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Cave fire outrage

Families call for sentence review

by Joe Gerrard

THE mothers of three people who died after an arson attack on a cave house in Almeria have called on Spain's Constitutional Court to review the sentences of those convicted.

Naima El Arbaoui, the mother of 12-year-old Naima who died in the fire, said she and the mothers of Alejandro, 21 and Cinthia, 15 were "dissatisfied" with the original sentences.

"We have resorted to the Constitutional Court and we are waiting for an answer to see what happens," she said.

El Arbaoui was speaking at a rally held outside the cave in the La Molineta area where the man and two teenage girls died on April 3, 2017.

Natalia de Haro, Alejandro's mother, said the sentences handed down in the original trial were not appropriate for a "triple murder."

Raquel Fernandez, the mother of Cinthia, said her and the two other women had put together a petition calling for changes to laws concerning children in criminal cases.



COURT DEMAND: The woman said they had called on Spain's Constitutional Court to review the sentences.

"We have more than 10,000 signatures. People are collaborating with us because there is no responsibility for anything here," she added.

De Haro said they had not yet received a response from authorities but they would continue their campaign to get the law changed.

"Another misfortune could occur. If one has come, more can come," she said.

El Arbaoui said children were still coming onto the site where her daughter, the man and the girl died.

"Everything is full of garbage. It has not been cleaned, it is not fenced. You can see there are more chairs and nobody takes charge here," she said.

The rally at the La Molineta cave is the second organised by the women. The first

took place at the Almeria City Court at the beginning of last month.

Cable criminal

NATIONAL POLICE have employed a European arrest warrant to arrest a fugitive in Almeria City.

The Romanian suspect, held in the Torrecardenas neighbourhood, was handed over to the authorities of his native country and is facing four years in prison for the crime of aggravated robbery.

According to the Local Police, a probe was launched two weeks ago after the International Fugitive Tracing Group issued a report.

The report suggested that a man who had allegedly been on the run from Romanian police for six years, was living in Torrecardenas.

The crimes for which the 40-year-old detainee was being pursued date back to the period between October 2009 and July 2010.

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By Matt Ford

One year on

Friends of death plunge victim return

FRIENDS of Kirsty Maxwell, the Scottish woman who plummeted from a balcony while holidaying on the Costa Blanca, have spoken of their horror at finding her body lying by their hotel swimming pool.

Last weekend marked one year since the 27-year-old newlywed from Livingston tragically fell from the 10th floor of the Apartamentos Payma complex in Benidorm.

The bank worker had been visiting Spain for pal Carolyn Burke's hen-do with 19 other friends, and four of them plus her aunt returned to the resort as their search for answers continues.

Carolynn, 29, said: "My mum was banging on my door at 10.30am and then she burst into the room with a man shouting 'someone's missing, someone's missing - there's been an accident.'

"Lesley-Anne got up and ran to the window and looked. When she came back she said, 'it's Kirsty.'

"We just sat in a room for

hours in silence crying.

"I don't think any of us will ever be the same again."

Lesley-Anne Watson, 28, added: "I looked and she was just lying there - I was shaking and freezing."

The women gave a press conference in Benidorm before putting up posters and distributing fliers in the hope that new witnesses will come forward.

It is believed Kirsty was in an apartment occupied

by five British bodybuilders from Nottingham on the floor when she fell after leaving her room a floor below barefoot but clothed.

They were quizzed by Spanish investigators before returning to the UK after denying wrongdoing.

Retail manager Kerry Langton, 27, explained how

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HEN PARTY HORROR: Pals of Kirsty Maxwell (left) have been in Benidorm seeking answers (right).

she had tucked Kirsty into her pyjamas on but she was being silly and said no. I said 'Goodnight, love you' and tucked her in like a wee child."

Lesley-Anne added:

"There's not a day it doesn't go through your head, 'what if we stayed somewhere different? What if we came on a different night?'"

She described the aftermath as "hell" and recalled how she had to break the

tragic news to Kirsty's husband Adam, 28, who she had married just seven months earlier.

"Adam phoned and he said he'd had a strange call and he thought it was a prank. I had to tell him it wasn't and I remember him breaking down.

"It was horrific... I replay that conversation in my head every day."

Kirsty's clothes were controversially destroyed without proper DNA testing in the wake of the incident.

Private detective David Swindle, an ex-police officer, is now probing the case on behalf of her parents Brian and Denise and husband Adam after Spanish detectives were unable to track down any witnesses and their Spanish lawyer resigned citing "a difference of opinion over optimum legal strategy."

A new website (www.kirstymaxwell.com) has been launched with messages from her family and details about the case, plus contact details if you have any information.

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Patient death case in court

THE family of a psychiatric patient who died after fleeing an ambulance and falling down a 20-metre slope have filed a malpractice case against health services. Maria Hernandez, the mother of David Castillo, 29, submitted proceedings to Almería's Provincial Court over the death which happened on the way to Torrecardenas Hospital.

Youth course

AROUND 2,000 young people have been given the chance to take part in a training programme aimed at improving their behaviour. The 'Youth Code' initiative, made up of 82 workshops in 47 urban areas, includes classes on tolerance, diversity and preventing gender violence, according to the Junta de Andalucía's Youth Institute.

Europe ties

UNIVERSITY students representing countries from Europe and elsewhere have visited Vera as part of efforts to promote the exchange of culture and ideas among the town's young people. The 'Verasmus' scheme, developed by the University of Almería and Vera's council, featured international Erasmus students from the university, town authorities said.

Work status

AN estimated 35 per cent of Almería's workers are employed in jobs operating outside the law, according to trade union data. The Comisiones Obreras' (CCOO) statistics added around 95 per cent of those workers are believed to be women, almost all are immigrants and many come from outside the European Union.

Damaged art

A SCULPTURE has been vandalised around two weeks after it was first installed on Almería City's sea front. The Acrobat statue, by Manuel Dominguez, now has the signature of a graffiti artist scratched into the side of its face, with authorities having said the work is for everyone not the council.



Photo credit Antonio Gibotta/2018 Sony Photography Awards

FLOUR POWER: Antonio Gibotta's photos were taken in Ibi, Alicante.

Eggstra-ordinary

HIS pictures of an annual festival in Ibi, Alicante were featured in the *Euro Weekly News* earlier in the year.

And now Italian snapper Antonio Gibotta's stunning series of photographs has picked up second place in the Professional Discovery category of the 2018 Sony Photography Awards.

The jaw-dropping sequence shows revellers hurl smoke bombs, flour and eggs at each other as they stage a mock battle to

mark the biblical Massacre of the Innocents by King Herod.

Clad in military gear and wearing goggles to protect their eyes, some participants also brandish firecrackers as the flour and egg artillery whizzes by.

The bizarre event dates back around 200 years and sees Els Enfarinats (the floured ones) take control of the village as they stage a fake coup d'état against the authorities.

Talking about his experience at

the festival, Antonio said: "When I reached the heart of the struggle, after a few minutes, the floor became slippery and I had to be careful to dodge the flour and the eggs."

"I've always applied to photographic contests with images featuring cruel settings like wars and tragedies, such as my project on immigrants from the Balkans. But with this series I wanted to show another type of war... one that doesn't scare people."

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Mane event!



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HORSEPLAY: The Feria de Jerez is a traditional marvel.

IT'S among the most quintessentially Spanish festivals still celebrated today.

And the annual Feria de Jerez, also known as the Feria del Caballo (horse fair), is just around the corner.

Taking place in world sherry capital Jerez de la Frontera, the week-long celebration is the most important in the province of Cadiz, Andalucia, and has been designated a celebration of international interest by the Spanish government.

Less of a tourist-trap than regional capital Sevilla's enormous Feria de Abril, it features the time-honoured casetas - temporary bars and restaurants which transform into lively nightspots packed with revellers after dark - plus a raucous family fairground with a range of attractions, both typical features of ferias in southern Spain.

Unlike in Sevilla the casetas are open to the public, allowing visitors to quaff local sherry and sample the area's superlative cuisine while guitarists march to a flamenco beat marked by the pounding rhythm of stamping

feet and clapping hands.

But a large portion of the leafy Gonzalez Honoria Park, where festivities are centred, is also given over to the finest pure bred horses of Jerez in a nod to the origins of the event as a commercial livestock fair originating more than 500 years ago.

The Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art is located in the city, and the area's horse-breeding heritage comes to the fore during the feria, with dressage, rising competitions and polo matches.

But the undoubted highlight is the daily parade of horse-drawn carriages, dubbed enganches in Spanish.

Lavishly decorated English, Hungarian, Russian and Spanish-style carriages are paraded around the park and city streets, ending in the carousel, when they wheel and turn together in choreographed circles.

It is a striking, unforgettable spectacle soundtrack by the cracking of whips and hundreds of jingling bells.

POLL OF THE WEEK

In the wake of the 'La Manada' court ruling do you think sexual assault laws in Spain should be reformed?

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Expats 'paedo' snared

A 63-YEAR-OLD British man has been held on the Costa del Sol for allegedly distributing child pornography.

The unnamed suspect was arrested at Malaga Airport as he stepped off a flight from the Canary Islands.

It comes in the wake of a Spanish National Police probe, during which indecent images and videos being shared online led to an Internet Protocol address registered in the expatriate hotspot of Mijas Costa.

A raid on the man's home saw investigators seize a laptop and an external hard drive on which they found evidence that files of a 'clear paedophilic nature' had been saved before being deleted, according to police.

OUR VIEW

Someone, somewhere knows what happened

A WEEK after the Lisa Brown probe was frozen by a Spanish judge, family and friends of Kirsty Maxwell have returned to Benidorm.

And as they race to stop their own investigation being shelved, striking similarities between the cases emerge.

And chief among them is the lack of credible witnesses willing to come forward.

As with Lisa, somebody knows what happened to Kirsty, and secrets have a tendency to come out in the end.

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Wolf pack rage spot on

THE thousands of protesters who took to the streets in Spain to protest the San Fermin sex assault sentences are to be applauded.

According to the court ruling, the attack was not rape because no physical violence was used to subdue the victim, there were no injuries demonstrating violence and no intimidation.

But the 'abuse' was carried out by five men 10 years older than the victim, who took her to a dark doorway, repeatedly penetrated then left her lying on the floor.

If this does not qualify as rape, what does?

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Are EU ready for the show?

IT'S the world's most famous song contest.

And Eurovision fans are gearing up for this year's competition, which kicks off next Tuesday at the Al-tice Arena in Lisbon, Portugal.

But while Spanish hopes of douze points are being fuelled by eighth favourites and real-life couple Amaia y Alfred's Tu Cancion (Your Song), bookies have failed to even place the UK's SuRie - who will sing Storm - in the top 20 favourites ahead of the showpiece.

Spain's pair fell for each other on reality TV talent show Operacion Triunfo and were chosen to represent their country after winning the nation's hearts.

SuRie was the surprise winner of Eurovision: You Decide earlier this year and is an outside bet for the gong.

Both countries go straight into the final on Saturday May 12 as part of the 'Big 5' making the biggest financial contribution to the contest.



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DOUZE POINTS? Spain's Amaia y Alfred (top) and the UK's SuRie.



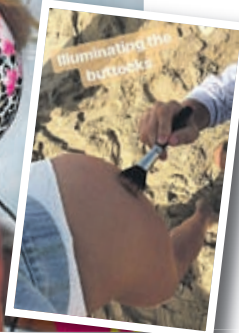
BOTTOMS UP: Jessica Hart.

Dare to bare

SHE'S a former Victoria's Secret model and Vogue cover girl.

But Australian siren Jessica Hart, 32, revealed her less glamorous side after posting a snap of bronzer being applied to her buttock on social media.

The cheeky moment came during a photo shoot in Ibiza for Marie Claire Italia, which saw the beauty pose in some of the party island's most picturesque locations.



Illuminating the buttocks

Jen's hot bum deal

SHE recently splashed out on a '3D' bum lift.

And former escort Jenny Thompson, 28, who shot to fame in 2010 after allegedly bedding ex-England footballer Wayne Rooney, hit the beach in Spain to show off the results of her latest surgery.

The Ex On The Beach star set pulses racing after slipping into a racy bikini before frolicking in the shallows.



Photo credit Twitter

BEACH BABE: Jenny Thompson.

Brady takes flack from ex squeeze



Photo credit Caroline Flack/Instagram

WHIRLWIND: Caroline and Andy.

FORMER Apprentice star Andrew Brady is at the centre of a three-way Balearic Islands love triangle.

It comes as the 27-year-old announced his engagement to host of Love Island - the dating show filmed on Mallorca - Caroline Flack, 38, via social media after only three months of dating.

But his ex, Ibiza Weekender DJ

Rachael Rhodes, has claimed she was dumped by the Celebrity Big Brother contestant without any explanation.

She wrote on her blog: "The last time I'd seen him he described our wedding to me, told me how many kids we were having and what colour their hair would be, he told my Mum what ring he wanted to get me and again, like magic - POOF."

Hot right now

HOW WE DO (PARTY) hitmaker Rita Ora is on her way to the Rock.

The 27-year-old singer is heading back to the Gibraltar Calling music festival for a second time after wowing the crowd in 2014.

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MORE than 100 Pulpi residents joined the town's mayor Juan Pedro Garcia to inaugurate a €500,000 project to reopen the world's second largest crystal-lined cave to visitors, media sources report. The cave boasts crystals which reach up to two metres in length.

Abuser jailed

AN Almeria court remanded a man in custody over accusations of child sex abuse last Wednesday after he was arrested in Nijar, Almeria following a complaint filed in Pozoblanco, Cordoba.

New centre

CIUDADANOS official Miguel Cazorla, has proposed to Almeria Town Hall to build a social centre and refurbish a multi-sports pitch in the Bellavista neighbourhood. He was speaking on behalf of local residents who feel the area lacks decent infrastructure.

Name shame

A STORY covered in the Euro Weekly News last week reported the arrest of British drugs lord Brian Charrington, but a production error saw his surname printed as Carrington, for which we apologise.

All together

ONE thousand University of Almeria students will form a human mosaic by holding up cardboard placards to showcase Almeria's official candidature to be Spain's 2019 gastronomy capital, local media reports. The city hopes to promote its tradition of tapas.

Protest kiss

GIRLS gathered at the University of Almeria to kiss each other to protest about the 'invisibility' lesbians face for being both women and homosexual, said participant and sexology student Laura Marcilla.

THE Partido Popular accused the regional government of using the inauguration of a new school to cover up its wider educational failings.

Education minister, Sonia Gaya inaugurated the school but PP's Almeria minister, Aranzazu Martin said it was a cover up for the government's 'huge shortcomings' in Almeria's education.

The expanded school had already been open for a year and 'still has deficiencies,' she said.

The expansion projects at the 'El Toyo' sec-

A bitter inauguration

ondary school in Retamar-el Toyo cost €3.8 million of which €3.6 million went towards building works and the remainder covered equipment.

The new buildings have replaced 14 prefabricated classrooms and can serve up to 480 students.

But Martin said Almeria is still Andalucia's leader in prefabricated classrooms and insisted Gaya visit the

Torremar Primary school to see the situation for herself.

Classroom shortages mean children are entered into raffles to decide who is taught in the prefab huts, she said.

In addition, a major shortage of school places has forced parents to educate their children further afield, she added.

The 'El Toyo' construction is part of a larger 2016-2017 education infrastructure plan worth €107 million and includes 128 building works.

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Brit teen death

by Karl Smallman and Matt Ford

POLICE are probing the death of a British expatriate teenager on the Costa del Sol.

It comes after the lifeless body of 17-year-old Kieran O'Brien was found after a six-day search.

The hunt had been extended to cover all of Malaga Province, with relatives in the UK contacted after he vanished from his family home in Alhaurin el Grande.

Investigators believe that he may have committed suicide, according to reports.

A Guardia Civil police helicopter was last Thursday seen combing the area inland from the coast.

He was eventually located around 9pm close to the Casa del Guardamontes, a well-known hiking spot in the mountain foothills behind the town.

Psychologists are reportedly talking to his class-



Photo credit: Guardia Civil/SOSDesaparecidos

HEARTBREAKING: The Casa del Guardamontes and (inset) Kieran O'Brien.

mates in the wake of his discovery.

Family friend Sandie Ashing told the *Euro Weekly News*: "Reports that a body has been found on the mountain are true.

"We were praying it wasn't him."

"But his dad just messaged me and confirmed.

"I have no words."

She added: "As I am sure you can imagine his family and friends are devastated.

"They thank everyone for sharing the posts, and searching in person.

"Thank you to all media who have been very supportive.

"Please give his family and friends time to grieve. RIP Kieran."

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By Karl Smallman

THE family of a 21-year-old British holidaymaker who plunged to her death from a ninth-floor Benidorm balcony may never know why she died.

Danielle Hall suffered fatal injuries after falling from the apartment in the Costa Blanca resort where she was staying with her partner and his grandmother.

After a night out with boyfriend, Jordan Bevan, the supermarket worker from Hexham, Northumberland, toppled over the balcony railings and suffered fatal injuries.

A North Shields inquest heard Jordan say that he thought she had stepped outside for a cigarette when he

Fatal plunge mystery

Coroner's 'open verdict' on Brit death

heard a thud and saw her lying on a garage roof below.

He said that Danielle had not shown any signs of depression or suicidal tendencies on the night she died in November 2016.

Coroner Eric Armstrong said there was no evidence to suggest she had taken her own life and he recorded an open verdict.

Mr Armstrong said, "We don't have any accounts or information telling us how she fell from the balcony.

"It's most likely to be that she had a drink, she was a bit unsteady, went for a cigarette and lost her balance and fell.

"If this is right, there's no supportive evidence for it. I cannot say it was an accident.

"What is left is an open conclusion."

The coroner said, "No parent should have to deal with the death of a child.



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SADLY MISSED:
It remains unclear how Danielle (inset) died.

You have my sympathy."

After her death, Danielle's family released a statement saying she was "a much-loved daughter, sister and a fantastic auntie to her five-month-old niece."

They added: "Danielle was an outgoing and friendly girl who will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Environmentalists: Reservoir 'a failure'

A RESERVOIR in Almeria has made an environmental group's list of 15 Spanish manmade water sites threatening the ecology of the surrounding area.

The Beninar reservoir, in

the west of the province, was among others the Ecologists in Action claimed were 'useless.' The group recommended its demolition.

The Great Hydraulic Failures report said most of the

sites included in the report were as a result of bad planning. Some were only capable of holding between 15 and 50 per cent of the water they were designed to, it added.

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Sex assault verdict outcry

Politicians pledge change as protests erupt across Spain

by Joe Gerrard

A NAVARRA court's acquittal of five men accused of raping an 18-year-old woman during Pamplona's San Fermin festival has led to calls to reform Spain's sexual assault laws.

The court's verdict, which found the men guilty of sexually assaulting the victim, sparked protests in cities throughout Spain.

Hundreds of people took to the streets in Almeria and other towns and cities in the province and across the country after feminist groups mobilised supporters on social media.

The protests come as Rafael Catala, Spain's Justice Minister, said the government in Madrid would present proposals to reform the country's Penal Code

"within weeks" following the verdict.

Protestors rallied around the slogan: "I do believe you". They chanted: "It's not abuse, it's rape!" and carried signs which read: "Enough of the patriarchal justice system" and "Spain is not a country for women".

Demonstrators were joined by local politicians in protests which took place across Spain. Those gathering in Madrid waved signs and chanted slogans outside the Justice Ministry building, according to reports.

Rallies were also organised beyond Spain including in the British cities of London and Manchester, as well as in Berlin, Brussels, Lisbon and Paris.



PROTESTS: Demonstrators gathered in Almeria and across Spain in opposition to the ruling.

Rafael Catala said in the wake of the outcry changes being drawn up by the government in Madrid would ensure the law was "always" on the side of the victim.

"Society has changed a lot in

the 23 years since current sexual assault laws were introduced. The commitment to respect people and our intransigence against violence, especially concerning gender, is among those changes," he said.

The members of the self-styled 'La Manada' (wolf pack) group were handed nine year prison sentences each. They have also been ordered to pay €50,000 in compensation and are prevented from contacting

the victim for 15 years.

The court held they had led the woman back to the basement of a block of flats where they assaulted her and filmed it on their mobile phones.

The victim's family said the court's penalty, for sexual assault rather than rape because no force was found to have been used, was "insufficient".

The men were given the right to appeal against the ruling. Both the prosecution and the defence have said they would lodge appeals with the court.

A national petition on the Change.org site calling for the disqualification of the magistrates who handed down the verdict has been signed by more than 1,316,750 people.

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Gabriel Cruz coverage probe

By Joe Gerrard

MEDIA regulators in Andalucía have referred their concerns about the coverage of the Gabriel Cruz case to national authorities on grounds of 'extreme sensationalism' from some television stations.

The Audiovisual Council of Andalucía (CAA) also found the rights of some people involved in the investigation into the eight-year-old's death could have been violated.

Spain's National Commission of Markets and Competition (CNMC), which regulates television broadcasts in the country, is now set to rule on whether the claims have any basis.

The CAA reportedly analysed almost 69 hours of news coverage as part of their investigation which was launched in March.

The report to the regulator claimed there were serious errors in the way information in connection with the case was covered.

"Some coverage amounted to a daily lynching moved on-



Credit: Juan Ignacio Zoido, via Twitter

COVERAGE CLAIMS: Andalucía's media watchdog claimed some television shows 'sensationalised' reports on Gabriel Cruz's disappearance and death.

ly by the desire to give fast news and to capture an audience," the document added.

The body claimed Ana Julia Quezada, the prime suspect in the case, had been the subject of sexist and discriminatory content from some news outlets.

The CAA said morning news programmes such as Antena 3 and Telecinco had con-

sistently linked a man arrested for breaking a restraining order against Cruz's mother to the case.

Some news outlets had broadcast the full name, age, place of residence, medical history and pictures with partially blurred faces of the man. This continued after authorities ruled him out as being involved, the regulator added.

The report also highlighted the alleged ignoring of requests made to the media by Cruz's family to correct the false information.

Gabriel Cruz's body was allegedly found in the back of Quezada's car following a 13-day search across the Nijar area of Almería. The investigation into the death remains ongoing.

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Adios Benidorm

Show creator confirms sitcom will end

BENIDORM, the long-running, award-winning ITV sitcom will air its final episode this week after TV bosses decided to axe it after a 10-series run.

Produced by Tiger Aspect the

series features an ensemble cast of holidaymakers and staff at the Solana all-inclusive hotel in Benidorm on Spain's Costa Blanca.

Last Sunday show creator Der-

ren Litten told his Twitter followers, "crazy to think Wednesday will be the last episode of Benidorm!"

"I created the series over 11 years ago, wrote it, guest starred in it and ended up directing it. It's difficult to think what else there is to do! Thank you for watching!"

It comes only weeks after Litten tweeted, "Apparently *The Sun* are running a story tomorrow on how Benidorm has been cancelled. Don't make me f**king laugh! (I enjoyed that story after series 6. And 7 and 8 and 9...)"

A TV source, quoted by the newspaper, said, "Benidorm has been a huge success for ITV for a decade, but bosses feel it's run its course."

"The ratings have started to drop off and a number of the fan favourites have left, so it just feels as though the time is right to let it go out while it's still on a high."

Just over 4.3 million fans tuned in for the first show of series 10, a 400,000 drop on the previous year.



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OH BUOY: The Strait of Gibraltar plot was busted in a joint operation (inset).

Strait racket

Jet ski gang charged €4k per head

A MOROCCAN people smuggling gang that transported migrants across the Strait of Gibraltar on high-powered jet skis has been foiled.

The journey reportedly took just half an hour and cost passengers €4,000 each.

Spanish police said in a statement that each trip saw between one and three migrants make the 14-kilometre crossing.

They would then be transported elsewhere in Spain, France or Italy using fake documents, of-

ten to meet relatives already resident in the European Union.

Investigators from the Guardia Civil and National Police collaborated with Europol on the sting, with 19 Moroccan nationals arrested in Almeria.

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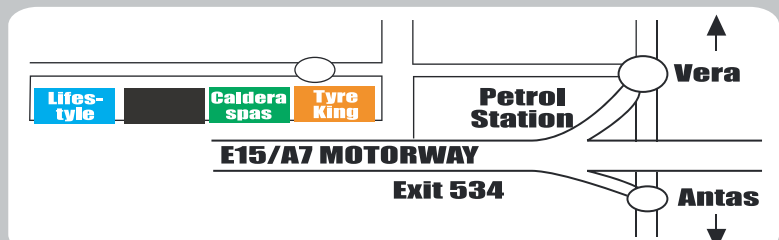
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Brit death

Drug claim sparks

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH holidaymaker killed after a violent Canary Islands brawl was given a drugs overdose by medics, pathologists say.

Father-of-two Daryl Bhandal was allegedly attacked and beaten while celebrating his birthday at a four-star hotel in Santiago, Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

The construction firm director suffered head and facial injuries, and became agitated as medics tried to take X-rays at the island's Hospital del Sur, leading them to inject him with 20mg of anaesthesia and sedation drug Midazolam.

But pathologists' reports say that rather than calming him down, the dosage knocked him unconscious, leading staff to administer a specialised stimulant - Flumazenil - to reverse the effect around 10 minutes later.



HOLIDAY HORROR: Santa Cruz de Tenerife, where Daryl Bhandal was killed.

He then suffered a heart attack and was pronounced dead after a 50-minute battle to resuscitate him. It was initially believed he was killed due to injuries sustained dur-

ing a fight with fellow Briton John Vout and his girlfriend Michelle Petersen, both 27. The two men are said to have come to blows after a verbal row escalated when Miss

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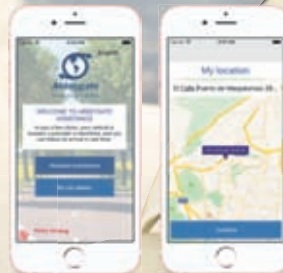
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Bhandal (inset) died.

the incident on February 10, 2017 and it has still not been confirmed if they will face charges.

A post mortem examination at the time indicated that Daryl could have died from a combination of alcohol and blows received during the fight. His family have launched a legal suit against the hospital in wake of the new information, according to UK reports.

Travel lawyer Kieran Mitchell, who is representing them, told UK media: "Daryl's death was tragic, and avoidable. Whilst his initial injuries were caused by him being assaulted, those injuries should not have killed him.

"His treating doctors had a duty of care to provide the best medical intervention possible but according to pathology reports in Spain, and expert evidence we have obtained, it appears that was simply not the case."

Strike threat

FIVE unions representing Ryanair cabin crew across Europe have given the low-cost airline a deadline to adopt national employment laws for all their workers or face industrial action during the summer.

Unions from Portugal, Spain, Belgium and Italy were present at a meeting in Lisbon and their demands include Ryanair respecting national legislation where cabin crew are based and applying the same work conditions for all workers.

In a joint statement the unions said, "If Ryanair fails to comply with these terms, the undersigned unions will initiate all the statutory and legal procedures to call a coordinated industrial action, including the use of strike action, during summer 2018."

The unions have given the Irish carrier a June 30 deadline to comply.

Petersen hurled a cleaner's wet floor sign at Mr Bhandal.

The couple were quizzed by Spanish investigators but released on bail before flying back to the UK after

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Madeleine McCann claim

Dad 'saved daughters from abduction suspect'

by Matt Ford

A SPANISH dad claims he saved his daughters from a man matching e-fits released by UK police in the wake of Madeleine McCann's disappearance.

Speaking to local newspaper *La Voz de Galicia*, the 45-year-old - named only as Andres - said an individual resembling the suspected kidnapper entered a hotel bedroom while his daughters, aged five and 13, slept during a 2001 holiday.

And when the e-fit images were released internationally 12 years later, he immediately recognised the man pictured.

"I don't know if that man kidnapped Madeleine, but for me he is the man who tried to take my daughters," he said.

Madeleine McCann was three when she vanished from her holiday apartment



Photo credit Wikimedia

ONGOING PROBE: Madeleine McCann and (inset) e-fits of her alleged kidnapper.

bed in Praia da Luz on Portugal's Algarve while her parents Gerry and Kate were out for dinner on May 3, 2007.

Her whereabouts remain unknown and an 11-year probe remains ongoing.

Andres recalled how his family had been driving

through Portugal and decided to stay the night at a small hotel in the central town of Prades.

He said that a man in his mid-40's complemented him and his wife on their 'beautiful daughters' as they checked in.

The girls were sleeping in a separate room, and he believes the man was the only other guest.

In the middle of the night, his eldest called her father to ask if he had just been inside their room.

He had not, but decided to stay in the girls' room to reassure them, and he says the man returned a few minutes later, replying that "he had come to check on the children" when confronted.

"Even today, I don't know how he managed to escape, he was slippery like an eel," he added.

And when he complained to reception he was told that the man was "a regular guest who likes children but doesn't hurt them."

He also claims he was quizzed by investigators from Spain's National Police and the UK's Scotland Yard, but that they never came back to him.



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Ship happens!

First ever Ireland to Spain ferry launches

BRITTANY FERRIES are pushing the boat out with the first ever direct ferry link between Spain and Ireland to

start this week on Sunday. The company will offer two return sailings a week from Cork to Santander in northern

Spain. Onboard, passengers can expect a comfortable, no-frills service.

Although different to the cruise ferry experience associated with Brittany Ferries in Ireland, the ship will offer comfortable en-suite cabins, lounges, self-service dining, shopping and a café/bar.

A ship, the MV Connemara, has been chartered for the new service, and she will follow the successful 'économique' model that Brittany Ferries has established on services from the UK to France and Spain.

Brittany Ferries said in a

statement: "If you're looking for value and a simpler service direct to Spain, and are content to travel without the premium experience offered by our cruise ferries, the Connemara économique service between Cork and Santander could be just right for you."

Crossings will take approximately 26 hours, with departures from Cork on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The 120 cabins on the ship will feature beds for up to four passengers, and some will be pet-friendly.

The Connemara will carry around 500 passengers with space for 195 cars, and the company expects a 50/50 split between passengers and freight carried.



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QUAY TO THE KINGDOM: The MV Connemara and (inset above) a map detailing the new route.

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Air scare

Pilot sparks passenger exit

THE captain of a plane bound for Spain gave passengers the chance to leave the flight after an aborted take-off and three hours of technical problems.

The plane returned to its stand after aborting the initial take-off run while engineers checked the aircraft over.

The flight crew declared there were some 'slight electrical problems' and then an hour later they discovered there was a new computer failure.

Once that was fixed the pilot announced over the public address system that the plane was 'apparently normal' but said anyone who wanted to disembark would be allowed to

It is claimed that around 20 people decided to leave the aircraft, which delayed the flight further as their luggage was off-loaded before the aircraft's departure from the Canary Islands.



PLANE SAILING: The Vueling flight eventually landed at Vitoria airport after hours of delays.

The incident happened on a Vueling flight from Gran Canaria to Bilbao in northern Spain and the pilot reportedly said: "We cannot force anyone to stay on board if they don't feel safe."

The flight was originally scheduled for a 6.45pm departure, although it didn't finally

take off for another three hours.

And once it did it was then diverted from its destination airport due to the Bilbao runway being closed for repairs.

The flight finally landed safely in the early hours of the morning in Vitoria and passengers were transferred by bus to Bilbao.

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By Karl Smallman

Going for gold

Brit Ambassador receives medal

SIMON MANLEY, the British Ambassador to Spain, was awarded a medal to recognise his work as a 'great promoter of relations' between the UK and Spain.

He was presented with

the golden shield by the provincial government of Malaga to mark the 'Day of the Province' in a glit-

tering ceremony.

A 50-year-old father of three, Mr Manley became Ambassador to Spain in

October 2013.

He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1990 before working

his way up through the ranks.

Malaga's provincial council also recognised the work of other individuals, businesses and charities for their contribution to causes in the province.

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ALL SMILES: Simon Manley receives his award in Malaga.

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Good memories for Ashlea

THE Ashlea Memorial event was recently held to raise funds for MACS regional cancer charity. Once again, the event was held in the home of Ms Maggi Lake of Bédar. This memorial event is named after and honours a brave woman who lost her long struggle to cancer.

Those present at the event were treated to a musical feast of an array of outstanding talent including Clive Bowley (Flashback), Tony Justice and Dennis Danzelman (Rough Justice), Lady Ellen, Patti Ross, and Lost Track. All the entertainers volunteered their time for free and had the crowd up and dancing for four hours.

As always, the success of this event depended upon a host of volunteers including a fabulous kitchen crew and wonderful food preparers who donated their specialities. There were tasty mains and desserts to please every palate. To date the event has raised €1,271.



Credit: Stuart Cohen



LET'S TWIST AGAIN:
Revellers enjoy the company, entertainment and food.
ROUGH JUSTICE (inset):
Tony Justice and Dennis Danzelman dazzle the crowds.

Proceeds will go to MACS which has charity shops in Albox, Huerca Overa, Turre, Mojácar Playa and Las Bouganvillas.

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DAZZLING DAMES: The Dames and their companions in Valencia.

Short break away

THE Dames in Turre have recently returned from another fantastic short break away with their partners and friends to the port city of Valencia.

During the four-day stay the Dames and their companions enjoyed a panoramic tour of the city with an English-speaking tour guide. They visited the Old Town's central market, La Lonja, as well as the Cathedral and other nearby places of interest.

On another day, they visited

the Port and Marina of Valencia Beach and took a walking tour of the Cabañal area. This old fisherman's village has streets which are lined with quaint tiled houses. Finally they visited the Old Shipyards in the Grao area, with its outstanding architectural heritage.

The Dames took every opportunity to enjoy their time and stopped off on the way home at the Port and Marina area in Calpe where they enjoyed an excellent lunch.

The Dames would like to thank Lesley Barlow who organised this trip and Marco their driver who brought them home safely.

Turre Dames is a friendship group raising money for local charities, you don't have to be a member to go along as you will always be welcome. For more information please contact Membership Secretary Eileen McGill on 652 208 072 or President Lesley Barlow on 661 085 551.



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PROTESTS: The Left Front is set to demonstrate against Putin.

Leftist anti-Putin rally gets go ahead

■ MOSCOW authorities have given permission for an anti-Kremlin group to demonstrate on President Vladimir Putin's inauguration day on May 6. Approval for the Left Front's protest comes as an anti-Putin rally request from opposition leader Alexei Navalny was rejected due to clashes with Victory Day rehearsals. Alternative arrangements were being sought.

Guards 'beat' prisoners

■ AUTHORITIES are investigating a Siberian prison after footage emerged which appeared to show two unidentified officers beating detainees. The 14-minute YouTube video reportedly features prisoners being lined up before being punched by guards in the shower room while Richard Wagner's Ride of The Valkyries is played. The footage suggests the beatings were due to disputes over a prison exercise.

Libel bill becomes law

■ PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has signed off legislation giving authorities powers to shut down

websites suspected of defaming public figures. The Internet Libel Bill grants courts the power to order websites be blocked which discredit the 'honour, dignity or business reputation' of a Russian citizen.

Attack fakery 'proof'

■ STATE-RUN television channels have used stills reportedly from a Syrian director's 2016 film shoot as evidence claims of a chemical attack by government forces in the country are false. A Channel One news anchor said Western politicians and media were ignoring "proof" the attacks in Douma were staged. Russia and Syria deny claims the Assad regime was behind the strike.

'No revolt' in Armenia

■ A KREMLIN spokesperson has said civil unrest in Armenia does not amount to a Ukraine-style revolution. Dmitry Peskov's comments come as the Russia ally's Prime Minister Serzh Sargsyan resigned following two weeks of protests. Peskov added Moscow was satisfied the situation currently appeared stable.

History uncovered

■ MORE than 15,000 archaeological items unearthed during construction work at Moscow's Zaryadye Park have gone on display, its director said. Ancient weapons, coins, statuettes, boots and clay toys were among the items found, as well as a piece of a 16th century wall now on display in the park's museum. The finds, uncovered from the 1940's onwards, are being exhibited in the park's museum.

UNEARTHED: Excavations at Zaryadye Park began in the 1940's.



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STAT OF WEEK**€837 million**

The net profit announced by Spanish telecommunications giant Telefonica over the first business quarter of 2018, a 7.4 year-on-year increase.

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Goal for Messi in logo conflict

BARCELONA'S Lionel Messi has won a landmark case to register himself as a trademark.

The European court ruling comes in the wake of a seven-year battle after his original request to use his name on sporting goods was challenged by Spanish cycling firm Massi.

But the EU General Court concluded that the Argentinian star - who recently overtook Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo to become football's highest-earning player with annual revenue of €126 million - is too famous to create confusion between the brands.

€7 EU visa fee announced

BRITISH holidaymakers could have to pay a €7 fee to travel to the European Union (EU) in the wake of Brexit.

Plans drawn up by EU ambassadors and signed off this week reveal that visas will remain valid for three years once issued, or until the passport used to register expires.

Travellers will be required to provide personal information and details about their recent movements to enter the bloc, as well as answer questions regarding criminal records.

The proposed scheme forms part of the EU's European Travel Information

and Authorisation System - designed to track down criminals and slash illegal immigration - and will apply to people visiting all 26 Schengen-zone nations from countries that do not currently require a visa.

And Britain is expected to be included unless the government is able to secure an exemption, which they will hope to do during the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

Should they fail to do so, Britons would have to apply for the document online with background checks per-

by *Matt Ford*

formed prior to approval under a system similar to the ESTA procedure currently employed by the United States.

UK Prime Minister Theresa May has not yet said how the government plans to manage EU nationals travelling to Britain.

It comes as ministers have reportedly been left furious after the EU said the UK's role in the €10.3 billion Galileo satellite-navigation system would be downgraded post-Brexit.

The UK has spent €1.4 billion on the project, and is now considering plans to launch its own rival.

Last orders for teen boozers?

PARENTS of underage drinkers could be fined under a new Spanish law.

The move, proposed in a report by the Mixed Committee on Drug Problems, is among a raft of measures to combat the problem of young people drinking on the streets, commonly dubbed botellon.

According to the study, new penalties should be 'geared toward education,' but if parents are negligent and there exists 'evident risk to the minor' then additional sanctions could be applied.

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Quote of the Week

It does not register in the human head that a person who has fled can be president of Cataluña from so far away." Spanish government spokesperson Iñigo Mendez de Vigo dismisses exiled Carles Puigdemont's new leadership bid.

**Madrid leader out of job over scandal**

Photo credit: YouTube

SHAMED: Cristina Cifuentes during her resignation press conference and (inset) a still from the damning video.

MADRID'S regional president, Cristina Cifuentes, has quit amid shoplifting allegations.

Already under fire for allegedly faking her Master's degree, the conservative Popular Party (PP) politician said she was bringing forward her resignation.

She said: "As a consequence of today's news I decided to advance my decision to leave the Madrid Community Presidency."

It follows the emergence of

damning security camera footage from 2011 which appears to show her handing over items worth €40, including an anti-ageing cream, to a supermarket security guard.

Police allegedly did not take the incident further after recognising her. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is waiting for the latest scandal to hit his party to 'settle' before appointing a replacement by the second week in May, according to government sources.

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Life in the fast lane**

SPANISH infrastructure multinational Ferrovial has announced an additional €236m investment in the M8 service contract operated by subsidiary Amey, which is embroiled in a long-running legal dispute with Birmingham City Council over the quality of maintenance work.

Pump jump

THE price of fuel in Spain has rocketed to its highest level since 2014 - with unleaded at €1.26 per litre and diesel €1.17 - due to a global increase in the cost of crude oil, and is expected to rise even further in the near future, industry experts say.

Winging it

SPAIN'S flag-carrier airline Iberia is to reduce prices of its 'basic' long-haul fares - those that do not include check-in baggage or a seat selection service - by at least €40 per ticket to compete with new low-cost rivals.

Utilities' row goes public

SPANISH public electricity firm Iberdrola is embroiled in a spat with Italian rival Enel.

The firms locked horns as they bid to gain control of Brazil's Eletropaulo, the South American nation's biggest power company.

And in a letter to the European Commission, Iberdrola claimed Enel - 23.6 per cent of which is state-owned - is creating unfair competition.

"It is critical that the European Commission... prevents any member state from passing legislation, adopting policies and taking measures that favour state-controlled companies and... distort the level playing field," it said.

Enel - which eight years ago seized control of Spanish utility Endesa in a €39 billion deal - described the claims as 'quite surprising.'

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Anglo American	1,642.50	-56.70	-3.34	23,529.85
Associated British Foods	2,657.50	-42.50	-1.57	20,852.70
Admiral Group	1,872.75	-122.75	-6.15	5,760.58
Ashtead Group	2,060.00	5.00	0.24	9,883.78
Antofagasta	923.00	-31.00	-3.25	9,464.22
Aviva	524.50	-0.50	-0.10	21,018.25
AstraZeneca	5,000.50	-82.50	-1.62	63,215.49
BAE Systems	615.50	2.10	0.34	19,564.94
Barclays	210.50	1.55	0.74	36,426.25
British American Tobacco	4,050.00	19.50	0.48	88,305.57
Barratt Developments	554.50	-7.50	-1.33	5,583.16
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,957.50	-107.50	-2.64	5,364.93
British Land Co	662.50	-9.50	-1.41	6,492.96
BHP Billiton	1,527.50	-7.10	-0.46	32,394.96
Bunzl	2,548.50	450.50	21.47	6,953.89
BP	529.70	-7.70	-1.43	104,579.93
Burberry Group	1,787.50	-34.50	-1.89	7,363.73
BT Group	242.50	-5.50	-2.22	23,718.31
Coca-Cola HBC	2,539.00	60.00	2.42	8,983.42
Carnival	4,675.00	-57.00	-1.20	9,679.14
Centrica	150.00	-2.85	-1.86	8,244.89
Compass Group	1,422.50	-132.00	-8.49	23,682.96
Croda International	4,493.00	-7.00	-0.16	5,842.32
CRH	2,571.00	0.00	0.00	21,392.48
DCC	6,900.00	-100.00	-1.43	5,968.95
Diageo	2,518.50	-39.50	-1.54	60,695.41
Direct Line Insurance Group	382.00	8.20	2.19	5,152.13
Evrax	432.50	-21.10	-4.65	6,036.11
Experian	1,642.00	-26.00	-1.56	14,880.21
easyJet	1,598.00	-8.50	-0.53	6,275.89
Ferguson	5,590.00	-26.00	-0.46	13,754.48
Fresnillo	1,269.00	-12.50	-0.98	9,410.13
G4S	237.50	-24.10	-9.21	3,944.15
Glencore	367.50	-1.50	-0.41	54,410.12
GlaxoSmithKline	1,444.10	-21.10	-1.44	70,030.47
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,775.50	0.00	0.00	8,203.34
Halma	1,222.00	0.00	0.00	4,555.70
HSBC Holdings	715.50	-4.10	-0.57	143,018.11
International Consoltd Air Gr	649.00	18.80	2.98	12,761.65
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4,470.00	-107.00	-2.34	8,406.64
3i Group	937.50	-5.50	-0.58	8,911.74
Imperial Brands	2,540.00	-74.50	-2.85	23,576.38
Informa	736.80	0.00	0.00	6,035.01
Intertek Group	4,823.00	-75.00	-1.53	7,682.31
ITV	155.50	5.90	3.94	5,830.81
Just Eat	727.00	-39.00	-5.09	4,994.36
Johnson Matthey	3,250.00	-51.00	-1.54	6,191.13
Kingfisher	299.50	-2.50	-0.83	6,487.93
Land Securities Group	975.00	-11.40	-1.16	7,161.02
Legal & General Group	268.00	-0.40	-0.15	16,589.12

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.10	0.31	0.48	46,821.05
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,346.50	28.50	0.66	14,816.06
Micro Focus International	1,305.00	31.00	2.43	5,564.45
Mediclinic International	686.80	12.80	1.90	4,886.45
Marks & Spencer Group	287.00	0.40	0.14	4,607.81
Mondi	2,040.00	10.00	0.49	7,432.95
Melrose	230.00	2.40	1.05	9,524.89
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	242.00	2.00	0.83	5,515.05
National Grid	840.00	-1.70	-0.20	27,036.23
NMC Health	3,488.00	-112.00	-3.11	7,282.68
Next	5,245.00	15.00	0.29	7,356.37
Old Mutual Group	245.00	-9.70	-3.81	12,243.15
Paddy Power Betfair	7,115.00	-0.57	-0.01	5,881.07
Prudential	1,832.50	-32.50	-1.74	48,050.85
Persimmon	2,840.00	110.00	4.03	8,386.32
Pearson	815.00	-7.20	-0.88	6,217.13
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,540.00	-118.00	-2.09	38,689.02
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	265.00	-3.40	-1.27	32,776.74
Royal Dutch Shell	2,470.00	-61.50	-2.43	116,238.59
RELX	1,538.50	-15.00	-0.97	16,302.97
Rio Tinto	3,900.00	-78.00	-1.96	52,435.36
Royal Mail	521.70	-61.30	-10.51	5,812.00
Rolls-Royce Group	840.00	0.60	0.07	15,671.08
Randgold Resources	5,800.00	-114.00	-1.93	5,419.86
RSA Insurance Group	654.50	-3.10	-0.47	6,650.08
Rentokil Initial	258.80	-47.70	-15.56	5,382.53
Sainsbury (J)	268.00	-1.80	-0.67	5,856.20
Schroders	3,497.50	208.50	6.34	7,332.17
Sage Group (The)	641.00	2.17	0.34	6,799.77
Segro	647.00	0.00	0.00	6,306.40
Shire	3,875.00	-19.00	-0.49	34,849.55
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,050.00	-48.00	-1.55	7,139.05
Sky	1,317.50	-55.00	-4.01	23,361.44
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.75	9.95	2.73	10,865.30
Smith (DS)	525.40	0.00	0.00	5,494.77
Smiths Group	1,590.00	-11.00	-0.69	6,276.63
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	477.50	2.90	0.61	6,370.72
Smith & Nephew	1,375.00	-17.00	-1.22	11,941.57
SSE	1,339.00	-44.50	-3.22	13,577.63
Standard Chartered	739.15	-22.55	-2.96	24,847.75
St James's Place	1,090.75	-40.25	-3.56	5,910.05
Severn Trent	1,905.00	-55.50	-2.83	4,417.14
Tesco	237.75	-0.35	-0.15	23,380.54
TUI AG	1,639.50	0.00	0.00	9,498.05
Taylor Wimpey	197.60	3.60	1.86	6,318.56
Unilever	3,997.50	-53.50	-1.32	48,408.45
United Utilities Group	722.50	-26.30	-3.51	4,874.14
Vodafone Group	209.25	-1.30	-0.62	55,765.69
WPP Group	1,137.50	-11.00	-0.96	14,136.13
Whitbread	4,050.00	-204.00	-4.80	7,667.93

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	196,120	-0.49%	-0,970	116,735,22
AMERICAN EXPRESS	99,6100	-0.62%	-0,6200	85,709,12
APPLE	162,320	-1,16%	-1,900	823,664,53
BOEING CO	340,880	-0,56%	-1,910	200,225,91
CATERPILLAR	144,720	-1,09%	-1,590	86,524,26
CHEVRON	126,62	+1,93%	2,40	241,984,86
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,710	+1,13%	0,500	215,391,19
COCA-COLA	43,31	+1,31%	0,56	184,631,51
DOWDUPONT	64,32	+0,44%	0,28	149,674,57
EXXON MOBIL	77,79	-3,80%	-3,07	329,713,97
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,3800	+0,00%	0,0000	124,912,32
GOLDMAN SACHS	239,80	-0,12%	-0,29	92,907,72
HOME DEPOT	186,4600	+0,40%	0,7400	214,849,14
IBM	146,48	-0,16%	-0,24	134,408,92
INTEL CORP	52,7300	-0,60%	-0,3200	246,190,32
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	109,4000	-0,64%	-0,7000	372,553,22
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	128,2700	+0,20%	0,2600	344,182,67
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,3000	-0,38%	-0,6000	124,508,40
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,47	+0,10%	0,06	160,176,14
MICROSOFT	95,820	+1,65%	1,560	737,794,17
NIKE	69,56	+2,22%	1,51	89,224,17
PFIZER	37,0000	+0,41%	0,1500	220,216,65
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	72,810	+0,08%	0,060	183,163,43
TRAVELERS CIES	133,19	+0,18%	0,24	36,009,62
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,46	-0,29%	-0,36	98,010,56
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	240,18	+1,33%	3,15	230,889,09
VERIZON COMMS	51,57	+3,64%	1,81	213,231,90
VISA	126,01	-0,84%	-1,07	227,328,99
WAL-MART STORES	87,2900	-0,74%	-0,6500	257,884,24
WALT DISNEY CO	99,2300	-0,61%	-0,6100	149,179,64

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NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES APRIL 30

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
DMC Global Inc.	\$ 39.35	7.70 ▲ 24.33%
InVivo Therapeutics Holdings Corp.	\$ 7.84	1.44 ▲ 22.50%
SVB Financial Group	\$ 305.61	48.24 ▲ 18.74%
Celyad SA	\$ 34.70	4.71 ▲ 15.71%
Brightcove Inc.	\$ 9.25	1.25 ▲ 15.63%
eHealth, Inc.	\$ 18.26	2.19 ▲ 13.63%
BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	\$ 56.20	6.65 ▲ 13.42%
Cytokinetics, Incorporated	\$ 8.65	0.95 ▲ 12.34%
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 5.85	0.60 ▲ 11.43%
Digimarc Corporation	\$ 28.70	2.90 ▲ 11.24%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 8.84	0.84 ▲ 10.50%
Most Declined		
Flex Ltd.	\$ 13.03	3.61 ▼ 21.69%
National Instruments Corporation	\$ 39.45	9.93 ▼ 20.11%
FormFactor, Inc.	\$ 11.55	2.20 ▼ 16%
CalAmp Corp.	\$ 19.76	3.42 ▼ 14.75%
Liberty Broadband Corporation	\$ 69.25	11.80 ▼ 14.56%
Liberty Broadband Corporation	\$ 69.82	11.56 ▼ 14.20%
Teligent, Inc.	\$ 3.11	0.45 ▼ 12.64%
Charter Communications, Inc.	\$ 263.325	34.825 ▼ 11.68%
athenahealth, Inc.	\$ 127.45	15.57 ▼ 10.89%
Forrester Research, Inc.	\$ 40.95	4.90 ▼ 10.69%
A V Homes, Inc.	\$ 17.20	2.05 ▼ 10.65%

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Some disappointing inflation figures

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Euro

EUR/GBP: Unmoved at £0.87

EUR/USD: Up from \$1.23 to \$1.21

The European Central Bank (ECB) was once again a key driver in euro movement over the last few weeks as markets sought to learn more about the bank's plans to wind down its stimulus programme.

This saw the euro move lower against most of its peers as the ECB voted to leave monetary policy unaltered again in April.

Some disappointing inflation figures also weighed on the single currency this month, as they signalled the ECB's current path is unlikely to change for some time to come.

The focus for EUR investors over the coming month is likely to be an expected dip in the Eurozone's first quarter GDP and whether the latest economic data points to a further moderation in growth during the second quarter.



EURO MOVEMENT: The European Central Bank was once again a key driver.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Up from €1.13 to €1.14

GBP/USD: Down from \$1.41 to \$1.39

The pound skyrocketed at the start of April as it was buoyed by expectations that the Bank of England (BoE) was gearing up to raise interest rates in May.

However, Sterling was brought crashing back

down to earth in the second half of the month as it appeared this speculation may have been a little overblown.

Investors fled the pound in droves as some weaker-than-expected inflation figures and BoE Governor Mark Carney's comments that he was 'conscious of other meetings later in the year' caused many analysts to revise their

forecasts of a May rate hike.

Looking ahead, next month's BoE meeting is likely to be a flash point for GBP, with the bank's decision on whether to raise interest rates likely to dictate the underlying strength of the pound over the coming months.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.70 to £0.71

USD/EUR: Down from €0.80 to €0.82

The US dollar was seen in a negative light at the start of this month, with many investors shunning USD as Donald Trump traded barbs with Moscow over an alleged chemical weapons attack in Syria.

The US dollar didn't stay down for long however, with the US currency enjoying a major resurgence towards the end of April as rising inflation helped to bolster expectations of a more aggressive path of monetary tightening from the Federal Reserve.

This, in turn, helped US treasury yields break past 3 per cent and prompted investors to flock back to USD.

There is potential for the US dollar to continue to push higher in May should the Fed chose to strike a more bullish tone in its upcoming policy meeting.

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Adventures with ‘Rick the Roo Boy’

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GREAT excitement is now building in the Leaps residence. In less than three weeks time the ol’ boy’s musical is finally being workshopped in Australia.

Unfortunately, I won’t be able to attend personally, but my extremely talented co-writer is there and will oversee the whole thing, including a video, so I shall certainly be party to the next best thing. The presentation is semi-biographical and, along with my books, will we hope, finally put a cork in the mouths of those nasty individuals who think they have somehow gained a major scoop by gleefully ‘revealing’ that I once received a custodial sentence in the courts.

Something that has been well and truly in the public domain for the last 45 years! Somewhat ironic that my debut offering should be in a country founded by convicts!

I actually have some great memories from this glorious ‘down under’ country. My two record releases, which reached number one and number five respectively, allowed me to enjoy two separate tours of this magnificent land.

One of my funniest experiences occurred on



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one of these memorable visits. I had been in the country for only a short time, when I was invited on a local radio show. During the programme I stated, somewhat humorously, that I had been in the country over a week and hadn’t yet seen one kangaroo!

The next minute the phone rang in the studio. A broad, heavily-accented Australian voice, then proceeded to inform us that he was, ‘Rick the

Roo Boy’ and could show me ‘all the kangaroos I wanted’. Midst much banter and laughter; a vague (as I thought) arrangement was made for us to meet at some time in the future.

Cut now to the hotel we were appearing in. The band and I had been given a suite and four separate bedrooms in the same hotel! At this point, I think the high jinks that subsequently ensued can be confidently left to

everyone’s imagination!

A couple of weeks later, after a particularly marathon session, we had all collapsed at somewhere around 6am. As my extremely ‘weary’ head hit the pillow there came a loud banging on the door. Groaningly I hauled myself up and staggered to the ‘spyhole.’ I simply couldn’t believe my eyes.

Standing in the corridor was the manifestation of every ethnic cartoon character of an Aussie you could possibly imagine. A sinewy deeply suntanned figure, clad from head to foot in leather and tassels and topped by (and I kid you not) your classic Stetson surround by actual dangling corks! Gleefully enthusiastic he was holding up some sort of bewhiskered rat to the spyhole.

“Hi there,” he shouted, no doubt seeing my shadow. “I’m Rick the Roo Boy, are you ready?”

Oh my God! I simply couldn’t believe it. Was I ready? Frankly I have never been less ready for anything in my life. With a mouth as arid as an Arabian desert and a tongue of recently cured leather I somehow managed to croak out a mumbled request for him to ‘hold on’. And that’s where I’m afraid I have to leave it. Did I make it? Tune in next week. Meantime.

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Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



THIS week at Goodwood, Sussex, home of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and of the bespoke collective of the manufacturer, saw the reveal of the ADAMAS collection. A limited edition Black Badge collection of 40 Wraiths and 30 Dawns.

Drawing its inspiration from the name, the collective celebrates the darker side; weaving a melancholic aesthetic of carbon structures into just 40 Black Badge ‘Wraiths’ and 30 Black Badge ‘Dawns’. Carbon fibres and compounds of carbon crafted to express a mesmeric sinister lustrous beauty.

Torsten Müller-Ötvös, CEO, commented: “Adamas is a collection that fuses the extraordinary competence of our bespoke craftspeople from the home of Rolls-Royce in Goodwood, West Sussex with the rebellious spirit of Black Badge.

“The result is a motor car for those who seek more than the definitive of engineered luxury conveyance. This is the motor car for the risk-taker who is not afraid to embrace the bold and progressive statement of true and modern luxury, in its darkest form.”

Stepping inside the car one’s eye is drawn to the clock, encrusted with black diamonds and the symbol of infinity.

A total of 88 laboratory-grown diamonds, carbon in its most adamantine form, are

Rolls-Royce drives luxury to the dark side



TWIN PEAKS: Black Badge Wraith Adamas, left, and Black Badge Dawn Adamas.

mounted on a carbon fibre backplate. The black diamonds are perfectly engineered to deliver clarity and colour. The face of the clock is embellished with machined aluminium chaplets and a polished aluminium bezel, adding

drama to a contrasting white face.

One of the most dramatic explorations of the diamond carbon theme is the starlight headliner of the Wraith Adamas, 1,340 individual carbon fibre optic lights are arranged as though forming

the molecular structure of carbon as it becomes a diamond. A motif that runs as a spine through the interior of the cabin.

The exteriors of the Adamas Dawn and the Adamas Wraith draw their inspiration from the original interior colour schemes of mandarin orange and cobalt blue, transformed and darkened into sinister and hypnotic iridescent hues. Select customers may specify either hue for their Black Badge Adamas.

The Rolls-Royce grill vanes do not elude the Black Badge treatment being black. Nor yet the Spirit of Ecstasy who finds herself formed for the first time in her history machined from carbon fibre then fixed to a titanium base, vapour blasted to a darkened aesthetic and bearing the words ‘Black Badge Adamas’ and the infinity logo.

Limited in number, rare in spirit, untamed in nature, the Black Badge Adamas is clearly aimed at the celebration of the edgier side of luxury automotive craftsmanship.

Prices have not yet been specified, but with the ‘standard’ Wraith Black Badge starting at €327,000, the sky is the limit.



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Who predicted predictive text?

The future ain't what it used to be, says Terence Kennedy

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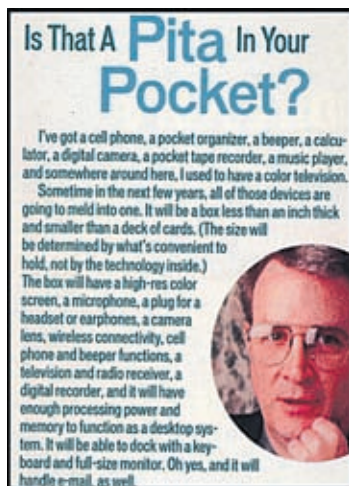


AN IBM chairman uttered the IT industry's most hopeless prediction ever in the 1940's: 'I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.' Oops.

Movie mogul Darryl Zanuck thought television was a passing fad. An *InfoWorld* columnist believed the internet would fizzle out by 1996, a Microsoft executive said Apple was as good as dead in 1997, and Bill Gates insisted we would solve spam by 2006.

Prediction is notoriously difficult, especially if it's about the future. I can't even predict what socks I'm going to wear.

We may not be jet-packing to work (yet), nor commuting to other planets as so many 20th century pundits thought we would by now. But an old tech article re-



POCKET PITA: Predicting the smartphone.

cently went viral given the uncanny prescience of its predictions.

American science fiction writer David Gerrold actually foresaw smartphones, exactly how they would work, and even how annoying we'd eventually find them.

In a 1999 interview he forecast that his phone would be merged with 'a pocket organiser, a beeper, a calculator, a digital camera, a pocket tape recorder, a music player and a colour television, all fitting in a box smaller than a deck of cards.'

He went on to predict how it would connect wirelessly and function as a desktop system connecting to full-sized screens, with speech recognition, email, finding restaurants and booking hotels.

Like Douglas Adams' fictional Babelfish, Gerrold's future wonder could actually translate the world's languages. With one pioneering exception today's smartphone doesn't connect to a keyboard and monitor and hey-presto it's a desktop computer as he predicted, but give it a few years.

Remember that Gerrold's visionary view was delivered a full eight years before the iPhone launched the smartphone era en-

gulfing us today. And yes, he saw its downsides too.

'I would call this device a Personal Information Telecommunications Agent, or Pita for short,' he said. 'The acronym can also stand for Pain In The Ass, which it's equally likely to be, because having all that connectivity is going to destroy what's left of everyone's privacy.'

No, really?

While Gerrold could reveal the future without either a crystal ball nor his palm being crossed with silver, it's astonishing just how many people at the very top of the industry show less prescience than a haddock.

Pride of place in the Prediction Hall of Shame absolutely has to go to Digital Equipment Corporation's chairman Ken Olsen. His spectacularly foolish 1977 prediction: 'There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.' Yeah, right.

Testing Tesla

WHEN it comes to predictions, Serbian visionary Nikola Tesla takes the trophy.

Amazingly, he said this nearly a century ago (1926):

'When wireless is perfectly applied the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain, which in fact it is, all things being particles of a real and rhythmic whole. We shall be able to communicate with one another instantly, irrespective of distance.'

'Not only this, but through television and telephony we shall see and hear one another as perfectly as though we were face to face, despite intervening distances of thousands of miles; and the instruments through which we shall be able to do this will be amazingly simple compared with our present telephone.'

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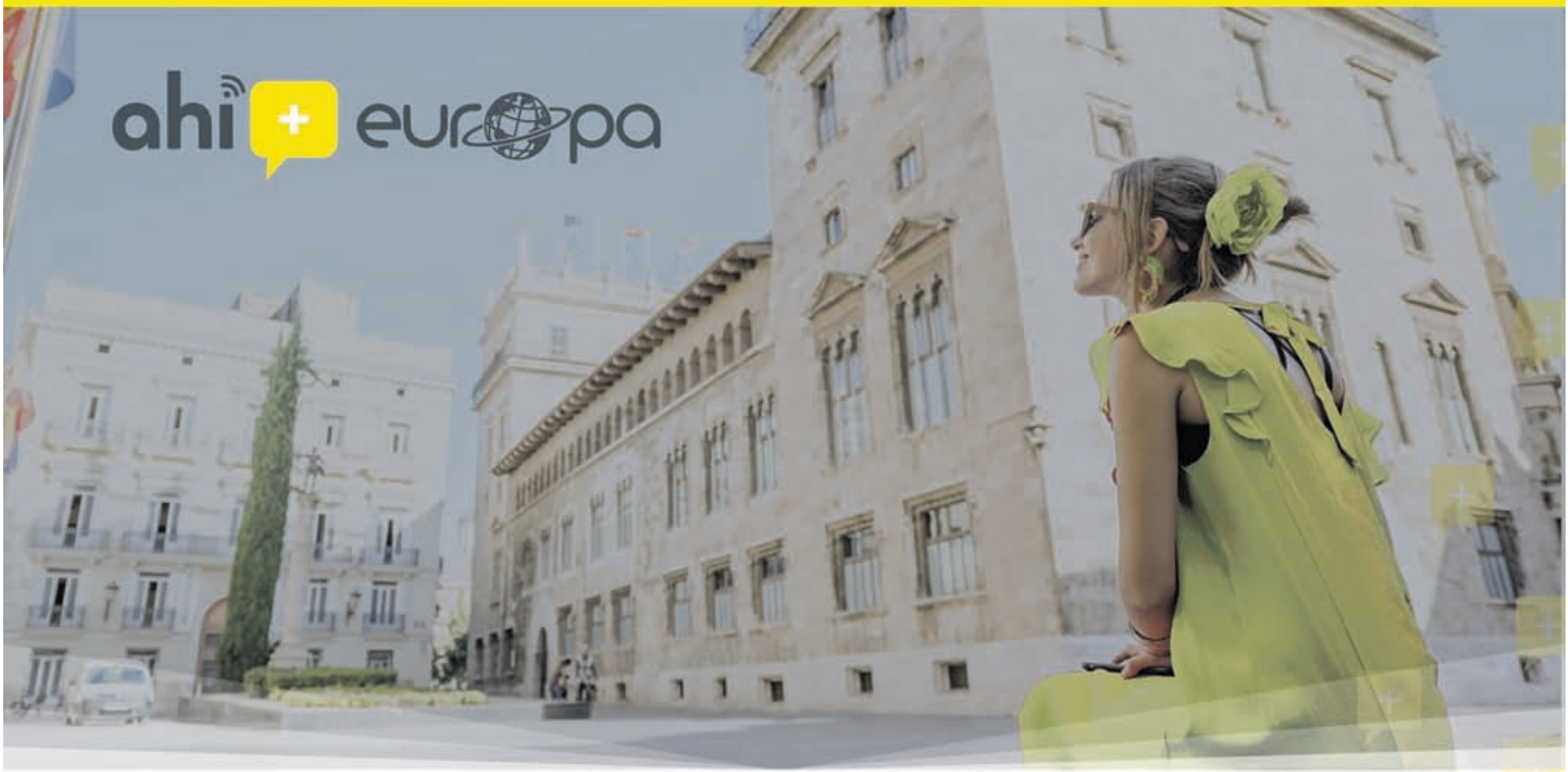
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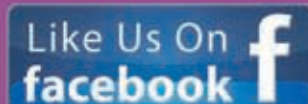
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It's two minutes' drive to the village with a restaurant and five minutes' drive to Santa Maria village with a shop, restaurant, bar, doctors, chemist and school, 12 minutes' drive to Huercal-Overa town and 40 minutes' drive to the coast.

The house and garden are private and not overlooked but have a few neighbours within walking distance. This is an ideal property for someone wanting an impressive, traditional, rural but not remote, full of character, full time country residence or 'lock up and leave' holiday home with great rental potential.

To the front of the property is a lovely covered porch/outdoor living room which overlooks the pool, garden BBQ area and open country views. This leads through a wooden, stable door into the open plan living room/dining room with rustic floor tiles, wooden ceiling beams and an original character fireplace with log burning stove.



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To the rear of the house is a gated courtyard with large room currently used as a utility/music room. Next is the log shed and plenty of space for storing bikes etc.

To the rear and side of the house is a gated driveway for four to five cars with a carport to cover two more. To the front is the private, garden area

with established Mediterranean plants and fruit trees which are all illuminated at night and is looked after by an automated watering system.

There is an above ground, circular 4.6m swimming pool and impressive outdoor kitchen with built in BBQ/dining area with gas rings, running water, electricity points, fridge/freezer and open views of the countryside.

In total there is land of approximately 6,361m² which is split into three areas, to the side and rear is hillside and open countryside with fantastic views and approximately 35 almond trees and two deposit tanks for extra water.

Just below the house is the 'growing area' with two fields with mains irrigation water and a small variety of fruit trees. This area is ideal if you want to plant fruit and veggies and keep chickens etc.

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Soothing words to help you to learn more and speak more often

Ric Polansky

Ric Polansky moved to Mojacar in 1969 as a pioneer developer. He reads extensively and has travelled in South America panning gold and looking for El Dorado.

LEARNING to speak Spanish in those days was a must, or you didn't eat. So, you would make your list of errands to do and what needed to be said (and then the very hard part not included in any books) what they might reply to you.

If that wasn't difficult enough, you also had to prepare yourself for the differing accents that would flow back at you. Words are pronounced differently by a person who cannot read than one who can. Believe me, there were people in high power that couldn't read and peasant folk who could read but had a total grasp of the situation you were enquiring about.

I must have filled 20 note books about typical situations and how they would be spoken. So many note books



SPANISH MARKETS: Often coming home with more than you bargained for.

that in fact, when situations repeated themselves you simply searched for that note book.

My wife did the same and soon learned a litany of verse to correspond to her shopping adventures. Whereas a man's ramblings could not ever avoid a discussion of Sunday's toros or Satur-

day's football being a required prerequisite before anything important being broached.

This synergistic type of problem solving rapidly transforms itself into a carrot and cart reward system too quickly and lacks the real spontaneity that real life Spanish discourse contains.

If at the market I was ordered to buy tomatoes I would begin bargaining and come home with garlic, apples and pears (without stairs in sight). Furthermore, those novel interjections so often and aptly suggested by the Spanish go amiss if your brain is locked in a pre-supposed stratified reply.

Yes, it might seem like banging your head against a foreign wall, but it was the best way to learn quickly. In theory learning the new language is like climbing stairs... a little each day then maybe a week or two at a plateau then more improvement, although almost imperceptible. Yet, you will begin to understand others better, especially those from Madrid.

The Real Academy's dictionary claims about 33,000 words. Cervantes used only half those to write Don Quixote. University professors rabbit back and forth to each other in about 7,500 differing words whereas their students use less than a thousand on a routine day.

Scientists have trained monkeys to comprehend some 600 words within a year. The average farmer shares about 500 words in conversation. All in all every nuance and familiarity has been set up in your favour to learn and share your new environmental experience. You will be richly rewarded. If it's your round, order one for me!

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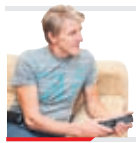


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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

IF ratings are anything to go by, *Coronation Street* (ITV) is going from strength to strength with over nine million of us currently tuning in to watch Phelan and Eileen doing what they do.

As far as I am concerned the impossible-to-bump-off Phelan is only one reason to venture over the cobbles. Recent storylines have been grippingly hard hitting, with David's rape and Bethany being groomed to name just two. The show has a new star in Kayla Westbrook (played by Mollie Winard) who has started work as a waiter at Speed Daal and who delivers 'the shock of the Soaps' when Zeedan tells Kayla that he thinks his all too distant wife might still have feelings for him. #weallsawthatcoming. Kayla is apparently going to cause trouble for Craig and Bethany. I can't wait.

Channel 5 checked us in to British Airways on Tuesday evening with a look back at the last 100 years of passenger flying. Don't write in, but I think the forerunners of BA first took

Have you got that Phelan feeling?



Photo credit: ITV/BBC

THE GRAHAM NORTON SHOW: This week's shameless pluggers included (l-r) Orlando Bloom, Tamsin Greig, Stephen Merchant and SuRie.

to the air in 1919. Guess looking back at the last 99 years doesn't have the same ring as a centenary though; this was a factual look back at the early days of passenger air travel when passengers were a much more hardy breed than the social media obsessed travellers of today who tweet about their world falling apart if their flight

is delayed by a few minutes or if there isn't a chicken or fish choice on the in-flight menu. Back then there weren't any onboard toilets. Tweet that. Concorde fans will want to catch the final part of this two-part documentary on Tuesday on Channel 5.

Graham Norton continues to attract big name stars to his *BBC1* Friday



EILEEN AND PAT: Just one of Corrie's hard-hitting storylines.

night show. Last week Orlando Bloom was granted an audience with Graham to shamelessly plug his West End play, comedian Stephen Merchant blatantly plugged his voice over of the new *Sherlock Gnomes* animation and SuRie plugged (sang) the UK entry in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Publicising yourself on prime-time TV, nice work if you can get it. This week Graham plays host (by which I mean provides a self-serving publicity platform) to funny man Stephen Man-

gan, who is plugging his new black comedy *Hang Ups* and Hollywood star Amy Schumer who talks endlessly about her new movie. At least there is only a small risk of anything Eurovision this week.

Tricks of the Restaurant Trade returned to *Channel 4* on Monday. I'm new to this show so pictured dirty kitchens, small portions and low quality ingredients. You can imagine my delight when Simon Rimmer met the squeaky clean researchers from a well-known coffee chain and Adam Pearson waded around non-descript High Streets with lovely, clean, bottled water. Although I'm pleased there were no dirty kitchens, I'm not sure I'm hooked. I guess my question about the show is - why? We all know chain coffee shops are a corporate machine and bottled water is just, well, 'agua en una botella' and probably doesn't merit a key slot in the schedule, even on a Monday, on Channel 4.

In shock *Britain's Got Talent* news, David Walliams has a different chair to the other judges because of a back injury, thank goodness for the clarification *ITV*. *Happy Viewing*.

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	5:30pm Flog It!	7:00pm Eggheads	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
	6:15pm Pointless	7:30pm Britain in Bloom	8:30pm Tonight	6:30pm Buy it Now	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	1:00pm Live PGA Tour
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	8:00pm Snooker	9:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm The Nightmare	4:00pm Featured Groups
	7:30pm BBC London News	9:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Neighbour Next Door	Indian Premier League
	8:00pm The One Show	10:00pm Syria: The World's War	10:00pm Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	Live Premier League
	8:30pm EastEnders	11:00pm Match of the Day	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Location, Location, Location	11:00pm Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters	Darts
	9:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook	11:30pm Newsnight	11:30pm ITV News London	10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?		JD Ringside: The Countdown
	10:00pm Ambulance	12:15am World Championship Snooker Highlights		11:00pm True Horror		
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten			12:05am Gogglebox		
11:30pm BBC London News			1:00am The Real Football Fan Show			
FRIDAY	5:30pm Flog It!	1:00pm Election 2018	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY	6:30pm Neighbours	11:30am Rugby Gold
	6:15pm Pointless	2:00pm Snooker	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away	11:40am Rugby Union
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	4:00pm Election 2018	8:30pm Coronation Street	6:30pm Buy it Now	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	1:30pm Live PGA Tour
	7:30pm BBC London News	5:30pm Snooker	9:00pm Love Your Garden	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm The Gadget Show	Featured Groups
	8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads	9:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson	Indian Premier League
	8:30pm Sounds Like Friday Night	7:30pm Britain in Bloom	10:00pm Lethal Weapon	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Portillo's Hidden History of Britain	Football
	9:00pm EastEnders	8:00pm Snooker	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:30pm Unreported World	11:00pm Inside Strangeways	Premier League Greatest Games
	9:30pm The Button	10:00pm Syria: The World's War Episodes	11:30pm ITV News London	9:00pm Our Wildest Dreams	12:05am Meet Mick Philpott: Psychopath	Jd Ringside: The Weigh in
	10:00pm Have I Got News for You	11:00pm Newsnight	11:45pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show	10:00pm Gogglebox		
	10:30pm Home from Home	11:30pm Front Row Late		11:00pm Friday Night Dinner		
11:00pm BBC News at Ten						
SATURDAY	2:15pm Bargain Hunt	3:10pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	5:00pm Tipping Point	5:30pm Collection Hunters	7:15pm 5 News	9:00am Info not available
	3:15pm Snooker	4:10pm Love in the Countryside	6:00pm The Chase	6:35pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	7:20pm Rich House, Poor House	10:00am Info not available
	5:10pm BBC News	5:10pm Snooker	7:00pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Channel 4 News	8:20pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	11:00am Soccer A.M.
	5:20pm Regional News	7:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	7:15pm Regional News and Weather	8:00pm The Restoration Man	9:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	12:30pm Football
	5:25pm Weather	8:00pm Dad's Army	7:30pm Ninja Warrior UK	9:00pm Britain's Most Historic Towns	10:15pm Secrets of Tutankhamun's Treasures	4:15pm Pro 14 Play-Offs
	5:30pm Final Score	8:30pm Snooker	8:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	10:00pm Zolander 2	11:10pm The Great Ramesses: New Evidence Revealed	6:30pm Live League One Final Day
	6:10pm Women's FA Cup Final	11:00pm Kajaki - The True Story	9:00pm Britain's Got Talent To be Announced	12:00am Ride Along	12:10am Football on 5	9:00pm Football
	8:40pm Pointless	12:40am Michael Palin: A Life on Screen	10:15pm To be Announced	1:50am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA		9:55pm Football
	9:30pm Who Dares Wins		11:20pm ITV News	2:40am Hollyoaks Omnibus		
	10:15pm Casualty					
11:05pm BBC News						
SUNDAY	4:45pm Points of View	12:30pm Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook	6:00pm The Chase	2:30pm The Simpsons	5:05pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!	12:00pm Info not available
	5:00pm Songs of Praise	1:00pm MOTD2 Extra	7:00pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	3:00pm The Simpsons	6:05pm 5 News	1:00pm Live Championship Final Day
	5:35pm Britain's Best Home Cook	1:30pm Equestrian	7:30pm ITV Evening News	3:30pm Megamind	6:10pm The Adele Story	3:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
	6:35pm BBC News	3:00pm Snooker	7:45pm Regional News and Weather	5:25pm Location, Location, Location	7:30pm Britain's Favourite Abba Songs	4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
	6:50pm Regional News	6:30pm Equestrian: Badminton	8:00pm Little Big Shots	7:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Eurovision's Greatest Hits	8:00pm World Cup Watch
	6:55pm Weather	7:00pm Horse Trials - Showjumping	9:00pm The Durrells	7:30pm Escape to the Chateau	10:00pm When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong	8:30pm Live La Liga 2017/18
	7:00pm Big Painting Challenge	8:00pm Snooker	10:00pm Info not available	8:00pm The Crystal Maze	12:55am Football on 5	11:00pm Football
	8:00pm Countryfile	8:00pm Snooker	11:05pm ITV News	9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals		
	9:00pm Antiques Roadshow	12:00am Famalam	11:20pm Peston on Sunday	10:00pm Homeland		
	10:00pm The Woman in White			11:15pm Tabula Rasa		
11:00pm BBC News						
MONDAY	5:45pm Flog It!	1:30pm Plan it, Build it	7:30pm Regional News and Weather	7:00pm The Simpsons	4:55pm Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked	8:00am Total Goals
	6:45pm Pointless	2:00pm Britain's Biggest War Ship	7:45pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours	9:00am Total Goals
	7:30pm BBC News	3:00pm Snooker	8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away	10:00am Info not available
	7:45pm Regional News	7:00pm Great British Railway Journeys	8:30pm Coronation Street	8:30pm Britain's Benefits Crisis: Channel 4 Dispatches	7:30pm 5 News	11:00am Info not available
	7:55pm Weather	8:00pm Eggheads	9:00pm Give it a Year	9:00pm Holidays Unpacked	8:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Snooker	9:30pm Coronation Street	9:30pm Tricks of the Restaurant Trade	9:00pm Police Interceptors	4:00pm Indian Premier League
	8:30pm A Question of Sport	12:00am Papillon	10:00pm Info not available	10:00pm Genderquake	10:00pm Paddington Station 24/7	Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	9:00pm EastEnders	2:25am Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation	11:00pm ITV News	11:00pm Gogglebox	11:00pm Cocaine: Teen Dealers	8:30pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	3:25am Countryfile	11:20pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	12:00am Kiss Me First	12:00am Layer Cake	11:30pm Info not available
	10:00pm The Woman in White					
11:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share Unscripted						
TUESDAY	4:00pm Escape to the Country	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	4:00pm Tenable	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm Snatched at Birth	4:00pm Indian Premier League
	4:45pm Flipping Profit	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	5:00pm Tipping Point	6:30pm Buy it Now	6:00pm 5 News	8:30pm Football
	5:30pm Flog It!	9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	11:00pm The Debate - Live
	6:15pm Pointless	10:00pm Secret Agent	7:00pm Regional News and Weather	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News	Catch up on all the latest news and talking points from around the world of football with this nightly debate show, as the panel discuss the hottest topics from the sport.
	7:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Moto GP Highlights	
	7:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Newsnight	8:00pm Emmerdale	9:00pm The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet	
	7:30pm The One Show		8:30pm Devon and Cornwall Cops	10:00pm Genderquake	10:00pm British Airways Circus Kids: Our Secret World	
	8:00pm EastEnders		9:00pm This Time Next Year	11:00pm Genderquake	12:05am Gypsy Kids	
	8:30pm Holby City		10:00pm To be Announced	12:00am Flight Hs13: Walter Presents		
	9:00pm The Split		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather			
11:00pm BBC News						
WEDNESDAY	4:00pm Escape to the Country	3:30pm Going Back, Giving Back	5:00pm Tipping Point	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	6:30pm Neighbours	12:00pm Live ATP 1000: Madrid
	4:45pm Flipping Profit	4:15pm Digging for Britain	6:00pm The Chase	3:10pm Countdown	7:00pm Home and Away	4:00pm Indian Premier League
	5:30pm Flog It!	5:15pm Tudor Monastery Farm	7:00pm Regional News and Weather	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	7:30pm 5 News	8:30pm Info not available
	6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Money for Nothing	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm The £100k Drop	8:00pm Police Interceptors	11:00pm The Debate - Live
	7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Eggheads	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Four in a Bed	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors	Catch up on all the latest news and talking points from around the world of football with this nightly debate show, as the panel discuss the hottest topics from the sport.
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	8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	9:30pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	7:00pm The Simpsons	11:00pm Tortured by Mum and Dad: The Turpin 13	
	8:00pm Watchdog Live	9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge	10:00pm Info not available	7:30pm Hollyoaks	12:05am Criminals Caught on Camera	
	9:00pm Britain's Fat Fight	10:00pm Love in the Countryside	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm Channel 4 News		
	10:00pm BBC News			9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo		
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Is the EU purposely weaponising the Irish border issue?

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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THE EU's made it patently clear that it's not interested in a mutually beneficial relationship with the UK. Repeated reassurances by British ministers that they intend to be the EU's closest friend have been rebuffed.

Brexit negotiations had seemed to be progressing well enough. Officials had apparently finally come to terms regarding outstanding liabilities, the status of each other's citizens

BORDERLINE:
Is May being held back by the Northern Irish border?



and the rolling over of a number of technical accords. But the outright rejection by unelected EU bureaucrats of Britain's proposals for the Northern Irish border is nauseating.

In fact, their suggestion the only way to achieve a frictionless border is for Britain to remain in the customs union - even though Theresa May has made it absolutely clear



this isn't an option - leads many to conclude the EU is weaponising the Irish border solely in order to scupper any Brexit agreement.

So ingrained is the EU in its 'project' it's simply unable to consider sensible, rational suggestions to settle the issue. Moreover, it simply isn't acceptable for the EU to reject Britain's proposals without offering viable alternatives.

As the military strategist

Sun Tzu pointed out centuries ago, the best way to win a battle is for the enemy to decide not to fight because he believes that you are too strong and the best way to lose is to appear weak.

Why does Theresa May seem hell-bent on proving Sun Tzu's views correct? At every turn in these Brexit negotiations she's appeared weak and undecided, inviting all and sundry in the EU to take pot-shots at the UK.

We don't respond in strength and lose every negotiating battle, fighting from the back foot. We have many strengths but won't use them.

To the EU, we must look like a beaten spouse - no matter how hard they punch and kick and threaten, dinner will still be on the table when they get back from the pub.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Do they pay Spanish tax?

Q. My wife and I have lived in Spain for 15 years. We receive a joint old age pension of about €1,300 a month plus two tiny pensions that total less than €1,000 a year, which are taxed at source in the UK. For this reason we have not registered for tax in Spain. I am 80 years old and my wife is 76. We intend to sell our property, which is valued at about €130,000. According to your recent EWN article it appears that we should have registered. Is that correct?

J.S. (Costa Blanca)

A. Yes, you should have obtained the S1 form and changed your tax residency to Spain. Even if you now hold the Certificate of Residence of an EU Citizen in Spain, you are not a tax resident. This is against the rules and it also means that you will be liable for Spanish capital gains tax when you sell your home. If you are tax resident for three years and over 65 years of age, you can be free of capital gains when you sell your principal residence in Spain.

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I won't be giving up

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

WHAT'S the point of round sliced bread? Anyone? I bet not one of you can explain the actual point of it. Let me explain where I'm coming from. Mercadona, one of the best Spanish supermarkets, sells a lot of different breads in all shapes and sizes.

The one I particularly like is the one I call 'Five Seedy Bread.' It's really tasty and I'm sure many of you have seen it or even buy it. The only problem is it's round so what happens is you get four to six decent size slices out of the fat bit in the middle, for your sandwiches, and then you get smaller sandwiches.

After maybe one more half decent round you then finish up with six or eight bits of, what's known in the bakery trade, as the 'endy' bits and you get more 'endy' bits than big bits. So I'm going to suggest to Mercadona that they make it a traditional bread shape so that I, we, get a consistent size sandwich.

Where it gets even worse is a restaurant that I like to go occasionally for breakfast serves it and sometimes they give me my

two slices and they are the 'endy' bits! Those are not big enough to go the distance with my full English. See my dilemma?

How long should good quality things last? I purchased a very expensive Samsonite 'man' bag for use on flights. It was not for everyday use - just occasional - and even then I don't use it on every trip.

It's made out of leather and fabric. I've had it a couple of years and now the leather is flaking off. So, is it reasonable of me to think that's not right? Should something that costs over a €100 and is only used occasionally start to just fall to pieces?

This has happened to quite a few things recently - not all of them as expensive. The amount of phone cases I have had for the same phone is crazy. They usually cost €10 or €15 but they just fall to pieces. We unfortunately live in a disposable age.

A pair of wireless headphones stopped charging and the store I bought them from were not interested. They just told me to send them back to the manufacturer which is no easy job either. In both instances I emailed the manufacturer. I have had no reply from the headphone people and I have to send the bag back to a place in Madrid.

As usual I won't be giving up.

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Costa Blanca North - motorhomes' friend or foe?

I HAVE just read the article about respectable motorhome owners by Dave Turre.

We unfortunately support David and Sally's complaint about 'free campers.'

I said unfortunate because we used to have a motorhome but are sadly also becoming less tolerant with the amount of motorhomes lining the street.

Noticeably taking up available space in car parks. They line the beaches and stand on already eroding seashore land.

How do we know? Because we have them parked every winter outside our window.

Where do they all put their rubbish? Most of the time in the 'basura' street containers, where do they discharge their dirty water? Into the town's sewerage. Can we remind these people that it is the residents who have to pay Suma for these services?

I do agree with Dave on 'Why do the Spanish town halls not create a designated service area?'

Only then can they enjoy their 'new found freedom in retirement' and not at the expense of other retirees who have

Brexit blues the pros and cons

HAVE read the letter from David Warboys and I am slightly confused. He says that 'What is relevant is that a majority in the UK now favour Remain.'

Have I missed another referendum on the subject or has he interviewed the whole of the UK to come up with this statement?

Can he deny that the reasons for the Brexit Leave vote are still there eg the public's loss of faith with the bloated bureaucracy; the shameful waste of public money in having two Parliaments; the fact of unau-



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| PUBLIC MONEY: One of two costly EU Parliament buildings.

dated accounts for 12 years; the egoistical behaviour of the so-called officials paid huge amounts of salary but who exist on their outrageous expenses; the abusive power of the ECJ; oh and control of our own borders and fishing areas?

Despite that, I am sure that if the public had known we were going to field rank amateurs to negotiate

with the powerful EU band of professional negotiators, then they would have kept the status quo and voted remain. I do not have a particular axe to grind on this, just a deep concern about the abilities of politicians to ever be able to work on behalf of the populace and have any real credibility.

John Price, Javea

purchased legally in Spain.

There is little chance of parking anywhere overnight in the UK so why

should they 'freebie' it here? Dave states how much investment they have paid for their vans in the UK!

Maybe Dave thinks because he buys a drink or an occasional meal that this is sufficient, No! They are not the ones

who have to live with the vans in view everywhere.

This may read as 'angry' but believe me as a past motorhome owner I put both sides of the story.

A Mitchell, Costa Blanca

Leapy Lee

YOU may be my new hero - I've recently discovered your weekly contributions to the *Euro Weekly News*. I love the fact that you tell it like it is - it's so refreshing - particularly liked the April 12 article about knife crime in the UK and the latest one about Cliff Richards.

I'll definitely be following your articles online now - until we're back in Spain in the next few weeks and can pick up a copy of the *EWN*. Keep up the good work!

Lorraine, UK

Correos bureaucracy!!

I READ with interest your letter in this week's *Euroweekly* regarding non-delivery of mail. We have experienced this for the past four years in Mil Palmeras, and yes, sometimes mail gets returned to sender if not collected but more often than not it is just binned!

Despite the fact that the postman is here every day and passes my house at the same time every day, they refuse to deliver to the houses, so we decided to get mailboxes for those who requested them.

After fighting for four years the Owners Association managed, at long last to get a wall big enough to take over 100 boxes and the town hall put these in place for us. All boxes were numbered and photos taken and the relevant form filled in and delivered to the Correos Sorting Office in Pilar de la Horadada.

The Correos have now decided that they do not like the boxes numbered as we have them and they wish them to be numbered down rather than across. It looks like they will not budge on this despite assuring them that the next lot of boxes will be numbered as they request.

Is this bureaucracy or just bloody mindedness?

Louise A Innes, Mil Palmeras

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First ever Ireland to Spain ferry launches

Love travelling by ferry rather than flying! Out ye go.

Leisure Club

Is fighting against the Bay of Biscaya / Atlantic Ocean better than flying??

Johan Sjöberg

No Johan. I hated flying and didn't for 13 years, but a return ferry trip to the UK at Xmas finished me with the Bay of Biscaya. Twenty-six hours of torturous seas both ways. Last week I flew to the UK. Three hours! Headphones, duty free mag and a coffee! No comparison. I'm back to aircraft.

Maria Mojito

Brits could face €7 post-Brexit travel fee

I don't see a problem with this, if you want to travel abroad then pay for the visa. If you go to the States or Canada you need a visa, Turkey you have to put a tenner in your passport to get in.

Karon Coates

As long as the UK reciprocates the charge! Bit hypocritical considering some areas of Spain impose a tourist (eco) tax.

Ray Moody

What did they expect? Do they want to be in Europe or not??

Carol Raines

Comments from EWN online

Cycling copper with 'back problem' caught out

This is hilarious, in America we were famous for having people get caught on camera at sporting events they attended while supposedly sick etc or worse yet, being seen on TV with someone other than your spouse.

Erik Robinson

This is nothing but basic fraud - should lose pension and should pay back unearned salary.

Eddie Stanton

Expats' squatter ordeal goes on

What an utter shame that this country leaves you completely alone in this matter, running back and forth between the offices until it is too late. Incredible being totally helpless and these leeches just walk away.

Peter Sauer

What a shame for this couple it's a sad day when you go for a holiday and scumbags think they have the right to move in and then steal all you're stuff and the law almost helps them get away with it, makes me mad.

Mary Maxwell

Mallorca city to ban tourist lets in flats

Absolutely not biting the hand that feeds. It's about time the tourist hordes were regulated a bit. The prices of rentals are getting outrageous and landlords are getting greedy and turfing people out that live and work in Spain over the summer. I wish they would do it in the Costa Del Sol.

Leigh Hobson

I wish they'd do that here in Malaga! My landlady has told me my rent will go up 100 euros a month as of November so now I'm struggling to find somewhere else to move to. Most places here in Torremolinos are holiday rentals and my boyfriend doesn't want to leave as this is his town and his teenage sister is buried here.

Zara María

There are plenty of hotels and Airbnbs for the tourists! If there is no accommodation for the locals there is no one to serve the tourists!

Rhea Rouw

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'CHIEF, SHE SAID ONE AND TWO TOUCHED HER KNEE, THREE AND FOUR HER BOTTOM, FIVE IS GAY AND SIX IS A KISSING BANDIT KNOWN TO ALL.'

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

This is a time to consider finances and keep your options open. Someone who tries to get a fast decision out of you by pushing you into a corner is doing you no favours. You will decide what (if anything) needs to be done when you are good and ready.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Keep things simple. Getting involved in other people's problems is not for you at the moment. It may be necessary to delay a decision to give yourself time to think. Could you manage a few days away somewhere? Maybe you could stay with a friend or relative. You need some peace and quiet on your own.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Although things are going pretty well, there are some things that could be just a little better organised. The time and money that this saves could be small, but it's the ongoing positive attitude that counts. There have been times recently when you have wondered if your progress on a certain matter would ever start up again.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

It is better if you don't get involved in any high profile, high risk business deals. Success is definitely not assured. This is a time for financial consolidation. Count your pennies and see the pounds collecting in the future. On a cold winter's night it can give a pleasant glow to realise that your action during the hotter months is keeping you warm.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Partnerships see you leap ahead on something that was a bit stuck in the mud. A leap in your bank balance follows. Some quick decisions may be called for so it is better to share responsibilities, whatever the outcome. You have a chance to show just how clever you can be, but do it because it gives you personal satisfaction rather than to impress.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

After a hectic start to the week, things seem to have slowed down. Look carefully at what has happened, but remember that there is no point in worrying over something that you cannot change. Sitting tight and waiting for this period to pass

could be the best solution. Certainly, it will prove less stressful than fighting a losing corner.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Money is good and this can make you over-confident. Beware bank managers offering loans in large amounts. Nothing is for free and you need to look carefully at interest rates right now. Another, more personal, investment also needs looking at right now.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Aim a bit higher than usual and you may be surprised at your success. When seeing the bigger picture, you realise that it is not so daunting after all. If one person can do it, then so can another. It is a matter of how you approach it. What you have to ask yourself this week is why you should accept the minimum when the maximum is so close by.



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

This should be a great time for your finances. Any glitch is likely to be because you have overspent. Even if things still need close attention, you can win if you concentrate. A bit of plotting and planning can work wonders at the moment. Most of your big expenses are behind you and if you can just tighten that belt a wee bit more.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Although things seem fine, this is not a time to overstretch your finances. Spending a lot this week without thought is problematic later. This is a week of shifting and changing and that certainly means your finances. The other area is your social circle, where people come and go, sometimes without warning.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

This is not a particularly lucky week for you, so I would certainly advise caution. Gambling is not recommended. Being clever with money is as much about not spending it as about how you spend it.



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Look at the long-term picture when considering money matters. What seems like a good deal now may not be so a few years down the line. Someone who appears to be telling a lie may simply have either misunderstood or have the wrong information.

Trivia from around the world

*** Iceland has the highest rate of book and magazine publications per head in the world. Around 10 per cent of its population will publish a book in their lifetime.

*** Boatmen on Inle Lake in Myanmar fish while standing on one leg. The centuries-old technique was developed to allow for fishing and rowing at the same time.

*** The Caribbean island of Tobago is believed to be the inspiration behind the novels Robinson Crusoe and Treasure Island.

*** All of Rwanda lies at high altitude. The country's lowest point is the Rusizi River which is around 950 metres above sea level.

*** The Al-Said family has ruled in Oman since 1744. It was the first Arab country to become independent.

*** Ancient people who lived in what is now Kazakhstan are believed to be the first to ride horses.



WIRED: The Golden Gate Bridge's towers stand at 227 metres above water level.

DID YOU KNOW?

San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge is fitted with the longest cables ever made for such a structure. The cables, each of which is made up of 27,572 wires, would encircle the world three times over if laid end to end around the equator. The length of one main cable is 2,332 metres.

Women's wit

Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all."

Hypatia of Alexandria, philosopher

Famous quote

If you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and take alms from those who work with joy."

Khalil Gibran, poet

World of English

Aa - A kind of volcanic lava which forms jagged masses with a frothy texture. Also refers to a stream.

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA		EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
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(37) (38)	(20) (22)	(28) (30)	(40) (41)	(25) (36)	(31) (35)	(40) (42)
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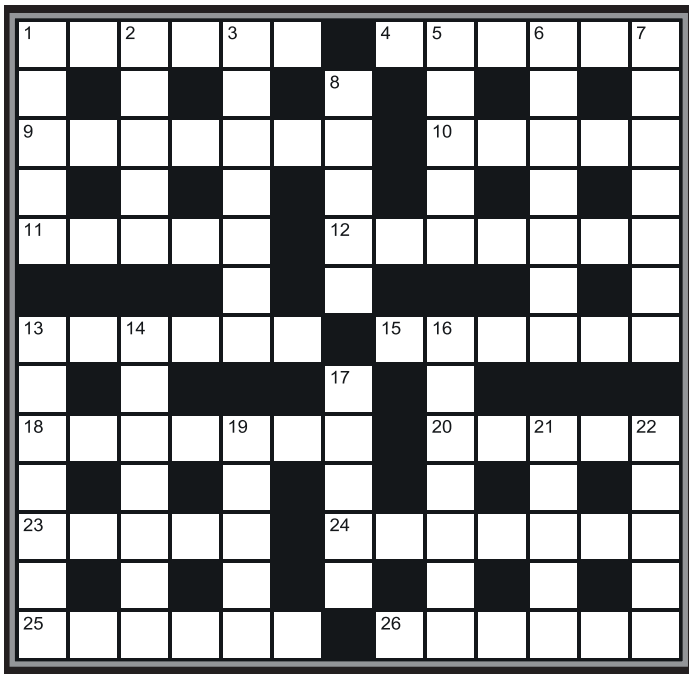
Cryptic

Across

- 1 A right row about list of prices (6)
- 4 Attempts to contain British social divisions (6)
- 9 Approve red nose design (7)
- 10 Cares about farmer's fields (5)
- 11 Singular stuff? Beat it! (5)
- 12 Holiest organisation has become unfriendly (7)
- 13 Logs on differently to say goodbye (2,4)
- 15 Didn't see fog, it's said (6)
- 18 Get Ivan to change time of origin (7)
- 20 Divided country in New York or Eastern seaboard area (5)
- 23 It concerns Adam's wife and a local official (5)
- 24 Can eels somehow purify? (7)
- 25 Some real and authentic component of a carriage (6)
- 26 Cabinet has to finish on time (6)

Down

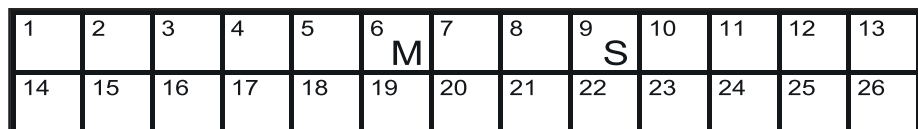
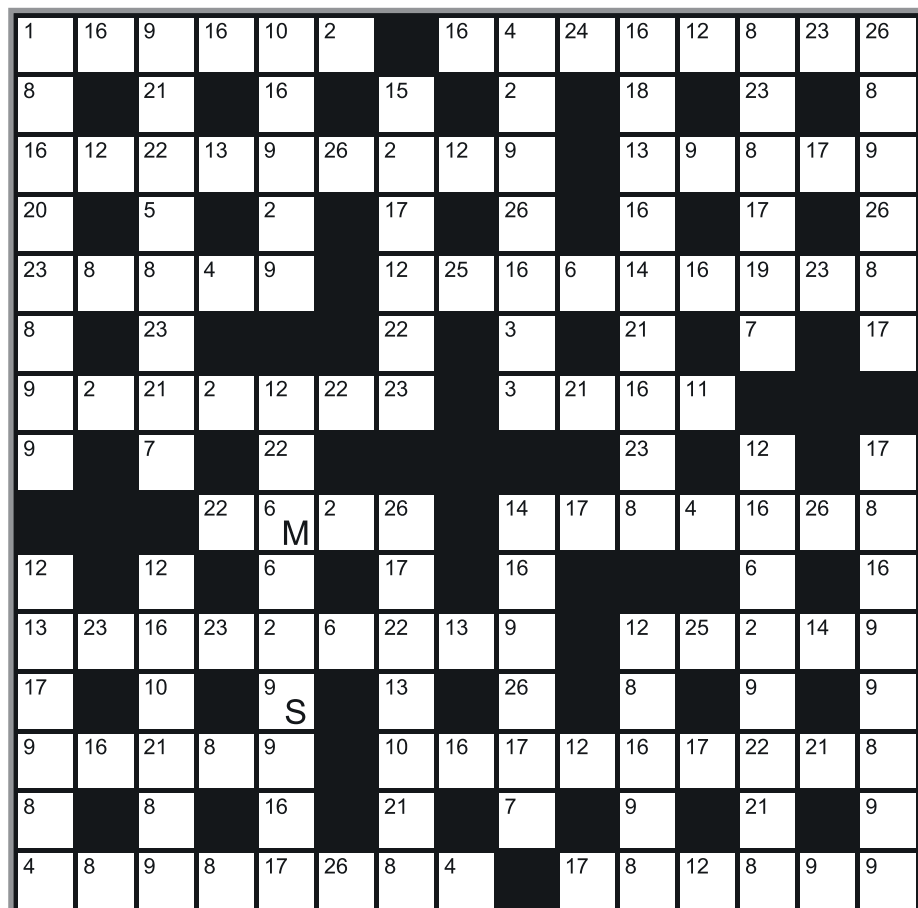
- 1 Heard crying in several rows (5)
- 2 Haggard equestrian? (5)
- 3 Namer of new supervisor (7)
- 5 Sounds of approval and pride (5)
- 6 Chuck and Halle provide fruits (7)
- 7 Put off temporary school bar (7)
- 8 Spirit encountered in front of



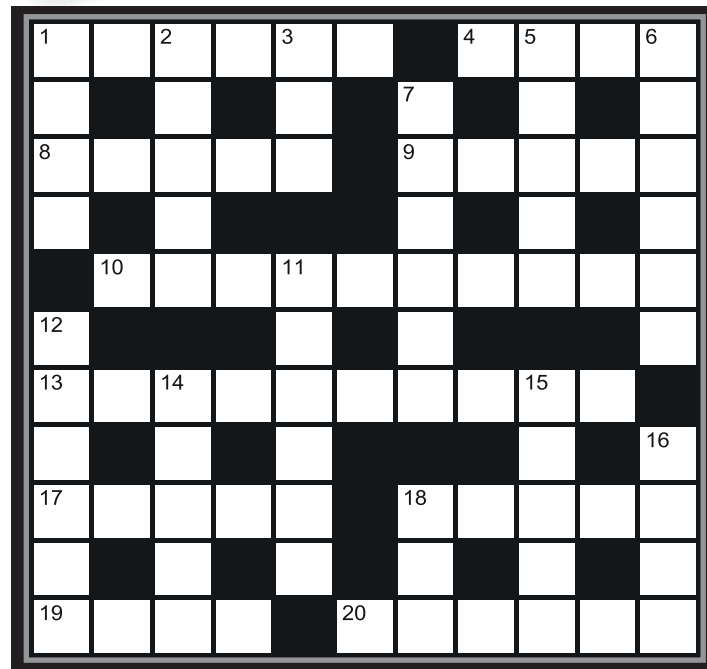
- empty houses (5)
- 13 Reveals a mistake to quite a few (7)
- 14 New leader learnt about the light (7)
- 16 Where an old writer may take a dip (7)
- 17 Young girl hid in Halesowen churchyard (5)
- 19 Leader of Cub Scouts from Lakeland (5)
- 21 Ran Kansas classes (5)
- 22 Proficient in a small department (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents M and 9 represents S, so fill in M every time the figure 6 appears and S every time the figure 9 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

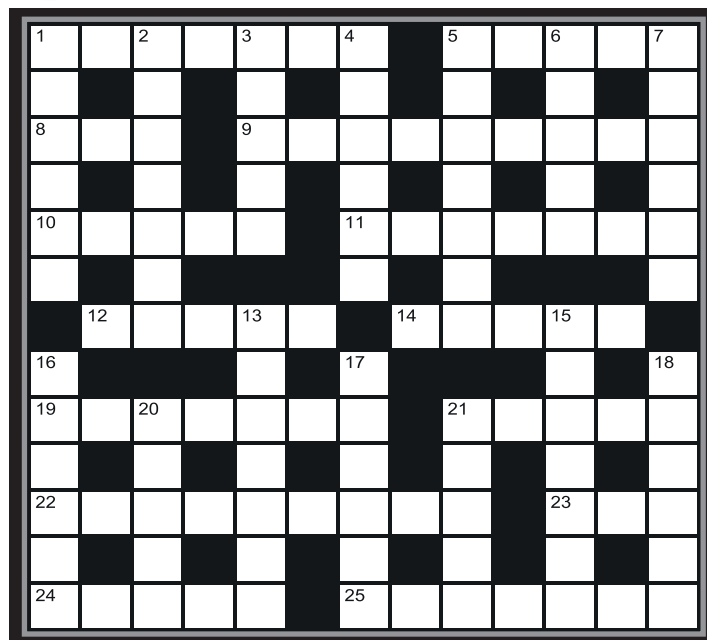
- 1 Take something offered (6)
- 4 Supervise the publication of (4)
- 8 Join in wedlock (5)
- 9 Once more (5)
- 10 Lower the value of something (10)
- 13 Make younger or more youthful (10)
- 17 South American mountain range (5)
- 18 Pursue (5)
- 19 Level (4)
- 20 Unwilling to spend (6)

Down

- 1 Money or goods contributed to the poor (4)
- 2 Utter obscenities or profanities (5)
- 3/18 Act of reducing a salary (3,3)
- 5 Play (5)
- 6 Easily chewed, not tough (6)
- 7 Diurnal bird of prey (6)
- 11 Examine and correct (6)
- 12 Bring into existence (6)
- 14 Form a critical opinion of (5)
- 15 Teach (5)
- 16 Resist or confront with resistance (4)
- 18 See 3

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Every time (4,3)
- 5 Broad beans (5)
- 8 Remo (3)
- 9 Stationer's (9)
- 10 Ira (de persona) (5)
- 11 Renacuajo (7)
- 12 Weapons (5)
- 14 Neumáticos (de ruedas) (5)
- 19 To put to bed (7)
- 21 Agitar (5)
- 22 Seguro (9)
- 23 Foot (3)
- 24 Hornos (5)
- 25 Hermanas (7)

Down

- 1 To crash (cars, trains) (6)
- 2 To manage (business) (7)
- 3 Steam (5)
- 4 Shoe (6)
- 5 Vacaciones (7)
- 6 Donkey (5)
- 7 Asustado (6)
- 13 Authors (7)
- 15 Ejemplo (7)
- 16 Pale (person or complexion) (6)
- 17 Spiders (6)
- 18 Joyas (6)
- 20 Western (side, part) (5)
- 21 Semillas (5)

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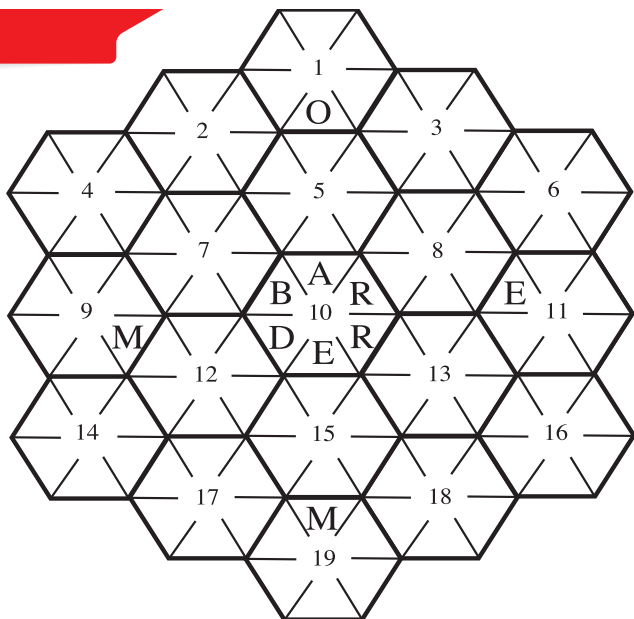
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Hexagram

- BARRED (10)
- BOUGHT
- CLUMSY
- COHORT
- CURSOR
- EARTHY
- FILTHY
- FORMAL
- FROLIC
- GLOSSY
- MODISH
- MOIETY
- NETTLE
- POMADE
- SASHAY
- SHRIFT
- STRAND
- TATTOO
- YOGURT



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

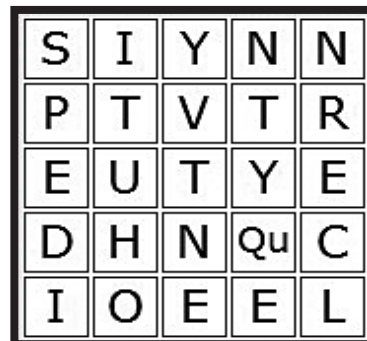
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Escape 2 Shrank 3 Sashay 4 Sortie
- 5 Bouncy 6 Rhombi 7 Hookup
- 8 Lumbar 9 Oyster 10 Pomade
- 11 Clique 12 Hearty 13 Gauche
- 14 Vestal 15 Gadget 16 Scythe
- 17 Margin 18 Towhee 19 Dither.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 25
- Good: 35
- Very good: 50
- Excellent: 65

SCORING:

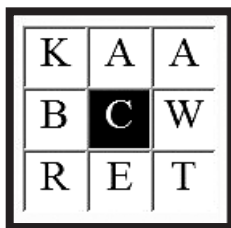
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

tire tires titi item ires cute cutty cutie cite crew crewman crews cream creamy ever eyes yeti yews yeas yens witty wire wireman wires writ write wren wrens wean weans wens rite resat ream rename mete mews merit mesa meat mean means maser mate matey mater maters mates mane manes mans manse etas sweat seta seam seamy seat same samey sate sane saner term terms team teas tens tame tamers tames taser tans amen anew answer news neat name namer namers names nates

Nonagram

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



TARGET:

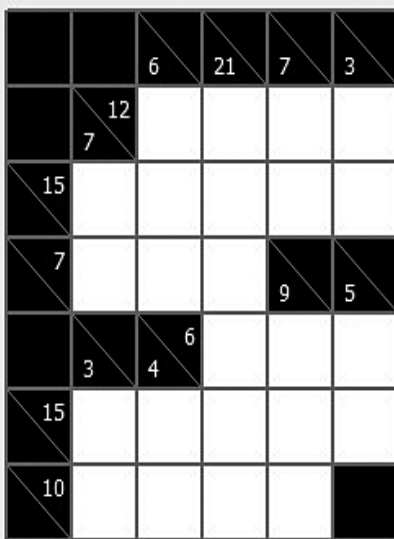
- Average: 9
- Good: 12
- Very good: 17
- Excellent: 22

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

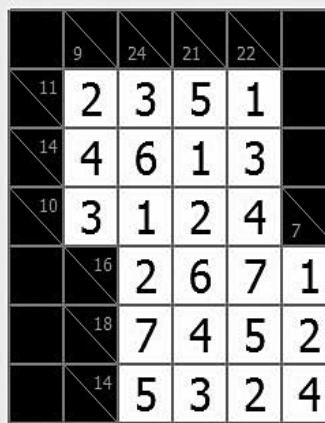
aced acid acme acre calm came card care carl cede cedi ceil cere clad clam cram cred dace dice iced lace laic lice mace marc mica mice race rice acrod acrid amice arced cadre camel cared cedar cered ceria cider claim clear clime cream creed creel cried crime decal dicer erica laced lacer macer made medic raced relic riced amerce calmed calmer cardie ceiled cereal cradle decile deicer dermic eclair lacier malice marcel raceme amerced claimed claimer cleared creamed creedal decimal declaim declare medical miracle radicle reclaim **DECLAIMER RECLAIMED**

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

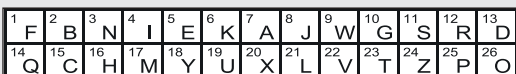


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Shrine, 4 Duet, 8 Buttercup, 9 Tend, 10 Stress, 13 Repeat, 15 Boar, 18 Operation, 19 Fade, 20 Caress.
- Down:** 1 Shelter, 2 Robin, 3 Note, 5 Uncle, 6/18 Tip off, 7 Petty, 11 Serious, 12 Nasal, 14 Plead, 16 Ounce, 17 Lira.

CODE BREAKER



CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Bold, 3 Prisoner, 9 Custard, 10 Began, 11 Shred, 12 Natter, 14 Impure, 16 Pastor, 19 Strain, 21 Casks, 24 Atone, 25 Harbour, 26 Treasure, 27 Blue.
- Down:** 1 Buckskin, 2 Loser, 4 Rodent, 5 Sabot, 6 Neglect, 7 Rent, 8 Raider, 13 Preserve, 15 Pothole, 17 Accord, 18 Anchor, 20 Abets, 22 Scowl, 23 Halt.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Bulb, 3 Brothers, 9 Orchard, 10 Recto, 11 Snail, 12 Screen, 14 Oscuro, 16 Urraca, 19 Potato, 21 Cabra, 24 Arena, 25 Earlier, 26 Sostener, 27 Mats.
- Down:** 1 Bookshop, 2 Lucha, 4 Radish, 5 Tirar, 6 Escuela, 7 Soon, 8 Tailor, 13 Palabras, 15 Cookers, 17 Record, 18 Cohete, 20 Awake, 22 Boina, 23 Saws.

App of the week



Seven
An app that makes exercise easy to the point of being fun. Seven's workouts are based on scientific studies aimed at providing the optimum amount of exercise in seven minutes. It features personalised workout plans and can be used anywhere at any time without any equipment.

QUIZ: IT'S A MAD, MAD WORLD

1. Antananarivo is the capital of which island in the Indian Ocean off the south-eastern coast of Africa, the fourth largest island in the world?
2. By what name was the Indian city of Chennai known until 1995?
3. From the Arabic for 'school, college', what name is given to a college for Islamic instruction?
4. Graham McPherson is the real name of the frontman/lead singer of which English ska band from Camden Town, north London, who formed in 1976?
5. Wanda Metropolitano (also known as La Peineta and the Estadio Metropolitano) is the home ground of which Spanish professional football club?
6. What is the name of the American former financier and admitted fraudster who operated the largest Ponzi scheme in world history and the largest financial fraud in US history? Prosecutors

- estimated the size of his fraud to be \$64.8 billion.
 7. What name is given to an unaccompanied song in several parts in counterpoint?
 8. Which mountain system in Mexico, extends from the border with the US in the north to the southern border with Guatemala?
 9. Which singer/actress starred as Susan Thomas in the 1985 American comedy-drama film *Desperately Seeking Susan*?
 10. Who was the fourth president of the USA?
- Not a lot of people know that... as of February 2018, Mad (magazine) has published 550 regular issues, as well as hundreds of reprint 'Specials', original-material paperbacks, reprint compilation books and other print projects**

Answers:

1. MADAGASCAR, 2. MADRAS, 3. MADRASA, 4. MADNESS, 5. Alhóico MADRID, 6. Bernie MADOFF, 7. MADRIGAL, 8. Sierra MADRE, 9. MADONNA, 10. James MADISON

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BOOKS



Lines in the sand

NOUR is in New York City when she hears her father has just died. Her mother, a mapmaker, decides to move her family back home to Syria.

The family find the country in the midst of violent changes and they are soon left homeless in the ensuing civil war. They then begin a journey as refugees across the Middle East and North Africa in search of safety.

Rawiya, a widow's daughter, lives in Syria more than 800 years earlier. She leaves home disguised as a boy seeking adventure and finds herself on an expedition to help create a map of the world.

The two characters are separated by time but follow the same path in Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar's *The Map of Salt and Stars*.

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Costa de Almería

weather

TODAY

TOMORROW

SATURDAY

<p>Malaga TODAY: Max 23, Min 12-Cl Fri - 22 12 - Cl Sat - 23 13 - S Sun - 23 13 - S Mon - 24 14 - S Tues - 25 15 - S Wed - 24 14 - C</p>	<p>Almeria TODAY: Max 21, Min 14-C Fri - 21 14 - C Sat - 21 14 - S Sun - 22 15 - S Mon - 24 16 - S Tues - 23 17 - S Wed - 22 16 - Sh</p>	<p>Bilbao TODAY: Max 13, Min 10-Sh Fri - 14 11 - Sh Sat - 16 10 - C Sun - 20 12 - S Mon - 21 13 - S Tues - 21 13 - S Wed - 19 12 - C</p>	<p>Madrid TODAY: Max 18, Min 5 - C Fri - 20 8 - S Sat - 21 9 - S Sun - 24 10 - S Mon - 25 12 - S Tues - 25 12 - S Wed - 23 11 - C</p>
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S: Sun
Cl: Clear
C: Cloudy
Sh: Showers
Th: Thunder
Sn: Snow

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BIRTHDAYS

• Rob Brydon, Comedian; May 3, 53

The Gavin and Stacy star was born in Baglan, Wales, and studied at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama before going into comedy. He has since featured in the film *24 Hour Party People* and played himself alongside Steve Coogan in *The Trip* TV series.

• Rory McIlroy, Golfer; May 4, 29

McIlroy set a record of 16-under-par when he won the 2011 US Open, beating that of Jack Nicklaus. The Northern Irishman was at one time ranked as the world's number one golfer.

• Adele, Singer; May 5, 30

The singer began making music aged four and said the



David Attenborough

Spice Girls and Pink influenced her career choice. She broke into mainstream pop music with the release of her debut album, *19*, which scored her a Grammy for best new artist in 2009.

• George Clooney, Actor; May 6, 57

The Lexington-born American film star has acted, directed, written and produced in movies throughout his career. He tried out for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team before going into acting but did not make the cut. He became the first person to be nominated for Oscars in six different categories.

• Matt Helders, Musician; May 7, 32

Helders founded the Arctic Monkeys alongside fellow band mates in 2002, becoming its drummer. He has since

produced albums for The Hives among other groups. Born in Sheffield, England, he also began a clothing line whose proceeds benefit the Arthur Rank Hospice for the chronically ill.

• David Attenborough, Naturalist; May 8, 92

The voice of BBC wildlife documentaries such as *Planet Earth* and *The Life of Birds* was an avid collector of fossils and other specimens while growing up in England.

• Rosario Dawson, Actor; May 9, 39

Dawson made a brief appearance on children's show *Sesame Street* while growing up before being cast in the 1995 film *Kids* aged 15. She has since landed roles in *Rent*, *Sin City*, *Eagle Eye* and starred alongside Will Smith in *Men in Black II*.

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

Word Ladder

FISH

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

TART

TART
TACT
FACT
FAST
FIST
FISH
Solution

DVD

Trail of fears



IT is 1892 on the United States' Western frontier. Indian Wars veteran Captain Joseph Blocker (Christian Bale) has one last mission to complete before retiring.

He must escort Apaches including old foe Chief Yellow Hawk (Wes Studi) from New Mexico to their homeland in Montana.

On the way they find Rosalee Quaid (Rosamund Pike), the last survivor of a raid which saw her husband and children murdered.

The party must navigate the unforgiving landscape and their own inner turmoil in *Hostiles*.

This week in history

589 - Council called
Visigoth king Reccared I summons the Third Council of Toledo. The meeting would lead to the ruler's territories in Spain ditching Arian Christianity in favour of Catholicism.

1386 - Alliance formed
England and Portugal sign the Treaty of Windsor, formally ratifying the alliance between the two countries. It is the world's oldest diplomatic alliance still in force.

1487 - Malaga sieged
The forces of Catholic Spain lay siege to the city of Malaga during their Reconquista of Moorish territory on the Iberian Peninsula.

1789 - Deputies meet
France's Estates-General meets for the first time since 1614. The session was part of events which would eventually lead to the French Revolution.

1889 - Eiffel Tower
Gustav Eiffel's new tower, named the Eiffel Tower after him, is officially opened to the public at the Universal Exposition in Paris.

1945 - War ends
German forces offer their unconditional surrender to the allies following negotiations in Rheims, France. The move marks the end of the Second World War in Europe and the event is commemorated as VE Day.

1970 - Students shot
Ohio National Guard troops called out to the Kent State University campus in the United States in response to anti-Vietnam War protests shoot dead four unarmed students.

2007 - Madeleine missing
Four-year-old Madeleine McCann goes missing while on holiday with her parents in Praia da Luz, Portugal. The disappearance sparks the most heavily reported missing person search in modern history.

Advertising Feature

Albox gets a second MACS shop

AS MACS cancer support group continues to expand across the province, supporting cancer patients and their families, so does the chain of charity shops which helps fund the organisation.

In most major towns in the Levante area of the province you will come across a MACS charity shop and in Albox you will soon find two!

MACS' second Albox shop will provide a range of services along with offering an excellent selection of pre-loved goods at great prices.

The spacious shop is perfect for the sale of larger items and MACS is now pleased to offer a home-clearance service, if you just bought a furnished property and the furniture is of no use to you, or you are simply redesigning your home, MACS can help you get rid of any unwanted items which will be sold to raise funds for the group. Call 634 328 334/5 for information on this service.

The space also allows for a section to be used as a patients and meeting room, as well as providing storage for a range of hospital equipment, available for loan to patients.

The new shop is located next to the original



THE MACS BUNNIES: Appeared at Ashlea's memorial event.

Albox shop, which will remain open as usual, on Avenida America, behind Mercadona. Opening times will be 10.00 until 14.00, Monday to Saturday.

Volunteers are urgently needed to work in the new shop, so if you have some spare time on your hands, enjoy a fun working atmosphere and love meeting people, come and join the team. MACS volunteers are men and women of all ages and from different back-

grounds, all with the same fabulous dedication in donating their time.

The opening of this new shop couldn't go ahead without the help of donors and supporters and a very special mention goes to the volunteers of FACE, (fundraising in Arboleas, caring for everyone) who kindly sponsored the signage for the premises.

This is the sixth shop in the MACS chain and joins those in Turre, Huerca-Overa, Mo-

jacar and Las Buganvillas.

The shops are one of the main sources of generating money for the organisation and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure they appeal to a growing number of customers.

If you haven't yet visited one of the MACS shops, now is the perfect time. There are plenty of spring bargains to be had and it's never too early to get your summer wardrobe in order!

At this time of year, many of us swap our summer and winter wardrobes around, they say that anything you haven't worn in the last year, you are never likely to wear again so why not have a clear out and donate some unwanted clothes to a great cause.

Look out for the announcements for the new shop opening date and pop along to say hello.

In other MACS news, the team would like to thank everyone who participated in various fundraising events during the past month, including the organisers of Ashlea's memorial event, which featured the MACS bunnies.

If you want to help support this local charity in any way, contact MACS on 634 328 334 or email macscancersupport@live.co.uk.

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A right royal recommendation

WITH the welcome news of the Duchess of Cambridge's new addition to the royal family, there is no better moment to take stock about what positive steps you can take to stay healthy during your own pregnancy.

The most important thing is your nutrition. During pregnancy, feeding must be more complete, varied and balanced to guarantee the health of you and your future baby.

During this period, women must provide for the extra energy, proteins, vitamins, minerals and carbohydrates that the baby demands for its proper development.

You should not drink alcohol when pregnant as this reaches the baby through the placenta and can cause damage to its physical and mental development. Studies have proven that babies from women who drink during pregnancy weigh less at birth, grow more slowly and present congenital problems.

During your pregnancy you must also eat less foods which are high in calories, such as sweets, pastries, sausages, fatty meats, sugary drinks, butter and margarine.

On the other hand, you should eat more vegetables, fruits, eggs, low-fat dairy, bread, rice, pasta, fish and lean meats.

From the second half of your pregnancy, you will need to increase your energy intake by up to 300 extra calories per day.

Pregnant women must also drink more liquids, such as water, infusions, broths, unsweetened fruit juices and soft drinks.

If you follow these nutritional recommendations during pregnancy, in addition to taking the advice of your gynaecologist, you will enjoy a healthy pregnancy and ensure the health of your future baby.



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Keep those thighs cool

AS things steam up outside, now is the time of year to fold your tights away into the bottom drawer until autumn.

However, with the donning of summer dresses and the baring of legs, the heat of the sun can cause some unwelcome and unpleasant chaffing. This rubbing of skin-on-skin is often unavoidable as most women's inner thighs do touch.

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Doblas, Angel in the Shadow



THE history of punk music in Spain would not be complete without mentioning the name of Angel Doblas who was one of the founders of Granada band TNT and now fronts Doblas.

His band is to play in Madrid next Friday but then travels to the Port of Spain bar in Almeria City on Saturday to give a free performance and promote the recently released ¿Hay Alguien Ahi? (Is There Anybody There?) album.

This, the band's most recent recording is released on the Clifford Records label which is itself based in Almeria, so perhaps this is a way for the band to interact with its label and local fans.

In the years since he first started performing, Angel Doblas has matured from a bass player to a talented songwriter and multi-instrumentalist and he readily admits that he is a great admirer of the work of David Bowie, Johnny Cash, Chris Spedding (perhaps better known as a much in demand session guitarist) and Status Quo.

This doesn't mean that a Doblas gig is a simple tribute to his favourite artists but with such a diverse range of influences, any performance by Doblas is bound to be a pulsating experience and if this appearance, which starts at 10pm, is a free gift to the city, then it is certainly well worth a visit.

Brightening up Vera

THE council in Vera is sponsoring the second Fest Colours festival where there will be 12 hours of pumping music and everyone will turn all the colours of the rainbow this Saturday.

This is a recent craze which sees children and adults throw environmentally safe coloured paint dust, based on a popular Indian Hindu festival which celebrates the victory of good over evil and is sweeping across Spain.

The party starts at noon and the DJs who will be cranking out the music include Happy DJs, Pedro Panona, DeeJay Moesi, Navarro Ness, Jesus Toledo, Tony de Rosa DJ Kilombo with an exciting special appearance of international duo Les Castizos, (DJs Moree Mk and Kike Rodriguez).



FEST COLOURS FESTIVAL: Having fun with paint.

It's going to be loud with a range of techno, house, current Latino and urban music being played through some mega systems whilst everyone dances and covers each other with the paint powder.

This isn't a traditional rave as it is aimed at families so that children can take part and only those who are old enough to

purchase alcohol will be given a special coloured bracelet identifying their age.

Tickets are currently on sale for €15 or €18 with travel to the venue at El Palmeral by bus or €20 at the box office. As well as entry the ticket price will include drink, backpack, holi bag and food (paella will be offered until 4pm).

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It is expected that more than 6,000 flowers will be used in a range of Indalos (the Indalo is also the symbol of Almeria which is an image that supposedly dates back to the time of Columbus and his explorations) across the village.

This flower festival encourages residents in the pueblo to brighten up their streets with the addition of beautiful flowers and

Sight and fragrance

to appear in traditional Almerian costume as residents and visitors enjoy a

heady mix of flamenco, tapas and drinks.

There is a great deal of friendly rivalry amongst local participants as they all want to produce the best selection of floral tributes and be declared the overall winners of the festival.

This relatively new event is an extension of the long-running and very popular May Crosses which also appear in towns across the province.

Japanese crusted tuna

*Eat Well
to Live Well
by Andrew Harding*



THIS week's recipe is more exotic than my previous ones, but still very easy to cook.

Tuna is plentiful in Spain and not too expensive. The dark red tuna has a very strong 'fishy' taste and is not to everyone's taste (including mine), but its paler cousins have a pleasant taste and texture.

Swordfish, hake and other white fish can be used instead of tuna, I would not recommend salmon though as the taste will overpower the other ingredients.

Cook according to taste, my preference is pink in the middle (the recipe has the ideal baking time for this) but if you like it slightly raw or well-cooked, deduct or add five minutes. Add more or less ginger and chilli according to your love (or lack of it)

TUNA: Can be cooked in the oven.

for spicy hot food.

Japanese Crusted Tuna with Spicy Noodles

Serves 2

250 grams tuna, skinned and boned, cut into strips two inches thick

2 teaspoons Sichimi spice powder

1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground

1 tablespoon Panko breadcrumbs

1 whole lemon juice

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

For the Spicy Noodles

1 whole red pepper, seeded and chopped

1 whole shallot, skinned and chopped

3 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped

1 piece (size to your taste) of fresh ginger, finely chopped

1 packet vacuum packed noodles

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 teaspoon sesame seed oil

1. Mix Sichimi spice powder with ground black peppercorns and Panko breadcrumbs and place in bowl.

2. Add lemon juice and oil to a second bowl.

3. Put tuna in oil/juice mix and then coat with spice powder mix.

4. Place in oven pre-heated to 200 Celsius for about 15 minutes, remove.

5. Add vegetable oil to a wok and bring up to heat.

6. Add onion, red pepper, ginger and garlic, stir-fry for 3-4 minutes until almost cooked.

Add noodles and continue to stir-fry until cooked through

7. Drizzle the noodle mixture with sesame seed oil.

8. Serve

Tip: FRESH fish can be frozen at home after purchase but it does impair its quality. Most of the fish caught at sea is frozen after being caught but because the process is carried out on a commercial basis (much colder and quicker than a domestic freezer) there is no deterioration in quality.

Fish bought frozen from supermarkets and other sources use the same commercial techniques and provided it is allowed to defrost will keep well in a domestic freezer until it is to be used. Bacteria cannot grow in a domestic freezer at the recommended temperature of -18 Celsius, but the food will physically deteriorate. The best way to defrost fish (or anything else for that matter) is to place it in a sealable polythene food bag, fill the sink or a bowl with cold tap-water, put the bagged fish in the water and weight it down with a plate so it is submerged with the seal preferably being above the water. Thin food bags or cling film will allow water to diffuse through, contaminating the food.

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AN Albox man who allegedly falsely reported his mobile phone as being stolen from his car has been arrested by the Guardia Civil.

Police claimed they began their investigation after receiving a complaint from the man who claimed he had returned to his vehicle to find the phone missing.

The man added there were scratches on the driver's door which he believed were from someone using tools to break in. He then found his mobile phone, which he said was valued at around €1,200, was gone from inside.

Police said their investigation found the phone was being used by another person in the Albox area.

They were then able to locate it, with the person using it claiming it was found by his girlfriend in February before handing it over to officers.

The Guardia Civil took the complainant to speak with the man. He told officers he did not remember what had happened because he had drunk alcohol with friends and only realised the phone had gone missing.

Police then went to check the damage on the car which the complainant had reported. Officers said they found none which suggested there had been a theft so they began to suspect the report was false.

The man was then arrested and proceedings were sent to a court in Huerca-Overa.

Guilty of uncle murder

by Joe Gerrard

TWO brothers on trial accused of shooting their uncle dead at his Albox home following a dispute over inheritance have been found guilty by a unanimous jury verdict.

Juan Andres and Pedro TG, aged 33 and 23 respectively, were also found guilty of the attempted murder of their cousin, the victim's son.

The Provincial Court of Almeria heard the jury's verdict at a hearing on Friday. Jurors found Juan Andres TG had killed his uncle 'voluntarily' and that the victim had no chance to react or defend.

Pedro had held the door to the building where the two defendant's uncle lived during the shooting, making him an accomplice in the murder.

The jury also found Juan Andres TG guilty of illegally possessing weapons for the modified revolver used in the shooting.

Pedro TG was found not guilty for the charge after the



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GUILTY: The defendants were found guilty by unanimous jury verdict at the Provincial Court of Almeria.

jury found the pistol he was carrying belonged to his brother.

Jurors told the court they had determined Juan Andres TG was not under the influence of drugs when he committed the crime.

The court heard previously that he was a habitual user of

cocaine, but police forensic officers had found no traces of the drug in his home during their investigation.

The two defendants are now due to be sentenced by the court. Prosecutors have requested a total of 32 years and six months behind bars for Juan Andres TG and 15

years in prison for Pedro TG.

The private prosecution brought against the defendants asked for a total of 40 years for Juan Andres TG and 24 for Pedro TG.

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It is one of three second prize tickets won by matching five correct numbers and the bonus number.

The ticket was validated in Albox's number 5,710 lottery box.

The other two were registered in El Vendrell (Tarragona) and Valdivia (Badajoz), the state lottery authority reports.



CHANCED: A man casting his lucky numbers at a Spanish lottery booth.

Nobody selected all the winning numbers and the refund number to take home the 'special' jackpot. The first prize also went unclaimed meaning a special category winner in this Thursday's 'La Primitiva's' draw could pocket a colossal €24,500,000.

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Sustainable business conference

AN entrepreneurial group has hosted training days with 30 business people as part of a retail and online marketing workshop in Albox.

Andalucía Emprende, which is attached to the region's Ministry of Economy, hosted the meetings, the second of which focused on sustainable business in rural areas.

The first talk of the second workshop covered the Andalusian commercial inspection plan 2018 and was hosted by Alfonso Jimenez Godoy and Juana Jimenez Corraliza, from the Economy Territorial Delegation.

The commercial inspection plan meeting discussed the requirement for business people to put their companies on the Merchant's Register. There were also explanations offered about holding opportunity fairs.

Amparo Cantalicio Torres, a marketing director with the Strugal and Galisort group, also held a talk entitled marketing off and online.

She said during the workshop businesses without a presence on the internet were losing their ability to relate to customers outside of making

direct sales.

The third talk of the day was led by Paloma Migoya Gutierrez, an interior design professor from the University of Almería.

She said shops sell 24 hours a day because although the store closes, the shop continues to sell its products through its displays which attract attention and provide good publicity.

Migoya is an expert on window displays, with her doctoral thesis having covered their history from 19th century Paris to the present day.

The workshop closed with a round table talk featuring Migoya, Cantalicio and Virginia Saez from the Association of Entrepreneurs and Professionals of Albox (AEPA).

It also featured Pedro Francisco Martinez, the treasure of the AEPA, Antonio Garcia from the Alpujarax online store and Juan Jose Bonilla, the director of Andalucía Emprende.

The speakers discussed shop displays. Then the 20 traders there were tasked with coming up with their own designs based on advice from interior designer, Laura Lazaro which were then showcased.

School gets facelift

THE 'Medio Almanzora' Rural Public School (CPR) has benefited from renovations making it fit for teachers to properly prepare students' learning.

Albox City Council has expanded the school with a spacious 70-metre-squared workroom and equipped it with decent facilities.

The school is now located in Albox's town centre near the 'Virgen del Saliente' infant school, after changing location several times.

It serves students from different towns around the Albox region.

Renovation works include the installation of flooring, reparations to the entrance and classroom doors and bathroom refurbishments.

Workers also gave its walls and outer facade a fresh lick of paint, replaced the windows and protected them with bars.

The facelift means the school now has a proper teacher's room and administration centre fit for the related tasks.



Image source: Facebook

RENOVATED: The new teachers' room at the school.

The town hall's works minister, Jose Campoy, said the makeover was extensive, covering everything from the building's front to its brand new room. He highlighted the room's importance as the project's centrepiece.

The mayor, Francisco Torrecillas, praised the school for educating the area's children.

He added the school was missing a proper headquarters for its teaching staff and with the new works, they 'finally' have it.

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Now, sunseekers can live like their icons too, thanks to the magnificent new Royal Banus Marbella resort from leading Spanish home builder, Taylor Wimpey España (TWE).

Marc Pritchard, Sales and Marketing Director of TWE said:

"Puerto Banus is one of the world's most fascinating locations for star-spotting, so we wanted to create a development that was reflective of the area's charms.

"Royalty, superstars and billionaires aplenty grace Puerto Banus with their presence each year, so we decided to build homes that were fit for royalty, hence Royal Banus Marbella."

The marina and high-end shopping complex of Puerto Banus



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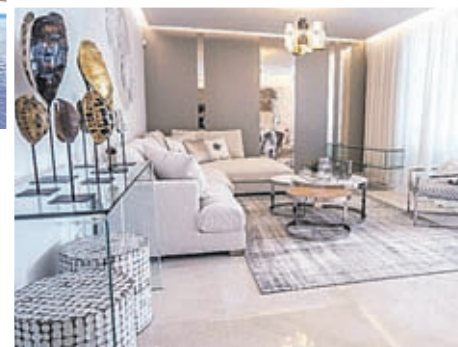
was built in 1970 by local property developer, Jose Banus, and is now one of the glitziest destinations on the Costa del Sol.

Despite its exclusive image Puerto Banus does not have to cost the earth, either as a holiday choice or as a location for a second home.

Primera Air is launching a €35

budget route from Manchester to Malaga later this year, having already launched routes there from London Stansted and Birmingham in March 2018.

Malaga has been the airline's most in demand destination, reflecting the area's ongoing appeal.



ROYAL RESORT: The new exclusive complex will appeal to those who holiday in style.

For those of wider financial means, the luxury homes at Royal Banus Marbella will definitely satisfy.

Available from €490,000 plus IVA, the six exclusive penthouses and 18 modern apartments will feature designer kitchens, large terraces and spacious living areas. There are also private solariums (for the penthouses) and a central pool surrounded by wooden decking.

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There's still time to start growing summer vegetables

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ALTHOUGH for many expatriate gardeners April in Spain has been a mix of unseasonal hot and cold, and dry and wet spells, many have now enjoyed a couple of months of healthy young spring vegetables, especially those for salads. Now with rain likely in early May to dampen soils it is not too late to start off more in containers, raised beds, the open garden and even on apartment terraces.

If you have never done so there are good reasons for doing it.

Firstly it is difficult to buy a wide range of freshly harvested ecologically grown vegetables in most areas.

Secondly few commercial growers grow the tastiest varieties and harvest when still succulent. They need to go for size to maximise their



PLASTIC SEA: The Almería veggie factory.

incomes per acre of land.

Thirdly many Spanish vegetables are grown in an unnatural microclimate under plastic in Almería which in some areas stretch across what would have been a beach. They are mostly grown in artificial compost mixes with heavy watering of chemical feeds and sprays.

When we first saw this 21st century coastal landscape our reaction was 'Let's start to grow

all our own vegetables and experiment to make it possible for all'. Why don't you do likewise?

You don't have to have much space

As illustrated one can grow an amazing mix of vegetables with just three large tree tubs on the terrace outside the kitchen, or a collection of window boxes, a wooden trough, a growing table and an assortment of pots on a three-me-

tre square terrace of an apartment. In both cases vegetables could be harvested 24 hours a day for 12 months of the year with careful phases of planting new plantlets or sowing seeds.

The thing is to never leave any soil bare.

Fruit and vegetables often need more space to spread but the area required for their roots and plantlets is not great.

You can buy young plantlets at this time of year or sow seeds for pumpkins, squash and courgettes.

Which books would help you?

Unfortunately 'Growing Healthy Vegetables in Spain', the recognised bible is now out of print with the demise of the publisher, but 'Living Well From Our Garden Mediterranean Style' is still self-published and available from Amazon Books.

EFFICIENT USE OF SPACE:
On our kitchen terrace.



Birds on your balcony

SIMPLY because you only have a small space to offer them, doesn't mean you can't attract birds to your balcony.

Ultimately, all a bird is looking for is somewhere safe to eat, drink and get some shelter.

Food is the first step. That's what will attract birds to your balcony in the first place. Birds love fruits, and flowers that are rich in pollen (honeysuckle, petunia, echinacea, violets, etc). Rather than scatter food across the floor, it's best to install a bird table or feeder.

Now that spring is upon us and the days are getting hotter and dryer, birds will get very thirsty and will need access to clean water to drink. To help them along, you should install containers with



ATTRACTING BIRDS: Offer them some food, drink and shelter.

water (you can even recycle food containers that you no longer use).

Not everyone will want the birds to 'move in', but if you offer birds some safe shelter they might even come to nest on your balcony.

You can build these bird houses yourself from recycled materials such as cardboard and natural elements like branches, grass and straw. You can hang your home-made nest against the wall or in the corner of the ceiling. However, do make sure it is out of reach of any other pets you have.

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LIGHT FANTASTIC: Use fabrics creatively.

Summer nights on the terrace

WITH long summer nights on the way, outdoor spaces are an ideal place to savour the warmer nights.

While Spain's retailers cater for all needs, there are some more inexpensive ways to decorate your terrace or garden hideaway.

In the garden, a more stylish alternative to cheap plastic seating is to use low cost concrete blocks topped off with a foam pad and some bright cushions. Likewise a similar configuration can be made to create dining tables with strips of decking as table tops.

Outdoor lights hung over the terrace, or wrapped around a pergola can create a much more convivial atmosphere for you and your guests. Fabrics draped around the patio have a dual purpose of creating shade and privacy, especially if you are overlooked by neighbours.

Make the most of your plants, no matter how simple, by making them a central feature of the terrace or garden, using brightly coloured pots, framing them, lining them on shelves or if you are fond of urban design, hang them in a vertical box or container.

Gardening on a budget

GARDENING on a budget doesn't mean splashing out on expensive gardening accessories. Recycling your cartons and packaging can be a useful way of saving on essential gardening aids whose costs add up if you buy them from specialist gardening stores.

One way of planting seeds for example is by using cardboard egg cartons to make a seed raising tray. These can also help the environment as they degrade naturally. Firstly, though, the egg carton pots have to be moistened and kept wet daily. Once ready to plant, cut out each egg cup and plant the whole 'pot' in the soil just as it is.

Don't throw out the plastic pots which you get from plants either. They can be redecorated and used again for another plant. In fact, any container can be used for replanting as long as it has holes for drainage. So, tin cans, plastic bottles with the tops cut off, plastic tubs, old boots, bags, anything can be used.

Labels for seedlings can also be made from old



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PLASTIC POTS: Save old containers.

plastic milk jugs by just cutting up the different faces of the bottle into rectangular strips then cutting off the corners off one end to stick into the soil.

For an instant watering can, use an old plastic drinks container, such as an old milk jug, make a few holes in the lid and fill

with water and you are ready to go. Or else you can use your empty cleaning spray bottles, just make sure you rinse them out well so no chemicals are left inside. Practically anything can be adapted and used for gardening... all that is required is your imagination.

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And something sure to cause sleepless nights for any arachnophobic in the house is that many species of spider are expert climbers and can escape through small cracks.

Eight-legged friends

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A new generation

BMW unveil all-electric SUV

BMW has revealed its brand new concept all-electric SUV, the BMW iX3, which is set to directly rival new models released by Tesla, Audi and Jaguar.

The iX3, which was unveiled at the Beijing Motor Show, is set to be the brand's first all-electric vehicle and could hit showrooms as soon as 2020.

BMW have said that the iX3, closely based on the popular X3, will be capable of producing 249 miles of range on a single charge, while the 70kWh battery can be recharged in just 30 minutes on a fast charger.

The iX3 has very similar characteristics to the X3, with its instantly definable trademark front grille, but also contains new features such

as blue accents to highlight the electric power.

Its electric motor will produce 266bhp, but BMW claim they may increase that to an impressive 532bhp if it chooses to choose an all-wheel drive option.

BMW's first all-electric SUV is expected to directly rival electric model concepts released by competing car brands in recent months including the Jaguar I-Pace, the Tesla Model X and the Audi e-tron, which is set to be released later this year.

Mercedes is also expected to release their electric EQ in 2019.

The German car giants have also promised an all-electric 5 series, expected to have close to 400 miles of range, which will follow in 2021.



BMW: Revealed their iX3 concept at the Beijing Motor Show.

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A real life transformer

INVENTORS for Japan-based Brave Robotics have reportedly created a 'real life transformer.'

Dubbed the J-deite RIDE, the robot/car can reportedly transform from a functioning sports car to a 3.6-metre (12-foot) robot in just 60 seconds.

When in car form, the invention can reportedly sit two passengers and allegedly reach a top speed of 40mph, while in robot form it is capable of walking just 100 metres per hour.

Kenji Ishida, Brave Robotics chief executive officer, said: "The robots I've seen in animation movies since

childhood all had this kind of look and they transform into or combined with each other to become something else with people on board.

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La Liga Preview

Real stay on Atletico's tail

BARCELONA clinched the league title on Sunday with a Lionel Messi inspired 4-2 victory over Deportivo La Coruña.

The Argentine scored another stunning hat-trick at the Riazor, striking twice in the final 10 minutes to put Barca out of reach from the chasing pack while also relegating Deportivo.

The Catalans will host traditional rivals Real Madrid this Sunday, who have more to play for after a 2-1 win against Leganes on Saturday.

Gareth Bale struck his 15th goal of the season in a much-changed line up, before Borja Mayoral tapped in a second for the home side.

Darko Brasanac's strike for Leganes was in vain as Los Blancos moved a point behind second placed Atletico Madrid.

However, Atletico



BALEING OUT: Gareth Bale's strike helped keep Real Madrid in the hunt for second place.

shrugged off the pressure against Alaves on Sunday to restore their four-point cushion, with a Kevin Gameiro penalty proving the difference between the sides.

Atletico will entertain Espanyol this Sunday with the latter having secured their La Liga status next season in a 1-1

home draw against relegated Las Palmas.

Elsewhere, Sevilla manager Vincenzo Montella has been sacked for the second time this season after his side slumped to a 2-1 defeat to Levante.

Sevilla will host Real Sociedad this Friday and are without a win since

knocking Manchester United out in the Champions League last-16, a run of nine games.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Valencia travel to Villarreal on Friday, Girona entertain Eibar on Saturday, while Las Palmas host Getafe and Alaves head to Malaga on Sunday.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	W	D	L	F	A
1 • Barcelona	86	34	26	8	0	87	21
2 • Atlético	75	35	22	9	4	55	18
3 • Real Madrid	71	34	21	8	5	82	37
4 • Valencia	67	35	20	7	8	62	36
5 • Betis	56	34	17	5	12	54	53
6 • Villarreal	54	34	16	6	12	49	41
7 • Getafe	49	35	13	10	12	40	32
8 • Sevilla	48	34	14	6	14	42	54
9 • Girona	48	35	13	9	13	47	53
10 • R. Sociedad	46	35	13	7	15	63	55
11 • Celta	45	35	12	9	14	54	51
12 • Eibar	44	35	12	8	15	37	47
13 • Alavés	41	35	13	2	20	34	48
14 • Athletic	40	35	9	13	13	38	45
15 • Espanyol	40	35	9	13	13	29	41
16 • Leganés	40	35	11	7	17	29	43
17 • Levante	40	35	9	13	13	34	50
18 • Deportivo	28	35	6	10	19	34	69
19 • Las Palmas	22	35	5	7	23	23	70
20 • Málaga	20	34	5	5	24	22	51

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PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	W	D	L	F	A
1 • M. City	93	35	30	3	2	102	26
2 • M. United	77	35	24	5	6	67	27
3 • Liverpool	72	36	20	12	4	80	37
4 • Tottenham H.	68	34	20	8	6	66	31
5 • Chelsea	66	35	20	6	9	60	34
6 • Arsenal	57	35	17	6	12	67	48
7 • Burnley	54	36	14	12	10	35	32
8 • Everton	48	36	13	9	14	42	54
9 • Leicester City	44	35	11	11	13	49	52
10 • Newcastle United	41	35	11	8	16	35	44
11 • Crystal Palace	38	36	9	11	16	41	54
12 • Bournemouth	38	36	9	11	16	42	60
13 • Watford	38	35	10	8	17	42	60
14 • Brighton	37	35	8	13	14	32	47
15 • West Ham Utd.	35	35	8	11	16	43	67
16 • Huddersfield Town	35	35	9	8	18	27	56
17 • Swansea City	33	35	8	9	18	27	52
18 • Southampton	32	35	6	14	15	35	54
19 • Stoke City	30	36	6	12	18	32	65
20 • West Bromwich	28	36	5	13	18	30	54

Premier League preview

Blues keep European dream alive

CHELSEA moved to within two points of Tottenham and a Champions League spot after a 1-0 win at Swansea on Saturday.

Cesc Fabregas' 50th Premier League goal settled the contest and he is the third Spaniard to reach the landmark.

The Blues will host Liverpool on Sunday who are also fighting for a top-four finish, while Swansea are now only a point ahead of 18th placed Southampton in the battle for survival.

A Dusan Tadic inspired 2-1 home win against Bournemouth gave the Saints their first victory in five matches under Mark Hughes.

Tadic scored both goals either side of a Joshua King strike for the Cherries, and the Saints will travel to Everton looking to keep the pressure on those above them.

Manchester City reached 100 Premier league goals for the season with a 4-1 demolition of strugglers West Ham at the London stadium.

A string of defensive errors led to a Pablo Zabaleta own goal which saw City reach the landmark century.

Having earlier set up Leroy Sane, Raheem Sterling claimed a hat-trick of assists when he found Gabriel Jesus and Fernandinho inside the box, who both fired home.

City will entertain Huddersfield Town on Sunday, who are mired in a relegation battle after a 2-0 reverse against Everton.

Arsene Wenger's final trip to Manchester United as Arsenal manager ended in a last-gasp 2-1 defeat after an injury time winner from Marouane Fellaini.

United had taken the lead when a header from former Ar-



FAB-RIGAS: The Spaniard kept Chelsea in the Champions League race with his 50th Premier League goal.

senal favourite Alexis Sanchez was diverted into the post by Hector Bellerin, before Paul Pogba poached the rebound for his third league goal in four games.

Henrikh Mkhitaryan replied for the Gunners after half time, before Fellaini, who is close to a new contract, stole it for United to secure Champions League football next season.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Brighton host West Ham on Friday, Tottenham travel to West Brom and Stoke entertain Crystal Palace on Saturday, and Arsenal face Burnley at the Emirates stadium on Sunday.

Clay King Nadal wins 11th Barcelona Open

by Tom Woods

WORLD number one Rafael Nadal produced another masterclass to win his 11th Barcelona Open title on Sunday.

Nadal, 31, defeated Greek teenager Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-2, 6-1 and has now won 46 consecutive sets (in 19 matches) on clay, extending his own record.

At just 19 years old, 63rd ranked Tsitsipas was the youngest player to reach the Barcelona final since Nadal did so in 2005 aged 18.

Nadal claimed two quick-fire breaks of serve to take the first set in 40 minutes, and his young opponent could find no rhythm or an-



TENNIS TITAN: There is no match for Rafael Nadal on clay.

swers in the second.

"It was emotional. I could never have dreamed of having a career like this," said the Spaniard.

"I really appreciate the support and hope it will happen for many more years."



SLOVENIA'S Primoz Roglic has won cycling's Tour of Romandie as German Pascal Ackermann triumphed in Sunday's final stage. It is a second World Tour victory of the year for the 28-year-old.

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TO READ MORE

ANDRES INIESTA, one of the most decorated footballers in history, has confirmed that he will leave Barcelona at the end of the season.

The 33-year-old held a press conference on Friday where the Spain legend confirmed that this season would be his last at the Nou Camp.

"A great deal of who I am, is down to Barca and La Masia. I am very thankful to them," he said in the tearful press conference.

"I spoke to a lot of people - players, coaches - and I know what they want, but I tried to be honest with myself and

End of an era

Iniesta confirms Barca exit

the club."

Barcelona have already secured their first trophy

of the season, the Copa del Rey and are also on course to win La Liga, at

the end of which Iniesta will bring down the curtain on a glittering 22-



ADIOS: Iniesta had to fight back tears as he announced his departure.

year career with the Catalan side.

"I want to be remembered as a great footballer and a great person," Iniesta continued.

"Because when our football days are over, that's all we are - people."

The Spaniard has appeared 669 times for Barcelona over the course of 16 seasons with the first team, and has won 31 trophies with the side including four Champions League titles and eight La Liga's.

He has been consistently linked with a move to the Chinese Super League but when asked where he was going to be playing next season, he refused to respond to speculation stating: "We will know that at the end of the season," he added.

"I said I was never going to play against Barcelona, so it will not be in Europe."

Lewis leads F1 to Spain

LEWIS HAMILTON will head to the opening leg of the European season in Barcelona with a four-point lead over Sebastian Vettel, after victory in Azerbaijan.

The 33 year-old Briton was lucky to end his six-race losing streak on Sunday, benefiting from a series of incidents during another chaotic chapter of this unpredictable and drama-filled Formula 1 season.

Ferrari remain the team to beat and Vettel should have left Baku at least 12 points clear of his rival, but instead will arrive in Spain trailing.

After a collision between the two Red Bull cars saw them both out of the race, Vettel tried to attack Valtteri Bottas at the restart, only to lock up and run wide.

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