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“Tourists go home!”

by Joe Gerrard

Members of the leftist group Arran appeared before a court in Palma on public disorder charges following an anti-tourism protest in the city.

The 12 defendants were also charged with crimes relating to threats and damage caused during the demonstrations which saw protestors let off smoke flares in the city's harbour.

Both of these crimes can result in jail sentences depending on the circumstances.

Authorities said the group were being hostile to tourists and acting violently while protestors said they were demonstrating against serious issues affecting Mallorca.

The group lit the flares and waved banners bearing slogans criticising tourism levels on the island nearby moored yachts and restaurant terraces filled with holidaymakers.

A video posted online by



Picture credit: Arran/Facebook

PROTEST: The members of Arran appeared in court over protests in Palma's harbour in July 2017

the group appears to show them chanting outside the establishments and someone running across the boats while the air fills with red smoke.

Restaurant owners made

complaints to police following the protest which led to the charges being brought.

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A PLANE bound for Palma requested a priority landing after a pregnant woman on-board went into labour.

The aircraft, operated by Iberia airlines, touched down at the city's airport after the pilot put the request in to air traffic control.

An ambulance then took the woman to Son Llatzer hospital where she gave birth to a girl.

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Dentist pays out

A WOMAN who lost two teeth following botched surgery at a dental clinic in Palma, is set to receive €30,250 in compensation following a ruling by a court in the city.

Lift fall

A 41-YEAR-OLD worker has died after falling from the fourth floor through a hole in a lift in Palma, with doctors in the intensive care unit of Son Espases hospital unable to save him.

Car blunder

GERMAN car giants Volkswagen have been ordered to compensate a customer in Palma with €500 plus interest for moral damages. The customer reportedly purchased a Tiguan Sport which had NOx emission deactivation software installed.

Four treated following boat blaze

by Benjamin Park

FOUR people have been treated for smoke inhalation after a yacht set on fire in the dry dock of the Puerto Portals in Calvia.

Firefighters reportedly worked for more than an hour and a half to put out the fire which caused considerable damage to the 23-metre yacht

According to reports, it is believed that the fire was started after a failure in the electrical system triggered the incident.

Three crew members and the captain were onboard the yacht, called the Galbi, and were reportedly attempting to make several repairs when the fire began.

It is believed that one of the crew members was allegedly working to fix a spotlight in a main cabin bathroom, but when it was turned on, an electrical fault occurred and caused the start of the fire.

The blaze then reportedly quickly spread through the main cabin of the 23-metre long yacht, as workers raised the alarm and black smoke en-



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DAMAGE: The main cabin of the Galbi suffered the most damage. (inset)

gulfed the interior rooms.

Only the interior rooms of the boat were affected by the fire, with the main cabin and control room believed to have taken the brunt of the damage.

All four of the people on board were then treated at the scene and did not require any further assistance, despite one of them reportedly suffering from a panic attack.

Hotel boss busted for back-door bribes

THE co-owner of a Mallorca-based hotel chain accused of bribing public servants to secure planning permission for the renovation of a resort in Miami, has appeared in an American court.

Luis Riu attended court in the Florida city on charges of offering free stays in their hotels to planning officials in order to secure permits for works to resorts.

The defendant was released after paying a \$20,000 (around €16,000) bond and was allowed to keep his passport, according to reports in Spanish and US media.

Prosecutors claimed the man arranged for the former Urban Planning Manager of Miami Beach, Mariano Fernandez, and his wife and staff to stay in the company's hotels for free.

Dozens of workers at the urban planning department of the local authority stayed in resorts in the Dominican Republic and Mexico as a result, the court heard.

Fernandez and his wife also stayed in top suites in the complexes and reportedly received free bottles of whisky as gifts.

The manager reportedly arranged for the hotel in Miami to pass 34 fire safety inspections after its facilities were found to have fallen foul of regulations.

Prosecutors said Fernandez had been personally thanked by the hotel company who wrote in an email to him that the chain of resorts would always be his home.

Public servants had put their own personal interests above those of the community and this amounted to corruption, they added.



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Wedding cashers

A SPANISH woman and an Indian man who were set to marry for €5,000 so he could become a national of the country have been arrested. The man reportedly had a napkin with the woman's name on it in case he forgot it during the ceremony.

Phone theft

THREE defendants who beat a man before stealing his phone in Palma have been handed a six-month jail sentence each after they were found guilty. The robbers, all in their 20s, admitted to punching the man several times before taking the phone.

Food seized

MORE than 630 expired food and drink items up for sale in shops across Palma have been seized following inspections by police and customs officials. The products, which included baby milk powder, were taken off the shelves by officers for incorrect labelling.

Airport plans

AN environmental group said Palma's airport produces emissions equivalent to 25 per cent of those generated by Es Murterar power plant. Terraderida made the claim in response to proposals to expand the airport, which saw more than 208,700 flights arrive and leave it in 2017.

Museum merge

MALLORCA'S council have announced plans to turn Soller's Botanical Gardens and Museum of Natural Sciences into one centre to ensure their survival. The natural heritage work of both centres could be enhanced and research could increase, according to the council's leader Miquel Ensenyat.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 1

Year of the Dog

DOG DAYS: Celebrations - typically an explosion of sound and light - will take place in major Spanish cities including Madrid and Barcelona.

Spain to mark Chinese New Year

THE countdown to one of the world's most colourful celebrations is almost over.

Ushering in the Year of the Dog - symbolising luck - Chinese New Year 2018 starts tomorrow (Friday). Around a sixth of the world's population is gearing up for the event, including tens of thousands in Spain.

Following the lunar calendar and

taking place on a different day between January and February each year, festivities continue for around two weeks.

Normally starting by sweeping their homes, Chinese people also celebrate by decorating with red posters and lanterns, setting off fireworks, eating traditional food and attending dragon puppet parades, while children often

receive 'luck money' in red envelopes or increasingly via a special app.

Each year is given a name from the Chinese zodiac, with each of the 12 sections represented by an animal.

Famous dogs include Dame Judi Dench, Sophia Loren, Alan Rickman, Steven Spielberg, both Prince William and Kate Middleton, Justin Bieber, and Madonna.

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Something's goat to give



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BILLY GOAT: A young single man from Bielsa dressed as a 'Tranga.'

THIS is a 'Tranga,' in other words one of the young single men from the village of Bielsa in the Pyrenees who dresses in the skin and horns of a male goat and scares the children during the annual carnival. The Bielsa Carnival is the town's most important festival of the year. It has been celebrated unchanged allegedly since the beginning of the village's origins, retaining the essence of the tradition and the characters involved.

In the past, the celebrations used to go on until Shrove Tuesday, but now have been confined to the last weekend before Lent. Neither the Spanish Civil War nor the ensuing dictatorship put a halt to the festivities.

The Trangas dress up as goats, wearing a skirt, sandals and bells hanging around their waist. Their faces are painted black with soot and oil

and they carry a large stick, also called a 'Tranga' hence their name. The Trangas symbolise fertility, and are charged with 'picking up' the single women at the door of their houses during the carnival. The young women are called the 'Madamas,' they dress in regional costume which usually consists of silk dresses, white stockings and shoes and coloured ribbons. They adorn themselves with earrings and necklaces and are considered a symbol of purity

The carnival begins with the making of 'Cornelio Zorrilla' - a doll made from old clothes stuffed with straw - on Thursday night that is hung in the window of the town hall throughout the carnival. The party then ends on Sunday evening, when Cornelio Zorrilla is judged for his misdeeds, sentenced to death and burned at the stake.

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Animal assembly

PALMA will host the National Meeting of Animal Rights Commissions of the Bar Associations next month. The meeting, organised by the Balearic Bar Association, will take place between March 8 and 9.

Fridge fire

FIREFIGHTERS in Palma extinguished a fire in an abandoned building in the Rafal neighbourhood. The fire is believed to have started in a refrigerator in the building located on Calle Lledoner.

Hiker heist

POLICE in Palma have arrested four people on suspicion of robbing a hitchhiker. The four allegedly assaulted the hitchhiker after picking him up in Inca, before robbing him of his laptop.

Two arrested for violent robbery

TWO men have been arrested in Manacor accused of robbery of a shop and threatening the owner with a knife.

Police first became aware of the incident after they were called by the owner of a shop claiming that he had been robbed by two young men, who had taken the contents of his cash register and threatened him with a large knife.

Officers located patrolling close to the incident were alerted and an individual close by began to flee on foot, but was finally caught in the centre of Manacor, and was allegedly found to have a large number of coins as well as a knife in his possession.

After a short investigation, officers were then reportedly able to identify and arrest



ARRESTED: Two men have been charged with committing violent robberies.

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the second individual, who allegedly attempted to flee his home with the weapon that was used in the robbery.

Both men, who have numerous police records, are also accused of a second robbery with violence while using a large scale weapon.

Political parties criticise anti-tourism protests

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The Balearic Islands government and political parties have said the Arran group acted violently and expressed tourist-phobic views. They also accused the protesters of creating a negative image of the islands as a destination for holiday-makers.

Angels MJ and Pau Oliver, spokespeople for Arran in Palma, said they had been protesting against the problems caused by mass tourism and that they did not cause any damage.

“Arran is not tourist-phobic. What we want is control and regulation of the economic activity that goes along with tourism that we know will not go away,” they said.

MJ and Oliver added they did not damage yachts or restaurants during the protests and that they only threw confetti into one.

“Our intention was to get media coverage for our demands. That’s why we only showed signs, lit some flares and threw confetti at the establishment before picking it up and leaving.

“It is clear that mass tourism has caused many problems such as lack of housing, destruction of the environment and increased job insecurity.”

The Palma court has called several witnesses to give their account of the events which took place in July 2017. The defendants are set to testify on March 9. The trial continues.

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Ex-partner strikes out

THE ex-girlfriend of Stoke's Spanish footballer Jese Rodriguez has spoken out about their acrimonious split.

In an interview with *Look* magazine Aurah Ruiz, 28, said: "I found out that Jese broke up with me via Twitter."

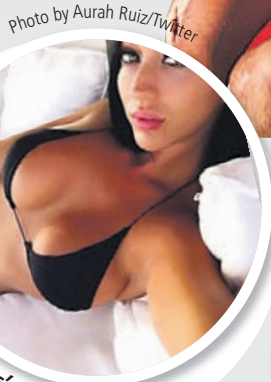
She went on to slap down claims that the striker - currently on loan at the Premier League club - makes regular checks on baby son Nyan, who was born prematurely last June and has remained in hospital since.

It comes after Rodriguez recently announced his separation on social media, as he wrote: "I want to ask respect for her [Aurah], my children, relatives and my person, since we have had very difficult and delicate moments for our son Nyan."

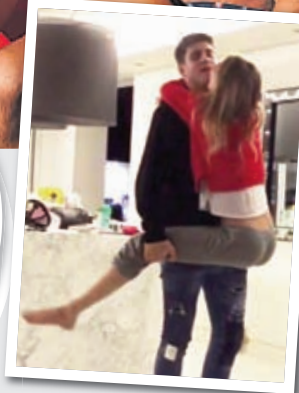
Aurah responded: "Do not ask them to respect me and your son when you were the first to have disrespected us."

"You failed us at the worst moment of our lives."

'INJURED': Alicia Campello, Álvaro Morata and (inset) the offending dance move.



'You failed us': Aurah Ruiz.



Chelsea star faces WAG backlash

CHELSEA'S €65 million Spanish striker Alvaro Morata has set tongues wagging on social media. It comes after manager Antonio Conte said that the forward might not play again this season due to a niggling back injury.

But the 25-year-old ex-Real Madrid hitman's wife shared a video in which the couple are seen dancing before he lifts her into the air.

Currently pregnant with twins, Italian model Alice Campello, 22, captioned the video: 'I love youuu my heart's friend.' And Chelsea fans were not impressed, as one wrote: 'He's supposed to have a bad back!!!!' Another added: 'He should play instead of dancing.'

The attacker has struggled to settle in London following his summer transfer, despite bagging 10 goals in 20 Premier League games. He recently told Spanish media that "Madrid is Madrid" amid rumours that French club Paris St Germain are set to target him this summer.

Totally syked!

SHE'S the former Boddington's girl who recently admitted that she prefers a toyboy lover.

And it has emerged that Melanie Sykes, 47, has been secretly dating German pro golfer Martin Kaymer, 33, for three years.

A comparison of their social media photos revealed that they are often in the same place at the same time, and have visited Spain 'together' on several occasions.

BY 'ECK: Melanie Sykes.

Land of Oz

THEY'RE the movie star couple who enjoy chilling out at their Byron Bay home.

But Thor actor Chris Hemsworth, 34, has revealed that it wasn't easy to convince Spanish wife Elsa

Pataky, 41, to move Down Under.

"I just needed to show it to her. I just needed to bring her here and then it was hard to get her to leave," he said in a magazine interview.



STOKED: Chris and Elsa.

Booze warning

ONE of the stars of hit TV sitcom Benidorm has hit out at the drinking culture on the show.

Sherrie Hewson, 67, told UK media: "We are drinking ourselves to death."

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SEIZED: The items found at the property in Palma.

Third time unlucky

GUARDIA CIVIL officers in Calvia have arrested two men for allegedly committing three separate robberies on the same property.

According to reports, police believe that the two men allegedly first robbed the house in the Punta Ballena region when there was no one else in the property.

After trying their luck the first time, the assailants are believed to have returned a

further two times in the same week but instead found the homeowner at home.

During the second two robberies, the two men, one of them hooded and armed with a firearm and a device believed to be a taser, entered the property and proceeded to steal a number of different valuables including a television and €300 in cash.

After a four-month investigation, police were able to lo-

cate the two alleged assailants, one of whom was a resident of Calvia and the other of Palma.

In a search of a property in Palma, police reportedly found a firearm, which is believed to have been used in the robberies and subsequently charged the pair with crimes of robbery with violence and intimidation, use of a firearm and robbery with force.

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SELLING OUT: Owners in Palma prefer to sell than risk fines.

Tourism clamp down forces owners to sell up

THE firm regulations applied by the government to the tourist-focused rental of homes is causing many to put their properties up for sale.

Balaeric homes have seen handsome rises in their value in recent years and owners are increasingly opting to cash in on the situation, according to Jose Maria Mir of Balearics

Real Estate Property.

This trend is evidence that people are preferring to sell rather than have their properties rented by locals, which involves a commitment for three years with lower returns and the risk of defaults.

Moreover, home owners are at risk of being fined up to €40,000 for the unauthorised

advertisement of apartments on tourist marketing platforms.

It means that local residents are not seeing a noticeable improvement in the market, despite the move to restrict tourist rentals.

As a result the shortage of homes on offer and high rents are still a serious problem, especially in Palma and Calvia.

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JOB vacancies in the Balearic Islands in January are 5 per cent higher than the same month in 2017, according to employment portal Infojobs.

The figure stands at 5,012, which is 233 more than the offers registered in the previous year.

Nationally, the data collected by Infojobs shows that employment vacancies increased by 34 per cent over January 2017.

In particular, the sectors with a strong showing here are Information Technology and Telecommunications, Sales and Customer Services. Moreover, IT and Telecomms offer an above average salary level and comparatively low competition for places.

The data indicated that 52 per cent of the total vacancies published were full-time, with part-time work accounting for 22 per cent.

23,000 University lecturers in Spain are on less than €700 a month, according to government figures.

OUR VIEW

Don't look back in anger

IT has become clear that the majority of expatriates living in Europe are opposed to Brexit and would prefer to maintain the status quo.

Looking back, it would appear that David Cameron could not have been more mistaken in his belief that the British electorate would vote to remain in the European Union and had he not been so gung ho, he could still be in power.

The concept of expatriate rights to vote has been something of a moveable feast with no obvious rhyme nor reason to the current 15-year limit which has also been 20 years and seven years at different times.

One of the election promises given by the conservatives prior to the 2015 general election was that expatriates who had been registered to vote or had been born in the UK would have the right to vote, granting the franchise back to those who had lost it.

That was three years ago and finally, the government is getting its act together in order to return the vote but arguably for Cameron and the country, it's too little, too late!

Having found the time to force through the referendum bill, it was ironic that the government couldn't actually grant the promised rights to the disenfranchised who were probably more interested in voting on their immediate future than voting in a second general election (which they missed anyway).

Had Mr Cameron actually given expatriates the right to vote in the Referendum it is possible that Brexit would be a broken dream for the likes of Nigel Farage, David Davis and Jacob Rees Mogg.

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Hepatitis A cases increase

THE Epidemiology Service of the Balearic Islands has confirmed it has already detected a total of 47 cases related to hepatitis A.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News*, the outbreak is believed to have begun at the Can Terra restaurant in Palma.

A total of 33 cases are related to individuals that were at the restaurant in question; five of those are workers at the restaurant with one of the workers believed to be responsible for the outbreak.

The other nine cases are allegedly people who have been infected by those who were at the restaurant.

According to reports, those who ate in the restaurant after December 25 have shown no symptoms of the disease, so those infected are believed to have been infected during the second half of November last year.

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Staggering ships

THE small businesses association Pimeco has requested that the arrival of cruise ships into Palma's harbour be staggered in a meeting with the port's authorities to ensure what they said would be fair competition.

Traffic rams

TWO sheep were reportedly the cause of long delays on the Inca to Palma MA-13 motorway after wandering into the road, which resulted in traffic police being called out to get cars moving.

File 'chaos'

THE Palma office of the Balearic Public Prosecutor said the roll out of a zero paper digital file scheme has caused 'chaos,' with computer services, software and reproducing documents all reportedly causing problems.



Photo by National Police

STRANGLE ATTEMPT: The accused threatened to kill the woman after disagreements over bills in the apartment in Palma.

Four accused of strangling attempt are seized

TWO men and two women who alleged attempted to choke a woman in Palma have been arrested by National Police.

The four detainees were held after their 33-year-old tenant told police the group had beaten her and threatened to kill her following disagreements over bills.

The woman first called police to tell them her landlords, a Bulgarian couple, cut off her

electricity despite her making the required payments to them. Officers visited the woman and the couple who agreed to turn the power back on.

The woman then arrived at the apartment last Thursday and found the electricity had been cut again. She called police and while waiting in the doorway of the property reportedly jumped on her.

The owner and another

woman the tenant did not know then dragged her over to the bed in the apartment and began to beat her.

The accused stood on top of her and tried to strangle her while threatening to kill her and put her inside a van, according to the alleged victim.

She then heard police arrive as she was losing consciousness and called to them for help. Police then arrested the four accused.

Metro use figures on track

THE number of Metro users in Palma jumped by 16.8 per cent in 2017, compared with the previous year.

Data from the National Institute of Statistics (INE) also shows that the number of travellers who used public transport nationally grew by 2.2 per cent, equating to 4.7 million people.

The figure for train travellers represented a 3.3 per cent increase, while the number of plane passengers was up by 8.1 per cent.

However, Barcelona saw the biggest decrease in Metro use (-2.7 per cent), while Bilbao experienced the highest drop in bus use (-5.1 per cent).

Brothers in court for €14m hotel scam

SIX brothers accused of being behind a scam involving the sale of a hotel in Cales de Mallorca are set to appear in court.

The defendants, along with their father who is now deceased, have been accused of property fraud and unfair administrative practices over their purchase of the Eurocalas hotel.

The brothers offered to pay for the building in instalments from 2006 to 2011 before mortgaging it. They then took money from the loan for themselves and stopped paying for the hotel.

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Dollar took a hit

Commentary by Moneycorp

THE pound appeared to be enjoying a brief surge, largely on the back of a falling US dollar rather than the constructive UK employment data released but once again, political infighting impeded the pound somewhat.

The latest spats suggested a possible change of leadership which may change the outcome. Better than expected fourth quarter UK growth couldn't quite counterbalance this, although concerns were lessened later in the week.

The big news for the pound was the attendance of BoE Governor, Mark Carney at the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee. He maintained the same cautious tone and sterling was higher after his testimony than before. His only remotely controversial comment related to the traditional retail price index measure of inflation; he would like to see it junked because 'it is not fit for purpose'.

There was surprisingly little negative reaction to the leaked Treasury document, which forecasts a dampening impact on the UK economy, whatever the nature of Britain's eventual post-Brexit deal with the EU. Perhaps that was because it revealed nothing that investors had not already taken into consideration. There was more reaction midweek when Reuters reported that 'European Commission officials have rejected the City of London's

proposal to strike a post-Brexit free trade deal on financial services.' Its later recovery took place after more careful reading of the report revealed that EC officials had 'told British financiers in meetings in recent weeks' that this would be the case.

The euro held relatively steady compared to the ups and downs elsewhere, with the only key stat being eurozone inflation, which is pencilled in at a provisional 1.3%, a tick down on the month. In general, Euroland is maintaining a steady positive outlook. The latest estimates of economic growth from the International Monetary Fund in the middle of January predicted a global expansion of 3.9% in 2018. The United States will grow by 2.7%, Euroland by 2.2% and Britain by 1.5%.

In the US, the government shutdown had zero impact on the US dollar; as long as it does not drag on enough to have a visible effect on the economy. Equally, the occasion of the World Economic Forum in Davos had little effect on the currency markets overall, but the US dollar took a hit when 11 other countries signed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

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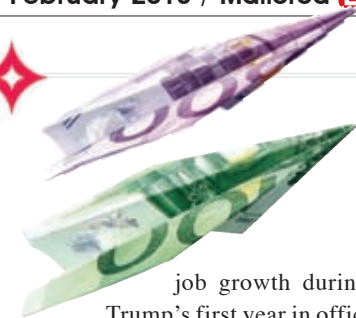
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US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin statement that "a weaker dollar is good for us as it relates to trade and opportunities," accelerated the fall and led to a sense of caution over the US dollar. The last Federal Open Market Committee meeting to be chaired by Janet Yellen took place this week. There was no change in sentiment or in interest rates, but there are expectations that the funds rate will go up when Janet Yellen's successor chairs the next meeting in March. The monthly change in US nonfarm payrolls showed that - despite the claims made during Tuesday's state of the union speech -



job growth during Donald Trump's first year in office was the slowest since 2010, with an average monthly increase of 171k in nonfarm payrolls. Analysts expect the figure for January 2018 to be a little above that level at 180k. As ever, a higher number would in theory be helpful to the dollar.

The Canadian dollar suffered slightly due to an uptick in the strength of the pound. The Loonie was particularly vulnerable due to concerns about increasing US trade protectionism impacting negatively on Canadian exports. The US has already imposed tariffs unilaterally on softwood lumber and dairy imports, although its attempt to put a 292% punitive tariff on civilian jet airliners manufactured by Canada's aeronautical manufacturer Bombardier, was overturned by a US supreme court, ruling that the tariffs were excessive last week. To counterbalance that, the Canadian domestic economy has seen positive growth in recent months.

The New Zealand dollar came to grief as a result of the NZ inflation data. Because they only come out quarterly there is more scope for surprise, and today the surprise was that inflation had slowed to 1.6% instead of remaining steady at 1.9% as the analysts had predicted. However, later in the month, data on New Zealand trade and Australian business confidence had no discernible effect on the currencies concerned.



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This is open to all, free of charge and no appointment is necessary. During the event,

qualified nurse Rina Quinn will be conducting a simple finger prick test to detect the signs of diabetes. Results will be given immediately and if positive, patients will be referred for medical advice.

This type of screening can

detect pre-diabetes and diabetes, a condition with over 422 million sufferers worldwide.

World Diabetes Day 2017 highlighted the issues that women face with diabetes globally. It revealed that around 8 per cent of all women live with diabetes and highlighted that diabetes in pregnant women substantially increases the risk to health to both mother and child, as well as the risk of the child suffering from diabetes in the future. To support the theme of World Diabetes Day the team



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All the members of local and island-wide communities, who have known Dorothy due to her 40 years plus of living in here, wish them both the very best for their forthcoming years together.



THE HAPPY COUPLE: Dorothy Loeffler and Keith Fretwell.

JUST a brief reminder there are still a few places left for the Age Concern Mallorca Fun Quiz tomorrow (Friday) at 7pm in Restaurant Polideportivo, Magalluf Sports Centre.

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Economy to soar in 2018

THE European Union (EU) has handed Spain a financial boost.

In a new report, the bloc has raised the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for 2018 from 2.5 to 2.6 per cent.

The move suggests that the EU does not feel that the Catalan independence crisis has adversely affected the Spanish economy.

Spain's output is currently growing at a much faster pace than the EU average, but is likely to fall to 2.1 per cent by 2019.

Store wars check out

By Matt Ford

SPANISH supermarket chain Mercadona has strengthened its position as national market leader.

The company last year accounted for 24.1 per cent of supermarket sales in Spain - a year-on-year rise of 1.2 per cent - according to an annual report by consumer consultancy Kantar Worldpanel.

Nine out of 10 Spanish families bought at least one product from a Mercadona store during 2017, and the Valencian firm was responsible for 20 per cent of all fresh product

sales across the country.

French rival Carrefour placed second in the national ranking with an 8.7 per cent market share, 0.2 per cent up on 2016 after it launched a series of takeover bids for hypermarkets formerly belonging to Basque chain Eroski.

Madrid-based brand Dia completed the top three as it scooped 8.2 per cent of the market, falling 0.3 per cent, while the Eroski Group also lost 0.3 per cent to finish the year with a 5.6 per cent share.

German chain Lidl continues its steady growth in Spain, with sales increasing by 0.2 per cent to take a 4.3 per cent portion of the market.

"Mercadona is revamping its stores and has become fashionable again," said Kantar Worldpanel's retail director, Florencio Garcia, adding that the company is also leading the pack in online sales.

Spanish households spent an average of €4,190 on groceries during 2017, with Catalans (€4,599) splashing out the most and Valencians (€3,932) the least.

€656m offload to spark buyout

THE battle for Spanish toll operator Abertis goes on. It comes after the company agreed to sell its majority stake in satellite company Hispasat to national grid operator Red Electrica for around €656 million.

And the move could speed up the battle between Hochtief - the German offshoot of Spanish constructor ACS - and Italian motorway operator Atlantia, with both companies having launched bids to buy Abertis. Spain's stock market regulator rubber-stamped Atlantis' bid in October but has not yet endorsed Hochtief's offer.

Quote of the Week

"The prime minister and I have gathered support and believe there exists a clear possibility the Spanish candidacy will win." Spanish Economy Minister Luis de Guindos on his bid to clinch the European Central Bank vice presidency this year.



Photo by Twitter

COMING CLEAN: Celebrities and 'attractive' people can no longer be used in ads.

Number's up for online gambling

THE Spanish government is launching a crackdown on gambling publicity.

Radio and television adverts for online betting firms will be banned in 'childrens' hours,' which are to run from 8-9am and 5-8pm.

It is the second time that the Treasury has tried to restrict the placement of gambling promotion in the face of rising addiction among youngsters, but a

raft of new rules were nipped in the bud in the wake of strong criticism from the sector and a lack of agreement with other political groups.

The new laws also prevent betting companies from using celebrities or fictional characters 'attractive or striking to children' in adverts, and extends to promotion of the football pools and all forms of lottery.

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Yacht a disaster

LUXURY boat builder Oyster Yachts - which has a boatyard in Mallorca - has collapsed with 400 employees set to lose their jobs despite the firm receiving orders worth more than €90 million-worth in 2017.

Winding up

ITALIAN multinational Enel has struck a deal for its Spanish subsidiary Endesa's renewable energy firm Enel Green Power España to buy five wind farms from Madrid-based Elawan Energy and Genera Avante for €178 million.

X Factory

SPAIN'S industrial output last December grew faster than at any point since May 2000, official data has revealed, with a year-on-year increase of 6.1 per cent far outstripping the forecasted 3.9 per cent rise.

Hotel outlay shoots up

INVESTMENT in Spanish hotels has broken all records.

A jaw-dropping €3.9 billion was spent last year, smashing the previous high of €2.6 billion set in 2015.

More than 180 hotels changed hands, compared with 147 in 2016, while the average revenue generated by a room over the course of the year rose to

€119,000, a 30 per cent year-on-year increase.

As 82 million foreign tourists flocked to the country, entrepreneurs splashed €478 million on converting existing properties into hotels and buying new plots.

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LONDON - FTSE 100

CLOSING PRICES FEBRUARY 12

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,600.00	-4.40	-0.27	22,389.57
Associated British Foods	2,550.00	-47.00	-1.81	20,567.70
Admiral Group	1,875.00	22.50	1.21	5,225.86
Ashtead Group	1,945.00	-17.50	-0.89	9,703.95
Antofagasta	889.50	12.70	1.45	8,643.99
Aviva	499.00	5.60	1.13	19,800.65
AstraZeneca	4,815.00	-30.00	-0.62	61,356.88
BAE Systems	566.00	-2.00	-0.35	18,099.35
Barclays	193.00	-1.10	-0.57	33,120.77
British American Tobacco	4,550.00	137.50	3.12	103,156.42
Barratt Developments	561.00	12.80	2.33	5,550.74
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,035.00	275.00	7.31	5,044.22
British Land Co	632.50	-0.90	-0.14	6,260.06
BHP Billiton	1,471.00	-4.00	-0.27	31,153.06
Bunzl	2,050.00	27.00	1.33	6,913.51
BP	477.75	7.70	1.64	95,910.84
Burberry Group	1,540.00	42.00	2.80	6,458.70
BT Group	235.00	-0.50	-0.21	23,366.08
Coca-Cola HBC	2,249.50	17.50	0.78	8,198.83
Carnival	4,807.50	20.50	0.43	10,084.16
Centrica	124.50	-0.30	-0.24	7,073.20
Compass Group	1,467.50	-39.00	-2.59	23,965.71
Croda International	4,274.00	0.00	0.00	5,680.11
CRH	2,513.50	117.50	4.90	20,100.44
DCC	6,717.50	25.40	0.38	6,012.14
Diageo	2,457.50	20.00	0.82	60,590.05
Direct Line Insurance Group	380.50	2.00	0.53	5,066.88
Evrax	366.00	29.20	8.67	4,823.16
Experian	1,571.00	54.00	3.56	14,104.30
easyJet	1,625.00	39.00	2.46	6,387.11
Ferguson	5,165.00	31.00	0.60	12,858.03
Fresnillo	1,303.00	65.00	5.25	9,078.53
G4S	267.00	7.90	3.05	4,020.18
GKN	404.00	4.50	1.13	6,964.90
Glencore	366.00	5.00	1.39	52,736.85
GlaxoSmithKline	1,290.00	-1.00	-0.08	64,644.95
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,670.50	-6.50	-0.39	8,141.68
Halma	1,160.00	4.00	0.34	4,460.79
Hammerson	477.00	14.00	3.02	3,677.27
HSBC Holdings	732.00	-1.60	-0.22	146,689.51
International Consolidated Airlines Group	622.50	25.90	4.34	12,277.96
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,580.00	76.00	1.69	8,616.06
3i Group	915.00	2.00	0.22	8,882.45
Imperial Brands	2,636.50	-47.50	-1.77	25,598.30
Informa	698.30	38.70	5.87	5,489.52
Intertek Group	4,805.00	31.00	0.65	7,738.68
ITV	163.50	3.50	2.19	6,641.93
Just Eat	783.00	-23.80	-2.95	5,464.18
Johnson Matthey	3,515.00	264.00	8.12	6,291.77
Kingfisher	353.50	3.80	1.09	7,573.46

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	967.50	30.60	3.27	6,943.75
Legal & General Group	236.50	-18.20	-7.15	15,176.48
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.80	1.20	1.78	48,719.46
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,955.00	92.00	2.38	13,585.15
Micro Focus International	2,294.00	288.00	14.36	8,933.42
Mediclinic International	583.50	16.50	2.91	4,206.71
Marks & Spencer Group	300.00	13.90	4.86	4,706.89
Mondi	1,847.50	81.50	4.61	8,783.67
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	216.65	0.29	0.14	5,109.76
National Grid	778.10	17.50	2.30	25,693.53
NMC Health	3,225.00	-97.86	-3.05	6,675.44
Next	4,795.00	73.00	1.55	6,997.20
Old Mutual Group	228.50	1.90	0.84	11,330.45
Paddy Power Betfair	7,717.50	-432.50	-5.31	6,788.67
Prudential	1,779.00	9.00	0.51	46,337.53
Persimmon	2,565.50	156.50	6.50	7,395.01
Pearson	670.50	-10.50	-1.54	5,386.37
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,500.00	190.00	3.01	45,043.67
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	281.00	6.50	2.37	33,935.16
Royal Dutch Shell	2,255.00	12.50	0.56	104,791.72
Royal Dutch Shell	2,270.00	-26.00	-1.13	85,996.38
RELX	1,490.00	16.00	1.09	15,637.85
Rio Tinto	3,805.00	48.00	1.28	50,656.64
Rolls-Royce Group	822.50	8.50	1.04	15,264.26
Randgold Resources	6,520.00	452.00	7.45	5,708.57
RSA Insurance Group	632.90	36.90	6.19	6,147.40
Rentokil Initial	290.50	11.00	3.94	5,144.53
Sainsbury (J)	224.50	-20.40	-8.33	5,392.49
Schroders	3,465.00	115.00	3.43	7,736.75
Sage Group (The)	722.10	40.10	5.88	7,388.73
Segro	580.90	29.10	5.27	5,570.26
Shire	3,085.00	10.00	0.33	28,152.09
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,514.00	74.00	3.03	5,779.33
Sky	1,049.50	1.50	0.14	18,015.30
Standard Life Aberdeen	412.40	27.00	7.01	11,660.06
Smith (DS)	471.85	3.15	0.67	5,078.95
Smiths Group	1,584.50	84.50	5.63	5,959.98
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	445.00	17.00	3.97	6,070.33
Smith & Nephew	1,257.50	30.50	2.49	10,748.07
SSE	1,192.50	-13.00	-1.08	12,229.73
Standard Chartered	797.00	-0.50	-0.06	26,291.84
St James's Place	1,132.75	4.75	0.42	5,968.03
Severn Trent	1,553.00	-295.00	-15.96	4,366.27
Tesco	195.50	-3.80	-1.91	16,580.01
TUI AG	1,629.50	43.50	2.74	9,298.34
Taylor Wimpey	184.45	2.50	1.37	5,960.95
Unilever	3,790.00	-30.50	-0.80	47,059.66
United Utilities Group	701.50	8.10	1.17	4,850.95
Vodafone Group	205.55	3.75	1.86	54,323.06
WPP Group	1,293.00	12.00	0.94	16,521.82
Whitbread	3,785.00	24.00	0.64	6,907.93

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	225,210	+1.04%	2,320	132,141,64
AMERICAN EXPRESS	91,7200	+3.83%	3,3800	77,413,08
APPLE	156,410	+0.81%	1,260	785,051,29
BOEING CO	332,830	+0.96%	3,170	194,643,11
CATERPILLAR	149,210	+2.21%	3,220	87,764,60
CHEVRON	113,50	+1.07%	1,20	213,261,70
CISCO SYSTEMS	39,530	+1.96%	0,760	193,814,70
COCA-COLA	43,13	+0.07%	0,03	181,717,46
DOWDUPONT	69,48	+1.86%	1,27	159,961,73
EXXON MOBIL	75,78	-0.38%	-0,29	317,458,71
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,9400	+3.39%	0,4900	127,523,01
GOLDMAN SACHS	249,30	+1.20%	2,95	92,685,95
HOME DEPOT	184,1200	+1.60%	2,9000	211,385,86
IBM	149,51	+1.30%	1,92	136,341,30
INTEL CORP	43,9500	+2.81%	1,2000	202,971,60
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	110,0400	+2.00%	2,1600	373,734,48
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	129,5300	+2.51%	3,1700	343,310,40
MC DONALD'S CORP	160,8000	+1.15%	1,8300	126,601,04
MERCK AND CO. NEW	54,87	+0.26%	0,14	147,609,99
MICROSOFT	88,180	+3.73%	3,170	670,629,31
NIKE	65,49	+4.80%	3,00	84,063,36
PFIZER	34,1600	+1.58%	0,5300	201,054,66
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	79,920	-0.37%	-0,300	199,134,08
TRAVELERS CIES	137,08	+1.53%	2,07	37,044,74
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	125,03	-1.92%	-2,45	97,960,57
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	220,96	+2.08%	4,50	211,721,86
VERIZON COMMS	49,88	+1.71%	0,84	200,626,90
VISA	116,32	+2.16%	2,46	206,418,54
WAL-MART STORES	99,3700	-0.65%	-0,6500	292,475,92
WALT DISNEY CO	103,0900	+1.72%	1,7400	153,329,79

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CLOSING PRICES FEBRUARY 12

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
MobileIron, Inc.	\$ 4.80	0.80 ▲ 20%
MCBC Holdings, Inc.	\$ 26.35	4.10 ▲ 18.43%
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 3.50	0.50 ▲ 16.67%
Aquinox Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 15.30	1.90 ▲ 14.18%
Fluidigm Corporation	\$ 6.59	0.81 ▲ 14.01%
Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 41.80	5.10 ▲ 13.90%
Innoviva, Inc.	\$ 15.49	1.69 ▲ 12.25%
Imperva, Inc.	\$ 46.90	4.85 ▲ 11.53%
Malibu Boats, Inc.	\$ 33.46	3.46 ▲ 11.53%
Spartan Motors, Inc.	\$ 15.70	1.60 ▲ 11.35%
Ever-Glory International Group, Inc.	\$ 3	0.30 ▲ 11.11%
Most Declined		
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 2.33	0.59 ▼ 20.21%
Web.com Group, Inc.	\$ 17.70	3.90 ▼ 18.06%
Expedia, Inc.	\$ 103.69	19.34 ▼ 15.72%
Liberty Expedia Holdings, Inc.	\$ 37.93	6.98 ▼ 15.54%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 11.52	1.98 ▼ 14.67%
Arcturus Therapeutics Ltd.	\$ 5.10	0.8256 ▼ 13.93%
iClick Interactive Asia Group Limited	\$ 5.21	0.84 ▼ 13.88%
Woodward, Inc.	\$ 71.80	11.13 ▼ 13.42%
Sierra Wireless, Inc.	\$ 15.875	2.425 ▼ 13.25%
Arotech Corporation	\$ 3.075	0.425 ▼ 12.14%
Presidio, Inc.	\$ 15	2.05 ▼ 12.02%

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Multi Asset Growth B EUR

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PRICE MOVEMENT

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CONNECTED CAR PARTNERSHIP REVEALED

SPANISH car maker Seat has joined forces with French telecommunications behemoth Orange.

The partnership will see the companies work together to turn the private car into the occupants' 'second digital home.'

In addition to the so-called connected car, the agreement will lay the groundwork for creating new entertainment options to improve driver and passenger experience, including bringing the digital home or office experience to car users.

The firms will also launch a loyalty scheme offering benefits to those who buy into new 'connectivity and mobility options' as they are released.

Speaking in the wake of contracts being signed, Seat's head of business development, Arantxa Alonso said that "we feel privileged to have strategic arrangements with partners such as Orange that give a major boost to our development of car connectivity.

"This partnership opens up a large collaborative space for both companies that are pursuing a common goal - promote the use of the connected car and make the car user's experience easier and more efficient."

Luis Santos, Orange Spain's director of innovation and new digital services, added: "This strategic agreement with Seat is a great step for Orange in its strategy of connected objects and Big Data and opens the door to innovations and new developments surrounding cars of the future, which will contribute to helping us achieve our goal of connecting our customers with what truly matters most to them."

Initial projects will reportedly focus on developing new audio, visual and educational apps focused on ensuring maximum safety while optimising functionality.

The loyalty scheme will involve a cross-company series of offers



ONLINE EXPERIENCE: A Seat demonstration and (inset) Luis Santos and Arantxa Alonso announce the deal.

based on frequency of use, with purchase discounts, rewards and gifts all set to feature in an attempt to ensure customers do not defect to other brands.

The car manufacturer will also take advantage of Orange's Big Data technology to glean insights into user preferences and develop products that most closely match their needs.

It comes after Seat recently confirmed agreements with other multinationals, including Amazon - with plans to integrate the smart voice Alexa assistant in the company's cars - and Google for its Waze navigation system.

Google to help fend off e-shop expansion

INTERNET giant Google is fighting back against online retailers.

The firm's general director in Spain and Portugal, Fuencisla Clemares, said that the company aims to be a key ally of high street shops in the battle against Amazon and other virtual rivals.

"We are working closely with companies including El Corte Ingles, Carrefour and Mediamarkt to understand how we can help them be more successful retailers using our technological strength," she said.

Speaking at the New Economy forum in the Spanish capital Madrid, Ms Clemares added that online commerce is growing fast in Spain, and that traditional brands must find ways of competing which capitalise on their assets, particularly the in-store experience.

Her comments come days after El Corte Ingles president, Dimas Gimeno, told Spanish media that his company "is seeking partnerships to resist Amazon."

DEAL SEES COUNTRIES INCREASE TIES

Investment Sheikhdown

SPAIN is cementing its business ties with Saudi Arabia.

The level of investment between the two nations is set to skyrocket after officials met during the second session of the Saudi-Spanish Joint Committee in the Arabic country. Co-chaired by Spanish Secretary of State for Trade, Marisa Ponce Garcia, and Saudi Minister of Commerce and Investment, Majid Al-Qasabi, a wide range of topics were reportedly discussed during the talks.

Spanish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Alvaro Iranzo, told local media: "The joint committee held the second session in [Saudi capital] Riyadh and the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation and issues and common interests, in accordance with the joint cooperation agreement that was signed by the two countries in Madrid on February 22, 2007."

He added that meetings are to be held in Madrid and Riyadh on an alternating basis, with the first having taken place in the Spanish capital in 2014.

Mr Iranzo described the talks as "very successful" and revealed that the



BIG BUSINESS: The Saudi and Spanish delegations sign new agreements.

committee discussed bilateral trade relations, the promotion of trade and economic relations, plus mutually-beneficial investment opportunities in commerce, investment, economy, energy, industry, mining, science, technology, water, agriculture, finance, housing and tourism.

"Many aspects of bilateral relations were discussed with both sides keen to further enhance economic and technical cooperation in line with Vision

2030," the envoy said.

Building new collaborations in the private sector was also a hot topic, with exchange visits between delegates set to help identify import, export and investment opportunities, share expertise in the small and medium-sized business sectors, and enrich the experience of entrepreneurs.

"Companies from the kingdom doing business in Spain, and Spanish companies working in Saudi Arabia, will be encouraged to help further enhance bilateral cooperation," Mr Iranzo confirmed.

Saudi firms SABIC and Alfanar have already made significant investments in Spain, building large factories, and the official revealed that trade between the countries "stands at €5.5 billion ... and we have scope to further increase the volume.

"Saudi Arabia is passing through an exciting time with Vision 2030, and Spain is willing to be a partner in development for a positive change and for national transformation."

Question marks over €3.6bn deal

BRITISH private equity firm CVC Capital Partners is ramping up attempts to buy a stake in Spanish utilities firm Gas Natural.

The investment group aims to purchase a 20 per cent share from energy company Repsol, and is reportedly negotiating a deal to secure external financing to cover around a third of the cost, with the overall package set to be worth €3.6 billion.

But the price has come into question after €3 billion was wiped off the company's stock market value, after the Spanish government announced a series of potential cuts to electricity and gas company subsidies.



DONE DEAL: Spain's Mediapro has seen off its Italian rivals.

Football deal sparks fury

SPANISH multimedia company Mediapro has signed a €3.15 billion deal to broadcast Italian football.

The announcement comes after bosses from Italy's Serie A pulled out of talks with Sky Italia after the latter refused to pay the sum, set by the league's adviser Infront Sports & Media.

Former Italian prime minister and AC Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi's Mediaset were also in the running.

But the deal - which covers the next three seasons and must be rati-

fied by the Italian antitrust authority - has sparked outrage, with Sky suggesting it could take legal action.

Under Italian regulations, Serie A rights cannot be held by a single company, but Mediapro has snapped up all packages available to independent intermediaries due to a lack of alternative bids, although they only cover the Italian domestic market.

The sale of international rights will be handled by New York-based sports firm IMG, with the three-year deal reportedly worth €371 million per season.



Spain holiday sales slip as Turkey gains ground

HOLIDAY giant Thomas Cook says that Turkey and Tunisia are hot destinations for UK holiday-makers in 2018, with Spain viewed as expensive.

Chief executive Peter Fankhauser revealed that the brand is shifting capacity east this summer, with Turkey the standout market so far.

"From all that we see so far, customers' appetite for a summer holiday abroad shows no sign of slowing down. We've taken early action to meet strong demand for destinations in the eastern Mediterranean.

"This has enabled us to shift capacity out of the Spanish islands where we have seen a continuation of the margin pressures we experienced last summer, particularly for the UK market."

Around 30 per cent of the company's holiday

sales are traditionally to Spanish destinations, but last year the figure approached 40 per cent.

Mr Fankhauser added: "The very strong demand for Spain is returning to slightly more normal levels. Spain is getting more expensive compared to the good value-for-money proposition we are seeing in the eastern Mediterranean."

Greece is also selling strongly, and the travel agent is about to relaunch in Tunisia, after a three-year absence in the wake of the deadly Sousse beach attack during which 30 British holidaymakers were killed.

The group's revenue rose by 7 per cent to just under €2 billion in the fourth quarter of 2017, as it benefited from the collapse of airlines Monarch and Air Berlin.

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Back to the 'norm' this week!

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OTHERS THINK IT



ONE thing I am heartily sick of are the increasing issues in today's society that appear to somehow, cause 'offence.' Whinging snowflakes, the luvvy PC brigade and female libbers, who constantly inveigle us, seem to exhume more of this self-righteous, attention seeking pathetic claptrap every day.

Well, this week I've lined up a few of my own 'dissents.' And I have plenty!

Beginning with the recent TV commercial, which shows in full close up, two girls sticking their tongues down each other's throats. Aware as I am of the voyeuristic attraction of this, and by no means against this depiction in the context of a story line, I object most strongly to this being presented as an advertising 'norm' in front of young, impressionable children in my front room. What about the media onslaught of sneering ungrateful foreigners telling us how the British should run the country?

The building of mosque after mosque, instigated by people from countries who don't even accept the teaching of other religions, let alone the erection of buildings to worship them in.

Normal heterosexuals being forced to accept extreme gender issues, often nastily.

The cruel bleeding to death of animals for

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POLITICAL CORRECTNESS: Have we gone too far?

Halal meat.

Being told how to discipline your children, usually by those who have none of their own.

Minorities being given undemocratic precedence over majorities, simply because they are minorities. Moves to change our time honoured, much loved fairy tales, because they are deemed sexist or encouragers of sexual abuse.

Children, who are already shy and confused,

being forced to use 'gender free' toilets at schools.

The removal of centuries old important works of art, merely because they are considered offensive to a very small minority.

Unidentifiable people being allowed to walk among us masked and shrouded from head to foot. Being told by immigrants we should change our culture to accommodate theirs.

Benefit scroungers who consider their bone

idle existence a 'right.'

Authorities who, citing human rights, kowtow to the criminal perpetrators, while denying the rights of their victims.

Women who would like us to re-establish Victorian attitudes, which presumably would include the placing of skirts on the legs of grand pianos.

The term 'Happy Holidays' replacing the titles of our religious celebrations.

The ongoing, paedophile abuse cover ups of politicians and celebrities.

Being considered racist for uttering some incongruous trivial remark.

Objected to by individuals, who, by their extreme reactions, reveal themselves as the biggest racists of all.

Our appeasing, beleaguered police, afraid to react to the insults and disorder of ethnic minorities in case they get 'upset' or run riot.

The growth of 'no go' areas and Sharia courts.

And the biggest affront of all? Women who constantly gripe about men who never put the seat down! There you are. That should 'offend' just about everyone.

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All I have to do is stream

LP or not LP, that is the question, says Terence Kennedy

IF you're still listening to music on your own CDs, MP3s or even (gasp) cassettes, the bad news is that you're officially a dinosaur. Guilty as charged m'lud.

The reality of our techno-age is that we're spoilt for choice in how we 'consume' our music these days. Great for us, tough luck on the performers who apparently earn less than 0.005 euro cents every time their song is 'streamed' on Spotify or other music sites.

Remember when we might have paid €10 for a CD? Now if I played the same track every day for a year on Spotify (definitely grounds for divorce), the artist might get €2. It's little wonder that performers make their real money these days from concerts and merchandising.

Not that we're much more moral now when it comes to pirating music. Napster unleashed a frenzy of MP3 music sharing nearly two decades ago. Streaming was supposed to put an end to piracy, but in fact 40 per cent of users currently 'stream-rip' music (rising to 53 per



MUSIC STREAMING: Half a cent a track.

cent among the young), with YouTube as the absolutely leakiest source.

Those of us who want to do the right thing with music have a cornucopia of ways to access music these days.

The most popular music sites right now are Spotify, Deezer,

Tidal, Amazon Prime Music and Apple Music.

Through your phone, tablet, computer or, increasingly, digital assistants like Amazon's Echo series or Google Home, you pay a small fee each month, or even get the music for free if you can put up with advertising, and you get ac-

cess to huge music libraries to listen to whenever and wherever you fancy.

Pay around €10 a month (what we used to shell out for a single CD), and in some cases you can actually download the music to listen to offline, AND you lose the ads.

Amid this onslaught of music for the millions, it's perhaps surprising that good old-fashioned vinyl LPs are on the up, with 40 million sold last year.

Who would have thought that the snap, crackle and pop of needles on plastic would break through the niche nostalgia barrier, normally reserved for anorak steam enthusiasts, philatelists and people who thought life was better when we all lived in cardboard boxes and walked 30 miles to school. Barefoot.

What certainly isn't coming back is the late and largely unlamented cassette, a triumph of convenience over quality. Even if the amazing ability to compile your own mixtape back in the 70's and 80's meant cassetting there was half the fun.

Play it again Sam

DIGITAL assistants are well on their way to being the fastest-growing techno-toy of the era, with nearly 60 million due to be sold in 2018.

Using one like Amazon's market-leading Echo can be a truly spooky experience. Simply say 'Alexa, play...' plus the genre, artiste or actual track of your choice and away it goes in high quality, either on its own or through your home stereo if you've hooked it up by cable or Bluetooth.

Sadly, trying out the sniggeringly popular command, 'Alexa, play baby-making music' shows that Amazon's engineers really need to get out more.

I can't speak for anyone else, but the cheesiness of its 'elevator muzak' choice had my partner and I in gales of laughter. 'Baby-making' romantic that certainly ain't.

Spain ramps up fight against domestic violence

Taking on gender violence

While love has been in the air to mark Valentine's in recent days, gender violence continues to be a major concern across the country. David Noon looks at what measures Spain has already put in place and asks what more can be done?

VALENTINE'S DAY is a time to celebrate, to unashamedly kiss in the streets without fear of being judged and to shower your other half in heart-shaped gifts.

And while the presence of lovebirds frolicking gaily through the streets may turn the stomachs of singletons, it can be an especially traumatic time for the women, and men, who are trapped in an abusive relationship.

For while a lot has been done - and is being done - to tackle

24 per cent of domestic abuse cases relate to married couples



domestic violence, it is still an ugly stain on the nation and the world as a whole.

In 2017 alone, some 47 women had died at the hands of their partners in Spain.

Thousands more domestic violence cases are reported each year, and more worryingly still is the number that go unreported.

There were 28,281 officially registered female victims of gender-related violence in Spain in 2016, a 2.4 per cent rise from the previous year, according to the country's National Statistics Institute (INE).

The rate of abuse is highest in people aged 25-29, with three out of every 1,000 requiring some form of official protection.

In terms of teens, there were 569 victims of domestic violence recorded in 2016, a slight decrease

compared to the previous year.

At the other end of the scale, complaints by women aged 75 and older increased by nearly 15 per cent, while offences against those aged between 40 and 44 increased by 8.5 per cent.

Across all age ranges 24 per cent of domestic abuse cases relate to married couples.

And there were few signs of change at the start of 2017.

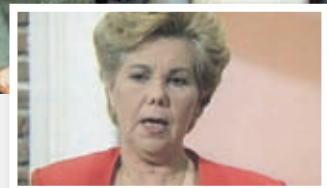
The year had in fact started off with some of the worst figures for gender-related murders in Spain, with 16 women killed by partners or ex-partners as early as March 2.

The backlash from these shocking figures saw seven women from the Asociación Vel-la Luz, a Galicia-based organisation working with domestic violence survivors, go on a 25-day hunger strike in Madrid's Puerta del Sol.



TOO LATE: Arrest of Jose Parejo after he killed his ex-wife.

TRAGIC: Ana Orantes on TV appearance.



Horror story that started a movement

AFTER suffering at the hands of an abusive husband for four decades, Ana Orantes bravely went on television to retell her traumatic ordeal.

Joined by her youngest daughter Raquel, Ana retold horrific tales of how her recently divorced husband had submitted her to continuous beatings, forced her to drink, to have sex against her will and constantly insulted her over a 40-year period.

Her aim was to raise awareness of a situation that many women suffered in Spain behind closed doors but did not dare to mention in public.

Some 13 days after the interview, Jose Parejo beat his ex-wife until she was unconscious, tied her to a chair and then burned her alive in front of 14-year-old Raquel.

Parejo died in prison after being handed a 17-year jail term.

But more poignantly, hundreds of people lined the streets of Granada to

pay their respects to Ana on the day of her funeral.

Spain stood united in agreement that something had to be done to stop gender violence.

And yet, some 20 years after Ana's death, women are still dying at the hands of their husbands and Ana's daughter Raquel is demanding more to be done.

In an open letter broadcast on Cadena SER in December, Raquel lamented that 'almost nothing' has been done to prevent cases such as her mother's from happening again.

"I would love to tell you everything has changed, that there is political will and that all the people who work to eradicate violence against women have managed to move forward, but that is not the case, the victims are still the same and continue to kill with impunity. Unfortunately, we are still second class citizens," she said.



PROTESTS: Thousands take to the streets in Madrid.



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS:
24 per cent of domestic abuse cases relate to married couples.

Latest reforms

AS part of a wider reform of Spain's gender violence and domestic abuse laws, the government has introduced 200 reforms to legislation. Among the reforms are the following:

- The status of victim will be extended to women who have not yet filed a criminal complaint, to allow them to access safeguards and assistance
- Mechanisms for identifying victims of gender-based violence will be established in hospital emergency rooms and primary care
- Children orphaned by gender-based violence will have priority access to state benefits including educational support. Their guardians (excluding the abuser) will receive tax benefits and priority access to housing
- Tougher sanctions for gender-based crimes committed on the internet
- School curriculums to include lessons to tackle sexism and raise awareness of the feminist movement

ing figure in the ruling Popular Party and while some activists argue that it doesn't go far enough, it is most definitely an encouraging step in the right direction.

The long road to this point was started in 1997 when 60-year-old Ana Orantes was beaten, thrown over a balcony and then burned to death by her ex-husband after repeatedly complaining to authorities about his violent behaviour (see Horror story that started a movement).

Ana was the 59th woman to die at the hands of her partner that year and her death was the final straw for many.

It led to seven years of protests, parliamentary debates and finally legal battles.

At the end of it, in 2004, the government introduced a law designed to reduce the number of domestic violence cases.

A network of courts was set up to specialise in the matter and funds were ploughed into programmes aimed at supporting surviving victims of abuse.

It came after 71 domestic murders were recorded in 2003, leading to reinvigorated protests for change.

Yet, while the reforms were initially seen as a sign of progress it didn't take long for cracks to begin to appear with activists readily pointing out where the law fell short.

Before the latest reforms many campaigners demanded legislation that properly tackles the issue once and for all.

"We need legislation that really addresses femicide, that really gives it the importance it needs," said Isabel Muntane, director of the Master's Programme on Gender and Communication at the Autonomous

University of Barcelona.

"Women are being murdered for being women, and it seems that society is immune to these murders. We always say that if it were football players being murdered, there would be a social revolution."

In fact, in the 14 years since the dedicated courts were created, official statistics record some 796 women have died as the result of domestic abuse.

However, according to the activist-run site *Feminicio.net*, which compiles an unofficial count of femicide murders not exclusive to romantic partnerships, the number of women killed since 2004 as a result of gender violence is closer to 1,500.

"The official femicide count doesn't include the murders of minors, sex workers, murders done by family members, trans-phobic murders," said Muntane. "If we're not aware of the reality of all femicides, we're not aware of the magnitude of the problem."

Following the economic crisis in 2008, the government also slashed funding to many previous-supported programmes set up to tackle gender violence.

In total, government funds allocated to dealing with gender violence have been cut by some 29 per cent over the last decade.

Although you could be forgiven for looking at the latest measures with a pinch of cynicism, the introduction of new reforms should hopefully start moving that figure in the other direction once more.

One thing is for sure: a lot more still needs to be done to stamp this unnecessary evil out once and for all.

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Shocking study

AN EU-wide study carried out in 2014 found that gender violence and domestic abuse is an issue that transcends borders. In fact, the statistics in the study show that there is need for greater reforms and tougher laws across the continent in order to tackle the problem head on.

Here are some of the key findings from the study:

- One in 10 women have experienced some form of sexual violence since the age of 15, while one in 20 has been raped

- One in five women have experienced some form of stalking since the age of 15, with 5 per cent having experienced it in the 12 months preceding the survey

- However, three out of four stalking cases reported in the survey never come to the attention of the police

- One in 10 women have been stalked by a previ-

ous partner

- Of women in the survey who indicate they have been raped by their current partner, about one third (31 per cent) say they have experienced six or more incidents of rape by their partner

- Just over one in 10 women experienced some form of sexual violence by an adult before they were 15

- Most violence is carried out by a current or former partner, with 22 per cent of women in relationships reporting partner abuse

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Praising the bravery of Father Schiller to tell the truth

MAY I offer my admiration and respect to Father Miguel Ángel Schiller, parish priest at Alfaz del Pi, who recently had the courage to speak out publicly against the ongoing scandal of child-molesting priests in the Catholic Church.

Like so many I am dismayed at these events, that historically have left hundreds, if not thousands of vulnerable children worldwide, traumatised and powerless to defend themselves against a person, held in high esteem in their community, who have shamelessly, sinfully, taken advantage of them.

Even as a lapsed Catholic it shames me - more so the Church itself - that it should protect those that sin and not those sinned against.

God bless you Father Miguel and let us trust that he is not, himself, victimised for saying what so many people think and believe. The Church must be seen to be addressing this problem.

Sheila Skinner, Parcent

Response to Our View issue 1700

YOU mention you want Benidorm to be like 'Ibiza' closed down for six months of the year. What will happen to all the people who work here with young families to support? If shops, restaurants, hotels, supermarkets and bars are closed, do you think the council will be happy to support all the out of work people?

You mention the Stag and Hen parties, the revenue these bring into Benidorm keeps bars, hotels and restaurants open, all employing many staff. It's a small minority that spoil it. The people who are making these complaints do not have business in Benidorm that is obvious.

What does need dealing with is the 'Pea-men,' the thieving and heartache



BENIDORM: Is a fun place to be.

they cause. There is not a mayor or the police who have managed to stop these people.

We think there should be more live bands and more music through the day and night to accommodate 'party-people.' Benidorm is a beautiful place, beautiful safe beaches, the beaches are cleaned every night, the promenade is washed from top to bottom. The newspaper quoted... 'Benidorm is the second most visited

place in the WORLD.'

It's got that way by being a safe (no bombs, no terrorists (the police do a good job there) PARTY TOWN!

Wendy, Benidorm

Editor's note:

Wendy thank you for your letter. To be fair, Our View didn't say that Benidorm should close for six months it just observed that Hen and Stag parties are being discouraged by local business and that it wasn't necessarily a bad thing.

Sexual harassment

TALKING to a friend, she told me that one of her bosses 'touched her up' and she just slapped him across the face.

She was a hairdresser, did not leave her job then, but founded her own beauty salon.

The same thing happened to me and knowing my worth, I just told him where to go.

Don't be embarrassed, denounce on the spot.

Many of the cases going public these days are dubious... I should think some of the 'victims' of long ago wanted the job - at any cost - and put up with it - why was the abuse not declared at the time?

Ena Amengual, Mallorca

Happy to be Gay

Dear Nora, I LOVED your article about names, they have always had a fascination for me, especially as I have to keep telling Spanish people that my surname means HAPPY.

The end bit of your article about the policeman reminded me of the two police officers who often went to the local schools to talk about road safety. I think that they were partly chosen for their names as the children (my own included) thought it was hilarious that they were PC Copp and PC Peacey.

My Mum had a friend Rose whose married name was Bush and I have a friend Mrs Rolls who called her daughter Louise (Lou) and another Mrs Peacock whose son Andrew became known as Drew at senior school... think about it!!

Look forward to your next article.

Margot Gay

Cry baby

HE cries if he loses; he cries if he wins. How many more times do we have to witness the unsightly spectacle of Federer dissolving in tears in public.

His achievements undeniably place him among the greats, but the natural joyful reaction of Wozniacki was much easier on the eye.

Likewise, other all-time greats such as Graf, Laver and Nadal were able to handle victory and defeat in a more seemly manner.

David R Worboys, Nerja

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Police ski four hours to deliver medicine

WOOW... wonderful always going that extra mile for the public. *Marje Turner*

Great respect for Spanish police they are the best! *John William Roberts*

Great job well done all of you around the country. *Stuart Ridgley*

Woman loses both legs in car accident

It's about time people here learnt how to approach and exit roundabouts. I passed my test here in 1972 and have respect for most of the driving and parking abilities, but roundabouts... disgraceful. Not logical. *Sandra Russell*

OMG that poor woman.. what is happening here. Too many careless drivers. *Linda Cooper*

That roundabout is lethal, too many lanes to choose from. Unfortunately nobody ever seems to know which lane to be in. *Terri Prodage*

How the devil can a roundabout be lethal, aw-

Comments from EWN online

ful or anything else along those lines? Yes it can be pretty, plain or dull, it can even vary in size or design. People say similar things about junctions, traffic lights etc, but in reality the only time that there is an incident at any of these points there is a driver or rider involved. Funny that! *Ted Milsom*

Expatriate voting rights proposal approved

Why would anyone want to have a vote on what another country does, if you don't live there, it really doesn't affect you! *June Waterhouse*

But they are still affected. They may still have property in the UK, family in the UK and a pension they have contributed to for a working lifetime. Health care also currently paid for

by the UK. *Pauline Parker*

You are lucky, you British expats. An expat from Denmark, lose their voting rights, from the first day, in a foreign country, even within EU! *Carsten Thorvald*

Bit too late now, don't want to know, my home is here in Spain for 32yrs, two children, five Spanish grandchildren. *Elaine Mawer*

Costa Blanca is tops for UK airport

Leeds Bradford airport is still operating like it is still back in Dick's days, walking 500 yards outside to board a plane. Millions supposedly spent on passenger comfort, but where. No rail link, poor highway links, scandalous taxi charges, the best transport service to this airport is the bus from Leeds, number 757, about every 30 minutes, the drivers are very courteous, and pleasant. *George R Carman*

Use Leeds Bradford airport often but I do wish they'd sort the walk from the plane through the 'bike sheds' out! It's so depressing after leaving Alicante airport. *Christine Simpson*



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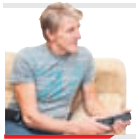
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	7:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Mum	9:00pm What Would Your Kid Do?	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm World Rally Championship 2018	8:00pm Soccer Special Pre-Match
	8:00pm The One Show	11:00pm The Archiveologists	10:00pm Benidorm: Ten Years on Holiday	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies	8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special
	8:30pm EastEnders	11:25pm The Archiveologists		9:00pm Joe Wicks: The Body Coach		11:00pm The Debate - Live
	9:00pm Holby City	11:30pm Newsnight		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E		12:00am Live ATP 500: Rio
10:00pm Shetland						
WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY	3:15pm The Coroner	2:00pm Winter Olympics	3:00pm James Martin's American Adventure	3:10pm Countdown	3:15pm NCIS: Conspiracy to Murder	6:00am Premier League Legends
	4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:00pm Eggheads	4:00pm Tenable	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	4:15pm A Housekeeper's Revenge	6:30am Live Tri-Series Final
	4:45pm Get Away for Winter	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:00pm A New Life in the Sun	6:00pm 5 News at 5	7:00am Live Tri-Series Final
	5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	8:00pm Winter Olympics	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:30pm Neighbours	10:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
	6:15pm Pointless	9:00pm Today at the Games. Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good	7:00pm Regional News and Weather	6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers	7:00pm Home and Away	11:00am Premier League Daily
	7:00pm BBC News	9:30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor	7:25pm Party Political Broadcast	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
	7:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Murdered for Love?	7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door	1:00pm Sky Sports News
	8:00pm The One Show	10:00pm Samia Shahid	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors	1:00pm Cricket
	8:00pm The One Show	11:00pm Mock the Week	8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Supersoppers		8:30pm Football
	9:30pm Panorama		9:00pm The Brit Awards 2018	10:00pm Savers Special		11:00pm The Debate - Live
10:00pm Earth's Natural Wonders			10:00pm The £1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street		12:00am Live ATP 500: Rio	
11:00pm BBC News						



TV COUCH CRITIC

I THOUGHT this week I would stick to mainstream channels and delve into the world of some of the most watched shows in the UK - what could possibly go wrong?

Let's start with *Hunted* (Channel 4, Thursdays). There is a £100,000 prize at stake, and if the hunted can evade capture by Chief Bleksely and his team, then the money is yours.

The hunters have CCTV, social media tracing, sniffer dogs, drones, number plate recognition and helicopters at their disposal, and yet not one of the hunted simply decamps to the cupboard under the stairs of a long lost Aunt and waits for the next set of instructions.

Surely we all know by now that using a mobile phone will give you away, don't we? This is a simple show, evade capture and the money is yours. The answer is just as simple. Hide under Auntie's stairs and you are halfway there.

My favourite Aunt wouldn't enjoy hanging out with Rylan Clark-Neal as he guides minor celebrities on a *Celebrity Ghost Hunt* (Channel 5 - 5Star, Tuesdays). Let's start with Rylan. If he's going to look for ghosts the lad needs to eat something and gain a few pounds. His current frame is in danger of being blown over by a draught from an open window, never mind a paranormal happening. He should hold back on the fake tan too. Nobody other than my lovely

Celebrity Ghost Hunting in the First Dates Hotel - maybe not?



HUNTED: 'Somehow draws you in.'

CELEBRITY GHOST HUNT: 'Hold back on the fake tan.'

friend Lindsay looks good covered with that amount of tan in a tube and Rylan, Linds is in Puerto Banus not Hever Castle in deepest Kent.

The celebrities include James 'just call me Arg' Argent of TOWIE fame (I use the word fame lightly), Georgia Harrison from Love Island and Sam Thompson - I'm struggling to remember why Sam is a celebrity; maybe it's the



handsome good looks, upper class accent and a certain show made in a posh London Borough? Made in South Shields doesn't have the same ring, but Shields folk are just as nice as their Chelsea counterparts.

The ghosts are asked to reveal themselves by self-designated psychic Alex Gibbs. Alex is a

close friend of Rylan. Alex is in no danger of being blown over by a gust of wind and has terrible dress sense. Rylan is adamant that nothing is staged and if that is true, our celebrity spook hunters do have something approaching a close encounter in each episode.

Rylan is reported to have been so frightened in one of the episodes he ran out of a room and straight into a wall. It was nothing to do with ghosts, he was running from the lunch buffet.

Despite an impromptu ghost hunt, there were no sightings at the *First Dates Hotel* which concluded its run on Channel 4 this week. Series two is on CH4 catch up. The real stars here are not the people looking for love but Fred and the other staff. That said, I was rooting for Nick and Lewis in the final show - two people who deserve each other.

Maitre d' Fred Sirieix and the team deliver advice on romance and the occasional broken heart in a wonderful setting somewhere in southern Italy. The format is a little predictable but if you like the original First Dates make up, you will love this one... Happy viewing.

Critique: Adam Whalley-Lewis, Casares, Costa del Sol

Generation snowflake delays the real world as long as possible

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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

ACCORDING to a recent medical study, adolescence now stretches to the age of 24 as growing up is slowing down.

Is this delayed development because we've feather-bedded today's youngsters so that they stay at school till 18, followed by three further years avoiding responsibility at uni (for them, just three more years of partying) followed by gap years etc, such that their brains have readjusted to adolescence lasting longer?

(Nonetheless, this period of transformation from child into mature adult can take

longer with some than others. Some - Jeremy Corbyn, I'm looking at you! - may regard Venezuela's sinking economy as a better economic model for the western world while others - Trump? - may believe that grabbing a woman by the crotch is a turn on for most women.)

And when they finally do get to university, these snowflake-students will inevitably regard deadline extensions, exam resits or exemptions from procedures deemed 'upsetting' as a welcome cop-out.

Newsflash: Doctors will no longer have to undertake training in surgery or pathology as many find this work 'distasteful, creepy and upsetting.'

A spokesperson for the NHS stated that: "Doctors will be exempt from cases of



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GENERATION SNOWFLAKE: Out of touch with the world.

legal and insurance action arising from deaths from surgically related non-procedures". I made this up, but you get the idea.

Our snowflake-generation is so pampered by decades of

child-centred parenting/education, is it surprising they're putting off real life?

But you can't hold back time, careers, finding life-partners, babies. They'll regret it waking up at 40 totally

alone in the world.

So, snowflakes, if you're likely to be distressed by things, simply stay at home daydreaming, cocooned by your blanket, teddy and fantasy books and leave real life to those of us

who have grown up.

Whatever next? A trigger warning at the beginning of a crime novel that someone, possibly even another person, will be dead by the end? Phew!

As the author of crime thrillers - *The Girl in the Red Dress* the latest in the series (all profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity as you know) - perhaps I'd better switch to writing fantasy and fairy tales!

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

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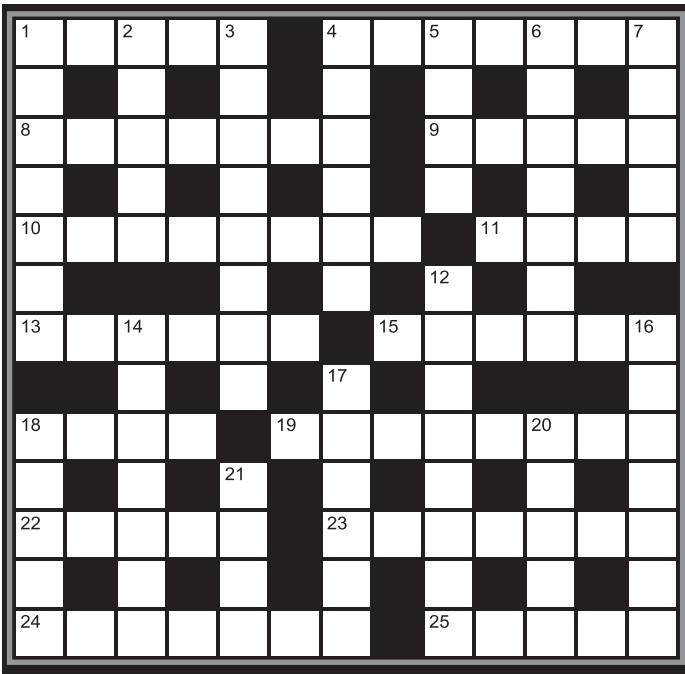
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Places one vessel inside another (5)
- 4 Rattles baffled young film actress (7)
- 8 Name of bloke to steal cattle, it's said (7)
- 9 Dance in a state of uncertainty (5)
- 10 Stick with musical animals (8)
- 11 We must accept silver as payment (4)
- 13 Scottish beginners wrap an ancient manuscript (6)
- 15 Bird of prey, a sort of parrot (6)
- 18 Abit of apathy is a way of life (4)
- 19 Use girl outside fairground ride (8)
- 22 Anointed muddled oldie (5)
- 23 Rearranging set with needle is unproductive (7)
- 24 Priests drunk some spirits (7)
- 25 Paper money produced by musician (5)

Down

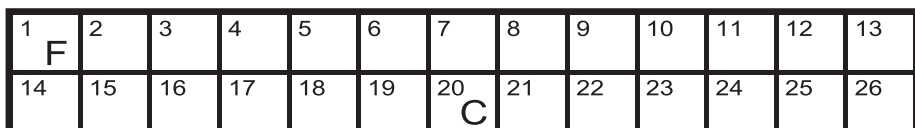
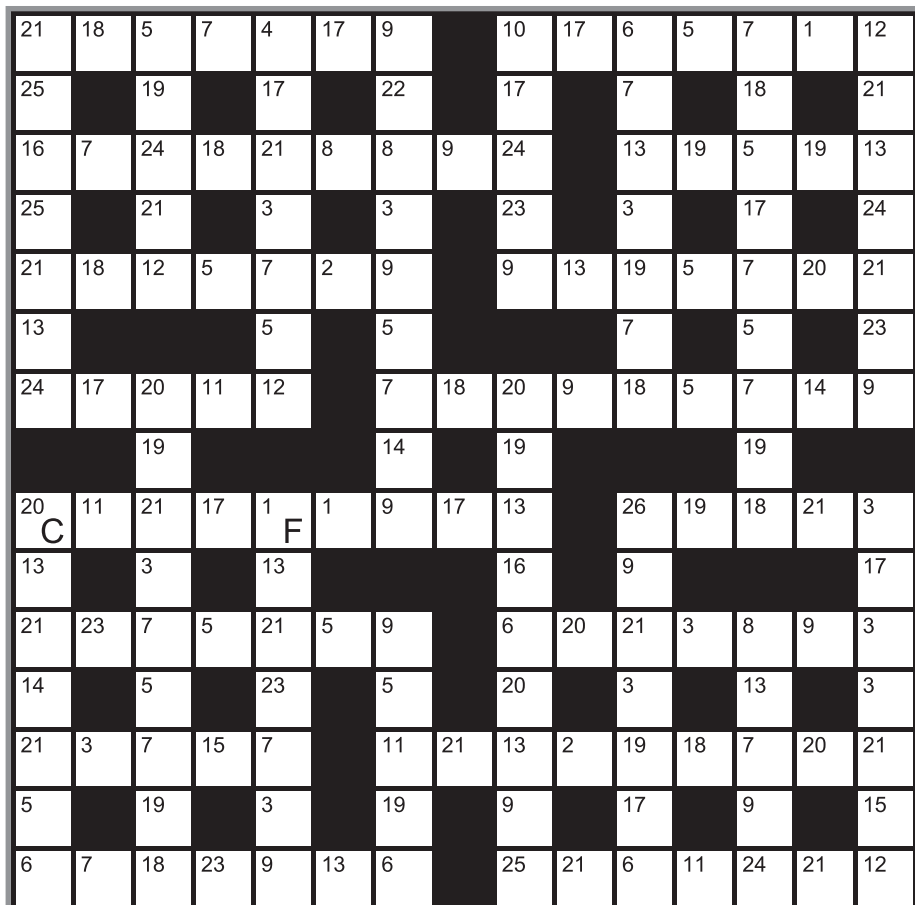
- 1 Bands' trip to England in a ship (7)
- 2 Headless rodent left by bird (5)
- 3 Outlines for small, confused clients (8)
- 4 Recognise a South American stringed instrument (6)
- 5 Actually has one on your side (4)
- 6 Criticise bats, male bats (7)



- 7 Time rove to wander about to find treasure (5)
- 12 Emperor turning pale? No, no! (8)
- 14 Rear back around that dry, little snake (7)
- 16 They help make curls and waves (7)
- 17 Prepared sauces for the campaigns (6)
- 18 Phosphorus is put on many bits of land (5)
- 20 A good person isn't a revolutionary (5)
- 21 Correct some submitted items (4)

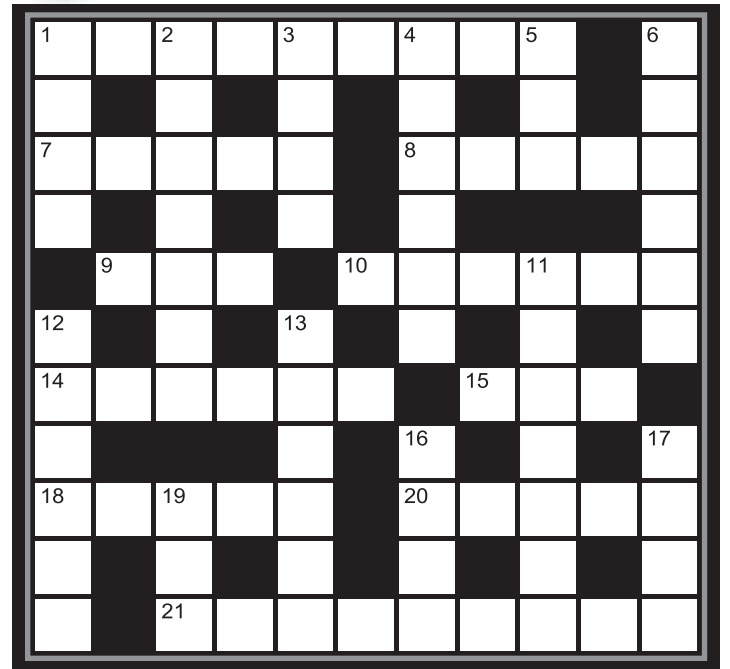
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents F and 20 represents C, so fill in F every time the figure 1 appears and C every time the figure 20 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

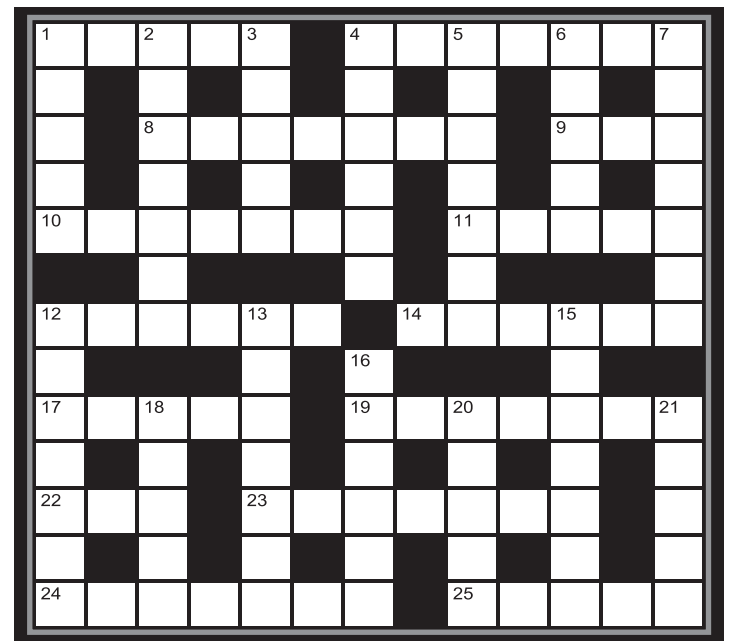
- 1 Of or relating to very low temperatures (9)
- 7 Agreement's conditions (5)
- 8 Synthetic silk like fabric (5)
- 9/5 Rallying shout (3,3)
- 10 Large edible fish (6)
- 14 Edible nut (6)
- 15 See 19 Down
- 18 South American mountain range (5)
- 20 Cognisant (5)
- 21 Mobsters (9)

Down

- 1 Make reference to (4)
- 2 Nautical-spar part (7)
- 3 Breathe noisily, as when one is exhausted (4)
- 4 Being usual, typical or standard (6)
- 5 See 9 Across
- 6 Sunshade (6)
- 11 Ordinary, banal (7)
- 12 Yellow fruit (6)
- 13 Occurring together or simultaneously (6)
- 16 Forbids (4)
- 17 Charges for services (4)
- 19/15 Cigarette butt (3,3)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Estrellas (5)
- 4 Snail (7)
- 8 En contra de (7)
- 9 Hielo (3)
- 10 Alga (7)
- 11 Down (physical movement) (5)
- 12 Escobas (6)
- 14 Finally (6)
- 17 To fear (be afraid) (5)
- 19 Barriles (7)
- 22 Caliente (3)
- 23 Example (7)
- 24 Respect (7)
- 25 Afeitador (5)

Down

- 1 Tiendas (5)
- 2 Device (technical) (7)
- 3 Soft (pleasant to the touch) (5)
- 4 Sister-in-law (6)
- 5 Delay (hold-up) (7)
- 6 Fall (physical action) (5)
- 7 Acostarse (3,4)
- 12 Carnicero (7)
- 13 Label (tag) (7)
- 15 Mop (for floor) (7)
- 16 Worker (agriculture, industry) (6)
- 18 Motorbikes (5)
- 20 Cuerdas (gruesas) (5)
- 21 Salsa (5)

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Saturday February 10

3 12 15 BONUS BALL
29 51 58 13

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday February 10

4 6 16 BONUS BALL
18 27 39 45

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday February 6

8 17 28 6
34 38 12

Friday February 2

22 31 36 1
38 44 11

EL MILLON: XBF99540

LA PRIMITIVA

Thursday February 8

12 18 19 30
24 32 42 7

JOKER: 7 355 415

Thursday February 10

7 10 12 2
19 22 45 3

JOKER: 9 104 800

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Sunday February 11

1 3 6 BONUS BALL
29 40 2

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

An area in which you have experience means that you are able to help someone close this week. Keep the advice free from personal opinions wherever possible. Some upsets on a day-to-day basis are all minor and will pass. Your sensitivity this week is certain to cause frustration and even mayhem. Being in a calm situation will help. So will realising where the source of the aggravation comes from.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

What will really be appreciated this week is if you will give your time to others. I realise that your life is busy but the emotional rewards from helping someone will be more than worth it. To see yourself in a truly positive light, imagine being in the positions of those round you.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Surprising and happy news about the 28th really puts some bounce into you. Having been so busy recently, you may not have noticed that someone has a special interest in you. Another surprise then, but how will you react?

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Family members bring a sparkle to your eyes and a spring to your step. When there is so much going on it is easy to forget how much we are part of a whole. If you have neglected keeping in contact of late, this serves to remind you to try to do better.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

A trip to the cinema or theatre makes you take notice and may even shock. There are many things in life that normally do not touch us but, once we are aware, there seems to be a need for action.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Expecting others to automatically know what you want is unrealistic. Even dropping heavy hints can go well astray of the mark. Although it is unpalatable to your sensitivity, plain talking is needed. Stop wanting everyone to like you and your personality will grow in leaps and bounds.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Oh, gosh, this is a really sensitive time for Leos. Although it is easy to upset you, it is equally easy to fire your enthusiasm. Anyone considering not keeping a promise or appointment with you should beware because they will be whipped into shape.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

This is a week of deep thinking and meaningful conversations. Someone's opinion of you reaches your ears and pleases you greatly. Work that has been progressing at home faces hold-ups and tact is needed to avoid a row. Some compromise is required at work, perhaps related to a planned holiday.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Take extra care where finances concern your home. A legal matter should be considered carefully. When planning home improve-ments, get plenty of good advice and do not trust your heart. A new activity means new friends.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Being protective of those close does not mean worrying all the time. With their co-operation, the burden, welcome though it may be, can be lightened. There is the opportunity to have fun with some young friends, which may not come again for some time.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Be determined to make a budget and stick to it. Even if you are arranging a holiday, resist the urge to splash out. Because this is such a busy week, it may not seem that there is time to read the small print. However, that would be a mistake, causing problems later.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

With a big event coming up, you need someone to give plenty of love and support. Starting a new interest could lead you into their path. Going for looks alone will do you no favours. Be as broad-minded as possible when it comes to making friends.

Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

- Average: 7
- Very good: 14
- Good: 9
- Excellent: 18

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

chat echt etch hate heat mate math meat meet mete meth tach tack take tame teak team tech teem thee them catch cheat ketch match teach theme cachet machete CHECKMATE

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

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Cotton, 3 Molido, 8 Iglesia, 10 Aisle, 11 Trozo, 12 Propina, 13 Gales, 15 Ashes, 20 Acrobat, 22 Nests, 24 Libra, 25 Castaño, 26 Rarest, 27 Abuela.

Down:

- 1 Chiste, 2 Toldo, 4 Opaco, 5 Inspire, 6 Ovejas, 7 Happy, 9 Snore, 14 Aprobar, 16 Songs, 17 Bailar, 18 Stick, 19 Escoba, 21 Brass, 23 Stare.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Imbided, 5 Moist, 8 Milan, 9 Deadpan, 10 Travail, 11 Trove, 12 Upset, 14 Paper, 19 Arras, 21 Sort out, 23 Ingrate, 24 Scorn, 25 Gangs, 26 Possess.

Down:

- 1 Inmate, 2 Bella, 3 Bondage, 4 Doodle, 5 Meant, 6 Implore, 7 Tinder, 13 Paragon, 15 Arrests, 16 Ealing, 17 Asleep, 18 Stints, 20 Slaps, 22 Ozone.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Crab, 3 Tuba, 7 Anonymous, 12 Expectant, 17 Yeti, 18 Cars.

Down:

- 1 Cava, 2 Alto, 4 Undo, 5 Ales, 6/14 Pay cut, 8 Nix, 9 Née, 10 Met, 11 Urn, 12 Envy, 13 Pact, 15 Aria, 16 Taps.

CODE BREAKER

1	Y	Q	O	D	E	R	K	A	T	L	J	P	F
14	W	X	U	N	S	H	G	B	M	C	Z	V	I

KAKURO

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

QUIZ: EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

- In the Australian television soap opera Neighbours, what was the name of the character played by Kylie Minogue?
- 'I have just returned from a visit to my landlord - the solitary neighbour that I shall be troubled with' is the first line from which novel by Emily Brontë, first published in 1847?
- In which decade was the politically incorrect British sitcom Love Thy Neighbour initially broadcast?
- Released in September 1991, Waking Up the Neighbours was the sixth studio album by which Canadian singer-songwriter?
- The character Dill Harris in To Kill a Mockingbird is believed to be based on which famous author, a childhood friend and neighbour of its author Harper Lee? His best known works include the novella Breakfast at Tiffany's (1958) and the true crime novel In Cold Blood (1966).
- Voiced by Harry Shearer, what is the name of the good-natured, cheery next-door neighbour to the Simpson family, who is generally loathed by Homer Simpson?

- What is the title of the 1954 Alfred Hitchcock film that starred James Stewart as a wheelchair bound photographer who, during a powerful heat wave, watches his neighbours, who keep their windows open to stay cool?
 - Which rather grumpy television character had neighbours called Patrick and Pippa Tench, played by Angus Deayton and Janine Duvtiski?
 - Whose (television) neighbours were Fred and Ethel Mertz played by Vivienne Vance and William Frawley?
 - Which song-writing husband and wife team composed the theme tune to the Australian soap opera Neighbours?
- Not a lot of people know that... not only do Ant and Dec work together, they also live next door to each other, on the same street in Chiswick, West London. They said they didn't care people think this is "bizarre" because they'd spend a "fortune in cab fares" if they lived further apart. And that's not all - the pair even purchased two villas side by side in a luxury Portuguese golf resort on the Algarve so they can holiday together too.*

Answers:

- CHARLENE ROBINSON (MITCHELL), 2. WUTHERING HEIGHTS, 3. 1970s (from April 1972 to January 1976), 4. BRYAN ADAMS, 5. TRUMAN CAPOTE, 6. NED (Neward) FLANDERS Junior, 7. REAR WINDOW, 8. VICTOR MILDREW (One Foot in the Grave), 9. LUCILLE BALL/ARNAZ (I Love Lucy), 10. TONY HATCH (music) and JACKIE TRENT (lyrics)

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PULSES are cheap, tasty and a good source of nutrition, as well as being an important food group in many traditional diets across the globe. They are part of the food group known as legumes and comprise food such as beans, chickpeas, lentils and beans.

However, the Linus Pauling Institute has revealed they are not a common component in the typical Western diet, despite their many health benefits.

If you can't remember the time you ate a healthy portion of pulses, it might be time to change your diet as they are a great source of fibre, protein and essential nutrients and help to ward off all manner of diseases.

Pulses are great for your heart, and eating a significant portion on a regular basis could lower the risk of cardiovascular

disease as they are high in fibre.

Just one cup of cooked lentils contains around 15g of fibre, 60 per cent of your recommended daily amount. This may help to keep your heart

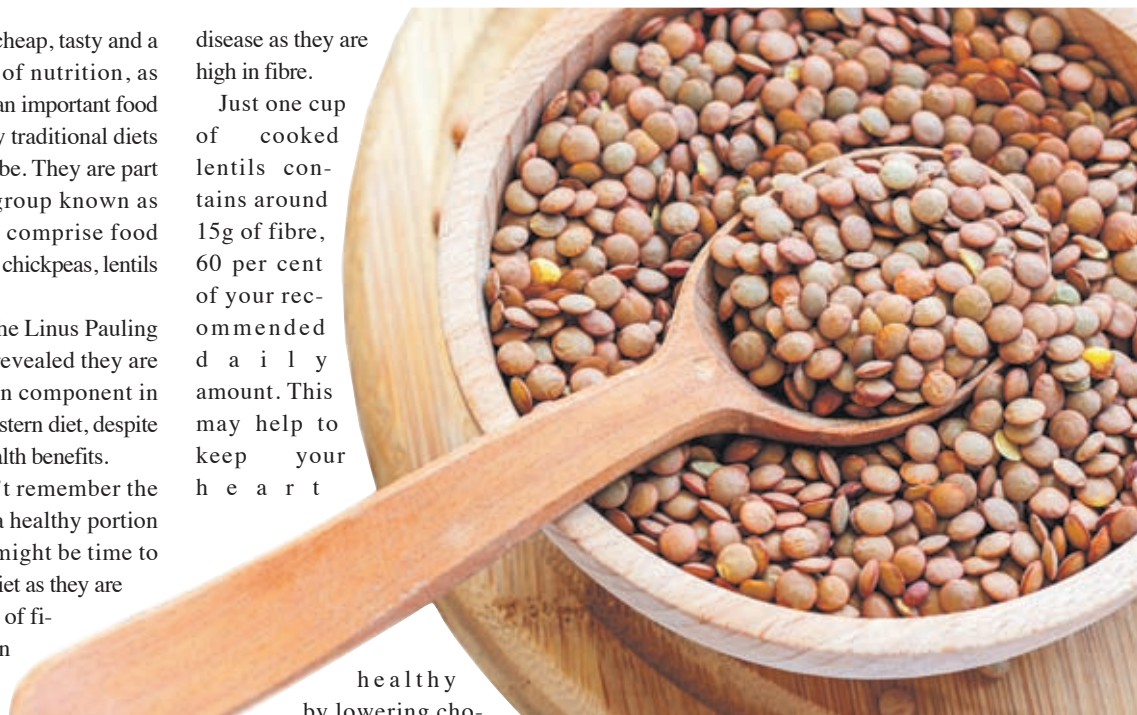
healthy by lowering cholesterol levels and the high levels of potassium they contain can help to lower blood pressure.

Pulses also have a low glycemic index, meaning they only cause a small spike in

GOOD STUFF: Pulses are packed with potassium, protein and fibre.

blood sugar levels when consumed. Those who consume more low-glycemic foods have less of a risk of developing dia-

betes, while they can also help those who already suffer from the disease to manage their blood sugar levels.



PAIN NO GAIN: Take care not to overdo it when exercising.

How to cope with post-workout soreness

IT'S normal to feel a bit sore after an intense workout, but what should you do when the pain is worse than usual and is interfering with your daily life? The scientific term for post-workout aches and pains is DOMS - 'delayed-onset muscle soreness.' It usually peaks around two to three days following exercise as your body starts to go to town on repairing any muscle fibres that may have been torn during the workout.

Occasionally, you may experience 'extreme soreness,' which is more likely to happen after you've done an intense activity that your muscles aren't accustomed to.

Just because you're more sore, it doesn't always mean you're getting better workout re-

sults and can cause you more damage in the long term so don't make a habit of exercising regularly on a high level of soreness.

However, there are several simple things you can do to ease the pain. First of all, make sure you stay hydrated as research has shown a correlation between dehydration and DOMS. Water helps to purge waste products and toxins that are associated with muscle soreness.

Also make sure you eat lots of protein which is vital for rebuilding muscle tissue.

You could also try switching between heat and cold therapy as ice helps to reduce the swelling that is sometimes the result of extreme soreness while heat can minimise pain and tension.

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I was happy this week

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I NEEDED a blood test before I went to see my specialist at the Costa del Sol hospital. I know this goes out all over Spain but I'm sure it's the same in your area. What I normally do is, about two weeks beforehand I go to the local clinic to make an appointment to have the blood test and Robert's yer relative. When I go for the specialist appointment they have the info. Simple, right?

That system has worked fine for years. This time I went to book a blood test and was informed that, from now on, you have to have the blood test at the hospital and they will call you and tell you when to come. My specialist appointment date was getting nearer and nearer and no call.

Now I had done a blood test before Christmas so I thought, worst case scenario, I'll use those results. The day before my appointment on the 7th I got a 'phone call telling me to come for my blood test on the 12th which, of course, was after my specialist appointment. I told her that and she said, "No it isn't, it's been changed." "To when?"

She gave me the new date and would not have it that nobody had told me.

Believe me, as grumpy and stubborn as I am, I have learnt to never ever fall out with the receptionist at the doctors or hospitals because you will forever be lost in the system. So I just said thank you and had a hissy fit when I put the phone down. Why do they have to keep changing things?

Something made me very happy this week. I was in Carrefour and saw a Local Police officer walking round handing out tickets to all the lazy bar stewards that had parked in the disabled bays. Now, I had been told that they were not allowed to give out tickets in private car parks, but apparently the law is that if there is no barrier it's ok for the police to come in and do all those that tell me, 'They are only going to be a minute' and then abuse me for arguing with them.

I'm pleased to see them arguing with the police who were just wiping the floor with them. Funny how the abuse I get suddenly changed to pleading not to get a fine. Being an inconsiderate SOB is not a disability. Happily it cost at least four or five of them over €100 to find that out. BOOM!

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Checkpoint advice

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.



NOTHING TO FEAR: Police checkpoints are designed to catch lawbreakers.

THE security services (Guardia Civil, police, etc) carry out regular checkpoints on the roads.

Sometimes these are part of routine operations such as combatting drink driving, or vehicle inspections. Sometimes these checks are part of an increase in security. Sometimes, although rarely, they are directly related to a specific threat.

Although it may seem daunting to approach and be stopped at one of these checkpoints, it is important to remember that they are being conducted for your safety. These checkpoints do catch criminals, those risking road safety, terrorists and others, but the vast majority of people are allowed to go about their business normally. The key phrase to remember when you see one of these checkpoints is, 'Nothing to Hide, Nothing to Fear'. It is only those who have done wrong, or are considering it, who should in fact be concerned.

The first rule when approaching such a checkpoint is to stay calm. Respond and react to the instructions given to you by the officers conducting the check. They may usher your vehicle to a chosen place, they may ask you to exit the vehicle and they may wish to check the con-

tents of your car, as well as your documentation. Simply let the officers get on with their duties and they will let you get on your way as soon as possible.

Secondly, and equally important, do not share this location information. Posting this information on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter for example can alert those who have done wrong about the presence of the checkpoint, allowing them to get away.

The point of these checkpoints is to catch bad people, so please don't share the information. You might think you are doing others a favour, but if a criminal is allowed to avoid being caught, they will be free to carry out even more of their chosen activities.

Finally, do not be overly alarmed. The presence of additional security teams on the streets is not a direct indication of an increase in the threat level.

The Spanish Interior Ministry publish the details of the current threat level on their website, www.interior.gob.es. On the right-hand side is a green box marked NAA, or Nivel de Alerta Antiterrorista. If you click that you will see the current status level.

For more news and articles visit www.n332.es or search N332 on Facebook.

No time limit on minutes?

Q. THE Horizontal Law says that the minutes of the AGM must be distributed to the owners' address within 10 days after the meeting. I have not received them. The community wishes to send them by email. This of-

fer I refused. I was told I could collect a copy from the administrator's office. This, I stated, does not comply with the Horizontal Law. What is my legal position?

R P (Costa del Sol)

A. NOT good. Sorry, but in fact there is no legal time limit for distribution of the official minutes of the AGM. The minutes must be signed by the President and Secretary within 10 days of the meeting, and this signa-

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



ture puts into effect any measures passed in the meeting.

The law itself says only that

the minutes shall be sent to the owners, who have 30 days after the notification to register any challenges against the results of the voting.


In today's electronic world, many communities distribute the minutes by e-mail.


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A world of music

TWO musicians, Julia Alcaraz on piano and Steve Hall on violin, will be appearing in Pollensa in a free concert next Sunday.

Produced as part of the approved Mallorca catalogue of cultural activities, the performance presents a selection of traditional and medieval folk music collected from a range of different parts of the world including, the Balkan Peninsula, Cataluña, Israel and a number of Arabic countries.

Each piece has been adapted for the two instruments but keeps the original spirit of each example of music being played.

The concert will start at 6pm at Club Pollensa at Placa Major 10.

The beauty that is ballet

STARS from the Moscow State Ballet and the Bolshoi Theatre will be presenting the greatest, yet saddest love story of all time, Romeo and Juliet.

Based on the play by Shakespeare and with a spectacular musical score by Prokofiev, this enduring story of the two star-crossed lovers will be performed by a cast of professional ballet dancers from Russia, featuring Maria Allash and Andrei Merkuriev.

The ballet had its first performance in St Petersburg as recently as 1940.

Enjoy the full beauty and spectacle of this exciting, yet poignant ballet at the Palma Auditorium on Thursday March 8 with tickets costing €29, €35 and €45.



ROMEO AND JULIET: From an earlier performance.



PRIMAL SCREAM: The band on stage.

Another great name for Mallorca Live

THE latest big British names to be added to the Mallorca Live Festival, to be held in Calvia on May 11 and 12, are Primal Scream, now in their 36th year of playing.

They will be headlining a mainly Spanish lineup alongside the slimmed down Prodigy, but with limited availability two-day passes for the festival at the Antiguo Aquapark costing just €55, this lineup alone will be good value for money.

In common with most presentations of this type, there is little doubt that other popular bands will be announced nearer the date of the event, although prices may well have gone up.

Excellence of Aragon

BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



CARIÑENA: Old school wine.

CARIÑENA is a Spanish Denominación de Origen (DO) created in 1932 for wines produced on the Campo de Cariñena plateau near the centre of Aragón, the acknowledged source of the Carignan grape or Mazuelo. This is also grown in Italy and new world regions.

The vineyards lie between 400-800m above sea level with temperature extremes over 12 months as well as daytime and night which contribute to the characteristic intensity of Cariñena wines.

The local population had been producing mead since 300 BC; during the Middle Ages wine-making prospered under the protection of monasteries and by the 16th century vineyards covered 50 per cent of the territory of Zaragoza Province.

Since 1995 Cariñena exports have quadrupled thanks to changes aimed at attracting more overseas buyers through fruitier, lighter and well balanced wines while the traditional robust, high alcohol content wines are retained

mainly for local consumption.

The most planted variety is Garnacha tinta (55 per cent) for reds and rosés, followed by Viura (20 per cent), Mazuelo and Tempranillo (15 per cent), while Moscatel Romano is used for the production of sweet Moscatels and a rare red grape called Vidadillo.

Tempranillo is blended with Garnacha to make the Crianza, Reserva and Gran Reserva.

The whites are made with Viura and the rosés use Garnacha along with other white and red varieties and are macerated for colour.

Both the fresh young whites, which represent 20 per cent of total production, and rosés, are best consumed within the year of production.

Reds have the characteristic style of Garnacha wines produced in hot climates and, in the case of oak-aged Crianzas, have the taste and strength provided by 5 per cent of Cariñena grapes which pair well with red meats and game. *Happy tasting.*

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How to drive safely in winter

THERE are many winter lovers who like visiting cities during cold periods or participating in snow sports. One must admit that it is not the same visiting, for instance, Sierra Nevada covered by snow, adding an extra attraction to these magical mountains, than without it. But if you go driving this can be harrowing, especially where blizzard and icy conditions crop up seemingly out of nowhere.

If, after all, you decide to drive, there are some recommendations to take into account:

- **Check the weather before you go**

If the weather is freezing, warm up the car before you drive it. If the forecast looks unpredictable, wait out the storm if possible. But if you must travel, make sure you share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave.

If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Place reflective triangles in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, mud or

any other object.

- **Prepare Your Car for Winter**

Besides checking the weather, it's important to have a mechanic check the condition of the following vehicle systems before heading out on the road: ignition, brakes, wiring, hoses and fan belts, spark plugs, air, fuel and emissions filters, distributor, battery, tyre wear and air pressure and check the antifreeze level.

- **Know What to Do to Avoid a Crash**

Sometimes water or ice on the road can surprise drivers, even with little to no precipitation. So, if you don't want to be surprised and end up in a crash, here are some tips:

- Never mix radial tyres with other types of tyres
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather
- Do not use cruise control in wintery conditions
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Increase your distance to the car ahead



WINTER DRIVING: Know how to keep safe.

- If possible, don't stop when going uphill
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full
- Don't Leave Home Without These

In an emergency situation, there are a few things that you should have with you at all times such as, a properly inflated spare tyre, wheel wrench and tripod jack, shovel, jump leads, tyre chains, tool kit, flashlight and extra batteries, reflective triangles, first aid kit, ice scraper, non-perishable high energy foods, blankets and gloves.

Also do not forget to have your Roadside Assistance number at hand. Liberty Seguros Roadside Assistance is at your disposal 24/7 through a Free Phone Number, 900 101 369, where you

will be assisted by an English-speaking operator.

Winter road trips - even short ones - are a great way to celebrate with family and friends. As well as providing you with insurance to cover you for any unexpected accident or loss, Liberty Seguros would encourage you to be fully prepared when driving in adverse conditions. Being prepared can ensure a safe and happy time is had by all.

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What price a good night's sleep?

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



IN an average lifetime we spend upwards of 26 years sleeping, a third of our lives.

We are advised that we should replace our beds at least every eight years. At John Lewis & Partners, my local department store, an unscientific survey online and in-store offered mattresses costing from €284 for a basic mattress and divan up to a heroic €20,500 at the top end for the mattress alone.

The most expensive mattress boasted fillings and ingredients of hemp, linen, horse hair, Egyptian cotton, British fleece wool, Yorkshire wool, goat angora, silk, cashmere, tree silk, Alpaca and Pashmina with 44,500 springs, while towards the budget end of the offer lay a bed whose list of ingredients were merely polyester, recycled cotton and wool, and a humble 288 springs.

Scientific research and surveys among them the National Sleep Survey showed that 50 per cent of the UK's population have sleep issues. And 80 per cent confirm that their sleep is disturbed regularly. The negative impact of sleep deprivation extends into all aspects of our waking lives. You are more likely to be overweight if you sleep poorly. Science has even demon-



DECADENT: A Savoir bed in the Savoy Hotel, London.

strated that poor sleep patterns lead to a shorter life span than would otherwise be the case.

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Savoir Beds of London still manufactures the original Savoir Bed, branded as the Savoir No2 with the trademark Trellis ticking designed by Lady D'Oyly Carte in 1905.

Frank Sinatra would only sleep on a Savoir Bed when he was in London, and stipulated that condition in his contracts. Reputedly Liza Minelli actress and singer decided to purchase one after just one night.

The Savoy Hotel was last totally refurbished in 2010, with €234 million invested, and a Savoir Bed is found in all its best rooms, with the sumptuous No1 installed in the Royal Suite.



PRICEY: A Hastens Vividus will set you back more than €113,500.

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Franco's grandchildren in inheritance battle

THE seven grandchildren of General Francisco Franco, Spain's former fascist dictator, are mired in a feud about the family fortune. Media and public attention has inevitably followed the siblings throughout their lives, with their divorces, marriages, and extravagant parties featuring heavily in glossy magazines.

Now they are back in the spotlight as questions are raised about their right to inherit a property empire left by their mother, Maria del Carmen Franco y Polo.

Carmen, Franco's only daughter, died just after Christmas and historians claim that some of the assets in her £438 million (€494 million) will include treasure plundered by her father during the 1936-39 civil war and his subsequent reign.

Emilio Silva, who runs an association dedi-

cated to the repossession of historically valuable items, said:

"A large amount of the family fortune was acquired illegally and it's shameful that the state has never investigated."

The Franco family fortune includes apartment buildings in Madrid and underground car parks.

Silva wants more exposure of Franco's 'war crimes' and the closure of a foundation dedicated to him.

"In Germany you'd never find a Hitler foundation," he complained.

Carmen was known as the 'Lady of the Necklaces' for her love of high-end jewellery, but her funeral attracted a crowd of 1,200 and was carried out by two cardinals. While she preferred to stay out of the limelight, her chil-

dren have long been scattered across the society pages. Last week Francisco, the eldest, was sentenced to 30 months in prison for deliberately crashing into a police car following a high speed chase in 2012.

His younger brother Jaime was given a one-year suspended sentence in 2009 for beating his girlfriend in a hotel. Leftist politicians in the northern Galicia region where Franco was born are demanding that a 19th century castle there should be handed back to the provincial authority. Last year the castle was briefly occupied by militants who unfurled a banner saying 'Give back what was robbed.'

British historian Paul Preston has said: "It always used to be said that Franco didn't steal anything because he thought everything belonged to him anyway."



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High-tech homes are a smart move

By Tom Woods

UP to 39 per cent of Spaniards would be interested in living in a smart home in the next five years, according to the Smart Home Survey.

The report, produced by the consultancy firm Context, appears to confirm that smart homes are in fashion as people look to maximise their creature comforts.

Saving on electricity bills, contributing to the environment and improving home security are some of the reasons for the popularity of technology.

Companies like Amazon, Google, Microsoft and Apple are already making advances into this emerging market.

State of the art possibilities for domestic bliss include arriving home to find the house at the perfect temperature, controlling the lighting of the house from a mobile phone, and remote burglar alarm activation.

Of course having a reliable internet connection is crucial in having a properly



FORWARD THINKING: The rise in smart home demand seems unstoppable.

functioning smart home.

It allows bluetooth, infrared and other systems to communicate with each other or with the provider.

Many users rely on cloud software so that important data is not lost in the event of a computer system fail-

ure, and your passwords should be periodically changed for security.

Given the range of different technological devices likely to be in a smart home, it is advisable to link them to a central hub.

Examples of this would

be a smart TV, computer, tablet, or mobile phone, from which to control and manage all products.

According to the Gartner consultancy, 67 per cent of the smart devices sold will be connected in private homes by 2020.

GRAEME TYRRELL

Community gardens for growing a garden when you don't have your own

HAVING your own garden is a privilege. The convenience and cost saving of living in an apartment though often makes a garden that can provide fresh herbs, fruits, flowers and veggies just a dream.

It is possible however through linking in with local community gardens to participate in the healthy and productive activities while enjoying the companionship available in neighbourhood gardens.

There are many community gardening projects available that provide garden plots for people without a garden. Local governments often set aside a place where you can reserve a space to grow your own plants and there are also organisations such as associations or foundations that have land available for people to share in gardening activities.

If you love gardening but do not have your own space there are plenty of opportunities available, even if you just want to do it for a while. Many projects are undertaken to plant trees and create gardens on a project basis for only a limited time. Mostly the projects are on a voluntary basis with the benefit going to the neighbourhood where

the project is undertaken.

You can check at your local town hall or search through social media to find a community group that suits the type of gardening activity that you may be interested in. There are many that are looking for volunteers and others that provide you with your own space for your own garden.

Many community garden plots have waiting lists due to the demand for this type of activity being so popular, but the more interest that is shown to have places available, the more that will be created.

The municipality of Inca in Mallorca recently raffled 24 urban garden plots at the local Serral de les Monges Park to bring the number of garden plots available for use to 36 places after people had been waiting up to three years for a space.

Community gardens are a great way to meet new people with similar interests and to share gardening ideas and methods. It also gives a good reason to get out into the fresh air and undertake fruitful exercise with a project that can pro-



Photo by Alósnyis

An aerial view of a community garden.

vide many benefits.

Many non-government organisations provide training to improve your gar-

dening skills as well as projects to participate in to benefit the community such as tree planting and sus-

tainable gardens to provide examples of what is possible with community support.

One of the most widely known group of organisations is Permaculture.

Permaculture is a worldwide movement that researches ways to provide sustainable methods of gardening and other lifestyle activities to bring harmony into our lives.

Their activities are well publicised and often have government and community support for the projects they undertake.

You can find a wide range of projects at <https://permacultureglobal.org/projects> or more locally in Spain at <https://www.ecoherencia.es/areas/agroecologia-y-permacultural/>.

It is a good idea to also ask locally as many such projects are not publicised outside of the local region.



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Hugh has lived on Mallorca for 10 years and shares a home with his fiancé in Palmanova. He loves to help with the various charities on the island and enjoys walking in the mountains of Mallorca. Having learnt his DJ trade in various clubs and bars in and around London, he decided to make his move to the wonderful island of Mallorca; which he now calls home. You can listen to Hugh in the mornings on Spectrum FM from 8am to 12 pm.

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Words of wisdom..

I HAVE recently retired from radio work so after some 30 years I am free to sleep in on a Saturday!

Radio work keeps the brain active, one must be up-to-date as this is such a vast subject.

I was lucky to work with Nazli, a top vet and owner of Pointer Clinic Estepona for many years and Celia Haddon PhD, a small animal expert who for the show mainly spoke about felines. Now publicly I thank both these wonderful professional people for their participation and support.

Most people are not aware when they say the word 'dogs' this is a vast subject that involves first aid, vets, rescue, dog shows, charity work, trainers, behaviourists, specialists in scenting, tracking, fly-ball, agility, dancing, police-style arrest work, and preparing a young dog for the visits to the vet. Not forgetting it is a good idea to have pet



BAD DOG: Firmness is important when disciplining your canine.

insurance. I used to use Protecta Pet.

In my opinion the most important classes are for puppies, which most

good vets arrange on your first visit with a puppy. If they do not, then you have in my opinion the wrong vet.

The right trainer is vitally important since this is early learning, get it wrong then you will have the wrong type of behaviours. Expect to

“ The right trainer is vitally important since this is early training.

start as soon as possible from eight weeks. Usually the area for puppy training is safe for unvaccinated dogs but of course ask the vet.

Your chosen vet is going to be your pet's best friend and anything odd in behaviour such as not eating, swelling, fatigue, and sudden aggression could well be a veterinary problem. Do not go to a pharmacy and do not ask people what they think, you must go to a known professional vet.

Know your dog; commitment, firmness, but kindness.

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The airline revealed that requests have risen by 75 per cent to 76,000 in a year, and recently had to turn down a request for an 'emotional support' peacock at New York's Newark Airport.

A spokeswoman for the airline said that the rules regarding which animals passengers can bring on board needed to be tightened because of a "significant increase in on-board incidents involving these animals."

Passengers will also now have to provide proof that

their animal has been 'trained to behave properly in a public setting,' as well as giving 48-hours notice and a letter from a mental health professional validating the need to travel with their pet.

Other airlines such as Virgin Atlantic only allow dogs

to be brought on board, while British Airways doesn't allow passengers to bring any 'emotional support' pets on flights.



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SHIP AHOY: Aerial view of Palma port where increased parking facilities will soon be put out to tender.

New parking facilities for Palma port

IT is becoming increasingly obvious that those who enjoy boating and using marina facilities need to have easy access and decent parking.

To this end therefore, the Balearic Port Authority is giving serious consideration to building a 460-space underground parking garage to allow more visitors to be able to

park at Palma port.

There are currently just 150 above ground parking spaces on the Lonja mole which will be lost, but that area will be landscaped and become a new green space for the area.

The Authority is looking to put the work and the lease to manage the car park for 50

years out to tender, with a minimum requirement to build a single underground floor to house 230 vehicles, but with the option to add a further 230 spaces on a second, lower floor.

A minimum of 20 per cent of all of the spaces created will need to be put aside for long-term use by employees of the Port Au-

thority and other businesses, but the balance will be available for short-term parking and will still be an increase on the amount of parking currently available, even if the single level option is opted for.

It is estimated that if both levels offering the maximum parking are tendered for, costs could be in excess of €20 million.

New laws to reduce Costa Blanca boat parks

IF you are thinking of sailing off to the northern part of Costa Blanca, be aware that small boats may soon be faced with new restrictions on mooring.

The Ministry of Environment has indicated that it intends to control the number of boats that use the natural bay between the Arenal de Javea and the Cap D'Or de Moraira, due to recent overcrowding issues.

The problem is a particular issue in areas such as the Cala de la

Sardinera which can attract hundreds of boats, choosing the beautiful location as a temporary home in the busy summer season.

The consultation process involving interested professional parties was launched on January 23, leading to the opening of public meetings shortly.

Should the new regulations come into force, it won't just be mooring that will be controlled.

The decision will include

guidelines on the regeneration of beaches, define future fishing rights - both professional and recreational - and establish measures aimed at preventing vessels from interfering with sea creatures.

It will also bring in tougher penalties for anyone caught

making illegal discharges from both land or at sea.

This particular coastal section has been highlighted as being one of great natural value, containing a number of protected species that the environment ministry now wish to continue to protect for future generations.



Photo by Volvo Ocean Race

VOLVO OCEAN RACE: En route to New Zealand.

Still 3,000 miles to go, anyone can win this leg

LESS than 100 nautical miles was separating the participating yachts in the Volvo Ocean Race as they headed towards the dreaded doldrums about half way through their voyage to New Zealand. Team AkzoNobel was leading the charge towards the doldrums still some 600 miles away, and the bulk of the vessels have moved into a north to south alignment.

Sallywag, which broke the mould and moved further west, soon decided that it was safer to fall in line with the other competitors after losing 20 miles to third place Spanish yacht MAPFRE. AkzoNobel's Nicolai Sehested commented that "Boatspeed is crucial. A little bit of luck, you need that as well ... But we're in a strong position right now because we've been fast the last few days. We've locked the boat into a good mode. I can't say what we've been doing but we've been fast and we're feeling comfortable.

"Hopefully our speed gets us first to the doldrums. And if first in means first out that would be really, really good for us."

MAPFRE was locked into battle with Dongfeng and were only a few miles ahead, but Dongfeng skipper Charles Caudrelier took time to make a Valentine's Day phone call to his mates on on the Spanish vessel.



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CALA DE LA SARDINERA: Attracts small boats.

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JAGUAR has announced that they will be creating a limited amount of brand new D-Types, the most successful race car ever.

Only 25 ‘new’ D-Types will be made at the Jaguar Classic Works factory later this year, the first time in 62 years that Jaguar has produced the car.

The limited production versions will be built to the exact ‘period-correct’ spec of the originals and will complete a project first started in 1955.

Jaguar planned to build 100 D-Types when production first began, but only 75 were ever made so the final 25 to be created this year will officially bring

Un-D-lievable

Jag reveal new €1.1 mill D-Type

down the curtain on the D-Type story.

Prices of the new versions of the iconic 1950’s three-time Le Mans winner are yet to be announced, but are expected to cost in excess of €1.1 million (£1 million) each.

Tim Hannig, Jaguar Land

Rover Classic director, told British media: “The Jaguar D-Type is one of the most iconic and beautiful competition cars of all time, with an outstanding record in the world’s toughest motor races. And it’s just

as spectacular today. “The opportunity to continue the D-type’s success story, by completing its planned production run in Coventry, is one of those once-in-a-life-

time projects that our world-class experts at Jaguar Land Rover Classic are proud to fulfil.”

Original versions of the cars are currently selling for fortunes.

In 2016, the 1956 Le Mans winning D-Type became the second most expensive car of all time when it sold for just under €19 million (£16.6 million).

And just last year, a 1954 model, signed by Sir Stirling Moss, sold for more than €12.5 million (£11 million).

BEAUTIFUL: The D-Type won the Le Mans 24 Hour three times between 1955 and 1957.

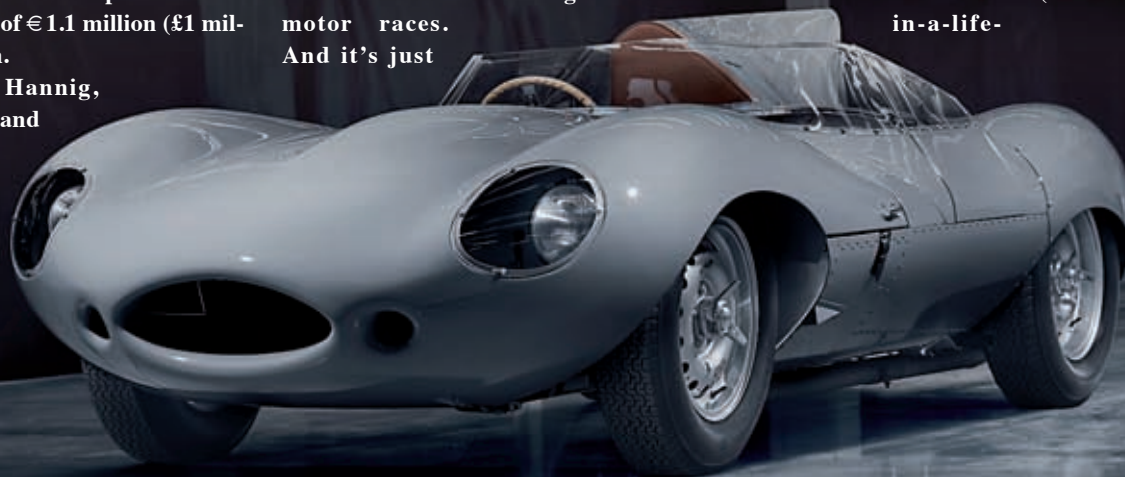


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Spanish sales soar Cheap as chips

NEW car sales in Spain increased by 20 per cent in January.

According to a report released by the Spanish Association of Manufacturers of Cars and Trucks (ANFAC), a total of 101,661 units were sold in Spain last month.

By brand, Volkswagen was Spain’s best-selling brand in January, with 8,909 sales equating to a 34 per cent increase.

VW topped Spanish brand Seat in second place with sales of 8,540, while PAS Group’s Peugeot and Opel took third and fourth place respectively.

Toyota rounded off the top five in Spain after posting a 12 per cent increase with 6,337 sales.

Communications director at Spanish automotive dealers Faconauto, Raul Morales, remained cautious despite the positive incline.

He told *Automotive News Europe*: “We cannot be



VOLKSWAGEN: Spain’s best-selling brand in January.

overly optimistic about February.

We don’t think the good results will be sustained because in January we saw a decline in orders.”

January sales to rental companies rose by 24 per cent to 16,219, while demand from private customers also increased by 16 per cent to 52,253 units,

In a statement, ANFAC said: “Rental companies have started renewing their fleets before the beginning of the tourist season, which

starts early with the Easter holiday starting at the end of March.”

Among Asian brands Hyundai sales jumped 76 per cent, Kia posted a 25 per cent increase and Nissan grew by 18 per cent.

Premium German brands also saw an incline in sales, with increases for Audi, Mercedes Benz and BMW, while American brand Jeep more than doubled sales with a 126 per cent increase, mainly thanks to the launch of the new Compass.

FORD has revealed a new mini SUV that will cost just €12,000.

The new Ka+ has been upgraded with the new ‘Active’ range which comes with a host of new features despite its budget price.

It has a new raised roof height, roof rails, extra ‘off-road’ trim-like scuff plates and inside has a huge tablet touchscreen, equipped with Ford’s range-topping SYNC3 infotainment system.

The latest SYNC3 features both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration, plus DAB and sat nav services.

Rain-sensing wipers, heated rear seats, parking sensors, automatic headlamps and quick-clear heated windscreen are all also available to purchase.

Performance wise, the Ka+

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La Liga Preview

Madrid look for back to back victories



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RETURN TO FORM: Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 43rd hat-trick for Real Madrid against Real Betis last week.

REAL MADRID will look to return to third in the table this weekend as they travel to mid-table Real Betis.

Los Blancos ran riot last time out against Real Sociedad as Cristiano returned to form with a perfect hat-trick in a 5-2 win. They briefly moved into the top three with the win, but Valencia's 3-1 win over Levante saw them jump back into third spot.

A victory against Betis will see last season's Champions return to third in the table provided that Valencia fail to overcome struggling Malaga.

However that seems unlikely as Los Boquerones remain rooted to the bottom of La Liga following their 1-0 loss to Atletico Madrid last time out and have scored just once in 2018.

Antoine Griezmann grabbed the only goal of the game in the first minute as he ghosted in behind the Malaga defence to lash home from six yards out.

Following last week's victory, Atletico will look to cement their hold on second place as they return to the Wanda Metropolitano to host Athletic Bilbao.

The Madrid side are currently nine points ahead of Valencia and only seven points behind Barcelona after they could only draw 0-0 with Getafe.

League leaders Barca will look to get back to winning ways as they head to Eibar after they struggled to create any real chances against Getafe in their last La Liga game.

Elsewhere, sixth placed Sevilla, who have lost just once in their last six games in all competitions, will look to leapfrog Villarreal into fifth position as they face Las Palmas while Villarreal facing a tough tie against Espanyol.

Espanyol have put on some decent performances of late, picking up vital points against Barcelona and Celta Vi-

go in their fight against the drop and will be full of confidence ahead of their fixture against the fifth placed side.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Girona face Leganes, Real Sociedad take on Levante, Celta Vigo travel to Getafe and Alaves host Clarence Seedorf's Deportivo La Coruña.

Weekend's fixtures

Tomorrow (Friday)

Girona vs Leganes

Saturday

Las Palmas vs Sevilla

Eibar vs Barcelona

Alaves vs Deportivo La Coruña

Malaga vs Valencia

Sunday

Real Sociedad vs Levante

Atletico Madrid vs Athletic Bilbao

Espanyol vs Villarreal

Real Betis v Real Madrid

Monday

Getafe vs Celta Vigo

FA Cup returns

Wigan host Man City in repeat of 2013 final

LEAGUE ONE side Wigan Athletic host the Premier League's runaway leaders Manchester City as the FA Cup returns for the fifth round this weekend.

In a repeat of the 2013 final, where Wigan famously triumphed 1-0 winners, Manchester City will be looking to avenge their final defeat from five years ago. Both teams go into the match full of confidence and Wigan especially will be dreaming of another FA Cup upset.

Elsewhere, Huddersfield Town will face Manchester United for the second time this month as they host the 12-time holders at the John Smith stadium.

United ran out 2-0 winners the last time the two sides met, with Alexis Sanchez grabbing his first goal for the club following Romelu Lukaku's opener. But Huddersfield will be hoping to emulate their result earlier in the season when they ran out 2-1 winners at the John Smith stadium to beat United for the first time in 65 years.

Elsewhere, last season's finalists Chelsea face Championship side Hull as they look to bounce back from last year's 2-1 final loss with an eighth trophy.

Hull sit just above the relegation zone in the Championship in 21st place and will be looking to continue their cup run to give their fans something to cheer about.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Brighton and Hove Albion host Coventry City, West Bromwich Albion host Southampton, League One Rochdale host Tottenham, Sheffield Wednesday host Swansea City and Leicester City play Sheffield United.

Full fixtures - Tomorrow (Friday)

Leicester City vs Sheffield United

Chelsea vs Hull City

Saturday, February 17

Sheffield Wednesday vs Swansea City

Brighton and Hove Albion vs Coventry City

West Bromwich Albion vs Southampton

Huddersfield Town vs Manchester United

Sunday, February 18

Rochdale vs Tottenham Hotspur

Monday, February 19

Wigan Athletic vs Manchester City

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE



TEAM	PJ	PG	PE	PP	GF	GC	PT
1 • Barcelona	23	18	5	0	60	11	59
2 • Atlético	23	15	7	1	34	9	52
3 • Valencia	23	13	4	6	45	27	43
4 • Real Madrid	22	12	6	4	50	23	42
5 • Villarreal	23	11	4	8	34	28	37
6 • Sevilla	23	11	3	9	29	34	36
7 • Eibar	23	10	5	8	32	34	35
8 • Betis	23	10	3	10	38	45	33
9 • Celta	23	9	5	9	41	34	32
10 • Girona	23	8	7	8	31	30	31
11 • Getafe	23	7	9	7	26	21	30
12 • Leganés	22	8	5	9	20	22	29
13 • Athletic	23	6	10	7	24	25	28
14 • R. Sociedad	23	7	5	11	43	45	26
15 • Espanyol	23	6	8	9	21	31	26
16 • Alavés	23	8	1	14	21	33	25
17 • Levante	23	3	11	9	21	35	20
18 • Las Palmas	23	5	3	15	17	50	18
19 • Deportivo	23	4	5	14	24	52	17
20 • Málaga	23	3	4	16	14	36	13

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PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	27	23	3	1	79	20	72
2 • M. United	27	17	5	5	51	19	56
3 • Liverpool	27	15	9	3	61	31	54
4 • Chelsea	27	16	5	6	49	23	53
5 • Tottenham H.	27	15	7	5	52	24	52
6 • Arsenal	27	13	6	8	51	36	45
7 • Burnley	27	9	9	9	21	24	36
8 • Leicester City	27	9	8	10	39	40	35
9 • Everton	27	9	7	11	32	46	34
10 • Bournemouth	27	8	7	12	31	41	31
11 • Watford	27	8	6	13	37	47	30
12 • West Ham Utd.	27	7	9	11	34	46	30
13 • Newcastle United	27	7	7	13	25	36	28
14 • Brighton	27	6	10	11	22	36	28
15 • Crystal Palace	27	6	9	12	25	42	27
16 • Swansea City	27	7	6	14	20	37	27
17 • Huddersfield Town	27	7	6	14	23	47	27
18 • Southampton	27	5	11	11	28	40	26
19 • Stoke City	27	6	7	14	27	53	25
20 • West Bromwich	27	3	11	13	21	40	20

All to play for as Spain face Romania in WC qualifier

SPAIN gave their hopes for automatic qualification to the 2019 Rugby World Cup a huge boost as they battled to a 20-13 win over Russia on Saturday.

In a tightly fought affair, Los Leones seemed to have killed the game off following Pierre Barthere's second-half try after a brilliant cross-field kick from fly-half Mathieu Belie.

But it seemed to all the world that Russian forward Tagir Gadzhiev had put his team within just a point of Spain with only a few minutes remaining as he picked up the ball from the base of a ruck and dived over into the in-goal area.

Despite clearly planting the ball over the line, referee Frank Murphy's view was obscured and without a Television Match Official (TMO) present,

he decided to award an attacking five-metre scrum instead.

Spain managed to withstand the late Russian onslaught to secure a 20-13 victory ahead of Saturday's top of the table clash with high flying Romania.

The victory moves Spain to within just three points of the table-topping Oaks, but they will

need to be at the top of their game against their opposition who come into the match off the back of an 85-6 destruction of Germany.

A win by more than seven would see Spain leapfrog Romania into first place in the Round Five Rugby Europe Championship and be in pole position for automatic qualification to next year's World Cup.

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SPAIN'S Javier Fernandez will be competing for the gold medal at the Winter Olympics tomorrow (Friday) as he competes in the Men's Figure Skating gold medal final. He is hoping to win Spain's first Winter Olympic medal for 26 years.

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SPANIARD Naitxo Gonzalez has finished third in the Nazare challenge as part of the Big Wave Tour (BWT).

In what was just the second ever BWT event in Nazaré, Portugal, the competition was forced to run over two days due to dangerous conditions.

Waves reportedly reached between six and 11 metres on Sunday when the challenge resumed and Gonzalez, who was brought in as a substitute for the event, made the most of his chance.

Gonzalez, from Plentzia in the Basque Country, achieved a historic result for Spanish surfing as he finished third with a 13.834 score behind second placed Billy Kemper and winner Brazilian, Lucas Chianca

Following the bronze, the 22-year-old wrote on Instagram: "I cannot describe in words what I feel right now, it has been a very hard year, trying to be in the biggest swells of the year all over the world.

"Suddenly I have the opportunity to enter as a substi-

Surf's up!

Spaniard achieves historic result



Photo by @GeraSportRooms/ Twitter

HISTORIC: The 22-year-old achieved a memorable podium finish for Spanish surfing.

tute to the Nazaré championship, I take the third place of the event and I position myself 10th in the world ranking.

"Everything points to that if they do not make the Mavericks championship in two

weeks, I will enter the tour again. A dream come true.

"Thanks to my family for all the support you have given me from the beginning, since it is not the easiest when your son is going to catch the biggest waves in the world

and my sponsors Quiksilver, Red Bull and Pukas to make this dream come true!"

The result leaves Gonzalez 10th in the BWT standings on 6,994 points, more than 20,000 points behind leader Billy Kemper.



Photo by RCD Mallorca

TALENT: Anderson Arroyo is highly regarded by both Liverpool and Mallorca.

From Merseyside to Mallorca Youngster signs on long-term loan

RCD MALLORCA has signed highly-rated young full back Anderson Arroyo from Liverpool on an 18-month loan deal.

The Colombian U20 international's arrival at Anfield was only confirmed on February 6, after the deal to bring the defender in from Colombian side Fortaleza CEIF was officially ratified.

But he has been immediately sent on loan to the Segunda B leaders in the hope of first team football and improving his chances of gaining a work permit.

According to reports, Arroyo doesn't currently have a work per-

mit for the UK but playing regularly in Spain will hopefully allow the 18-year-old to become eligible for a European visa over two years.

Arroyo first caught Liverpool's attention back in 2016, while he was just 16-years-old.

He went for a trial with the club's under-18 side on their tour of Germany and impressed the scouts but was sent back to Fortaleza to develop.

The youngster also had a trial with Mallorca in December 2017 and will now be part of the Segunda B leaders' side until January 2019.

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