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Vuelta arsonist addicted

THE arsonist who torched the Aqua Blue Sport team bus is a pyromaniac who has been arrested more than 60 times for starting fires.

Shockwaves were felt across the global cycling community as the Vuelta a España team bus was destroyed in Almeria last week.

The Irish-based team's bus was charred beyond repair by the time firefighters put out the early morning blaze.

Police have since identified the culprit only by the initials PVR. He is a Barrio Alto resident, aged 55, who has been arrested 49 times by National Police and 13 times by the Guardia Civil.

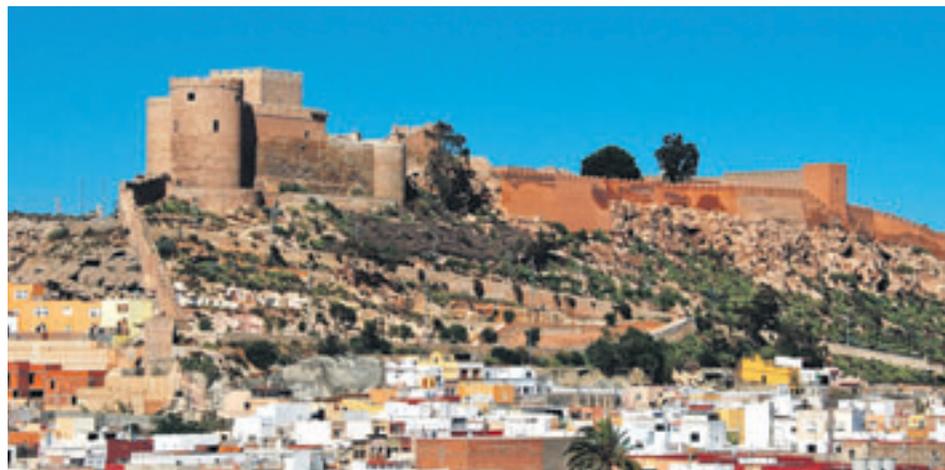
In the vast majority of cases he set fire to public benches and bins. The experienced firefighter used an accelerant and litres of fuel in torching the team bus and was arrested the same day.

Aqua Blue Sport spokesman Niall O'Connor said the team were "devastated" and denounced the "cowardly and callous act." Nobody was injured but the damage is estimated at more than €300,000.

Miguel Angel Lopez won Stage 11 of the Vuelta as it passed through Almeria, edging out Britain's Chris Froome.

Amid rainy conditions, the professional cyclists were accompanied by more than 120 Guardia Civil officers.

Radical preachers have targeted Almeria Trojan horse



PRAYER: Muslim celebrate feast of the lamb in Almeria.

By Matthew Elliott

A leader of Almeria's Muslim community has confirmed that at least one radical Islamic preacher has worked in a local mosque.

Abdallah Mhanna, president of Almeria's imams, said an extremist cleric had tried to influence believers. The former university professor would not name the man or the mosque but said that he and other community leaders were constantly vigilant against the threat.

His remarks came in an extensive interview with local Spanish media. Mhanna recently led more than 1,000 Muslims in prayer at the Mediterranean Games stadium during a religious celebration.

A minute's silence was held

for the victims of the Barcelona terrorist attack, which killed 16 people and injured 128.

In an address to the worshippers, Mhanna condemned "all terrorism" and proclaimed Islam a religion of "love, peaceful and cooperation of all mankind. This is our message to every ignoramus that links Islam with terrorism and fanaticism," he said.

In the interview Mhanna claims that all 85 mosques in Almeria are properly controlled and that the radical Salafist preacher who infiltrated one was quickly sniffed out. He arrived in 2004 and allegedly told a congregation that he felt no sympathy for 9/11 victims.

Other suspicions of extremism surfaced between 2002 and 2010, with nothing in recent years, he told the newspaper. The only threat is from temporary imams who are sometimes drafted in from abroad for holiday cover, he argued.

Mhanna urged the Spanish authorities not to follow the CIA method of surveillance, which involves dispatching undercover agents to mosques. This might uncover one cell, he said, but lead to the creation of another 15.

Almeria has a greater proportion of Muslims than any other province in Spain, with around 85,000, roughly 12 per cent of the population.

Police off beat for pensions

LOCAL POLICE numbers across Almeria Province fail to live up to EU requirements. There are supposed to be at least two officers for every 1,000 inhabitants.

To meet that criteria the province needs another 127 fully trained officers on the streets. Instead there will be just 20 new recruits in the next three years.

There are currently just 262 Local Police officers on active duty. Within a few years, around 60 are expected to retire, almost a quarter of the entire force. Given the relatively low retirement age, more than 100 will likely be gone within a decade.

The problem is that the province has a small quota of public positions paid for by Madrid. Already 70 per cent of spaces are filled by police and firefighters. The rest are needed for administrative roles.

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NEWS EXTRA

Rowdy doctors

A SPORTS councillor is in hot water following an allegedly illegal party held by a gaggle of doctors in Almería's Mediterranean Games stadium, complete with a live band and politicians from the city council.

Train delay

A TRAIN bound for Almería was delayed two hours in the Sierra Alhamilla after someone was hit by another train on the tracks. Police believe it is a case of suicide.

One way

A STUDY found that the €1.05 cost of a single bus ticket in Almería places it among the cheapest five cities in Spain. Monthly passes are also far cheaper than the national average.

Leader of the pack

By Matt Ford

BRITAIN'S Chris Froome remains on course to be the first man to win both the Tour de France and Vuelta a España in a single season since 1978.

The 32-year-old Team Sky rider dominated the stage 16 time trial to leave him almost two minutes ahead of his nearest rival, the Italian Vincenzo Nibali.

He picked up his second stage victory of this year's race, with only one of his rivals, Dutch Team Sunweb rider Wilco Kelderman, within 30 seconds of the four-time Tour winner.

Following yesterday's (Wednesday) stage 17, a 180.5-kilometre run from Villadiego in Burgos to Los Machucos in Cantabria, there are just four stages remaining.

Today's stage 18 sees the peloton follow a semi-mountainous 169-kilometre route from Suances to Santo Toribio de Liebana as the race remains in Cantabria before moving to

Asturias ahead of Sunday's finish in Madrid. In the wake of Froome's stage 16 time trial victory last Tuesday, Team Sky boss Dave Brailsford said: "The course suited him [Froome] but you still have to time it well and he showed again why he is considered to be one of the world's best time trialists today.

"But there are still some really hard stages coming up, the climbs are so intense that there is no time to relax."



ROAD TO VICTORY: Chris Froome.

Peddling for the planet

THREE cyclists are being sponsored by the Almerian council as they peddle from Portugal to France. The trio are raising awareness of the plight of refugees and sped past Almería yesterday.

They stopped briefly at the port to read a manifesto expressing support for refugee rights and calling on the European public to show solidarity with the thousands of migrants fleeing persecution and war.

The concept is to peddle roughly 12 million times, once for each of the estimated 12 million child refugees on the planet. The campaign is found online under the hashtag #YoSoy Refugio and is supported by the CEPAIM Foundation which fights for social inclusion of minorities in Spain.

The campaign is for refugees forced out of their homes.

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After shocks

AN earthquake rumbled 11 kilometres deep in the Alboran Sea last Thursday morning. It registered 2.7 on the Richter Scale and was located roughly between Adra and Balerna. Aftershocks were felt around the province, most noticeably in the Sierra de Almocita and Purchena. There are thousands of earthquakes in the Alboran Sea each year.

Dangerous dogs

FROM January to August police across Almeria investigated 42 cases of non-compliance with legislation on dangerous dogs. There have been 196 pet-related breaches of the law, mostly involving a lack of vaccines and microchips. In dozens of cases fines were issued to owners who walked dangerous breeds of dog without a leash or a muzzle.

Double trouble

A COUPLE in Mojacar were arrested for submitting false documents to the council to claim benefits. The woman is Brazilian and used a fake ID to elude deportation for 10 years. She married a local businessman who was complicit in the fraud, helping her open a bank account and get a residency permit.

Summer success

TOURISM figures across Almeria have already exceeded 2016 statistics as the province remains on course to surpass six million hotel stays by the end of the year. Hotels in the city have exceeded 95 per cent occupancy rates. Across the province the average was 85 per cent in July and August.

Night nuisance

SICK and tired of the nighttime noise, residents of La Goleta, Almeria want the city's famous night fair to be radically different next year. There were dozens of complaints as thousands of people partied in the neighbourhood near the fairgrounds. Many of the 1,200 locals were sleep deprived for a week and had to wade across rubbish.

Marine attraction

A HOTEL chain has taken over a 75 per cent share in the Roquetas Aquarium, which could now expand dramatically.

High speed rail back on track

LUCRATIVE construction projects have been signed for work on the Almeria to Murcia high speed train. It is the first concrete step towards the much-anticipated line which has been delayed for over a decade.

The work will be divided into different sections, with construction expected to begin in 2019. Completion is due in 2023 when Almeria should be properly connected to the Mediterranean Corridor, a series of fast train links from Spain's Atlantic coast all the way to France.

Work begins on the 32km Lorca-Pulpi route, then moves onto the 26km Pulpi-Vera stage. From Los Arejos to Nijar

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...28

Spain has many interesting laws, including some that are quite surprising - Kat Ashton reports.

A roadside shocker



BEWARE: Wandering shirtless in Mallorca can lead to a hefty fine.

AMONG Spain's oddest laws is one in Els Alamus, Catalonia, which rules that all prostitutes - plying the oldest profession in the world - must wear high visibility vests when seeking clients on roadsides, with fines of up to €40 for those not doing so.

Police stress the law is to protect the women from the danger they can pose to drivers.

Meanwhile in Cadiz it is illegal to throw rice at bridal couples, in part to safeguard wedding guests slipping, and also to prevent pigeons flocking outside churches.

Then in Madrid it's illegal to ask what time it is

there from 3.29pm - 6.47pm according to a centuries old law that appears to have never been removed from the city statutes.

Also in the capital city it is illegal to walk more than eight dogs at once. Three years ago Mallorca, seeking to attract more discerning tourists to the island, introduced a law banning people from going shirtless in public. Those ignoring it can be fined up to €600.

A similar law also exists in Barcelona, and Marbella is now said to be considering introducing such a law, though it has not been proved whether such laws have led to classier tourists visiting.



WATERMELON: Cannot be bought by children.

Real name stopper

IT is not only local laws that create some surprises, with national rules governing certain names that children cannot be named, including a ban on Mandarin and Judas.

Meanwhile it is illegal to drive anywhere in Spain in flip flops with a fine of €600 for drivers caught doing so.

But perhaps the oddest national law of all is the mysterious one that appears to prevent children from buying watermelon without their parents being present.

However, nothing appears on public records as an explanation.

Senator Hotels and Resorts also manages the Tabernas Desert theme park and is building a hotel in Cancun, Mexico. It plans to bring more animals and guided tours to the famous Aquarium.

Flooded cars

SEVERAL cars were dunked in dirty

water when a dam burst at the Nogalte rambla in Pulpi. Police were called on Monday morning when the minor flood struck, almost washing away the cars. No-one was injured but the cars sustained serious damage from the murky farm water. The incident drew a big crowd until the cars were removed.

Fidgety French

TWO Frenchmen were caught with 100 grams of hash and €15,800 in cash stashed in the trunk of their car. Police suspicions were aroused when they abruptly stopped ahead of a routine traffic check on the A-7 at Mojonera. The men didn't resist as officers quickly found the money and drugs.

Female patrol

FEMINIST groups have started patrolling key streets and bars around Almeria to help prevent any abuse or discrimination. They are also holding workshops and meetings to help combat catcalling and unwelcome office flirting.

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- 2 Airport strikes in Spain loom as last ditch talks scheduled - **12,965**
- 3 Planes diverted from Malaga Airport as storms lash the Costa del Sol - **8,827**
- 4 First two days of strike action suspended at Spain's airports to allow space for talks - **8,576**
- 5 easyJet hoping new luggage in the hold option takes off on its flights - **7,761**

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Poll of the week

As protests mount in Cataluña and Mallorca, should numbers be limited in Spanish tourism hotspots?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

Are bollards and other security measures used in Spain enough to prevent future terror attacks?

Yes = 29%
 No = 71%

Top Social Media comments

Man saves drowning eagle owl in southern Spain - Well done and thank you, Carlos Lopez. I'm so pleased you were watching and responded so quickly. I hope you enjoy the rest of your holiday, and the tale you now have to tell your friends. Thank you again. *Elizabeth Saunders*

Fists fly as Brits brawl on Alicante flight - I fly often with Ryanair, it is what it is and for two and a half hours I can tolerate it; what I can't tolerate is the behaviour of passengers who have filled up on alcohol before boarding and then want to make their presence known to every other passenger! Ban the booze, surely they can wait for a couple of hours! *Carol Green*

I think it's about time there was security on flights to and from Spain, this is becoming a regular occurrence, it used to be you weren't allowed to fly if you were drunk, they need to go back to this, it isn't fair on other passengers and staff as you can't exactly walk away from the disgusting behaviour. *Lois Bennett*

Man held after trying to kidnap two-year-old - Torreveja too, what is happening are children/grandchildren not safe anywhere today. Thank God they got him. *Sue Wilson*

12 Brits held in Magaluf drugs crackdown - It's a great start with hopefully more to come! Love the video. Well done Guardia. *Jeni Potter*
 Send them home and take their passports away. Not that we really want them in the UK. *Zena Cooke*

Balearic Council double tourist tax in €120 million scheme - Well I'm a UK citizen and it has put me off going to the islands! They make the majority of their income from tourists, so why penalise them? Bad bad move in my opinion!!! *Jayne Riley*

La Vuelta chaos sees a spectator hit by a motorbike and a contestant slammed off his bike - That policeman could have caused a serious accident! He should have grabbed the running idiot and pulled him - not pushed him into the path of oncoming traffic. *Denise McNamara*

Police hold Saudi royals at gunpoint in Marbella They should be treated the same as everyone else, also 'all tourists' need taking care of, not just those who have endless supplies of cash, this time money didn't talk! *Necie Russell*
The 20th anniversary of the death of Diana. Can you remember where you were that day? - Will never forget that night! *Mandy Orme*



King Salman (inset) has often visited Marbella and owns property in the city.

TRIVIA FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Residents of Churchill, Canada, leave cars unlocked so that pedestrians who might encounter polar bears on Main Street have a means to escape.



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OUR VIEW

Ban the bomb

AS life goes on around the world, the news that North Korea has undertaken its sixth test of a nuclear bomb has been met with universal criticism.

For some time, President Kim Jong-un has warned that another nuclear test was imminent and this one has come at a time when the US and South Korean forces have been undertaking their annual war games close to the border with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

It is believed that this is the most powerful bomb to be set off by the Koreans and was an estimated 10 times greater in force than any of the previous five.

Testing takes place underground and on this occasion, part of the tunnel which took the brunt of the force collapsed leaving a question as to whether this was done on purpose in order to convince the West that the test was genuine or if scientists had simply miscalculated.

At the moment both Washington and Pyongyang are talking big, but it is to be hoped that neither bellicose and unpredictable leader will allow themselves to become over-zealous in their bid to 'face down' the other.

China must play an important part in trying to keep Kim Jong-un under control as well as the European leaders in NATO with President Trump.

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Prehistoric treasure trove

By Matthew Elliott

SCIENTISTS studying the Cuevas del Almanzora fossil record believe a treasure trove of ancient animal evidence is waiting to be discovered. They have already found the jaw of the ancestor to the Iberian Lynx and rhinoceros teeth dating back millions of years.

The paleontologist team is digging around the ravines, hills, and coastline of Cuevas. They have found evidence of a vastly different climate in the Pliocene era, between two and five million years ago.

At that time there were hydrothermal waters heated by the earth's crust and temperatures were around four degrees warmer than today. As a consequence there was an abundance of giant land and sea mammals, including whales and huge cats.

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Moss be party time!



LOADED: Kate has a beer.

ONE of the world's highest paid models, Kate Moss, has been pictured rocking out to Primal Scream at an intimate gig in Ibiza.

The 43-year-old model, who is a long-term friend of the band's frontman, Bobby Gillespie, turned up to lend her support as the legendary group, famous for hits including Loaded and Rocks, took to the stage at Ibiza Rocks.

Moss, who has been dating 30-year-old German aristocrat, Count Nikolai Von Bismark, for more than a year, later joined the band for an after-show party at Pikes, where actress Jaime Winstone, aged 32, was seen dancing on the tables.

Strictly come twerking

EX-HOLLYOAKS stunner, Gemma Atkinson, 32, has posted a video of herself twerking in a miniscule pair of denim shorts in Ibiza as she prepares to join this year's Strictly Come Dancing cast.

The actress, who is tipped to be one of this year's strongest entrants, explained she had undertaken an intensive 12-week fitness regime ahead of her appearance, saying, "I love feeling strong and athletic. That's how training with weights makes me feel."

She added she had also made changes to her diet, saying, "I won't be drinking in the evenings now I'm doing Strictly."

The star was enjoying her last few moments of freedom on the island before the show begins shooting live on Saturday.



RACY: Gemma Atkinson (left) and pals in Ibiza.



BABYMOON: Colleen cut hols short.

Roo must be joking

COLLEEN ROONEY'S 'babymoon' in Mallorca was dramatically cut short after reports emerged of her husband Wayne Rooney's boozy night out with office worker, Laura Simpson, which resulted in a drink driving arrest for the footballer.

The 31-year-old Everton player is said to have 'kissed and cuddled' the 29-year-old mother of one on a night at a pub in Cheshire before drunkenly driving her car home.

The scandal-hit father was reportedly pulled over by police at around

2am for having a missing brake light before being breathalysed and arrested.

Rooney's 31-year-old wife, who is pregnant with the couple's fourth child, was enjoying time away in the sun with her three sons when the news broke. The fashion designer reportedly cut her holiday short, taking a private jet home to confront her husband.

Now back in the UK, Colleen is said to have left her €6 million marital home in Prestbury, Cheshire, and moved into her parents' house in Liverpool.

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Los Gallardos - 95,000€ (ref: HNCSC)

3 beds • 1½ baths • Plot: 150m² • Build: 68m²
Fully furnished and equipped south facing property with good internal & external living spaces. 2 beds / 1 bath on the ground level & 1 bedroom with ½ bathroom on the first floor.



Los Gallardos - 119,500€ (ref: HNJM)

3 beds • 2 baths • Build: 81m²
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Los Gallardos - 169,000€ (ref: HNHM)

3 beds • 2 baths • Plot: 438m² • Build: 120m²
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Los Gallardos

157,000€

(ref: LGMHM)



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Located almost in the shadows of the village church and its plaza, the property has been enjoyed by the current owners for the past eleven years and their maintenance and investment to it has been exemplary.



Los Gallardos - 229,500€ (ref: HNVMS)

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Pueblo state of mind

ANOTHER record-breaking summer has passed for Mojacar's booming tourist industry. Tourism councillor Emmanuel Agüero claims that the local tourist office is now helping a much wider variety of nationalities exploring the pueblo.

Since June the tourist office has helped more than 16,000 people seeking information

about local events. More than 160,000 visited its Facebook page. Agüero says that, aside from the thousands of Brits, they are also helping Koreans, Russians, Americans and Australians.

The majority, however, were Spanish, representing around 75 per cent of all enquiries. A quarter of them were from Madrid.



POPULAR: Mojacar now famous in Australia and Korea.

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New recruits

HUNDREDS of young men and women across Almería have applied for one of the 2,500 places on offer for entrance to the Spanish armed forces and navy this year.

Port havoc

ALMOST 300,000 passengers docked at Almería port in August alone, a 26.5 per cent rise on last August. More than 66,000 vehicles have passed through, posing a security headache for police checks.

Moon sail

MARITIME rescue located 11 men sailing near the port of Almería just after midnight. All were North African immigrants in good condition who now face deportation.

Boat fire

STUNNED onlookers watched as a boat exploded in flames in the port of Aguadulce. Film of the incident did the rounds on social media. Luckily no-one was hurt.

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Strikers losing moral high ground

By Matthew Elliott

DRIVING test instructors backed out of a full-blooded strike. But the 13 examiners operating in Almería Province will continue their long-lasting minor strike, only offering to test students on Thursdays and Fridays.

The examiners have been locked in a tense struggle with Spain's General Directorate of Traffic (DGT) for months. They are demanding a salary increase of €200 per month, which they claim was promised to them back in 2015.

All summer they have refused to test learner drivers from Mondays to Wednesdays and have loudly protested in Almería and

Madrid, tooting their horns in outrage. Examiners have been largely supported by driving schools across the province, although some smaller ones are on the verge of financial collapse as new students stay away.

The entire sector has suffered huge economic losses due to the strike, while thousands of learner drivers have seen tests postponed indefinitely. Some who need the driving licence to enter the workforce are in dire straits and

angrily waiting for a conclusion to the strike saga.

News that an escalation of the strike into a full-time affair was abandoned was welcomed by the president of Almería's provincial driving association, Rafael Villegas. "We have many teachers who will not be able to support themselves or their families if the strike continues," he said.

Some driving schools are considering taking legal action against the examiners to force them to either stop the strike or be sued for the damages caused. There are around 170 driving schools in the province, which have together missed around 500 tests a week since June.

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Leo the Lion: A mother's dilemma

By Karl Smallman

THE family of four-year-old brain cancer fighter Leo Bermejo from Almería received a setback this week when an MRI scan revealed his tumour is still growing.

Over the past two years the four-year-old, known by his supporters as Leo the Lion, has undergone surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK and travelled to Oklahoma in the United States for cutting edge pro-

ton-beam therapy.

But Leo's latest brain scan this week has confirmed the tumour is growing quickly and is now 8.8cm in length. At the previous scan, 10 weeks ago, it was 5.6cm.

Mum Karen has sent the test results to Alder Hey and a hospital in Pamplona but said, "I do not know what the doctors will say when they receive the scans. It might just be game over... I really don't know."

"Leo has been progressing;



FIGHTER: Leo and sister Sofia with their 'lion' ears.

he's speaking and moving more and more.

"If Leo can have the tumours removed with a guarantee of him not being more damaged then I think we need to go for it."

"Leo is showing no signs of giving up and I think he deserves a final chance."

Karen added, "I know peo-

ple will think I should just give up and let nature take its course, but I can't if there is a final chance.

"I know people will talk and have their opinions that what I am doing is wrong... but at the end of the day he is my boy and I have to do in my heart what I feel is right for him."

Summer sadness

WITH summer's seasonal jobs ending unemployment has shot up in Almería. By the end of August 1,800 more people were jobless across the province than at the start of the month. It was an increase of 2.8 per cent on July and left 66,768 unemployed Almerians going into September.

But the bigger picture news is better. Unemployment has fallen by 3,670 since August last year. August is traditionally a bad month for job figures with unemployment rising across Spain as temporary seasonal jobs wrap up.

In Almería the services sector fared worst in the August unemployment increase. But the agricultural sector continues to add jobs regardless of seasonality. Of the 66,768 registered unemployed the majority, at 37,569, are women.

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Fantasy travel

Sixty hour Game of Thrones tour devised



FANTASY: Almería provides perfect backdrop for TV adventure.

By Matthew Elliott

FANTASY television addicts have a new tour route that encompasses Croatia, Scotland and Almería. Berlin-based company GoEuro has devised a Game of Thrones tour for lovers of the hugely popular swashbuckling phenomenon.

GoEuro is a travel platform that allows people to book trains, buses and hotels across Europe. Its Game of Thrones tour outlines the places where the medieval-themed show was shot.

This includes castles in Scotland and Croatia and multiple destinations across Spain. If done in one go the tour would take an independent traveller around 60 hours.

Almería features prominent-



TABERNAS DESERT: Featured in the show.

ly in the HBO show, being the site of a southern desert-like continent, far away from the hustle and bustle of the northern drama.

The 'Ultimate 60 Hour Game of Thrones Adventure' includes journeys from Cordo-

ba to Almería and then from Almería to Sevilla.

Almerian landmarks featuring in the show include Pechina, the Tabernas Desert, and the Torre de Mesa Roldan in the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park.

NEWS EXTRA

Speed trap

ALMOST 300 motorists were caught speeding over the weekend during a Guardia Civil crackdown on the province's quieter roads. Seven out of 10 were aged between 25 and 34.

Green fish

FISHERMEN on the Costa de Almería have agreed to limit fishing to 210 days a year and only target waters more than 60 metres deep. The sustainability plan was agreed with the EU.

Lotta luck

A LOTTERY winner from Garrucha scooped €52,000 in the Bonoloto draw. There was no winning ticket, meaning first prize rolled over into the following week with a €800,000 pot.

Knife skill

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Water bill hike outrage

WATER rates are set to skyrocket across the Almanzora Valley. Macael residents are bearing the brunt of it with a 245 per cent jump in costs charged by the Galasa water company.

The Socialist PSOE party has accused its ruling Popular Party rivals of pushing the rate increase unilaterally without a proper debate among provincial politicians. The Popular Party

under Almería president Gabriel Amat has an absolute majority in the provincial parliament.

Prices have also risen steeply in Sufli, with a 237 per cent increase. Before the raise Sufli residents paid €19 per quarter. Now it is €30 and people are charged every two months instead of quarterly. If the money is needed, the PSOE argue, a logical method would be explaining the

situation to residents and increasing rates gradually with plenty of notice to help manage household budgets.

Instead the increases from Galasa, a public company, have been sharp and sudden. The group was declared insolvent last year and is cursed with a crippling debt.

A public statement from the PSOE pledges to fight against the rate increases.

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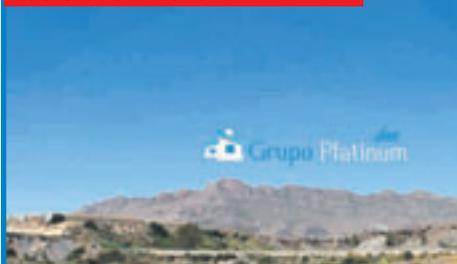
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BUSTED: Police find cache of bikes and parts in van.

Zigzagging with loot

TWO men were arrested as police intercepted a van transporting stolen motorbikes from Almería to Africa.

Hidden behind boxes of clothes were three Kawasaki motorcycle frames, three Vespas, a BMW motorbike, and dozens of engines and other parts.

The bikes and parts had been stolen from multiple locations and were on their way to the port. From there the van was destined for North Africa where criminal groups sell the loot for profit.

Police suspicions were aroused when the

van appeared to be staggering under its own weight approaching the port. It had no heavy goods licence and, when asked, neither driver or passenger could prove they owned the van.

Officers searched the vehicle and quickly uncovered the stolen bikes and parts. The men, aged 38 and 34, were promptly arrested. Police are now investigating the origin of the bikes, with at least one believed to have been stolen in France.

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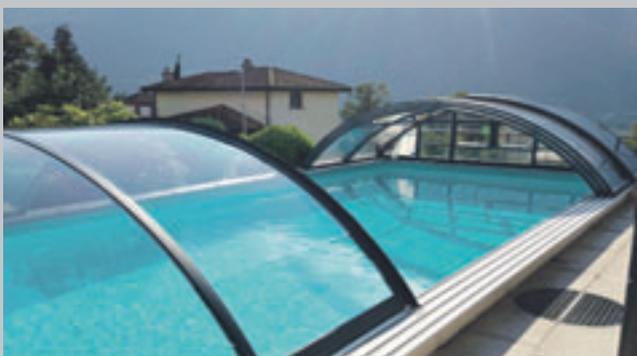
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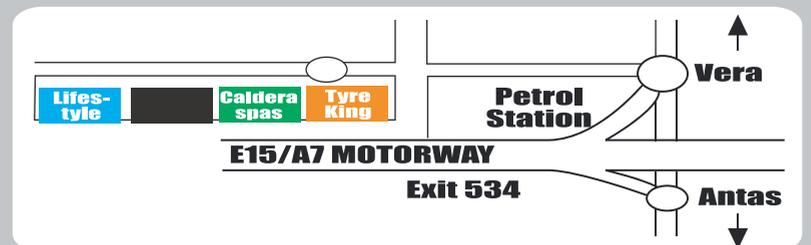
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DISGRACE: Councillors stand above broken stairs at Cabo de Gata.

Shameful neglect slammed

ANGER is growing over the shoddy state of the Cabo de Gata-Nijar Natural Park. Socialist PSOE councillors have accused the Popular Party of neglecting the park to the embarrassment of all Almería.

“Cabo de Gata is in a state of abandonment” said councillor Indalecio Gutierrez who has written a letter castigating the council for allowing broken pavements and cobblestones to persist.

He said the neglect shows an “absolute disregard” for residents and the thousands of tourists who visit the park in summer. It was

a shame, he argued, that the province’s most iconic natural attraction offered guests a negative first impression.

His main gripes are the drying of flower beds leading to dead plants on display, an abandoned irrigation system, broken pavements and unwalkable pathways. The beach has lost its Blue Flag for not providing bathers with enough bins, a simple act of neglect.

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Teen caught

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A COSMETIC company from Almeria has rushed to superstardom among Spanish ladies thanks to a partnership with Mercadona. The supermarket giant is selling Diamond face cream from Star Healthcare SL in record volume across the country.

Diamond is a rejuvenating cream from the beauty brand Sibela which is manufactured by Star Healthcare. The exact same chemical profile is found in €80 department store creams but is now on Mercadona's aisles for just €5.

Star Healthcare's rush to the top of the cosmetic pecking or-

der when it bought over a cosmetics factory in Granada in 2015. Last year it signed the deal with Mercadona, instantly gaining a national reach for a product they were only selling 500 pots of a year previously.

Now they sell half a million pots of the anti-ageing cream every month. Now the Almeria company plans to expand its Granada factory and manufacture at least 750,000 units a month. In terms of sales volume Star Healthcare are now only rivalled in the Spanish cosmetics market by L'Oreal and Cien from Germany, which has a deal with Lidl.



DIAMOND: Anti-ageing cream's price slashed with Mercadona deal.

Company director Juan Carlos Fuentes says that Mercadona chose the relatively small firm because of the high quality of its products. He says the company chose to do business with Mercadona in order to "democratise cosmetics because everyone has the right to care for their skin."

Next month the company is releasing an eye contour which they claim has a market value of €150 but will be available on the aisles of Mercadona for €5, also under the Diamond brand. A neck-line cream will also be on the shelves from October.

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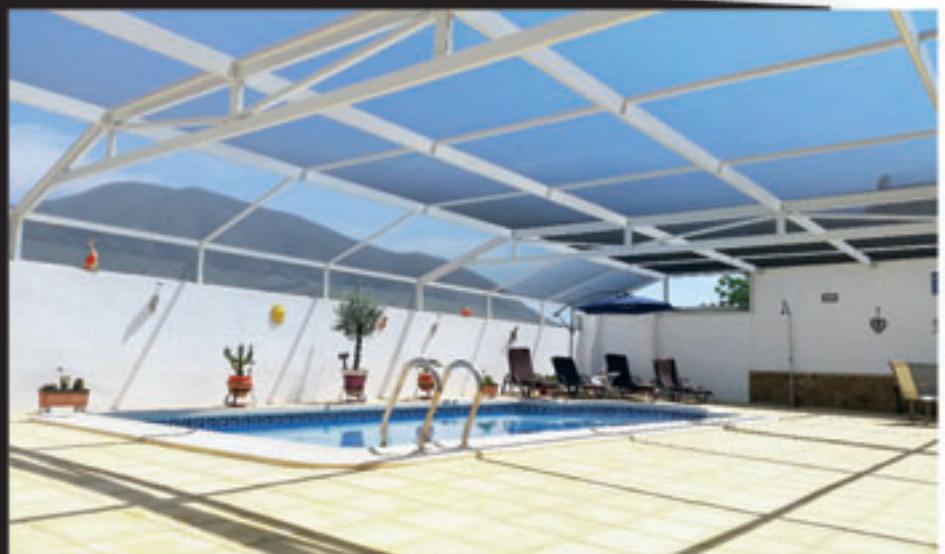
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HUNDREDS of skateboarders from across the world are participating in the 2017 Velefique International Freeride. There will be a series of races and stunts beginning today and ending on Sunday.

It is part of the Almeria Activa programme and riders will be able to score ranking points for the Andalucian Boarding Championships. Much of the riding will be down the gloriously winding road from Alto Velefique to the town itself.

The 160 available spots for skateboarders were reportedly snatched up within hours. There are competitors from the UK, France, Italy, Czech Republic and even Uruguay. All are highly skilled professional boarders on the world

Speed demons take over

Hero skateboarder honoured at major event

stage and capable of achieving outrageously high speeds.

They will hold workshops for local youngsters and skateboarder enthusiasts at the Velefique Sports Pavilion, where a makeshift skatepark will be set up for four days. They will also be joined by three of Spain's best BMW stuntmen during the four-day long daredevil party.

This year's event comes bolstered by a €600,000 investment on asphaltting the road for the riders. One of the



Photo by Facebook/Velefique Freeride

SPEED DEMONS: Skateboarders will whizz through Velefique this weekend.

curves of the road will be Ignacio Echeverria who was named after Spanish skater killed in the London Bridge

terrorist attack while defending a British policeman with his board.

Drivers should expect delays on the mountainous roads around Velefique until Sunday evening with police cordons protecting the riders.

The freeride event is part of a series of sporting events for Almeria Activa. Later this month the 14th Juan Martinez Oliver cycle route passes through the Sierra de los Filabres and Carboneras holds the Kayak Fishing Open.

NEWS EXTRA

High life

CRUISE ship, the Tui Discovery 2, brought 1,800 tourists from Ibiza to Almeria before voyaging to Ceuta. The Thomson Cruises ship has an outdoor cinema on deck and mini-golf.

Free trip

FREE beach buses are helping elderly residents of Huerca de Almeria catch some sun, sand and sea over summer. The community scheme helps those with no transport or mobility issues.

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NEWS EXTRA

Thugs attack

TWO burglars broke into an Adra home and badly assaulted a 65-year-old woman who confronted them. They stole mobile phones and also injured her husband, aged 83.

Low level

RESERVOIRS in Almería have finished the agricultural year with 24 cubic hectolitres of water, or just over 10 per cent full. The Andalucian average is 40 per cent full.

Patio floor

HOMEOWNERS in the El Patio neighbourhood have been given six months to fix doors, balconies and false ceilings or risk eviction after city officials found at least 100 properties were dangerous.

Pressure group comments on Brexit

AS the third round of talks took place between British and European Union Brexit negotiators in Brussels, campaigning groups made their voices heard.

British in Europe, an umbrella body lobbying for citizen's rights includes Bremain in Spain which looks to try to protect British citizens living in Spain and as the name suggests is generally opposed to Brexit.

The coalition has assessed the joint UK/EU technical note on citizens' rights, which displays some agreement concerning recognition of professional qualifications and the right to set up businesses after Brexit.

It has come to the conclusion in both cases that this right will probably only be valid in the country of residence and not across the EU 27, thereby affecting cross-border workers.

Chair of British in Europe, Jane Golding, comments: "Both parties agreed that frontier workers should be covered by any agreement but we're concerned that this definition is too narrow to cover the myriad ways in which UK citizens work cross-border."

Sue Wilson, Chair of Bremain in Spain, comments: "Before the negotiations even started this week, both



Photo by European Commission

THIRD ROUND: David Davis and Michel Barnier after last round of meetings.

sides were suggesting that the expectations for progress were low. We saw little to convince us otherwise.

"The EU has constantly stated that the burning issues of citizens' rights, Ireland's border and the exit bill must come first, and that talks on any future relationship cannot start until 'sufficient progress' has been made on these issues. However, the UK continues to want to focus on trade talks instead.

"When I listened to David Davis and Michel Barnier speaking at the press conference on Thursday August

31, it was hard to believe they were discussing the same negotiations. While Davis insisted there had been 'concrete progress,' Barnier said there had been 'no decisive progress on the key issues'."

She continues: "One of those key issues is citizens' rights. We have repeatedly been told we are number one priority. Yet, after the third set of negotiations, we are not much further forward."

British in Europe is, however, pleased that the third round of negotiations saw pension aggregation con-

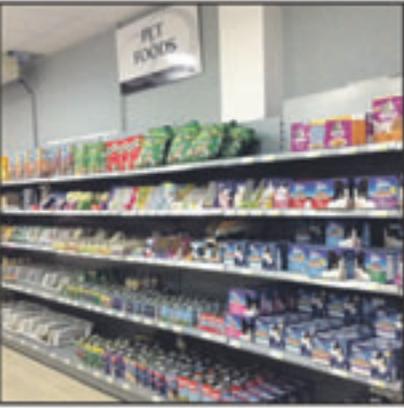
firmed and that discussions concerning mutual healthcare arrangements for pensioners and others in receipt of benefits will continue.

Sue Wilson says: "Despite some examples of progress, Bremain in Spain members remain concerned. Some have been reassured by the progress made but many are still wary and distrustful of anything the UK government is promising."

She concludes: "So, the third round of negotiations is over, 15 months have passed since the referendum, yet we have not travelled so far."

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Age Support Almanzora thank Dames for generous donation

AGE SUPPORT would like to thank the Dames of Huerca Overa for their generous donation of €550 to the charity. The money has been spent on a number of useful appliances to lend to clients.

The items bought are three toilet seat raisers, three commodes, four zimmer frames, three transit chairs and two rollators - any of which can be borrowed, free of charge, from the Age Support Information Centre in Av Lepanto, Albox.

The centre is open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 1pm and is staffed by trained volunteers who can advise on the services provided by Age Support. These include the loan of equipment, ad-



APPLIANCES BOUGHT: Included three toilet seat raisers.

vice on accessing UK benefits and providing emotional and practical support for older people living in the area. The services are confidential and there is no charge - although donations are always

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Cathy, Chair of Age Support Almanzora, said the charity helped over 200 el-

derly people last year and quoted some messages of thanks she has received such as "Thank you for the time your volunteer has spent with mum. It was very kind of her." and "Thank you for getting the higher rate of Attendance Allowance for my husband. I can now buy him a riser recliner chair and get some help in the house."

Volunteers find the work rewarding - if you have some spare time you might like to consider joining them, you will receive training, support and travel expenses. Please contact the charity on 634 316 573 or call in the Information Centre in Albox for a chat.

A CAVA reception will begin The Dames in Spain first meeting of the new season on Monday September 18 at Sensations Restaurant on Mojacar beach.

Ladies will have the opportunity to renew their membership, study the programme of events for the coming year and book places on the trips the

Dames in Spain 'Meet and Greet'

committee has arranged.

In November there will be a day trip to La Zenia shopping centre, and in May 2018 there will be a short break in Benidorm, which will include a show and dinner at the

Benidorm Palace and also a day on the island of Tabarca.

Also at the meeting a donation will be presented to MACS and Elaine will inform us how this will be used to further the work of MACS.

This is an invitation to all ladies in the Mojacar and surrounding area to come along and meet new friends.

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DENMARK

No ID

CROWN Prince Frederik was turned away from an Australian bar because he did not have any ID on him and bar owners did not want to break the strict alcohol laws in Queensland. He was allowed in after diplomatic officers intervened.

Joining forces

DENMARK and Sweden are joining forces to fight Russian cyber attacks and 'fake news' saying it was a danger to both countries.

Beyonce class

A NEW university class 'Beyonce, Gender and Race' is being offered by the



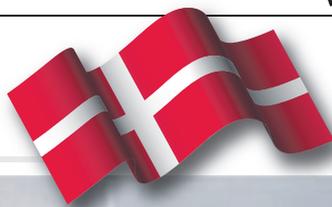
UNDERAGE? Crown Prince Frederik.

University of Copenhagen. Already 75 students have registered to take part.

Tax slashed

DRIVING in Denmark will soon

be more affordable as the government announced plans to reduce the tax rates from 180 per cent to 100 per cent. The news is welcomed, but means the country still has some of the highest car prices.



NETHERLANDS

Education conflict

ACHMEA insurance company says more parents are seeking legal advice to settle conflicts with schools, saying they handled 784 cases related to disagreements over education last year.

More spending

SPENDING online reached almost €11 billion by Dutch shoppers in the first half of the year, a rise of 13 per cent compared to the same period last year.

New deal

THE Netherlands is to accept almost 2,000 Syrian refugees from Turkey following an agreement with the country.

Otter report

FOR the first time in years the otter population has remained stagnant. According to a report by the University of Wageningen, the otter population now stands at around 200, just 15 more than last year.



GERMANY

Cyber attacker

A MAN has been extradited back to Britain from Germany, accused of launching cyber attacks against Lloyds Banking Group and Barclays which prevented some customers using their online accounts.

Wolves return

WILD wolves which were eradicated from Germany at the end of the 19th

century have been making a comeback following conservation efforts, but the move has not been welcomed by all as farmers are concerned about the loss of their livestock killed by the animals.

Family restrictions

GERMANY will continue its restrictions on allowing families of refugees to enter the country. According to some

figures, if families were allowed, it could mean an additional 390,000 people would enter the country.

Delays continue

REPORTS suggest that management of the new Berlin-Brandenburg airport are aiming for an opening date of late 2019, which would be some eight years after its original 2011 planned opening.



SWEDEN

Police attack

A POLICE officer was stabbed during a patrol in the stairwell of a metro station in Stockholm. The officer's colleague seized the man and he was arrested.

Royal welcome

SWEDEN has welcomed the newest member of the Royal family. Prince Carl Philip and Princess Sofia welcomed their second son last week sharing a photo of them leaving the hospital on Instagram. The young Prince has yet to be named.

Tartan army

THREE Swedish nurses have been hitting the headlines for their dedication to the Scottish football team. The trio, who call themselves the Swedish Tartan Army, have watched their adopted team play in five European matches over the past year.

Muslim insults

A MAN has been arrested for insulting a group of women wearing veils. He was charged after insulting them based on their ethnicity and religion, saying he "hates Muslims."



FRANCE

Plant explosion

FRENCH chemical group Arkema SA, confirmed two explosions at its Texas plant in the USA. The company said a sheriff's deputy was taken to hospital after inhaling chemicals.

Labour reforms

THE government has unveiled its controversial labour reforms, pledging to 'free up the energy of the workforce' by making it easier for employers to hire and fire in a bid to create more jobs.

Missing girl

TWO men have been arrested in connection with the disappearance of a nine-year-old girl from a wedding reception in the Alps. Both suspects are friends and turned up uninvited to the reception at around the same time the girl went missing.

Nuke threat

FOREIGN minister Jean-Yves Le Drian has warned that North Korea could have the ability to deliver a nuclear strike on America and even Europe "within months."



BELGIUM

Back to school

IT'S back to school for millions of children in Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia with Flanders' smallest school near Veurne, welcoming 12 nursery pupils.

Arranged marriage

STATE Secretary for Equal Opportunities and the Fight against Poverty Zuhair Demir, has called on teachers to remain on alert for any 'cries of distress' after news emerged of an arranged wedding for a 14-year-old girl.

Lost link

ANTWERP airport is to lose its link with London City after CityJet announced it was stopping the service. Antwerp is now hoping to find another airline to continue the link with the UK.

Hell hole

BRUSSELS could soon be welcoming more American tourists thanks to a rave review by a travel journalist in *The New York Times* newspaper. Current President Donald Trump once called the city a "hell hole."



NORWAY

Sheep thieves

FARMERS are concerned that sheep thieves are in operation after several animals disappeared in the Aust-Agder region.

Flight strike

SCANDINAVIAN pilots could take strike action after summer negotiations failed over how to interpret rules relating to pilots' working conditions.

No gas

OIL group Statoil said its exploratory drilling in the Korpjell

area in the Arctic, had been 'disappointing' with only small amounts of natural gas found which would not be large enough for commercial development.

Cell test

FIGURES from the Cancer Society show that over 250,000 women skip their smear test and have launched a campaign to encourage more women to have a test which can show early signs of cervical cancer.



Provinces need help

SINCE 2012 the National Government has given Catalonia €68.5 billion, saving it a colossal €18 billion in interest if it had borrowed at commercial rates.

The Finance Minister Cristóbal Montoro stated this when appearing before the Treasury Committee in Congress and went on to claim that this proved Catalonia did not have the financial strength to leave Spain nor the legal power to hold a referendum.

Both Andalucía and Valencia have benefited from similar financial support which has seen a total spend of €220 billion amongst the provinces.

Sterling might look up

By John Smith

AS inflation in the eurozone rises more quickly than expected, the European Central Bank (ECB) may stop quantitative easing which sees the printing of millions of euros.

World financial analysts forecast that sterling which has been falling dramatically against the euro is undervalued and is due to bounce back by a few percentage points in the near future.

There is a general feeling that currency speculators may have over reacted to the possibility of a Hard Brexit and the apparent lack

of agreement between British and EU negotiators at the moment which saw the pound fall.

The ECB says that it wants to see close to 2 per cent inflation across the eurozone, but the problem is that individual state economies do not act in concert with each other and employment figures are also erratic with both Spain and Germany seeing less unemployment whilst France sees more out of work.

For those who have investments in sterling but need to live off euro exchanges, any recovery is welcome but the British economy which has been helped by the week pound which encourages tourists and higher exports would take a different view.

A meeting of the policy makers of the ECB is due to take place shortly and their decision will almost certainly decide the short term future of the sterling to euro exchange rate.

1st private law suit

THE first private law suit against Banco Popular has been taken to court in Madrid after losing €10,000.

According to the plaintiff, he approached a branch of the bank asking to borrow €100,000 in order to purchase a lorry for his business and was instead persuaded to spend €10,000 in buying shares in the bank.

He believed promises that this would be a sound financial investment but within less than a year his shares were worthless.

Quote of the Week

To reach parity, I think we'd either need to have a UK recession - or see a significant breakdown in Brexit negotiations as we go into 2019. **Ritu Vohora**, investment director, M&G on possibility of pound euro parity.



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Announcing the deal between Ferrovial and Renault.

New electric cars for Madrid

AN agreement between Spanish Service Company Ferrovial and Renault has been signed to launch a car sharing service in Madrid called Zity.

It will operate from October with a fleet of 500 Zoe electric cars and will initially service the area within the M-30 beltway.

The Zoe has a theoretical maximum coverage of 400 kilometres but is more likely to need recharging after 300 kilometres based on normal traffic conditions within the capital.

This will be the third electric car sharing scheme operating within Madrid as both Citroen and Mercedes with their electric Smart car are using the city to demonstrate their ability to run non-polluting vehicles.

With various countries promising to phase out 'gas guzzlers' in the future, this type of experiment could have important financial implications for manufacturers looking to win drivers over to their models.

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Cracking down

THE Spanish Tax Agency has created a new obligation for taxpayers to report on investments in excess of €100,000 held in any tax haven. A new law also insists that investments may not be split to try to evade declaration.

Out of work

ACCORDING to the European Union's statistics office, unemployment in Spain remained static in June with 17.1 per cent of the work force without a job. This is the second highest rate in Europe after Greece with the eurozone average standing at 9.1 per cent.

Gilt edged

WITH the North Korean missile launch over Japan spooking a number of investors, stock exchanges across Europe saw a marked rise in the value of shares in gold mines. When stock markets falter, the price of gold invariably rises.

Phone House new home

APPROVAL has been granted by the National Commission for Markets and Competition for a €55 million takeover of The Phone House Spain.

The company whose stores in Spain are branded in a similar manner to Carphone Ware-

house, the original parent company, is actually owned by Dixons Carphone which agreed an in principle deal with Dominion, a Spanish multinational earlier this year.

Basque-based Dominion expects to formalise the purchase during the third quarter.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
3i Group PLC	962.50	-1.50	-0.16	33.88
Admiral Group PLC	1921.00	-5.00	-0.26	15.30
Anglo American PLC	1420.50	0.50	0.04	287.15
Antofagasta PLC	1064.00	6.00	0.57	177.72
Ashtead Group PLC	1703.50	-1.00	-0.06	86.64
Associated British Foods PLC	3314.50	-3.00	-0.09	19.41
AstraZeneca PLC	4579.50	-13.00	-0.28	72.60
Aviva PLC	518.75	-1.85	-0.36	257.07
Babcock International Gr	812.50	1.50	0.18	20.94
BAE Systems PLC	608.25	-2.50	-0.41	385.04
Barclays PLC	190.72	-1.45	-0.75	1,852.20
Barratt Developments PLC	626.50	-1.00	-0.16	101.45
BHP Billiton PLC	1486.75	3.00	0.20	350.77
BP PLC	445.10	0.40	0.09	947.09
British American Tobacco PLC	4824.00	8.00	0.17	123.69
British Land Co PLC	604.75	-0.12	-0.02	251.14
BT Group PLC	288.90	0.45	0.16	462.05
Bunzl PLC	2298.50	-7.00	-0.30	19.47
Burberry Group PLC	1810.00	8.00	0.44	73.98
Carnival PLC	5377.50	15.00	0.28	14.08
Centrica PLC	198.25	-0.80	-0.40	334.45
Coca-Cola HBC AG	2673.50	2.00	0.07	17.11
Compass Group PLC	1652.50	4.00	0.24	83.10
ConvaTec Group PLC	281.30	1.70	0.61	190.51
CRH PLC	2734.00	0.00	0.00	308.38
Croda International PLC	3849.00	15.00	0.39	9.93
DCC PLC	7152.50	15.00	0.21	19.37
Diageo PLC	2584.25	-4.50	-0.17	120.97
Direct Line Insurance Gr	378.55	-0.90	-0.24	74.07
easyJet PLC	1185.50	-4.00	-0.34	65.39
Experian PLC	1541.50	-8.00	-0.52	127.95
Ferguson PLC	4615.00	-26.00	-0.56	23.57
Fresnillo PLC	1664.00	47.00	2.91	69.22
G4S PLC	285.40	-1.30	-0.45	80.79
GKN PLC	321.80	-1.00	-0.31	161.05
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1525.50	-7.50	-0.49	150.39
Glencore PLC	369.00	2.00	0.54	4,447.91
Hammerson PLC	554.25	-0.50	-0.09	35.82
Hargreaves Lansdown PLC	1403.00	1.00	0.07	15.18
HSBC Holdings PLC	747.70	-2.04	-0.27	1,099.19
Imperial Brands PLC	3225.00	-6.00	-0.19	38.54
Informa PLC	686.25	-1.86	-0.27	11.06
InterContinental Hotels Gr	3868.00	2.00	0.05	30.07
International Consolidated	613.00	-4.00	-0.65	265.56
Intertek Group PLC	5127.50	-10.00	-0.19	16.65
ITV PLC	156.60	-0.08	-0.05	420.75
Johnson Matthey PLC	2790.00	7.00	0.25	11.84
Kingfisher PLC	295.30	0.30	0.10	373.76
Land Securities Group PLC	993.75	-2.35	-0.24	121.60
Legal & General Group PLC	258.75	-1.20	-0.46	331.44

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	63.48	-0.24	-0.38	5,934.82
London Stock Exchange Gr	3951.00	1.00	0.03	8.75
Marks & Spencer Group PLC	319.90	-0.40	-0.12	220.05
Mediclinic International PLC	761.50	-0.50	-0.07	10.66
Merlin Entertainments PLC	457.95	-2.10	-0.46	44.18
Micro Focus International PLC	2243.00	-21.00	-0.93	296.41
Mondi PLC	2114.50	-10.00	-0.47	28.37
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	246.15	0.50	0.20	175.04
National Grid PLC	970.85	2.00	0.21	256.54
Next PLC	4153.50	18.30	0.44	45.97
Old Mutual PLC	208.20	0.30	0.14	188.02
Paddy Power Betfair PLC	6937.50	23.75	0.34	2.97
Pearson PLC	599.75	-3.50	-0.58	100.21
Persimmon PLC	2627.50	-8.58	-0.33	30.37
Provident Financial PLC	862.00	-8.00	-0.92	52.85
Prudential PLC	1809.75	-13.50	-0.74	106.27
Randgold Resources Ltd	8102.50	190.25	2.41	78.70
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	7294.50	-80.00	-1.08	128.51
RELX PLC	1692.50	5.00	0.30	77.97
Rentokil Initial PLC	303.60	-0.40	-0.13	90.92
Rio Tinto PLC	3745.00	-14.50	-0.39	247.54
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	912.00	-6.04	-0.66	137.81
Royal Bank of Scotland Gr	251.80	-1.00	-0.40	919.91
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	2155.25	2.10	0.10	178.59
Royal Mail PLC	389.00	-3.40	-0.87	133.86
RSA Insurance Group PLC	659.75	-2.50	-0.38	26.16
Sage Group (The) PLC	693.50	-0.75	-0.11	54.99
Sainsbury (J) PLC	236.20	0.10	0.04	309.18
Schroders PLC	3371.50	-13.00	-0.38	3.91
Scottish Mortgage Inv	434.75	-0.81	-0.19	204.86
Segro PLC	536.25	-1.14	-0.21	42.53
Severn Trent PLC	2257.50	3.00	0.13	18.77
Shire PLC	3900.75	-24.50	-0.62	93.79
Sky PLC	952.25	-3.91	-0.41	41.22
Smith & Nephew PLC	1385.50	-3.33	-0.24	41.65
Smiths Group PLC	1552.50	-4.00	-0.26	14.39
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	2380.00	2.00	0.08	20.50
SSE PLC	1436.50	-1.00	-0.07	131.74
Standard Chartered PLC	762.90	-11.10	-1.43	258.17
Standard Life Aberdeen PLC	433.75	-3.30	-0.76	254.78
St James's Place PLC	1150.50	-8.00	-0.69	44.91
Taylor Wimpey PLC	200.70	-1.00	-0.50	713.07
Tesco PLC	184.32	1.35	0.74	473.16
TUI AG	1334.00	0.00	0.00	26.12
Unilever PLC	4513.00	23.50	0.52	97.59
United Utilities Group PLC	907.00	0.50	0.06	51.48
Vodafone Group PLC	218.60	-0.92	-0.42	2,050.86
Whitbread PLC	3754.50	-3.80	-0.10	11.38
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	86.14	0.05%	0.04	76,146,01
APPLE	164.05	0.03%	0.05	847,355,65
BOEING CO	240.33	0.28%	0.67	142,055,07
CATERPILLAR	118.28	0.67%	0.79	69,900,26
CHEVRON	108.76	1.06%	1.14	206,100,49
CISCO SYSTEMS	32.3	0.28%	0.09	161,601,75
COCA-COLA	45.78	0.50%	0.23	195,265,63
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	83.93	0.89%	0.74	73,485,81
EXXON MOBIL	76.57	0.31%	0.24	324,435,19
GENERAL ELECTRIC	25.14	2.40%	0.59	217,660,76
GOLDMAN SACHS	225.88	0.96%	2.14	87,387,35
HOME DEPOT	150.78	0.61%	0.91	177,742,12
IBM	144.08	0.73%	1.05	134,273,96
INTEL CORP	35.09	0.06%	0.02	165,215,27
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	91.7	0.89%	0.81	322,689,04
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	131.03	-1.01%	-1.34	351,684,48
MC DONALD'S CORP	159.81	-0.10%	-0.16	129,445,56
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63.83	-0.05%	-0.03	174,087,03
MICROSOFT	73.94	-1.11%	-0.83	570,854,88
NIKE	53.36	1.04%	0.55	70,016,22
PFIZER	33.96	0.12%	0.04	201,971,97
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	92.53	0.28%	0.26	235,952,82
TRAVELERS CIES	119.9	-1.06%	-1.28	33,086,05
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	117.92	-1.50%	-1.8	94,183,30
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	199.75	0.43%	0.85	193,130,27
VERIZON COMMS	47.92	-0.10%	-0.05	195,485,23
VISA	103.9	0.37%	0.38	190,071,55
WAL-MART STORES	78.37	0.38%	0.3	236,246,30
WALT DISNEY CO	101.5	0.30%	0.3	156,678,75

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Aptevo Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 2.11	0.78 ▲ 58.65%
TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 3.15	0.65 ▲ 26%
Strattec Security Corporation	\$ 37.90	6.50 ▲ 20.70%
YogaWorks, Inc.	\$ 3.80	0.50 ▲ 15.15%
Kona Grill, Inc.	\$ 3.45	0.45 ▲ 15%
Calyxt, Inc.	\$ 17.41	2.21 ▲ 14.54%
Conn's, Inc.	\$ 19.45	2.10 ▲ 12.10%
Overstock.com, Inc.	\$ 24.60	2.65 ▲ 12.07%
Collectis S.A.	\$ 32.18	3.42 ▲ 11.89%
Hailiang Education Group Inc.	\$ 18.71	1.91 ▲ 11.37%
Communications Systems, Inc.	\$ 3.99	0.38 ▲ 10.53%
Most Declined		
Ambarella, Inc.	\$ 42.24	12.16 ▼ 22.35%
Tech Data Corporation	\$ 87.46	22.83 ▼ 20.70%
Cadiz, Inc.	\$ 9.70	2.50 ▼ 20.49%
Ovid Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 8.51	0.91 ▼ 9.66%
Theravance Biopharma, Inc.	\$ 29.97	2.70 ▼ 8.26%
Health Insurance Innovations, Inc.	\$ 31	2.65 ▼ 7.88%
Nabriva Therapeutics plc	\$ 8.44	0.71 ▼ 7.76%
EXFO Inc	\$ 4.35	0.35 ▼ 7.45%
ObsEva SA	\$ 6.38	0.48 ▼ 7.00%
Progenics Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 6.27	0.46 ▼ 6.84%
Flexion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 24.10	1.60 ▼ 6.23%

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

DEALING PRICE

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 €0.9575.....-€0.0002
 £1.1579.....-£0.0010
 €1.0813.....-€0.0012
 £1.3110.....-£0.0042
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WHILST tourism to Spain continues to boom, the introduction of online booking of accommodation and even rides can cause problems.

Two American concepts, represented by Airbnb and Cabify are thorns in the sides of councils and licensed taxi drivers.

According to Mintel, the world's largest market intelligence agency with global offices in Europe, the Far East and Asia, a growing number of Americans are using new technology to plan and book their holidays.

Some 19 per cent of young American travellers have booked home share accommodation which is great for the websites, but possibly illegal if accommodation owners don't bother to license their properties for short term letting.

The importance of the licence is three-fold as it ensures that foreign visitors in particular are registered and recorded, property providers have to meet certain standards including air conditioning and the important WiFi connections and tax payments will generate income for the economy.

As people get older, so they are less trusting in new high tech developments and whilst they want to have access to the internet, they worry more about being hacked whilst overseas and certainly don't want to be advised on destinations by helpful Artificial Intelligence.

It is no real surprise that those younger tech savvy Millennials (as they are known) are far more adventurous than their parents and welcome such innovations as self check-in areas at airports and check details of local restaurants online before travelling.

Almost everyone wants to use their mobile phone to take photographs of their destinations but the younger the person is, the more likely they are to post selfies and pictures of food on their Facebook or other social media pages.



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Taking a selfie in Madrid, ready for Facebook.

The older traveller appears to prefer to read advice online from peers as to destinations rather than travel company recommendations and they also tend to book flights via airlines or travel agencies, especially if travelling long distances to destinations they haven't visited before.

The bulk of people include modern technology in their packing but the younger they are, the more au fait they are with the options available.

Diesel loses out to petrol

THE three largest oil refiners in Spain, Cepsa, Repsol and BP are preparing for a steady decline in demand for diesel within the country.

At one time, diesel was the 'in demand motor fuel' and they invested heavily in refineries able to cope with the number of diesel cars being sold.

Within the last five years however, diesel power has gone out of favour, even though it remains cheaper than unleaded petrol and the oil companies now recognise that car sales in Spain will continue to reflect the change.

In the meantime, there is little need for them to cut down their diesel production as they are finding increased markets in Africa, France and Italy.

EU BANS ENERGY GOBBLING VACUUM CLEANERS

Making Europe greener

AN important new European law banning the sale of vacuum cleaners using more than 900 watts of power and emitting more than 80 decibels is now in effect.

Manufacturers and stores who still hold stock of these machines will be able to sell them until stocks are exhausted but may not produce or import additional machines into the European Union.

With the number of bazaars in Spain that import electrical goods from China, it may be the banned cleaners have a longer shelf life here than in other parts of the EU.

According to a consortium of environmental organisations, the European Environment Bureau, it is perfectly possible to produce a good quality vacuum cleaner without a large motor or making a loud noise.

Former UKIP MEP Roger Helmer told the BBC "By all means let's make pathetic under-powered vacuum cleaners for export to the EU.

"But we must retain the right to make and use sensible full-powered appliances in the UK. This shows why we

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part of the Union, it will enforce this and other laws.

In the meantime, Sir James Dyson has been to court arguing the EU vacuum standards test is flawed as it only requires manufacturers to undertake these tests in laboratory conditions and without paper bags.

The court of appeal has agreed with him, recognising that use of a cleaner in the home, with a bag collecting dust will inevitably see the efficiency of the traditional cleaner drop and motor noise will be likely to get louder.

Whilst this matter is being considered by the courts again, Dyson cleaners do at least qualify under the new rules.

The driving force behind this new law is the need to reduce the amount of electricity used in the home and the European Commission states that by switching to one of the most energy efficient vacuum cleaners, consumers can save €70 over the lifetime of the product.

must not agree to be bound by EU rules after Brexit."

A British government spokesperson confirmed that whilst the UK remains

Car sales soar in August

ONE sign of an economy in recovery is the number of cars sold and August has seen 72,470 new Spanish registrations.

This is a 13 per cent increase over the same month last year and with 849,912 sold in the first eight months of 2017, there is an overall increase of 7 per cent.

Despite all of the negative publicity received by the Volkswagen Group over the diesel scandal, its Spanish subsidiary SEAT actually took 17 per cent of the entire new registrations with Volkswagen also performing well.

With so many tourists visiting the country, car hire companies have increased their purchases by more than 40 per cent when compared to last year.

MAJOR FINE FOR ONLINE BETTING COMPANY

Problem gamblers worry

A GIBRALTAR-based online gambling firm is being fined a record £7.8 million (€8.5 million) by the UK Gambling Commission.

The regulator insists that firms that take bets have an obligation to protect their more vulnerable clients from spending more than they can afford which 888 have allegedly not done.

The most obvious example of this was 7,000 customers who had voluntarily recorded they had a problem and should not be allowed to bet any longer, but were still allowed to take part in the company's bingo games.

Another problem area highlighted was inability of the company to spot problem gamblers and in one case a customer lost £100,000 (€108,000) a month for 13 months before they recognised his vulnerability.

Although the penalty is high, it won't revert to the Gambling Commission as £3.5 million (€3.8 million) will be refunded to the 7,000 who had barred themselves from gambling but were still allowed to carry on.

The balance will be passed to a



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GAMBLING: The house usually wins.

charity involved in helping the estimated two million British gamblers who may be addicted or be likely to face financial or social problems.

Gibraltar has benefited considerably from the influx of offshore betting companies who have decided to make their base on the Rock and does have legisla-

tion in place to police their activities, but with the bulk of gambling revenue coming from the UK it is left to the British regulator to take action.

There is something of a problem for the various betting companies as they need punters to lose as much as possible in order to boost their profits but have to be careful not to 'kill the goose that lays the golden egg.'

Public opinion means a great deal to these companies and if they are considered to be responsible for the break-up of families and leaving individuals bankrupt they will face a significant backlash as well as further fines from the Gambling Commission.

Although these are multi-million pound companies some have suggested they are still trying to develop policies which will identify and protect vulnerable customers but this is a slow process.

Spain is believed to have a huge interest in sports betting but is regulated by the Spanish Gambling Act which prohibits all forms of online betting and bingo, but due to an anomaly in the law, certain provinces can licence this.

Richest man for hours

ON average, once a year, Amancio Ortega, founder of the Inditex fashion chain is declared the richest man in the world but only for a few hours!

So much depends on the value of shares that the mega-rich own in their companies and the prevailing stock market prices, so for three hours he was estimated to be worth \$85 billion (€71.5 billion) but then his shares dropped.

Sadly at that time he then plummeted to become just the third richest man, behind the usual leader Bill Gates of Microsoft and Amazon boss Jeff Bezos.

One thing is certain however and that is Mr Ortega is without question the richest man in Spain and Europe.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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This was not specifically because of the child's religious background, but merely because due to his circumstances, he appeared to be a lad that would benefit and indeed deserved a bit of TLC and stability in his life.

The boy was a 13-year-old illegal immigrant, who had arrived in Dover, basically in the clothes he stood up in (not even a mobile phone!).

My caring friend decided to do what he could to see the boy had all he needed for a fair start in life - and his offer was indeed a generous one. With a beautiful country home and three children, one already fostered, you would confidently assume that he and his spouse had all the requirements needed to see this young man happily on his way to a brighter future. Wrong!

The lad, bearing a cap, a prayer mat and a Koran, (supplied by the local council adoption authority) duly moved in for a short trial period.



HOW SAD: In the end the boy had to move out and return to an institution.

He was warmly welcomed in by a loving family and was obviously extremely happy in his new-found environment.

My friend then set about completing the formalities that were required to foster the child on a more permanent basis. And that's where the prob-

lems began. Before any negotiations could begin, there were a few unshakable ground rules.

One. The boy had to be free to pray five times a day.

Two. He had to have the facilities of a local Mosque on a Friday. Three. He could only be fed on Halal meat. And

four despite my friend wanting to pay for an extremely well-established and expensive local private college, had to ultimately be taken to a Muslim learning facility some miles away.

Somewhat taken aback by this list of requirements my friend attempted to negotiate.

He had no problems with items one and two. However, although he would of course make sure the lad was never offered, or obliged to eat pork, preparing Halal food was far too disruptive to the family's way of life and routine.

As far as the Muslim school was concerned, it was miles away and would present insurmountable problems with school runs etc.

His appeals fell on deaf ears. Compromises were out of the question. In the end the boy had to move out (forgetting to take his Koran I may add!) and return to whatever institution he had emerged from.

Is that sad or what!?! Not only is it sad, it is a positive disgrace when compared to the young white Western girl, who was moved in with a Muslim family, had her cross removed and was made to live with people with whose culture, faith and even language was alien to her.

Yet another example of the West kowtowing to Muslim interests, with utter disregard of our own cultural priorities and sense of fair play. Well, all I can say is on our own heads be it.

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In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



OK don't take this first part literally but I think, after reading a bit, you will get the point I'm trying to make. The next time I go into a bank here I'm considering taking a weapon with me. Let me explain why. The other day I went into the bank with Mrs S, who is the President of our community, at about 12.30pm. A bank, by the way, that is a branch of where the account is held and President S is a signatory on the account.

There was nobody else in the bank, not a soul, just the cashier and the staff sitting at their desks staring at computer screens. Mrs S goes up to the desk and says she would like to pay some money into the community account and was immediately told she couldn't because it was after 10.30am and, anyway, it was the wrong day.

'Are you kidding? There is nobody here, nobody waiting, you are not doing anything, and the account is at this bank, just not at this branch.'

And you are given that 'look' - that stone cold look, the little smug shake of the head and the dreaded shrug. This is where the

weapon would come out and you want to scream 'Let me pay some money in and nobody will get hurt!' What is it with these rules and regulations? Nobody can give me a valid reason why this crazy rule is in place that you can only pay in on certain days at certain times. It's a bank and its job is to allow you to pay money in and maybe take some out if have any or it hasn't been embargoed by some official department for not paying a bill or fine that you didn't even know existed... but that's another grump for another time. Why does there have to be specific times and days? Just take my money.

Next day we go back and the bank is rammed with a queue nearly out into the street. The same girl behind the counter is totally unable to cope on her own with the amount of people trying to pay their bills and, of course, people trying to do other stuff. The other desk staff are, of course, still looking at their computer screens totally oblivious of the chaos going on around them.

Finally it gets to our turn and she looks up at the clock. It's 10.31am. I look at her, she looks at me, and I give her my 'Don't you dare to try and tell me it's too late' look and she takes the money. Me and Mrs S start whooping and hi-fiving fist pumps, the lot. Yay we just paid in money to the bank!!! Sound familiar?

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SUMMER HEAT: Tempers can become easily frayed.

BEING comfortable when driving is essential to staying safe on the roads, as when we feel uncomfortable the situation can lead to distractions. If we start to feel too warm or overheated, this can lead to lethargy which can also be potentially deadly when driving.

In order to stay cool try and keep the car as cool as possible. If you have a garage or shaded area for your vehicle use it, or try and park under a tree or shadow of the building, remembering the sun moves round throughout the day so make the most of where the shadow will be. However, be aware that parking under trees can result in deposits from birds or even the sap of the tree itself so ensure windscreens are clean before driving off.

Use reflective screens on your windows when the vehicle is parked to help reduce the build up of heat. It is quite common for the interior of a car to reach 10 degrees more than

outside quite quickly, so remember this and never leave animals or humans inside vehicles.

Many modern vehicles are equipped with air conditioning which can help keep the vehicle at a more comfortable level, but remember to get it checked and gassed to ensure optimum performance.

It is also advisable to try and avoid driving at the hottest time of the day when possible. Driving at sunrise and sunset can also pose a problem largely because of the position of the sun which can cause extreme glare and dazzle leaving drivers temporarily blinded by the sun.

Remember summer can also bring extra vehicles on the road and when temperatures rise, so can tempers. Always try and remain calm and alert as tempers can become easily frayed with increased incidents of road rage.

So stay calm and safe during your summer driving.

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

Can one owner enlarge his door?

Q. If an owner wishes to enlarge the French doors, such action would alter the facade of the block. Does he need the agreement of the adjacent owners? Does he need permission from the Community? Does it

need a unanimous vote or 60 per cent of all owners present or represented? If the work was done without the agreement of the owners, what action can be taken against the owner?

P S (By email)

A. Properly, an owner who wishes to enclose his terrace or enlarge his glass doors must seek the permission of the Community. This permission requires a 60 per cent vote of owners present or represented in favour. Until 2013, this required a

unanimous vote. Properly,

the owner should also have a building permit from the town hall. Permission from the neigh-



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bours is not necessary. If the owner carries out the work without permission, the Community can obtain a court order to restore the original condition of the door or terrace.

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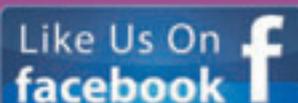
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Having a right to freedom of speech

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

KING FELIPE and the president of the Spanish government Mariano Rajoy got the bird at the pro-peace, anti-terrorist march in Barcelona.

The placards and banners suggested that this was because Felipe cosied up to the Saudis - who doesn't? - and sweet-talked them into arms deals while Rajoy's government is responsible for Spain's arms sales.

Barcelona mayor Ada Colau and regional vice-president Oriol Junqueras said afterwards the recriminators were only exercising their right to freedom of speech. Maybe, but many spent so much time protesting about the Spanish they forgot why they there were there to begin with.

Border problem

ANGST and anger about the border



Photo credit: Mariano Rajoy Brey/Twitter

BOOED: Mariano Rajoy (centre) and King Felipe (second right).

between northern and southern Ireland is a huge problem that the Brexiteers forgot to solve beforehand.

If the Catalan secessionists' wildest dreams come true and turn into their worst nightmare, they will face a similar situation.

Despite hard-done-by insistence to the contrary from the separatists, the region has never endured anything approaching Ireland's troubles. A hypothetical border issue would not stir up murderous centuries-old conflicts but the border problem would exist for an independent Cataluña.

As Brussels has repeatedly told

the Catalan government, leaving Spain automatically means leaving the EU.

One more question for Carles Puigdemont and his vice-president Oriol Junqueras to ponder on and answer before October 1. Or, more importantly, on October 2.

Standing a head taller

THE Spanish population were never close to their monarchs and the House of Borbon was largely

unloved. This was especially true of Spain's Levante and Cataluña which suffered three centuries ago for backing the losers, the Hapsburgs, in the War of Succession.

Many, possibly most, Spaniards are basically republican at heart but softened when Juan Carlos opened the door to democracy after Franco died in 1975. Sentiments hardened after the King Emeritus broke his hip while elephant shooting with his mistress in 2012 in Zimbabwe. The economic crisis was then at its most brutal and it did not improve matters that Juan Carlos was there at the invitation of a Saudi businessman.

His son Felipe VI is regarded with respect and amiable neutrality, plus a general perception that he does his best. But it's easy to see why Catalan republicans dislike him and why the regional president, mop-headed Carles Puigdemont, avoids being photographed with him. Felipe is almost two metres tall and standing beside him at the Barcelona peace marches, Puigdemont barely reached his ear.

Double objective

BY slaughtering tourists in Turkey and Egypt and compromising the industries that serve them, Daesh and its acolytes and successors achieved two goals.

Much of their tourism has been diverted to formerly secure Spain which, after the Barcelona and Cambrils attacks, now begins to look less safe.

But Spain is not Turkey or Egypt, both of which have politicians whose unspoken sympathies lie with jihad. Spain does not and, unhampered by ambivalence, it can do a more sincere job of protecting the population and tourists than Egypt or Turkey.

Hoteliers' most worrying problem right now is the puny, Brexit-weakened pound sterling which is more likely to deter British tourists than jihadists.

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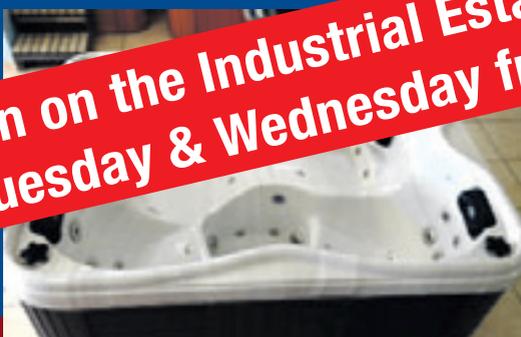
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Legendary places to eat - gone!

Ric Polansky



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

I AM asked often, "what did you do back then without TVs, radio, theatre and seemingly no where to go and nothing to do?" But, in the early days you only had to sit back and contemplate your next meal and you had a plethora of choices.

Really good and exciting places to eat, but you had to travel to get there. One learned quickly how wonderful home cooked Spanish cuisine was. And, while chewing, washing it all down with some interesting wines - doubled the pleasure. The key was not being afraid to get out of town and search out the unique places that others had mentioned.

So many have vanished now taking with them memories of generations of good living and conviviality. The very thing that makes Spain so special to the visiting masses. Candido's in Lorca - gone.

Locally, the most legendary was the Cortijo Suesa on the road to Alfaix. Then you needed a guide to show you the hidden exit between



SUNDAY LUNCH: No-one ever remembered what took place, was sung or said.

two buildings you wouldn't believe a car would fit through. Then a winding ride downhill to nowhere recognisable. Pulling up outside a farmhouse without an announcing sign or lights, but plenty of barking dogs.

It became my Sunday church. It began with a few golfing buddies then gravitated to visiting clients and then their friends or anyone eru-

dite enough to find the concealed sanctuary.

The menu never varied, chicken, pork or lamb cutlets. A big salad and enough wine to float a boat. The wine came from three formidable barrels and you could pour your own. Aptly named, Father (about 14 degrees) Grandfather (16 proof) and then Greatgrandfather (a minimum of 18 degrees and more

headaches than you could carry in a week). If you were smart you'd cut the wine with ice cold Casera (lemonade) or we would have to send back a rescue party to retrieve you on Monday morning.

Now the food was slow in arriving, as all was freshly prepared just for your table; cutting the lettuce, tomatoes and onions. If you went in to ask concerning the delay you'd be handed another empty pitcher for wine and told help yourself. Also given a plate of freshly baked country bread from their ovens and some garlic butter (ali-oli), required eating for self preservation. I also always ordered a side dish of lima beans and butifara (Catalan sausage). Surprisingly enough few words were exchanged during the eating, everyone ravenously hungry. The children were occupied obtaining more wine from the barrels.

No-one ever lacked wine. An empty glass was unheard of. And - never an argument or cross words. Heaven had arrived and we were gobbling and then washing it down with a deluge of red, tinto, and rojo.

The entire affair was a self inflicted amnesia. No-one ever remembered what took place, was sung, said or whispered.

Most didn't remember going there. But, by Saturday evening my phone attended to a constant stream of calls pleading to suffer again.

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	10:00pm Ambulance	7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games	8:00pm Emmerdale	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	9:30am Live New Zealand NPC Rugby
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	7:30pm Eggheads	8:30pm Tonight	8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Cricket on 5	11:20am Cricket
	11:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm This Farming Life	9:00pm Emmerdale	9:00pm Lego Masters	9:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	7:30pm Cricket
	11:45pm Reggie Yates' Extreme UK	9:00pm The Big Family Cooking Showdown	10:00pm Safe House	10:00pm Educating Greater Manchester	10:00pm Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World	8:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
12:35am Should I Marry My Cousin?	10:00pm Tribes, Predators and Me	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice	11:00pm Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You	8:30pm Live Super League	
1:10am Weather for the Week Ahead	11:00pm The Premier League Show	11:30pm ITV News London	11:50pm Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls	12:00am My Secret Sex Fantasy	11:00pm The Debate - Live	
	11:30pm Newsnight	11:45pm The Late Debate	12:55am The Secret Life of the Holiday Resort	1:00am Super Casino	12:00am Through the Night	
	12:15am Mountain	12:10am Bear Grylls: Mission Survive			1:00am World Rugby	
FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER	7:00pm BBC News at Six	6:15pm Flog It!	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	7:00pm Home and Away	9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:30pm BBC London News	7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	7:30pm 5 News Tonight	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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	8:30pm A Question of Sport	8:00pm This Farming Life	9:00pm Teach My Pet to Do That	7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm Celebrity Five Go	11:30am Cricket
	9:00pm EastEnders	9:00pm Mastermind	9:30pm Coronation Street	7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Motorhoming	7:30pm Cricket
	9:30pm Celebrity MasterChef	9:30pm Only Connect	10:00pm Cold Feet	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald	8:00pm Football
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	10:00pm Gardeners' World	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm The Crystal Maze	11:00pm Liberate: In Life and Death	11:00pm The Debate - Live
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	12:05am Room 101	12:05am Dragons' Den	12:45am Tipping Point	12:05am Married to a Celebrity: The Survival Guide		
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SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	6:30pm Regional News	2:50pm Emma	5:30pm The Chase	11:50am The Simpsons	6:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	4:15pm Cricket
	6:35pm Weather	4:45pm Mastermind	6:30pm Local News and Weather	12:50pm Come Dine with Me	7:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	6:15pm Football
	6:40pm Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme	5:15pm University Challenge	6:40pm ITV News and Weather	3:25pm Big House, Little House	8:00pm Cricket on 5	10:45pm EFL Goals: Championship
	7:10pm Pointless	5:45pm Only Connect	7:00pm The Family Chase	4:30pm A Place in the Sun	9:00pm The Great Fire: In Real Time	11:15pm EFL Greatest Games
	8:00pm Strictly Come Dancing	6:15pm Gardeners' World	8:00pm Cannonball!	6:35pm Location, Location, Location	9:55pm 5 News	11:30pm Football
	8:00pm BBC News	7:15pm The Big Family Cooking Showdown	9:00pm The X Factor	7:30pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Football on 5	1:30am PL Highlights
	9:40pm BBC News	8:15pm Last Night of the Proms	10:15pm The Jonathan Ross Show	8:00pm Shakespeare's Tomb	11:30pm Hijacked: Terror in the Sky	2:00am Through the Night
	9:55pm Weather	10:00pm X+Y	11:20pm ITV News and Weather	8:00pm Great Canal Journeys	12:30am Criminals Caught on Camera	3:00am Live Fight Night International
	10:00pm Last Night of the Proms	11:45pm What Women Want	11:35pm United 93	10:00pm X-Men: First Class		
	11:30pm Match of the Day	1:45am Miss Bala	1:40am Jackpot247	12:40am The Tourist		
12:55am The NFL Show						
SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	8:00pm Countryfile	6:00pm Flog It!	6:30pm Local News and Weather	5:20pm The Crystal Maze	11:35am Football on 5	7:00am Through the Night
	9:00pm Fake or Fortune?	7:00pm Athletics	6:40pm ITV News and Weather	6:25pm The Great British Bake Off	1:00pm Goal Rush.	8:00am Total Goals
	10:00pm Strike	8:00pm Tribes, Predators and Me	7:00pm Tipping Point	7:40pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Traffic Cops	11:00am Cricket
	11:00pm BBC News	9:00pm Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?	8:00pm Coronation Street	8:00pm Amazing Spaces	9:00pm Cricket on 5	4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
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	11:25pm Weather	11:00pm Best Album 2017: Meet the Mercury Prize Nominees	10:00pm Victoria	10:00pm From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Fire	10:00pm All New Shocking Moments in Pop	10:00pm Live NFL: Seattle @ Green Bay
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	12:30am People Just Do Nothing	12:55am False Trail	11:20pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	12:35am Sin City: A Dame to Kill For		
	1:00am The Rebound		12:20am Five Gold Rings	2:25am Bruce Springsteen		
	2:30am Weather for the Week Ahead					
MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	8:30pm Inside Out	7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games	7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:00pm 5 News	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	9:00pm EastEnders	7:30pm Eggheads	7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:30pm Neighbours	11:00am Premier League Daily
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	11:30pm Regional News	7:30pm Eggheads	8:30pm Robson Green's Coastal Lives	9:00pm The Great British Bake Off	11:00pm Hotel Inspector: Checking in, Checking Out	5:00pm Sky Sports Today
	11:40pm Weather	8:00pm Antiques Road Trip	10:00pm 100 Year Old Driving School	10:15pm Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls Ep3	12:05am Cruising with Jane McDonald	6:00pm SKY Sports News
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	7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games	8:30pm Coronation Street	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Home and Away	3:00pm Sky Sports Today
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Give us a break from this barmy battle of the buns!

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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I THOUGHT the silly season was still with us when I just read about the slew of cookery shows about to explode on TV. But no! The coming season sees the launch of the all-new Great British Bake Off, The Big Family Cooking Show-down, Celebrity Masterchef, Jamie's Quick and Easy Food, Nadiya's British Food Adventure, Britain's Best Cook and Nigella Lawson's At My Table.

I used to love 'cooking programmes' - now just repetitions, clichéd and usually boring. Fanny and Johnnie (Cradock), not to mention Keith Floyd (quick slurp!), must be turning in their graves.



TEDIOUS: GBBO presenters Noel Fielding and Sandi Toksvig with judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith.

The irony is that at the same time as an explosion in 'cooking shows' there is evidence of less cooking of meals at home. Why are so many readymade meals sold and restaurants overflowing? People like looking at other people doing it?

Is the current obsession with articles and TV programmes about food a symptom or a cause of the fact that so many of us are, err, overweight?

But hang on! Haven't programmers missed a trick? How about 'Game of Scones' or 'A Question of Spork' or 'T' was Better When I Was Young,' a show celebrating the lack of fresh ingredients and 'exotic' foods like garlic, avocados etc? (Vesta and Angel Delight products would feature prominently.) Maybe there's even scope for one of those Anthony Bourdain-style TV stopover food

shows. I can see it now. 'Gordon Ramsay: Twelve Hours in...' Shetland? Orkney? The Outer Hebrides?

Bored rigid by the sheer number of these programmes for ages now, I hardly ever watch any of them. (Hardly surprising so many of us are joining Amazon and Netflix - maybe indigestion due to a surfeit of 'cooking' shows?). Especially the baking ones which bring to mind the old Shirley Conran maxim ('Life's too short to stuff a mushroom') from way back, when women weren't expected to be domestic dogsbodies and encouraged to get a real life. Ah, where have those days gone?

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Stewart Gow, Cutar, Axarquía

As a general rule

'All generalisations are wrong, including this one.'

This quotation attributed to Mark Twain, is an intriguing logic puzzle. Perhaps it hints, generalisations are sometimes correct? Of course they can be. If I said, 'I am alive,' that is true. So what's wrong with generalisations? Can they trap our thinking into making statements that sound reasonable but are not?

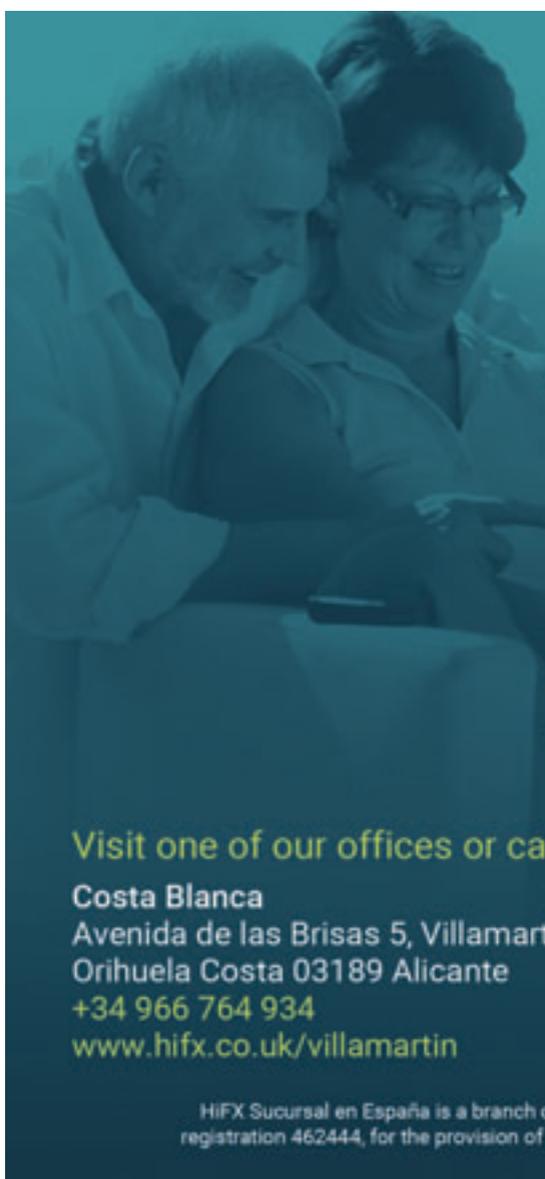
Take the word, 'immigrant' as a current example. Are immigrants to a country going to bring problems or solutions? The more detailed the questions you ask the more complexity of thinking is needed. Are economic migrants desirable in a country not needing extra workers? Is an economy held back by losing skilled workers originally from other countries? Who enforces migration? Where are immigrants from? The questions are practically unlimited and yet a bigot will simplify the answer to 'immigrants go home.'

Think of the infamous Brexit question. Was anyone invited to discuss why this question was being asked? Did anyone debate how referendums should be run and what proportion of the vote constitutes clear public opinion? Did anyone present facts in the debate prior to the vote, which are now known?

Governance is by definition simplifying complexity to enable broad decisions to be made. However without a debate and consequent understanding of important details, the question is flawed because the answer will not be factual. Socrates believed voters should be educated and informed otherwise the democratic process will reach uninformed conclusions.

Let us not be fooled by thinking we understand things. We don't and that, unfortunately, is a generalisation which is true.

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Cool welcome despite the sun

DO the airport workers along with the taxi men who are threatening strike action really care about Spain's tourists?

While I enjoy visiting Spain on a frequent basis, I am not so in love with the place that I am not tempted to think of seeking a new destination where I will be welcomed properly, not by industrial action that can ruin visits.

Visiting from Germany I have many options where to spend my money, and while sunshine will always be high on my priorities, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus all have plenty to offer, and without the threat of regular worker walkouts.

*Willi Schneider,
Berlin*

In the dumps

BENALMADENA Council has willingly designated a site on which the owner/developer planned a school

Bumpy ride

I WILL be 75 in November and do a fair bit of cycling on my mountain bike.

My favourite route is around Guadalmar near Malaga and I would like to send a message to the traffic chiefs to please put signs up advising motorists of cyclists in the area, who number hundreds at weekends.

I am afraid that a lot of motorists also don't know of the law that when passing bikes drivers should leave a gap of 1.5 metres.

I have lost count of the times I have been nearly knocked off



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| NO SIGNS: Guadalmar can be a dangerous place to ride.

my bike, especially when I consider myself a careful cyclist. I know there are also thoughtless bikers out there with no helmets or ear phones, and some even using their mobiles.

This is a request to towns on the Costa del Sol to PLEASE erect signs to warn motorists of cyclists in their area!

James Hogan, Torremolinos

and a public park, for a rubbish dump.

Over 5,000 residents live in the area affected by this ridiculous decision, close to Torrequebrada Golf and Bil Bil golf club, near Xanit and Alto Resolution Hospitals.

No way would this be allowed to happen in Marbella!

*Brian Johnston,
Benalmadena*

Seeing red

THIS regards to your online and print articles on the preparations in Bunol, Valencia, for its annual La Tomatina food fiesta, described as the world's largest food fight.

I am totally against such an event as a huge waste of food when so many people globally suffer from malnutrition and starvation.

The tomatoes should instead be distributed to the poorest areas in Spain.

*Raphaelle Henault,
Canada*

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Brits brawl on Alicante flight

Typical Brits! Why were they not arrested? *Roy Peters*

And from all accounts was not arrested, she was allowed into baggage claim where another fight broke out with her and another woman

Susan Banks

Why spoil things for everyone? Next thing, people will say don't sell alcohol anywhere, in case someone drinks and drives! Simple answer is, return them on the next flight, to be met by the home country police. Arrested and passport confiscated. Taken to court, fined or imprisoned and banned from flying for a period of time, just like drink driving. Then normal people can enjoy their trip and the guilty ones pay for it.

Peter Boat

Balearic council doubles tourism tax

My family have been stopping in the Hotel Santa Lucia Palma Nova for 30 years. After reading your story about the increase in tourist tax we will be looking elsewhere to go for our holiday.

Leonard Peleszok

Comments from EWN online

No I do not agree. All those tourists spend money in all sort of establishments what in turn creates employment. Brings in other taxes etc. Bad move! *Edith*

Farminer

By my calculation that's €68 extra on the bottom line on a family of four (teenagers) for two weeks in the Balearics. How long will it be before the said tourists look to Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Cyprus for thier two weeks in the sun. You can be xone 'cocky' when times are good but sometimes it's too late to try to recapture those lost tourists when they've holidayed elsewhere for a lot less.

Gordon Hulme

Police hold Saudi royals at gunpoint

Just seen the Saudi royal families 747 land at Malaga this afternoon. Guess the holiday has been cut short?

David

So armed security turn up in a foreign country without the right qualifications and that's meant to be ok because you are spending a lot of money . Good for you.

Spain. Philip Ashby Rudd

Chris Froome increases La Vuelta lead

Great by Sky, they deserve their wins, but the TV also shows that cheating is still rife in cycling as well as riders being totally unaware of what is going on around them even creating crashes on wide open roads and taking out their own team mates. What chance do we have on the N340 when the local cyclists mimic the professionals, wobbling about and riding three abreast totally unaware of other road users

Philip Hanson

easyJet new hand luggage in hold option takes off

Or they could just revert back to not charging extortionate prices for hold luggage! Problem solved. Not rocket science is it?

Lindsay Rose Roberts

Dear Leapy

JUST for once I might have to agree with you on your piece regarding spoiled children.

The theory of what the Americans have today, we have tomorrow comes in to play here. Blame them for their out pouring of dross, parcelled, neatly packaged and sent over for the Brits to adopt. Screaming, whooping, life coaches, ambulance chasing, false claims, stress not to mention hundreds of other pathetic reasons to mollycoddle our young things.

Proms at school? Why I even hear it has started when leaving primary now, children hiring a limo and going to that burger place, you know the one it starts with an M. Children ruined, always being told they are great at everything, good encouragement, I agree but when they get older and find out they are not, it's a big blow.

The moral of the story is blame America and in a lot of cases the parents.

*Phil,
San Fulgencio*

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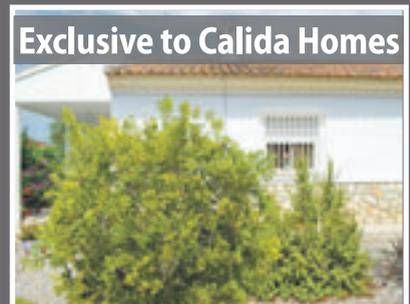
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Women's wit

“If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman.”

Margaret Thatcher, former British Prime Minister

Famous quote

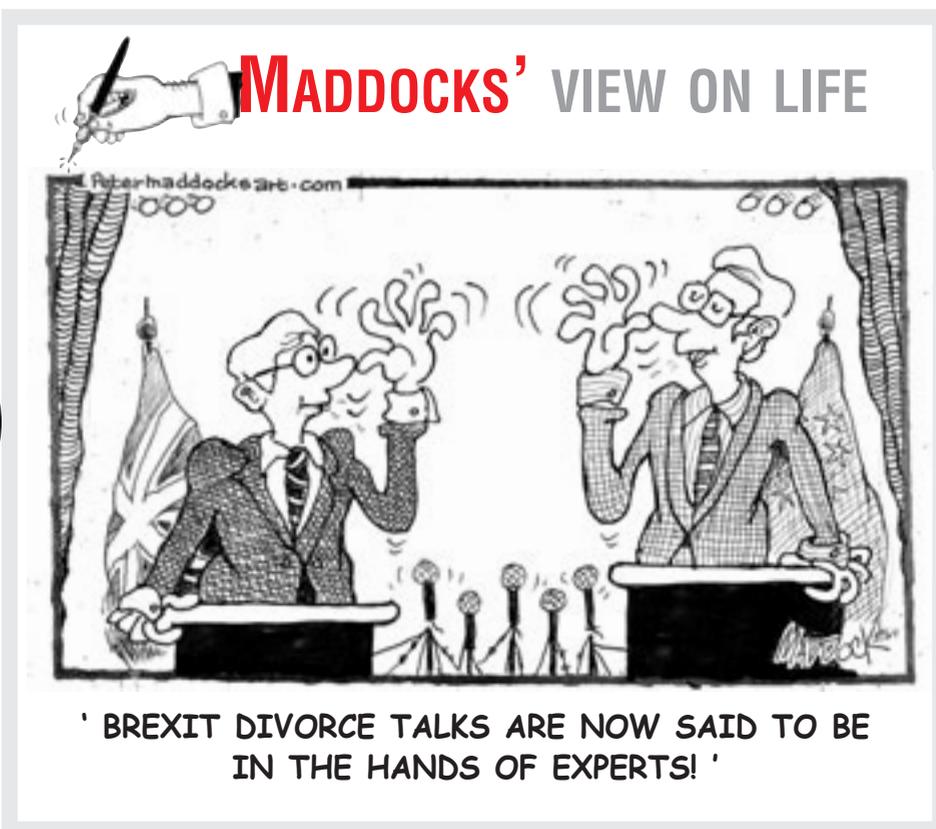
“Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work.”

Stephen King, Author



World of English

“If you take a laptop computer for a run, you could jog your memory.”



Spanish rock groups

TOP 5

1. Mago de Oz

Mago de Oz (Wizard of Oz) are a heavy folk metal outfit with nine members. The founding member of the band, Txus, claims they chose the name because ‘life is a yellow brick road, on which we walk in the company of others searching for our dreams.’ They have released 12 studio albums with a strong Celtic and operatic sound behind them. Their high voltage shows feature fireworks, confetti, colourful backdrops and hilarious stage props.



MAGO DE OZ: A heavy folk metal outfit with nine members.

2. Sober

Alternative rockers, Sober were formed back in 1994 and have released nine studio albums. The Madrilenian outfit went on a hiatus in 2005 whilst members pursued other projects before reforming in 2010. They have played some of the biggest Spanish festivals and venues in their time. Many football enthusiasts will be familiar with Cientos de Preguntas which appeared on the soundtrack to the videogame Fifa 2005.

3. Baron Rojo

Spanish rock royalty, Baron Rojo (Red Baron) achieved international success in the 1980's, capturing the heavy metal sound in its heyday. The band is fronted by brothers Carlos and Armando de Castro. The name of the band is a tribute to Manfred von Richthofen, as is the

song Baron Rojo. The band have 13 studio albums behind them and still tour regularly.

4. Breed 77

The youngest group of this compilation, Gibraltar rock outfit Breed 77 were formed in 1996 and have released seven studio albums. They infuse their heavy metal with a Spanish flamenco sound and create a unique sound, often adding a Spanish line or two to their English songs. Currently in hiatus, they will be emerging only for a one-off show on Gibraltar's National Day celebrations in September. Their biggest hit The

River brought them worldwide success but possibly their most popular song with fans is a cover of the Cranberries' anti-war anthem, Zombie.

5. Obus

Well-respected veterans, Obus (Bomb or Howitzer) have been active since the early 1980's and released 10 studio albums. They gained fame quickly by putting on electrifying live shows and have remained popular whilst refusing to alter their heavy metal style. The band continue to tour, playing a number of large venues and festivals in 2017.

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Saturday September 2	Saturday September 2	Tuesday August 29	Friday September 1	Saturday September 2	Sunday September 3
(30) (33) (35) (40) (41) (59)	(7) (11) (18) (23) (28) (40)	(4) (12) (15) (32) (38)	(3) (7) (8) (14) (49)	(1) (4) (18) (37) (40) (49)	(6) (14) (22) (46) (50)
BONUS BALL	BONUS BALL	LUCKY STARS	LUCKY STARS	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO
(8)	(37)	(1) (5)	(5) (8)	(3) (9)	(4)

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

A door fleetingly opens in front of you and you see something desirable. After the door has closed you still see the image. Why do you deny what you need when it is so easily possible for you to attain it? Reach out this week in the right direction and keep moving forward.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

As you know what you want, it should be a simple thing to devise a method of getting it. But you may need a little expert help and lots of determination. Younger people turn out to be most useful in this respect and treat the whole thing as a game.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

A surprise visit or phone call this week takes your mind back into the past. Perhaps something that you did not fully understand is now explained. Although, there may be elements that you find upsetting midweek, it is important to realise that some things come your way for a good reason.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

It is always difficult for you to stand by and see others make glaring mistakes, especially a family member. However, there are times when it is important that people work things out for themselves. It is only then that a lesson is truly taken on board.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Doing what is ‘right’ comes easily to you, but this week throws up a strange situation, and this time doing what is ‘right’ could have the wrong result. I do hope that doesn't sound confusing, because it is not meant to be. To get the outcome that you desire it may be necessary for you to withhold some information.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

It is hard to fit into a situation this week - you thought nothing of putting yourself in a certain position, but now that you are there you see the problem. You are not so much out of place, as feeling rather awkward. Why? This is a new experience for you, and you are unused to new places.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

A recently-accepted project seems to be running away with itself - did you volunteer to do something small and find out that it is a big task? Never mind, because you are quite able to ask for help, and in doing so you could meet someone who will be very important to you. Do I have your interest now?

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

You will consider this quite a boring week, no doubt, but that could soon be remedied as you seek out invitations and social events. You are doing no favours, either to yourself or others, if you do not push yourself forward. Others enjoy your company, even though you may be bored with it yourself.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

It may be a bit scary doing something different - you are a strong person, but unused to entering into new experiences.

Consider how you would have approached this situation 20 years ago; have you really changed? Are you not the same person? Try to gain a new experience every week.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

It may be that you hesitate when offered an opportunity, not necessarily because you think that you are not up to it. The problem may be that you are aware that there are social aspects, and perhaps you feel unable to cope with too much attention at one time. Life busy enough?

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Non-communication is a worrying thing.

You sent out a message some time ago that remains unanswered, so to save yourself agonies, why not telephone? Perhaps you hesitate because of a rejection in the past.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Having put out feelers for something to do in the warm evenings, it now seems that you are spoiled for choice. Go for new experiences first and the tried and tested later.

LOTTERY

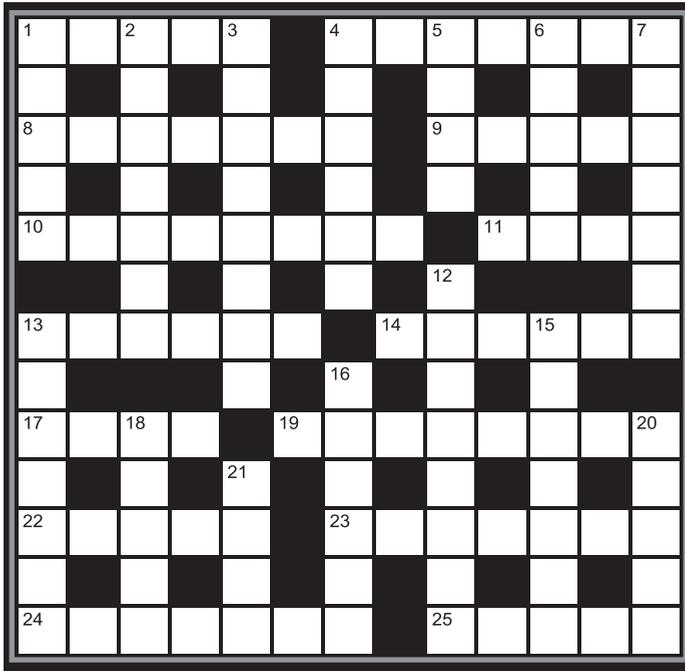
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Cryptic

- Across**
 1 Praise being late out, about 10 (5)
 4 Agreeable weather forecast but fear it's wrong (3,4)
 8 Refuse to leave book in service station (7)
 9 River in industrial heartland (5)
 10 Residential areas, surely part of rally (8)
 11 Not quite prepare to deliver (4)
 13 Resourceful club opens bar (6)
 14 Lashes out in scuffle (6)
 17 Small and frequently gentle (4)
 19 In the interim, meet main engineer (8)
 22 Die surrounded by gold? Goodbye (5)
 23 Allowed to be clever in the end (7)
 24 Give the right back, some felt it needed it (7)
 25 Discourage in foreign trade territory (5)

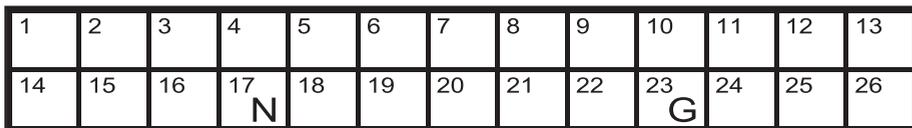
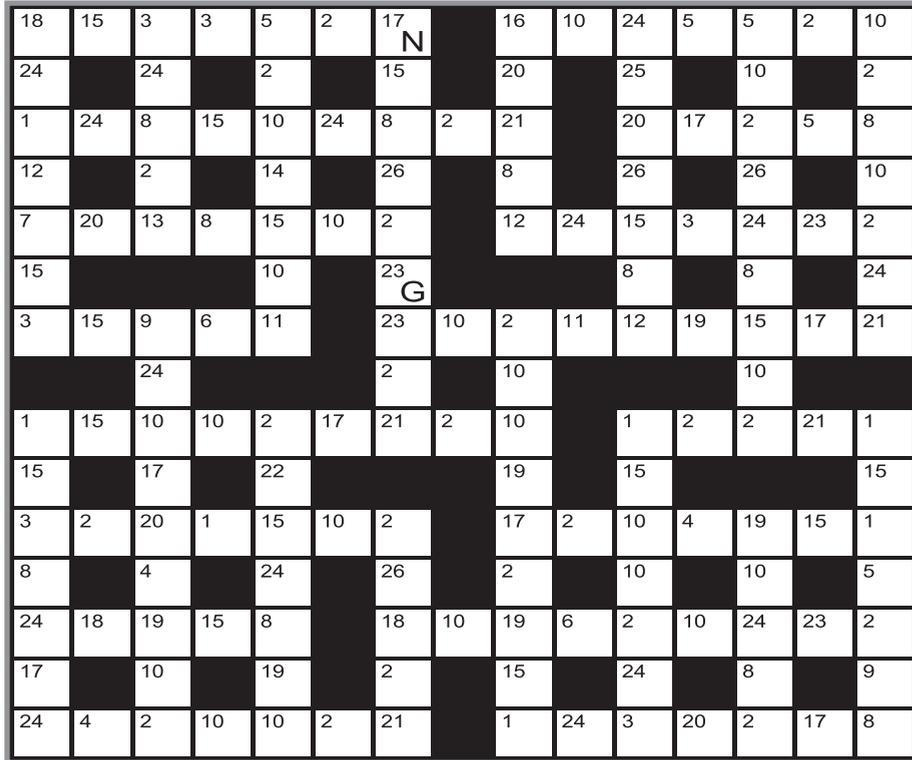


- Down**
 1 Man seen in enchanted garden (5)
 2 Area of ground needs new form of care over time (7)
 3 Meet star model American truck driver (8)
 4 The odds against listeners having weapons (6)
 5 Grind? Put right finally with

- lubrication (4)
 6 Join the French, become confused! (5)
 7 Remainder live outside Uruguay (7)
 12 Obtains help that had been denied (8)
 13 Fall of scoundrel in lawsuit (7)
 15 Pan ability by alien (7)
 16 Points to Rene being calm (6)
 18 Fashionable to be covered in fat? That's hard to see (5)
 20 Spanish and German articles for a church official (5)
 21 Yearn for some blustery weather (4)

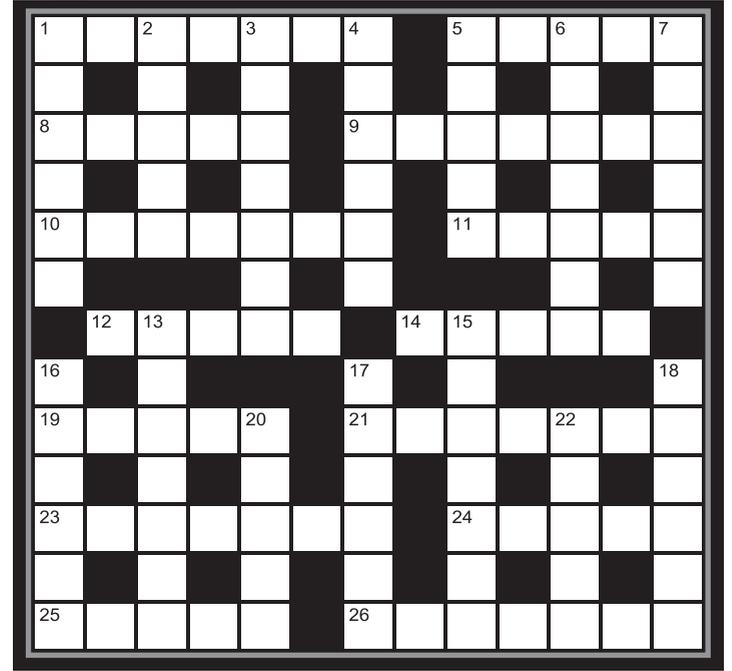
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 17 represents N and 23 represents G, so fill in N every time the figure 17 appears and G every time the figure 23 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

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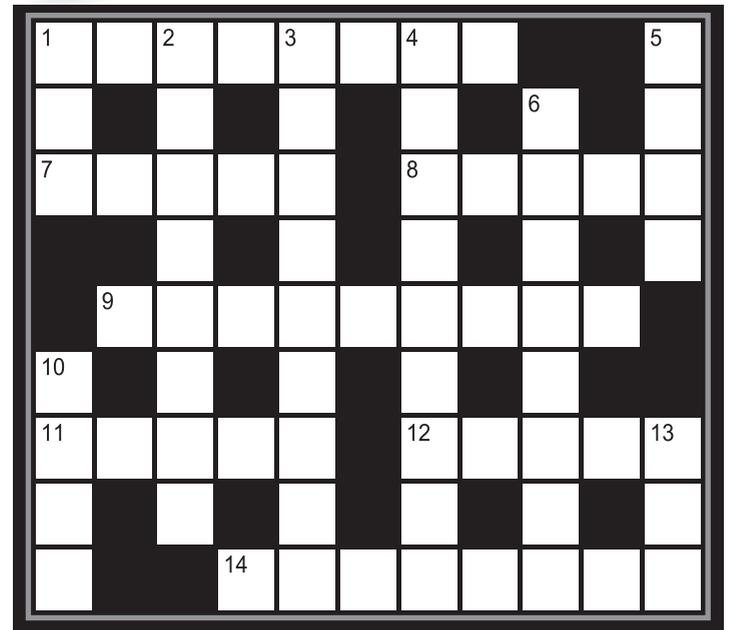


- Across**
 1 Alternatives (7)
 5 Produce or yield flowers (5)
 8 Not tight (5)
 9 At ease (7)
 10 Weds (7)
 11 Change place or direction (5)
 12 Strikes repeatedly (5)
 14 Tender and brittle (5)
 19 Below (5)
 21 Rotate (7)
 23 Violent windstorm (7)
 24 Person who strives to equal or excel another (5)
 25 Country in northeast Africa (5)
 26 Being of delicate or thin build (7)

- Down**
 1 Upright cylinder, used as support or adornment (6)
 2 Aroma (5)
 3 Person authorised to dispense medicinal drugs (7)
 4 Emphasise (6)
 5 Foundation, or that on which a thing rests (5)
 6 Beginnings (7)
 7 Having great strength (8)
 13 Aged (7)
 15 Change to the contrary (7)
 16 Tenuous, slight (6)
 17 Mistakes (6)
 18 Basement (6)
 20 Show a response to something (5)
 22 Held dear (5)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
 1 Huertos (8)
 7 Key (typewriter/piano) (5)
 8 Tiza (para escribir, de billar) (5)
 9 Purses (for money) (9)
 11 Cap (hat) (5)
 12 Novia (en boda) (5)
 14 Acera (8)
Down
 1 See 13
 2 Puppy (8)
 3 Housewife (3,2,4)
 4 December (9)
 5 Chiste (4)
 6 Manzanilla (8)
 10 Water (4)
 13/1 Comer fuera (3,3)

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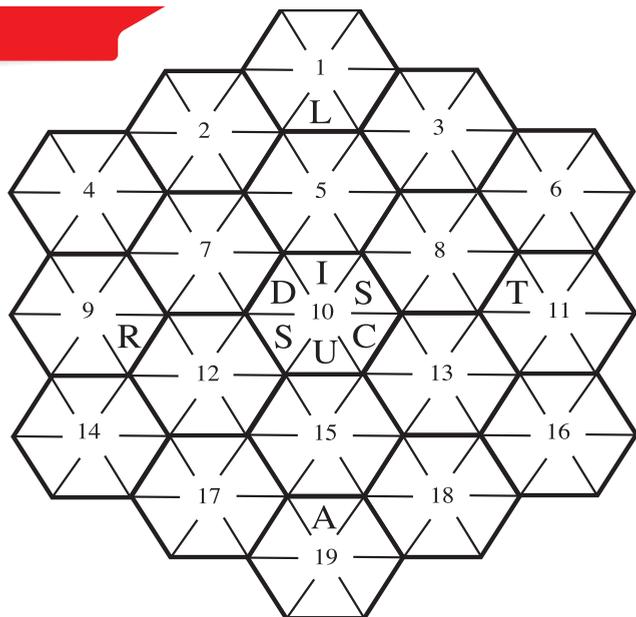
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Hexagram

- AMPERE
- APPALL
- AROUND
- ARREAR
- BEHEST
- BESTOW
- DEEPEN
- DEMEAN
- DISCUS (10)
- EARWIG
- INDEED
- MILIEU
- NETTED
- PESETA
- RESORT
- TEEING
- TESTES
- THENCE
- TINGLE



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

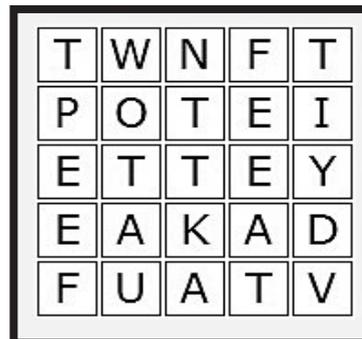
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Tracer 2 Margin 3 Watery 4 Intone
- 5 Teeing 6 Leaden 7 Infest 8 Delete
- 9 Morose 10 Fillet 11 Girdle 12 Beetle
- 13 Cutler 14 Jumble 15 Cutlet 16 Arcing
- 17 Amulet 18 Concur 19 Haunch.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 30
- Very good: 55
- Good: 38
- Excellent: 68

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

held hots elude eludes elute eldest elder equator aster astern duel durst debt debts debtor sett astute beds best bets better bred egos goat goats gotta goes goos goose gore gored gores hotter hotbed hotbeds hoot hoots horn hogs hooted hooter

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



TARGET:

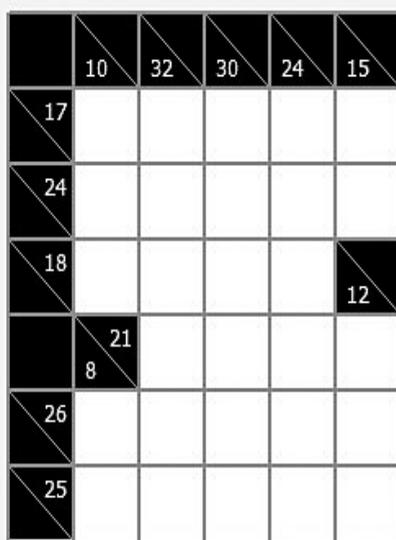
- Average: 21
- Good: 27
- Very good: 39
- Excellent: 48

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

anti atom fiat font foot fort frat frit into iota mart mint moat mont moot mort omit onto raft rant rift riot root rota tarn taro tiro toon tori torn tram trim trio afoot amort faint front intro matin motif motor nitro ratio train aroint forint format martin matron motion ration footman formant monitor oration FORMATION

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 2 Plugs, 6 Boca, 7 Tree, 8 Nacer, 9 Last, 10 Abad, 11 Apron, 12 Boil, 13 Gate, 14 Llave, 15 Vela, 16 Raro, 17 Sinks.
- Down:** 1 Corazones, 2 Pantallas, 3 Uncertain, 4 Strangers, 5 Delantero.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Cockpit, 5 Solid, 8 Evens, 9 Barrage, 10 Pasteur, 11 Athos, 12 Trance, 14 Usurer, 17 Evade, 19 Adrenal, 22 Lanyard, 23 Boost, 24 Style, 25 Tenants.
- Down:** 1 Cheep, 2 Chelsea, 3 Paste, 4 Tabard, 5 Streaks, 6 Leach, 7 Dresser, 12 Trellis, 13 Cremate, 15 Rangoon, 16 Bardot, 18 Annoy, 20 Robin, 21 Lotus.

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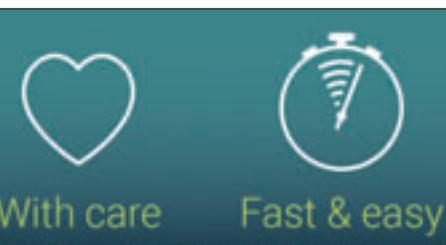
- Across:** 1 Sells, 4 Stays, 8 Contact, 9 Tease, 10 Easel, 11 Escapes, 12 Starts, 14 Strong, 18 Strange, 20 Waste, 22 Leads, 23 Narrows, 24 Yo-yos, 25 Sheds.
- Down:** 1 Secrets, 2 Lends, 3 Scarlet, 4 Settee, 5 Attic, 6 Shampoo, 7 Seems, 13 Already, 15 Towards, 16 Guesses, 17 Tennis, 18 Split, 19 Nosey, 21 Stove.

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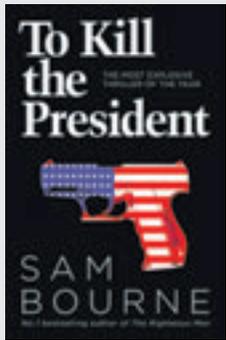
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TODAY

TOMORROW

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Fri - 28 20 - S	Fri - 28 22 - Cl	Fri - 22 13 - C	Fri - 32 14 - S
Sat - 30 20 - S	Sat - 29 22 - S	Sat - 21 14 - C	Sat - 30 14 - Cl
Sun - 30 20 - Cl	Sun - 29 21 - Cl	Sun - 22 15 - Sh	Sun - 28 13 - C
Mon - 29 20 - S	Mon - 29 22 - S	Mon - 20 13 - Sh	Mon - 26 12 - S
Tues - 28 20 - Sh	Tues - 28 21 - C	Tues - 20 13 - Cl	Tues - 26 12 - S
Wed - 27 20 - S	Wed - 27 21 - S	Wed - 22 15 - Sh	Wed - 27 13 - S

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BIRTHDAYS

September 8 - Gylfi Sigurdsson (28) Footballer. Icelandic striker who was part of the team that knocked England out of Europe, Gylfi has won Iceland's Sportsman of the Year award in 2013 and 2016. Having had spells at Spurs and Swansea, he now plays for Everton Football Club.

September 9 - Michael Buble (42) Singer. The multi-Grammy award-winning singer has sold over 50 million records and achieved worldwide fame and become one of Her Majesty the Queen's favourite artists since his 2005

hit album, It's Time.

September 10 - Colin Firth (57) Actor. After gaining prominence in *Pride and Prejudice* and *Shakespeare in Love*, Firth soon became a British favourite, landing many big roles including the lead part in *The King's Speech*.

September 11 - Ludacris (40) Rapper. The Grammy award-winning rapper made it big in 2000 with his album *Back for the First Time*. His recent career has



Dave Mustaine.

seen him on the big screen, playing roles in the *Fast and Furious* series of films.

September 12 - Neil Pert (65) Drummer. Neil Pert has been a part of progressive rock outfit Rush since 1974. He learned to play the drums when he was 14-years-old. Standing at 1.93 centimetres tall he is one of the world's tallest drummers.

September 13 - Dave Mustaine (56) Musician. Founder and front man of US thrash metal outfit, Megadeth, Mustaine

was the original lead guitarist in Metallica. After nearly losing the use of his left arm in a motorcycle crash in 2002, Mustaine has gone on to release six studio albums since then and has also become a born-again Christian.

September 14 - Andrew Lincoln (44) Actor. Star of the hit apocalyptic zombie drama series, *The Walking Dead*, Lincoln plays the title character 'Rick.' Prior to that he appeared in *Love Actually* in 2003 and married Gael Anderson in 2006, daughter of Ian Anderson of progressive rock pioneers Jethro Tull.

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.

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Word Ladder

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FOOL

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

FOOL
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SOUR
SOAR
STAR
Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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6	5	2	1	8	3	7	4	9

1897 - First ever drunk driving arrest
A 25-year-old London taxi driver named George Smith crashes his vehicle into a building and becomes the first person ever arrested for drunk driving and was fined 25 shillings.

1943 - Italian surrender is announced

Italy surrenders to the Allied forces as Germany reacts with Operation Axis in a bid to maintain a foothold in Italy.

1955 - Little Richard records 'Tutti Frutti'

Rock and roll legend, Little Richard (Wayne Penniman) records what will go on to be one of his biggest hits.

1976 - Chairman Mao dies

Chinese revolutionary, Communist leader and founder of the People's Republic of China, Mao Zedong dies, aged 82, in Beijing after suffering from Parkinson's disease for years, as well as other health problems. His legacy will survive as one of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

2001 - Al Qaeda attacks America

Hijacked planes decimate the World Trade Centres in New York, crashing into them and causing both to collapse. A third plane smashes into the Pentagon and a fourth is brought down as passengers fought against the terrorists.

This week in history

DVD

A new horror masterpiece

Directed by: Liam Gavin
Starring: Catherine Walker, Steve Oram, Mark Huberman

A NEW horror masterpiece. A grieving mother is desperate to contact her deceased son for one final conversation after he was kidnapped and murdered by teenagers practising dark arts and black magic.



Sophia Howard (Catherine Walker) rents a house in the Welsh countryside and hires occultist, Joseph Solomon (Steve Oram) to help her in her quest. Solomon gives her guidance in order to purify her soul but the lives of the pair are both risked as Sophia hides a deceitful hidden agenda that jeopardises both their lives.

Director Liam Gavin's big screen debut cranks up the atmosphere to the highest level and proves a gripping, spine-chilling watch that prevents the viewer from taking their eyes off the screen.

Trivia PS

Sweat aids mosquitoes in their choice of victim. Human skin produces more than 340 chemical odours, some of which smell like dinner to mosquitoes. Octenol, a chemical released in sweat, greatly attracts them as well as cholesterol, folic acid, certain bacteria, skin lotions and perfume.

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DEPRESSION: New mums keep their anxiety to themselves.

Struggling mums stay silent

THERE is still a stigma surrounding postpartum or postnatal depression. As new mothers coo and adore their newborn, those who are struggling remain silent as a new study reveals that one in five new mums suffering from depression keep their anxieties to themselves. Of these, around half of women claim to have at least one barrier that

makes asking for help 'extremely difficult' or 'impossible,' including inadequate social support.

The study was carried out by the North Carolina State University and found that many women who would benefit from treatment are not receiving it as they keep quiet about their feelings rather than admitting to suffering from symptoms.

As part of the study, researchers analysed over 200 women who had given birth in the last three years, asking if they had experienced symptoms of postpartum depression symptoms and, if so, whether they confided in a healthcare worker.

Meanwhile a separate study has concluded that mothers with postnatal depression are more likely to

have difficult children, as sufferers who are insensitive towards their children are more likely to have youngsters with difficult temperaments. The researchers said their findings highlighted the importance of supporting families after the birth of a new child to help both the mother and baby develop close, strong bonds.

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Tuberculosis



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WHAT is tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is an infectious and contagious disease which tends to affect the lungs but can also spread to other areas.

What are its symptoms?

The symptoms can vary but when it affects the lungs a person can cough blood, have a high fever, pains in a person's side and diarrhoea.

How can you treat it?

Tuberculosis can be cured in most cases by going on a course of antibiotics. It is a long treatment process that can take months involving three or four different drugs.

What causes tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis that tends to affect those with

weaker immune systems and sometimes the elderly.

Are there ways of preventing catching the disease?

The disease is spread through the air, so being in an area with someone who has tuberculosis will significantly increase the risk of catching it as the air an infected person expulses spreads the disease. In order to avoid it a person should not expose themselves to that environment.

Is it a common disease in Spain?

For many years tuberculosis was almost eradicated in Spain, only affecting those with immunodeficiency such as HIV sufferers or people undergoing chemotherapy.

However the increase in immigration has caused cases of tuberculosis to appear more frequently.

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Make an eye test part of your back to school routine

AROUND 30 per cent of school-aged children in Spain suffer from an undiagnosed visual problem that can affect their studies in school.

According to experts in paediatric ophthalmology, problems with the eyes can negatively impact a child's success in school when we consider that much of the information received by the student is perceived through the sense of sight, particularly during their integral development of a child.

Good vision is necessary to allow the child to first see and then correctly process the information allowing them to give it a meaning and understand it.

Many parents do not carry out eye tests on their children, but experts say much of the visual impairment can occur before the age of

six, having a considerable impact on their school work and development. Therefore, whilst new clothes, bags and books are often part of the staple 'back to school' purchases, it is recommended to make an eye examination for your child part of the routine.

You should also look out for any of these signs your child may be struggling with their vision:

Trouble viewing the blackboard or television; getting close to paper when writing or reading; suffering from headaches and having concentration problems; complaining of double or

blurred vision of objects and not understanding or forgetting what they have just read or having to read it several times.



EYE TESTS: Should be carried out on schoolchildren.

Essential oils for curing a headache

ESSENTIAL oils have been used to treat headaches for centuries, and offer a more effective and natural alternative to the painkillers that doctors traditionally prescribe.

With so many different essential oils on the market, it can be tricky to know which are best for curing a particular problem. For headaches and migraines, the ones to remember are lavender, peppermint, eucalyptus and rosemary.

Peppermint is great for stimulating blood flow so is effective in alleviating a tension headache. Lavender helps to relieve stress and aid sleep, so is useful for headaches stemming from these problems. Eucalyptus is great for sinus headaches while rosemary has anti-inflammatory properties. Just massage the oil into your temples to feel the results.

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Summer finales

IT'S free music season in Mojacar which is rounding off summer with a series of public performances. On Saturday evening at Plaza Parterre there will be a piano and guitar night open with free viewing to anyone who fancies it.

The show begins at 8pm and the old Moorish square is the excellent acoustic setting for an evening concert. All the family are invited for what will surely be a magical musical evening.

Just a few days later, on Tuesday, Mojacar's municipal band will be playing at the Pabellon at 10am. The group was formed in the year 2000 and includes the top talent from Mojacar's music school.

There are roughly 60 musicians and they often play the pueblo's parades, fiestas, funeral marches, and other public events. They regularly play in major cities and competitions across Spain and specialise in orchestra music.

Latin king's midnight magic

By Matthew Elliott

LATIN superstar Henry Mendez is playing for his legion of Almeria fans tonight. The acclaimed singer and DJ is performing in Adra at a free midnight concert as the town continues its feria celebrations.

Mendez is one of the biggest stars Adra town hall has managed to secure for the week-long festivities. His performance begins as the clock strikes midnight at the municipal hall and entrance is free for all music-lovers.

The only limit is space. The doors will close when the venue is packed, which isn't expected to take long. The hall has been a hotbed of musical talent this year with dozens of free gigs aimed at expanding Adra's cultural reputation.

Mendez, from the Dominican Republic, is a crossover Latin American and European star. His latest song 'Por mi que nao se' has been viewed more than one million times online.

He specialises in reggaeton, rap and house music and is well known for his collaborations with Spanish artists.



STAR POWER: Mendez the biggest name at Adra festival.

Biodanza classes

BIODANZA is an emerging dance, music, movement and social exercise aimed at developing human potential. Classes are being held this month and next in Mojacar's Multiple Uses Centre.

They can be attended by a maximum of 20 women and involve a series of dance moves and personal and social exercises designed to illuminate the mind and foster a new approach to life.

The next class is on Saturday from 5pm until 8pm. The remaining classes on the schedule are on Wednesday September 20 and Friday October 27 at the same times.

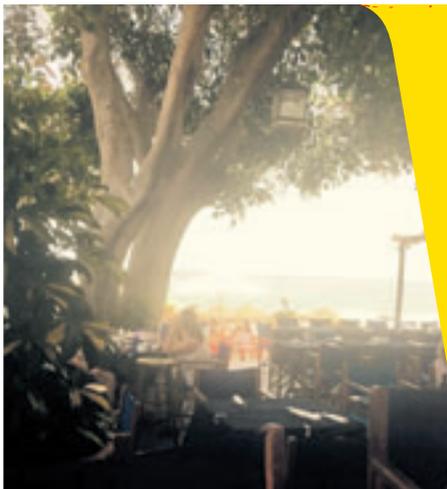
The Mojacar classes will have a Carmen de Burgos theme. She was born in Almeria.



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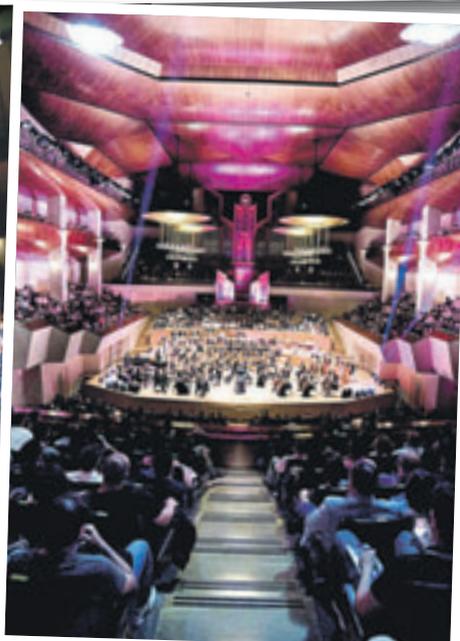
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Star Wars orchestra sets date



EPIC: Film scores and orchestras a terrific match.

TICKETS are now on sale for the Film Symphony Orchestra's upcoming performance on the Costa de Almería.

The acclaimed group, which reproduces film scores in epic live shows, is playing the Roquetas Auditorium on January 13 next year.

They begin an extensive tour of more than 30 venues across Spain in autumn. Cities like Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia will experience their showmanship before the collective of

70 professional musicians arrive in Almería.

Tickets can be found on the group's website, El Corte Ingles, and through Ticketmaster. They are also playing in Murcia, Malaga and Alicante, with a full schedule available online.

Directed by Constantino Martinez, the group is a Spanish outfit who tackle classic film soundtracks in a bombastic fashion.

Music from The Pink Panther, James

Bond, Game of Thrones and Star Wars is par for the course. Performances include a unique visual spectacle using huge projectors to create an unmissable experience for fans.

January is still far away but the Film Symphony Orchestra sold out all its Spanish concerts three years running from 2012 to 2014 and has now cultivated an international reputation. Tickets are likely to go fast for one of the winter's most memorable gigs.

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THOSE that appear at virtually every fish counter in our supermarkets. Now, I am sure that I do what most people try and do.

If I have a lot of shopping to do I make a bee line to the fish counter and get my ticket. Then calculating how many staff are serving, how many numbers in front of mine and the day of the week (yes - Fridays is bulk buying day so each person takes a lot longer!) I work out a rough idea how long it will take.

If it's not very long I shop around that area keeping an eye on the counter or wait to hear my number being called.

The best laid plans of mice and men... means it doesn't always work, but normally I am there at the right moment. This highly sophisticated scientific approach back fired on me at a recent trip to El Campo in La Cañada, Marbella.

As always the place was extremely busy - especially



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One Ajman fish worker can fillet a fish in less than a minute!

the fish counter. I picked up my ticket - 70 - 20 in front of me. They were not going to move however so maybe these staff were going to be super-quick.

So I thought about 20 minutes, so I would do a bit of the other shopping. Fifteen minutes passed and I returned. Ten to go. I'll do a bit more.

Returning some 10 minutes later the counter was at 65 so I decided that I had better wait as the crowd had more than doubled in size and if I missed my turn I would be there all day. It seemed ages until it went to 66. Then a member of the staff decided it was time for a break. Another one became locked into a client

who had a shipping order for a cruise liner!!!!

This was now being painful! I had been waiting 20 minutes and we were still at 68. This was when I decided I was probably going to expire before I managed to acknowledge that I had the 'winning' ticket. Then bingo - three score and 10/blind seven.

'Gracias' I yelled as my tether was reaching it's end! But alas no one responded, despite my gesticulations!

Someone must have hit the button by mistake. Eventually - 71! - 'perdona' I said flashing my precious ticket! Full House I got served! My purchase took less than three minutes. Oh well!

WHEN I was in Ajman some years ago - not so fashionable as its neighbour Dubai - but it is not a dry state!! - we went to the local fish market. It made El Campo look empty, fantastic fish, some unknown even to me and the biggest Carabiñeros (deep sea 'shrimp') I have seen.

The system there is quite remarkable.

You buy your fish and one of the what seems like hundreds of 'filleters' are waiting to do their work on your purchase. There is a huge area where these guys are busy practising their skills. I reckon that they can do 10 kilo of fish in the same time that my lady at El Campo can fillet a hake!

Dish washing split and thanks

TO all the readers that contacted me about dish washing machines, the pros and cons. From the straw poll that I did it would appear that we are split 50 - 50 as to their usefulness, with men more likely to avoid them and women to love them. But one thing we all seem to agree on is the leaf blowers. They should be removed from society just like any other useless, noisy, litter lout!!

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“ I don't like the word 'alcoholic' I like to think of myself as an advanced drinker.
Chelsea Handler

Come all without, come all within

You'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn

(Manfred Mann/Bob Dylan)

IT was announced last month that former Ritz Hotel head chef and Ark Foundation founder Michael Quinn had died aged 71 after a long battle with ill health.

'The Mighty' Quinn came to prominence in 1980 when, having already achieved a Michelin star as head chef at Gravetye Manor in Sussex, he was named the first British head chef to hold the top job at the Ritz hotel.

He was credited with turning the London landmark into one of the city's top dining destinations through innovative cuisine that was much copied.

It was an achievement that helped to win him an MBE, along with celebrity status, countless television and radio appearances, and invitations to cook for royalty and stars all over the world.

But his remarkable success made Quinn's fall even more dramatic. No one, not least Quinn, would have dreamt that by 1990 he would be a homeless drunk, sleeping in doorways, parks and Salvation Army hostels.

He had lost contact with most of his family and friends, and at the age of 48 the chef who once had everything was being given the last rites by a priest as he lay dying in hospital with liver failure. Alcoholism had stripped him of fame, fortune, family and almost his life.

In 1990 he was told that he would lose

everything if he didn't stop drinking - and most of it came true. Alcohol took him from the pinnacle of the catering world into treatment centres, hospitals and then back into the pub. If he had gotten well

when he had the chance, his sons would have known him as a top chef at the Ritz. But now they can't.

However in that year Michael took the first steps to sobriety and realised that there was little help for those suffering from alcohol related problems in hospitality, so he set up the Ark Foundation.

The organisation was established to educate the hospitality industry through awareness seminars on alcohol and drug abuse

He spent the rest of his life not as the amazingly talented Chef that he was, but as an ambassador and lecturer for the Ark Foundation. Regrettably, especially among chefs, alcohol and drugs in our industry is a major problem - a lot to do with the stress and long inhospitable hours - and there was never any help or advice.

The foundation did a great deal to help many hundreds of young people. Michael was lucky I suppose to have made it to 71 given the beating that his body endured in the early years.

(Some content courtesy of the *Caterer and Hotelkeeper*)



The demise of the Mighty Quinn.

1.77 times more chefs die from alcoholism than the average.

352 the number of deaths linked to alcoholism in a survey.

13,470 the number of white male deaths studied in that survey.

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Pilgrims celebrate centuries of fatih

THOUSANDS of religious devotees are undertaking the traditional Virgen del Saliente pilgrimage today (Thursday) and tomorrow. One of the most important pilgrimages in southern Spain, the Albox to Saliente walk is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year.

The pilgrimage begins at midnight and most of the faithful are expected to have completed the 19-kilometre journey by the early hours of tomorrow morning. There will be additional security this year for the procession and Mayor Francisco Torrecillas has asked everyone to pay heed to any advice or orders from police.

Tomorrow will be a day of dedicated worship for the faithful at Saliente church where several masses will be heard. Pilgrims will return to Albox in the evening, where younger generations have already lined up a more secular festive weekend.

Most of the pilgrims walk the entire journey, but many others are escorted in cars or buses, especially the elderly or infirm. The pilgrimage is a recognised event of cultural interest.

Town hall revamp on cue

By Matthew Elliott

THE revamping of the old Albox convent into a new town hall is advancing ahead of schedule. Much of the roof has been remodelled and repaired and new windows fitted.

Albox mayor Francisco Torrecillas claims to be closely monitoring the progress. "Little by little, and with the help of everyone, we are rehabilitating this emblematic building, the future town hall of Albox," he said.

Fixing the windows and the roof has already cost an estimated €150,000. The next step is installing new electrical wiring and heating which could suck up €350,000 of public money.

The project has two objectives. First to recover a building of architectural and cultural interest for Albox. Secondly it will function as a new council headquarters and hold various public events.

Torrecillas has made the



MAKEOVER: Convent to be finished within five years.

convents renovation the signature policy of his administration. The town hall won a lease over the building from the church on the condition that it is fully repaired in five years.

He has asked people for donations to the cause, argu-

ing that the revamped building will be a legacy for future generations of Albox residents.

Work is also taking place to spruce up Plaza Mayor which will shortly have a cleaner, fresher look.

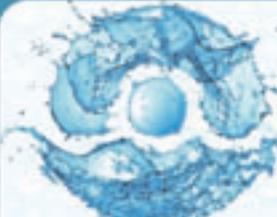


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Teen thief nicked

A TEENAGE thief accused of three robberies have been arrested in Zurgena. The male, aged 19, is believed to have broken into local homes and stolen jewellery, cash and personal items.

Police say he later sold the jewellery at a Huerca-Overa pawnbrokers, earning €1,200 for the ill-gotten goods.

Guardia Civil began investigating after receiving numerous complaints from local residents. Each had come home to find a door kicked in and the valuables snatched.

Police visited pawn shops across the province and were soon able to put together a portrait of their suspect.

With an accurate description they were soon able to find the man and make their arrest.

Top tennis tourney

ALBOX holds one of the biggest tennis tournaments in the province this weekend. The 38th Albox Summer Open will bring some of Spain's top serving talent to the Albox Tennis Club for a national competition from tomorrow until Sunday.

This year's tournament has been strongly supported by the Albox Town Hall which is excited by the expected tourist windfall. Sports councillor Mario Torregrosa says it is one of the top events on the Albox calendar which attracts even international players.

"This represents an opportunity for our young athletes but also for all our residents who have the opportunity to witness a sporting spectacle of great height," he said.

This year there will be a knockout format with the opening rounds beginning tomorrow and the final on Sunday. Top prize is €600, with €300 for the runner-up, €150 for semi-finalists, and €75 for those who make the quarters.

Registration for players closed just yesterday but the town hall has placed strict criteria on qualification to ensure the play is of a top quality. Entrance costs €20.

Organisers are hoping for an exciting tournament. In just two years it will be the 40th annual tournament, a major milestone Albox hopes to celebrate with a special competition.



READY: Albox tennis club site of major weekend competition.

Wacky weather for summer

WHILE most of Spain suffered torrential rains in last week's cold drop, the Almanzora Valley bore the brunt of it in Almería Province. In Huerca-Overa more than 30 litres per square metre fell last Wednesday.

Albox clocked up more than 11 litres per square metre in less than 24 hours and even experienced hail. Both Albox and Partalaoa saw strong winds as Spain's meteorological agency raised the weather warning to orange.

Despite the unusually wild August conditions there were no flooding disasters or injuries reported. There was a minor landslide on the A-1100 in Cobdar, a few fallen trees and some electricity outages.

Farmers across the Almanzora Valley welcomed the much-needed downpour which helped the hot, dry summer that has become typical for the region. Warnings a tornado might strike did not come to pass.

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Business booming in the Valley

ENTREPRENEURSHIP is thriving in the Almanzora Valley where 52 new companies have been created in the first half of 2017.

The new companies have been developed under the auspices of the Andalusian Entrepreneurship Centres (CADE) scheme. It has also established 20 new business projects and helped train 60 local business minds, holding workshops and other events.

Most of the fledgling new companies have been established in Albox, Cantoria, Olula del Rio, Purchena, Seron and Zurgena. Between them they have generated a local economic impact of €340,000 and created 54 new jobs.

The main CADE centre is in Albox, which also covers the Taberno, Partaloa and Oria areas. It offers enough space for 11

companies to set up small headquarters free of charge while they establish their business models.

In Cantoria another CADE centre has helped 12 start up companies get on their feet, including some based in Albanchez, Fines and Cobdar.

Another 13 companies have been created in the Olula del Rio CADE centre, which also covers Macael and Suffi.

The CADE centres even offer free accommodation to emerging business leaders, giving them every available opportunity to make a success of their company. Across the province CADEs have helped build almost 500 companies in 2017, creating hundreds of jobs.

In order to secure funding the company must present a viable business plan.

Dream move falls flat



TALENTED Albox-born winger Diego Capel will not be signing for UD Almería. The 29-year-old was the club's

top choice and was on the verge of becoming their biggest ever signing before the deal fell through.

UD Almería currently play in Spain's second division. They were extremely interested in luring Capel back to his home province but were unable to meet his and his agent's financial demands. Capel is currently a free agent after leaving Belgian side Anderlecht. He has La Liga experience with Sevilla and is expected to return to Spain's top league this season with either Leganes or Getafe.

He started just nine games in a disappointing campaign with Anderlecht and has been angling for a move back to Spain for some time.

Capel is the best talent to come out of Albox, and one of the best produced in Almería. He made his professional debut for Sevilla aged just 16. He scored his first goal against Barcelona in 2008 and at one point was linked to Tottenham Hotspur and Real Madrid for fees rumoured to be around €12 million.

Neither came to fruition and in 2011 he moved to Sporting in Portugal for €6 million. He has over 60 caps for the Spanish youth team and two for the national senior side.

NOT TO BE: Capel (white) tussles with Maxwell of Barcelona.

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Valley's Scandi empire

A NEW Cosentino centre has opened in Helsinki, giving the Almanzora Valley's biggest commercial empire its first Finnish base.

The Cantoria-based group, famed for its kitchen top material Silestone, also has bases in Sweden, Denmark and Norway. It specialises in design and architectural materials, first developed from the marble quarries of Macael.

The Helsinki centre cost €850,000 to open and can show off up to 5,000 tables to commercial buyers from Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Managing director for Scandinavia of the Cosentino Group, Pierre Wernlundh, said that the firm is expanding quickly in the region and



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BRAND NEW: Helsinki is latest venue for Cosentino's Scandi empire.

that sales are expected to exceed €20 million there in 2017.

The group has also invested €3 million in Denmark this

year. With its booming North American empire and a brand ambassador in Rafael Nadal, it is one of Spain's leading international companies.

Warning over neglect

SENIOR politicians are calling on the Andalusian executive to invest more in the Almanzora Valley. Amos Garcia, a Popular Party leader, said the region is being hurt by neglect and is in an alarming spiral of debt.

Entities such as the Almanzora Rural Development Group are being starved of attention he said. It and other groups dedicated to the rural economies of Albox, Macael and Cantoria stand no chance of securing EU funding deals without the support of Andalucía's political class.

The GDR rural development fund has not received any funding for Almanzora projects for four months, with employees not being properly paid. It is indebted and constantly borrowing to pay social security and basic maintenance bills.

Yet in other areas, such as Malaga, the rural development funds are finalising projects and enjoy strong local support, complains Garcia.

Every autonomous community in Spain has its own rural development programme that sets out goals to be achieved between 2014 and 2020.

Feria fever

RESIDENTS and religious devotees celebrated the San Ramon Nonato festival in Zurgena over the weekend. Fireworks, sports tournaments and a night time orchestra kept the revellers entertained for days amid high attendance.

Bars and restaurants were packed and there were churros and chocolate

mornings for senior citizens. The festival opened with a mass and a procession through the town before the traditional election of the feria queens and a rousing performance from the Kaos Orchestra.

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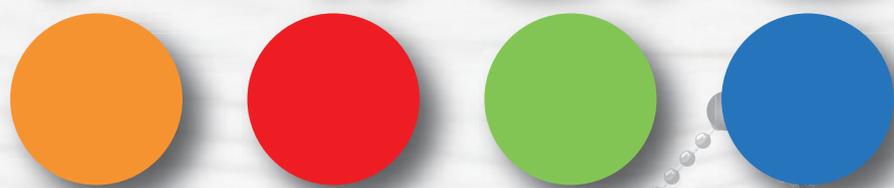
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Club Noteges manages a portfolio of more than 50,000 Spanish homes. Among them are 43,000 that are only advertised using photos. From January to July less than 3,000 of those homes sold, roughly 6.6 per cent.

By contrast they sold more than 10 per cent of the 10,600 homes that offer virtual reality tours to prospective buyers online. The more than 1,000 homes sold using virtual reality were gone within an average of 52 days faster than the homes using only photos.

The findings are categorical proof that sellers

have more chance of selling if they employ virtual reality in their adverts.

The technology isn't overwhelmingly complicated or expensive. Using record video footage it allows buyers to 'step inside' the home from the comfort of their living rooms.

Virtual reality just looks better to many buyers too. It shows that the seller is serious and confident in their property. Whereas few people would consider a home on a mere description without photos, soon buyers will expect a three-dimensional tour as a given.

It is also welcomed by foreign buyers who have to be extremely selective in choosing which homes to visit. In some cases the quality of the virtual reality tours is such that a decision to buy is made without seeing the property.

Spain choosing fixed rate deals for mortgages

FIXED rate mortgages are in vogue. CaixaBank has revealed that two out of every three of its new mortgages are now fixed rate. It's a 45 per cent rise on the number of fixed rate mortgages granted last year. They now account for €2.2 billion worth of the bank's current lending.

Caixa CEO Gonzalo Gortazar said the refined new product "offers greater security to families, shielding them from possible rate hikes and allowing better management of the household budget."

Fixed rate mortgages have been on the rise nationally since Spain emerged from the financial crisis. Last summer they accounted for roughly 30 per cent of new mortgages. If Caixa's findings are replicated across the board that proportion will have more than doubled in just a year.

It's an astronomical rise given that fixed rate products

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duce a pretty pink and white blossom in spring.

Almond trees thrive in hot, arid summers and wet, temperate winters and tend not to set fruit when planted in regions outside these parameters.

They are also averse to overly moist soil and frost in spring. The trees are deep rooted and require planting in well-draining sandy loam. They also have high nitrogen



and phosphorus requirements so running organic fertilizer and nitrogen through the soil will encourage growth.

Most varieties of almond tree can't self-pollinate so you will need to plant two if you want your trees to produce fruit. If space is an issue, it is possible to plant two trees in the same hole and allow them to intertwine as they grow, enabling the flowers to cross-pollinate.

A little patience is required

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when tending to your almond tree as it typically takes around five years for them to start producing fruit, although this can be longer depending on the species. These trees can live for up to 40 years, however, so are definitely worth the investment.

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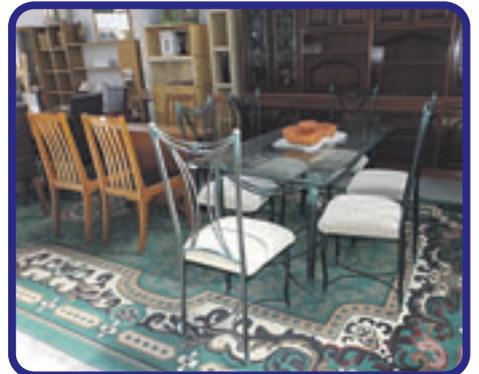
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Flop BBC soap Eldorado's set is still a ghost town in Spain 25 years later

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ELDORADO hasn't graced the screens of the BBC for about 25 years, but new footage has revealed just what the set of the soap in Spain looks like today. Launched in 1992, the show ran for 156 episodes with a whopping £10 million spent on it and stars such as Patricia Brake and Jesse Birdsall appearing.

Some of that money would have been spent on the purpose-built set for the fictional town of Los Barcos in the hills of Marbella on Costa del Sol. Polly Perkins, who played Trish Valentine in the soap, toured the set with the BBC's David Sillito and revealed her thoughts on its current state: "It could do with a lick of paint, this place. If I'd have been here, it would've been done by now. It's been let go to rack and ruin - I think it's a terrible shame, what a waste.

"It's not like its just scenery - these are real homes." Eldorado burst onto screens hoping to



ELDORADO: The purpose-built set for the fictional town of Los Barcos is in the hills of Marbella on the Costa del Sol.



shock with the storyline of middle-aged Bunny (played by Roger Walker) coming back to Los Barcos from the UK with his 17-year-old bride Fizz (Kathy Pitkin). Fans campaigned for its return in 2013 to no success, with a reboot about as likely as the UK seeing a last-minute return to summer.

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DEAR David,

It seems to me you are the perfect person to address this issue if you have not already.

We Brits tend to be natural animal lovers, dogs in particular. But do some animal rescue organisations take advantage of this?

There is a huge inconsistency within the animal rescue community in my opinion.

Some will ask for a donation of whatever you can afford and you will get a dog that is neutered, inoculated with all legal papers in place, including a full pet passport and microchip.

Others can place you in a position where you have to pay for a considerable part of this and stipulate what you are expected to pay as a donation to the charity.

I recently heard of the situation of some friends in La Marina on the Costa Blanca whereby they fostered a dog to help a charity out in an emergency and paid all the costs for feeding it.

They subsequently became very attached to it and decided to adopt. It was only then that they found themselves having to pay for injections, all documentation, a chip registration change and neutering at a considerable financial cost.

What do you think about this?

For my part, if someone decides to adopt a dog they should be sure to shop around and learn exactly what is involved as there appears to be no obvious guidelines that ensure a standard and consistent approach in governing these charities, meaning they could end up



ADOPT A DOG: Be sure to shop around.

paying more than expected.

Joan Terry, Alicante

Hello Joan,

I am of course more than aware of situations in which some wonderful people devote their time and often their own money to save animals' lives.

They have to pay rent and certainly various types of food, cleaning materials and of course veterinary assistance.

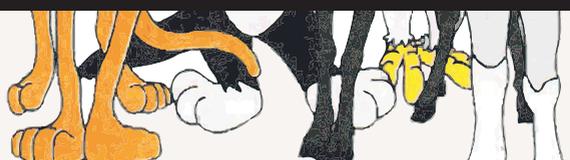
Animal shelters need money, when we all enjoy holiday and festive fare at Christmas the dogs and cats still need to be fed and cleaned.

For example, Triple A here on the Costa del Sol urgently needs new members to sign up and pay €5 per month and unless they receive help they may have to close, what will they do with the 500 dogs at the shelter?

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A Ford Fusion Hybrid with autonomous driving technology will be dispatched to addresses on a simple route. Customers will be able to track the delivery car on GPS.

When the robot car arrives a text message will be sent to the customer instructing them on how to get their pizza.

Door delivery isn't possible so they will have to walk out to the car, which probably won't be tipped.

Clarkson Quote of the Week

Having a twin turbo V12 diesel is like turning your central heating off and keeping warm by burning Rembrandts."

Some might say...

**Aston turning Japanese**by *Matthew Elliott*

ASTON MARTIN will invest heavily in Japan, the world's second largest luxury car market. Chief executive Andy Palmer is just back from a Tokyo trade mission accompanying British Prime Minister Theresa May.

The Warwickshire-based car firm snagged a £500 (€540) million trade deal that includes a luxury tech engineering office and brand centre in Tokyo.

Almost €100 million worth of Japan-

ese car components will be shipped to the UK from Mitsubishi, Yazaki and other local firms. Upwards of €400 million of Aston Martin's British built cars and engines will be exported to the far-east from 2019 onwards.

The Prime Minister celebrated the deal as a post-Brexit coup for Britain and called Aston Martin "a prime example of the innovative and world leading firms the UK is proud of."

Meanwhile Mr Palmer posted a picture of himself outside the British Em-

bassy in Tokyo alongside an Aston Martin DB6 once owned by Sir Paul McCartney and a DB11 set to be delivered to a client.

Aston's Tokyo dealership will be its biggest in the world by sales and one of the top five international outlets in Japan.

The brand, which has become immensely profitable after years of running losses, will also open a Meta Technology and Luxury Accelerator office.

Its primary aim is to understand the

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psychology of Japanese motorists who have a fondness for luxury, western vehicles coupled with the latest connected car technology and electric batteries.

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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Citroen Berlingo Multispace

THE car world is awash with trendy crossover and compact MPVs, some with more accent on image than practicality, but the Citroen Berlingo Multispace is a notable exception.

The Multispace is van-based and while the designers have made the frontal profile sleek and smart, the rear retains the boxy look of a van, and to many potential buyers this is actually a plus point. For while rival models lose load space due to lower roof lines, sloping tailgates and intruding wheel arches, the taller Multispace offers an amazing 3,000 litres of space, making it attractive to families and business users.

Available in petrol, diesel and even electric form, and with five or seven seats, the Multispace is priced from €18,847 (£17,510) and one of the most popular versions features the 1.6 litre diesel unit

which offers good fuel economy and low emissions.

My mid-range Flair had this engine, which offers 98 hp and has a reasonable 0-100 kph time of 12.4 seconds and top speed of 165 kph (103 mph). Fuel economy is very good at 23 kpl (65.7 mpg).

The five-seat version costs €21,210 (£19,705) and standard kit includes touch-screen, cruise control and speed limiter, fuel-saving stop-start, air-conditioning, cruise control, aircraft-style folding tables, radio, USB, Bluetooth and media streaming, handy sliding rear doors, alloy wheels, privacy glass, roof bars and plenty of cabin stowage space including a shelf above the windscreen.

On the road, the Multispace drives well with low noise levels, slick five-speed gearshift, and light accurate

steering. The driving position may be a little upright for some but you do get good all-round visibility, and ride quality is comfortable. Its van platform means it doesn't have quite the handling agility of a crossover but that won't concern potential buyers in this class.

What will impress them is the amount of money they will save over a comparable crossover or compact MPV, and the amount of load capacity and versatility they will gain. Seating is very comfortable and there is excellent head and leg room for five occupants and a whopping 675 litres of boot space even with the rear seat in use. Folded, you get 3,000 litres.

The Berlingo Multispace is certainly not the best-looker in the sector but it is still attractively styled and offers a blend of

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• Start with football, and in recent World Cup qualifiers, England (with three goals in the last six minutes) were unconvincing 4-0 winners in Malta before beating Slovakia 2-1 at Wembley; Scotland won 3-0 in Lithuania and beat Malta 2-0; Northern Ireland defeated the Faroe Islands 3-0 and the Czech Republic 2-0 while the Republic of Ireland were held 1-1 by Georgia and Wales defeated Austria 1-0, courtesy of teenager Ben Woodburn's debut goal. On Tuesday, Wales met Moldova and Eire played Serbia.

• Elsewhere, France crushed Holland 4-0, Belgium walloped Gibraltar 9-0 (to qualify for Russia 2018), Germany crushed Norway 6-0, Denmark thumped Poland 4-0, Spain spanked

Italy 3-0 and there were also wins for Bulgaria, Hungary, Portugal, Romania and Switzerland.

• Notts Outlaws won cricket's T20 Blast final, beating Birmingham Bears by 22 runs before 24,000 fans at Edgbaston. Over 1,000 runs were scored on 'finals day' as Notts clinched the 'white ball' double, having earlier in the year won the 50 overs title.

• Lewis Hamilton, starting on pole for a record 69th time, spoiled the Ferrari party by winning the Italian Grand Prix in Monza last Sunday. Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas was second with Sebastian Vettel third. Daniel Ricciardo (4th) had the 'drive of the day,' moving up 12 places. Hamilton leads Vettel in the championship by three points with seven races left. It's Singapore next on September 17.

DIARY OF EVENTS

• On Sunday in Madrid, Chris Froome (Team Sky) could become only the third rider, after Frenchmen Jacques Anquetil (1963) and Bernard Hinault (1978) to win the Tour of France and the Vuelta a España in the same year. He was 61 seconds ahead of Italy's Vincenzo Nibali in the Spanish race at the start of this week.

• There's a full programme of domestic League football this weekend, the 10 Premiership matches being Arsenal-Bournemouth, Brighton-WBA, Everton-Tottenham, Leicester-Chelsea, Manchester City-Liverpool, Southampton-Watford and Stoke-Manchester United on Saturday; Burnley-Crystal Palace and Swansea-Newcastle on Sunday and West Ham-Huddersfield on Monday. Championship leaders Cardiff visit Fulham, Peterborough meet Bradford City in FL1, Forest Green Rovers take on FL2 top dogs Exeter, Aberdeen visit Hearts in the SPL and it's Barcelona-Espanyol, Deportivo-Real Sociedad and Real Madrid-Levante in La Liga.

• The third and final cricket Test between England and the West Indies starts today at Lords. The series currently stands at one win each. England's in-form captain Joe Root recently scored his 5,000th run in Test cricket, doing so in 105 matches. Only four batsmen have reached that milestone in fewer games: Jack Hobbs (91), Wally Hammond (97), Ken Barrington (also 97) and Len Hutton (98).

• Also the four-day European Masters golf tournament at Crans Montana in Switzerland began early this morning.

• In American football, the 2017-18 NFL season gets underway this evening.

• The women's and men's singles finals of the US tennis Open at Flushing Meadow takes place on Saturday and Sunday, along with the various doubles finals. Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer were scheduled to meet in the men's semi-final while Karolina Pliskova, Venus Williams and Spain's Garbine Muguruza were looking in fine fettle in the women's event. And when the American tournament is over, most of the players will take part in the Coupe Banque Nationale in Quebec or the Japanese Open in Tokyo.

• Tomorrow, several top male riders will compete in the GP de Quebec cycle race in Canada while two days later some of their women counterparts will ride in the GP de Montreal in Canada and in the Madrid Challenge in Spain.

• There are two big Rugby Union internationals taking place 'down

under' with Australia playing South Africa and New Zealand taking on Argentina.

• On Sunday it's the Great North Run in the Newcastle/Gateshead area of the UK.

• Also Marc Marquez, Andrea Dovizioso, Valentino Rossi and Maverick Vinales will be on their bikes in the San Marino MotoGP in Misano.

• And next Wednesday we have the first One Day cricket international between Ireland and the West Indies in Dublin, the world slalom canoeing championships from Pau, France and the European table tennis Championships in Luxemburg.

SILLY MONEY!

After months of mind-boggling spending, plenty of social media speculation, smoke without fire and loads of silly signing announcements, football's transfer window finally closed last Thursday. Therefore, amidst all the noise, there were bargains, bloopers and just plain bonkers signings and that means that several players will be lining up with new clubs this weekend.

In fact, over £1.4b (a record high) was spent by 'British' clubs during the transfer window with Manchester City splashing £213m, Chelsea £192m and Manchester United £146m.

NOTTS OUTLAWS: Cricket's T20 Blast champions.



LEWIS HAMILTON:
Won the Italian Grand Prix in Monza.



QUIZZES

I have two quizzes in Mojacar Playa venues coming up... at the Beachcomber tomorrow for RBL (7.30pm) and on Saturday week (September 16) at Kuki's bar for PAWS (7pm). Others to follow in Turre and San Juan.



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Valle Del Este Golf Society

THE main event was a close run affair with a countback being required to decide third place with Geoff Owen taking the honour from Tony Dudley and Patrick Vickery. In second place was the ever-consistent Bill Foster but the winner this week was one of our newest members, Steph Glynn with 36 points.

Ist: Steph Glynn, 36 points
2nd: Bill Foster, 35 points
3rd: Geoff Owen, 34 points

Valle Del Este Golf Society is affiliated to the Valle Del Este Golf Resort in Vera. They play every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Singles competitions are played every Thursday including a Monthly Medal. Visitors are welcome (subject to available tee times). Please ring Alan Townsend on 634 379 887.

Handicappers prove their worth

INDALO Bowling Club recently held the very popular 2017 Handicap Singles competition. Unlike golf, the higher the handicap the better the player and in this event the better players have to give shots to the lower handicapped players. As usual there was great excitement with the lower handicappers all fancying their chances against the higher handicaps.

After some very exciting matches the cream rose to the top and the semi finals were played between John Henworth and Maggie Holmes, with Maggie winning 23 to 16 and Barbara Roscoe against David Horton, with Barbara winning 23 to 13.

The final was contested between two of the best lady players at the Club but Barbara had her bowling game on straight from the start and she came out the de-



WINNER: Barbara Roscoe with finalist Maggie Holmes.

served winner, beating Maggie 23 to 8.

Indalo Bowling Club now has a brand new carpet to play on, as well as a smart

new Club House. Anyone interested in having a shot at this great game please visit the website www.indalobowlclub.org.

Forum Golf Society August events report

A GOOD group travelled to Alboran to contest the Two Man No Scotch Pairs event on August 10. The top three pairs were

1. Dawn Colley and Russell Yuill 58 points
2. Dave and Wendy Greaves 59 points
3. Barry MacKay and Adrienne Ruiz 60 points

On to August 25 and a normal Stableford competition at Aguilon, the ever consistent Douglas Dickson won with 38 points followed by

2. Malcolm Sibbons 36 points
3. Pamrod Dave 36 points

There were nearest the pin prizes on each of the par 3's won by Sandra Vincent, Douglas Dickson, Gary Blake, Graham Spalding and Max Gonzalez.

The singles and pairs matchplay semi finals were completed with the finals to be contested in September as follows:

Singles Joy Blake v Adrienne Ruiz

Pairs Joy Blake and Myra Dickson v Yvonne MacKay and Ron Wileman.

The ladies' success in the matchplay competition seems to give them the edge in the forthcoming and eagerly awaited Ladies v Men Pairs matchplay on September 29 at Aguilon.

Other Forum events in September are a Stableford at Lorca Golf Club on the 9th and the first round of the Club Championship on September 22 at Valle del Este Golf Club.

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