Stars
 10:35am Ironside
 11:40am Quincy, M.E.
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 5:00pm The Sweeney
 6:00pm The Professionals
 7:05pm Storage Wars Texas
 7:35pm Storage Wars Texas
 8:00pm Pawn Stars
 8:30pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm The Chase
 10:00pm Rambo: First Blood Part II
 11:05pm FYI Daily
 11:10pm Rambo: First Blood Part II
 12:10am Navy Seals
 1:10am FYI Daily
 1:15am Navy Seals

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9:15am The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
 11:15am 300
 1:15pm Death Race
 3:10pm Rocky V
 5:00pm G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
 7:00pm The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
 9:00pm 300

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8:00am The Top Ten Show 2017
 8:20am Sisters
 10:20am Bridesmaids
 12:30pm Central Intelligence
 2:30pm The Top Ten Show 2017
 2:50pm You Don't Mess with the Zohan
 4:50pm Bridesmaids
 7:00pm Splash
 9:00pm Central Intelligence
 11:00pm You Don't Mess with the Zohan
 1:00am National Lampoon's Animal House

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7:00am Don't Think Twice
 8:40am Sharing Christmas
 10:20am How to be a Latin Lover
 12:20pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
 1:55pm Fist Fight
 3:40pm Final Recall
 5:25pm Don't Think Twice
Turmoil strikes a New York improv troupe when one member leaves to star in a SNL-like TV show.
 7:15pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
 9:00pm Fist Fight
 10:35pm Final Recall
 12:10am How to be a Latin Lover
 2:10am Within
 3:45am Lemon
 5:20am Sharing Christmas

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1:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18
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 4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
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 5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
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 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
 5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
 6:00pm Eredivisie
 7:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18
 7:15pm SPFL Greatest Games
 7:30pm Soccer A.M.
 8:00pm Football Years
 8:30pm FootballFootball
 11:00pm Revista de la Liga
 11:30pm La Liga World
 12:00am Eredivisie

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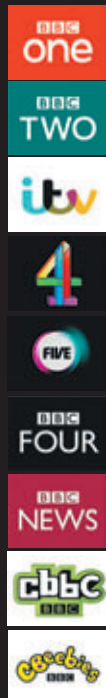
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12:00pm Street Auction
12:45pm Fake Britain
1:15pm Bargain Hunt
2:00pm BBC News at One
2:30pm BBC London News
2:45pm Raiders of the Lost Ark
4:35pm Chicken Run
5:55pm Book of Dragons
6:15pm Pointless
7:00pm BBC News at Six
7:30pm BBC London News
8:00pm The One Show
9:00pm Judi Dench's Secret Woodland
10:00pm The Real Marigold on Tour
11:00pm BBC News at Ten
11:30pm BBC London News
11:45pm Male Rape: Breaking the Silence
12:25am Junior Doctors
12:55am Weather for the Week Ahead
1:00am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:30am Flog it! Trade Secrets
8:00am Nigella's Christmas Table
9:00am David Suchet: In the Footsteps of St Peter
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm The Daily Politics
2:00pm The Link
2:45pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip
3:15pm Home Away From Home
4:00pm Inside Claridge's
5:05pm Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom
6:05pm The Blue Planet
7:00pm Russia with Simon Reeve
8:00pm The Sweet Makers at Christmas
9:00pm MasterChef
10:00pm Peaky Blinders
11:00pm The League of Gentlemen
11:30pm Mock the Week
12:00am Alternativity: The Performance
12:30am Cunk on Christmas
1:00am Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay
2:00am Employable Me

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days *The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.*
8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2016 *It is the second of the semi-finals in the University Challenge quiz for grown-ups.*
9:00pm The Two Ronnies' Old-Fashioned Christmas Mystery *Festive fun with Ronnies Corbett and Barker from Christmas 1973.*
10:00pm The Two Ronnies Christmas Show
11:00pm The Story Of...
12:00am TOTP2
2:30am Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections
3:30am The Trains That Time Forgot: Britain's Lost Railway Journeys
4:30am This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:20am 3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am Frasier
10:35am Frasier
11:05am The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm Channel 4 News
1:05pm Jamie's Cracking Christmas
1:25pm Carry on Nurse
3:10pm Countdown
4:00pm Lost and Found
5:00pm A Place in the Sun
6:00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
7:00pm The Simpsons
7:30pm Hollyoaks
8:00pm Channel 4 News
9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas
10:00pm The Channel
11:00pm Gogglebox
12:05am Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game
1:40am Alan Carr Live: Spexy Beast

CHANNEL 5

7:50am Thomas and Friends
8:00am The Secret Life of Puppies
8:05am Paw Patrol
8:20am Thomas and Friends
8:30am Peppa Pig
8:50am Floogals
9:05am Digby Dragon
9:20am Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:35am Shimmer and Shine
9:50am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:10am Mofy
10:15am Snow Queen
11:35am Jack and the Beanstalk
1:25pm James and the Giant Peach
2:55pm My Angel
4:40pm Christmas Carol
6:20pm A Fairytale Christmas
8:00pm World's Strongest Man 2017
9:00pm GPS: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm Harry Potter: 20 Years of Magic
12:00am Football on 5
1:20am Brick by Brick: The Lego Story
2:15am Super Casino
4:10am Top 20 Funniest

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8:00am Charmed
8:55am Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
9:10am The Dog Who Saved the Holidays
11:00am Rules of Engagement
11:30am Rules of Engagement
12:00pm How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm New Girl
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2:00pm The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm Kevin Can Wait
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4:00pm How I Met Your Mother
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5:00pm New Girl
5:30pm New Girl
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7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm Hollyoaks
8:30pm The Goldbergs
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats
11:55pm The Big Bang Theory
12:25am The Big Bang Theory

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1:00pm SKY Sports News
2:00pm SKY Sports News
2:30pm Cricket
6:00pm SKY Sports News
7:00pm SKY Sports News
8:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm Football
11:30pm Conor Benn: The Destroyer
12:00am SKY Sports News
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9:00pm Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
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10:00pm A Night for the Emergency Services
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm ITV News London
11:45pm Birds of a Feather
12:45am Play to the Whistle
1:35am Jackpot247
4:00am May the Best House Win
4:50am ITV Nightscreen

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7:00am The Cube
7:45am Britain's Got Talent
8:35am Emmerdale
9:00am All Star Family Fortunes
10:00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am Mr. Bean
11:20am Jack Frost
12:25pm FYI Daily
12:30pm Jack Frost
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8:30pm You've Been Framed!
9:00pm Two and a Half Men
9:30pm Two and a Half Men
10:00pm The Hangover Part III
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm The Hangover Part III
12:05am Family Guy
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12:00am The Guilty
1:05am Agatha Christie's Marple
3:00am The Knock
3:55am The Knock
4:50am A Touch of Frost

itv4

7:00am Snooker v Darts
7:05am The Chase
7:55am The Chase
8:45am Storage Wars Texas
9:10am Storage Wars Texas
9:40am Pawn Stars
10:10am Pawn Stars
10:35am Ironside
11:40am Quincy, M.E.
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1:50pm The Professionals
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5:00pm The Sweeney
6:00pm The Professionals
7:00pm Storage Wars Texas
7:30pm Storage Wars Texas
8:00pm Pawn Stars
8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm The Chase Celebrity Special
10:00pm Rambo III
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm Rambo III
12:05am Crank 2: High Voltage
1:05am FYI Daily
1:10am Crank 2: High Voltage
2:10am River Monsters
3:10am Ax Men
3:55am It's Not Rocket Science

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7:05am Walking Tall
8:40am Operation Chromite
10:40am Mercury Plains
12:30pm Point Break
2:30pm The Legend of Zorro
4:50pm Batman
7:00pm X-Men Origins: Wolverine
9:00pm Point Break
11:00pm True Lies
1:25am Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:10am O Brother, Where Art Thou?
10:00am Hitch
12:05pm Runaway Bride
2:05pm Why Him?
4:05pm Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
5:45pm Keanu
7:30pm Borat
9:00pm Why Him?
11:00pm T2: Trainspotting
1:00am Keanu
2:45am Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
4:30am T2: Trainspotting

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Don't Think Twice *Turmoil strikes a New York improv troupe when one member leaves to star in a SNL-like TV show.*
8:50am The Top Ten Show 2017 *Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?*
9:05am Fist Fight
10:45am Sharing Christmas
12:20pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
1:55pm How to be a Latin Lover
3:55pm Don't Think Twice
5:30pm Final Recall
7:15pm Smurfs: The Lost Village
9:00pm Fist Fight
10:35pm Battle for Moscow
12:40am Final Recall
2:20am How to be a Latin Lover
4:20am Within

sky sports football

7:00am EFL Greatest Games
7:15am EFL Greatest Games
7:30am SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am Carabao Cup Highlights
8:30am Football Countdowns
9:00am Revista de la Liga
9:30am La Liga World
10:00am Football
12:30pm One2eleven
12:45pm Revista de la Liga
1:15pm La Liga World
1:45pm Carabao Cup Highlights
2:15pm Revista de la Liga
2:45pm La Liga World
3:15pm Football
5:45pm The Story of Las Palmas
7:00pm The Dark Side of Football
8:00pm Carabao Cup Highlights
8:30pm Football
11:30pm The Dark Side of Football
12:30am One2eleven
12:45am One2eleven
1:00am Carabao Cup Highlights

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MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'FORGET ROCKET TESTS AND SMOKING VOLCANOES, LET US GO THIS WAY AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL FESTIVE LIGHTS OF MALAGA...'

Trivia from around the world

- THE world's shortest international bridge is 'El Marco' in Badajoz, Extremadura, which links Spain to Portugal and is just 3.2 metres long.

- There are more doner kebab eateries in Berlin - which has 4,000 - than Istanbul according to tourism website Visit Berlin.

- San Marino, founded in 301 AD, is the world's oldest republic.

- Russia has at least 13,000 uninhabited villages due to a fall in birth rates since the 1980s.

- The escalators in London's underground travel two times the circumference



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of the Earth every week.

- Scotland makes an estimated €34 million in tourism a year due to the Loch Ness Monster myth, according to experts.

DID YOU KNOW?

The highest point in Belgium (694 metres) is lower than the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai (828 metres).

Women's wit

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

Valerie Bertinelli, Actress



Famous quote

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney, Cartoonist

World of English

"Antiphrasis - uses a word with an opposite meaning - the Chihuahua was named Goliath."

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

When it comes to throwing wobblers, please don't. It is so important this week to stay cool and unruffled. Change nothing that you can avoid changing. Even having discussions about change can set your nerves jangling.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

This month, there is much to be celebrated. So much has happened in the latter part of the year. Certainly, congratulations are in order. When you have made such an effort and are rewarded for it, the satisfaction level is high. Be aware, though, that someone close also needs to feel that there is progress.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

The importance of making the right choices is clear to you. Where to begin seems to be a sticking point. Starting by taking away the things you really do not want is essential. Be practical and logical. This is not a time for sentiment or muddled thinking. Although you will need patience in abundance as the week progresses, take one thing at a time.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Although you have the feeling that younger members of the family are not interested in your point of view, this is far off the mark. They, in their inexperience, may not know how best to approach you in this regard. Getting out family photos or starting a family tree with them can be both entertaining and fascinating.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

The prospect of travel sets you thinking. Have you been spending too much time considering others? Should you take steps now to get time alone then these plans cannot be changed. This will save any discussions as to how or when.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

With the best will in the world it is only possible to spend money once. We are all guilty of trying to get over this truth, but it never works. Have patience when looking to improve your possessions. There are more pressing needs and these, in the long run, prove more satisfying.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Going over old ground is counter-productive. There is nothing to be gained from repeating methods that did not work in the past. If it is not possible to find a fresh approach then seek the opinions of others. You do not need experience of a situation to be able to come up with a useful idea. Staying in the same old rut has not served you in the past and will not do so now.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Getting together with others to entertain is sure to be successful after the 26th. Before that there may be some irritations, particularly with people who refuse to be positive and make decisions. Those moving house or going on a journey need a lot of patience, and forward planning is essential.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

This is an important week for both your physical health and your mental well-being. Because of things beyond your control, you may have let your diet or exercise slip. Having sorted out any problems that side-tracked you, there is a need to be particularly strong.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

This is a week to let yourself be heard. Be it writing letters, sending emails, making phone calls or making conversation, you must express yourself. Being honest and outspoken need not mean upsetting people. Think of the way that a child gets its point over.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Having problems with that new computer? Fallen foul of the new mobile phone? That wouldn't be surprising this week. As you are prone to mistakes and misunderstandings, try not to tackle anything vital. Be sure to get plenty of sleep and fresh air.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

You are in for a bit of a bumpy ride this week. Some things will go well but other outcomes can be quirky. People change their minds, technology doesn't work, phone calls don't come. Be assured, however, that if you keep your sense of the absurd it could all be quite amusing.

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA		EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
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Saturday December 09	Saturday December 09	Tuesday December 05	Friday December 08	Thursday December 07	Saturday December 09	Sunday December 10
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(37) (39)	(15) (23)	(43) (44)	(30) (32)	(4) (7)	(33) (38)	(8) (11)
(46) (54)	(36) (45)	(48)	(34)	(14) (45)	(40) (47)	(49)
BONUS BALL	BONUS BALL	LUCKY STARS	LUCKY STARS	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO
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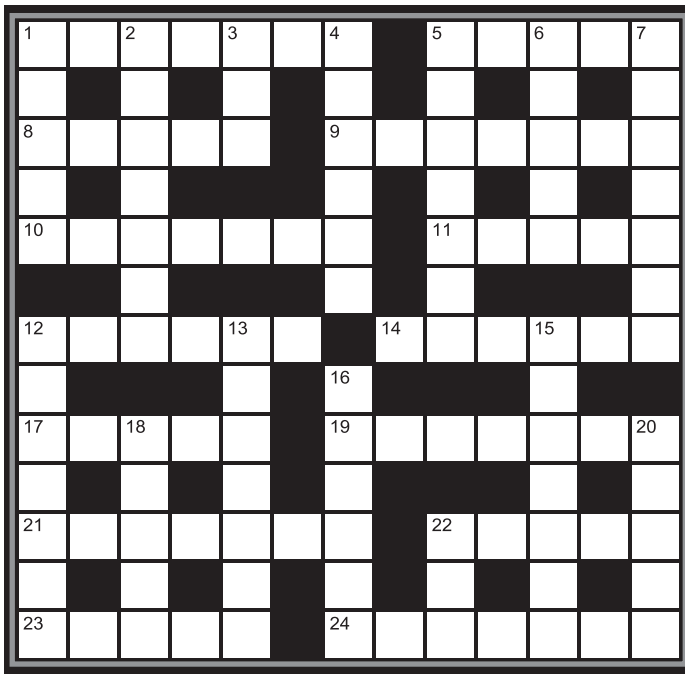
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Supervisor set off to part of hospital (7)
- 5 Subject to constant cold (5)
- 8 Come to Korea, Chinese part (5)
- 9 American state or a Nazi atrocity? (7)
- 10 English paella is cooked with beer (4,3)
- 11 Trouble returns in pirates' pub (5)
- 12 Give up work and go to bed (6)
- 14 Painful bid (6)
- 17 Virginia rented a personal assistant (5)
- 19 Bit of a stir on in garment pressing (7)
- 21 Plague cures go wrong (7)
- 22 Evade hotel boundary (5)
- 23 Treats dossiers, no sir (5)
- 24 Having funds that are liquid (7)

Down

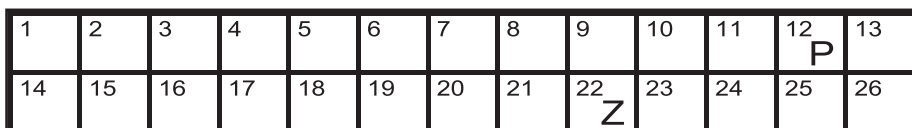
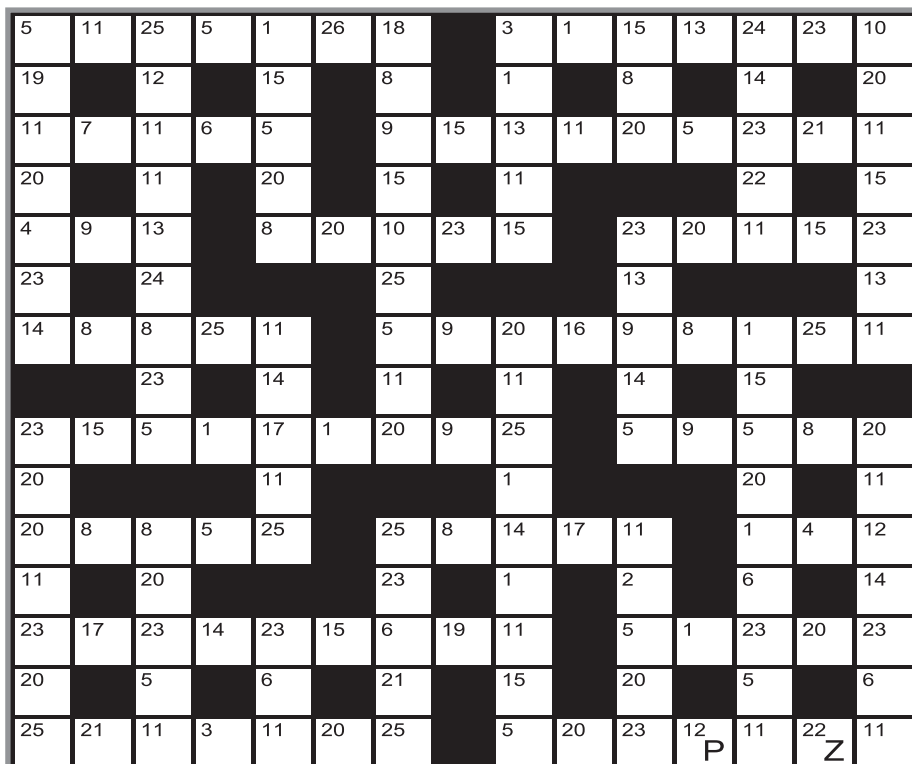
- 1 Undress for Saturday outing (5)
- 2 Eastern apostle and French decoration (7)
- 3 Cinderella has changed (3)
- 4 Doctor copies curtains (6)
- 5 Roman official melody about a bone (7)
- 6 Phosphorus is put on many bits of land (5)



- 7 Idle talk about milliner (7)
- 12 Verse I'd composed is updated (7)
- 13 Rotters breaking glass vessels in the lab (7)
- 15 Contents of woodwind lessons diminish (7)
- 16 Hoarders appearing in film is erstwhile (6)
- 18 Cats are kept in bullion safe (5)
- 20 Hotel customer speculated out loud (5)
- 22 Little Henry was perfectly healthy until the engineer left (3)

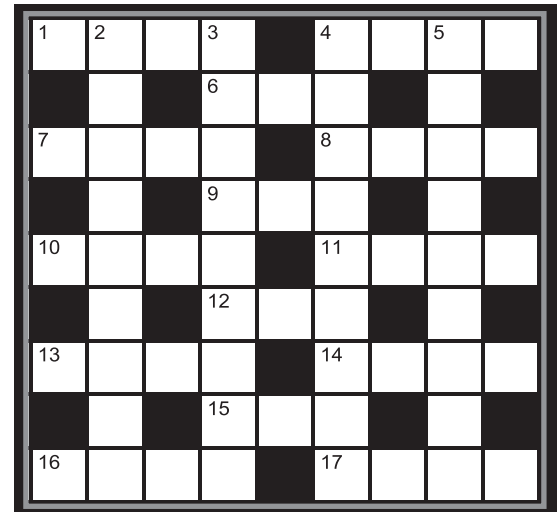
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 12 represents P and 22 represents Z, so fill in P every time the figure 12 appears and Z 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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

- 1 Potato (4)
- 4 Feel physical pain (4)
- 6 See 15
- 7 Fail to hit (4)
- 8 Knocks softly (4)
- 9 Prosecute at law (3)
- 10 Have a desire for (4)
- 11 Move about aimlessly (4)
- 12 SI unit of electrical resistance (3)
- 13 South American country (4)

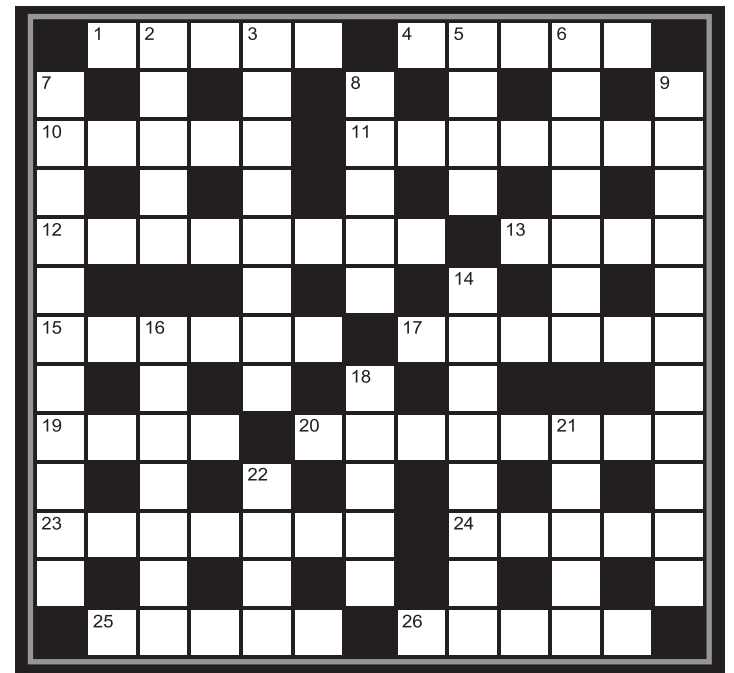
- 14 Slightly open (4)
- 15/6 Begin a trip (3,3)
- 16 Surrender (4)
- 17 Conceal (4)

Down

- 2 Special benefit (9)
- 3 Cheap lodging accommodation (9)
- 4 Consequences of an event (9)
- 5 Random (9)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Gusto (sentido) (5)
- 4 Tornillo (en punta) (5)
- 10 Entrar (5)
- 11 Milagro (7)
- 12 Options (8)
- 13 Tazas (4)
- 15 El más seco (6)
- 17 Museo (6)
- 19 Tripulación (aeronáutica y náutica) (4)
- 20 Skating (8)

- 23 To chat (7)
- 24 Acontecimiento (5)
- 25 To hate (5)
- 26 To be (5)

Down

- 2 Desván (5)
- 3 Tortuga (8)
- 5 Expensive (4)
- 6 Plug (electrical) (7)
- 7 Cuckoo clock (5,2,4)
- 8 Ámbar (5)

- 9 Thought (11)
- 14 Negocios (8)
- 16 Islandia (7)
- 18 Llevar (5)
- 21 Sand (5)
- 22 Dawn (4)

CROSSWORD PAGE

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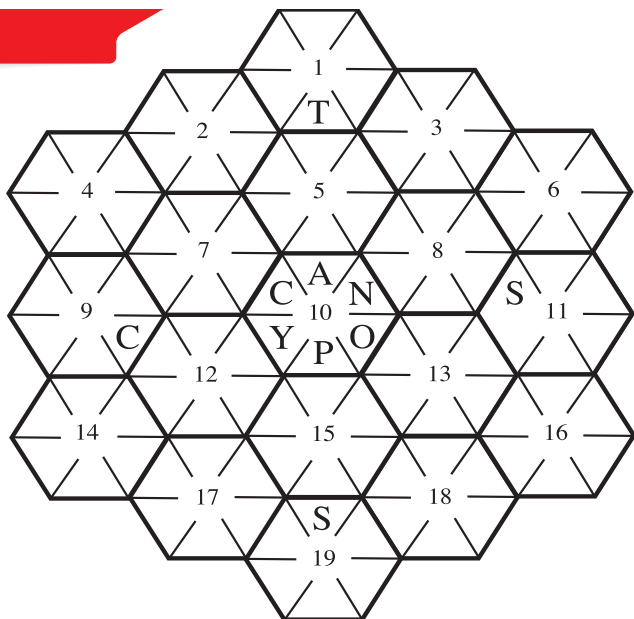
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Hexagram

- ABRUPT
- ADVENT
- ASSENT
- BESTOW
- BEYOND
- BLOUSE
- CANOPY (10)
- DAINTY
- DITHER
- GATHER
- HECTIC
- LETTER
- SPLASH
- SPREAD
- STOCKY
- SUNDRY
- THEORY
- TICKET
- TOILET



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 (**CANOPY**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

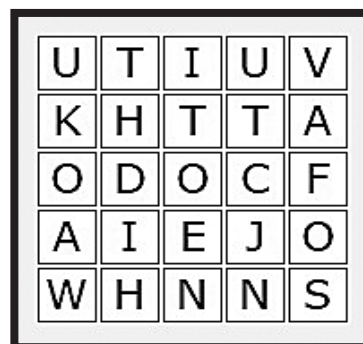
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Scythe 2 Serene 3 Teeing 4 Yearly
- 5 Garish 6 Petite 7 Sleigh 8 Truant
- 9 Snappy 10 Grudge 11 Grater
- 12 Inhere 13 Raised 14 Praise
- 15 Emerge 16 Retire 17 Elapse
- 18 Freest 19 Methyl

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 23
- Good: 32
- Very good: 45
- Excellent: 59

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

obese odes bode bodes bens bend bene benes bees been endue endues send sendup sendups seen seed dens dense dune dunes duns dues need nude nudes noes eons fund fusion fusions puns pups pion pions pips undo ones ions dude dudes done donee donees dons does dips spud spun spues squid quip quipu quipus quips quid dido

Nonagram

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



TARGET:

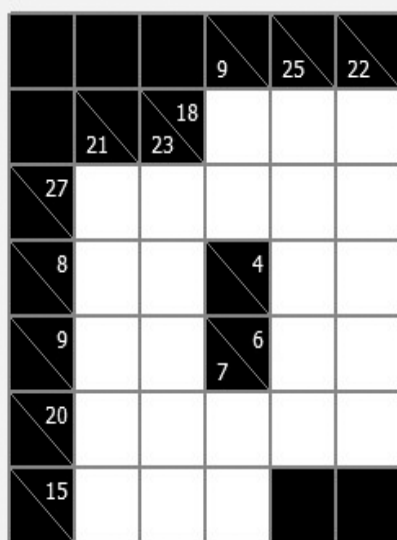
- Average: 13
- Good: 18
- Very good: 25
- Excellent: 33

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

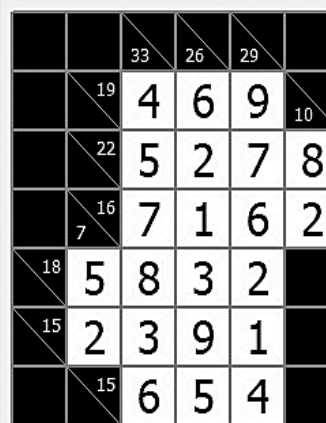
alit gait ghat gilt halt hilt lath lilt malt math milt path phat pita pith plat tail tall tamp till lathi light might plait alight plight lamplit LAMPLIGHT

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

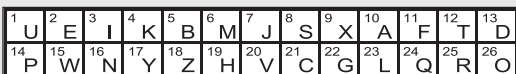


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Recover, 7 Orchestra, 8 Cost, 9 Unit, 11 Primitive, 12 Replies.
- Down:** 2 Excessive, 3 Obey, 4 Extensive, 5 Concept, 6 Partner, 10 Bill.

CODE BREAKER



CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Rosette, 5 Bails, 8 Lupin, 9 Agitate, 10 Ethos, 11 Align, 12 Force, 14 Pepsi, 19 Debut, 21 Ledge, 23 Interns, 24 Adieu, 25 Tense, 26 Senegal.
- Down:** 1 Relish, 2 Supremo, 3 Tench, 4 Elapse, 5 Brigade, 6 Iraqi, 7 Steins, 13 Coterie, 15 Seeking, 16 Adrift, 17 Blasts, 18 Ritual, 20 Baton, 22 Drain.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Pulsera, 5 Start, 8 Lobster, 9 Niece, 10 Spoon, 11 Iceland, 12 Anchoa, 14 Greedy, 17 Pasillo, 19 Sheep, 22 Ready, 23 Earlier, 24 Roads, 25 Showers.
- Down:** 1 Pills, 2 Libro, 3 Estanco, 4 Afraid, 5 Since, 6 Average, 7 Tuesday, 12 Aspirar, 13 Cascada, 15 Rosario, 16 Voters, 18 Leyes, 20 Exile, 21 Peras.

App of the week



Rush

In this roller-coaster ride game, players must rush through the 'void' while dodging endless obstacles. The game requires competitors to think quickly and tap to switch lanes in order to reach incredible speeds.



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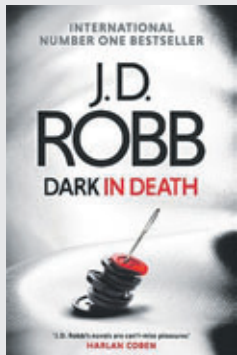
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There's always a reason for murder

WHEN a young actress is killed in a violent attack at a cinema screening, Lieutenant Eve Dallas and her team can't decipher why the brutal murder has occurred. It is only when best-selling crime writer Blaine DeLano arrives at the precinct that the truth is suddenly revealed, someone is recreating the murder scenes from her latest series, book by book.

With six more novels left in the series, Eve now knows how the killer will perform their next murder, but just why are these murders happening?

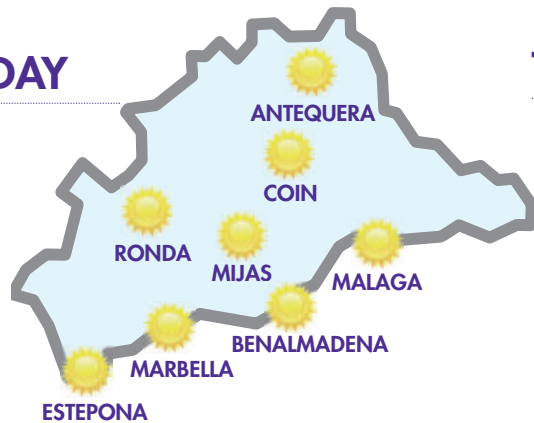
Fiction soon turns into a bloody reality but luckily for Eve, her husband, Roarke, is a fan of DeLano's series and is more than happy to work alongside his wife no matter how sinister things become.

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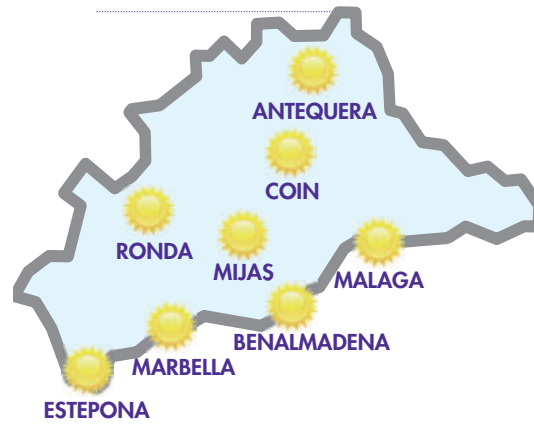
TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



Malaga TODAY: MAX 19, MIN 10-S Fri - 18 7-C Sat - 17 5-C Sun - 16 7-S Mon - 16 6-S Tues - 17 6-Cl Wed - 17 7-S	Almeria TODAY: MAX 17, MIN 10-S Fri - 19 8-Cl Sat - 16 7-S Sun - 16 8-S Mon - 16 8-S Tues - 16 8-S Wed - 16 9-S	Bilbao TODAY: MAX 15, MIN 8-Sh Fri - 9 6-Sh Sat - 10 6-Sh Sun - 11 4-Sh Mon - 12 6-Sh Tues - 13 6-Cl Wed - 13 7-C	Madrid TODAY: MAX 11, MIN 7-C Fri - 11 0-C Sat - 10 -3-Cl Sun - 9 -2-Cl Mon - 10 -2-C Tues - 11 -2-S Wed - 10 -1-S
Alicante TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 11-S Fri - 20 8-C Sat - 17 6-S Sun - 16 6-S Mon - 16 7-Cl Tues - 17 7-S Wed - 17 7-S	Benidorm TODAY: MAX 20, MIN 10-S Fri - 20 8-C Sat - 17 7-S Sun - 16 7-S Mon - 16 8-Cl Tues - 17 9-S Wed - 16 9-S	Mallorca TODAY: MAX 17, MIN 10-S Fri - 17 7-Sh Sat - 14 5-Sh Sun - 14 5-C Mon - 15 6-C Tues - 15 6-C Wed - 15 6-C	Barcelona TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 9-C Fri - 16 4-Sh Sat - 13 3-S Sun - 12 3-S Mon - 13 4-C Tues - 13 4-C Wed - 13 4-C

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

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BIRTHDAYS

• Miranda Hart, TV actress, December 14, 45
Hart became best-known for starring in her own show, Miranda, before going on to star alongside Mellissa McCarthy and Jason Statham in 2015 hit film Spy.



Pope Francis.

• Jesse Lingard, Footballer, December 15, 25
Now a regular in the Manchester United first-team, Lingard has been with the club since 2011 and got his first England international call-up in November 2015.

You.
• Pope Francis, Religious Leader, December 17, 81
The 266th Pope of the Catholic Church was first ordained as a priest in 1969 and took over as Pope from Benedict XVI in March 2013.

Zara Larsson, Singer, December 16, 20
The Swede won her country's singing competition, Talang, at the age of 11 in 2008 and has gone on to have hit songs *Lush Life* and *Never Forget*

• Brad Pitt, Actor, December 18, 54
Hollywood star Pitt has played lead roles in a number of films including *Moneyball*, *Fight Club*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* and *Inglorious Basterds*, as well as featuring as Rust Ryan in the *Ocean's* trilogy.
• Richard Hammond, Presenter, December 19, 48
The Broadcast Journalist is best-known for presenting *Top Gear* alongside Jeremy Clarkson and James May before moving to present Amazon's *The Grand Tour* with the same pair.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT

THE recent storms have helped cover Sierra Nevada in snow, with most of the main slopes now being open. Clear skies expected for today (Thursday) but light snow and rain is forecast for tomorrow. Temperatures will struggle to stay above freezing with highs of 1 degree but clear skies for the weekend and the start of next week are forecast.



1799 - George Washington dies
American revolutionary leader and first president of the United States, George Washington dies of acute laryngitis at the age of 67.
1843 - Dickens' A Christmas Carol is published
Charles Dickens' classic tale 'A Christmas Carol' is published for the first time. The tale was released after classics such as *Oliver Twist* in 1838 and *Nicholas Nickleby* in 1839.
1903 - First airplane flies
Brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled aircraft near Kitty Hawk in North Carolina.
1911 - First explorer reaches South Pole
Norwegian explorer, Roland Amundsen, beats British rival, Robert Falcon Scott, to become the first explorer to reach the South Pole.
1963 - Berlin Wall opens for first time
More than two years after the Berlin Wall was constructed by East Germany, nearly 4,000 West Berlin residents are allowed to cross into East Berlin to visit relatives for the first time.
1979 - Stuntman Stan Barrett breaks sound barrier
Stan Barrett, a Hollywood stuntman becomes the first man to travel faster than the speed of sound on land as he blasts across a Californian dry lakebed in a rocket and missile-powered car.
1984 - Britain agrees to return Hong Kong to China
British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang sign an agreement committing Britain to return Hong Kong to China in 1997. Hong Kong was leased to Great Britain by China for 99 years in 1898.

This week in history

DVD
Return of an old friend

AFTER the *Kingsman* headquarters are destroyed by a psychotic drug lord, Poppy, the world is held hostage as she is determined to achieve world domination. The remaining members of *Kingsman* stumble upon new allies when they discover a secret spy organisation similar to their own in *The United States* known as *Statesman*. In an adventure that tests both sets of agents' strength and wits to the limit, the two elite secret organisations must band together to defeat a ruthless common enemy, in order to save the world.

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Word Ladder

PLAN

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

SHIP

- PLAN
- PLAY
- SLAY
- SLAP
- SLIP
- SIHS
- DIHS
- SHIP
- CLIP
- CLAP
- CLAN
- PLAN
- Solution



Electric Bill

■ A BILL has been published amending the Gibraltar Electricity Authority Act to encourage renewable energy. The change will allow customers to use electricity generated at home from renewable sources and in turn receive credit towards their electricity bill.

Not guilty

■ A LOCAL woman charged with stealing whisky valued at £160 from Morrisons was found not guilty by the jury at her trial. Although she was seen pointing at various bottles whilst her partner put them into a basket this was considered insufficient evidence especially as CCTV recordings had been wiped.

Three Kings

■ EACH year the annual Three Kings Cavalcade looks as if there will be insufficient floats but once again it will proceed on January 5 with 16 floats. Sweets will be handed out prior to the Cavalcade rather than thrown to ensure that on-lookers are safe.



Photo Credit: HM Government of Gibraltar

ARTIST'S IMPRESSION: New building for the GBC.

GBC to have new purpose built premises

WITH an initial rent of £300,000 and an option to purchase at £7.5 million, a brand new building is to be constructed for the Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation (GBC).

This new building will contain two new large television studios, four radio studios and

a voice-over studio, along with all the areas essential for make-up, costumes and props.

The whole complex should be ready by the end of 2019. When announcing the decision Chief Minister Picardo said: "he was already looking forward to being in the new studios for the pre-election de-

bates in the run-up to the 2019 election."

The Chief Minister added: "When it came into office, this government immediately increased GBC's annual budget in order to enable it to make the essential switch from analogue to digital broadcasting and that investment has pro-

duced a return in droves.

"GBC is a hugely important asset for this community. Quite simply, it provides a focal point for Gibraltar's cultural life and I am delighted to announce that, at last, it will have the accommodation to allow it to fulfil that role to the best of its ability."

Mayor of Gibraltar visits the Ecopark

FORMER Miss World and now mayor of the city, Kaiane Aldorino is committed to creating awareness of recycling.

She supports both the Government of Gibraltar and global initiatives to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and recently visited the Ecopark in order to learn how waste is managed locally.

On her visit, the mayor gained a better understanding of the recycling process and the role that

individuals can play.

Recycling is not a new concept for Gibraltar as 2008 saw the introduction of two specific waste streams, glass and tin. In 2012, waste streams for paper and plastics were added, with waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) being introduced shortly after.

Since then, recycling in Gibraltar has expanded and, in 2015, the Ecopark opened and provided a one-stop facility for the disposal



Photo Credit: HM Government of Gibraltar

RECYCLING: Mayor Aldorino visiting the Ecopark.

of all recyclable waste.

Recycling leads to the conservation of energy but she also wants to see a reduction in pollu-

tion, the amount of waste products going to landfill and the overall cleanliness of air, water and land.

Cube of Truth

AN international animal rights group Anonymous for the Voiceless has a branch on the Rock and it recently held its first Cube of Truth in Casemates Square in order to raise awareness of how animals are bred and slaughtered for food.

Xmas party

THIS Saturday the Equal Rights Group is holding a special Christmas party at the Three Owls in Irish Town in order to raise funds for a Moroccan orphanage in Tangier.

Great honour

JUSTICE KAREN RAMAGGE PRESCOT was the first woman to have been appointed Puisne (junior) Judge of the Gibraltar Supreme Court. She has now also become the first Gibraltarian woman to have been made a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

UK Territories

THE Conservative MP and friend of Gibraltar, Andrew Rosindell has said that British Territories should not fall under the control of the Foreign Office but of one of the other UK ministry's. In addition, he believes that they should have elected members of the British Parliament of the House of Lords.

Brexit update

FOLLOWING his return from the Joint Ministerial Council in London the Deputy Chief Minister will take part in a meeting of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Exiting the European Union.

He and the Chief Minister will brief Opposition MPs in strictest confidence on recent developments.

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Food fads for 2018

EXPERTS have announced the hot new ingredients to grace our shelves next year.

According to Mintel there are four key ingredients that are expected to excel in 2018: chaga mushroom, green banana flour, hemp and blue algae. And the company says 21 per cent of Spanish consumers enjoy experimenting with ingredients.

It seems consumer interest in ingredients with natural functionality is high and as a result, the chaga mushroom is receiving renewed interest. As many as 73 per cent of German consumers agree that the health promoting benefits of natural foods such as fruit and vegetables are preferable to the added benefits of functional foods.

Meanwhile, 48 per cent of Spanish consumers have used a functional food or drink product containing anti-oxidants.



FEEL-GOOD FUNGI: Chaga mushroom can be used to make therapeutic tea.

Speaking about these fashionable new ingredients, Emma Schofield, Global Food Science Analyst at Mintel, said, "traditionally known as a medicinal mushroom, chaga mushrooms are touted as being rich sources of beta-glucans, antioxidants and certain B vitamins."

Meanwhile, "green bananas are simply unripened yellow bananas, however, from a nutritional perspective, they are very different. Green banana flour is gluten-free and rich in resistant starch, as a result it is emerging as a fibre-rich, clean label, grain-free flour."

Emma went on, "hemp seeds have been ignored for a long time, but the ingredient is said to contain a complete set of amino acids and a similar total protein content to soybean, it also contains micronutrients such as vitamin E and omega acids.

"Lastly, spirulina - a blue algae - is shown to lower cholesterol and blood pressure, detox heavy metals, and aid weight loss."

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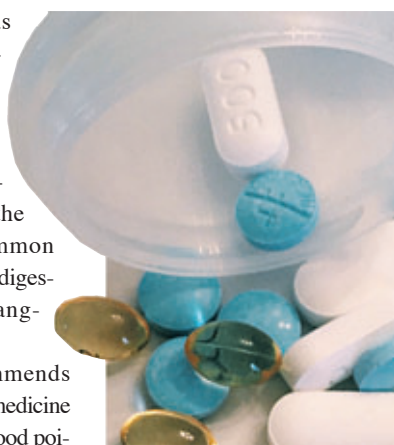
Load up the medicine cabinet

A PHARMACIST has revealed the six over-the-counter medicines you need to survive winter.

Rita Ghelani of Net-doctor has explained the best remedies for common complaints including indigestion and diarrhoea, hangovers, and heartburn.

The expert recommends keeping anti-diarrhoea medicine in your cabinet in case food poisoning or an upset stomach strikes over the festive period. Rita also suggests stocking rehydration tablets to restore your body's hydration, salt and sugar levels after your illness.

If you suffer from indigestion after a heavy Christmas meal, she recommends antacid tablets. If these do not cure your heartburn though, Rita says you should ask your pharmacist for a specific medication to reduce



HAPPY PILLS: Make sure your medicine cabinet is stocked up this winter.

the production of acid in your stomach. She adds aspirin or paracetamol will help reduce any pain associated with the conditions.

For common colds and the flu, the pharmacist says you should use non-prescription medicines combining a

painkiller and decongestant as these will help relieve high temperatures and a runny nose. Rita also recommends using steam inhalation and a eucalyptus-based oil to decongest your airways. Simply add a few drops of your preferred oil to a bowl of hot water, place a towel over your head and lean over the bowl.

For hangovers - a staple of the Christmas party season - she suggests taking soluble vitamin tablets including vitamin B to increase energy levels, paracetamol to reduce pain and milk thistle, which may help restore liver function.

Finally, Rita recommends keeping a first aid kit in your medicine cabinet in case of burns or cuts over the festive period as well as stocking up on any prescription medication before pharmacies close over Christmas.

Feeling hoarse?

IF you are prone to a sore throat you will be more than aware winter can make symptoms worse than normal.

No one likes losing their voice or being in pain, especially over Christmas. Thankfully, one publication has spoken to an ear, nose and throat expert to get the best tips on treating the complaint.

Alasdair Mace, a consultant at Charing Cross and St Mary's Hospitals in London, explained, "95 per cent of sore throats are viral, and don't respond to antibiotics, but the good news is that they will usually get better within a few days, or a week," adding, "you can often tell by looking at the back of your throat using a torch and a mirror. If it's very red and swollen, it's most likely a virus."

Mr Mace said, "any sign of yellow gunk or white spots indicates a

bacterial infection. Those white spots are colonies of bacteria, just like the ones that are grown in petri dish in laboratories."

The expert adds, "in both cases, it is important to stay hydrated as mucus and saliva help protect the throat," explaining, "a humidifier will help counteract the drying effect of central heating, or simply drape a damp towel over a radiator, it will have the same effect."

Mr Mace concludes the best ways to treat the ailment at home are eating vitamin C rich foods like oranges, gargling with salt water to loosen mucus and drinking tea to soothe your throat. Mr Mace recommends avoiding alcoholic drinks like hot toddies as these will dehydrate you, as well as smoking or speaking too much. Finally, he says it is important to avoid aspirin as this can lower your immune response.



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IF you are having young children at your home over the festive period, there's a good chance there will be something on the menu they won't like. Whether it's vegetables, soups or seafood, children can often be picky eaters.

But rather than creating a whole new menu for your younger guests, why not follow expert advice and encourage children to eat the same foods as you?

Nutrition professors Kathryn Walton and Jess Haines have spoken to one publication sharing their top tips for a harmonious Christmas meal.

The experts explain children aged around four are starting to develop a sense of independence and will often have strong opinions about which foods they like and dislike. They say, "rather than viewing children as non-com-

No tantrums this Christmas

Having grandchildren to stay this Christmas?



GOOD GRUB: Encouraging children to eat the same food as you may help them eat healthier.

pliant, we can recognise this show of independence at mealtimes as completely appropriate for their age," instead focusing energy on making sure children eat more of the healthy foods they do like rather than insisting on more bites of something they don't.

Kathryn and Jess explain research shows the most effective way of encouraging children to eat foods they might dislike - such as vegetables - is to expose them to the food every day, offer non-food rewards (like stickers) for trying something new, and eating the same foods alongside them.

Finally, they also suggest asking a child for their input before going food shopping or preparing a meal, giving them a small amount of control over their preferences without changing your whole meal to suit them.

The wide awake club

Tossing and turning night after night?

IT'S a lonely place to be. However, new research from Mintel reveals that bleary-eyed Brits are not alone, as today half (50 per cent) of all Brits say they typically struggle to sleep.

Failing to hit the seven-hour mark, the minimum sleep time recommended for adults, the average Brit says they sleep for just six hours and 51 minutes per day. Overall, some four in 10 (39 per cent) adults are failing to achieve seven hours of sleep per night, with one in 20 (5 per cent) getting by on four hours or less. Under a quarter (23 per cent) of Brits enjoy eight hours sleep and just 9 per cent indulge in nine hours or more.

Meanwhile, it seems the average daily hours of sleep consumers get reduces with age, falling from seven hours and 23 minutes among 16-24-year-olds to six hours and 34 minutes among the 45-54 age group.

While 81 per cent of adults agree that getting enough sleep is as important as following a healthy lifestyle, a desperate

47 per cent of adults say they 'would try anything' to improve their sleep quality, while only 46 per cent say they feel well rested when they wake up.

Noise is the number one source of sleep interruption, as 59 per cent of Brits say that too much noise makes it hard for them to fall asleep. A further 57 per cent feel too much light causes difficulty with sleeping. Meanwhile, technology is also an issue as 34 per cent of Brits admit that using technology before they go to bed means they often have trouble falling asleep.

So if you're struggling to get enough sleep, it might be worth ditching the tablet or phone before bed, lowering your lighting and investing in some ear

DEEP SLUMBER: Are you getting enough sleep?



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Dealing with a frozen shoulder



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

What is frozen shoulder?

Frozen shoulder is a condition in which the muscles and ligaments of the shoulder hurt and lose movement due to inflammation. What can cause it?

The capsule of the shoulder joint has ligaments attaching the shoulder bones to each other.

When inflammation of the capsule occurs, these bones are unable to move freely in the joint. Most of the time, there is no cause for inflammation. Risk factors include: diabetes, thyroid disorders, menopause, previous shoulder injury, previous shoulder surgery, cervical disc disease, etc.

What is the best course of treatment to follow?

Treatment should be started with anti-inflammatories and painkillers, along with applying heat to the affected area. If this is not enough, injections can be done to reduce the symptoms. Physical therapy often improves stiffness and

pain. In certain cases, surgery is necessary.

How long does recovery take?

The recovery can last several months, often requiring treatment with pills, injections and rehabilitation for a long time.

What are some general tips for muscle injuries?

When any type of injury occurs in which joints such as the shoulder are affected due to the injury of the surrounding muscles and tendons, it is necessary to visit a specialist in the human musculoskeletal system as well as consulting with a physiotherapist. Adequate and timely treatment can often prevent complications such as full limb stiffness, which limits mobility, as well as avoiding more aggressive treatments.

Physical therapy is one of the most important elements in this disease since the strengthening of the shoulder joint helps a prompt and successful recovery.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Celebrating St Nikolaus and raising funds

By John Smith

MORE than 150 people arrived at the Puente Romano Hotel in Marbella to attend the 22nd St Nikolaus Gala in aid of the Concordia charity last Saturday.

Income from the evening which attracts the rich and famous from the Costa del Sol goes to help support the Concordia Anti-Aids Asociacion (ACAS) founded by Princess Marie-Louise of Prussia.

Following drinks and canapés, young helpers rang bells to usher the guests into the main Salon in order to start the proceedings and to enjoy a three-course dinner.

First Princess Marie-Louise spoke about the work that the charity does, thanked all of those involved in helping those who have caught the virus and also in trying to warn others about the dangers of unprotected sex.

Guests applauded her speech enthusiastically and then began their meal which was up to the usual standards of the hotel as the entertainment commenced with the Pastoral Villa de Ojen, a group of singers and musicians who could perhaps be considered the



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CHARITY GALA: St Nikolaus meets Princess Marie-Louise.

Spanish equivalent of Morris Dancers.

The group of more than 20 chanted local Christmas songs accompanied by bottles being struck, triangles, drums, tambourines and traditional zambombas (a clay pot topped by a tight skin with a stick which when drawn up and down makes a percussive noise).

These were not Christmas carols as the British know them but a traditional form of Christmas music performed by shepherds in Andalucia for hundreds of years.

The more traditional but exceptionally gifted Marbella Gospel Choir which is an eight-piece directed by

Mike Harding (Mr Maph) consisting of his wife Simone, two daughters, a son, a nephew and two friends took the stage next.

They were, as is to be expected when Mike and Simone are involved, absolutely superb delivering some of the best-known gospel songs and a few

Christmas favourites including the haunting Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen to an appreciative and enthusiastic audience.

There was a break in the entertainment to allow St Nikolaus to tour the room and for the very willing young local helpers to sell tickets for the charity 'tombola.' Literally hundreds of gifts had been donated by local companies, each worth at least €50 (but most much more) and tickets at that price were eagerly snapped up.

Although a large number of the supporters at the dinner were from the local German community, there were a large number of Spanish and British guests and the gifts came from more than 200 local businesses, many of them Spanish-owned who are happy to support this important charity.

As the meal finished the dancing started to the sounds of the upbeat Pilar y Carlos with a mix of Latin pop.

Unlike last year, when the rain was tumultuous, the weather was clement and those attending enjoyed a fabulous evening which raised much-needed funds for the charity, details at www.concordiamarbella.com.

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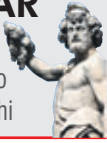
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First mention of the name is attributed to the British explorer Fynes Moryson, when he visited Italy in 1593.

The most popular Prosecco is spumante (sparkling), but there is also frizzante (semi-sparkling), and the rarely exported tranquillo (still). Depending on sweetness, Proseccos are labelled Brut, Extra Dry or Dry.

Prosecco is made from Glera grapes, but up to 15 per cent of other grapes may be included, including Verdiso, Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio and Pinot Noir. The bulk of

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Served chilled it should be drunk preferably within three years of its vintage, with only exceptional quality bottles aged longer.

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Prosecco is usually drunk as an aperitif, but Brut can be paired with Parma, mild cheeses, sushi, seafood and dim sum, while the extra dry goes well with Panettone, sponge cakes, macaroons, mousses and parfaits.

It can also be used in cocktails including Bellini plus Spritz, and substitute Champagne in the Mimosa.

Cin cin and happy tasting!



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ROCK CONCERT: Stereo 80 in full flow live.

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Visit the band's Facebook page to see them perform their new single Sound of Rock or listen

to a number of their covers at www.myspace.com/stereo80/music/songs.

Booking is recommended by calling 952 585 356 as on this occasion as there is free entry and free parking at this venue.

The 9.45pm gig gets under way this Friday evening at Que Bowling, Polígono San Rafael Nave 4, Mijas 29651 and you are welcome to arrive early to grab some reasonably priced food and drink as well as play a few frames of ten pin bowling. Visit www.costadeldisco.com.

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MARTINA: Holding her book with Principal Padilla and Year Three students.

San Pedro student is a star on YouTube

MARTINA D'ANTIOCHIA is a Laude San Pedro student who at only 12 years of age has become a YouTube phenomenon with 1.6 million subscribers.

Last Saturday, the latest edition of her regular posting 'La Diversion de Martina' was trending in less than 24hrs at number 14 on YouTube with over 290,000 views and since then it has exceeded 500,000 hits.

The video follows on from a November interview with school principal Remedios López Padilla where Martina explained how she started her YouTube channel and how she is now working on her third book which is part fiction

and part reality which details her exciting adventures and gives special mention to her school life here at Laude San Pedro - which has played a major role in her writing

In the video she describes how her school life at Laude San Pedro has influenced in her book writing, where she mentions her school friends, lessons and describes different areas in our school such as the garden, red pitch, green pitch, gym and dining area.

Following this, Martina read a passage from her book to Year Three students and then took a tour around our

school with her friends visiting and pointing out the different school areas mentioned in her book.

Her successful YouTube channel 'La Diversion de Martina,' which features fun adventures, DIY and comedy sketches is so popular that it has been awarded a YouTube Gold Play Button.

If all this isn't enough, Martina is releasing a new charity single in collaboration with other popular YouTubers. She recorded the vocals for her song on the school premises and a 'behind the scenes' video about the recording will also be uploaded on her YouTube channel.

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Successful launch of EGO

THE very first production from the much promoted Wennare Dance Company received a warm welcome from the audience at the Felipe VI Auditorium of Estepona.

The first production of EGO from the company with roots in Estepona where it also runs a dance school met all expectations of the audience with a brave and innovative show.

The dancers from Spain, Georgia and France expressed all that is so exciting and communicative in contemporary dance.

The evening consisted of two performances, choreographed by Yuri Gudushauri, which reflected the journey of an individual just prior to a vital crossroads.

After its one night performance in Estepona, the company behind EGO will continue the preparation for its tour which will start in Andalucia and continue through the rest of Spain, where amongst other matters it will be promoting the name of Estepona and modern dance.



Photo Credit: Wennare Dance Company

FIRST PRODUCTION: A dramatic scene from EGO.

Veronika Ulkina, director of Wennare Dance Company expressed her thanks for the support received from the Estepona council and the Felipe VI Auditorium.

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or a special Christmas menu for just €35 (or €25 for children) with Peet Rothwell performing his Michael Bubl  Xmas Special from 2pm.

The first Jacks Smokehouse New Year's Eve party promises to be a great event with a five-course menu at €95 (children half price), midnight lucky

grapes, a party pack and musical performance from Lesley Harrison, Hits Brothers, Anya Violista, Damon Robinson and Ester Erenas. The restaurant and bar is open every day up to Christmas and is happy to organise special party menus.

Just call 952 813 625 to make a reservation.

New Year reality

FANS of X Factor and Towie will be in for a big treat on New Year's Eve at Olivia's restaurant in La Cala de Mijas.

James 'Arg' Argent from Towie is one of the two headliners appearing at Olivia's to usher in the New Year, alongside Che Chesterman who came third in the 2015 series

of X Factor.

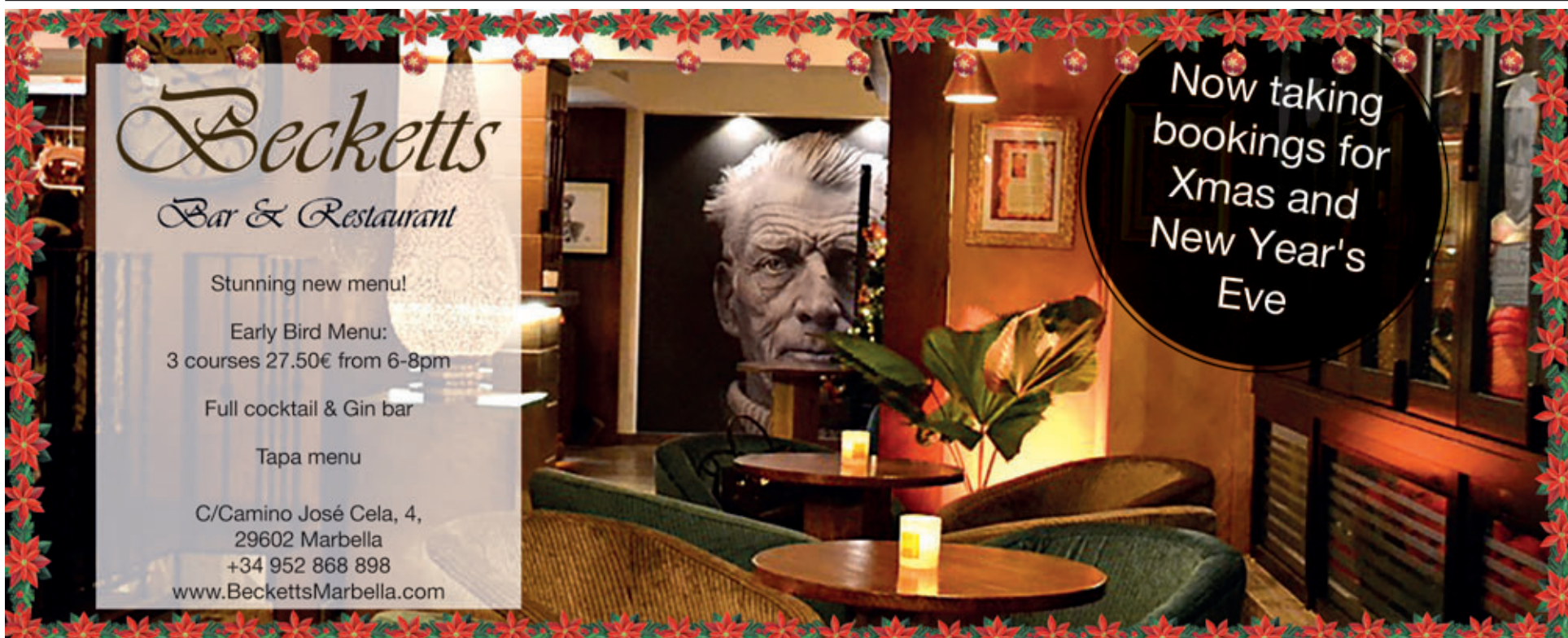
The pair will be performing from 8.15pm until 10pm as part of the Olivia's New Year's Eve party which offers a glass of Mo t Chandon on arrival, a four-course gala dinner and resident DJ at a cost of €195 pp.

Celebrate the arrival of 2018 in style at Olivia's.



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Che and Arg will perform at Olivia's.



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Salon stalwart Peter Height is Mona.

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Even performers have to have a break for Christmas so make a careful note of the dates which sees the opening night next Wednesday (December 20) until the following Saturday then Tuesday January 2 until Friday 5.

Performances are nightly at 7.30pm with matinees on December 23, January 2 and 5 at 2.30 pm (with no evening performance on January 5).

For tickets call the box office which is open from 11am to 2.30pm and one hour before each performance on 952 474 542, or visit www.salonvarietestheatre.com.

Traditional Christmas concert

FOR those who look forward to enjoying Christmas music and carols, there will be a classical concert in Malaga this Saturday.

The Promúsica Orchestral Project which trains young musicians is part of the Malaga Musical Foundation and is aimed at those who play stringed instru-

ments such as cello, viola and violin.

The concert will take place at the Unicaja Concert Hall María Cristina, Calle Marques de Valdecañas, 2, 29008 Malaga from 8pm to 10.30pm under the direction of Javier Claudio.

Works to be played include compositions by A Corelli, D Buxtehude, J Rut-

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Next Tuesday welcomes the very popular Peet Rothwell with his Michael Bubl  Christmas show and the following night, the talented Rat Pack will entertain guests.

Christmas Day sees a whole range of different acts playing including the Jackie Brown Band, an all-time favourite at La Sala performing soul, funk and old school rock and roll with a set Christmas Lunch at €85 plus IVA which includes a welcome Champagne cocktail and canap s.

New Year's Eve offers two choices, either drinks and canap s from 8.30pm until 11pm at the bar costing €90 plus IVA or a full three-course meal followed by bacon baguettes at €175 plus IVA. There's live music in both venues with the Masquerade duo.

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Festive Malaga

THE Malaga City Council is taking the festive season very seriously and is arranging a wide variety of concerts and performances.

The Music in Christmas cycle will return this year with two daily performances starting next Monday and running until Friday, December 29.

There will be a total of 21 free performances with the emphasis on flamenco in all of its different forms although there will also be other musical styles including choirs and orchestras.

The bulk of the activities will be concentrated on the Plaza de la Constitucion although other events will take place in the olive growing area of Los Verdiales with the annual festival of folk singing and dance which starts on December 28 featuring troupes known as Pandas.

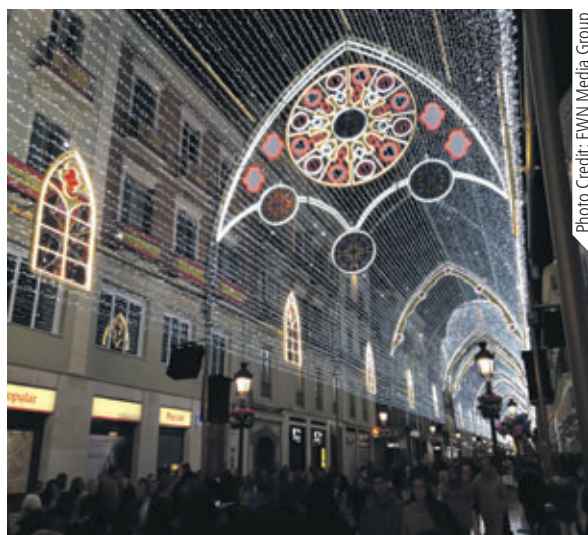


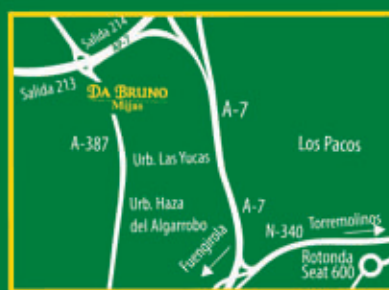
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This year's lights in Calle Larios.

In addition there is a light and sound show in the Calle Larios which brings into play the spectacular Christmas lights as well as enormous Nativity Scenes (Belen) made up of more than 300 figures in different locations around the city, although the biggest is in the Patio de Banderas.

To top off the celebrations, the New Year will be seen in at the Plaza de la Constitucion where 3,000 bags of lucky grapes and 2,800 party bags will be distributed between 10.30pm and 11.45pm as the New Year is seen in to the sounds of the Orquesta Cruzero.

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Thursday Dec 14

■ Age Concern meet every Thursday from 11.00-13.00 at the Pensionista building in Los Boliches. They are located above the indoor market and just around the corner from Los Boliches station. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Las Lagunas. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ Los Jueves al Casco: Every week from 8am-12 noon enjoy special discounts, live music, free tastings and more in Marbella Old Town.

■ Rio Verde Villa Romana Ruins: free guided tour from 11am to 1pm. Calle del Mar, Marbella.

■ Rotary Club: meets every week at 2pm during lunch at Cortijo de Ramiro, Calle 11, Urb Guadalmina Baja, San Pedro de Alcantara at. Please contact lizzie@marriageweddingservices.com to book a place.

■ San Pedro street market: Every week from 9am-2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.aces-tepona.org.

■ Walking Football: every week from 10.30am at the Estadio Santa Maria in Elviria. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

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DO NOT MISS...

Arboretum Winter Fair, Marbella, Sunday December 17

ENVIRONMENTAL charity Arboretum Marbella are holding a very special Winter Fair from 11am to 5pm on Sunday December 17 with stalls, special activities, live music and an introduction to their new project 'Suerte de Tierra.'

There will be stalls where you can buy last

minute Christmas gifts and organic produce, a children's zone from Marbella nursery Coleta, food and drink to buy and guided tours of the park.

The event will take place in the stunning surroundings of Arboretum's Edible Gardens for an afternoon surrounded by



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WONDERLAND: The Arboretum Marbella Winter Fair is a great place to buy unique Christmas gifts.

nature and festive fun.

This event is free of charge, although donations are very welcome and attendees are asked to bring a book to donate. The organisers want to stop the

use of plastic, so are asking guests to bring their own plate, glass and cutlery if they want to try the delicious seasonal, organic food which will be available to buy.

Friday Dec 15

■ Age Concern meet every Friday from 11.30-13.00 at Bar Conrisa in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is plenty of free parking. Just follow the sound of laughter. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hogar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcantara: From 11am-1pm, free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula. Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcantara.

■ Royal British Legion: Benjarafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263.7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.aces-tepona.org.

■ University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 10am-1pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact +34 633 552 238 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadelsol.com.

Saturday Dec 16

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadalorce - Las Chapas.

■ Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucia.

■ Triple A: Every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.

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Sunday Dec 17

■ Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.

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Monday Dec 18

■ Royal Air Forces Association

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■ RAF Association Costa del Sol: social meeting, first Monday of the month, at 12pm in Restaurante Los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande. For more information contact secretary@rafacostadelsol.co.uk.

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■ Walking Football: every week from 7.30pm at the El Retamar pitch by the Butterfly Park in Benalmadena. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

■ 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Alanon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Breva 2), Marbella. Confidential helpline: 602 553 470.

Tuesday Dec 19

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments, Arroyo de la Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. For more information call Anthia on 634 157 042.

■ Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.30am for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.

■ Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches 12-1.30 pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.

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■ The Good Vibrations Singing Sessions runs Tuesday nights at 7.30pm at Huber Plataforma De Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. €100 pre-paid concession, €15 casually. Go to 'Find Your Voice Vocal Studio' on Facebook for details.

Wednesday Dec 20

■ The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in the Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ Malaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.

■ Parent and baby coffee mornings: every week from 11am-1pm at Mundo Mania, Cancelada. Entry €5 and includes coffee and two hours of play in the baby and toddler play frame.

■ IMS (The International Music Society) Choir: rehearsals every week from 7-9.30pm in St Andrews Church, Los Boliches. A very friendly group of different nationalities. For more information contact 654 891 790.

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amount of vapour which causes black mould. This brings us to electric. Until we started Neater Heater the options were awful. You either bought Jell-filled heaters that were as expensive as a central heating system to buy, or cheap - but mostly inefficient - heaters that would make your electric meter wheel spin like a helicopter. There was nothing affordable, economi-

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heater. It could be used as an individual room heater, or as part of a complete integrated system. The rest, as they say, is history and eight years down the road he, and Richard, are making "Neater Heaters" available to us all.

The heaters can be wall-mounted or if you are limited for wall space additional feet can be purchased to enable them to be freestanding.

Last year they added to their range the Turkish-made Vigo heater and towel radiators. These heaters share the design technology and ethos of the current Neater Heaters, but it has two differences: The Vigo comes with a carrying handle, wall bracket, and feet included in the

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WINTER pruning time is here. Pruning is an essential part of any healthy garden. It is necessary to remove damaged and dried out branches, restrict plants to fit into the garden design space, promote flowers and fruits of better quality, and to shape the plant to look better.

Now is the time to prune most deciduous trees that require improvement.

The first key to good pruning is understanding the basics of plant growth to cut in the right place at the right angle at the right time to improve recovery of the plant from the wound.

The second is ensuring the right tools for the job are sharp and effective to give a clean cut. Thirdly, as a rule of thumb, only prune a third of the plant's height and width in a year to allow it to recover before removing any more. If you need to prune more than a third of a plant in a year your plant is probably in the wrong place.

There are different types of pruning methods and tools to suit the way you tackle the maintenance of your plants. Trees need specialist care when

Winter pruning

mature to ensure their longevity, shape and purpose with correct pruning cuts. Densely branched shrubs and hedges need skill but generally have smaller, thinner branches that allows shearing off multiple branches with minimal damage to the plant if pruning is done regularly. Sparsely branched shrubs, such as roses, need more care and skill in pruning to encourage a good framework and promotion of flowers.

The main point to pruning cuts is to make the cut just above a bud or branch with minimal waste wood after the joint. This is to prevent die back which promotes insect and fungal entry. Avoid damaging the remaining bud or lateral branch including the branch collar, which is the swelling on the branch around the joint, by allowing a small space of clearance above the joint.

On large limbs it is easiest to cut a branch first well away from the joint to the trunk to re-

move the weight and make the final precise cut with only the stub to be removed.

In a garden with a variety

of plants and trees, pruning can be a year round activity. Autumn is the time to restrict pruning to damaged and dead

branches for mature trees as it is a time of fungal growth and insect activity that can infect trees.

Most deciduous trees are pruned in winter when the plants are dormant in order to establish a good framework of branches while visible and encourage stronger growth in the remaining branches to produce better flowering and, for fruiting trees, premium quality fruit.



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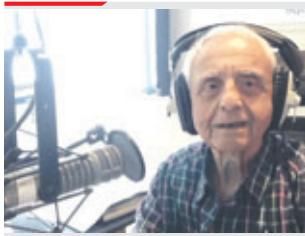


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Group or private training



FURRY FRIENDS: Group training classes are a great way to help your dog socialise.

ONCE you have chosen your method of training, you then have to decide if you want to attend group classes or if you want to train your dog in private.

I recommend group classes to enable your pet to socialise with other people and dogs.

Group training usually consists of a group of dogs, all roughly the same age, all learning the same basic commands at the same time. Make sure the class you choose is appropriate for your puppy's skill level, as well as his age.

A good group class will have no more than 10 dogs in it; an instructor

familiar with all breeds of dogs; teaching more than just the basic commands and knowledge of behav-

oural issues is extremely important; and the class must be structured in such a way that it is fun for you and

your puppy. If there are children in your home, having them attend the classes is also important.

If there are no classes in your area, or none that you find suitable, private training is another option. It is individualised to suit your needs. Private training is also good for dogs that have behavioural issues such as aggression towards strangers or other dogs. However your trainer will want you to attend a training club which has dog socialisation.

Whether you are looking for private training or group classes, ensure the trainer teaches you how to teach your dog. Another sign of a good trainer is that he/she has the ability to acknowledge that some situations are beyond his/her knowledge, and tells you as such.

Inappropriate training techniques can lead to bigger problems. Unfortunately there are a number of people who call themselves trainers who really are fakes. Do not be impressed by trainers that tell you they are members of this or that, it all means nothing. Safest bet is to go to a school that has been established and known for years.

How smart is your pet?

DOGS are much more intelligent than cats, according to a new study in the scientific journal 'Frontiers in Neuroanatomy.'

Dogs apparently have 530 million cortical neurons, the brain cells which are linked to intelligence, while cats only have 250 million.

One of the scientists who conducted the study, Dr Suzanaerculano-Houzel, developed the method used to accurately determine the number of neurons in different brains and used it to discern how smart some animals actually are.

She revealed the research



SMART PUP: Dogs beat out most pets in the intelligence stakes.

suggests that dogs are able to process more complicated thought procedures and live a more varied, flexible life than cats. The study also looked at a wide range of animals such as lions, hyenas, mongooses and bears.

It was assumed that meat-eating mammals would have more cortical neurons compared to plant-eating mammals with the same sized brain, as hunting requires more intelligence. However,

it turned out that the bigger the brain did not necessarily mean the smarter the animal as bears were revealed to have roughly the same amount of cortical neurons as cats even though they have much bigger brains.

Scientists came to the conclusion that this was because brains take up a lot of energy, so brawnier animals can't afford to expend any extra energy needed by their muscles.

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Grand Tour returns

HIT motoring show The Grand Tour returned to the small screen last week. Jeremy Clarkson and chums Richard Hammond and James May are back for the second series of the Amazon Prime programme.

It was touch and go for a while whether the former Top Gear trio would return at all. Clarkson came down with pneumonia while on holiday in Mallorca. Before then Hammond was involved in a second life-threatening car crash.

To make up for the delay Amazon has secured an enviable cast of celebrities for a new 'Celebrity Face Off' feature. Among them will be actor Dominic Cooper, golfer Rory McIlroy, and the one and only David Hasselhoff.

Confirmed locations are Mozambique, Switzerland and the United States. The show can be downloaded online through Amazon Prime.

SPV Racing's new facility

ALHAURIN EL GRANDE-based racing team SPV Racing will officially unveil their new facility at an event later today (Thursday).

The new SPV Racing facility has a new sales area, workshop and the 'Mulsanne Art Gallery/Lounge,' where customers can view a fantastic collection of sports and race cars, as well as fine art.

The event will also be the formal launch of the Indigo 3000R's sale campaign on the Iberian Peninsula.

Made by VB Automotive, the Indigo 3000R has a six cylinder, three litre engine, capable of doing 0-100km/h in approximately 4.8 seconds.

A number of esteemed guests will be in attendance at the event including F1 legend and Mulsanne Club honorary member, Jo Ramirez, as well as the Founder and CEO of the Electric GT, Mark Gemmell.

SPV will officially take part in the first ever Electric GT series, which begins next year, in the world's first Tesla race car, the Tesla P100D.

The Tesla P100D is set to be delivered to the team in February, 2018.

Emma Kimiläinen and Alvaro Fontes, who will both drive the Tesla P100D at the Electric GT series will also attend the event.



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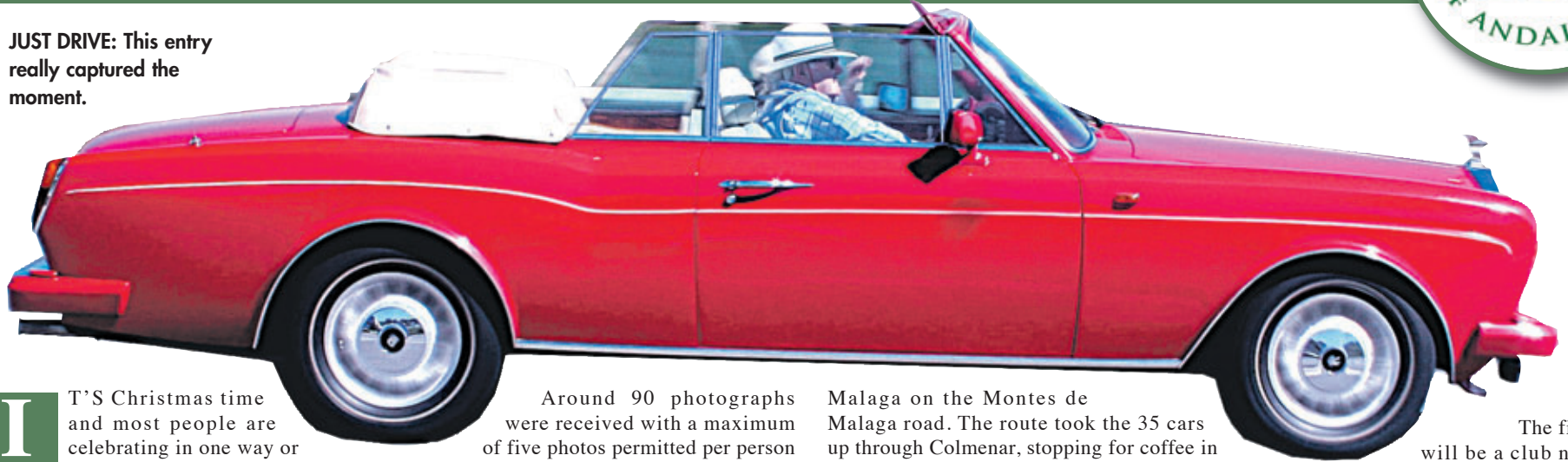
Classic cars caught in motion

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.



JUST DRIVE: This entry really captured the moment.



IT'S Christmas time and most people are celebrating in one way or another. The Classic Car Club of Andalucia is no exception and held the first of three celebratory events last week.

Not only was the Club night a great excuse for a party, with Michelle Daniels performing whilst members were enjoying dinner, but the evening was also the occasion of the results of the Club's year-long photographic competition.

Around 90 photographs were received with a maximum of five photos permitted per person for judging by top professional photographer and judge, Paul Yaffe.

The prize for the best portfolio of the year went to Andrew Buck-Honour. The main year-long competition was won by Richard Masters and runner up was Frank Jolley. Both their entries are shown here.

On Saturday the Club had its Christmas special classic car run which started near

Malaga on the Montes de Malaga road. The route took the 35 cars up through Colmenar, stopping for coffee in Alfarnate. There was a welcome second stop for cakes, coffee and hot mulled wine at La Galeria Art gallery in Periana where a fascinating display of Flamenco related art was on show.

The finish lunch was enjoyed at the Lake Vinuela Hotel where many stayed the night and partied until the small hours.

On Tuesday this week, the club had a fabulous Christmas Party at La Sala in Puerto Banus before many of its members go off to families and home countries or take winter holidays. There is a break now until events restart in January.

The first event will be a club night and dinner on Tuesday January 9 and then a classic car run and lunch on Saturday January 13, both these events running a week later than usual to avoid clashes with the Three Kings celebrations.

Meantime, the CCCA wishes all its members, friends and readers a very happy Christmas and new year.

Ian Giles
MOTORING



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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

FIAT 124 SPIDER: Has its own distinctive 1960's retro-style look and personality.

Fiat 124 Spider

by Nick Fletcher

FIAT'S 124 Spider is a charismatic two-seater convertible sports car, with quick performance and agile handling, but is a relatively rare sight compared with its big-selling main competitor, the legendary Mazda MX-5.

Yet people may be surprised

to learn that beneath its smart Italian suit, the Fiat Spider is built on an MX-5 platform!

Fiat has cleverly redesigned all the bodywork to give the Spider its own distinctive 1960's retro-style look and personality, tweaked the suspension and steering and added its own 140 hp 1.4 litre turbo-petrol engine.

Prices start at €23,992 (£21,050) though my test model was the flagship Lusso Plus version, priced at €28,556 (£25,050). It is very well equipped, including alloy wheels, heated leather seats, upgraded BOSE sound system, auto lights and wipers, auto climate control, infotainment

touch-screen, Bluetooth, sat-nav, connectivity, push-button start, LED headlights and rear-view camera.

The cabin, like most small sports cars, has room for two adults but minimal stowage space, not even any door-pockets. There is a useful lockable box behind the front seats and a 140-litre boot, just big enough for two squashy bags. The fabric hood is manually operated (it can be done with one hand) and there are two rollover hoops for additional safety.

Top speed is 215 kph (134 mph), the 0-100 kph time a quick 7.5 seconds. Yet despite such zesty performance, fuel economy is very good at 15.6 kpl (44.1 mpg). The responsive acceleration, precise steering, slick gearshifts and well-set suspension deliver a terrific driving experience, zippy, grippy and agile - just what you want from a sports car.

The car feels part of you as you push it into corners, composed and assured, and the ride quality is still comfortable despite the stiffer suspension.

The Fiat 124 Spider is a head-turning car you can live with as daily transport if you always travel light, though I suspect many buyers will probably have the Spider as a second car or as a weekend funster, and in those roles it is absolutely perfect.

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

Stats panel

Model: Fiat 124 Spider
 Engine: 1.4 litre turbo-petrol
 Transmission: 6-speed manual
 Performance: 0-100 kph 7.5 seconds,
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Spain star Morata feeling the cold Chelsea Blues



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SPAIN and Chelsea star Álvaro Morata will take a stroll home at the weekend after the Blues Premier League fixture against Southampton at Stamford Bridge.

"If we win the game, I take a beer while walking home," said Chelsea's record €65 million signing Morata.

"I put a hat on - it's colder there - and walk home," said Madrid-born Morata, who penned a five year deal in a move from Real Madrid in July.

"The sun does come out - just for half an hour - and then goes away," quipped Morata, 25, set to be named in Spain's 2018 World Cup squad by Julen Lopetegui.

Morata, capped 50 times for Spain at youth level, a member of the squad that won the 2013 European Under-21 Championship, made his senior debut in 2014.

Morata began his career at Real Madrid, winning the 2014 Champions League, prior to joining Juventus

in a €20 million transfer in 2014, where he won the domestic double of Serie A and Coppa Italia.

A €30 million return to Real in 2016 saw Morata win another La Liga and Champions League, before departing for Chelsea: "I'm very happy at Chelsea," said Morata, settled with his wife Alice.

Global Sport

SQUASH: The 2017 Men's and Women's Squash World Championships in Manchester feature the world's best players compete for the sport's most prestigious titles.

"I'm thrilled the World Championship is back to Manchester, it will be a great spectacle for the sport," said England Men's No 1 Nick Matthew.

England Women's No 1 Laura Massaro said: "It's huge to have this prestigious event in the UK - a real showcase - the best in the world."

The quarter-final action onwards



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ALVARO MORATA: winter chill.

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No soggy bottom for beefed-up Anderson

JAMES ANDERSON would never have dreamed his garage door 'wicket' in his home town of Burnley over two decades ago would lead to stardom.

"I used to bowl against the garage door, pretending I was bowling for England," said England ace Anderson, who took 5-43 in the second test

of the Ashes series in Australia.

Anderson, 35, who grew up in the old mill town, trod the road to stardom at Burnley Cricket Club, aged 17, prior to being noticed by Lancashire CCC.

Lancashire, long dubbed as the 'flat cap and clogs' part of the UK - famed for tripe and onions - parched peas and crusty pies.

"I prefer Beef Wellington - the pastry has to be just right - no soggy bottom," quipped Anderson.

"The Lord's tea break is more

about protein shakes and fruit and nuts, than scones and cucumber sandwiches," said Anderson, who took his first five-wicket haul in Australia in his 15th Test.

"I was happy to get the five wickets," said Anderson, part of the England set up since 2002.

"I have felt in good rhythm all year and feel like I am bowling as well as I have. My body is in good shape," said Anderson.

"People tell me I am about to finish and retire - I want to show I still have wickets in me - hopefully that can continue for the rest of this trip," said Anderson.

"I am loving playing cricket and as long as I am bowling well and doing myself justice on the field I am going to keep playing," said Anderson.

England travel to Perth - trailing the series 2-0 - for the third Ashes Test against Australia, which starts on December 14. Australia will regain the Ashes, if they win.

"We have shown in the first two Tests that we can out perform Australia - the belief is there - we're still massively in this series," said England captain Joe Root.



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AWARD WINNERS: It is the first time two players from the same country have won since 1998.

By Benjamin Park

SPANIARDS Rafael Nadal and Garbine Muguruza have been named the 2017 International Tennis Federation (ITF) world champions.

It is the first time since 1998 that the awards have gone to players from the same country.

Nadal, who receives the award for the third time, has enjoyed a sensational comeback season, taking a 10th French Open title at Roland Garros as well as his third US Open victory in September.

The Mallorca-born star has now won 16 grand slams in total, three behind Roger Federer, and

ended the year as ATP world number one.

Muguruza also enjoyed a fantastic season, claiming her second Grand Slam title at Wimbledon and reaching the world number one spot for the first time.

Although the 24-year-old ended the year ranked second behind Romanian Simona Halep in the ATP standings, she becomes just the second Spanish woman to claim the accolade, following in the footsteps of Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in 1994.

The last two players from the same country to claim the awards were Americans, Pete Sampras and Lindsay Davenport, 19 years ago.

MANCHESTER CITY and England defender Kyle Walker faces his former club Spurs in the Premier League at the weekend, booting: The club are in my heart.

"Spurs gave me my Premier League opportunity and believed in me. The club is in my heart after being there eight years," said Walker.

"I thought about what I wanted to do with my career and I wanted something new," said Walker, who moved to The Etihad in a £45 million deal.

Walker, who began his career at Sheffield United a decade ago, during a time when he was shipped out on loan to Northampton, left Spurs to join City in the summer.

"Going to City was the right step, working with manager Pep Guardiola. It's a good move for me and, hopefully, England too," said Walker.

Walker, capped 32 times, hoping to be named in England's 23-man 2018 World Cup squad, said: "The main objective at the end of the season is to be at a World Cup."

Spurs have dipped in the Premier League and gaffer Mauricio Pochettino says it is possible

Spur a thought for Kyle



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players have too much confidence after beating Real Madrid in the Champions League in November.

"It was a massive statement beating Real Madrid, but it is important we don't get carried away," said Spurs midfielder Dele Alli.

Fernando Llorente, who joined Spurs in August, has struggled to score in the Premier League, having netted 433 career goals at Basconia, Bilbao Athletic, Athletic Bilbao, Juventus, Sevilla and Swansea.

Spanish international striker Llorente, 32, in Spain's 2010 World Cup winners squad, sustained a broken arm ahead of pre-season.

"It's so difficult to arrive in a club without pre-season and perform the way that you want. But I am happy with his contribution.

"He is disappointed when he plays and doesn't score, but I am sure he is going to help the team," said Pochettino.

Spurs will be without suspended Davinson Sanchez, red-carded against Watford, missing Premier League games against Stoke, Brighton and Manchester City.

Monkey business away from Gnome

H'ANGUS the Monkey is a legendary tale that Brian Clough carried on his back at Hartlepool United during 1965-67 while in charge of the The Monkey Hangers.

Ex-Nottingham Forest, Leeds, Brighton and Derby boss Clough visited pubs in a quest

to raise money to keep the struggling club afloat. He also applied for a coach driver's licence to drive the team bus.

Clough, who died of stomach cancer in 2004, aged 69, and assistant Peter Taylor were sacked by the chairman in 1966. A boardroom coup saw them reinstated.

The Hartlepool monkey-hanging legend emerged during the Napoleonic Wars, after a French ship was shipwrecked, at a time of fear of a French invasion of Britain - French infiltrators - and spies.

Amongst the wreckage lay one survivor - the ship's pet monkey - dressed to amuse in a military-style uniform.

It's said fishermen held a beach trial - concluding the monkey was a French spy - and sentenced to death, by hanging.

The legend lives on with Hartlepool United's mascot H'Angus the Monkey and Rugby Union team Hartlepool Rovers nicknamed the 'Monkey Hangers.'

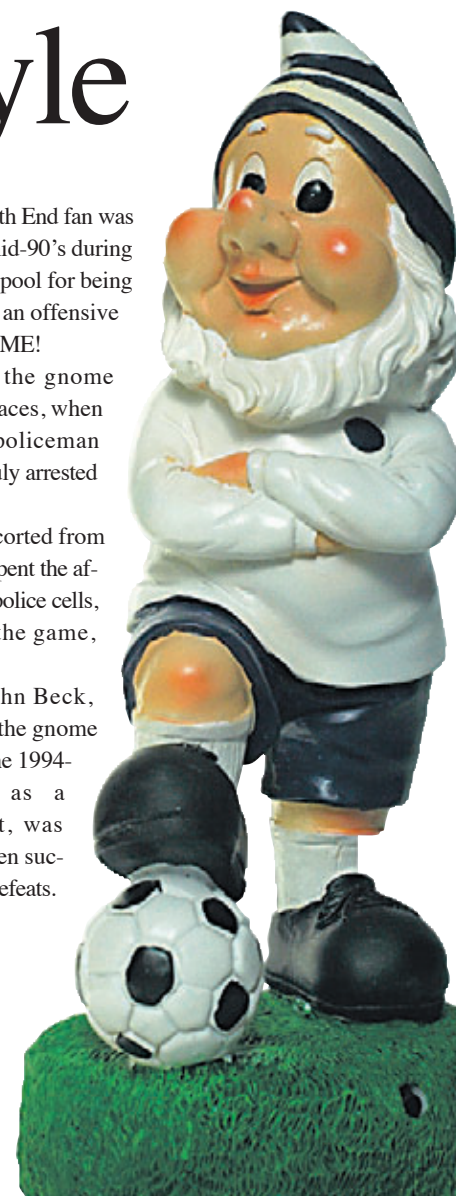
A Preston North End fan was arrested in the mid-90's during a game at Hartlepool for being in possession of an offensive weapon - a GNOME!

The fan and the gnome were on the terraces, when an eagle-eyed policeman copped it, and duly arrested them.

Both were escorted from the ground and spent the afternoon in local police cells, released after the game, with a caution.

PNE boss John Beck, who welcomed the gnome mascot during the 1994-1995 season as a 'lucky' mascot, was sacked after seven successive League defeats.

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Malaga look to close the gap on relegation rivals

MALAGA will look to gain ground on their relegation rivals as they host Real Betis on Monday.

Los Boquerones will be in a spirited mood ahead of Betis' visit to La Rosaleda after recording their first away win of the season at the weekend.

A Borja Baston penalty and a great solo effort from Chory Castro were enough to see off ninth placed Real Sociedad at the Anoeta and give Malaga three vital points in their battle against relegation.

Malaga have been unlucky in recent weeks not to get more points from their matches having been held to a 0-0 draw by Levante. They arguably deserved a point, if not more, when they narrow-



RESULT: Malaga recorded their first away win of the season against Real Sociedad.

ly lost 3-2 to Real Madrid at the Bernabeu.

Despite the win at the weekend, Malaga remain four points from safety but if results go their way, they

could be within just a point of 17th placed Deportivo La Coruna by the end of the weekend's play.

Kick-off is set for 8pm this Monday.



ON THE DOTTED LINE: Miquel has signed a three-and-a-half year deal.

Former Arsenal and Barcelona left back

MALAGA have strengthened their defensive options after signing CD Lugo left back Ignasi Miquel on a three and a half year deal.

The 25-year-old has signed from LaLiga123 second division side CD Lugo, having previously been part of Barcelona's famous La Masia youth academy before a move to Arsenal.

Miquel made his Arsenal debut at the age of

19 and went on to play for Leicester and Norwich in England, but eventually moved back to his homeland in Spain.

The former Arsenal man was also part of the Spanish U19 European Championship winning side that included the likes of Chelsea's Alvaro Morata, Real Madrid's and Barcelona star Gerard Deulofeu.

Mijas Bowls Club - ball and chain competition

THE prestigious annual Mijas Bowls Club 'ball & chain' competition took place over three days. There were 25 couples who entered, and very enjoyable bowling was had by all.

The semi-finalists were Lennie and Amber Dineen versus Jeff and Janice Rowe, and Mike and Mary Detheridge versus Phil and June Baldry.

Lennie and Amber were the winners of their semi final, the score being 24-6. Phil and June Baldry were the winners of their semi final, which was very close and could have gone either way, the final score being 14-12.

The final too was a very close game and the eventual winners were Lennie and Amber Di-

neen, the score being 21-15.

A wonderful final day was had by all, not only the competitors but also the people who came to support.

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