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EXCLUSIVE

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH homeowner has spoken of his outrage after an expatriate neighbour's 'illegal zoo' made his life in Almeria impossible.

Former Land Rover project manager David Dibble, 60, bought a house in El Chopo, Arboleas with wife Mandy 15 years ago, and the couple have since spent around six months per year there.

But five years ago the British owners of the adjoining property sold to a German man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, and it was then that the problems started for the pair from Lichfield, Staffordshire.

"It's horrendous, we can't sunbathe out back and we can't hang our washing out at the front due to the putrid smell," explained David, speaking ex-



NO BEAR CARE: The animals include exotic nose bears.

clusively with *Euro Weekly News*.

"The noise is terrible, we are often woken in the middle of the night, and the place is infested by rats which run through our garden chased by stray cats attracted by the food."

I have had two heart attacks

in the past and the stress is causing me to feel very unwell.

"He started building pens just after moving in, normally on a Friday afternoon when the local council is shut, and he's just put up a new 30-square metre one."

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Suspect's lips sealed

ANA JULIA QUESADA, the sole suspect in eight-year-old Gabriel Cruz's murder case, refused to clarify the events surrounding the Almeria boy's death when questioned in court.

She is being tried for crimes of murder, illegal detention and abuse of moral integrity and the questions she faced aimed to get to the bottom of what happened on the day of Gabriel's alleged killing.

Officers transported Quesada - the case's only suspect - in a police van from El Acebuche prison where she is being held.

She arrived at the Almeria courtroom at 9am but spent just 30 minutes on the

bench.

Quesada's lawyer, Beatriz Gamez, instructed Quesada not to respond to questioning 'while the secrecy order is still in place' in order to protect her right to defense.

Gabriel's parents' lawyer, Francisco Torres, told media it did not make 'any sense' for the secrecy order to continue in place,

or to arrange court hearings with witnesses under these conditions.

Torres added that the wait times between legal proceedings are an 'added punishment' for Gabriel's parents who have repeatedly requested the cremation of their son which has been put on hold during the case.

"The truth is I do not know what we are waiting for," Torres said.

The court hearing follows new evidence emerging from the autopsy, which has been kept under a secrecy order since March but could - at least partially - come to light later this week.

Great ball of fire!

SCIENTISTS in Almeria have detected a piece of asteroid travelling some 66,000 kilometres per hour over the skies of Andalusia.

The team of astronomers based at an observatory in Calar Alto spotted the space rock as it shot through night skies over the weekend.

Professor Jose Maria Madiedo, the head of the SMART project which tracks objects from outer space entering the Earth's atmosphere, confirmed the sighting.

Scientists said the phenomenon trailing light, which gave it a 'fireball' look, was caused by a fragment of rock splitting from the main object.

The asteroid reportedly travelled around 93 kilometres above the Earth's surface.

It passed over Huelva Province in western Andalusia before flying over the Atlantic Ocean where it flew around 43 kilometres above the sea. Astronomers in Granada and Toledo also sighted the space debris.

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Free passes announced

THE new Spanish government has revealed plans to remove charges from more than 500 kilometres of toll roads across the country, including the AP-7 between Alicante and Tarragona, and the AP-4 from Sevilla to Cadiz.

Tears flow

THE country remains in shock after four women were killed by their partners in Granada, Menorca, Barcelona and Pontevedra (Galicia) in the space of 48 hours over the weekend, sparking a new debate over domestic violence in Spain.

First lady

SPAIN'S former vice-president, Soraya Saenz de Santamaria, has announced her candidacy to become new leader of the conservative Popular Party, days after ex-president Mariano Rajoy stepped down.

By Matt Ford

TWO men including a Charlton Athletic footballer accused of sexually assaulting a British holidaymaker in Ibiza could be forced to stay on the island for weeks.

A lawyer acting for forward Reeco Hackett-Fairchild is reportedly trying to change his bail conditions after a Spanish judge ordered him to hand over his passport.

But if the appeal fails he and fellow suspect Olusola Odejayi, 26, could face a month-long court battle as they fight to clear their names.

Hackett-Fairchild's team mate Karlan Ahearne-Grant, 20, who was also held in the wake of the allegations, is being probed for a privacy offence but has been allowed to return to the UK.

The three were last week arrested after a 19-year-old girl's parents told police she had been attacked in a Cala de Bou hotel near San Antonio while on a family break.

They are believed to have partied at the Ocean Beach club before meeting the unnamed teen and a female friend at a bar, inviting them back to their hotel.

Investigators were told that

Sex attack probe

Footy stars freed on bail



BAILED: Charlton Athletic forwards Reeco Hackett-Fairchild (left) and Karlan Ahearne-Grant.

events as "credible and coherent," and said there exist "reasonable doubts" that a rape had taken place.

She said in a written ruling justifying her decision to grant bail: "Although the victim's statement has credibility and was made when she was very upset, the report by the forensic doctor does not show any type of injury or even bruising on her thighs and genital area when the victim has stated she was a virgin."

Ahearne-Grant's phone has been sent to Madrid as police try to recover deleted videos that could prove crucial to the enquiry, and the striker must visit the Spanish Embassy in London twice per month as part of his bail conditions.

Hackett-Fairchild has made 12 appearances for Charlton, scoring twice, while Ahearne-Grant has played for the League One club 69 times, netting seven times.

A Charlton Athletic official told UK media: "The club have been made aware and are looking into this matter. Due to the ongoing investigation we will not be commenting any further at this stage."

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one of the men - later identified as Odejayi - then forced himself on the young woman while Hackett-Fairchild held her down and Ahearne-Grant filmed the scene on a mobile phone.

But it later emerged that the 'victim' engaged in a sex act with the player before the alleged attack, after she confessed to "kisses and sexual things" when quizzed in court.

Asked to specify what had occurred by Jaime Campaner, defending, she replied: "Oral sex."

She then said she failed to confirm it in her initial police statement due to nerves, while the men have insisted that what occurred was consensual.

The admission came after judge Carmen Robles Zamora earlier described their version of

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Body arrives in city port

THE corpse of a man picked up by coast guard patrol boat in the Alboran Sea has arrived in Almeria City's port. The remains, found by the Salvamento Maritimo while personnel were conducting searches of small boats at sea last Sunday, arrived at the harbour at around 10pm that evening.

Three held

THREE people aged between 37 and 48 have been arrested in connection with the theft of more than one ton of solid and 500 litres of liquid fertilizers in Vera. A 48-year-old was arrested on 13 counts of robbery and farmers aged 37 and 39 were held on suspicion of handling stolen goods.

Tyre probe

AN Adra schoolteacher has gone to the police after claiming he arrived at his car to find its tyres slashed. The staff member, from the Funesantilla secondary school in Puente del Rio, told the Guardia Civil he feared the vandalism was a threat, with Almeria authorities adding that they were investigating.

'Fix' claim

THE captain of UD Almeria has been arrested in connection with match fixing allegations while trying to board a plane to Italy. Jorge Morcillo has played with the side as a centre since July 2015 when he signed to play for three years with his contract due to expire on Sunday July 1.

Drugs haul

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have seized some 1,200 grams of coca leaves hidden among luggage being checked in Almeria airport. A report was subsequently filed against a passenger in connection with the find, with the plant used as the base ingredient for cocaine and crack cocaine and illegal to import.

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RESIDENTS have been warned of a new mobile telephone scam. Phone owners are urged to beware of the fraudulent number 662 991 273, which appears to be connected to the provider Vodafone, but is a con number which will call back repeatedly. Upon answering, threatening messages are issued or there is silence, therefore it is highly advisable to block the number.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 19

SAFE HAVEN: The Aquarius rescue ship became a pawn in Europe's latest immigration battle.

Defenceless

MIGRANTS rescued from the Mediterranean Sea and turned away by Italy and Malta have been granted 45 days' special permission to stay in Spain.

It comes after humanitarian ship Aquarius and two other vessels docked in Valencia with 630 people, including 123 unaccompanied children and seven pregnant women, aboard.

Spain's new socialist Prime Minister, Pedro Sanchez, had earlier stepped in to help, insisting his country had a duty to help prevent "a humanitarian catastrophe."

The migrants, who come from 26 countries, had spent eight days at sea after being picked up from overcrowded rubber dinghies off the coast of Libya.

"The weather was very bad unfortunately, and the sea was

rough," said Sophie Beau of aid organisation SOS Mediterranee. "So people are in a bad state... and they are really relieved to come onto safe land at the moment."

Red Cross official Pedro Redon said that the migrants received food and hygiene kits, psychological help and medical assistance, while French President Emmanuelle Macron has pledged his government will help Spain deal with them.

The Aquarius sparked a diplomatic row after Italy and Malta argued that the boat fell under the other's jurisdiction.

Valencia mayor Joan Ribo described Italy's decision to turn the boat away as "inhuman," before Spain's Maritime Rescue said it had saved an additional 1,290 people over the weekend alone.

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ALMERIA'S Provincial Court has found 13 out of 15 people on trial in connection with a bribery probe guilty of accepting payments to fast track paperwork for foreigners. The court reached its verdict after the prosecution and defence reached a plea bargain agreement which saw penalties reduced for those charged.

The main defendant will go to prison for seven months and 15 days and will pay a €6,000 fine for falsifying documents.

Police officers among those found guilty have been disqualified from public employment for one year, 10 months and 15 days.

The court heard officials in Almeria's Foreigners Office took payments who in turn granted non-Spanish people residency cards without them having to attend the usual appointments.

Prosecutors told the court the main defendant had also taken €300 payments from companies with tax debts to settle their bills.

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SPARK-TACULAR:
 La Noche de San Juan is not to be missed.

Night of fire

IT'S among the year's most anticipated events. And as the summer solstice approaches, Spain is gearing up to celebrate La Noche de San Juan (St John's Eve).

The annual midsummer party on the shortest night of the year sees Spaniards honour the birth date of San Juan - John the Baptist in English - and many parts of the country have their own traditions based heavily on the purifying and cleansing elements of fire and water.

In coastal regions revellers tend to head for the beach, constructing hogueras, or bonfires, around which they eat, drink and dance before typically having a midnight ocean dip.

Effigies representing Judas Escariot might also be thrown into the flames, while in some areas party-goes make wishes known as juras before leaping through the fire three times and heading for the sea to cleanse their sins for the year ahead.

In Cataluña, the Valencian Community and the Balearics, Saint John is known as Sant Joan and these areas are particularly well-known for

their fireworks displays and special foods like the Coca de Sant Joan cake.

Catalans tend to celebrate with correfoc (fire-running) displays and the building of human pyramids dubbed castellers, while in Alicante elaborate figures are burned before the flames are extinguished by firefighters who then soak on-lookers in a ritual known as the Banyà.

And in Ciutadella, Menorca, the party lasts for a week and sees the island's horses dancing and marching through the crowds who later engage in mock battles using hazelnut shells as weapons.

Lanjaron in Granada sees the celebrations descend into a giant water fight, and in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, goat herders bring their animals to the fishing village's beach before dunking them in the sea.

A custom particular to San Pedro Manrique, Castilla y Leon, sees men walking barefoot over hot coals while carrying a woman on their backs.

It is a truly magical night and not to be missed.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Following the news that a Magaluf hotel installed a glass panel to stop holidaymakers from falling off, should all hotels follow suit?

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OUR VIEW

Celebrate San Juan

THE summer solstice is celebrated in the UK with the arrival at Stonehenge of Druids and hippies celebrating what is the shortest night of the year.

In Spain, a couple of days later, a very similar event takes place but theoretically it's all about Christianity and the celebration of the feast day of John the Baptist.

Hardly anyone living in southern Spain can possibly ignore the excitement and noise of the Noche de San Juan which takes place this Saturday.

It's all about fire and water and certainly harks back to pagan times as bonfires are lit and in many places lanterns are let off on the beach.

Fire purifies and water recuperates so the two elements are vital parts of the celebrations which see revellers eating, drinking, dancing and in many cases jumping over bonfires until dawn.

If you have the constitution that allows you to join in the fun, then it is a great night out which generally, like many Spanish celebrations, sees little trouble although most towns ensure that the main areas are well policed and that paramedics are on hand.

Unlike Britain where we just burn a guy on fireworks night, different towns have some major figures (often satirical images of historical celebrities) produced which are set fire to and there will also be salvos of fireworks to help light up the night sky.

If you are shy and retiring, take a sleeping pill and some co-coa and have an early night, alternatively join in the fun and become one with the locals.

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'I don't know how they survive'

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David continued: "They are now just a metre from my garden and he's turned the property into an absolute sewage farm.

"He has loads of peacocks and other birds, but I don't know how they survive.

"He also has nose bears [a member of the raccoon family also known as coati], wallabies, miniature deer and servals [an African wild cat], although one of them escaped and they couldn't find it."

At one point he even had a southern cassowary [a large flightless bird from Indonesia, New Guinea and Australia] and a black panther!



"And he's got meerkats indoors."

SEPRONA, the Guardia Civil's nature protection arm and the town council have reportedly confirmed that the owner of the animals does not have the correct licences, and legal documents for closure of the facility agreed by the council in 2013 after 30 households complained have been seen by the *Euro Weekly News*.

SQUALID CONDITIONS:
Very upsetting.



But they were not signed by the mayor.

"I have written to the authorities but they have not been getting back to me," added David. "It's been going on for five years but they say it is too expensive to remove the animals and there is nowhere to put them.

"The noise pollution, lack of pest control, contamination and illegal construction have all been disregarded by Arboleas Council.

"We just want someone to help us."

Arboleas Council has not responded to a comment request.

Holiday threat

SPANISH air controllers could plunge Britons' holiday plans into chaos after threatening to strike this week.

The disgruntled employees plan industrial action in holiday hotspots including Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Ibiza and Menorca.

And one official said that some of those involved could even walk out of their jobs if they continue to be ignored by national air navigation manager ENAIRE and the new Spanish government.

The employees are demanding a different timetable amid complaints they are forced to work seven days out of every eight, with a combination of morning and night shifts meaning they rarely see their families, or they are exhausted when they do.

They also claim that the conditions could cause accidents if staff become over-tired.

Representative Raul Tobaruela told *The Sun*:

"Our conditions are far from being normal."

"I can assure you that our working situation is the worst in the whole of Europe.

"We would not anticipate too many flights being cancelled but there could be huge delays because there will be staff shortages."

Around 2.8 million British holidaymakers visited the Balearic Islands last year, with July, the most popular month, likely to be worst-hit by the strikes should they go ahead.

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League of her own!

SHE'S the former Miss Israel who went on to play a superhero in a critically acclaimed movie.

And Gal Gadot, 32, will be heading to Spain for her next jaunt as Wonder Woman, with scenes for the second film to be shot in the Canary Islands.

Almeria could also feature in the highly anticipated sequel after producers this week toured the city's Alcazaba complex.

Photo credit DC Comics



Flying on heir-ess

SHE'S finally found the man of her dreams.

And Paris Hilton, 37, looked happier than ever as she strolled around Ibiza with husband-to-be Chris Zylka, 33. The pair are reportedly set to tie the knot in Beverly Hills in November, with Paris recently hinting that the nuptials could see her return to reality TV, as she said: "We've been getting a lot of calls and a lot of offers from different networks, pitching the show so maybe."



Photo credit: Chris Zylka/Instagram

ISLE DO: Paris and Chris in Ibiza.

WONDERFUL NEWS: Gal Gardot is coming to Spain.

She's a real peach

THEY recently became engaged after a 12-month whirlwind romance.

And British star Idris Elba, 45, and fiancée Sabrina Dhowre appeared smitten with one another as they took a break on a luxury yacht near Ibiza.

The actor has played a drug trafficker in *The Wire*, police inspector in *Luther* and Nelson Mandela in an on-screen biography of the political leader, but he showed he also knows how to perform on the beach as he let his towel drop to reveal his white boxer shorts.

His 29-year-old bride-to-be also put on an eye-popping display after slipping in-



LUTH MORALS: Idris Elba and Sabrina Dhowre.

to a white thong swimsuit that left little to the imagination.

The Canadian model snuggled up to her man, whose hands drifted to her bare backside as they tottered around the high-end vessel.

Chung at heart

BRITISH model and fashion designer Alexa Chung has been snapped at a Mallorca supermarket.

The 34-year-old beauty slipped into a stripey vest and denim shorts as she stocked up on goodies during a break with friends.

She split from actor boyfriend Alexander Skargard last summer but recently set tongues wagging after being spotted out with ex Matthew Hitt, a model and singer.



STYLE BABE: Alexa Chung.

Having a fab time

HE'S had a mixed year, having not been picked for Spain's World Cup squad in the wake of his wedding.

But Chelsea midfielder Cesc Fabregas, 31, seemed carefree as he joined stunning new wife Daniella Semaan, their three children and friends for a sunshine break in the Balearics.

The couple tied the knot in May after seven years together, and

CESC APPEAL: The footballer with wife Daniella Semaan.

Daniella wasted no time in flaunting her stunning curves as she stripped off her crop top and shorts to reveal a barely-there bikini with detail drawing the eye to her ample cleavage.

She then settled into a game of beach tennis with her handsome squeeze, who showcased his muscular frame while donning a pair of skimpy swimming shorts.

Both finished off their looks with baseball caps and trendy sunglasses as they took a stroll along the water's edge with daughters Lia and Capri, aged five and three.



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by **Matt Ford**

A SPANISH cruise descended into a 'drug-fuelled orgy' after a ship was filmed for a Channel 4 show, passengers have claimed.

Holidaymakers say they snorted cocaine, smoked cannabis and took part in raunchy public displays while aboard Vision of the Seas.

Revellers were allegedly

Ship wrecked

Channel 4 party cruise was 'drug-fuelled orgy'

able to buy a 'meal deal' including €300-worth of cocaine, with one telling UK media: "It was easier to get a bag of coke on board than it was to

get a drink. It was mad."

Another party-goer dubbed the week-long voyage "carnage on a new level of wrongness" and described how group sex

broke out on the "lawless" vessel, adding: "I'm surprised no-one died."

One British passenger was held by police after the boat docked in Cannes, France, while another vomited into the swimming pool and others were seen slumped in corridors after passing out.

Thirty-seven-year-old Alicia Morris, who was aboard the cruise, said: "It was like a floating episode of Geordie Shore with drugs and escorts and a police raid or two."

"The show was being filmed all the time on the boat, with cameras everywhere."

Travel firm Anchored Cruises - which runs floating festivals aiming to combine party vibes with luxury - reportedly chartered the liner from operator Royal Caribbean, with the mayhem filmed for new five-part reality series Shipmates.

The voyage with up to 2,500 passengers started in Barcelona before taking in Cannes, Ibiza, Palma de Mallorca and returning to the Catalan capital.

As part of the show, two teams of five people in their 20's participated in a series of challenges before others on board voted for the winners.

Channel 4 producers have insisted the cruise would be "the most Instagrammed event this year."

But passengers alleged that



Photo credit Facebook/Anchored Cruises

DIRTY SEA-CRETS: Revellers on board an Anchored Cruises liner.



drugs and excessive drinking were rife.

One said: "Sometimes you didn't know if you were on a cruise or in the middle of some drug-fuelled orgy."

And another added: "It was a far cry from the glamorous party cruise it's advertised to be. It was carnage."

Others revealed that "people were smoking weed," and "there were big white double beds around the pool too and I saw people all over each other on them."

A reveller who paid €1,600 for the all-inclusive experience described the experience as "really, really disgusting."

A man who abandoned ship in Ibiza said: "I will never ever



again go on such a trashy trip. The crowd was very Geordie Shore. Utter rip off.

"I know of drug dealers making an absolute killing and running out as the demand was so high. We left after three days as it was a joke."

Those involved in the show have not been accused of anything illegal.

Anchored Cruises failed to respond to a comment request.

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Gun attack

by Matt Ford

AN ex-drug lord who orchestrated a Breaking Bad-style drugs plot from his luxury Alicante villa has been shot outside a Greater Manchester school in what detectives say was a targeted attack.

Neil Strong, 36, is said to be in a serious condition after being wounded in the 'upper body' on Harris Drive in Unsworth, Bury. Investigators were alerted to the attempted hit after residents reported hearing gun shots near a local primary school.

Mr Strong is believed to have driven himself to Fairfield General Hospital, Bury, in a grey van before officers arrived at the scene.

The vehicle reportedly had one punctured tyre and what appeared to be a gunshot hole in the passenger door when it arrived to the hospital car park, where it was later cordoned off by police.

Chief Inspector Phil Spurgeon, of Greater Manchester

Police's Bury Borough, said: "Our investigation remains in its early stages but I can confirm that from the information we have we are treating this as a targeted attack, and there is not believed to be any wider threat to the community."

Mr Strong was in 2014 jailed with three others as the leader of a gang setting up a drugs factory in a detached house in nearby Radcliffe.

His associates Damian Vose, 38, from Radcliffe, was handed a 32-month jail term while Paul Cuthbert, 45, from Bury, and Daniel Pinder, 33, from Manchester, each received 30-month sentences.

The cartel was caught red-handed in the wake of a National Crime Agency (NCA) covert surveillance operation while plotting to make €1.8 million-worth of amphetamines.

They bought barrels of chemicals to produce the drugs and the property was raided when Mr Strong flew in from Spain to oversee the process.

ENVIRONMENTAL officials have said they are in the process of drawing up new sustainability plans for the Cabo de Gata Natural Park.

Raul Enriquez, of the Junta de Andalucía, has chaired a meeting which sought to put together new measures to ensure conservation at the site.

Park plans

The new Sustainable Development Plan is set to see the Junta work with companies, workers and public officials to promote local economic initiatives.

Enriquez said the plans were designed to contain real, achievable projects that will provide opportunities to boost the economy and protect the park.



'TARGETED': Neil Strong and his former Alicante hideout.



He tried to escape after vaulting a fence, but was caught after a foot chase.

Evidence seized included presses and a vacuum-packing machine, while more presses were unearthed at stables belonging to Mr Strong in Prestwich, before raw chemicals were found at his Alicante villa.

Properties and a yacht he owned were also taken possession of during the swoops.

A serious crime prevention order was issued in his name following his release from prison in a bid to restrict his

movement and place limits on the number of mobile phones and other devices he was allowed to own.

He must also advise the authorities ahead of any trip abroad and is banned from carrying more than £3,000 in cash.

An appeal to lift the order was turned down in January 2017, while in 2016 a Land Rover was blown up on the same street where he was shot last Monday.

Brit critical after plunge

A 22-YEAR-OLD British holidaymaker is believed to be in critical condition after plummeting nine metres from an Ibiza apartment.

The incident took place at the Pino Verde complex

in Sant Antoni, and the victim is being treated at the Nuestra Señora de Rosario private clinic in Ibiza town, medics said.

Initial reports suggest the unnamed young man fell down a stairwell.

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Preparing for Brexit and residency in Spain

The Brexit transition period agreed in March gives British expatriates and those wishing to move to Spain more time to prepare. This was welcome news, but the clock is still ticking to get ready in time, particularly where paperwork is involved.

The key issue for many people is residence - If you are already living here, will there be any problems with you staying after Brexit? If you are still arranging your move to Spain, how can you secure residence in time?

The UK and EU27 have committed to maintain existing residency rights for Britons and EU nationals who are "lawfully residing" within either area before the withdrawal date and they can continue "to live, work or study as they currently do under the same conditions as under Union law".

Although the official Brexit date is 29th March 2019, the transition period effectively 'pauses' Brexit until 31st December 2020 to



By Gerald Turner,
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enable citizens and businesses to prepare for the changes.

If you are settled in Spain before the end of 2020, you should keep the right to stay there for as long as you remain resident. But what does lawful residency mean in practice? How close can you get to demonstrating that in time?

Although December 2020 may seem some way away, it is advisable to start the process as soon as possible rather than risk being caught in an administrative

queue of others trying to do the same thing as the deadline approaches.

Beyond Brexit, we do not yet know how acquiring residency, visas and permits will work, but can expect this to be less straightforward than today.

As a foreigner living in Spain, there are a number of things you should do anyway to register here, regardless of Brexit.

All EU/EEA nationals staying in Spain more than three months should have the residence certificate *Certificado de Registro de Ciudadano de la Unión* (also known as *Certificado de Registro Comunitario*).

If you spend more than 183 days here you are also obliged to register with your local municipal registry (*Padrón Municipal*).

Residents (and Spanish property owners) should have the *NIE* fiscal identification number.

Of course, if you meet any of the criteria to be tax resident, you

also should have formally registered with the Spanish tax office and submitted annual income tax and wealth tax (if applicable) returns.

Longer-term residents of Spain can take further steps. If you can demonstrate continuous legal residence in Spain for at least five years you can apply for permanent residency. If you can do this for 10 years, Spanish nationality is an option - but you would have to renounce your UK nationality first.

There may be other steps you can take to help demonstrate your Spanish residence before the Brexit.

Once you are settled in an EU country, existing partners and close family members will be able to join you, even after Brexit. Also, freedom of movement is still under discussion.

Take personalised advice to establish what steps you may still need to take to formalise your

residency in Spain. Talk to a financial adviser like Blevins Franks early on for guidance on how your affairs should be structured to avoid unintended consequences. We can review your tax and estate planning, pensions and investments to help you set them up in the best way for your life in Spain, pre and post Brexit.

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The EU has committed to maintain existing rights for Britons 'lawfully residing' in a member state. But what does this mean in practice? Can you prove your lawful residence in time for Brexit?

Our Residency and Brexit guide outlines 10 key steps to securing residency in Spain. Download your complimentary guide from our website www.blevinsfranks.com. Our advisers can also guide you on prioritising the steps and structuring your affairs correctly.

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Stag do tragedy

By Matt Ford

THE family of a British holidaymaker killed on a Benidorm stag will be able to repatriate his body after an online campaign.

It remains unclear how dad-of-two Lee Okrasa, from Wise-wood in Sheffield, died but the appeal soared beyond its £5,000 target within 24 hours of being set up after it emerged he did not have travel insurance.

Family friend Scarlett Cooper, who set up the campaign, wrote: "Sadly today Lee Okrasa passed away in Benidorm leaving behind his family and friends.

"Lee was an amazing, genuine guy who was loved by many.

Unfortunately Lee had no insurance meaning the cost to get him back is £5,000!

"We need to get him back to his family as soon as possible, please help as anything will help."

Lee's partner Lindsay spoke of her loss on Facebook, writing: 'Words cannot describe how utterly devastated we are. I am numb with pain, sorrow, guilt, loss and every other emo-



'SADLY MISSED': It remains unclear how Lee Okrasa died.

tion I can't put into words. It doesn't seem real and I can't accept it.

"Please don't take your loved ones for granted and give them an extra special squeeze tonight."

Tributes poured in from friends, as Lindsay Keeley Shaw added: 'I have no words. Lee will be sadly missed.'

And Molly Sisson wrote: 'What a lovely, genuine man...

He will be sadly missed."

Laura Diaz Ward posted: 'I'm absolutely gutted. Lee was amazing he will definitely be missed.'

A Foreign and Commonwealth Office official said: "We are providing assistance to the family of a British man who died on June 17 in Benidorm."

The Go Fund Me page can be found at: www.gofundme.com/lee-okrasa.

'Voodoo dolls'

FOUR Nigerians have been sentenced to up to 37 years in prison for prostituting three female compatriots and threatening them with voodoo.

Two of the victims were minors and were brought to Spain under the false promise of marrying Spaniards, according to a Madrid provincial court.

Upon arrival in Madrid, captors threatened the girls and women with voodoo rituals into paying astronomical amounts for debts they supposedly owed to the gang, the court confirmed.

The criminals moved the victims across borders to maximise their returns. One of the victims was forced to prostitute herself in a hostess club in Almeria City, according to the ruling.

The court imposed 37-year-and-three-month sentences on Osomwenyemwen Omorodion and Mcdon Igbinidum, both aged 35 and Loveth Ada, 44 for human trafficking, sexual exploitation of minors and sexual immigration. The fourth culprit, Supreme Lord Asemota, 40, received 32-year and-nine months.

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Ana Belem Martin Carrasco, 43, hairdresser from Fuengirola

“The best thing to do is to grab a beer, find a chair with shade in one of the beach-side chiringuitos (beach bars) and relax. Summer is here to be enjoyed but you do need to look after yourself in the sun. You need to keep hydrated, and a beer will do the trick for that!”

Manuel Lopez Alcantara, 39,

from Malaga, works renting sun beds on the Costa del Sol

“I put cream on every two to three hours and in the peak sunlight hours I seek out shade. When it gets really hot, I strip down to my swim shorts and shower myself down with one of the hoses. It’s refreshing but won’t stop you getting burnt.”

Lorena Gonzales Dominguez,

22, from Fuengirola

“I apply factor 50 sun cream to protect myself from the rays, despite being Spanish and having darkish skin. My strategy is to avoid the sun when it is highest in the sky, between around 12pm and just after 5pm. I drink lots of water and juice to keep hydrated and wear my sunglasses most of the time, apart from when I go for a dip, of course. So, if you are looking to tan you can either take a salty dip, which makes you burn quicker, or put a lower factor sun cream on.”

Benjamin Exposito, 42, from Cataluña with roots in Jaen

“I am quite used to being exposed to the sun because I love cycling, swimming and running. I put a lot of cream on my nose and below my eyes, but never on my

forehead because when I sweat, the salty cream droplets enter my eyes. The worst memory of sunburn is of my grandmother, who was used to covering up in the sun. But one year she left only her feet exposed while sunbathing on the terrace and came out with blisters the size of tennis balls. I don’t think her feet had ever seen a ray of sun.”

Madelen Mikalsen and

Morten Hansen, both 24, on holiday from Oslo, Norway

Madelen: “My personal favourite is the straw hat. Big ones are best because they give enough shade for my face and my book.” Morten: “If the sun is especially powerful, nothing beats putting a layer of clothing on.”

Daniel Moyano Sanchez, 24, from Fuengirola

“As you can see I have several



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tattoos which I cover with a special factor 50 cream. If they were directly exposed to the sun, the colour would wear away more quickly and the black would turn a bluey-green colour. On the rest of my body I use a factor 15. I wasn’t always so strict but after getting burnt a few times when I was younger, I’m more careful now. It has become a routine, just like brushing your teeth.”

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Deadly cocktail

Brit died of alcohol poisoning

by Staff Reporter

A BRITISH holidaymaker died from alcohol poisoning after a Canary Islands pub crawl.

NHS pharmacy worker Paula Bishop, 37, was found dead in her hotel room after she accidentally drank too much wine and beer on the first day of her break with husband of 11 years Stuart, an enquiry heard.

The couple from Ince-in-Makerfield, near Wigan in Greater Manchester, headed out for the pub crawl in Fuerteventura soon after their arrival.

Mrs Bishop drank 'a few small beers,' two small glasses of wine and four Irish coffees - around 15 units of alcohol equivalent to seven pints of lager - and died from heart failure triggered by the 'acute alcohol toxicity.'

Mr Bishop told the court in Bolton that he had no recollection of her being excessively drunk or unsteady on her feet as she went to bed on October 20 last year.

They had booked the trip a month after returning from Cuba and arrived to their accommodation in Spain around 11.15am.

Mr Bishop said in a statement: "For the remainder of the day, afternoon and evening she was fine, she had a sleep in the afternoon, had something to eat at tea time and was sending pictures to family on her phone and was in touch with loved ones.

"This was a perfect start to what we anticipated would be a perfect holiday.



HOLIDAY HORROR: Paula died on the first day of her break with husband Stuart.

She had a few small beers, two small glasses of wine, and three or four Irish coffees - between 10-15 units.

"We went to bed between 10 and 11 and crashed out. I was tired and hadn't had a sleep in the day time. My last memory of Paula was going back to the room - nothing out of the ordinary.

"She had poured a couple of glasses of orange juice which is something she would usually do if she was preparing to go to bed. But I woke up sometime after midnight and found Paula lying on the floor propped up against a chest of drawers. I touched her belly and it was cold and then tried to find a pulse. Her legs had changed colour.

"I ran down to the reception area straight away and brought up a night time security guard who then alerted paramedics.

"When I first looked at her, I thought straight away that she had passed away and my automatic reaction was to get help. I shook her and tried to speak to her but got nothing. Para-

medics attended and tried resuscitation but she could not be saved.

"Her death came as an enormous shock - she was a wonderful person who was full of life and will be greatly missed by her friends and family."

A Spanish toxicologist said that Mrs Bishop had four grammes of alcohol per litre of blood in her system, while Dr Naveen Sharmaat from Whiston Hospital in Liverpool said the level was "fatally toxic."

Recording a verdict of alcohol related death, coroner Tim Brennan added: "Death has arisen because of a single acute overdose of alcohol on a single day on holiday rather than over a long period of time - and I make clear there is no history of alcohol abuse."

He added: "The real tragedy here is that it may well have been that both she and perhaps her husband and partner in life did not appreciate the amount of alcohol taken.

"This is the tragedy of this particular case."



Brit biker dies

A BRITISH biker has been killed after a head-on smash in northern Spain.

The victim was reportedly on holiday with a friend when he was involved in the accident in Tineo, Asturias.

Named by the initials AJF, he is believed to have been 40 years old and died instantly in the crash on the TI-6 road.

He was travelling behind his companion, who was also riding a motorcycle, when he crossed into the oncoming lane.

A family car with two adults and three children was travelling in the opposite direction and ploughed into the bike,

sending the rider several metres into the air.

No-one else was harmed, and a woman who had been sat in the passenger seat later said: "He was totally on our side of the road, by the time we saw him he was already on top of us and he didn't change direction."

The second motorcyclist arrived back at the scene minutes later to look for the victim, who he described as "a very good friend."

They had arrived to Santander by ferry a week earlier and had travelled through the Picos de Europa mountains before starting their return journey to the Cantabrian capital.

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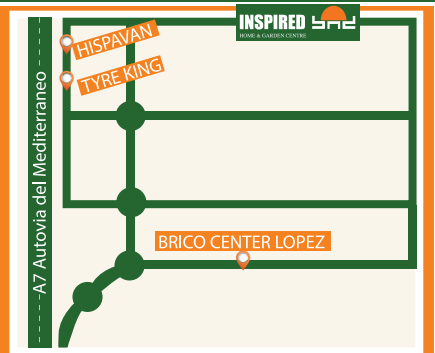
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NEWS EXTRA

Hot San Juan

THE state weather agency predicts maximum temperatures of 36°C for Sunday's San Juan beach bonfire celebrations and clear skies and strong easterly winds in Almeria for the remainder of the week.

Arrivals dip

ARRIVALS at Almeria's airport have fallen 6 per cent this year compared to last year in contrast to increasing passenger numbers at other Spanish airports, according to industry figures

Blue beaches

ALMERIA municipalities including Adra, the capital, Carboneras, El Ejido, Mojucar, Nijar and Roquetas de Mar have received 24 blue flags for their beaches' cleanliness this summer, media reports.

Raising the bar

BUDGET airline Ryanair has called for tighter restrictions on airport alcohol sales, including a booze ban before 10am.

It comes after a flight from Dublin to Ibiza was forced to land in Paris when three members of a 'drunk' party of 20 became disruptive and were led off the plane by French police at Beauvais airport.

The captain apologised to other passengers, which he said included children, after the groups' rowdy behaviour sparked a two-hour 40-minute delay, and added that the culprits had been drinking at Dublin airport.

Ryanair official Ryan Kiely said afterwards: "We will not tolerate unruly or disruptive behaviour at any time and the safety and comfort of our customers, crew and aircraft is our number one priority."

"This is now a matter for local police."

He added: "the incident is exactly why we are calling for significant changes to prohibit

the sale of alcohol at airports, such as a two-drink limit per passenger and no alcohol sales before 10am.

"It is incumbent on the airports to introduce these preventative measures to curb excessive drinking and the problems it creates, rather than allowing passengers to drink to excess before their flights."

The airline added: "It's completely unfair that airports can profit from the unlimited sale of alcohol to passengers and leave the airlines to deal with the safety consequences."

The Irish carrier is now reportedly warning travellers at the start of flights they could be fined more than €2,000 if they drink alcohol bought in duty free on board.

Low-cost rival easyJet has also joined the calls to ban duty free alcohol from flights, after three women believed to be erotic dancers earlier this year triggered a mid-air punch-up after downing vodka.

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Holiday mayhem

Face off sparks running street brawl

by Staff Reporter

A MASS brawl broke out outside a Mallorca bar after two holidaymakers squared up to one another.

The shocking incident took place in Cala Ratjada after two young tourists started shouting in each other's faces as a crowd of onlookers gathers round.

In video footage shot on a mobile phone one of the men, wearing a white t-shirt, is seen to hit the other in the head, leaving him reeling and clutching his ear.

The move sparks a free-for-all between two rival groups which spreads down the street, with several of those involved chasing the man who threw the first punch before laying into him.

A security guard shouting "hey, hey" chases some of the combatants away but smaller groups are seen launching kicks and punches near a row of



BATTLEFIELD: Scenes from the brawl and (inset) a holidaymaker believed to be British flaunts his naked body in a public fountain.

shops.

The guard then manages to break one of the fights up as the clip ends.

Police said in a statement that there have been no arrests and no reported injuries.

It comes after Facebook group Mallorquins Fins Els Ous de Saturación (Mallorcans Fed Up With Saturation), set up

to protest against the behaviour of tourists on the island, posted a video showing a beach in capital Palma strewn with rubbish, drinkers and sleeping revellers.

And days earlier a video emerged showing four holidaymakers believed to be British bathing naked at a Cala Ratjada public fountain in broad daylight.

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by Matt Ford

32 years for kingpin

Brit drugs lord built €1.4m hideout

A BRITISH drugs kingpin who built a €1.4 million Costa del Sol mansion has been jailed for 32 years.

James Mulvey 'lived like a ghost' for seven years after he fled the UK over his role in a €77 million smuggling ring.

The 42-year-old from Solihull in the West Midlands

used fake names and remained on the move, checking into

hotels and paying in cash, sometimes via third parties.

He also used mobile phones dubbed 'burners,' which he quickly dumped to avoid being traced.

Birmingham Crown Court heard how the haulage boss lived a lavish lifestyle, raking in up to €85,000 per week and constructing a villa in Marbella with indoor and outdoor swimming pools plus a cinema.

The father-of-five drove luxury cars including Land Rovers and Mercedes and wore Rolex watches while living in five-star hotels, also living in Brazil, Portugal and the Netherlands.

At one point he was overheard bragging to a girlfriend: "Listen, no one can control me baby, even me dad and mum will tell ya I'm f***ing nuts."

But the 'untouchable' crime lord was eventually tracked down after a covert surveillance operation saw armed police raid his hideout in Lithuania last year.

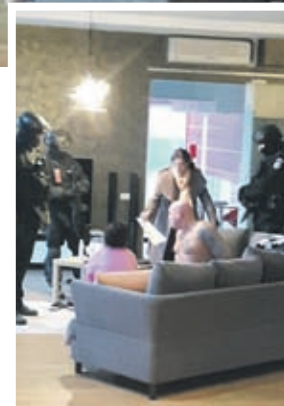
He was cuffed in his underpants at gunpoint and extradited to the UK, and has now been convicted of four conspiracy charges after acting as the 'linchpin' of the international plot.

Prosecutors added that Mulvey developed a €1,100 per week cocaine habit and set up bogus haulage businesses to import 'industrial scale' quantities of drugs from Europe to Britain and Ireland in 2006 and 2007.

He fled to Spain when 22kg of cocaine and 392kg of cannabis hidden in metal rollers and worth an estimated €45 million was intercepted



'BOSS' BUSTED: James Mulvey was held in Kaunas, Lithuania by a SWAT-style unit.



in Belgium 11 years ago.

But his children continued to attend private schools in Worcestershire and Somerset.

Judge Mark Wall QC said a probe had revealed 14 previous trips connected to his cabal, during which it is believed that up to 5.5 tonnes of cannabis and 300kg of cocaine entered the UK.

He later transported the narcotics in mini Harley Davidson motorcycles and inflatable sea scooters.

Addressing Mulvey he said: "I treat it as a representative load for the purposes of estimating the total quantity of drugs traded as a result of this conspiracy.

"On the evidence presented to me at trial I conclude that the wholesale value of these drugs would have been in the region of at least £17m wholesale and £42m retail for the cocaine, and £60m retail for the cannabis."

The accused smiled at family members as the verdict was read out, as the judge continued: "You were involved in the large-scale importation of these drugs into this country

from continental Europe and its onward transportation to Ireland where doubtless it was to be sold at a great profit.

"You gave evidence that you yourself have taken cocaine for many years.

"You would have been acutely aware of the misery and ruined lives that this drug brings in its wake."

The National Crime Agency (NCA) said in a statement released in the wake of Mulvey's arrest that he was traced despite changing his mobile phone on a daily basis and using unregistered SIM cards.

Investigators also obtained recordings of him speaking about the murder of his Irish cousin Gerard 'Hatchet' Kavanagh, who in 2014 was shot dead on the Costa Del Sol.

In one he was heard to say: "When we first started there was four bosses, me, Glasses, him [Kavanagh], who's just got shot dead, and another kid."

He also spoke of how he feared assassination, saying: "The life I lead, you never know what can happen. I do what I do, people try to kill

me."

After the 10-week trial, NCA regional head Andy Quinn said: "Mr Mulvey would classify himself as an iconic, untouchable criminal.

"The NCA and its partners have today proven that isn't the case.

"He obviously fled overseas following the conviction of his criminal associates and again probably thought that out-of-sight, out-of-mind for five years that the NCA would give up.

"We never give up on individuals like Mr Mulvey. We have a long memory."

Five accomplices were jailed for a total of 86 years in 2009 for their parts in the plot, including lorry driver Geoffrey Edwards and transport manager Barry Phipps, Mulvey's right hand man.

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Restaurant blast

LOCAL POLICE and firefighters were called out to a pizzeria in Almeria City after they were called out to tackle a suspected gas explosion. Emergency services received a call out to attend the blast on Friday after it happened in the El Zapillo

area of the city. The restaurant was closed at the time, according to reports.

The area was filled with smoke following the incident. Emergency services said there were no injuries caused as a result.

Initial inquires have suggested butane

gas canisters could be the cause of the explosion. Further conclusions are set to be drawn from results of a Deactivation Specialist of Explosive Devices (TEDEAX) and forensic officers' investigation launched after the blast.



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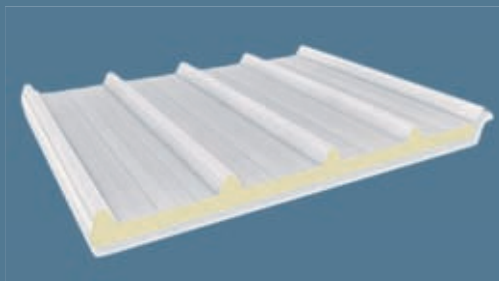
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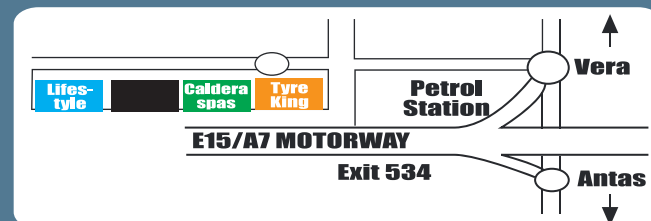
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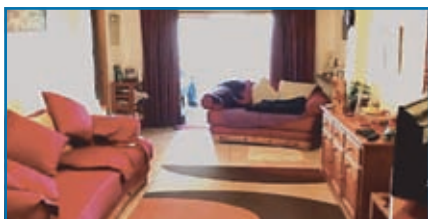


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'OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN': Tributes have been pouring in for Jack Walsh (inset).

Balcony death plunge

by Staff Reporter

TRIBUTES have been paid to an Irish teenager Jack Walsh who died after plummeting from a Santa Ponsa hotel balcony.

A triplet with two sisters, the 19-year-old from Askeaton, Co Limerick, had flown to Mallorca to meet friends after finishing his exams.

He is thought to have fallen 12 metres while trying to

drop from the fifth floor to a balcony below and spent several days on life support at Palma's Son Espases Hospital in the wake of the accident.

Parents Tony and Sandra made the decision to switch off machines keeping him alive after sisters Tara and Orla travelled to the island to say goodbye.

Sandra later posted on Facebook: 'Our lives will never be the same, the support we have received as a family has been amazing and is a true reflection of what a wonderful young man Jack turned out to be.'

'Jack ticked the donor box on his learner licence and it is a comfort knowing people are alive today as a result of Jack's tragic accident.'

'Thanks to everyone for all the kind words and wishes.'

Your support is really appreciated at this sad time.

'Our hearts are broken.'

Jack had been working as an apprentice at an electrical firm and his manager Frank McGovern called him a 'lovely young fella,' adding that his workmates were 'very broken up.'

Francis Sheehan, Secretary of Askeaton AFC, described Jack as a 'key player' in their youth football sides.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his parents, and his sisters," he added.

And one local added: "It is just heartbreaking for the whole community."

Police in Mallorca continue to probe the accident.

, with Jack's friends reportedly cooperating while some of their parents are believed to have flown out to help them through the ordeal.

NEWS EXTRA**Second prize**

A LOTTERY winner has bagged €73,452,82 after taking the second prize in the Bonoloto draw last Thursday but nobody took the top prize, according to the state lottery and betting association.

Equality aid

ALMERIA'S provincial government has announced it will allocate up to €130,000 of subsidies to support initiatives to promote equality between men and women in almost 100 municipalities, according to a statement.

Female first

ADRIANA VALVERDE has vowed she will become Almeria's 'first female mayor' after she won the centre-left Socialist Party's (PSOE) 2019 mayoral candidature, beating Juan Carlos Perez Navas by nearly 200 votes.

Agent tapas

ALMERIA'S president Gabriel Amat has welcomed 20 police officers, mainly from Eastern European countries, to the capital where they enjoyed its famous tapas and visited key monuments, according to sources.

108 saved

THE Spanish coastguard has reportedly rescued a boat carrying 39 people in the Mediterranean, taking Monday morning's total of rescued migrants to 108, while the search continues for another vessel.

Parking lots

THE Almeria town of Senes will have a new car park to help it handle the tripling of its population during the summer months, according to a provincial government statement.

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Nature
snaps

PHOTOS taken by an Almeria environment agency worker have reportedly won prizes in the environmental report's competition in categories including Natural and forest spaces, climate change, air quality and water quality.

Comic hero

WONDER WOMAN 1984, the sequel of the popular DC Comics and Warner Bros 'superhero' movie directed by Patty Jenkins reportedly will be filmed in Almeria with scenes shot in La Alcazaba.

Gastro gig

ALMERIA'S mayor Ramon Fernandez Pacheco said the economic impact being Spain's 2019 gastronomic capital would be significant, which is why the province is "investing all of its resources" in the bid.

Flaming hell

Fire breather sets herself alight

A YOUNG fire-breather has been hospitalised after setting herself ablaze during a performance in northern Spain.

The woman was on stage at the Evolution Macro Show in Pradejon, La Rioja, when the dramatic incident unfolded.

Video footage posted online shows her performing for revellers as she draws a flaming torch to her lips and blows fire into the air.

But the flames seem to catch her chin before engulfing her entire head.

She is then seen leaping from the high platform as a fire breaks out on the stage as some members of the audience scream in horror, while others seem to think it is part of her routine.

The victim was taken to the



SHOW DRAMA: The performer has been hospitalised.

Miguel Servet Hospital in Zaragoza after suffering serious burns to her face, arms and hands.

Medics have not yet revealed the full extent of her condition.

Solar fit

A COMPANY in Almeria has said it is aiming to build the largest solar power generation facility in Spain.

Cosentino, a building

materials maker based on an industrial estate in Cantoria, added their plans were part of efforts to make their energy intake 100 per cent renewable.

The installation, designed as an additional power source for the firm, has been improved internally but remains in the study phase. It is expected works

will go ahead from 2020.

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Strikes a blow

Ryanair boss predicts 'bad summer'

by Jay Emeny

RYANAIR'S Michael O'Leary has called for "urgent" actions against French air traffic control strikes that could cause chaos this summer.

The low-cost airline's CEO says thousands of flights will be disrupted, especially during the peak months of July and August, unless the staffing crisis is addressed.

O'Leary said "yet again this weekend, French ATC will strike on Saturday and Sunday leading to hundreds of flights being cancelled, disrupting the holiday plans of thousands of passengers.

"Many of these flights don't even touch France, yet they will be disruptive because French ATC requires airlines to cancel overflights while they protect French domestic routes.

"Europe's airlines are also



PLANE AND SIMPLE: O'Leary said strikes will cause chaos for millions of passengers.

suffering thousands of ATC delays/cancellations because of staff shortages especially in German and UK ATC providers.

"Europe's ATC providers are approaching the point of meltdown with hundreds of flights being cancelled daily, simply because they don't have enough staff to deal with them."

Ryanair had to cancel 1,000 flights last month, as opposed to just 43 that it cancelled in May 2017.

The airline claims more than 117,000 flights were delayed in May and June, with 61 per cent due to the French air traffic control strikes.

They have been striking over pay freezes and changes to sick pay.



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Isle of bite

8-foot shark sparks panic

by Staff Reporter

THIS is the hair-raising moment that an eight-foot shark terrified sun-seekers on a Spanish beach.

The appearance of the giant predator sparked panic as tourists screamed "it's coming" while lifeguards hoisted red flags to stop people swimming at Arenal d'en Castell in Es Mercadal, Menorca.

Believed to be a blue shark, the fish stayed in the area for several hours before returning to deeper water.

Bathers were not allowed to enter the water for the rest of the afternoon.

In the video footage, one beachgoer is heard to say in English: "It's coming. Oh my God, I think it's dead."

A woman then replies "No, it's not dead," as others shriek in the background, before adding: "Every time we go to the beach something happens."

Dozens of those gathered at the shoreline of the sandy strip - half an hour from island capital Mahon and popular with British holidaymakers - recorded the animal on their mobile phones.

Town mayor Francesa Ametller said it had not behaved aggressively and said the deci-

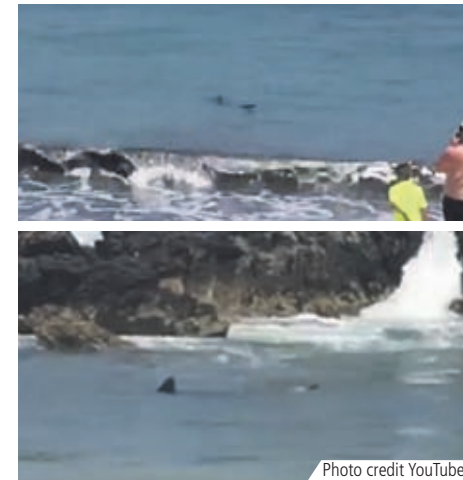


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JAW BLIMEY: Bathers were horrified.

sion to clear the water was only a precaution.

The blue shark rarely bites humans, but does occasionally approach Mediterranean shores.

An individual was last summer pulled onto a beach in Mallorca after sending hundreds of horrified bathers running out of the sea, while in May this year a sighting in Fuengirola triggered pandemonium and a police hunt on the Costa del Sol.

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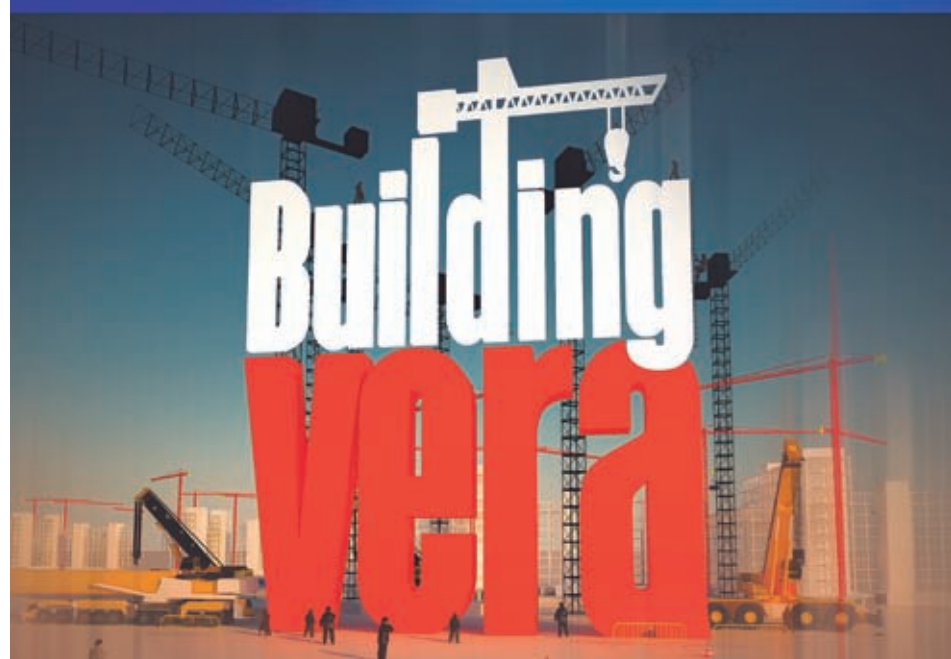
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Changing faces



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DASHING DAMES: Some of the dames at the recent meeting at Hostel Rural.

THE Dames in Turre recently held their final meeting before the summer break at the Hostel Rural in Turre.

The Dames were very proud to be able to donate generous cheques to Turre Food Bank, AECC, Stepping Stones, Asprodalba and Paws Patas.

The Dames have been proud to be involved with Susana Salamanca on a programme to help women suffering domestic abuse. They also made a one-off payment to the Paul Morrison fund so he can access

treatment in Russia.

The Dames also recently held their AGM when Leslie Barlow, who had been the president for many years, stood down to be replaced by Soo Wallace. Carol Pazdzierski will begin as chairwoman and Marian Piggins and Maureen Sheriff were also welcomed onto the committee.

For more information about the Dames in Turre, please contact president Soo Wallace on 667 362 713 or Eileen McGill on 652 208 072.

Kittens, cats and quizzes

PAWS PATAS will be holding a charity quiz on Friday June 29 at 4.30pm at the Stop Bar in Turre.

Quiz master, Tony Matthews, will be firing questions about music, sport, history, science, fashion, royalty, movies and much more.

Entry fee is €2 per person with a maximum of six people in a team. Food is available

from 6pm. To book a table please call Diane on 953 715 037.

All proceeds from the quiz and raffle will go towards the Paws Patas TNR Feral campaign.

The aim of this campaign is to capture, neuter and return cats to their colonies. The pot of funds for this particular campaign is currently empty.

Paws-Patas will also be holding their kitten coffee morning at the centre in Las Buganvillas this Saturday from 11am to 1pm. This is the perfect chance to see some of their adorable kittens and perhaps take one home.

If you would like to adopt a kitten or volunteer please email info@paws-patas.org or visit www.paws-patas.org.

Speedy donations

WACKY RACES VILLARICOS recently raised €1,478 at their fundraising event.

Donations were made to local groups and further individual donations are still to be made. Money was also donated to the school with which they were able to purchase two electronic whiteboard.

The organisation has been nominated for an award as a result of their work with AM-PA (the school's parent association).

The Wacky Races event will be held on April 27, 2019. If you would like to get involved please visit their Facebook page (wackyraces.villaricos), call Ian on 634 368 243 or call Carol on 634 346 935.

Arm in arm

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION will be hosting the Silhouette Show to celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday June 30.

The evening of dinner and entertainment will be held at in the Bistro at The Colosseum from 7pm.

The evening will have a 1940's flavour. From the three-course dinner, through to the entertainment and a fabulous hamper prize for the best 1940's style dressed guest.

Tickets are €25 each, which includes a donation to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal.

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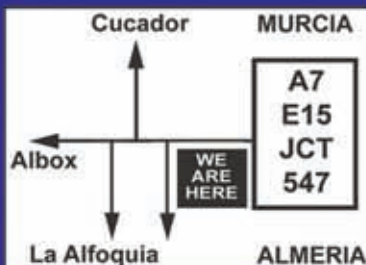
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JAIL CLAIM: Navalny said jails were being refitted to house rowdy fans.

Freed politician's jail revamp claim

A RUSSIAN opposition leader recently freed from prison has claimed Moscow jails have been refurbished to house foreign World Cup fans arrested for rowdy behaviour. Alexei Navalny said in a social media post footballs were being handed out and goalposts placed in yards for inmates. Navalny was jailed following an anti-Putin rally.

Record claim denial

INTERIOR MINISTRY officials have denied claims that the records of inmates held in Soviet-era prison camps were being destroyed following allegations authorities had secretly been ordered to. The ministry added the identity cards were instead being digitised to ensure their permanent storage.

Crime reporting claims

POLICE in Russia have been instructed to share positive news and to avoid posting crime reports during the World Cup, the country's media has claimed. Reports alleged no daily crime reports have been posted online since June 6 in an effort to stifle negative news coverage. Official spokespeople reportedly confirmed the blackout but denied it was in connection with the World Cup.

Officials reappointed

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has issued decrees filling top government spots with previous appointees. Vladislav Surkov, known as the Kremlin's 'gray cardinal,' was reappointed as a presidential aide despite rumours he faced being ousted. Putin said he reappointed the officials because he needed experienced staff to carry out his agenda.

Military posting vow

MOSCOW has said it will retaliate against Norwegian plans to allow the United States to station twice as many Marines in its territory. Oslo said some 700 Marines from the US would arrive in the country in 2019, with Russia's embassy in the Norwegian capital claiming the posting could trigger an arms race.

Splashing out

THE sacking of a Russian teacher for posing in a swimsuit for a picture posted online has sparked a social media campaign which has seen school staff post similar photos. Viktoria Popova, 26, was dismissed from her post as a history teacher at a middle school in Siberia after the picture surfaced online. Fellow teachers have hit back, posing in swimwear with the hashtag: TeachersAreHumansToo.

MAKING WAVES: Viktoria Popova was sacked for the photo.



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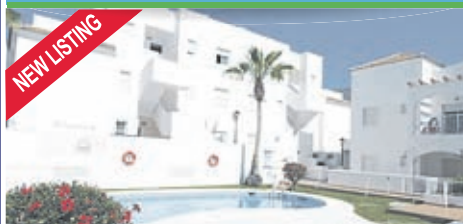
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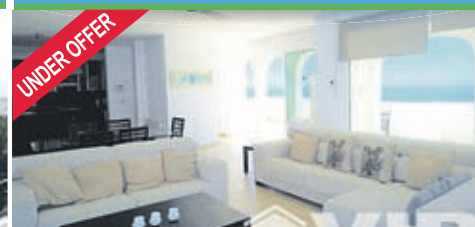
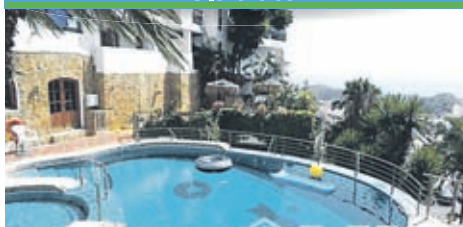
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The fine handed to Spanish fishing company Pescanova for falsifying accounts, money laundering and insider trading after 19 people including the firm's former president appeared at Madrid's National Court.

New PM makes pension pledge

SPAIN'S new government has agreed a preliminary deal to raise retirement pensions in line with inflation.

The move suggests a less restrictive approach to spending following years of austerity measures by the country's conservative People's Party, which was ousted after six years in government in the wake of corruption allegations.

Pensions have since 2014 risen by a below-inflation annual rate of 0.25 per cent. But Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's socialist PSOE party tweeted: "Now the right must allow that all pensions rise with inflation, also in times of crisis."

UK religious channel finedby *Matt Ford*

SPAIN'S National Commission of Markets and Competition (CNMC) has fined a British Christian broadcaster €6,000 for 'homophobic' remarks made on a breakfast show.

The comments on Revelation TV's discussion show Rmornings "could be considered as threatening to the dignity of the homosexual and transgender group, although there was no manifest incitation to hate against these groups by the channel that owns the programme," said the written ruling.

But channel director Gordon Pettie

said an appeal had been lodged in the wake of the verdict, which followed complaints sent to the CNMC over the words of a British evangelical pastor on the subject of transgender children.

He said on the show: "We are going to create a political party or join a party to change this madness. "We are going to have to do this, because if we don't, we will have Sodom and Gomorrah at our doorsteps, where they are going to tell you: we want to get hold of those men in there and we

want to sleep with them and there's nothing you can do about it.

"I have girls for you... no, we want those guys."

Revelation TV has a history of sparking outrage over its views on homosexuality and has previously been reported to UK regulator Ofcom.

The 24-hour low-budget channel was started by husband-and-wife duo Howard and Lesley Conder in 2003, and is now mostly produced at a converted underground car park in Cala de Mijas on the Costa del Sol.

Great call as O2 comes to Spain

TELECOMMUNICATIONS provider Telefonica is to offer low-cost phone and internet plans in Spain via its O2 brand.

Already used as the multinational's flagship brand in the UK and Germany, O2's new services will include a €20 per month mobile phone-only option plus fibre-optic internet for €45 per month, but no TV option.

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Footy star hit with €18.8m fraud fine**PAYBACK TIME: Cristiano Ronaldo.**

REAL MADRID and Portugal footballing superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has agreed to pay the Spanish tax authorities €18.8 million after being slapped with a two-year suspended jail term.

It comes after the forward admitted four counts of tax fraud, picking up six-month prison sentences for each.

The total he must now fork out includes fines and interest after prosecutors reduced the amount he was accused of de-

frauding from €14.7 to €5.7 million.

He was in 2016 exposed by information supplied by the website Football Leaks to German news magazine *Der Spiegel* which was shared with members of the European Investigative Collaborations journalism network, including the UK's *Sunday Times* and Spanish daily newspaper *El Mundo*.

And having initially denied the charges he has now agreed the huge settlement.

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Fashion deal makes scents**

BARCELONA-BASED fashion and fragrance group Puig has bought a majority stake in Belgian brand Dries Van Noten without disclosing details of the deal, adding to a portfolio that includes Prada, Paco Rabanne and Nina Ricci fragrances.

On the farm

MOROCCAN state-owned phosphate company OCP has revealed plans to acquire a 20 per cent stake of Fertinagro, Spain's largest fertiliser manufacturer, aiming to take advantage of the firm's 'technical know-how, specialty products and ability to respond to farmers' specific needs.'

Power trip

SPANISH energy giant Gas Natural Fenosa has renewed a deal to extract natural gas from North African nation Algeria for another 12 years, with the overall contract now worth €30 billion, the company said in a statement.

US olive tariffs slammed

THE European Commission has blasted United States tariffs on Spanish olives.

An official said in a statement: The decision by the United States Department of Commerce to impose unreasonably high and prohibitive duties anti-subsidy and anti-dumping duties on Spanish olives is simply unacceptable.

"This is a protectionist measure targeting a high-quality and successful EU product popular

with US consumers."

The move follows an investigation that found olives from Spain were being sold below their fair value and boosted by subsidies.

The import duties have not yet been confirmed but are set to be approved by the US International Trade Commission in July, at which point the commission would reportedly consider further action.

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Associated British Foods	2,743.00	7.00	0.26	21,660.21
Admiral Group	1,880.75	-10.75	-0.57	5,442.62
Ashtead Group	2,357.50	-13.50	-0.57	11,609.08
Antofagasta	1,014.50	-6.50	-0.64	10,065.60
Aviva	510.10	7.70	1.53	20,046.44
AstraZeneca	5,375.00	-23.00	-0.43	68,373.63
BAE Systems	636.30	-2.70	-0.42	20,403.51
Barclays	195.01	0.47	0.24	33,282.89
British American Tobacco	3,661.75	-32.25	-0.87	84,729.47
Barratt Developments	554.10	-2.10	-0.38	5,631.79
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,182.50	5.50	0.13	5,603.72
British Land Co	688.50	-2.50	-0.36	6,792.02
BHP Billiton	1,668.50	-1.50	-0.09	35,271.60
Bunzl	2,305.50	-24.50	-1.05	7,834.66
BP	566.95	1.95	0.35	112,737.50
Burberry Group	2,136.00	-14.00	-0.65	8,993.10
BT Group	210.05	-0.30	-0.14	20,870.72
Coca-Cola HBC	2,613.00	-40.00	-1.51	9,766.47
Carnival	4,798.00	9.00	0.19	9,874.19
Centrica	151.35	-0.90	-0.59	8,540.85
Compass Group	1,592.25	-22.25	-1.38	25,568.49
Croda International	4,856.00	-68.00	-1.38	6,482.10
CRH	2,788.50	-23.50	-0.84	23,595.66
DCC	6,937.50	32.50	0.47	6,167.68
Diageo	2,739.00	-46.50	-1.67	68,546.64
Direct Line Insurance Group	349.85	0.65	0.19	4,801.50
Evrax	526.60	-3.00	-0.57	7,584.16
Experian	1,859.75	-8.75	-0.47	17,156.41
easyJet	1,757.00	2.50	0.14	6,969.02
Ferguson	5,893.00	-50.00	-0.84	13,775.80
Fresnillo	1,158.00	-9.50	-0.81	8,603.23
Glencore	376.00	-5.30	-1.39	55,001.54
GlaxoSmithKline	1,544.10	-11.90	-0.76	77,170.16
GVC Holdings	1,013.50	8.50	0.85	5,809.07
Hargreaves Lansdown	2,019.00	-6.00	-0.30	9,604.95
Halma	1,425.50	-3.50	-0.24	5,425.08
HSBC Holdings	722.35	-0.45	-0.06	144,729.80
International Consoltd Airs Grp	715.90	2.30	0.32	14,531.50
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,897.50	-23.50	-0.48	9,382.87
3i Group	958.10	-13.70	-1.41	9,454.71
Imperial Brands	2,609.50	-16.50	-0.63	25,045.13
Informa	828.80	-0.40	-0.05	6,832.65
Intertek Group	5,735.00	-51.00	-0.88	9,338.21
ITV	168.13	-1.67	-0.98	6,835.15
Just Eat	789.70	-0.30	-0.04	5,377.15
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London Stock Exchange Grp	4,384.00	-26.00	-0.59	15,346.22
Micro Focus International	1,370.25	27.25	2.03	5,859.76
Marks & Spencer Group	297.90	-5.60	-1.85	4,931.20
Mondi	2,044.50	-27.50	-1.33	7,609.23
Melrose	234.05	-1.65	-0.70	11,126.39
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	244.15	-0.55	-0.22	5,765.01
National Grid	825.40	0.50	0.06	27,688.33
NMC Health	3,558.00	-10.00	-0.28	7,427.24
Next	6,061.00	-65.00	-1.06	8,614.54
Ocado Group	1,001.00	-39.00	-3.75	7,253.94
Old Mutual Group	215.75	0.25	0.12	10,630.13
Paddy Power Betfair	8,320.00	30.00	0.36	6,974.57
Prudential	1,833.75	-3.75	-0.20	47,625.45
Persimmon	2,682.50	-4.50	-0.17	8,364.97
Pearson	869.30	-14.90	-1.69	6,902.69
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,085.50	-74.50	-1.21	43,494.57
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	254.05	-0.45	-0.18	30,609.53
Royal Dutch Shell	2,529.50	8.00	0.32	115,916.79
RELX	1,610.25	-15.25	-0.94	17,037.48
Rio Tinto	4,224.50	5.00	0.12	55,971.23
Royal Mail	501.50	-0.90	-0.18	5,024.00
Rolls-Royce Group	915.20	-34.80	-3.66	17,760.98
Randgold Resources	5,619.00	-91.00	-1.59	5,388.49
RSA Insurance Group	655.30	3.30	0.51	6,694.18
Rentokil Initial	347.95	-2.25	-0.64	6,455.35
Sainsbury (J)	309.40	-1.00	-0.32	6,827.94
Schroders	3,183.00	-4.00	-0.13	7,203.33
Sage Group (The)	656.90	-4.30	-0.65	7,164.25
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Smiths Group	1,759.00	-4.50	-0.26	6,979.22
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	543.75	-2.25	-0.41	7,751.36
Smith & Nephew	1,352.75	-14.75	-1.08	11,958.49
SSE	1,344.75	-5.25	-0.39	13,705.00
Standard Chartered	707.45	-4.05	-0.57	23,506.99
St James's Place	1,200.50	-4.00	-0.33	6,375.42
Severn Trent	1,858.00	-8.00	-0.43	4,418.86
Tesco	256.05	1.25	0.49	24,933.68
TUI AG	1,730.25	-12.25	-0.70	10,235.22
Taylor Wimpey	185.88	-0.47	-0.25	6,106.01
Unilever	4,054.75	-11.75	-0.29	49,408.51
United Utilities Group	769.40	6.60	0.87	5,201.45
Vodafone Group	185.59	0.79	0.43	49,298.28
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APPLE	188,840	-1.03%	-1,960	928,813,63
BOEING CO	357,880	-1.25%	-4,540	208,004,71
CATERPILLAR	150,020	-2.04%	-3,120	89,680,51
CHEVRON	124,04	-1.95%	-2,47	236,959,04
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,250	-0.98%	-0,440	213,223,30
COCA-COLA	44,12	+1.24%	0,54	187,444,32
DOWDUPONT	67,75	-0.92%	-0,63	156,978,01
EXXON MOBIL	80,66	-1.50%	-1,23	341,289,39
GENERAL ELECTRIC	13,3000	-2.49%	-0,3400	115,905,84
GOLDMAN SACHS	231,92	-0.74%	-1,73	87,585,27
HOME DEPOT	200,5400	+0.44%	0,8700	231,147,07
IBM	145,39	+0.13%	0,19	133,426,60
INTEL CORP	55,1100	-0.77%	-0,4300	257,206,80
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	107,9000	-0.12%	-0,1300	366,847,69
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	122,6100	+0.16%	0,2000	328,617,01
MC DONALD'S CORP	166,4600	-0.35%	-0,5900	130,527,89
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,03	+0.76%	0,47	166,839,20
MICROSOFT	100,130	-1.27%	-1,290	771,596,26
NIKE	75,84	+1.53%	1,14	97,170,46
Pfizer	36,3600	+0.55%	0,2000	212,368,68
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	77,380	+1.83%	1,390	194,453,98
TRAVELERS CIES	129,37	+0.40%	0,51	34,917,76
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	126,91	-0.02%	-0,03	101,599,55
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	255,98	+0.25%	0,65	245,617,20
VERIZON COMMS	48,06	+0.50%	0,24	198,331,03
VISA	135,10	+0.07%	0,10	241,007,08
WAL-MART STORES	83,7000	-0.11%	-0,0900	246,631,57
WALT DISNEY CO	108,8500	+0.09%	0,1000	161,817,93

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Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 19.88	2.36 ▲ 13.47%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 3.19	0.35 ▲ 12.32%
Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.	\$ 4.41	0.47 ▲ 11.93%
Carbon Black, Inc.	\$ 34.10	3.20 ▲ 10.36%
resTORbio, Inc.	\$ 11.97	1.11 ▲ 10.22%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 23.68	2.15 ▲ 9.99%
Geron Corporation	\$ 4.28	0.38 ▲ 9.74%
Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 9.05	0.80 ▲ 9.70%
Dropbox, Inc.	\$ 39.60	3.48 ▲ 9.63%
Most Declined		
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Affimed N.V.	\$ 2.075	0.375 ▼ 15.31%
Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 40.05	7 ▼ 14.88%
InVivo Therapeutics Holdings Corp.	\$ 5.80	0.88 ▼ 13.17%
Conifer Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.60	0.80 ▼ 12.50%
Enphase Energy, Inc.	\$ 5.69	0.75 ▼ 11.65%
NuCan plc	\$ 25.20	3.25 ▼ 11.42%
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**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT**



AND so, it begins.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that one of the first pledges by Sajid Javid, the UK's new Home Secretary, is to declare war on Theresa May's immigration policies.

After all, how dare she follow the will of most of the electorate and come down hard on all those poor unfortunate immigrants! In his opening gambit Mr Javid has vowed to introduce a major relaxation on immigration laws and to ease the cap on foreign medical staff.

This of course gives him the excuse that he is simply doing it because the NHS is so seriously short of health workers (which it probably wouldn't be if the facilities weren't so snowed under with immigrants!).

This holier than thou façade is merely an opening gambit. If you delve a little deeper, you'll find he is also considering no longer including students in the immigration figures, reinstating legal aid for 'most' immigration cases; which means the public will once again be laying out untold millions to the leeching lawyers and their bleating clients.

And, wait for it, suspending the rule

'The mind truly does boggle'



**UNBIASED?
Sajid Javid.**

that illegal immigrants can't open a bank account! What!?! Yep you 'eard. All those poor immigrants in the country illegally, will once again be allowed to open bank accounts (I didn't realise there was a time when they actually could!). What are they going to deposit in them?

All the begged, black or stolen tax-free money they've managed to accrue during their time on the run from the authorities?

The mind truly does boggle. Anyway, back to the foreign medical worker plans. Any new immigration laws will of course include the families. Just how far down the family line are those to be included? Aunts? Uncles? Grans and Grandads? Cousins?

Bit of a grey area that (natch). Another worry is of course the standard of training of those brought in. A somewhat disquieting figure to mull over is the fact, that over the last five years, of the 669 health workers struck off or suspended, 420 had been trained abroad.

This figure was released by the UCL when the GMC were, yes, you've guessed it, accused of racism when marking the test results. The grim truth

of the matter is, that according to a major study, at least half of those applying to work in the UK would not have the level of skills required because the competency exam is too easy.

Who's going to sort out all that 'wheat and chaff'? When researching this information, I found it all a bit cloak and dagger to actually find any lists of those who had committed major medical mistakes, but the few I did manage to dig out sported names such as Ahluwalia, Narayana, and Abdullah.

Errors included tools left inside the body, treating the wrong patient air bubbles and language problems.

Can the UK's illustrious new 'unbiased' Home Secretary reassure the public that this great new influx of immigrant health workers will be trained to the highest of standards, and not an incompetent bunch of dangerous second raters, let loose on an unsuspecting public simply to make Mr Javid more popular with his peers? Or, even more likely, a contender for Mrs May's position?

Keep the faith.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



FIVE years ago the EU fined Microsoft an eye-watering €561 million for doing a Harvey Weinstein with its browser: forcing itself on users whether they wanted it or not.

Until the mid-90's Bill Gates didn't believe the internet would be a big deal. Once he saw the light all hell broke loose in the so-called Browser Wars.

Automatically installing Internet Explorer with Windows quickly killed-off the most popular browser of the time, Netscape Navigator (ah, memories...). Few but the geekiest of users would bother to look for an alternative, so like Topsy it just grew and grew despite its glaring flaws.

Apple users chugged along happily with their Safari browser, while for Windows it took a whole decade for a worthy rival to emerge: Firefox.

Firefox begat Opera which begat Chrome which begat any number of weird and wonderful browser names: Maxthon, SeaMonkey, Camino, Vivaldi, Otello, Chromi-

Beware of how you browse

Terence Kennedy practises safe surfing as the browser wars rage



**BROWSER HISTORY: Gone
but not forgotten?**

um, SlimJet... Now late and unlamented, Internet Explorer spawned Microsoft Edge currently bundled with Windows 10. Originally barely fit-for-purpose, it is getting better.

So what should you download and use for the best-possible internet experience in 2018? Google's Chrome has by far today's highest usage (57 per cent).

One great new incentive is the automatic ad-blocker included since

February as a result of public pressure and the millions of us installing those third-party ad blockers which deprive websites of their revenue.

The new Chrome's promise is to weed out the web's most annoying ads, full-page ads, ads with auto-playing sound and video and flashing ads. Apple's Safari browser has followed suit. Opera is built on the Chrome 'engine' so will ultimately

also comply, and the domino effect continues down the line as the empire fights back and may the force be with them.

Yet since Edward Snowden and now the Cambridge Analytica scandal, many of us are wary of revealing more of our browsing habits to the digital giants like Google and Apple.

Of course we all know (don't we?) that there's a button under the History icon in our browsers which lets us delete our recent history. But the bad news is that even this won't zap the overall record held of every single site you've ever visited, ever, back at Google's HQ.

For that you need DuckDuckGo - not a new KFC special, but a browser for the dark side. Funded by independent donations, it has now notched up some 16 billion private searches, none of them tracked. Remember it the next time you hit the porn sites from your family computer - for medical research purposes only, naturally.

Web-wary

INCOGNITO is an interesting new response to our growing concerns about being tracked online, and most browsers now offer an 'Incognito Mode.' But it's still not a foolproof way to stay anonymous.

A VPN can help - a Virtual Private Network, connected to so-called proxy servers to protect your identity and your data. Available to anyone for a modest fee, it's still not a magic bullet for guaranteeing our privacy, but it can help by encrypting our data, bypassing (some) official censorship systems and more.

VPNs are also popular among Britpats here for fooling location-restricted services like the BBC's iPlayer into unlocking UK-only content.

At the end of the day however, there's only one way to stay truly anonymous these digital days. It's called pen and paper.



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AS the sun beat down on my back and beads of sweat rolled from beneath my racing green helmet and into my eyes, I was close to packing in my trip along one of Spain's most iconic Vias Verdes.

Having not passed another soul for at least an hour, the early summer sun was starting to send my mind spinning.

But as the burn in my thighs became almost unbearable I picked my head up from the handlebars and was instantly reminded why I had ditched four wheels for two.

With the sun dipping behind the mountains along Cadiz's Via Verde de la Sierra, the sky lit up in a fantastic pink and the sunflower fields either side of the disused rail track gently swayed with me in the breeze.

For while there was more than one moment when I would rather have been comfortably sat on one of Spain's high-speed trains, taking in the country's disused rail network on bike - or foot - is a far more rewarding experience.

For the uninitiated, the Via Verdes are a series of disused train lines which have been converted into hiking and cycling paths.

In total, 2,700km of disused rail tracks cut through Spain's countryside like Moses parting the Red Sea (I confess I have only conquered one route and it was only 36km, although I did go to one end and then back again).

At points it feels unnatural that a train track ever ran through such verdant and beautiful scenery - it

25 years of Vias Verdes

definitely beats the view of suburban gardens that used to greet my London commute.

And, in fact, many of the routes never did see trains trundle the tracks in the first place.

Constructed during the Civil War, many thousands of kilometres of track were laid and the stations erected, but in many cases the trains were just a pipe dream that never came to roost.

For the routes that were once in use, this year marks 25 years since the trains stopped rolling over their tracks after they fell into disrepair and were forgotten about.

Most of the old lines have now lost their rails, however old rail sign posts and signals occasionally point to the pathways' forgotten pasts.

In total there are 123 routes of varying length and difficulty. While most are flat - requiring no technical skill or bulging leg muscles - some are lengthy and thus are more

Spain's Vias Verdes turn silver

Green with energy

As Spain's extensive cycling and walking network, the Vias Verdes, celebrates its 25th anniversary, David Noon takes to the saddle to find out what makes the country's greenways so special.



Pont de les 7 llunes, Alcoy.

Beginning of the line

A TRAIN never travelled on the Jerez-Almargen railway line in Malaga.

However the pet project of dictator Miguel Primo de Rivera sparked off the Vias Verdes movement.

Spanning 36 kilometres with 30 tunnels cutting through the rocky Andalusian terrain, the Jerez-Almargen route kicked off a revolution.

It is the oldest greenway in Spain and currently plays host to around 300,000 tourists every year.

Organisers of the scheme have said that without the publicity around the abandoned route, the concept of Vias Verdes may have never been born.

"The line was surrounded in controversy," Via Verde de la Sierra Foundation manager María Jiménez says. "There had never even been a train there. It is now a greenway and the people of the area are now proud of it."

So while a train may have never plundered the tracks, Spain's proud greenway network may never have come to fruition if it wasn't for the Jerez-Almargen rail route.



VIA VERDE: The Jerez-Almargen has never seen a train.

98 old railway stations converted into hotel, cafes and restaurants

suited to hard core walkers or cyclists.

Mopeds, cars and any other form of motorised vehicle are banned from the paths, making it safe and secure for families to venture out for a gentle meander.

Along the way, guest houses, restaurants and cafes offer respite for those in need of some much-deserved R&R.

In total 98 old railway stations have been restored as rural hotels, restaurants, cafés, rent-a-bike points, office information and small museums.

But where today stands a buzzing community of outdoor thrillseekers and rural tourists, once stood abandonment and utter desolation: the decaying remains of formerly romanticised railway lines that tore across the country were an ugly stain dripped across Spain's rural countryside.

123 routes currently open



UNUSED TRACKS: Waiting to be used.



Routes around

Extreme makeovers

AS well as taking in the breathtaking scenery and the sheer overwhelming vastness of Spain's outback, the Via Verde routes also contain a catalogue of architectural triumphs.

In total 98 former stations have been given a face lift and turned into everything from cafes and restaurants to cycle pick up points and even hotels.

Just two decades ago many of these buildings were left destitute and strewn across Spain's countryside, yet today they have been transformed to their former glory and are among the country's more charming and quirky spots.

Here are four of the best examples:

However, in 1993 the Fundación Ferrocarriles Españoles (FFE) presented its Inventory of Disused Railway Lines in Gijón.

The report compared Spain's unused railway lines and compared it to its European neighbours in France, Belgium and the UK.

It concluded that nowhere else on the continent had so many unused routes carving their way through the country, waiting to be used.

Spain literally had thousands of kilometres of ready-made cycling, pedestrian and horseback routes lying in wait. It was an opportunity that could not be missed, and thankfully it wasn't.

A quarter of a century later, Spain has culti-

vated more than 2,700km of lost tracks, reviving 123 cycling and walking routes.

And it has given the country an added tourist attraction away from the coastal areas fuelling an economic revival in some of the country's more secluded towns and villages.

In a report examining the Economic Impact of Cycle Tourism in Europe, it highlighted that 42 per cent of European travellers seek adventure tourism. And Spain's towns and cities have benefited from the Vias Verdes, with cycle-mad locals and tourists taking their bikes and hiking boots around the country in search of tranquility.

As Irish expat and cycling enthusiast David Murray explains "nothing beats the Spanish countryside.

"I want to complete the entire Via Verde network by the time I'm 40," Murray tells me at a cafe along the Cadiz route. "I'm 36 now and I have done around 1,000 kilometres of the routes so far.

"Hopefully they won't build too many more before I get to 40."

He added: "I love coming out on these routes on my bike. I take the children out on the one near our home and every time I visit a different part of Spain I make sure I check out the nearest Via Verde.

2,700 kilometres of unused track converted

"It is a great idea but I think more could be done to publicise the routes. They are usually full of locals, but I think there is a massive potential to attract even more tourists than they currently do.

"I had never heard of the routes before I had moved here."

In Cadiz, along the Via Verde de la Sierra, some 40 jobs have been directly created along the route.

It is a similar story along the 123 spanning from Girona to Costa Brava and across Andalusia.

And that is just why the Vias Verdes scheme continues to thrive and continues to receive public support.

In total more than €177 million has been invested into the scheme from central and local government.

In total, some 5,000 kilometres of abandoned railway lines remain untapped and are being eyed up by the organisers of the scheme.

So while the Vias Verdes organisers may be celebrating its silver anniversary the future of Spain's greenways most certainly looks golden.

Cycling the Via Verde de la Sierra

MOST people start the trip in the village of Olvera and cycle to Puerto Serano and then back up again.

Bikes can be rented from Sesca which is situated at the start of the route. Children's seats and separate carts are also available, for those taking the kids out and prices tend to very reasonable.

It is worth bearing the terrain in mind before you set off. If starting and returning to Olvera, your return journey will be uphill, so expect the thighs to burn on your return.

There are no mega hills or mountains to conquer, but the gradient is steady and more importantly long... so may pose a problem for younger or less-experienced cyclists.

There are options for shorter distances along the route. It is possible to start in Coripe and pick up the route there.

All in all, it is a fantastic route and there are various options to conquer it on your own, with a partner or with the entire family.

5,000 kilometres of unused track is being lined up as future greenways



TRANQUILITY: Spain has thousands of kilometres of ready-made cycling routes.



Via Verde El Ronquillo



Estacion Palazaola



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Estacion de Luque

The language barriers are changing in surprising directions!

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.

IT is a curious sociological phenomenon. Quite often when in a foreign country, because one doesn't speak their language, they mentally become free enough to say whatever they please in front of the local inhabitants.

Two well tattooed blokes stroll into a bar, stop and gaze about easily announcing to each other what they would do to some of the beautiful Spanish girls sitting at the bar.

The boys both smirk and punch each other on the shoulder; then meander over to the bar keeping their eyes steadily focused on their prey. The girls have seen it all before, giggle and look down at their coffees. They know already, word for word, what is coming next. The boys order two beers even though it is just 9am they still want the macho effect noticed.

"Hey, habla Ingles?" they say in unison. "No" is the quick planned rebuttal



LINGUA FRANCA: The locals might understand more than you think!

and then stare back into their coffees. Both guys look as if each has been clobbered with a hammer. What are they going to say next? All their known foreign words were used up ordering the beer.

Common sense would have dictated that they drink the beers and wander back out but being in a different country where the lingua franca wasn't what they were used to listening to back home, they become bold.

Nevertheless knowing the girls couldn't understand them gave them the quick courage to prattle suggesting rude and sexual innuendos to the girls. They were fervently impressing each other and preparing for the stories that

could be retold to their gang once home in the safety of a familiar pub.

The lads ordered more beer and began their assault of the girls in earnest. Most certainly the girls would give in if they spoke quieter and repeated their sexual desires and longings. The girls didn't budge an inch nor blink or sip their coffee. The boys grew tired and gradually wandered away.

At the same moment slight wisps of smiles crossed the girls' faces that grew into beaming full tooth expressions of joy. Then, Maria Jose turned to her dear friend Paquita and spoke in perfect English "what knuckle draggers. So dumb, I wonder who dresses them, you know, to keep the socks off their ears?" They both laughed uproariously. Then ordered two small brandies and laughed again.

Meanwhile on the other side of the wall, out the door were two lads already concocting their stories of conquest and pure British cool.

For the two worlds to finally meet, one of the sets is going to have to change. But that will take a long time. The girls are having too much fun now.

Sun, sea and a three pack of razors for me?



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

I CAN'T do any TV reviewing this week until I mention *Love Island* (ITV2, all day, every day), so here goes.

The contestants need to put some clothes and some sun cream on, I don't care in what order. They need to remember that a beach-ready body is all well and good, but chances are none of them will have 28-inch waists in a few years' time.

And when did younger guys start shaving everything, no I mean everything?? I clearly missed that memo.

I will try not to mention the show again. Promise.

After what must have been a very long year wait for fans of the show, *Poldark* is back for a fourth season (BBC1, Sunday). There are 10 episodes in the latest run and I'm sure we are in for numerous treats from Ross and Co.



Photo credit ITV/BBC

ISLE BE DAMNED: The omnipresent Love Island cast.

Amongst others, you can look forward to Ross and Demelza reconnecting after her affair last time around. I'm not sure I want Ross to be that forgiving if I'm honest, I mean, who does her hair? And is anyone else fed up of Hugh's poetry writing? Poor Hugh is bent double with the weight of his love for Demelza but doesn't seem to understand that in his case, the bottle would clearly be mightier than the pen.

If you watched last week, how did you cope with the vicar toe sucking

scene? OK, we had George's reaction to not winning the election and for those inclined, Ross in the bathtub, but a man in *Holy Orders* sucking toes - give me a moment, not feeling too well...

I'm back, but really, I will never look at the Vicar of Dibley in the same way again. This week Ross makes his maiden speech in Parliament, just don't object to anything involving up-frocking will you Mr Poldark?

Monday night saw England's first match in the *World Cup*, with BBC1



TOE-TAL TURNOFF: Poldark.

grabbing the football audience. I settled down to watch a much plugged special of *Vera* (ITV) only to realise after a few short minutes that this special was a repeat and as much as I love Brenda Blethyn calling anyone who will listen 'pet,' I knew the ending and turned over to watch *Love Island*.

Actually I didn't, but I could have done.

But because Brenda was repeating herself on ITV, I stumbled across *The Family Farm* (BBC2, Mondays and Thursdays) and thought it deserved a mention.

The format is slightly predictable, three families who blame taking part in the show on their concern about the kids not getting enough exercise (I suspect the real reason has something to do with multiple upcoming mid-life crises) who swap clean and sterile lives to live in yurts and experience something of the harsh realities of life as farmers. The first show had injured lambs, backing away from actually handling the animals (me too, all that muck and filth) and one of the dads loving the whole thing so much, he was working out how many sheep he could fit in his garden (remember those pending mid-life crises I mentioned earlier?).

An upcoming episode takes a look at smaller-scale boutique pig farming. I have no idea what boutique pig farming is. The mind boggles, but we will find out more next week. Brace yourselves.

Happy viewing.

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

IT'S an old Spanish formula to proclaim 'My house is your house' on inviting a stranger into your home.

Nobody expects to be taken up on that but that's what Pedro Sanchez said and did after Italy and Malta refused to allow the Aquarius rescue ship to land at any of their ports.

The ship has 629 African migrants aboard that nobody wants.

"It is our obligation to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe and offer a safe port for these people," Sanchez said, giving permission for the boat to dock in Valencia. Cynical observers outside Spain suggested that Sanchez made the offer so that he could earn brownie points with Brussels. Others said it was to keep in with Podemos.

Or it could just be that the Spanish don't have a big problem with immigrants. Many, now pensioners, had to emigrate themselves either for political reasons or to earn enough money to send back home in the pre-tourism, pre-boom days.

Or it could just be that once in a while 'My house is yours' is meant to be taken literally.

A port in storm



WELCOMED: The African migrants were allowed to land in Spain.

Familiar faces

JOSE MARIA AZNAR, the former Partido Popular who named Mariano Rajoy as his successor offered to re-direct the party following his protégé's downfall as he was sucked under by the quicksands of corruption.

Is Aznar the right person to do this? The guest list for his daughter's wedding in 2002 included Luis Barcenas, Francisco Correa, Pablo Crespo 'El Bigotes,' Rodrigo Rato, Jesus Sepulveda and Eduardo Zaplana. Rogues' gallery, anyone?

A hairy issue

QUIM TORRA is Cataluña's regional president, although he was only brought in to act as a proxy for his self-exiled predecessor, Carles Puigdemont.

Pedro Sanchez's government made his hair stand on end, he complained once the names were announced, which is hardly surprising as the foreign minister is Josep Borrell, a Catalan who is firmly and vociferously opposed to independence.

And Meritxell Batet, another Catalan who is Minister for Territorial Policies - in other words, Cataluña - is no separatist either.

But Sanchez has already said that although there is no easy solution to the Cataluña problem, he's willing to talk and at least reach consensus on social and economic issues unrelated to independence.

There could even be an attempt to restore the clauses in the 2006 Catalan Estatut that were emasculated by the Partido Popular in 2000.

Torra and Sanchez have now spoken. Torra and Miquel Iceta, leader of the PSC - the PSOE's Catalan version - have now met.

Torra's hair might not yet be back in place, but he'll be spared the scalping he would have received from former president Mariano Rajoy.

PODEMOS supremo Pablo Iglesias criticised Pedro Sanchez for choosing ministers likely to appeal to the Partido Popular and Ciudadanos. Hardly a fair judgement but Iglesias was piqued because he was not invited to join the government.

Work experience

His nose is out of joint because between them Sanchez's Cabinet have nous and experience culled from years in office in Europe as well as in Spain's national, regional and local governments.

Despite their individual qualities and impressive academic records, the same can't be said of Podemos politicians, especially its higher echelons. Unless you rule out Venezuela, of course.

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Imperial vase update and electric Porsche

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

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A COUPLE of weeks ago I suggested that you dear reader might usefully turn out your attics and lofts.

The reason, the discovery of a Chinese Imperial vase discovered by chance in an attic in France and brought to auctioneers Sotheby's in Paris was to come to auction.

Well dear reader it has come to auction and it has sold. The initial estimate at auction for the vase was €430,000 and expectations were very positive, with the excitement among collectors such that 'fireworks' were expected in the auction room when Lot 1 came up for sale.

The vase - the only example of its kind - was produced by the Jingdezhen workshops for the courts of the 18th century Qianlong Emperor, an example of the famille-rose porcelains is extremely rare and when they do appear on the market generate extreme competition between collectors. Earlier this year a famille-rose porcelain bowl sold for almost €25 million so expectations were high. And on June 12 following a fierce 20-minute bidding battle



Photo credit Sotheby's/Porsche

ON THE CHARGE: The Porsche Taycan.

the unique vase sold for €16.2 million.

Meanwhile back in the modern world Porsche, the German sports car manufacturer, continues to gear up in readiness for its 70th anniversary, but has taken time away to announce the series production of its first purely electric sports car.

The Mission E concept car has now been given its official name the 'Taycan,' which roughly translate as 'lively young horse.' A

reference to the imagery at the heart of the Porsche crest which has featured a leaping horse since 1952.

Chairman Oliver Blume commented: "Our new electric sports car is strong and dependable... it's a vehicle

that can consistently cover long distances and that epitomises freedom."

For a sports car fast starts are an essential offer and the numbers indicated are 3.5 seconds to 100km/h and just 12 seconds to 200 km/h with a currently planned range of 500km.

With a doubling in planned investment to reach €6 billion by 2022, the Taycan development programme, as well as derivatives and variants, is expected to account for €500 million with a further €1 billion earmarked for electrification and hybridisation of the existing product range as the company products transition into the era of future mobility.

Demand for electric sports cars are expected to be as great if not more so than for Imperial vases!



LOFTY SALE: The €14 million Imperial vase.



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Save the date for the next fairy-tale wedding, hen... or divorce

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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WITH the wedding season in full swing, a survey by *Brides Magazine* has revealed that, despite these tough economic times, brides are still dead set on having the wedding of their dreams - with the average wedding costing £30,000+ and many brides expecting to exceed their initial budget.

Hardly surprising, then, many newlyweds now start married life in debt. Or that some go to ever increasing lengths to recoup wedding costs by selling on eBay items bought from their gift list to generate cash.

But the evidence suggests that brides-to-be are just as easily persuaded to splash out on hen parties too. One recent study estimates that over £1 billion will be spent on hen parties in the UK this year. One study last year indicated that



BRIDE TO BE: Girls can blow a load of money on hen parties.

the average cost is £507 per hen.

But that's not all. Some have an 'away' hen and a 'home' one - plus a final joint night out, inspired by the growing trend for 'sten' parties (stag and hen, geddit?). And yes, a third hen party! But then, a fool and his money...

But isn't it about time people focused on the marriage rather than the wedding (or hen parties)? After all, when all's said and done, a wedding lasts only one day. With weddings such as Hollywood-style productions nowadays, is it any wonder everyone

forgets why they're actually there, and why a few years later they'll be experiencing that other procedure called 'divorce.'

As we all know, an OTT celebrity-style wedding isn't the fail-safe recipe for a happy-ever-after scenario. At the wedding of a friend of a friend, it was just the two of them, a couple of passers-by they invited in (whose names they still don't know) and the registrar. And, yes, they're still happily married decades later.

Oh, and one final tip. You should always get married early in the morning, so if the marriage doesn't work out you haven't wasted the whole day.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Must he close his air vent?

Q. I had air conditioning installed and the contractors made an aperture in the building wall. A grille covers the aperture and the wall was repainted with the paint colour of our terrace as opposed to the main building colour. Apparently our next-door neighbour complained at last year's AGM. Now I am informed that, unless I make good the aperture to the façade, the Community will have me denounced.

I am also told that I could have contested the complaint within three months of receiving notification of the minutes of the AGM. In addition, I have not been able to categorically establish that the law in Spain states that an opening cannot be made in the facade of an apartment building.

A. By opening the wall for your air conditioning vent, you have altered the exterior appearance of the building.

This is prohibited by Article 7, Paragraph 1, of the Ley de Propiedad Horizontal, Spain's law that regulates Communities of Property Owners. Properly, you should have requested permission from the Community, voted at the AGM, along with a works permit from your town hall. Perhaps you still can.

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Why am I so grumpy?

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I WAS sitting having a cup of coffee with a pal of mine and his missus when his phone pinged and he says to me, 'Oh, there's someone at my front door.' What? How would you know that? He then proceeded to show me this app on his phone which films whoever rings the bell or even goes near it. Live! My initial reaction was that's a handy little App but after a few more pings I realised it's actually not what it appears to be.

It's sold as a security device so you can see who is hanging around your front door or ringing the doorbell. That's fine when you are away or out. Or, you might install it in your old mum or dad's place. But his pings again and he says so and so has just gone out and then it pings again and he tells me his neighbour next door has just gone out. Whoa, hold on, this is now becoming a CCTV device that is almost spying on members of your own household.

It's tracking what time they come in or out 24/7 and to be honest I'm not comfortable with that. I don't want my neighbour tracking what time I'm coming in or going

out. I think that before you install one of these devices you should have the permission of all the people that it covers - although obviously not the burglars!

But it's like so many things these days - it starts off as a good idea then turns into just another intrusion into my life.

Right, next! Actually I just thought of something - this is the 139th article I've written and people say to me how can you be grumpy about so many things? Well actually it's quite easy because everyday somebody does something or says something that starts me off.

Every time I get in the car, walk the dog, or go out to eat I get grumpy. Every time I turn on the news there is a topic that gets me going like Trump or Brexit. It's not only me. Whenever I sit down with somebody that knows I write this column or when I'm on the Talk Radio Europe show, I get told of all the things that make them grumpy too.

Or the emails I get - I think in the nearly three years that I've been doing this I've only had a couple of people disagree with me and, to be honest, one of them is a dick-head who argues for the sake of it.

Now I'm grumpy because I've run out of my allotted word count so my other subject will have to wait till next week!

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	7:30pm BBC London News	9:00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes	6:00pm The Chase	6:00pm The Posh Frock Shop	9:00pm The Highland Midwife	11:30am Sky Sports News	
	8:00pm Panorama	10:00pm The People v the NHS: Who Gets the Drugs?	7:00pm ITV News London	7:00pm The Simpsons	10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh	12:00pm Sky Sports News	
	8:30pm Role Models	11:00pm Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing	7:15pm ITV Evening News	7:30pm Hollyoaks	11:00pm When Celebrity Lives Go Terribly Wrong	1:00pm Sky Sports News	
	8:30pm Holby City		7:30pm FIFA World Cup 2018: Serbia v Brazil	8:00pm Channel 4 News		2:00pm Sky Sports News	
	9:00pm Holby City		10:15pm Flights From Hell: Caught on Camera	9:00pm Great Rail Restorations with Peter Snow		3:00pm Sky Sports News	
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British courts may use 'contempt' to bypass jury

HI Leapy

What concerns me about Tommy Robinson having his collar felt by the boys in blue, is that this course of action, under the heading of 'Due to contempt of Court' is being conducted following instruction by judges.

They have been advised by 'Me Learned Friends' and perhaps a high ranking officer from HM Police Force (maybe Special Branch), in a closed court, with no defence council, in this case, representing Robinson, and more worrying to your scribe, no jury present.

A colleague, still serving in the West Midlands Force, tells me that this imprisonment 'Procedure,' acted through the 'Contempt of Court' ruling is taking place on a regular basis.

I'm sure something that the general public may not aware of.

The not so small end, in my book, of a very dangerous wedge.

Mind how you go!

Robert W Barnes, Campoverde

Tourist tax will damage the economy

HAVING recently returned from our annual holiday in Mallorca, I feel I must put pen to paper regarding the 100 per cent increase in the tourist tax.

We had to pay more than €70, (that we hadn't budgeted for as there was no mention of it), and it was left to the receptionists to tell guests what the government wanted, and to collect the money!

We spoke to many holidaymakers who come back year after year as we do and they were unanimous in saying they won't be coming back until the tax is reduced or even scrapped.

This will lead to job losses and more hotel/apartments closures. We noticed several businesses closed whilst we were there.

The Balearic government need to stop burying their heads in the sand,



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TOURISTS: Help to fuel the Mallorca economy.

the tax is not well received at all and to spend €120 million on trees and signposts is not doing anything for the tourists who are paying it!

Why not start by repairing and maintaining the dreadful pavements on which there are many accidents, and take into account that when we come on holiday we spend an enormous amount of money without having to pay the extra taxes that we receive no benefit from at all? Greed will be their downfall as had and is still happening all over the world.

From someone who has been a regular visitor to Mallorca, but sadly most unlikely any more.

Susie, UK

Totally agree

I HAVE read Adam Whalley-Lewis's column in last week's *Euro Weekly News*.

I totally agree with his comments about Channel 4's 'The Battle for Britain's Heroes.' I too have never heard of Afua Hirsch, but who does this woman think she is?

The programme also made my blood boil, to slander British heroes the way she did is deplorable. I've little doubt that many also had a dark side, but the good that they did for Britain far outweighs any bad. I do not know her ethnic origins, but her comments may have been racist in reverse.

She should be glad for people like Nelson and Churchill, it is because of people like them that she is able to live a life of freedom in Britain, in fact if it was not for people like them she may never have been born at all.

That's it, rant over so please pass my thoughts on to Adam Whalley-Lewis.

Bryan Wilde, Costa Blanca

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Police warn Brits heading to Magaluf

Magaluf is a brilliant place with great restaurants, beautiful beaches and some amazing bar owners. Unfortunately we also have a few unscrupulous bar owners and mugging prostitutes. Stay together, leave credit cards and mobiles in hotel safe, don't go for the wrist band drink crap deal. Buy and pay extra for brand drinks and bottles and enjoy yourselves. Remember to eat as well as drink.

Elizabeth Dobson

Well said Elizabeth, it is a good place, everywhere you go has problems, not just Magaluf.

Margaret Donnelly

Best defence is not to get drunk and make yourself a target.

Jenny Dodd

Benidorm plans to fine hoverboard users

Can we do it in Nerja as well? I once seen an employee of the company that rents them out in Nerja riding one while pulling another one behind her though the streets of Nerja expecting pedestrians just to get out of her way or get hit.

Mark Rainey

What a load of crap when they keep on about being 'green.' Yes, some of these people are idiots

Comments from EWN online

and should be fined if they are abusing the system, but you cannot tar everybody with the same brush! I would love to be able to use an electric scooter to get about, but with the stupid laws here in Spain you never know if you're going to get fined!!

Arthur Harrison

Channel 4 party cruise turns into 'drug-fueled orgy'

Does this behaviour now have to spill over to cruise ships???? It was a nice safe haven rather than Brit filled holiday resorts in Spain and now they want to ruin cruising as well! What the hell were Royal Caribbean doing letting this happen???

Jennifer Knowles

People with no morals, standards or shame. Enjoy one's self, but for god sake have some dignity.

Tom Hope

I do hope Royal Caribbean were paying their on-board staff triple wages for having to deal with this?

Luisa Emma Zanardi White

Ryanair warns of air traffic control strikes

He should sue the French government for disruption to thousands of flights, he would get millions, they would soon get back to work, the idle scumbags, it's becoming a ritual every few months.

William Scarisbrick

And what about his flights that are cancelled due to incorrect crew numbers to operate flights and aircraft not being repaired. Maybe he should start looking nearer to home with problems.

Sean Sharon Applin

Mallorca face off sparks brawl

Shocking behaviour. They should be arrested, fined and sent home at their own expense. Or leave them in a cell for the rest of their holiday.

Sandra Lyons

Pet problems

IS there any group or organisation trying to encourage more spaying or neutering so there are less animals being born? It would seem a great solution to a lot of the problems. We have many puppies and kittens left and abandoned in our gardens where we live.

But we are perfectly happy living in Spain and would not want our name quoted. Thank you!

Anonymous (details withheld)

Fair's fair

IT'S that time of year when fairs and fiestas start to be held around Spain and I must admit I think it's great.

No matter how tiny or large a town or city is, the local people get behind the concept of partying and having a good time supported by their councils.

A lot of money is spent on costumes by the young (and not so young) ladies. It's a time when bands and singers are brought in and there's much music, eating and drinking.

Happily, in our area - as a rule - everyone conducts themselves well, they enjoy a drink but don't get so smashed that they lose control.

Alan, Benahavis

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Turre €119,950

REF HUE3VLC01



A majestic 3 bedroom 2 bathroom detached modern villa measuring 125m² in La Concepcion set within a plot of 651m² with 8 x 4m private pool, established gardens, BBQ terrace and panoramic country views. The spacious property boasts ducted air conditioning throughout, open fire with log burner in the lounge, granite kitchen worktops and much more.

Huerca Overa €199,995

REF ARB3VC43



A well-presented 3 bedroom 2 bathroom detached villa measuring 121m² located in the Los Carrascos area of Arboleas on a plot of 681m² with 9 x 4m pool, storeroom/casita, low maintenance mature gardens and elevated rural views.

Arboleas €187,500

REF GAL3C01



A spacious detached village home with 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms in Los Gallardos with integral garage, off road parking area, enclosed terrace with Jacuzzi, conservatory, roof terrace and superb panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Los Gallardos €159,000

REF VER3V09



Spacious detached 3 bedroom 2 bathroom villa measuring 220m² on a plot of 1000m² with 11 x 5m pool, sun room/conservatory, landscaped gardens, terraces, air conditioning and log burner & pellet burner in lounge. The property offers privacy and stunning country & mountain views, all within a short 5-minute drive from local beaches and a 2 minute drive into the town of Vera itself.

Vera Playa €259,950€

REF TUR3T20



A 2-storey former priests' retreat measuring 93m² located in the centre of Turre. The property has been partially renovated and oozes character. When completed, this property will offer 3 or 4 bedrooms & 1 bathroom and a fantastic covered terrace.

Turre €88,000

REF TAB4C03



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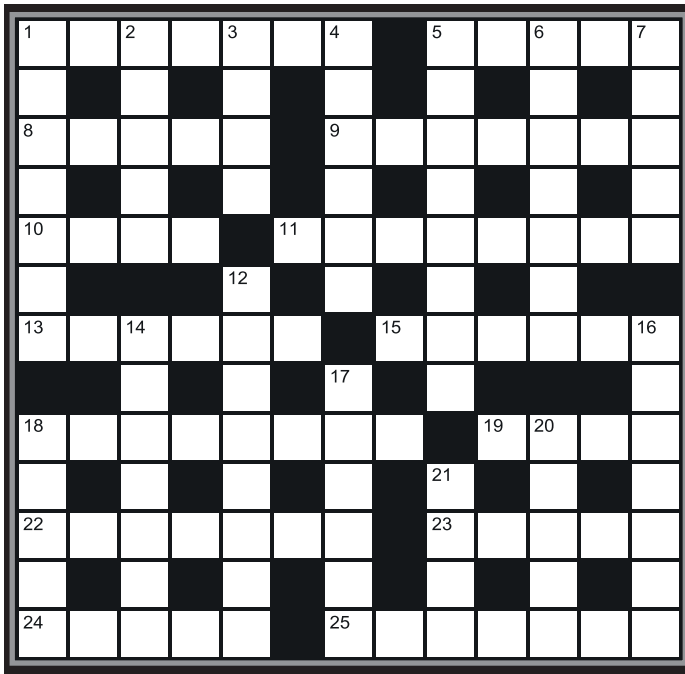


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Across

- 1 Hair highlights for unsteady skaters (7)
- 5 Path of planet or particle (5)
- 8 Capital's reported ranges (5)
- 9 She may be drunkenly elated around end of night (7)
- 10 Message from Eton returned (4)
- 11 Pessimistic about a debt now (8)
- 13 A finch is seen in hide (6)
- 15 Large cases for swimwear (6)
- 18 Outrageous con leads to spilled fuel (8)
- 19 Precipitation for Iran, sadly (4)
- 22 Badly aligned in front (7)
- 23 Awfully eager to have the same idea (5)
- 24 Main melody from the meerkats' advert (5)
- 25 See me turning to couple for hug (7)



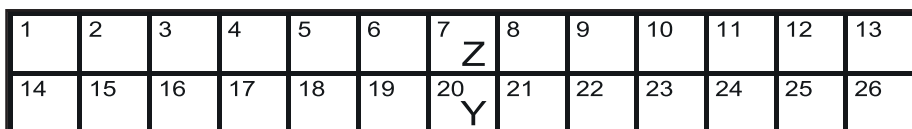
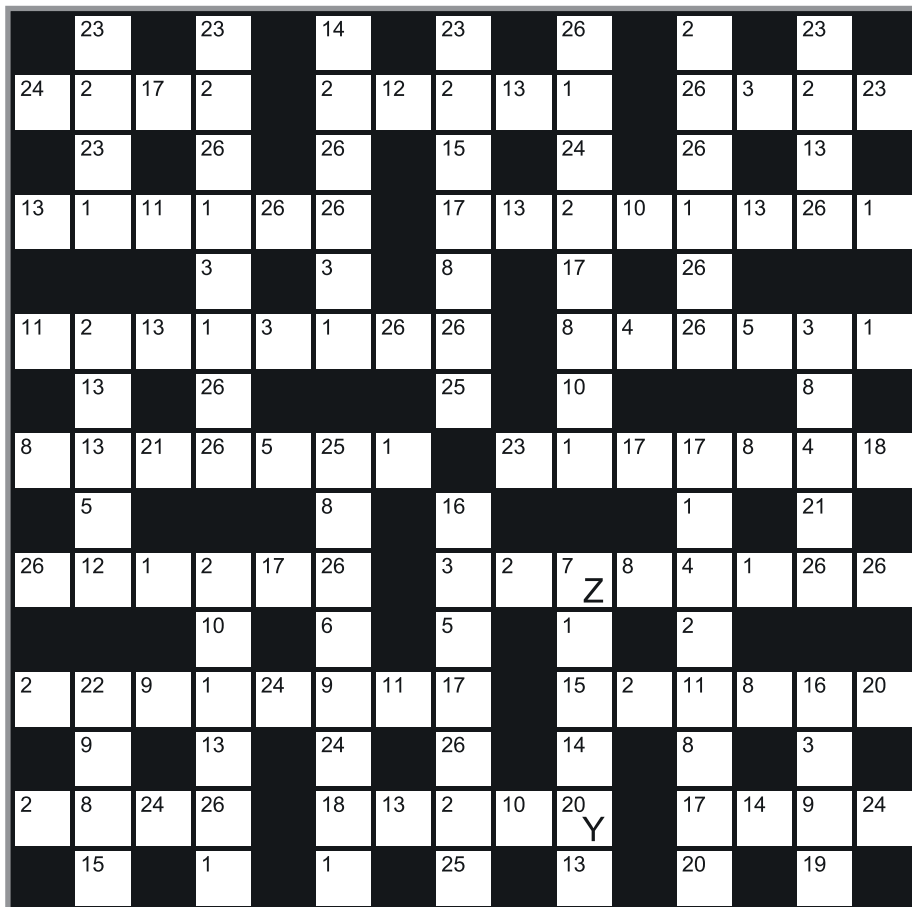
Down

- 1 Her sins sorted out in places of worship (7)
- 2 Answer about part of a play (5)
- 3 Split peas in church area (4)
- 4 Fish for Sally on Monday (6)
- 5 Turning dry air on is commonplace (8)
- 6 Please German sailors with bird (7)
- 7 Threat loses punch, at last;

- 12 If going north, live in a warm spot (8)
- 14 How old is bird in Dorset seaside resort? (7)
- 16 Might be nicer in the South-East to be honest (7)
- 17 Act clumsily on new brass instrument outside (6)
- 18 Leave in the break (5)
- 20 Vessel seen in Zambia or Tanzania (5)
- 21 Talk at length about royal costume (4)

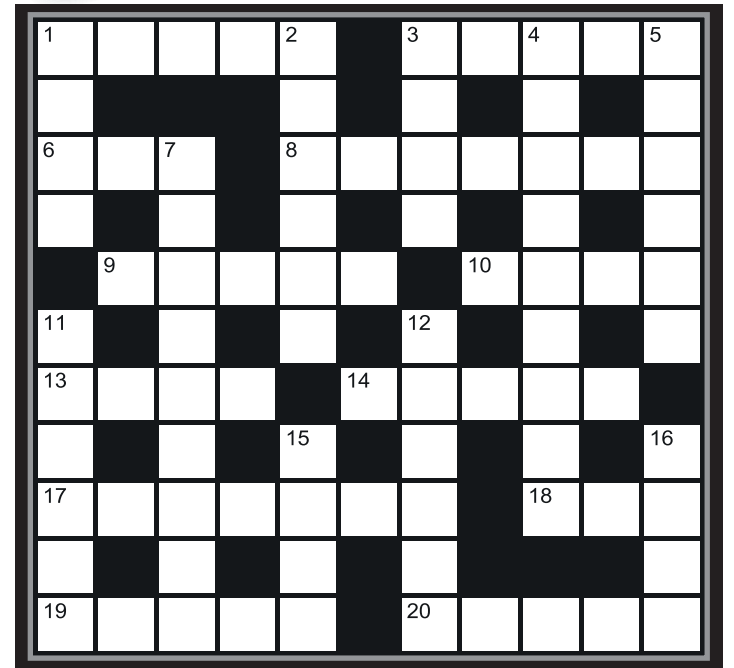
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents Z and 20 represents Y, so fill in Z every time the figure 7 appears and Y every time the figure 20 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

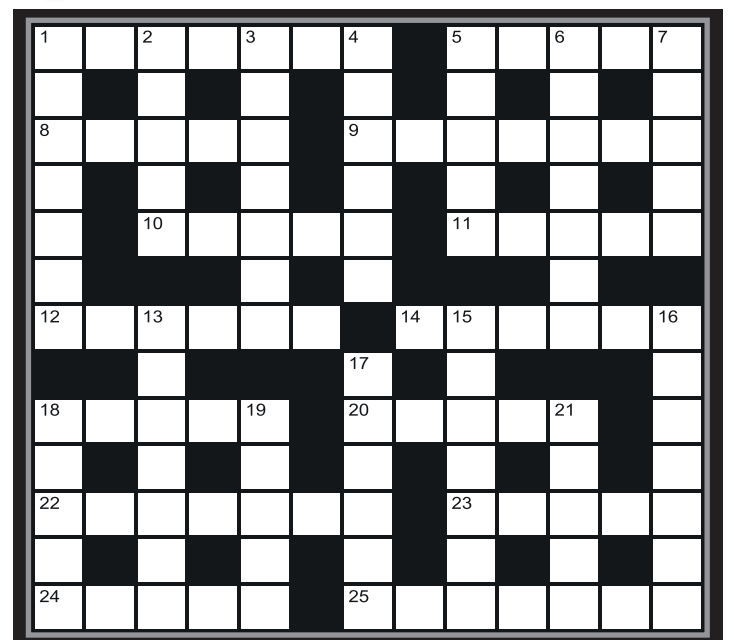
- 1 Annoyed (5)
- 3 Casual trousers made of denim (5)
- 6 See 18
- 8 Dedicated (7)
- 9 Hold back to a later time (5)
- 10 Leave out (4)
- 13 Expect and wish (4)
- 14 Amusing, droll (5)
- 17 Green vegetable (7)
- 18/6 Solidified carbon dioxide (3,3)
- 19 Midday meal (5)
- 20 Clear up or explain (5)

Down

- 1 Child's bed (4)
- 2 Without warning or apparent preparation (6)
- 3 Lively style of dance popular in the 1940s and 1950s (4)
- 4 Tried unsuccessfully (9)
- 5 Calm, dignified and unhurried (6)
- 7 Immunity from an obligation or duty (9)
- 11 Carpentry tool (6)
- 12 Illuminations (6)
- 15 Money in the form of bills or coins (4)
- 16 Computer memory unit (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Cartero (7)
- 5 Hasta (5)
- 8 Velas (náutico) (5)
- 9 Árbitro (7)
- 10 Deaf (5)
- 11 Trick (deceit) (5)
- 12 Dark (lacking light) (6)
- 14 Raspar (6)
- 18 Perla (5)
- 20 Nickname (5)
- 22 Peregrino (7)
- 23 To throw (5)
- 24 Son-in-law (5)
- 25 To withdraw (7)

Down

- 1 Aisle (aeroplane, theatre) (7)
- 2 Salta (5)
- 3 To show (7)
- 4 Estrecho (calle, pasillo) (6)
- 5 Incapaz (5)
- 6 Tortoise (7)
- 7 Full (room, hall, theatre) (5)
- 13 To chat (7)
- 15 El más cerca (7)
- 16 To stretch (7)
- 17 Granjero (6)
- 18 Cachorro (5)
- 19 Iris (flower) (5)
- 21 Otra (f) (5)

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'BREXIT TAKE NOTE'

Kakuro

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

Nonagram

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

R	W	O
H	T	D
G	N	I

TARGET:

- Average: 12
- Very good: 23
- Good: 16
- Excellent: 30

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

atop knap pain pair pant park part pawn pink pint pion pita pont pork porn port prow rapt tarp topi trap trip warp wrap aport apron atrip inapt okapi orpin paint patio piano pinko pinto piton point prank prawn princk print prion tapir twirp inkipot parkin patron tarpon PAINTWORK

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

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

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

LOTTERY

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Saturday June 16

10	18	36	BONUS BALL
37	41	46	8

IRISH LOTTO

Saturday June 16

6	26	27	BONUS BALL
32	45	47	9

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Tuesday June 12

7	21	23	BONUS BALL
36	38		8

Friday June 15

23	26	33	BONUS BALL
38	49		12

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LA PRIMITIVA

Thursday June 14

7	18	35	BONUS BALL
40	41	49	8

JOKER: 5 286 707

Saturday June 16

9	11	18	BONUS BALL
29	30	43	1

JOKER: 4 683 405

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday June 17

2	27	34	BONUS BALL
44	51		4

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

Feel sympathy for those who lack the gift of insight. Their lack of understanding upsets you, but their horizons are narrow. This is a time of giving to yourself. Look forward to some time away or indulging in something that really relaxes you. Should you be searching for someone special, they may be close.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

You know in your heart that you should take control of your future. This is a time to talk with others and consider their thoughts. At the end of the day, however, you are the one who has the final say.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

At times this week you will feel that a certain relationship is not developing along the right lines. Although it seems that your efforts are often in vain, this is a situation that requires thought and patience on your part. It is perhaps a good time to look to your business matters for a change of scene and to set your mind on a more constructive course.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

This is not a time to drift into things because the planets are urging you to take control and forge ahead. Let others know exactly what you want and expect from them. If you do not, others will make decisions for you that could prove less desirable.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Someone who appears to be putting themselves in the way of your progress could simply be trying to help. They may have a valid point to make but just not be good at expressing themselves. Be aware of this because there could be a link to your health and love life.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

You should not feel responsible for the failings of others. Although you may think you could have done more in a certain situation, it is unlikely that any significant difference would have resulted. This is a busy time but also one in which a small persistent voice will be heard: the voice of logic and practicality. Listen to it.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

With your mind sharp and energy high, you want to make fast progress and, indeed, you can. You are only too aware of the time that has been wasted waiting for others. Now, most of that may be dealt with. See how others react when you do not. Leaving others to their own devices works better than nagging.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

A long-term relationship has its wobbly moments this week, but all is not lost. Listen to your heart as it speaks louder than any other voice. You know what you need but that may conflict with what you feel you should want. In an ideal world, these two areas would be in harmony. Give a little happiness to others and your own heart will be lighter.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

When you meet opposition try to use persuasion and logic to win the day. Failing that, you may decide that 'enough is enough' and forge ahead, anyway. In this positive mood you find yourself attractive to the opposite sex. That does not mean you have a right to be pushy. Just use your charm. Combining business with pleasure could lead to trouble, so try to keep these two areas separate.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

Making firm decisions in your love life may prove difficult. Do not be rushed. This is far from a straightforward week and you need to remember how to relax. You are able to deal with what comes your way but it is upsetting to find that someone has been less than honest.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There is a strong feeling of 'self' this week, and you realise that you have many things to be thankful for. These thoughts come after a period of uncertainty that saw a lack of progress.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

Your sense of balance in the universe could be upset, but do not let this sour either your thoughts or your character. You are in the eye of the storm so take this time to think.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Lick, 3 Marcador, 9/6 Pasta de dientes, 10 Sweep, 11 Tired, 12 Aceite, 14 Clavel, 16 Triste, 19 Marmol, 21 Corto, 24 Linen, 25 Fregona, 26 Asterisk, 27 Este.

Down:

- 1 Lipstick, 2 Coser, 4 Abejas, 5 Cisne, 7 Ripe, 8 Saddle, 13 Lemonade, 15 Against, 17 Rocket, 18 Cliffs, 20 Menor, 22 Rooms, 23 Olla.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Dirge, 4 Despair, 8 Flytrap, 9 Chimp, 10 Realists, 11 Knit, 13 Radish, 14 Fenced, 17 Bold, 19 Fastened, 22 Tonic, 23 Instead, 24 Scratch, 25 Nudge.

Down:

- 1 Defier, 2 Reynard, 3 Earliest, 4 Deputy, 5 Sack, 6 Alien, 7 Reputed, 12 Jettison, 13 Rebates, 15 Contend, 16 Parish, 18 Loner, 20 Dodge, 21 Scat.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Cross, 4 Grasp, 7 Sanctuary, 8 Ally, 10 Acid, 13 Owner, 14 Debt, 17 Encounter, 19 Waste, 20 Topsy.

Down:

- 1 Casual, 2 Own, 3 Sett, 4 Glance, 5 Anytime, 6 Pact, 9 Lawless, 11 Rescue, 12 Sturdy, 15 Know, 16 Just, 18 Tip.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

QUIZ: THE SPICES OF LIFE

- According to the lyrics of Donovan's 1968 UK Top Five hit single, who 'lives upon the hill', is 'sitting very still', 'rides a dappled mare' and has 'lilacs in her hair'?
- In the board game Cluedo, which 'suspect' is described as 'a stock great white hunter and colonial imperialist, he is usually a dignified, dapper and dangerous military man'?
- In the television sitcom Fawlty Towers, what was the first name of the main character played by actor John Cleese?
- In which 1951 film does a meek bank clerk (Alec Guinness) who oversees the shipment of bullion join forces with an eccentric neighbour (Stanley Holloway) to steal gold bars and smuggle them out of the country as miniature Eiffel Towers?
- Released in January 1972, which English pop group topped the UK singles chart with Son of My Father?
- Scarborough Fair and The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feeling Groovy) both featured on which Simon and Garfunkel album, released in 1966?

- What name is given to a highly ornamented staff of metal or wood, carried before a sovereign or other high official in civic ceremonies, intended to represent the official's authority?
- What name is given to the playing technique used chiefly in association football where the aim is to kick, roll, dribble, throw or push the ball between an opponent's legs?
- What nickname was shared by drummer Peter Baker, race horse trainer Donald McCain and actress Virginia Rogers?
- Which American funk rock band were formed in Los Angeles in 1983 by Anthony Kiedis, Hillel Slovak, Flea and Jack Irons?

Not a lot of people know that... allspice is a berry, not a blend of spices.

Answers:

- JENNIFER JUNIPER,
- COLONEL MUSTARD,
- BASIL,
- THE LAVENDER HILL MOB,
- CHICORY TIP,
- PARSLEY,
- SAGE,
- ROSEMARY AND THYME,
- MAJIC,
- NUMTEG,
- GINGER,
- RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

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A LANDMARK paper from 2013 that uncovered the benefits of a Mediterranean diet on the heart has just been retracted by a prestigious medical journal.

The study carried out by the *New England Journal of Medicine* was found to contain errors.

Apparently, the study did not remove flawed Spanish data which on later analysis showed the claim to be weaker than initially suggested.

The original study claimed that eating a Mediterranean diet supplemented with olive oil or nuts slashed the risk of heart attack or stroke by 30 per cent.

However, after being retracted the revised paper claims that there is simply a correlation between this particular diet and benefits for the heart.

The study was retracted due to concerns that participants



QUESTIONABLE DIET: Findings about the Mediterranean diet have been withdrawn.

who took part in the initial research weren't of a similar height, weight and age. Without this correlation, the results of any trial could be compromised.

Professor Naveed Sattar, from Glasgow University which initially carried out the research said: "This is a highly unusual step and I am sure that the NEJM took this decision very seriously."

In fact, after the reanalysis, little changed in terms of the overall results of the Spanish research of nearly 7,500 people.

And even though the findings have been retracted, he stated that it was "reassuring" to see the results remained broadly similar.

So it would seem that this research was flawed, but the benefits of the Mediterranean diet are still self-evident.



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A total of 208 volunteers took part in a blind tasting of six different wines, two whites, one rose, and three reds. The volunteers were then asked about the quality of the wine and the feelings it evoked.

The research was led by Dr Carolina Chaya from the Technical University of Madrid. Speaking of the research, she said: "Emotions like good, happy, joyful, mild and pleasant were positively associated with attributes such as fruity and floral, and more negative emotions like aggressive and guilty were associated with attributes related to red wine."

The report in the journal Food Quality and Preference also found that the young feel less guilty about drinking than older tipplers. And that older drinkers tend to drink to remember whilst younger drinkers to forget.



JOYFUL: Research advises drinking white wine to avoid negative emotions.

Advice for Brits abroad

THE British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has advised holidaymakers to check the rules on taking medicines abroad to avoid breaking the law.

Apparently some commonly-prescribed medications in the UK are 'controlled drugs' in certain countries. These include medicines such as Diazepam, Tramadol and codeine. In Japan, for example, some cold remedies are banned while some sleeping pills need a licence in Singapore. And in Qatar, over-the-counter medicines such as cold and cough remedies must be accompanied by a prescription.

If you fail to comply with the law you risk being arrested, fined or imprisoned in many countries, Greece and the UAE.

With nearly half the UK population on prescribed medication this could mean that around 21 million people could be put in a difficult situation.

The FCO recommends travellers check their website's travel advice pages. If you're unsure, they recommend contacting the embassy, high commission or consulate in the UK of the country you're travelling to for further advice.

They suggest that when travelling you always carry medicines in their correctly labelled container in your hand luggage.

And if you are prescribed to take controlled substances or injection medications, always carry a note from the prescribing doctor.

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ARABIC MUSIC: Ali Khattab.

Arab/Flamenco mix

ALI KHATTAB was born and raised in Cairo (Egypt), where he became a musician and fell in love with the flamenco guitar sound, which led him to settle in Andalucía.

After immersing himself in the Andalusian culture, he began to combine the rhythms and modes of Arabic music with those of flamenco. The conversation between these two styles has represented the basis of his success to date, including two highly praised albums: Al-Zarqa and Sin Pais.

He refers to his Al-Zarqa album as a brunette with blue eyes and subsequently explained that this is his style of music, a mixture of two worlds in perfect harmony.

His quintet will be part of the Alamar world music festival when they will appear at the esplanade of the Meson Gitano on Thursday July 5 at 10pm with free entry until all seats are taken.

19 nights of music to enjoy



Credit: Facebook

CONCERTS: La Huella Versiones play on July 27 and August 10.

THE council in Almeria City has excelled itself by organising a series of concerts as part of the Almeria summer festival.

There are five concerts in June, seven in July and nine in August all of which are free and appropriately as the series is entitled Nights in the light of the moon, each gig will start at 11.30pm at one of El Toyo's tourist resorts,

Plaza del Mar.

The line-up for the June concerts on the nights of 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30 will be Los Substitutes, Jesus Cortes, Santi Gomez, Tribute to Hombres G and Tributo a Sabina, respectively.

In the month of July the seven other concerts will take place on 5, 6, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27, with David Santiago, Los Vinilos, 80 Pop, Los Sub-

stitutes, Jesus Cortes, Santi Gomez and La Huella Versiones, respectively.

Finally, the nine August events will take place on 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31, with, in order David Santiago, Manu Martinez, La Huella Versiones, Los Substitutes, Tributo a Sabina, Santi Gomez, David Santiago, Manu Martinez and The Beatles Tribute.

Night in White declared a success



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Cuevas del Almanzora

ENJOYABLE: A great evening was had by all.

THE town of Cuevas del Almanzora recently enjoyed its annual noche en blanco which combined a number of celebrations with extended shopping hours.

A great evening was had by the public and participating stores and there was a spectacular parade followed by music in the Parque del Recreo.

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SUMMER SCHOOL: Graduate dancers will mentor the students.

Summer school for young dancers

FOR those with children or grandchildren in the area of Almazora who want to learn more about dance and theatre, they have until the end of June to register their interest.

The Cuevas del Almazora school of music, dance and theatre, in cooperation with the local Department of Education, will be running a summer school from July 9 to 13 at the Desert Springs Resort in Almeria.

According to the director of the school and camp coordinator, Belen Lopez Aledo, "The students have the opportunity to live a unique experience. For a week they will share their work as dancers with the daily experiences. In the mornings the facilities of the convent of San Francisco, where the municipal school

of music, dance and theatre is located, will be dedicated to training and teaching with two long-standing graduated dancers, Yolanda Urios and Daniel Meseguer."

The students will expand their knowledge in specialties such as classical, Spanish and modern dance. "The afternoons have been designed for fun and leisure within the resort. A private bus will transfer the students who will stay at an exclusive residential resort on a full board basis. It includes a pool in which they will perform different activities such as aquadance."

This is a unique camp open to all youngsters interested in the subject and any enquiries may be made by calling 617 440 008.

Mojacar holds its second romantic night

TOMORROW night (Friday) will see the town of Mojacar join in with 350 other towns and villagers for the most beautiful kiss in the world.

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The council has extended an open invitation to everyone in the town including tourists to come and enjoy this special evening.

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menus as well as decorations especially for the occasion, with love themed food and drinks.

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San Juan - a night to remember

RESIDENTS of and visitors to Garrucha are looking forward to the night of San Juan this Saturday.

Legend has it that those who go for a swim (or even a paddle) on the Garrucha beach that night will wake up younger and more beautiful the next day!

Although the arrival of the summer solstice heralds in the shortest night of the year, those in the town actually extend it by partying until dawn.

The council has organised activities for all ages, with a foam party on the beach of Posito, a performance by the Kacike orchestra, burning of the ship and sets of fallas (satirical sculptures), the first on the Malecon in the playground of the boat and the second in the area of the new Marina as well as a DJ party on the beach in front of Manhattan

Eat Well
to Live Well
by Andrew Harding



Chicken on the BBQ



ALL FIRED UP: Barbecued chicken.

HERE is the second of my barbecue recipes using chicken, the combination of ingredients sounds strange, but it is easy to prepare however not so easy to cook properly.

Food poisoning from pork and chicken at a barbecue is relatively common. If I am eating barbecued food (including my own) I always cut chicken, pork and their products in half at the thickest point to ensure they are cooked through.

Barbecued chicken

Serves 4

750 grams of chicken breast, no skin, no bone

Marinade

- 150 ml tomato ketchup
- 100 ml white horseradish sauce
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns finely ground

Hint: Serve with salad and a dressing cold cooked pasta with a little drizzle of Extra Virgin Olive Oil mixed with freshly squeezed lemon juice.

Tip: If you use a charcoal BBQ stir the coals first to make sure there

Cube (2cm) or slice the chicken breasts (1cm thick). (I will be detailing two different ways of barbecuing) and place in a bowl.

Make the marinade by mixing all the ingredients together and pour into the bowl containing the chicken and thoroughly mix until completely coated.

Cover and place in the fridge for at least two hours, or overnight.

Using a brush or kitchen roll, coat the grill in any cooking oil to prevent sticking.

Light the barbecue.

If you prefer chicken cubes thread them on to a metal skewer, allowing a gap of about an inch in between each cube. The rationale behind this is so that all sides get cooked and the metal skewer conducts heat well, so will also cook from the inside out, as well as the BBQ cooking from outside in!

The sliced chicken can be placed straight on the grill, both are rotated, the sliced chicken twice or more, the cubed chicken, four times or more.

are no bits of firelighters or BBQ starter fluid left, or the food will taste of paraffin!

Tip: There should be no yellow flames and very little smoke when you start barbecuing, the coals should be glowing with a layer of white ash.

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Home group head's law call

THE president of an expatriate homeowner's lobbying group has said she believes the Junta de Andalucía is not willing to resolve the issue of irregular homes in the near future.

Maura Hillen, President of Abusos Urbanísticos Almanzora NO (AUAN), said regional authorities took important steps to begin with but progress on resolving the status of irregular homes had since stalled.

She added measures taken by the Junta had left many homes previously deemed illegal due to them being built on rustic land in legal limbo.

"We warned them about this but they didn't listen," she said.

Hillen's comments come as the AUAN has recently reached out to political groups in Almería and Andalucía to back offering irregular houses legal status.

The conservative Partido Popular (PP) said it would back the granting of AFO status to the properties, allowing owners to pay for bills and sell them on.

The left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE), currently in power in Andalucía, said they would not back the plans on the grounds that it would 'reward' illegal behaviour.

Hillen said their plans of reclassifying the land on which the houses were built into de-



Photo credit: AUAN

SPEAKING OUT: Maura Hillen is the President of AUAN.

velopable land would only reward developers and not homeowners.

"We are only asking for the minimum recognition for these houses so they can access services and register them at the Land Registry."

"Houses that were previously permitted and now cannot be demolished must be regularised minimising environmental impacts, and the sooner the better," she said.

The AUAN has been lobby-

ing the provincial authorities in Almería and the Junta de Andalucía to modify planning rules for several years.

Previous changes to the law meant houses built on rustic rural land and sold to expatriates were deemed illegal.

Some, such as those belonging to the Prior and Payne families, were threatened with demolition as a result. The Prior's house was demolished and the couple later received compensation.

ANDALUCIA'S agriculture minister has met with representatives from a Cantoria-based farming union to discuss water supplies.

Rodrigo Sanchez Haro spoke about investing in and

Farm meeting

improving irrigation systems with farm workers.

Sanchez Haro also said the

best way to fight against depopulation was to have a sustainable water policy.

He added his department was opposed to proposed changes to the European Union's (EU) Common Agricultural Policy restricting the aid available for irrigation improvements.

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May-jor trouble

A WORKS inspection report has accused Albox Town Council and Mayor Francisco Torrecillas of using fake self-employed workers for construction work in a case which implicates the current mayor.

The inspection discovered two stone masons, one Spanish and the other Romanian, were working under a falsified self-employed classification.

They charge a fee of €10 per hour but only the Spaniard received that amount.

The council sets the rate along with controlling the hours and organising the works.

Torrecillas did not attend the work inspectorate's summons last year but submitted a statement blaming Cristobal Montoro, the then Minister of Finance for the situation.

Big 'uni' test day

by Gregory Kirby

'BACHILLERATO' students from Albox's Cardenal Cisneros school have completed the access tests to gain a place at the University of Almeria.

They were among other pupils from schools in Roquetas de Mar, El Ejido, Huerca Overa and Adra.

The 3,110 candidates were very nervous but the majority of teachers accompanying students said the all-important access test was 'manageable' for those who have had a good year.

Manuel Gamez, the director of access and relations with secondary education, lead the operation and said "The 'first few hours' - which include the language test - were the most nerve-racking.

"Exam takers soon relax when they realise their studying has prepared them well," he added.



TESTED: Students entering the University of Almeria's science building.

Gamez said the University access assessment test needs to be 'de-dramatised' because most applicants who have applied demonstrated that they are capable of succeeding.

There were 400 more

hopefuls compared to last year.

And 200 of them were taking the test for a second time after falling short of the requirement for their desired degree courses on the first attempt.

Tennis for all

by Gregory Kirby

ALBOX residents will soon be able to enjoy two brand new municipal tennis courts at the town's water and health sports centre.

Town mayor Francisco Torrecillas said the courts 'meet all regulations' and that the council built the courts using the highest quality materials.

The new courts add to a list of other municipal sports facilities which will soon be open for use, including covered and open-air swimming pools, four padel courts and a gym.

After the courts are finished, authorities will start to build a

park, an elderly person's leisure space and a cycling track.

The new developments in addition to the Las Ventas and Francisco Torrecillas pavilions and the Las Ventas football club, put Albox's sports infrastructure among the best.

And the facilities reportedly allow for a full and varied programme of sports clubs for residents of all ages and skills.

Torrecillas said sport is one of the main indicators to measure the health of a town.

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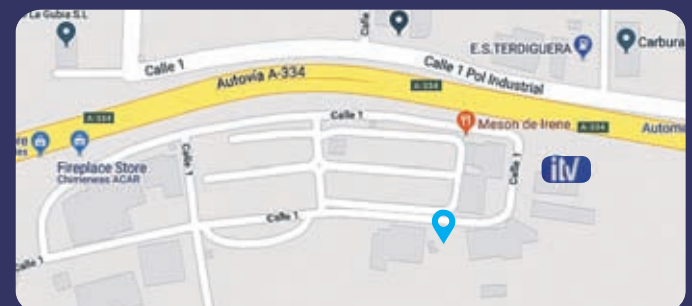
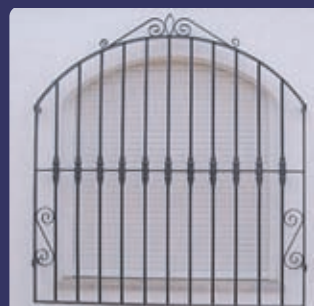
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Market mayhem

ALBOX'S Popular Party (PP) has complained about mayor Francisco Torrecillas' 'dictatorial behaviour' for refusing to comply with an agreement to relocate the weekly market to its original site.

An absolute majority in a June 7 plenary reportedly voted to return the Tuesday markets to their original sites.

Torrecillas moved the fruit and vegetable market and the textile market unilaterally in October 2017 ignoring a municipal decree, according to the PP.

The conservative PP has demanded the mayor return the stalls to their initial locations on the Plaza Mayor, Calle del Muro, plaza Nueva and Ambassador Inocencio Arias, Andalusia and Rosario streets.



Photo credits Twitter/Ayuntamiento de Albox

STALLED: Charity sellers tend a stall at Albox market.

"The mayor must respect the plenary's agreements. Any other decision is rashness that has legal consequences," the PP warned.

PP councillors have spoken to 141 market sellers, 123 of whom said they would rather their stalls

be moved back to the original spot, 13 said they are satisfied with the move and five were indifferent.

The PP said they will not allow the mayor to do what he wants and ignore merchants' demands.

Health visit

THE Junta de Andalucía's Health spokesperson has visited new health centres in Almanzora and Levante. The trip comes as the authority invested more than €1.3 million in a primary care centre in Arboleas.

Health minister Marina Alvarez said the money

spent on the centre there and in Antas showed the Junta was committed to boosting the level of care.

The Arboleas centre first opened its doors in December last year. It has 14 consultation spaces and covers more than 1,500 square metres.

'Not all immigrants are the same'

by Gregory Kirby

ALBOX reading circle has welcomed Rafael M Martos to present his new and topical book about the experiences of migrants crossing the Mediterranean.

Martos, the ex-editor of *www.noticiasalmeria.com*, wrote *Mas Alla del Cementerio Azul* (Beyond the Blue Cemetery) to raise awareness about migrants' plights.

He gave a synopsis of the piece and profiles of the four main characters to a crowd of literature enthusiasts.

"Not all immigrants are the same, nor cross the Mediterranean for the same reason, nor have the same goals in life," Martos said.

He also drew attention to the fact that we, or our ancestors, were immigrants at some point.

The literary work is 'quite poetical' and is written like a newspaper article in parts, providing an interesting contrast, according to the author and journalist.

Heading popular request, Martos spoke



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LAUNCHED: Rafael M Martos talking about his brand-new piece.

about his first publication, *No les va a gustar* (You are not going to like it) about the exclusives he released during his first few years as a journalist in Almeria.

Of particular interest to the audience was a chapter titled, *Tarjeta roja* (red card), about a socialist ex-mayor's use of a municipal visa.

Maria Dolores Maldonado, the circle's president, handed Martos a momentum to mark the literary evening in Albox.

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A DELIGHTFUL part of any garden is the presence of butterflies.

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their short time free to fly about as they will. The end of spring

to early summer you can see many of them meeting on lavender, lantana and other flowers while dodging bees, wasps and other insects to find their meals of purest delight from the flowers.

In autumn after the first rains and before the onset of winter cold they again emerge, often in greater number, to fill the garden with gentle activity and spectacular colours as they visit their favourite autumn flowers.

It can be fascinating to try and identify the different species with such interesting names as admiral, southern speckled wood and brown argus.

Not all that flutter are butterflies. Moths can also be present although they tend to emerge more at night. Other than by reputation, moths and butterflies are very similar. Moths



BUSY BUTTERFLIES:
Love wild flowers,
especially lavender.

have feathery type antennae and butterflies have a club like antennae.

Another difference is moths' forewings and hind wings are joined so they can fly better with the wings in unison while a butterfly are not, so they may seem a little more clumsy. Butterflies overall tend to be larger and more colourful than moths, but there are small butterflies and larger colourful moths.

If you do not have many butterflies in your garden it may be that the environment does not

have enough of the right plants that they live on as caterpillars and feed from as butterflies. It can also be that insecticides have eliminated them if you are near agricultural areas.

Butterflies are a sign a healthy ecology as they represent a delicate addition to the garden that can be easily destroyed if insecticides are used or only a small variety of plants are present.

The area I live in is rural but

not with much commercial agriculture on a big scale as farming conventionally becomes less attractive to young people and the interest in sustainable agriculture increases. This has allowed a return of many more butterflies in the garden.

My lavender bushes were covered in butterflies and bees this morning. On a walk through the field to collect the ripened apricots, the whole field appeared to be active with butterflies busy on the native wild flowers I leave growing in the field until July when they are cut to reduce fire hazard.

If you wish to encourage butterflies to your garden, most of the Mediterranean native flowers have a place to breed, shelter or feed butterflies.

So if you have the space to allow wild flowers to grow it will assist in rejuvenating a healthy ecology. It is a part of the ecology that plants are eaten for the wildlife to survive. We cannot have perfect plants and have butterflies, and other insects.

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WHEN a dog is involved in an accident of any kind, it is important to keep calm. If you get agitated, upset or panic, the dog will also be affected. It may come to you for help or it may bite if you are seen as the source of its pain or because you make the pain worse.

Traffic accidents are a major cause of injury for dogs and are most likely to result in aggressiveness. If you have to move the dog, do so on something solid or a blanket if nothing else is available.

Stop any bleeding by holding a handkerchief or pad over the wound and apply a tourniquet if possible, but not for more than 10 minutes. Get

First aid tips



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the dog to a vet quickly.

Burns can be caused by a whole variety of things from scalding water and chemicals to electric wires. Run cool water in a steady stream over the affected part before taking the dog to a vet.

If your dog is choking, get your fingers around the object choking the dog. You may be able to pull it out, but there is a danger you will push it further down the throat. You can try putting both hands on its stomach just in front of the hind legs and lifting the dog's back up into the air several times. Pumping the chest as for drowning may also help.

Remember, not all dogs can swim. After rescuing your dog from drowning, try to empty

its lungs of water as soon as possible. Place the dog's head lower than its body, open its mouth and begin to pump the chest by pressing down on the ribs and releasing the pressure immediately. Repeat at five-second intervals.

Signs to look out for if your dog has been poisoned include collapse, muscular twitching, vomiting, bleeding or convulsion. If you see your dog pick up a poisonous object, don't panic because the

dog could swallow it quickly to prevent you from taking it away.

Calmly try to distract it with a tit-bit or



DROWNING: Remember not all dogs can swim.

toy. If you're too late but know the poison has been swallowed recently, try to make the dog sick with a mixture of salt and mustard in water. Take whatever the cause of poisoning was with you to the vet.

Finally, dogs will shrug off most insect bites and stings more easily than a human. But there are dogs, like humans, who can have a severe allergic reaction. If there is severe swelling, vomiting, a high temperature or obvious pain, get to a vet. Snakes rarely attack unless cornered and most of them are harmless anyway if they are the same colour all over or have stripes running down the

body. The dangerous ones are thin vipers and those with stripes around the body, diamond backs, or with a blotchy pattern, or with fangs for injecting poison. Get the dog to a vet quickly and, if possible, take the snake (better dead) with you.

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Looking broadly similar to the concept that was last year revealed at the 2017 Villa d'Este concourse in Italy, the car forms part of a new 'design language' for the brand which aims to be cleaner and more contemporary.

The headlights are narrow and can be fitted with lasers if certain options are ordered, and they sit aside a giant kidney grille which uses active aero aids and 'an almost fully-sealed underbody' which offers increased aerodynamic performance.

It can be bought with one of two engines from launch, an 840d and a M850i, both of which come with the xDrive all-wheel drive system and an eight-speed 'Steptronic' automatic gear box as standard.

The diesel features a 3.0-litre straight-six turbo engine with

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New BMW 8-series revealed

306bhp and 520lb ft of torque, and is capable of 0-100kph in 4.9 seconds.

The M850i comes with a 4.4-litre twin-turbo V8 generating 523bhp and 553lb ft of torque, and will do 0-100kph in 3.74 seconds.

Under normal driving

conditions the xDrive system sends all power to the rear wheels to aid efficiency, but if the car de-

fects slip or is heavily loaded the front pair are engaged to improve grip.

BMW's 'integral active steering,' or rear wheel steering, is also fitted as standard.

In order to keep the 8-series as light as possible the roof, doors, bonnet and front bulkhead are made of aluminium, while the centre transmission tunnel through the cockpit is forged from carbon fibre reinforced plastic, of which other parts can also be specced.

Inside, the car is fitted with the latest version of the iDrive infotainment and instrument display system with a large centre console, while cruise control, a heads-up display and active parking is all fitted as standard.

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Hatch made in heaven

AUDI is set to take on Mini with its new A1 Sportback.

The supermini is packed with technology, safety kit and new premium features, and is set to go on sale in November.

The outgoing first-generation model is the German brand's third best-selling model in the UK, and has only once notched annual sales of less than 90,000 across Europe every year since it was launched in 2010.

But Mini last year shifted 215,549 units, meaning Audi has yet to reach its potential in the sector.

The new A1 looks sportier than the old model, with a single frame front grille and three flat bonnet slits reminiscent of the original 1984 Sport Quattro.

It is available only with five doors and has been made longer to increase cabin space and boot volume, with the latter adding 65 litres.

There will be no diesel option, rather a range of turbocharged TFSI petrol engines, including a 95bhp 1.0-litre three cylinder, plus 1.5-litre and 2.0-litre four-cylinder options delivering up to 197 bhp.

The standard gear box is a six-speed manual with a seven-speed S tronic automatic transmission available, while the fastest model, the 40 TFSI, comes with a six-speed S tronic box.

A 250bhp all-wheel-drive model is lined up for 2019, while active damping is optional and higher-end models get sports suspension.

The car comes with a 10.25 inch all-digital instrument cluster and multi-function steering wheel, while all but entry-level models are equipped with an 8.8 or 10.1 inch infotainment touchscreen and the option of a 560W Bang & Olufsen 11-speaker audio set-up.

It also has radar-based technology for automatic ac-



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SUPERMINI: The new car looks sportier than the outgoing model.

cident mitigation, adaptive speed cruise control, a reversing camera, parking sensors and an automatic parking system.

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ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

Lexus RX450h F Sport

THE Lexus 450 RX hybrid is the company's biggest seller, with more than two million sold worldwide.

Now in its fourth generation, the luxury SUV has a longer wheelbase, more cabin space and additional features.

Radical restyling makes the RX 450h distinctive in its sector, and its deliberate emphasis on refined driving

namics and occupant comfort makes it a stand-out choice.

Priced from €55,605 (£48,645), this full-hybrid model with electric CVT auto transmission is powered by a 3.5-litre 259 hp V6 petrol engine boosted by two electric

STATS PANEL

- **Model:** Lexus RX 450h F Sport
- **Engine:** 3.5 litre petrol with electric motors
- **Transmission:** Electric CVT
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 7.7 seconds, top speed 200 kph (124 mph)
- **Economy:** 18.2 kpl (51.4 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 127 g/km

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.



LUXURY: This fourth generation hybrid has been radically restyled.

motors, meaning it can run on electric power only. While smooth and quiet, it still delivers eager performance, 0-100 kph in just 7.7 seconds, with a top speed of 200 kph (124 mph). Fuel economy is 18.2 kpl (51.4 mpg) and emissions 127 g/km.

The RX 450h has an awesome road presence. Its massive grille, sharply contoured bodywork and hefty alloy wheels give it a dominating muscular appearance, especially on the F-Sport test model which adds lots of extra kit and is priced at €61,892 (£54,145).

It comes with self-levelling four-position air suspension, selectable drive mode, premium sat-nav, Bluetooth, heated and ventilated front seats with leather upholstery, front and rear parking sensors, roof rails, powered

tailgate and plenty of safety features including pre-collision system, adaptive cruise control, lane departure alert and automatic high beam.

There is also a 30 cm (12.3 inch) infotainment screen and wireless phone charger among its extensive list of equipment.

The premium-look cabin is longer and wider than previously, and offers generous head and legroom for five adults. The 453-litre boot can be doubled by dropping the rear seats. The dashboard is impressively styled using quality materials and there is a good layout of instruments and controls.

The RX 450h is a smooth, quiet and effortless drive, relaxing on the longest journeys. Ride comfort is armchair quality and handling assured, with plenty of grip and stability.

For such a large and imposing vehicle, it can be docile and easy to drive in the city, yet can be surprisingly sporty when shown the open road.



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World Cup 2018

Pride of England

Harry the hero as Lions march on

GARETH SOUTHGATE will be looking to improve England's wastefulness in front of goal ahead of their second game in World Cup Group G.

The Three Lions play Panama, who lost 3-0 to Belgium in their first tie, at 2pm on Sunday in Nizhny Novgorod.

And there is a strong chance the coach could opt to tweak the starting line-up which spurned a raft of chances following good approach play against Tunisia on Monday.

Raheem Sterling - who has not scored for 21 internationals - Jesse Lingard and Dele Alli were most guilty but even John Stones, England's best central defender on the night, shanked a volley with the goal at his mercy.

Marcus Rashford and Ruben Loftus-Cheek both staked their claims to replace Sterling and Alli, respectively, after impressing during their cameos, while Danny Rose could come in for Ashley Young at left back after the Manchester United player won only five of 20 duels and gave the ball away 13 times.

Southgate's selection dilemmas come after captain Harry Kane's stoppage-time winner saw the Three Lions pick up their first win in the opening game of a major tournament since defeating Paraguay in the 2006 World Cup.

It was just reward after England were by far the better team in Volgograd, racking up eight shots on target to Tunisia's one.

The team started brilliantly, flying at their opponents and passing the ball with speed



MAN OF THE MATCH:
Kieran Trippier.

Trip surpriser

ENGLAND'S Kieran Trippier has been dubbed the 'Bury Beckham' after being named the most creative player in the first round of World Cup matches, creating six chances. The Spurs right back was a constant threat bombing forwards and with his set piece deliveries.

and accuracy before Kane turned in the opener after 11 minutes.

England continued to apply the pressure and missed opportunities to extend the lead until they were punished for Kyle Walker's clumsy elbow on Fakhreddine Ben Youssef, Ferjani Sassi equalising from the spot.

Walker was criticised for facing his own goal in the wake of referee Wilmar Roldan's harsh decision, but centre back is not his natural position and he remains a work in progress there.

Tunisia dug in with their physical approach and frustrated England in the hot and humid conditions as the game wore on, with Dele Alli particularly out of sorts in the second period after picking up a thigh injury before half time.

But the team never gave up and fully deserved the victory secured by Kane's clever late header after the striker had earlier been wrestled to the ground in the penalty area on two oc-

casions when VAR officials should have given penalties.

And it was a vitally important win for a young and inexperienced England side which can now face its remaining group fixtures with confidence and momentum.

Southgate said afterwards he would have been proud of his players performances "if we'd drawn," but Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Brazil and Germany failed to win their opening games at this tournament while England did not.

DOUBLE JOY:
Harry Kane is the first England player to score twice in a World Cup match since Gary Lineker against Cameroon at Italia 1990.



Next fixture: Sunday June 24
England 14:00 Panama
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

GROUP G	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Belgium	1	1	0	3	0	3	3
England	1	1	0	2	1	1	3
Tunisia	1	0	0	1	2	-1	0
Panama	1	0	0	1	3	-3	0

Transfer rumours

Who is in, who is out, and who is most wanted in England and Spain?

Manchester United's Spanish goalkeeper David de Gea, 27, is set to become the highest-paid stopper in the world when he signs his new contract, although Real Madrid could yet test the Red Devils' resolve with a €115 million bid. (*Marca*)



Photo credit: Twitter

TOP GEA: Manchester United keeper David de Gea is set to sign a world record deal.

Belgium talisman Eden Hazard, 27, has warned his club Chelsea that longtime admirers Real Madrid 'could interest me' if the team is 'less good' than last season. (*The Sun*)

Spanish club **Sevilla** and Turkish giants Fenerbache are set to lock horns over the signing of unwanted Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge, 28, with the Anfield club ready to accept offers exceeding €17 million. (*The Telegraph*)

Barcelona could turn to Lyon left back Ferland Mendy, 23, if Bayern Munich firm up their interest in French defender Lucas Digne, 24, and have ramped up their bid to sign Juventus playmaker Miralem Pjanic, 28. (*Sport*)

Real Madrid are confident of securing the signature of Roma and Brazil goalkeeper Alisson Becker, 25, for around €60 million after making an opening offer of €50 million. (*Marca*)

Real Betis are keen on Porto midfielder Oliver Torres, 23, but the Portuguese club are reluctant to let him go for less than €20 million. (*A Bola*)

Arsenal's Spanish right back Hector Bellerin, 23, has reportedly been told he is one of only five players that new boss Unai Emery considers unsellable, as the Gunners close in on a €54.7 double swoop for Bayer Leverkusen's Germany goalkeeper Bernd Leno, 26, and Sampdoria's Uruguay midfielder Lucas Torreira, 22. (*Mirror*)

West Ham appear to have beaten rivals Sevilla to the signing of Toulouse defender Issa Diop, with the 21-year-old Frenchman reportedly set to ink a five-year deal with the Hammers. (*Star*)

Manchester United are preparing a €68m bid for Chelsea's Brazilian winger Willian, 29, as the Red Devils prepare for life without 22-year-old French forward Anthony Martial. (*Manchester Evening News*)

Nabil Fekir's agent says the 24-year-old Lyon captain could still join Liverpool this summer after a €60 million deal for the French international collapsed earlier this month. (*LCI*)

Southampton, West Ham, Wolves, Sampdoria and AC Milan are all interested in Arsenal's English midfielder Jack Wilshere, 26, whose contract expires on July 1. (*Sky Sports*)



MALLORCAN rider Jorge Lorenzo put on a dominant show as he won the Catalan MotoGP for Ducati, taking the chequered flag more than four seconds ahead of championship leader and fellow Spaniard Marc Marquez, with Italian legend Valentino Rossi in third.

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Gift of the Garb

TWO-TIME Grand Slam winner Garbiñe Muguruza says she is ready to defend her Wimbledon title.

The 24-year-old Spaniard, who has not always done well on grass, said: "I believe I can win the trophy again."

"The tricky part [of playing on grass] is adapting the body and movement."

"Other surfaces are more comfortable for the body, you have to run in a certain

way.

"The ball bounces less, the balls are heavier, the court is faster... But I think my movement and physical capacity and strength, all have improved a lot."

Muguruza won the 2016 French Open but this year lost to eventual winner Simona Halep, 26, in the semi-final at Roland Garros.

She bagged the Wimbledon 2017 trophy with a 7-5, 6-0 victory over the American Venus Williams.

And the current World Number Three said that she continues to improve on grass, adding: "It's very different. There are no grass courts in Spain. It took two or three years to be more positive. Now I enjoy it."

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ENDURANCE TEST:
Fernando Alonso, left,
and Sebastien Buemi
celebrate their win.



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Now Fer the crown

FERNANDO ALONSO won the Le Mans 24 Hours at the first attempt. The Formula 1 driver and team-mates Sebastien Buemi and Kazuki Nakajima also drove Toyota its first ever victory in the famous race.

And the 36-year-old Spaniard now wants to win the Indianapolis 500 as he aims to complete motorsport's 'triple crown,' since he has already finished top of the podium at Monaco Grand Prix twice.

Only English legend Graham Hill has ever won all three classic races.

Former F1 driver Nakajima put the Toyota hybrid machine on pole position and the first half of the gruelling race saw the lead swing between Alonso's team and the number seven car piloted by Briton Mike Conway, Japanese Kamui Kobayashi and Argentine Jose Maria Lopez.

Buemi, also an ex-F1 star, was then hit with a 60-second stop-and-go penalty for speeding in a caution zone, leaving the number eight outfit two-thirds of a lap and more than two minutes behind.

But Alonso pulled the time back during a series of night-time stints behind the wheel, and Nakajima retook the lead in the 16th hour before the team held on for victory and a Toyota one-two.

British driver Jenson Button, the 2009 F1 world champion, failed to complete the race after his Russian SMP team's car spent two hours in the pits before retiring.

The Japanese manufacturer was the only team entering a hybrid car in the top LMP1 class.

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