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SEVEN HUNDRED passengers on a fast-ferry to Palma are to be reimbursed after the air conditioning unit broke down and three people ended up in hospital with heatstroke.

Having left Denia, the Balearia vessel Cecilia Payne had stopped off at Ibiza when the system failed.

The 704 people on board then endured two hours of stifling conditions as the vessel made its way to Mallorca.

Cabin crew handed out snacks and refreshments during the second leg in a bid to make every-

Ferry firm to fork out



FAST FERRY: Hundreds on board a Balearia vessel sweated out a two-hour crossing.

body as comfortable as possible, but the temperatures proved too much for three people on board.

They were taken to hospital on

arrival on the island on Monday, and have since been discharged.

The company is now inviting passengers to contact the firm via

email for a refund. The address can be found on its website, for a refund.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the shipping company said they had contacted each of the three recovering passengers individually to check on their recovery and to apologise.

They added that crew handed out refreshments and snacks to everybody while technicians worked throughout the crossing

to try to fix the air con.

The source added that they did not manage to repair it until they had docked in Palma.

"The fault was repaired in Mallorca and the ship resumed its schedule at 8am on Tuesday, leaving from Palma to Ibiza and Denia."

The Cecilia Payne is 86 metres long and can carry 800 people and 200 vehicles. It was added to the Balearia's fleet in June and

features superior rooms, two bars, a self-service, outdoor terrace, a designated area for pets and shops.

Fares can vary, with August crossings between Ibiza and Denia costing around €58 one-way.



Lifestyle Properties
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Drug 'shop' shut down

A BRITISH couple and a Spaniard are being held after 2.5 kilos of marijuana was found at their premises in Port de Pollensa, Mallorca.

As part of 'operation ashtray,' officers had been carrying out surveillance on the 'shop' and on Monday evening, units entered and carried out a search.

A source said they seized 2.5 kilos of marijuana, five grams of hashish, eight cans of hashish resin, €570 in cash, and three precision scales.

Also uncovered was a hydraulic press that was apparently being used by customers to press the buds they bought onsite, as well as several

'menus' of the different varieties of drugs allegedly on offer.

Having identified nine possible customers, a further nine cases have been opened, together with 'carrying a prohibited weapon' after a knife disguised as a card holder was recovered.

Investigations continued after the raid, and a source claims that they located several promotional videos they believe were uploaded to a well-known internet portal by the people in charge of the 'store.'

It is claimed the suspects appeared to be offering drugs and revealing prices.

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Sky high facelift

THE tallest skyscraper in Spain is to be built in Madrid, the most important project earmarked for the city in the next 25 years. The top of the Castellana, previously known as Operation Chamartín, will receive a facelift.

Pilots strike

MORE than 14,000 passengers on Spanish flights were affected by Ryanair's biggest strike to date. Four hundred flights were cancelled last Friday, including 78 to and from across Spain after industrial action by pilots.

Syria aid

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND kilos of clothing and food has left Elche, Alicante, bound for Syria. The aid, donated by businesses, schools and individuals, will be distributed to areas hit the hardest by war in the Middle East.

Parents' tribute

By Matt Ford

THE parents of an Irish girl who drowned in a Costa del Sol swimming pool have paid tribute to their 'tiny Wonder Woman.'

It comes after four-year-old Georgia Anne Callan drowned at a rented villa on Calle San Joaquin, just off Marbella's Golden Mile.

The youngster from Ardclough, Co Kildare, is believed to have climbed out of a paddling pool before falling into the adult pool.

One of the victim's parents was with her at the time and well-placed sources said she was briefly distracted while talking with other adults who are believed to be friends.

They are understood to have been coming to the end of a month-long family holiday when the tragedy struck.

The alarm was raised at 10.30 in the morning on Saturday July 28, but medics were unable to resuscitate her.

'Devastated by her loss'



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TRAGEDY: Georgia Anne Callan died after falling into a swimming pool.

Mums Emeline Callan and Jacqueline Russell said in a statement they are "devastated by her loss."

They added: "Georgia was our own tiny Wonder Woman."

"A happy, playful, brave, gentle and funny girl, she loved nothing more than making new friends and wearing princess dresses everywhere."

"Georgia loved everyone,

and her pets were amongst her dearest friends.

"She sought beauty, goodness and fun wherever she was. She brought immense joy to our lives and to the lives of everyone who knew her.

"We love her deeply. We will miss her more than we can say. We are devastated by her loss.

"We ask that you respect our privacy, and the privacy of our family and friends at this incredibly difficult and sad time."

The family thanked the police, medics, and Irish Embassy staff for 'their professionalism, support and care.'

Georgia's funeral took place last Friday and mourners were asked to 'dress cheerfully' in a bid to ensure her 'bright, sparkling personality lives on.'

Spanish police have confirmed they are treating the death as accidental.

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Unit blast

A STREET was cordoned off after a small explosion in an air conditioning unit occurred at Via Sindicato shoe store in Palma. Firefighters were quick to respond and evacuate the area on Tuesday morning, but the fire had been practically extinguished when they arrived at the scene.

Paying out

PALMA high court has ordered a construction and insurance company to compensate an employee more than €3,000 after he fell into a poorly lit trench while driving a work machine. The court found that insufficient caution signs had been placed to warn of ongoing roadworks.

Beach nuisance

FOUR German tourists were fined after they, and a group of up to 30 friends, surrounded police officers at Cala Agulla beach in Mallorca. Beachgoers complained about the noise they were making on Saturday afternoon, and police responded. Numerous fines were issued and their music system was confiscated.

Splashing out

IBIZA MAGNA has been labelled the most expensive port in Europe for the second consecutive year by Engel & Volkers Yachting. It has 85 moorings, 12 of which are for yachts over 60 metres long and the basic mooring rate has increased by 32 per cent compared to last year, averaging €4,000 a day.

Truly peed off

CYCLISTS relieving themselves in public in the north of Mallorca are causing outrage. Apparently, a group of cyclists, thought to be German and Dutch, continually pee on the roadside, the pavements and even near to a children's playground. Residents have responded to this behaviour with shouts of 'pigs' and more extreme comments.

Pointless ban?

STREET vending is continuing to take place in Palma despite a ban three weeks ago. And a passive approach to the activity is being blamed for it. One worker, who is employed on the edge of Palma beach, said the police are doing nothing to tackle merchandising in the area.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 27

PARTY TIME: The Fiesta Mayor de Gracia began in the 1800's.

Streets in colour

THIS is Barcelona, but not as you know it.

Iakov Filimonov's picture shows one of the city's streets decked out in glorious colour bunting for its annual Fiesta Mayor de Gracia in 2015. This year's edition kicked off yesterday (Wednesday).

The festival, which includes concerts, dances and model displays, pays homage to the Catalan capital's Gracia district.

The area was once a town until Barcelona incorporated it in 1897. The fiesta has been used to assert the district's identity since the early 19th century.

Local monks chose to throw a festival on August 15, the day of the assumption of the Virgin Mary, after a

convent was demolished in 1812.

When Gracia briefly became an independent entity with its own town hall in 1850 it adopted the celebration as an annual event. The decking of streets in a variety of multicoloured styles also began around this time.

The festival took on a rebellious nature during the dictatorship of Francisco Franco who attempted to repress Catalan culture. Fiesta goers used it as a means to demonstrate against his regime.

It began to fall out of fashion in the 1970's until Cataluña's regional government declared it a festival of national interest in 1997.

Up, up and away

MORE than 28 million travellers passed through Spain's airports in July, an increase of 3.2 per cent despite cancellations and strikes according to airport authority data.

From January to July, the arrival of passengers in Spanish airports grew 6.1 per cent, adding a total of 149.5 million travellers.

Palma's airport in Mallorca came third in the rankings with 4.2 million, a rise of 1.9 per cent.

The Adolfo Suarez Madrid-Barajas airport registered the highest growth in users last month with 5.53 million people, a figure that represents an increase of 8.7 per cent compared to July last year.

These impressive figures were more than triple the growth of Barcelona-El Prat, which saw growth of 2.5 per cent taking it to an equally healthy 5.16 million people.

Hard luck

THREE men caught dealing a variety of drugs, including Viagra, are being held in Palma.

Officers apparently witnessed the trio carrying out numerous 'discreet' exchanges with tourists before pouncing, interviewing the buyers and arresting the alleged sellers.

A police statement said one of the detained was spotted talking to a possible customer, giving them what appeared to be a bracelet and sending the person to a nearby 'accomplice.'

A subtle sale of the drug is said to have been made before the 'vendor' approached a third man guarding a waste bin. He is alleged to have removed something from the bin and returned to his original position.

On speaking to the five tourists, police recovered different narcotic substances.

Amongst the stash was a 'sperm-shaped tube containing a whitish liquid substance' believed to be Viagra.

The three are being held for drug trafficking.

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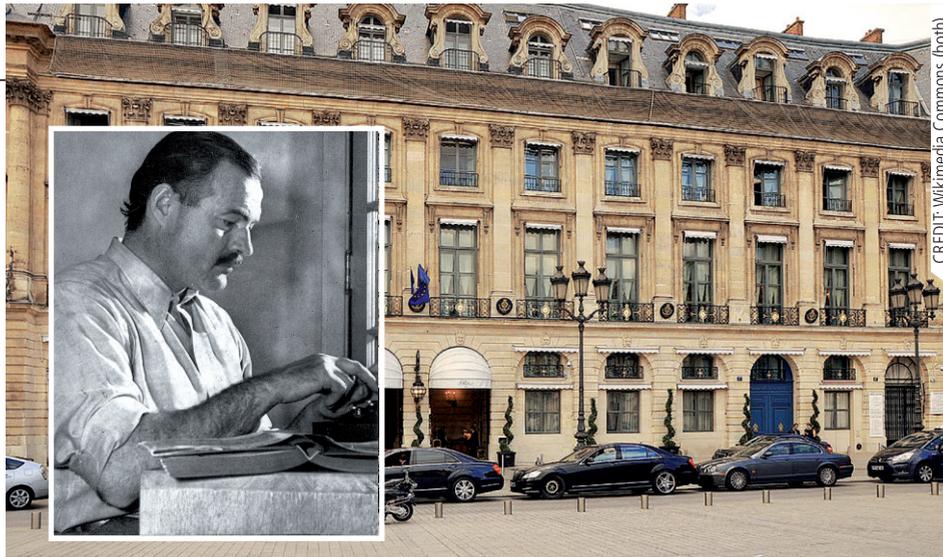
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UNPUBLISHED: Hemingway's (inset) book is set in the Paris Ritz hotel.

Story surfaces

AN unpublished short story from American author Ernest Hemingway about life in Paris after the Second World War is set to be released for the first time.

A Room on the Garden Side was written in 1956. The author, who spent much of his life in Spain as well as France, talks about his affection for both countries through the story's narrator and main character, Robert.

"I loved France and Spain next to my own country. I loved other countries too but the debt was paid and I thought that the account was closed, not knowing the accounts are never closed," Robert says.

The story has until now only been seen by a handful of scholars and academics. It sees characters debating 'the dirty trade of war' in one of Hemingway's favourite haunts, the Paris Ritz hotel.

Andrew F Gulli, an editor at Strand which is publishing the short story, said in a note introducing the work that Hemingway was paying homage to Paris in it.

"Hemingway's deep love for his favourite city as it just emerging from Nazi occupation is

on full display, as are the hallmarks of his prose," Strand said.

The author sent the story along with several others to his publisher Charles Scribner Jr and told him they were 'a little shocking' due to their themes of war.

'Anyway, you can always publish them after I'm dead,' he said in a note to Scribner.

War and travel were prominent themes in many of Hemingway's books. The Sun Also Rises, one of his first successes, centres on the protagonist Jake Barnes and his friends who journey to Pamplona to witness the Running of the Bulls.

Hemingway lived in various places across Spain in the 1930's. He travelled to Madrid in 1937 following the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War the previous year to make The Spanish Earth, a documentary about the Republican war effort.

The experience went on to inspire Hemingway's novel For Whom The Bell Tolls. The story follows an American volunteer named Robert Jordan who is sent behind fascist lines near Segovia to fight with Republican guerrillas.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Do you think it's important to speak Spanish, living or holidaying in Spain?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:
 In the wake of recent 'boiling' temperatures, do you think humans are causing the global climate to change?
 Yes **64%** No **36%**

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SHORT-CHANGED: Tourists in Spain warned to be on their guard
 By Karl Smallman Wednesday, 08 August 2018 13:11

POLICE in Spain have warned holidaymakers to be on their guard for a scam that is targeting tourists again this year. Officers first warned about people being short-changed last year but have recently reminded people to be on

BEWARE: Tourists have been given false 'Euro' coins.

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OUR VIEW

Well done councils

ALTHOUGH Spanish councils can have something of a tendency to be bureaucratic they are often very different from UK councils in the way in which they look after residents.

The concept in the UK of having an overseas resident's councillor or department (except perhaps in areas where there is large scale immigration from Africa or the sub-continent) would be quite unusual and on the face of things, there are now far more coalition councils in Spain which means that they are in many faces more balanced.

Rubbish collection for purposes of hygiene and the heat is generally daily and in many towns, particularly those near to the coast, there is a daily watering of the streets and cleaning of the beaches.

Apart from the regular fairs and fiestas, councils go out of their way to provide entertainment with many towns now offering weekly or one off music events and they don't just bring in local amateur groups, but often pay quite high amounts for some well-known Spanish bands.

In some ways, there is almost too much entertainment and it can be quite irritating to neighbours who are disturbed by the noise of the music and the coming and going of the crowds.

All in all however, we have to admire the way in which so many councils endeavour to look after their residents and hopefully the days of corrupt local politicians are in the past so the money collected through tax will be used on the people rather than disappearing into a small number of pockets.

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Man held



THE SUSPECT: Was arrested in Arenal.

A COURT in Palma has remanded a 25-year-old Irish man in custody after he was arrested in connection with the alleged physical and sexual assault of his partner.

Police claimed the incident took place at an apartment on Calle Sant Bartomeu de

S'Arenal in Lluçmajor.

An arrest warrant was issued for the suspect and Guardia Civil officers arrested him soon afterwards.

He has now been detained ahead of further proceedings. The investigation continues.

LIGHTNING caused a small forest fire in Coll de Sa Creu, Calvia, on Tuesday morning with 0.001

Strike

hectares of shrub and tree affected according to the Balearic Institute of Nature (Ibanat).



HATE CRIME: Abusive comments against prominent figures

Harsh words

THE alleged author of abusive graffiti scrawled across the front of a popular country house in Palma claims he acted out of anger after being kept awake by revellers.

The 53-year-old is being held on a crime of hate because of the content of his protest daubed in red paint across the wall of casita Voltor Negre in Calle Eivissa, last week.

A police statement said investigations were initiated without a complainant because the message made reference to the mayor of Palma Antoni Noguera and president of the parliament Baltasar Picornell in 'an insulting tone and with phrases that could constitute a crime of hate.'

It was added that the alleged perpetrator 'did the graffiti because they had organised a party and they did not let him sleep.'

The suspect was allegedly arrested in January for similar offences in La Tertulia and near Calle Blanquerna.

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Monica Cruz turns heads on beach

MONICA CRUZ, younger sister of Hollywood star Penelope, turned heads in a bright yellow swimsuit when she soaked up the rays in Zahara De Los Atunes, Spain, last weekend.

The actress, 41, guaranteed that all eyes were on her in the eye-catching one-piece, which complemented her bronzed complexion perfectly.

Monica looked stunning in the simple yet stylish swimwear as she reclined on the sand to top up her tan.

The beautiful star's figure-hugging swimsuit showed off her hour-glass physique and cleavage thanks to its low-cut neckline.

The Spanish siren went make-up free for her beach outing, and her natural beauty was there for all to see.

Monica made the decision to have a child alone in 2013, using an anonymous sperm donor, saying:

"It was not a decision I took on a whim, it was five years in the making."



BEACH BABE: Monica Cruz.

Credit: Splashnews

Mel makes waves

MELANIE SYKES has been sharing endless sizzling bikini snaps for her fans, as she celebrates her 48th birthday in the Mallorca sunshine.

The TV presenter was the picture of confidence as she beamed for the camera from the water, clad in her pretty floral swimwear.

Fitness fanatic Mel is known for her impressive figure, which she often displays on Instagram.



WATER BEAUTY: Melanie Sykes.

Boris bathes

BORIS BECKER was loving the sun and sea as he enjoyed a yacht ride in Formentera, Spain.

The former tennis player, 50, was joined by a number of beautiful female friends as he leapt into the water from the Francesco Petrarca, a private luxury vessel.

Mallett in wheel trouble

SOCIAL media users are rallying round TV personality Timmy Mallett to help find his stolen bike.

The star recently celebrated completing a 2,500-mile charity ride across Europe in memory of his late brother Martin.

Mallett, 62, was drinking with friends on Friday when the bike was apparently taken from a pub in Cookham, Berkshire.

He said: "The irony is so

awful. You can take it all over the world, and yet at home it was not safe at the local village pub.

"I'm heartbroken," he continued. "I was on my own across Europe and my bike was my best pal along the way, the only thing I could absolutely rely on."

Mallett had just finished the Camino de Santiago trip in memory of his brother, who had Down's Syndrome.

Moss loss

L O T T I E MOSS jetted into Ibiza where she spent the first night partying with the sons of Gary Linekar and Piers Morgan.

The 20-year-old model, who is the half-sister of fashion icon Kate Moss, continued the festivities the next day as she stepped out in a daring plunging lace dress.

The blonde beauty had certainly got over leaving her Gucci sunglasses on the plane.



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Heist murder rap



CONVICTED: Gonzalo Andreas Gomez-Remolina has been on trial at the Old Bailey.

By Rhys Adam

AN international jewel thief has been convicted of murdering a 28-year-old Spanish man and his friend.

Colombian-born Gonzalo Andreas Gomez-Remolina, aged 36, and his brother Christian - who killed himself in prison before his own murder trial - stabbed Ruben Fuente and Carlos Ayala in Clapham, south London, in 2007.

Mr Ayala had helped the defendant in at least one burglary and named his killer with his dying breath, the Old Bailey

heard.

Spaniard Mr Fuente was in the 'wrong place at the wrong time' and stabbed eight times as he tried to escape, the jury were told.

Prosecutor Brian O'Neill QC said Mr Ayala and the Gomez-Remolinas brothers had 'fallen out... over dividing the spoils.'

It escalated when Mr Ayala got some friends to break into the brothers' flat and the Colombians were beaten, their girlfriends tied up and watches and cash stolen.

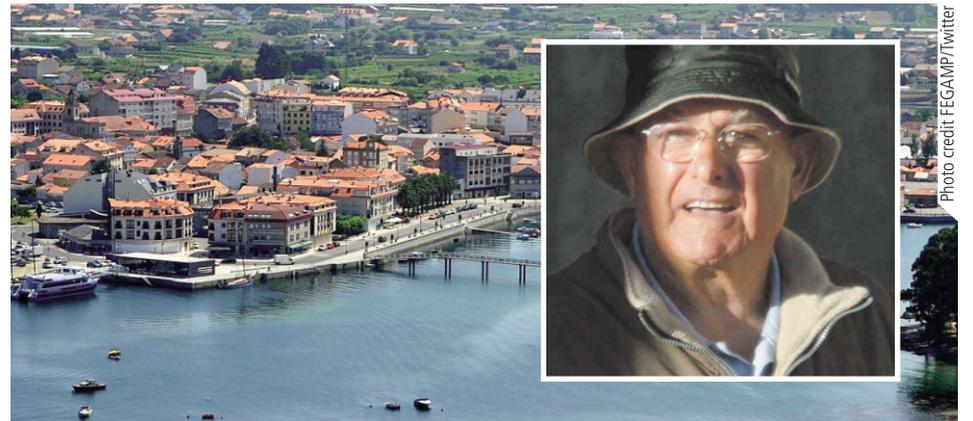
The Gomez-Remolinas retal-

iated by attempting to run over Mr Ayala and Mr Fuente in a car park.

During his trial, the defendant denied being involved in the killings, saying he had bolted when Mr Ayala produced a knife and that his brother had confessed to the killings whilst the brothers fled on a Eurostar service to Paris.

However, the jury did not believe him and convicted him of both murders.

After the trial, Mr Fuente's family said they had 'endured the greatest heartache.'



KINGPIN: Manuel Charlin was held in Vilanove de Arousa.

€170m coke bust sees drug lord, 85, held

by Matt Ford

A NOTORIOUS drugs kingpin has been held in a cocaine smuggling crackdown during police raids across Spain.

Manuel Charlin, 85, was arrested after armed officers swooped on his palatial mansion in Vilanova de Arousa, Galicia.

It comes after 2.5 tonnes of the drug worth more than €170 million was seized from a boat near the Azores archipelago, Portugal.

At least 18 other suspects have been held in connection with the probe, including his son Melchor Charlin, as investigators stormed properties in four other villages in the northern

region plus private homes in Toledo, Huelva and Marbella.

Charlin is among the most powerful drugs lords in the country and in 1999 received a 20-year sentence for sailing 600 kilos of cocaine from Colombia to Galicia.

His Charlines clan is described by local media as 'without a doubt the most violent organisation' operating in Galicia.

In 2003, he and 13 others were jailed for 15 years and fined more than €2.9 million for money laundering and tax fraud.

The sentence was later reduced to 13 years and he was freed in 2010.

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STREET TALK**Should pet owners be legally required to neuter their animals in Spain, given the scale of abandonment in the country?****Name: Phyllis and Dave****On holiday: Yes****Where from: Basildon**

YES! We have a lovely dog, a Schnauzer called Max, and he was neutered after six months. You have to do right by them and it's the best thing.

We've never seen strays in Fuengirola though and we come every year. The Spanish seem to love their animals and treat them very well.

Pets shouldn't spend too long in the sun, and they need plenty of food

and water, and treats!

Name: Chris and Alison**Age: 58 and 57****On holiday: Yes****Where from: England**

Chris: I don't like dogs or cats! But neutering should not be legally forced. The strays should be collected and neutered, then maybe given to pet charities.

Alison: We haven't seen any abandoned pets in Fuengirola. A friend in Torreblanca saw a stray attacking a bird in his garden, and that's not nice!

Name: Angela Sanz**Age: 45****On holiday: Yes****Where from: Cordoba**

course not! No surgery, no. I have a dog, a female, they behave better. She is in heat at the moment though!

I don't think abandoned pets are a problem here, but it is a cruel thing to do and not fair on animals.

Pet owners would not like to be abandoned themselves, would they?

Name: Anonymous**Age: X****On holiday: Yes****Where from: Ireland**

Yes, pets should be neutered. Otherwise there is a risk that they will breed and breed.

In Greece there are also public animal centres, where you can feed and water your pets, maybe there should be more of those here.

Name: Muriel**Age: 49****On holiday: Live here****Where from: Belgium**

The key thing to remember is that it's a big responsibility to keep a pet for life. It doesn't matter if it is neutered or not.

When you take on a pet it's like having a child! It's life changing. Neutering is a choice, it shouldn't be law. Breeding is a choice too.

I used to have a dog, a Bichon Frise called Ella, she was wonderful. I had her spayed, and maybe had to manage her diet more after that.

Name: Ladonna Murray**Age: 55+****On holiday: Yes****Where from: County Antrim/NI**

Yes it's a good idea. I have been coming here for years but haven't seen many abandoned animals though.

My cat has been neutered but he's fine. If you haven't much money (eg you're on benefits) the vets will do it for you for free.

My cat hasn't explored as much after the operation, he's happier to stay in the house a bit more, but I don't think he's affected too much.

**Phyllis and Dave.****Muriel.****Ladonna Murray.**

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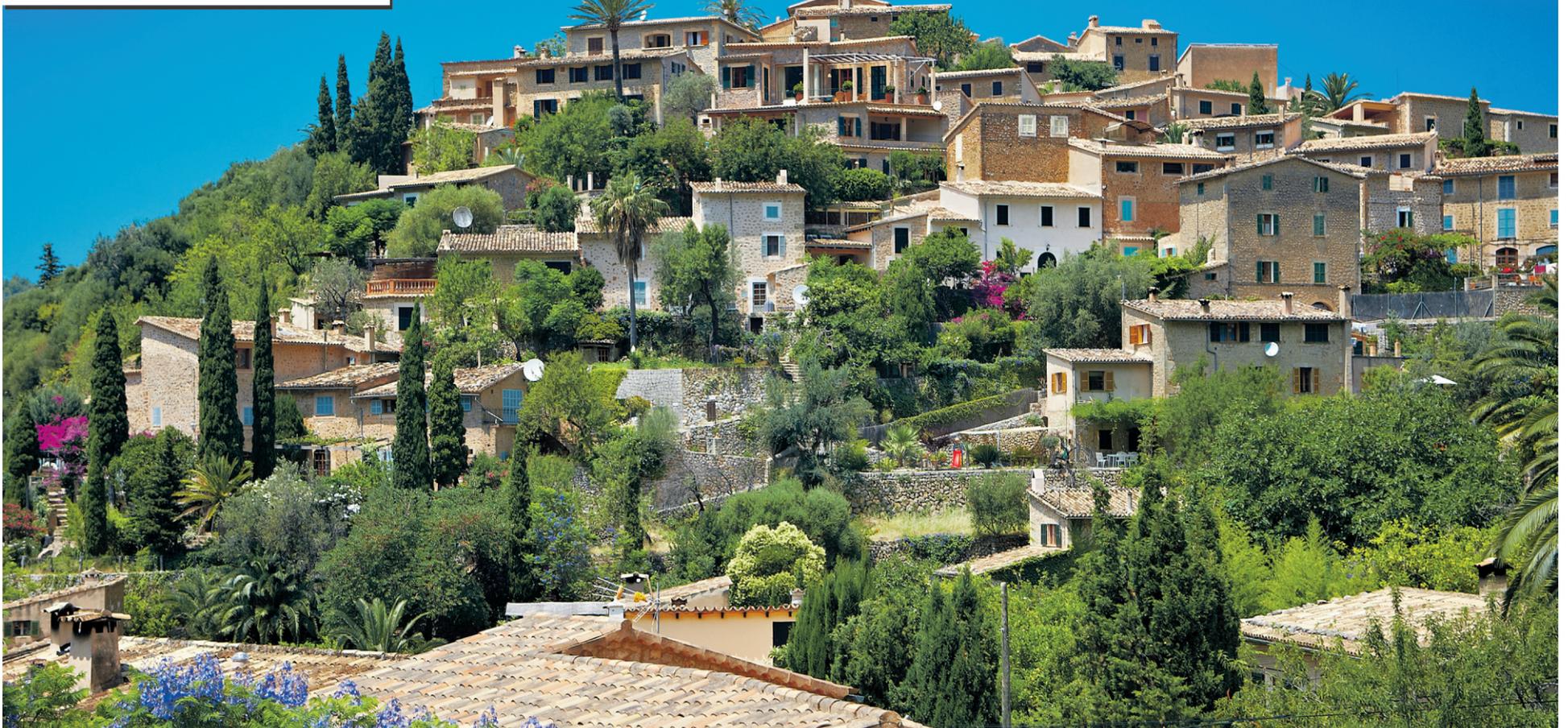
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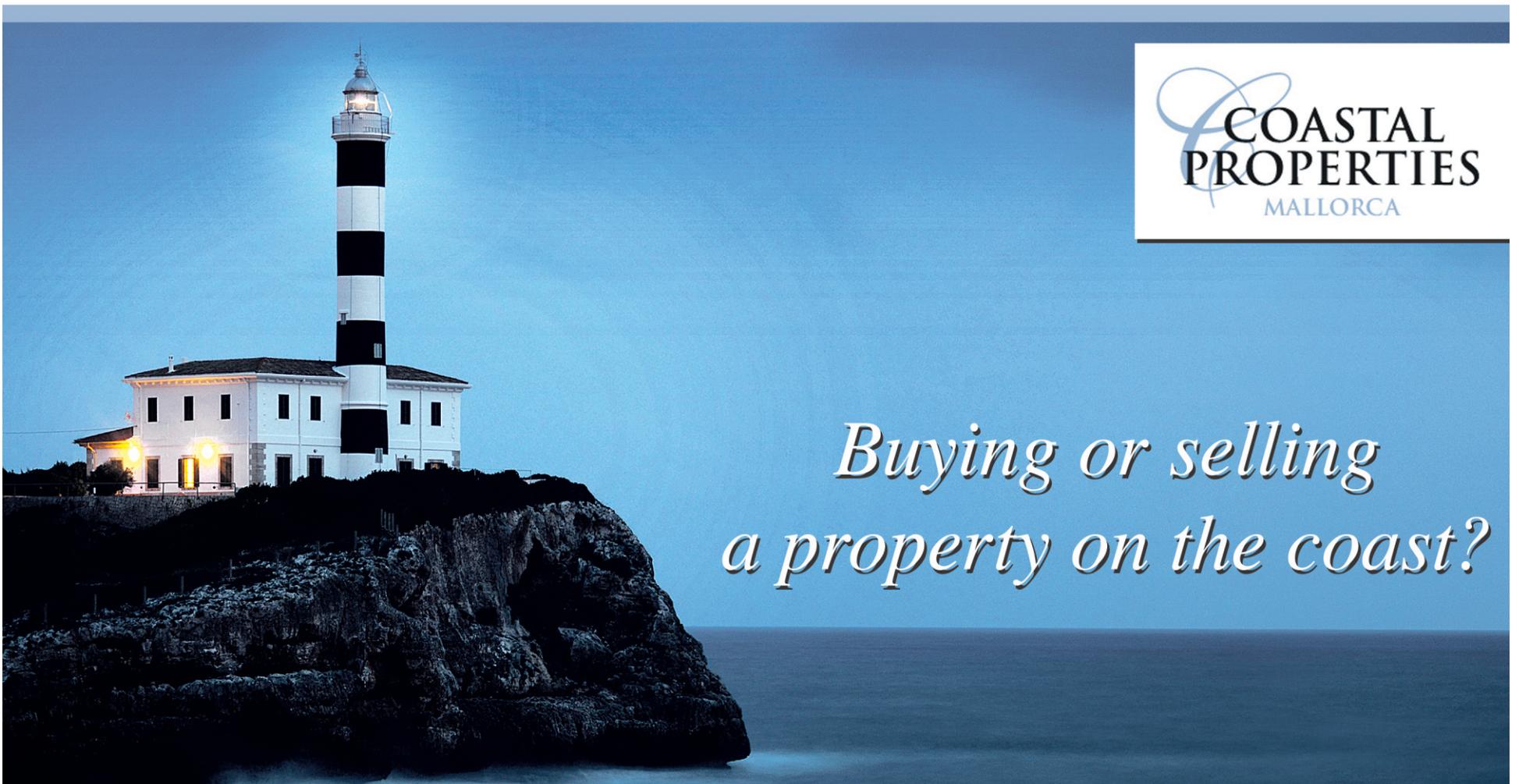
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Barcelona attacks

- one year on

Spain remains on high alert as authorities claim several plots foiled

by Joe Gerrard

AUTHORITIES in Spain remain concerned about possible terrorist attacks in the country as Cataluña approaches the one-year anniversary of strikes there today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday).

Senior police officials said they had foiled around a dozen plots over the past four years which included gun raids and a plan to poison water supplies in major cities.

The plotters were linked in most cases to the Islamic State and other fundamentalist terror organisations, they added.

The attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils and explosions in Alcanar on August 16 and 17 in 2017 claimed the lives of 24 people including eight at-



OUTCRY: Protestors took to La Rambla the day after the attack.

tackers. More than 152 people were injured.

Spain's Interior Ministry has kept the country's terror threat level at four out of five since last year, meaning the risk of an attack is high.

Francisco Jose Vazquez, a

senior Guardia Civil officer, said the threat level was justified given the amount of plots uncovered.

"We can assure the public that jihadist activity is currently latent in Spain. Recently we have investigated and raided



ANNIVERSARY: A total of 15 civilians were killed in the Barcelona attack.

cells that were plotting attacks similar to the ones seen in Berlin in 2016 and on Westminster Bridge in London in 2017," Vazquez

said.

The Berlin attack saw several people run over by a truck at a Christmas market in the city. Khalid Masood ran over pedestrians on Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer as he attempted to get onto the Houses of Parliament estate in March last year.

The Cataluña incidents saw one house explode on August

16. The cause is believed to have been a stockpile of explosives accidentally going off and a second blast occurred during evacuation efforts.

Younes Abouyaaqoub drove a Fiat Talento van down the pavement of Barcelona's La Rambla the following day at high speed before fleeing on foot.

He hijacked a car in the city's university quarter, stabbed the driver to death and fled before being killed in a shootout with police in Subirats on August 21.

Houssaine Abouyaaqoub, Omar Hichamy, Mohamed Hichamy, Moussa Oukabir and Said Aalla bought four knives

and an axe and donned fake bomb vests before ramming pedestrians in Cambrils on August 18.

Four of the attackers were shot and killed on site and a fifth died in hospital. A 63-year-old Spanish woman was stabbed to death in the strike and six other people were injured.

Police later said the five were linked to the attacker in Barcelona. The motives in all cases were said to be support for the Islamic State and other terror groups.

Others cited Western intervention in countries such as Syria and Iraq which Spain has played a minor role in.

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Valencia wild fire extinguished



BLAZE put out before it reached Gandia.

A FIRE that burned 3,270 hectares of land, destroyed or damaged 40 homes and forced the evacuation of 2,620 people was finally put out a week after it started.

At its height the blaze which was started by a lightning strike in the Llutxent area of Valencia threatened the seaside resort town

of Gandia.

More than 700 ground-based personnel and 31 helicopters and planes were drafted in from Valencia, Castellon and Alicante, as well as from the forestry service and military units to contain the fire which had been whipped up by strong gusts of winds.

By Friday the blaze, which had started in the early hours of Monday morning, was declared 'stabilised' and it was finally extinguished by 8pm on Sunday.

The municipal districts of Gandia, Llutxent, Pinet, Ador, Barx and Quatretonda were affected, with 120 people from Pinet joining 2,500 evacuees from La Drova and the Montesol and Montepino urbanisations.

Those people evacuated have been allowed back to their homes to assess any damage, with the national government pledging to support those affected with grants to repair damage.

Local authorities may also be helped with cash to reforest affected areas. So far this summer, fire has destroyed a total of 11,722.90 hectares in Spain, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, but these figures do not include the latest blazes in Nerva, Moguer, Almonaster Huelva, or Llutxent.

It is still 84.63 per cent less than in the same period of the previous year (76,625 hectares).

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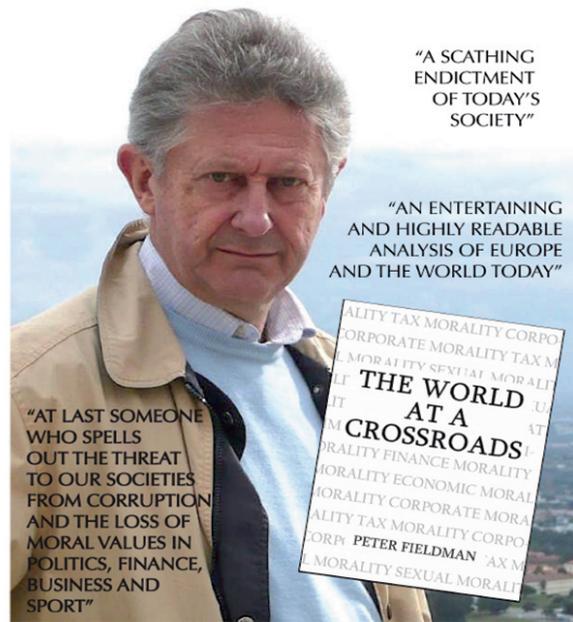
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Shame on you!

A DAD has shamed an education authority after receiving an error-littered letter fining him for taking his son to Mallorca during term time.

Daniel Moore, 31, was given a €67 penalty accompanied by a note containing errors such as 'hte,' 'guilty,' 'notie' and 'dteailed.'

Mr Moore said he will pay the fine, but returned the letter to Devon County Council with the message 'D minus, must try harder!'

The baker, who spent a week holidaying on the island in May and returned the letter this week, quipped he should have sent a holiday snap.

But on a serious note, added: "At first I thought it was quite funny but when you place it into the context that these people are responsible for the future of children's education it is concerning."

The council apologised for the embarrassing error, blaming it on a new IT printing system, not its Head of Education Dawn Stabb.

Probe grounds fighters

by Joe Gerrard

SPANISH fighter jets stationed in Estonia have had their flights suspended after Spain's Ministry of Defence and NATO opened probes into the misfiring of a missile.

Juri Luik, Estonia's Defence Minister, said the launch of the air-to-air missile from a Spanish Eurofighter was "extremely rare" and "regrettable."

Luik added the Estonian government's priority was to guarantee security and continue to work in co-operation with NATO allies.

Estonia's Prime Minister Juri Ratas spoke with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg about the incident which took place on Tuesday August 7. He has asked the head of the alliance for an explanation.

Ratas said no one was injured and added he had asked NATO to clarify how the projectile was fired in Estonian airspace 'without delay.'

"I told Jens Stoltenberg that it was a serious incident and that we are understandably worried," Ratas said in a statement.



GROUNDING: A Spanish Eurofighter accidentally launched the projectile.

Spain's Ministry of Defence said the incident took place when two Spanish Eurofighters were taking part in an exercise with two French Mirage 2000 warplanes.

One of the Spanish planes fired an air-to-air missile during the manoeuvres. All the planes later returned to the Siauliai air base in Lithuania without incident.

The cause remains unknown but it is suspected to have been accidental, according to Spain's Min-

istry of Defence.

Estonian media has speculated as to the location of the missile, with almost 60 people alerting authorities to possible sites.

It is believed to have exploded in mid air over Jogvera County in central Estonia, according to the country's air force commander Riivo Valge.

Valge said his team were almost certain the missile was destroyed but they would be 'cautious' while

they confirmed this.

Estonia's Prime Minister said the missile caused no damage and repeated his country's commitment to NATO.

"The NATO mission makes an important contribution to the security of Estonia and the entire alliance," Ratas said.

The Eurofighter, from the Vilkas Bap-47 squadron, was taking part in NATO's wider operations in the Baltic.

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Baby left in car dies

A BABY girl has died after being left in a scorching car for eight hours in 30C heat in Mallorca.

The 10-month-old's grandfather told police he forgot she was in the back of his car when he went for a coffee at 7am.

He only discovered his mistake when he returned to his vehicle at 3pm.

Police questioned the 56-year-old on suspicion of manslaughter, but released him without charges pending an ongoing investigation.

A passing doctor is said to have tried to revive the child but as in the case of paramedics who attended, could not save the youngster's life.

The first officers called to the tragic scene are believed to have broken down in tears

after it was confirmed she was dead.

Police confirmed today an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the baby girl's death was underway and a local judge would now have to decide whether to press charges.

The child is understood to have been asleep when her grandfather left her in the back of a Renault Megane Scenic in s'Hort des Cabre Street in the Mallorcan town of Manacor.

He suffered an anxiety attack after realising what he had done and had to be treated at Manacor Hospital before being questioned by police.

It's not yet been revealed where he had gone after having a coffee.

An autopsy is due to take place.

Illegal renters warned

by Rhys Adam

ILLEGAL holiday lets in Spain are being found out by police due to the large number of towels on balconies.

Whistle-blowers in tourist hot spots across the country are turning up at council offices and dishing the dirt on private homeowners, who often don't pay tax on the 'black market' rentals.

Under new rules, owners of flats and villas must get a licence to rent out their homes or face hefty fines.

In the Balearics, permanent residents of apartment blocks have been told to report any neighbour who is illegally renting out their home.



Credit: CCO Public Domain

TOWELS: Dish the dirt on illegal holiday lets.

In July, 28 flats in Ibiza were officially reported and more are expected to follow due to an increase in police inspectors who are hot on the trail of any leads.

Warnings are in place to all homeowners across Spain who are considering renting

out their homes - which are seen as unfair competition to hotels - without a licence.

Getting caught would mean having to withdraw the property from the market and could mean facing a fine of up to €40,000 with reductions for early payment.

PALMA'S Municipal Animal Protection Centre of Son Reus is on the brink of bursting and appealing for homes.

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Welcome aboard

Harrison

THE new Editor of the EWN Media Group has the savvy nous and sheer common sense, hard won through careers in media and public relations, as well as many years as a hard-bitten policeman.

Such a wide-ranging wealth of experience should serve Dean Harrison (just call him Harrison) well in his new role as hands-on editor of the six editions of the *Euro Weekly News (EWN)*, as well as his position overseeing the three-strong *RTN* family of papers and the *Sol Times* in Almeria.

Harrison, who has previously worked for the *EWN* as head of its digital media team, has been in Spain for five years now and says he plans to approach the job with diligence, openness and with a team mindset.

"I want to ensure we deliver the best results for all our editions and ultimately for our readers and clients," he said.

He added that he will work hard to build on the success of the company following its winning of the Spanish Press Association's Professional Trajectory Award this year and the Best Free Publication award in 2017.

"I'm conscious that the *EWN* has achieved great things recently and I can't wait to take it to greater heights," he said.

"The group has gone from strength to

strength under my predecessors and under the guidance of owners and publishers Steven and Michel Euesden. Let's see how far we can take it going forward," he said.

Harrison's background in the police gives him an attention to detail and a hunger for facts that serves him well in sniffing out the news, plus the organisational skills to put his ideas into practice.

He is committed to delivering the quality combination of hard-hitting news and community and human interest stories that readers have come to associate with the *EWN*.

"I've been back here for a short time to prep for my new role and I've already seen a wide array of well researched local stories. Our excellent team of young reporters have been interviewing residents and holidaymakers, as well as covering national news, which our loyal readers come back to us for time and again.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to ask all readers of the *EWN* to keep getting in touch with us and letting us know about the issues that are affecting them in their local areas," he said.

Harrison has until recently spent much of his time on the Costa del Sol. Now he is looking forward to getting to know other areas popular with expatriates

“ I want to ensure we deliver the best results for all our editions and ultimately for our readers and clients. ”

through his work at the *EWN*.

"I've spent time in our other areas but not as much as I would like. I feel our readers want to have the opportunity to learn about what's going on where their fellow expats are based.

"Now I have the opportunity to join our readers on that and to learn more about places which I've not had the chance to see," he said.

Harrison believes that in today's testing times for both Spain and the world the *EWN* can continue to be an informative, interesting and entertaining read for anyone interested in news and current affairs.

"I would like to thank everyone in the office for welcoming me on board and having the chance to give the best to our readers. I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's feedback on how my tenure as editor goes," he said.

HARRISON: New editor.

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€2.8bn state aid plunge revealed

SPAIN has placed third bottom in a European Union-wide ranking of financial support offered to companies.

A new report by the National Commission of Markets and Competition has revealed how state aid to firms based in the country has been slashed by €2.8 billion - almost half - since 2009.

This represents just 0.26 per cent of gross domestic product with only Italy (0.22 per cent) and Ireland (0.2) contributing less.

And the UK (0.36) also fares badly, falling below the EU average 0.7 per cent.

Mango losses reduced

by John Smith

ALTHOUGH at one time the Mango fashion chain was pushing Inditex (owner of Zara and other high street names) for financial dominance, recently it has been in the doldrums.

Founded in Barcelona by brothers Isak and Nahman Andic it became one of the biggest fashion firms in the world, but having moved into negative profit for a number of years, it is beginning to see a reduction in losses.

At one time, employing 9,000 staff and with a turnover of more

than €2 billion which produced significant profits, its 2017 report shows that it has reduced losses by 45 per cent to €33 million, although sales have dropped €2.194 billion.

At least its gross operating profit has increased by some €115 million which is 50 per cent up on 2016, but this would have been much higher had it not been for a very hot second half of the year in its main markets which saw overall

sales depressed.

Indeed according to the company, had the results of the first half of the year carried through to the second half, then it would have seen a return to profit.

Interim figures for 2018 are encouraging and if they continue to follow the trend of the first six months then final results should be encouraging, especially as the company has reduced its debt €617 million to €415 million.

Mango now has 2,190 stores in 110 countries.

National bank's crypto scheme

SPAIN'S central bank has claimed that cryptocurrency and blockchain technology could help the country's economy.

It comes after the Banco de España (BDE) released a report probing the pros and cons of introducing a virtual version of the state currency.

And according to industry boffins, digital coins and ledgers would particularly benefit monetary policy and financial infrastructure.

BDE senior economist Galo Nuño was the man behind the study, and he argues that blockchain technology could help track the nation's money supply.



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Most Spaniards live at home until nearly 30



HAPPY FACES: But still having to stay at home.

SPANIARDS tend to remain at home until the age of 29 according to a new report from the European Eurostat barometer.

This is one of the older ends of the age scale when compared to other youth in the eurozone and can be ascribed to a combination of youth unemployment, the number of short term work contracts and the lack of affordable property to rent or purchase.

Those who leave home earliest

are the Swedes with an average age of just 21, whilst in Malta the average age is as high as 32.2 years.

The figures for Spain which were provided by the Emancipation Observatory of the Council of Youth of Spain is accurate to the end of the first half of 2017 and it is noted that only approximately 20 per cent of those under 29 are able to afford to leave home.

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Grove concern

BLACK olive producers are set to launch an official appeal against trade tariffs imposed by the United States saw their profit margins plummet, according to the president of a national exporters and producers association.

Beer we go

SPANIARDS spend 10 per cent of their wages on beer, with almost 36 billion litres consumed across the country last year and an average citizen spending more than €1,000 per month, according to new Brewers of Spain figures.

Tax back

FORMER Real Madrid star Ronaldo has received a €2 million refund from the Spanish Tax Authority as he paid IVA (VAT) on the financial settlement agreed in order to keep him out of jail for tax irregularities.

Sex toy sales buzzing

SPAIN'S hotspots for female sex toys have been revealed, and Madrid is the saucy capital of the country. And the most popular racy device is the humble vibrator, which comes top of the ranking in seven autonomous communities, according to a new survey by price comparison website *idealo.es*.

Madrid accounts for almost 30 per cent of sex toy sales, with the Valencian Community the second-

most profitable region with 20 per cent and Cataluña third with 17.7 per cent.

Andalucía trails in fourth with 16.6 per cent and the Basque Country completes the top five with just 3.4 per cent.

Ownership was lowest in Navarra with just 0.4 per cent of the market. The survey was commissioned to mark international female orgasm day.



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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,706.50	38.90	2.33	24,055.95
Associated British Foods	2,440.50	35.50	1.48	19,498.94
Admiral Group	2,003.50	16.50	0.83	5,749.07
Ashtead Group	2,410.00	17.00	0.71	11,727.94
Antofagasta	984.50	23.30	2.42	9,651.54
Aviva	499.00	1.20	0.24	19,806.30
AstraZeneca	6,070.00	-37.00	-0.61	76,969.33
BAE Systems	627.00	1.40	0.22	19,922.18
Barclays	188.75	1.11	0.59	32,768.82
British American Tobacco	4,185.00	30.50	0.73	96,199.21
Barratt Developments	542.00	0.80	0.15	5,504.55
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,692.50	-7.50	-0.20	4,919.89
British Land Co	647.50	4.30	0.67	6,317.69
BHP Billiton	1,708.00	12.00	0.71	36,326.36
Bunzl	2,312.50	-8.50	-0.37	7,869.70
BP	564.50	8.50	1.53	112,800.95
Burberry Group	2,150.00	-69.00	-3.11	9,227.22
BT Group	229.00	4.05	1.80	22,721.16
Coca-Cola HBC	2,455.00	-189.00	-7.15	10,155.32
Carnival	4,785.00	162.00	3.50	9,128.96
Centrica	150.00	1.70	1.15	8,463.61
Compass Group	1,672.00	5.00	0.30	26,591.49
Croda International	4,775.00	-427.00	-8.21	6,937.59
CRH	2,550.00	30.00	1.19	21,128.20
DCC	7,010.00	0.00	0.00	6,307.10
Diageo	2,799.50	3.00	0.11	68,857.61
Direct Line Insurance Group	341.25	18.75	5.81	4,477.00
Evrax	535.00	25.00	4.90	8,025.23
Experian	1,754.00	-147.00	-7.73	17,391.90
easyJet	1,566.00	15.50	1.00	6,234.18
Ferguson	6,175.00	20.00	0.32	14,359.23
Fresnillo	825.50	-163.70	-16.55	7,531.05
Glencore	326.35	5.20	1.62	47,256.12
GlaxoSmithKline	1,579.50	15.10	0.97	78,834.29
GVC Holdings	1,147.50	22.50	2.00	6,569.94
Hargreaves Lansdown	2,091.00	12.00	0.57	10,065.04
Halma	1,392.00	-16.00	-1.14	5,349.20
HSBC Holdings	723.10	1.80	0.25	144,594.85
International Consoltd Airs Grp	683.00	4.00	0.59	13,804.99
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,705.00	-36.00	-0.76	9,026.32
3i Group	961.00	14.60	1.54	9,254.59
Imperial Brands	2,957.50	12.50	0.42	28,368.91
Informa	789.10	-8.90	-1.12	10,000.29
Intertek Group	5,334.00	8.00	0.15	8,715.23
ITV	169.25	0.40	0.24	6,847.22
Just Eat	820.10	21.10	2.64	5,483.82
Johnson Matthey	3,696.00	13.00	0.35	7,261.37
Kingfisher	301.50	7.40	2.52	6,346.97
Land Securities Group	930.50	-4.50	-0.48	6,954.89
Legal & General Group	262.50	-2.10	-0.79	15,764.14

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	62.20	0.34	0.55	44,404.79
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,505.00	24.00	0.54	15,666.36
Micro Focus International	1,222.50	-21.50	-1.73	5,442.87
Marks & Spencer Group	288.50	-14.10	-4.66	4,970.26
Mondi	2,205.00	33.00	1.52	8,171.11
Melrose	220.25	3.45	1.59	10,629.86
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	260.75	-3.55	-1.34	6,268.07
National Grid	813.50	-5.20	-0.64	27,229.85
NMC Health	4,012.00	0.00	0.00	8,432.53
Next	5,710.00	42.00	0.74	8,023.53
Ocado Group	1,060.00	15.00	1.44	7,378.27
Paddy Power Betfair	6,940.00	-315.00	-4.34	6,247.94
Prudential	1,797.50	1.98	0.11	47,275.94
Persimmon	2,470.00	-4.00	-0.16	7,758.26
Pearson	914.00	-6.00	-0.65	7,162.29
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,840.00	21.00	0.31	48,606.21
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	245.00	-2.90	-1.17	30,372.65
Royal Dutch Shell	2,581.00	50.00	1.98	117,627.76
Royal Dutch Shell	2,625.00	54.50	2.12	97,532.47
RELX	1,714.50	24.00	1.42	17,820.07
Rio Tinto	3,845.00	42.00	1.10	51,166.79
Royal Mail	458.75	-6.95	-1.49	4,595.00
Rightmove	4,897.00	6.00	0.12	4,467.58
Rolls-Royce Group	1,047.50	3.50	0.34	20,266.37
Randgold Resources	5,425.00	21.00	0.39	5,282.80
RSA Insurance Group	634.00	6.00	0.96	6,550.97
Rentokil Initial	309.20	-24.10	-7.23	6,169.64
Sainsbury (J)	302.50	-31.30	-9.38	7,437.53
Schroders	3,195.00	95.00	3.06	7,119.71
Sage Group (The)	646.00	-26.00	-3.87	7,295.30
Segro	644.60	-29.40	-4.36	6,792.24
Shire	4,150.50	-300.00	-6.74	41,134.25
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,253.00	-5.00	-0.15	7,799.52
Sky	1,537.75	7.25	0.47	26,266.58
Standard Life Aberdeen	327.50	0.60	0.18	9,856.38
Smith (DS)	496.90	-14.90	-2.91	7,021.53
Smiths Group	1,632.50	7.00	0.43	6,526.10
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	577.00	20.00	3.59	8,048.24
Smith & Nephew	1,362.50	6.00	0.44	11,956.74
SSE	1,272.50	2.00	0.16	12,994.62
Standard Chartered	685.50	5.60	0.82	22,905.28
St James's Place	1,156.00	6.05	0.52	6,198.26
Severn Trent	1,927.75	-47.75	-2.42	4,693.82
Tesco	262.50	-3.70	-1.39	25,943.91
TUI AG	1,565.50	0.00	0.00	9,060.44
Taylor Wimpey	189.75	17.40	10.10	5,681.75
Unilever	4,410.00	36.50	0.83	53,007.68
United Utilities Group	722.50	-15.70	-2.13	5,077.34
Vodafone Group	185.00	2.48	1.36	49,519.04
WPP Group	1,222.50	-12.50	-1.01	15,362.04
Whitbread	3,990.00	-22.00	-0.55	7,352.48

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	201,960	-1.38%	-2,820	118,466,59
AMERICAN EXPRESS	101,5800	-1.37%	-1,4100	87,474,50
APPLE	207,530	-0.65%	-1,350	1,002,354,54
BOEING CO	339,410	-1.25%	-4,310	194,993,87
CATERPILLAR	135,920	-1.88%	-2,600	80,780,71
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,780	+0.00%	0,000	205,892,17
COCA-COLA	46,08	-0.58%	-0,27	195,974,67
DOWDUPONT	67,74	-1.85%	-1,28	156,301,71
EXXON MOBIL	79,42	-1.12%	-0,90	336,249,22
GOLDMAN SACHS	229,61	-1.78%	-4,17	86,702,01
HOME DEPOT	196,3000	-0.90%	-1,7800	226,440,61
IBM	144,48	-0.20%	-0,29	131,876,75
INTEL CORP	48,8500	-2.57%	-1,2900	227,641,00
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	115,7300	-0.98%	-1,1500	388,955,12
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	130,7500	-0.34%	-0,4500	350,770,35
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,6800	-0.39%	-0,6200	123,104,01
MERCK AND CO. NEW	66,07	+0.11%	0,07	175,661,65
MICROSOFT	109,000	-0.61%	-0,670	837,468,58
NIKE	80,73	-0.65%	-0,53	103,386,66
PFIZER	40,9300	-0.17%	-0,0700	239,422,94
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	81,430	+0.04%	0,030	202,573,89
VERIZON COMMS	52,47	-1.02%	-0,54	216,802,66
VISA	139,73	-0.20%	-0,28	248,163,64
WAL-MART STORES	90,1800	+1.31%	1,1700	266,136,66
WALGREENS BOOTS	66,49	+0.48%	0,32	65,985,46
WALT DISNEY CO	112,6800	-1.30%	-1,4800	167,597,37

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CLOSING PRICES AUGUST 13

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
The Trade Desk, Inc.	\$ 127.93	34.64 ▲ 37.13%
Celgene Corporation	\$ 2.45	0.48 ▲ 24.37%
Corium International, Inc.	\$ 8.65	1.44 ▲ 19.97%
Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc.	\$ 33.15	4.35 ▲ 15.10%
Ingles Markets, Incorporated	\$ 34.35	4.40 ▲ 14.69%
Inseego Corp.	\$ 2.76	0.34 ▲ 14.05%
Universal Display Corporation	\$ 114.85	13.70 ▲ 13.54%
CareDx, Inc.	\$ 16.99	2.02 ▲ 13.49%
WAVE Life Sciences Ltd.	\$ 44	5 ▲ 12.82%
TrueCar, Inc.	\$ 12.79	1.41 ▲ 12.39%
Legacy Reserves LP	\$ 13.65	1.36 ▲ 11.07%
Most Declined		
Endologix, Inc.	\$ 2.99	1.75 ▼ 36.92%
Redfin Corporation	\$ 17.96	5.18 ▼ 22.39%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 17.73	3.97 ▼ 18.29%
ViaSat, Inc.	\$ 59.52	12.25 ▼ 17.07%
The ExOne Company	\$ 6.72	1.29 ▼ 16.10%
Chuy's Holdings, Inc.	\$ 26.15	4.80 ▼ 15.51%
iShares MSCI Turkey ETF	\$ 21.42	3.64 ▼ 14.53%
Rimini Street, Inc.	\$ 7.19	1.18 ▼ 14.10%
News Corporation	\$ 13.20	2.06 ▼ 13.50%
News Corporation	\$ 13.45	1.95 ▼ 12.66%
Amtech Systems, Inc.	\$ 5.14	0.69 ▼ 11.84%

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It's still cheaper to live in Spain

Good news for expats

A RECENT report suggests that although prices have increased, it is still much cheaper to live in Spain than in the United Kingdom.

Naturally there are regional differences in both countries and there may be a negative affect for new arrivals following Brexit but overall, there are some significant savings to be made for any Brits who want to emigrate to the Iberian Peninsula.

The company thinkSpain highlights the main savings that can be made, with the most striking being in the cost of property with average prices per square metre as much as five times cheaper in Spain with certain costs such as heating also significantly lower.

Public transport is cheaper as well and there are special discounts which can be obtained for pensioners who are looking to travel relatively long journeys by train.

Petrol is still cheaper although by only a few per cent, but if you are lucky enough to live near to Gibraltar, you can pop in there and fill up saving up to a stunning



SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS: Enjoy cheaper food and drink in Spain.

20 per cent on Spanish prices.

Eating out is generally much cheaper with a choice of set menus at prices that may astound the tourist used to London prices and although the Spanish have increased the margins on wines and

spirits sold in restaurants and bars, it is still possible to buy a decent bottle of wine in a store for around €3 and something drinkable can be as cheap as €1.50.

Whilst looking at 'vices,' beer, spirits and cigarettes are generally

cheaper than the UK and apart from Gibraltar, there are also bargains to be had in both Andorra and the Canary Islands.

There are some negatives, especially with regards to inheritance tax for foreigners and the fact that a spouse may not be able to be left the family property if there are children or other family members in the country, but a good lawyer will be able to advise on the best form of Will and which country it should be prepared in.

If you decide to take up work and are registered with Spanish Social Security then you and your family will be able to take advantage of the health care system and for expatriate pensioners, the UK will currently advise the Spanish health service of your eligibility to be included.

So life (including most 'council taxes') is cheaper, but there is also the added bonus of the warm weather which suits many, although it would be a good idea to check average temperatures across the year as some areas can see exceptional heat in the summer months.

Mercadona phases out plastic bags

AFTER introducing a trial in 66 of its supermarkets throughout Spain, the Mercadona group has announced that with effect from 2019 it will cease to supply new plastic bags to customers.

The company declared that it supported a sustainable policy as early as 2011 and for the future it will be offering consumers the opportunity to purchase recycled plastic, paper or at a slightly higher cost a raffia basket.

The basket in particular has been quite popular with shoppers and has seen an overall reduction in consumption of other types of bags.

Another part of its strategy will be to phase in new household goods such as buckets and brooms also made from recycled plastic.



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"DADDY," says the little boy, looking enquiringly up at his Father. "Why do we wear these long white robes?"

"Well my son," replies his Dad. "That's to keep the flies away and the mosquitoes from biting our arms and legs." "Oh I see," says the boy. "And Dad, why do we wear these wide sandals?" "To stop us from sinking into the sand," explains his Father. "Also," he adds, "this cloth over our head is to protect us from the sun and the dust of the desert." The boy appears somewhat puzzled. "Dad" he says; "why are we dressed like this in the middle of Luton!?"

This oldie but goodie, just about sums up the burka controversy that has been wasting so much of our precious time over the last couple of weeks. Basically it demonstrates that there is simply no valid reason whatsoever for any woman to walk around in this garment of utterly depressing Draconian diversity.

Not only is it an affront to European society, it is yet another weapon in the cultural war that is being waged against us by people who have no interest in any integration or acceptance of Western values at all. This foreboding garment is confrontational, intimidating and, as there is no men-



ERODING: Debate over the burka has being sparked following Boris Johnson's (inset) remarks.

tion of it in any 'holy book,' bears no religious significance whatsoever.

For the women who dress in this manner to consider themselves 'upset' or 'offended' by Boris referring to them as resembling 'letterboxes' and 'bank robbers' is pretty rich, when many of them have been utterly scathing and downright insulting with their public accusations of

'sluts' and 'whores' toward any Western women who deems to wear clothing that may reveal some part of their anatomy slightly above the knee or elbow.

Most of these women wear this shapeless attire at the behest of their men, who are so insecure in their relationships, and so jealous and distrustful of their peers, they simply can't risk any randy ri-

val taking a shine and delivering the ultimate insult by possibly running off with their missus. To my way of thinking, as long as it doesn't incite rioting or undue hardship, we should be allowed to voice any opinions we desire.

Our Western values are slowly but surely being eroded and gagged by this ridiculous political correctness, which to me increasingly appears to be totally one sided and biased against our Western communities.

This is how we are all being thanked for extending the hand of friendship and welcome to the diversity and cultures of distant lands. Well I've got another phobia which is moving nearer to my heart by the day. It's called Westernophobia. And I for one am utterly sick and tired of it.

The sooner those, who think they can change our society and proud historical heritage by running slip shod over all we hold near and dear, begin to realise we will never succumb to their endeavours, the better it will be for all concerned.

Many happy returns to my wonderful twins David and Rebecca who reached the ripe old age of 18 this week. Where did it all go I ask myself? Have a great day. Love ya both to bits.

Keep the faith.

Love Leapy

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



Sillier than a chocolate teapot

To err is human, but computers do it better, says Terence Kennedy



NOPHONE: World's most pointless tech product?

mention Windows Vista).

Or the utterly ill-conceived Amstrad E-mailer in 2000, apparently so bad that rather than wait to hear Alan Sugar's famous words, 'You're fired!', Amstrad CEO Bob Watkins actually fired himself.

More recently we've had the €400 Juicero which flopped so unsurprisingly when users found they could squeeze the juice better themselves by hand. Or the electronic spaghetti fork which disap-

peared from sale last year just before I could add it to my Christmas list.

Take the appalling Magellan GPS (please!) that I bought at a bargain price in London's Tottenham Court Road back at the turn of the century.

Never mind something fishy about the price; I should have smelled a whole aquarium. I can still hardly believe that a major manufacturer would put a product

on the market which did not, and could not, actually work - as a browbeaten technician finally admitted to me after weeks of badgering their Customer (Dis)Service department.

But the all-time useless-tech product simply has to be the NoPhone Zero. It's not a phone. It just resembles a phone. It's a rectangular block of plastic that does absolutely sod-all.

Apparently it's a comfort blanket for phone addicts, who feel that familiar weight in their pocket, but aren't tempted to pick it up and play with it because they'd get bored pretty quickly.

There's also a NoPhone Selfie which has a mirror strapped to the front, and the very latest just off the production line: the NoPhone Air which is literally just an empty bag of packaging.

If you're among the 15,000 people so far who have shelled out around €15 for one of these revolutionary non-gadgets, well, let me talk to you about that bridge I'm still trying to sell.

The \$25m laptop

LITTLE did the American civil servant realise when his work laptop was burgled from his home in 2006, that it would cost his government over \$25 million.

The laptop held all the details of 17.5 million veterans. In a desperate scramble to contain the data breach the authorities set up call-centres, mailed millions of notifications, engaged credit-monitoring services for those affected, and paid \$20 million to the victims.

By contrast, the bill for ensuring that Hawaii never again suffers the mass panic induced by last January's incoming-missile false alarm, came to just over \$200.

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by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SO, the dragons are back. No breathing fire please, remember we are under a Wild Fire Order, but they burst back onto our screens on Sunday evening, BBC2. I'm not sure where said Dragons got their studio from. I think they pinched from Channel 4's Four Rooms - you know, the show where you turn up with bit of old tat and the rich people in the rooms tell you it's lovely, but just not for them.

Back to the Dragons. Just how tall is Peter Jones and does he live in Sloane Square? I don't know, but it must deflate your ego something terrible when Peter tells you 'I just don't like you' as he did on Sunday. I really liked the new model tuk-tuk and even though the Dragons were concerned that the entire project was doomed (which it was, Dad's Army style doomed) I might have risked a Euro or two just to see where the idea might have gotten to. *The Dragons* continue to deflate bubbly entrepreneurs on BBC2, Sunday evenings.

Fans of BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing*, please place your feet firmly on the floor, return your tray table to the upright position and brace yourselves. Auntie has started to

Bring on the Dragons



THE DRAGONS: Strictly not necessary.

release the names of the celebrities who will appear on this year's show. I really don't like the trickle approach to telling us who will be waltzing across our screens in a few weeks' time. Just tell us. We can stand it and we won't inflate our life vests until we are clear of the aircraft, promise Auntie. It will be difficult for hard core *Strictly* fans across the Costas not to wish the summer heat away

and chair dance to the theme tune, but be careful what you wish for guys, remember last winter?

How are you getting on with BBC1's *Age Before Beauty* on Tuesday nights? I know there are a lot of Robson Green fans out there, but we haven't yet spotted any river monsters or even a suggestion of a rowing boat, never mind deep sea fishing.

I think the first few episodes have done far too much scene setting and haven't netted me yet. To be honest I'm just not sure that Teddy (Robson) would want to break up Wesley and Bel (James Murray and Polly Walker) and this could be the lobster pot in the plot, why is Teddy going to all that trouble when he could be out catching monster fish?

The cast is solid enough though and I won't give up on this one just yet.

BBC1 is currently dishing up another helping of *The Real Marigold Hotel* on Wednesday nights. The celebrities are, in theory, experiencing life in India with a view to possibly retiring there. I smell a rat. I don't know how many celebs have visited nice places in the name of possibly retiring there, only to go home and think it over in the final episode and actually never think about it ever again - like those folk on *A Place in the Sun* who you know just aren't going to buy the villa on the coast although it is perfect for them. It is worth dipping in via BBC iPlayer, just for Selina Scott and Stanley Johnson.

Celebrity Big Brother launches today (Thursday) on Channel 5. You just know I can't wait for next week's column.

Happy Viewing.

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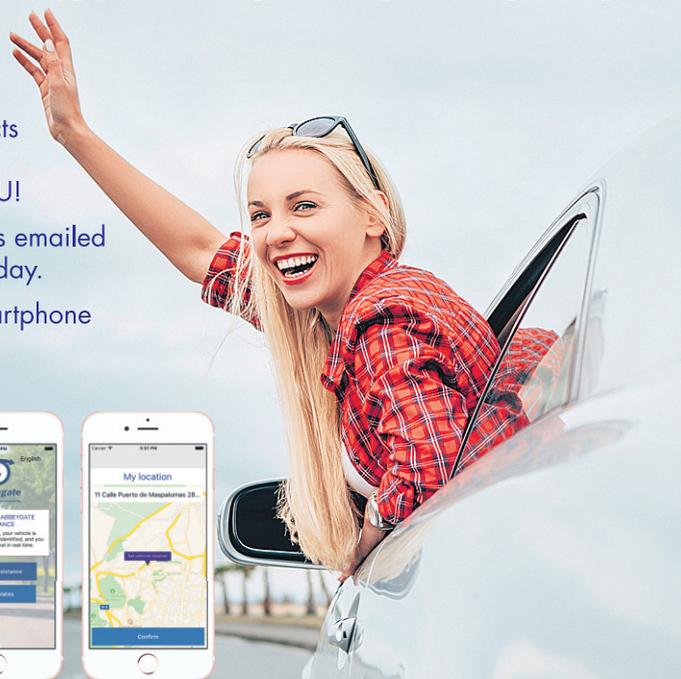
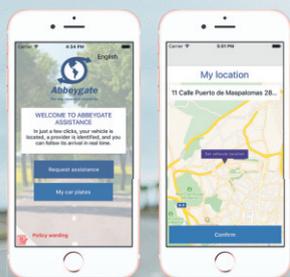
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No 'get you home tyre'

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



LOOKED at my tyre and it was flat. No big deal - I can phone the grua or change it myself. So I opened the boot of the car to see what's what and, to my surprise, there was nothing there. No jack, no spare wheel, not even the 'get you home tyre.'

There was a bottle of some kind of gooey stuff and a contraption that you plug into the ciggy lighter and then fix to the tyre and blow it up which is useless if the tyre has got a gaping hole in. I didn't even bother to try and read what you do with the gooey stuff. So why have they stopped putting spares into cars?

To make them lighter, which in turn saves fuel apparently, and a few other BS reasons. I was happy with the skinny 'get you home chap' that you used to get but to be stranded with nothing is a bit dumb if you ask me. I liked having that option. Why does everyone know better than the consumer? Because no one I've asked thinks it's a good idea. If you do, please let me know why.

Although I have a house phone, I use my mobile for nearly all my calls. When I got my bill this month I had a few Spanish calls that I

had to pay for which is unusual because I have a contract that includes all Spanish land lines for free. But of course, that doesn't include 901 or 902 numbers, which is a nuisance because my car insurance company and many other services I use have those numbers.

My tip is to go online and find the alternative number, which they all have, that you can then use your mobile to call them. Why don't companies just change to a 'normal' number which would seem logical? However, phone companies offer incentives in order to avoid this happening. In this way the phone company can offer their flat rate tariffs to the public, but know that the majority of people will need to call a 901 or 902 number from time to time. Conned again!

Here is another thing to watch out for that happened to me. I got a call from an 8xx number. It rang a couple of times then stopped. Now as I've been round the block a few times I didn't do what a lot of people would do and ring it back because, somewhere in the back of my mind, I remembered reading about a scam where this happens and you call it back and get put on hold after being told some cock and bull story and finish getting charged €3-400 for calling this premium number. As Shaw Taylor would say on *Police 5* 'keep 'em peeled' and if you remember that, well done.

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16 AUGUST	3:30pm	Escape to the Country	4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events	5:00pm	Tipping Point	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:00pm	5 News at 5	11:00am	Live European Tour Golf
	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	5:15pm	Oceans: Atlantic Ocean	6:00pm	The Chase	6:30pm	The Simpsons	6:30pm	Neighbours	1:00pm	Sky Sports News
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	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Police Interceptors	6:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
	7:30pm	BBC London News	8:30pm	Great British Menu	8:30pm	Eat, Shop, Save	9:00pm	Trains From Hell	9:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords	7:00pm	Live T20 Blast
	8:00pm	The One Show	9:00pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	9:30pm	Birds of a Feather	10:00pm	Meet the Drug Lords: Inside the Real Narcos	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	8:30pm	Football
	8:30pm	EastEnders	10:00pm	Searching for Mum: Sri Lanka	10:00pm	The Detectives	11:00pm	Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back	12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side	11:00pm	The Debate - Live
	9:00pm	DIY SOS the Big Build	11:00pm	Quacks	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:00am	Who is America?	1:00am	Super Casino	12:00am	Live ATP 1000: Cincinnati
	10:00pm	Keeping Faith										
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten										
FRIDAY 17 AUGUST	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	3:20pm	Meet the Monkeys	6:00pm	The Chase	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	4:15pm	Asteroid: Final Impact	1:00pm	Football Centre
	5:15pm	Flog It!	4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events	7:00pm	ITV News London	5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses	6:00pm	5 News at 5	2:00pm	Football Centre
	6:15pm	Impossible	5:15pm	Oceans	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	The Simpsons	6:30pm	Neighbours	3:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	Come Dine with Me	7:00pm	Home and Away	6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
	7:30pm	BBC London News	7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads	8:30pm	Coronation Street	6:30pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	5 News Tonight	7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
	8:00pm	The One Show	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	9:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure	7:00pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	Penguins of Cape Town	8:00pm	Football
	8:30pm	A Question of Sport	8:30pm	Great British Menu	9:30pm	Coronation Street	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb	8:00pm	Info not available
	9:00pm	EastEnders	9:00pm	Extraordinary Rituals	10:00pm	Doc Martin	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	11:15pm	Info not available
	9:30pm	Still Open All Hours	11:00pm	The Big Asian Stand-Up	11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm	The Crystal Maze	11:00pm	Funniest Celeb Reality TV Ever	12:15am	Info not available
	10:00pm	Death in Paradise	11:30pm	Newsnight			10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown			12:30am	Barclays Premier League Preview
	11:00pm	BBC News at Ten										
SATURDAY 18 AUGUST	6:15pm	Wedding Day Winners	4:15pm	Escape to the Country	4:00pm	Tipping Point	4:30pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	6:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	1:30pm	Football
	7:15pm	Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out	5:00pm	Flog It!	5:00pm	The Chase	5:30pm	The People's Vet	7:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	3:55pm	Cricket
	7:40pm	BBC News	5:50pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix	6:00pm	WOS Wrestling	6:35pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	6:30pm	Football
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	8:00pm	Impossible Celebrities	8:30pm	Dad's Army	8:00pm	Japandemonium	8:00pm	A Year in the New Forest	10:00pm	Gino's Win Your Wish List	12:00am	Sky Sports News
	8:50pm	Pointless	9:00pm	Blitz	9:00pm	Big Star's Little Star	9:00pm	Fixing a Hole	11:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	1:00am	The Oval: 100 Not Out
	9:40pm	Casualty	10:00pm	QI XL	10:00pm	Info not available	10:00pm	Terminator Genisys	11:00pm	Best of Bad TV: Most Shocking Ever	1:15am	Best of the 2017 Blast
	10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys	10:45pm	The Boy with the Topknot	12:20am	ITV News	12:25am	Sin City: A Dame to Kill For	12:05am		1:30am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20
	11:00pm	BBC News	12:15am	West is West	12:35am	Play to the Whistle						
SUNDAY 19 AUGUST	3:20pm	Fake or Fortune?	3:00pm	Sailing Motorsport	3:30pm	Paul O' Grady's Little Heroes	3:55pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	3:10pm	Police Interceptors	9:00am	Total Goals
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	7:50pm	Regional News	8:00pm	Dragons' Den	7:15pm	Regional News and Weather	9:00pm	Hidden Britain by Drone	9:00pm	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups	8:00pm	Gary Neville's Soccerbox
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	10:00pm	Fake or Fortune?										
	11:00pm	BBC News										
MONDAY 20 AUGUST	6:15pm	Impossible	5:15pm	Oceans	6:00pm	The Chase	7:00pm	The Simpsons	6:00pm	5 News	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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	10:00pm	Who Do You Think You Are?	10:00pm	Bollywood	10:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:35pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	12:05am		1:00am	Sky Sports News
	11:00pm	BBC News	11:00pm	The Wedding Guru	11:00pm				1:05am	Frozen: Cryonics	2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
	11:30pm	Regional News	11:30pm	Newsnight								
TUESDAY 21 AUGUST	3:30pm	Escape to the Country	4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events	6:00pm	The Chase	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	4:15pm	I Know Your Darkest Secrets	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	5:15pm	Oceans	7:00pm	Regional News and Weather	6:30pm	The Simpsons	6:00pm	5 News	11:00am	Cricket
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	7:00pm	BBC News	7:45pm	The Repair Shop	8:30pm	10k Holiday Home	9:00pm	Ackley Bridge	7:30pm	5 News	11:15pm	The Debate - Live
	7:30pm	Regional News	8:30pm	Great British Menu	9:00pm	Love Your Garden	10:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?	8:00pm	Cricket on 5	12:15am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20
	8:00pm	The One Show	9:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea	10:00pm	A Passage to Britain	11:00pm	Manhunting with My Mum	9:00pm	Big Week at the Zoo	3:30am	Cricket's Greatest Games
	8:30pm	EastEnders	11:00pm	Goodness Gracious Me Special	11:30pm	Regional News	12:00am	24 Hours in A and E	11:00pm	The Last Days of Patrick Swayze	4:00am	Sky Sports News
	9:00pm	Holby City										
	10:00pm	Age Before Beauty										
	11:00pm	BBC News										
WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST	4:30pm	Royal Recipes	3:15pm	Collectaholics	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey	6:00am	Sky Sports News
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	9:00pm	The Lenny Henry Birthday Show	9:30pm	Recipes That Made Me	11:30pm	Regional News and Weather	12:35am	One Born Every Minute	9:00pm	Big Week at the Zoo	7:30pm	Cricket
	10:00pm	The Real Marigold Hotel	10:00pm	Horizon					10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother	8:00pm	Football
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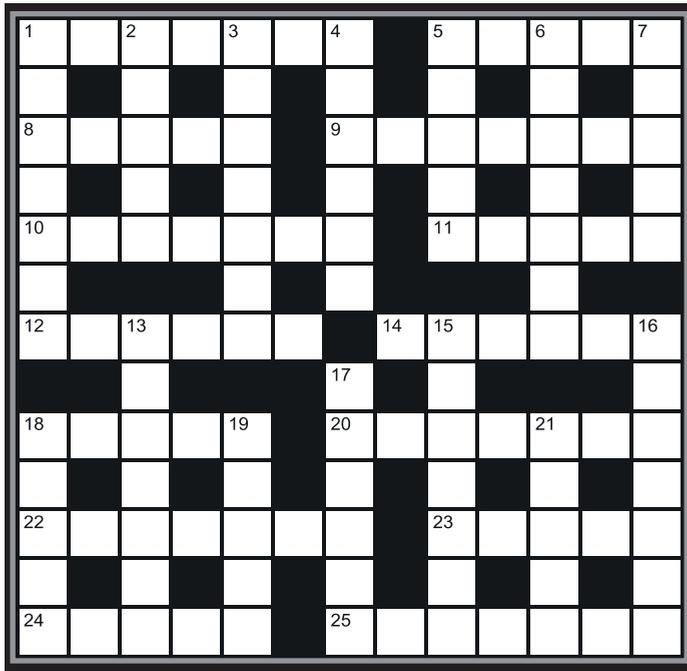


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Across

- 1 Scolds following change of rebates (7)
- 5 A representative the French had enough of (5)
- 8 Weep, our sovereign is unaffected by alcohol (5)
- 9 A doctor owes me? Very good! (7)
- 10 Peter is about to have time off (7)
- 11 Spoil a spoilt Titan (5)
- 12 He's sad, possibly, in sunglasses (6)
- 14 Secret agent gets around centre of Leeds fast (6)
- 18 Friends who end the games (5)
- 20 Best man splitting stone (7)
- 22 One lagging behind in movie advertising (7)
- 23 Words that signify nothing among sisters (5)
- 24 Lavished affection on a diminutive couple (5)
- 25 Simple type but he shows skill in bridge (7)



Down

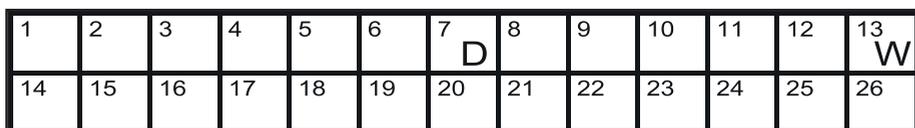
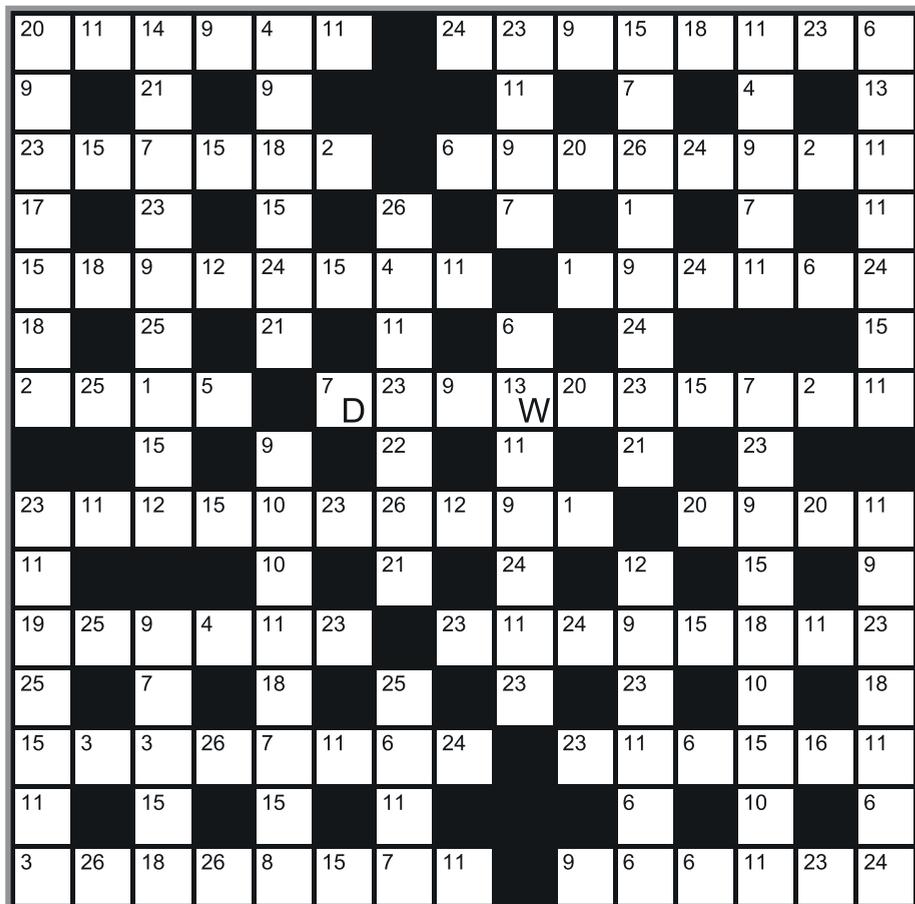
- 1 They write about street restaurants (7)
- 2 Picture puzzle about public transport (5)
- 3 Brute in a mess over rotary engine (7)
- 4 Didn't use drapes properly

- 5 Proficient in a small department (5)
- 6 Write about a side view (7)
- 7 Choose from a select few (5)
- 13 Pull a ton over large area of land (7)
- 15 Tie up an awkward flower (7)
- 16 Former Russian statesman revolting in style (7)

- 17 Dangerous reptiles make firm supporters (6)
- 18 Very subdued letter from Greece to Edward (5)
- 19 So the cover is firm (5)
- 21 Climb up on horse on high ground (5)

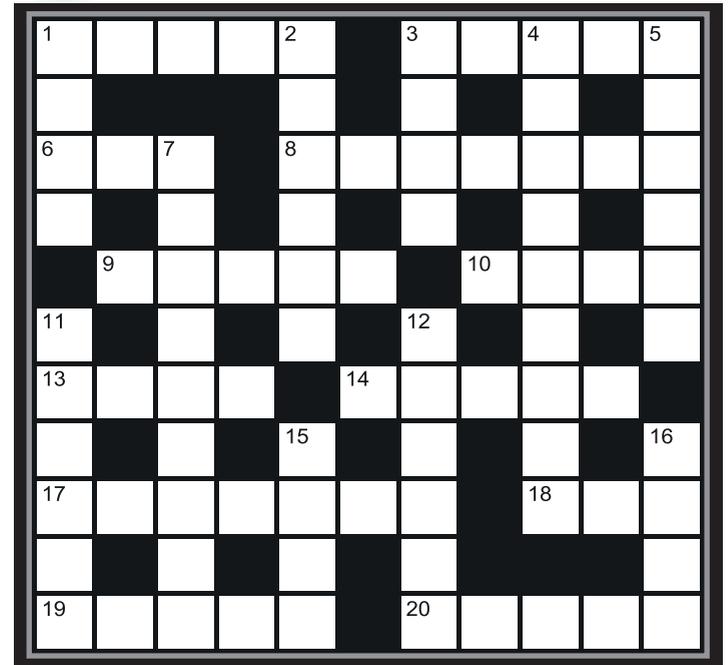
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents D and 13 represents W, so fill in D every time the figure 7 appears and W every time the figure 13 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.



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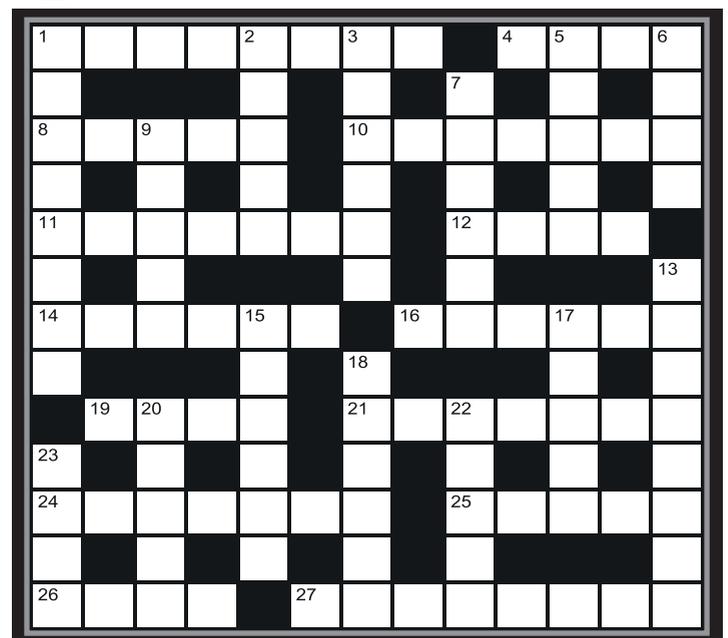
- 1 Cold dish of vegetables and or herbs (5)
- 3 Intercept and hold (5)
- 6 Polynesian garland of flowers (3)
- 8 Young tree (7)
- 9 Useful or valuable quality (5)
- 10 Feel physical pain (4)
- 13 Identical (4)
- 14 Enthusiastic (5)
- 17 Spend frivolously and unwisely (7)
- 18 Nervous or timid in the company of others (3)
- 19 Having or bringing good fortune (5)
- 20 Have in common (5)

Down

- 1 Exchange for money (4)
- 2 Drive away and scatter (6)
- 3 Soft, flat brimless hats (4)
- 4 Bird watchers (9)
- 5 Advanced in complexity or elaboration (6)
- 7 Someone who cannot sleep (9)
- 11 Convenient (6)
- 12 Large marine mammal (6)
- 15 Remain (4)
- 16 Computer memory unit (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Singer (8)
- 4 Vague (4)
- 8 Pecho (5)
- 10 Thirty (7)
- 11 To save (7)
- 12 Juguetes (4)
- 14 Oil (6)
- 16 Vallas (6)
- 19 Something (4)
- 21 Absent (person, thing) (7)
- 24 Sincero (7)
- 25 Habas (5)
- 26 Rose (4)
- 27 Espliego (8)

Down

- 1 Spoons (8)
- 2 Después de (tras un hecho concreto) (5)
- 3 Teapot (6)
- 5 Molestar (5)
- 6 To pray (say prayers) (4)
- 7 Hervidor (6)
- 9 Fugarse para casarse (5)
- 13 Lift (elevator) (8)
- 15 Trophy (6)
- 17 Ribbon (5)
- 18 Chain (6)
- 20 Enlaces (5)
- 22 Envelope (5)
- 23 To roast (4)

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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.

		22	3	21					
	7								
10									10
22									
4				6					
6				5					
15				5					
		6							

Nonagram

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY
Saturday August 11

1	3	10	BONUS BALL
18	19	37	57

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday August 11

4	22	30	BONUS BALL
37	45	47	17

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday July 7

16	28	29	BONUS BALL
30	36	10	

Friday August 10

18	20	36	BONUS BALL
43	44	9	3

EL MILLON: GJD73688

LA PRIMITIVA
Thursday August 9

4	12	15	BONUS BALL
17	37	46	8

JOKER: 1 361 981

Saturday August 11

10	13	15	BONUS BALL
16	24	43	20

JOKER: 129 909

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Sunday August 12

19	34	43	BONUS BALL
44	53	1	

YOUR STARS

FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

You like to do your own things in your own way and in your own time. That certainly shows this week. It can cause a bit of a stir with family. Even so, it will inspire someone close to step forward and make their own stand. Put someone straight when they step out of line.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

The kind nature that is so much a part of you is only too evident this week. A situation makes you feel frustrated and you need to find a way forward. A bit of expert advice goes a long way even if it does mean that you still have to go it alone. Be strong and remind yourself that this is for someone else.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

As you prefer living in the here and now, you find it difficult to understand and tolerate people who plot and plan in advance. It is tedious in the extreme to consider every little detail of something which may never happen. Because there is this relaxed attitude, you have developed a larger-than-life personality.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

This time of year reminds you just how much you enjoy home comforts. Plan ahead now for those chilly winter nights when the air is crisp and the wine is mulled. The urge is to work with others this week and that in itself throws up plans for evenings ahead. Having planned a romantic weekend there may need to be some adjustments.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Your mind, as ever, is changeable. This is a fun time to dabble at this and that to bring a bit of variety to your life and work. Meeting new people and starting new projects means that it is a busy time at work but the rewards are high.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This is an emotional week, when it is difficult to keep things to yourself. Get together with others and do a bit of social networking. Talk, and if you cannot bring yourself to confess to a problem, say that it is a friend of yours who has it. Certainly,

you need to share this concern to get a balanced picture.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

There is a highly social week ahead with social gatherings here and there. A trip means that finances start to look brighter. You may find it necessary, if you are to progress, to consider a move to another job or area. Get involved with people who have been in the same situation.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

There is a great impatience this week when someone flatly refuses to see something through to the end. You do not admire sloppiness and your reaction shows this. It may be necessary for you to sort out a situation which has been going on far too long. As you dislike loose ends in any respect, your patience may come to an end.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

Energy is high and there is a lot of fun to be had. An invitation sent out brings an old friend to your table. This is not as straightforward as you think it will be. Odd stirrings make you confused.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

You feel like a fish out of water in a confused and noisy situation. Perhaps you are not making the right kind of friends, so take control of the quality of people who you associate with. Maybe it is relatives that are causing concern. You cannot choose your relatives, but it is possible to see less of them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

This is a great social week. Your puppy-like enthusiasm attracts others and a barrage of good vibes comes your way. Indeed, your relaxed attitude allows someone close to get their own life a bit more into perspective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

People look to you to guide them through the maze of right and wrong this week. Your talent for bringing humour into the most tense situations is invaluable midweek. Summer is a socialising time for you and it is all steam ahead as you issue invitations and receive some back.

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

3	4	8	5	9	7	1	2	6
1	2	9	3	8	6	4	7	5
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Typist, 4 Bricks, 9 Colonel, 10 Yerno, 11 Etapa, 12 Justice, 13 Información, 18 Luggage, 20 Bache, 22 Abeto, 23 Tercera, 24 Scared, 25 Next to.

Down:

1 Ticket, 2 Pelea, 3 Sensato, 5 Reyes, 6 Carrito, 7 Storey, 8 Alojamiento, 14 Noguera, 15 Cobarde, 16 Always, 17 Verano, 19 Above, 21 Chest.

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Races, 4 Gristle, 8 Curtain, 9 Lacks, 10 Adoption, 11 Mine, 13 Dampen, 15 Potent, 18 Anna, 19 Liberate, 22 Ghana, 23 Edifice, 24 Electra, 25 Trees.

Down:

1 Richard, 2 Cargo, 3 Startled, 4 Gallop, 5 Idle, 6 Tactile, 7 Ensue, 12 Novelist, 14 Mandate, 16 Theseus, 17 Cinema, 18 Angle, 20 Abide, 21 Bait.

QUICK

Across:

1 Cafeteria, 7 Works, 8 Ruler, 9 Dim, 10 Plucky, 14 Prefer, 15 Ale, 18 Irate, 20 Unite, 21 Tasteless.

Down:

1 Cows, 2 Fertile, 3 Task, 4 Rarely, 5 All, 6 Strays, 11 Collide, 12 Sprint, 13 Recess, 16 Pure, 17 Bets, 19 Ant.

CODE BREAKER

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14	R	15	A	16	C	17	J	18	O	19	M	20	S	21	F	22	H	23	V	24	Y	25	K	26	Q

KAKURO

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	1	4			1	4			
	2	5			6	3			
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QUIZ: A LITTLE BIT OF...

All the answers feature the name of a girl (plus Lou) mentioned in Lou Bega's 1999 UK number one hit single Mambo No 5

- Which politician has served as Chancellor of Germany since 2005 and leader of the centre-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU) since 2000?
- Which American novelist, satirist and poet is best known for her 1973 novel Fear of Flying, which has sold more than 20 million copies worldwide?
- Which Sheffield-born heptathlete was the 2012 Olympic champion, a three-time world champion (2009, 2011, 2015) and the 2010 European champion?
- What is the name of the cocktail made with vodka and spicy tomato juice?
- Born in California in 1973, what is the name of the former White House intern who had an 'inappropriate relationship' with US President Bill Clinton?

- Who was the only female member of the cast of the BBC TV comedy programme Not The Nine O'Clock News?
- Which actress starred in 1960s films A Taste of Honey (1961), The Leather Boys (1964), The Knack ...and How to Get It (1965), Doctor Zhivago (1965) and Smashing Time (1967)?
- Which performer's Puppet on a String was, in 1967, the first British entry to win the Eurovision Song Contest?
- Anna Mae Bullock is the real name of which American-born Swiss singer-songwriter, dancer, actress and author?
- And finally... what is the name of the American bodybuilder and actor who is best known for his title role in the CBS television series The Incredible Hulk?

Not a lot of people know that... Mambo No 5 was originally recorded and composed by Cuban musician Dámaso Pérez Prado in 1949

Answers:

- ANGELA MERKEL, 2. ERICA JONG, 3. JESSICA ELLIS (DAME JESSICA ENNISHILL), 4. BLOODY MARY, 5. MONICA LEWINSKY, 6. PAMELA STEPHENSON (Lady Connolly), 7. RITA TUSHINGHAM, 8. SANDIE SHAW (real name SANDRA GOODRICH), 9. TINA TURNER, 10. LOU FERRIGNO

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Amazing help when needed from Benalmadena hospital

TWO weeks ago I collapsed in Arroyo and the receptionist in the pensioners building of Mosquito Plaza phoned for a doctor and ambulance.

I gave my HIC card and passport to them and 10 minutes later I was in the Benalmadena hospital being attended by doctors. They said it was very serious and we were sent by ambulance to Virgin de la Victoria hospital Malaga.

In great pain I told the doctors and surgeon I had a pacemaker and was refused an operation in the UK, long before it become an emergency. They laughed, saying "no problem we do these ops every day," they spoke English as do many nurses.

It was a successful operation, by an amazing team of doctors and as it was 4am my wife was offered a bed to sleep and given updates on me.

I enjoyed eight days of high standard care with voluntary translators if needed and I thank everyone for their kindness to us both.

I then spent eight days in the Torrequebrada clinic again with voluntary translators on hand if needed.

Money grabbing reds are taking fans to cleaners

THIS season, it will cost a supporter a staggering £110 (€123) to buy a replica Manchester United shirt... utterly outrageous!

The weekly salary of the Cambodian textile workers who make the shirts is just £31-a-week (€34.70).

The money-grabbing Premiership club - the most hated football club in the world by the way - already has £3.6 billion (€4.1bn) in the bank from its American owners, the Glazers, plus an annual income of £70m (€78.5m) from Adidas.

There's also a £429m (€481m) seven-year shirt sponsorship with Chevrolet, £285m (€32m) per annum comes in from various commercial deals and almost £200m (€224m) from broadcasting rights.

The club pays out around £275m (€308m) in annual wages (including salaries of £23m (€25.8m) to



Credit: ManUtd Twitter/Tony Matthews, Almeria

WELL PAID: Jose Mourinho using fans' money.

Alexis Sanchez and £15m (€16.8m) to manager Jose Mourinho and to add insult to injury, an adult season ticket at Old Trafford for this current campaign is £532 (almost €600).

Tony Matthews, Almeria

What a tremendous job that everyone did and I am so grateful to all.

John Killick, Benalmadena

Tale of two cities

AS far back as 2003, a UN Sponsored Conference affirmed the importance of citizens having ready access to the 'information society.'

Recently, a number of EU countries, including Spain have gone further and declared internet access to be a basic right of citizens.

Unfortunately, in the year 2018, access to 'reliable' internet services in Spain seems to be a postcode lottery. For example, if you are a Movistar customer in the village of Orxeta, in the hills just above Villajoyosa, you can expect 4G wireless internet at download speeds in excess of 20 mbps. If you live just over the hill, as I do, in the village of Relleu you have to make do with a grossly over-subscribed 3G service, very often returning speeds less than 1 mbps.

That just can't be right. Yes we have access to the internet, but often we can't use it! It's 2018 Movistar, get your act together and give all your customers the level of service they were promised and are paying for!

A MacDonald Thompson, Relleu

HAVE YOUR SAY

All letters by email or post should carry the writer's address, NIE and contact number though only the name and town will be published.

Readers who have missed correspondence can see all letters - which can be edited before publication - posted on: www.euroweeklynnews.com.

Plane from Malaga makes emergency landing at Sevilla

Probably a Ryanair pilot who thought he made a mistake! Should have been on strike.

Tomas Kirken

Brit wakes up in Mallorca after night out in Wales

Rubbish.

Marlene Boxall

BREAKING: Wildfire reported on Costa del Sol

Someone on another site was just saying she's seen three drivers throwing cigarettes out their window.

Jeni Potter

FUEL TAX: Spanish government proposal to increase diesel price by estimated 28.6 per cent

Gutted, should have bought a petrol car!

Katie Dakin

Just fill up in Gibraltar.

Luke Dixon

Comments from EWN online

Anti-corruption boss on trial for extortion

Nothing surprises me any more.

Jeni Potter

WATCH: 'Cowards' kick, hit and throw broken glasses at injured bull

Why are these heinous events still allowed. What sort of tradition is this. To cause pain and suffering to a living being? People who support these events, or even worse, torture an animal at them, are not fit to be in human society! Next kicks for them to be from torturing a child in the street then, maybe????

Sandra n' Neil

This is an absolute disgrace. It's time this outrageous behaviour is stopped.

Sandra Lyons

WATCH: Brave firefighters save life of unconscious dog in fire

It's nice to see good people and happy endings. Well done to the firefighters that saved this little doggy.

Zara Maria

SELFIE SHOCK: Youth electrocuted as he snaps trains and head touches live wires.

Was it worth it and more to the point... did he get the photo?

Jane Wilson

Spanish fighter jet accidentally fires air-to-air missile in Estonia training exercise.

So that's what that button does!

Bob Saunders

Thanks Dr Jones

I WOULD like to give thanks and praise to Dr Jones and his staff at Clinica Dental in Alfaz del Pi. I had cause to have some unusual and quite difficult dental surgery recently and this was carried out very professionally with the minimum of discomfort. If you are not yet fluent in Spanish, you need not worry as they speak perfect English. I recommend them to you.

Peter, Alfaz

Sharia law

I ALWAYS read your paper with great appreciation, but Leapy says it all for me this week when quoting what our High Court have decided in relation to accepting Sharia Law.

I worked in the Courts for many years, and that is the worst decision in my lifetime. It opens up a can of worms and where will it end?

I conclude by congratulating you on a most interesting and informative newspaper. Carry on the good work.

Roger Davis, Calpe

Sleeping in the heat

WHEN it's hot outside and you don't have air conditioning, it can be a nightmare getting off to asleep.

But there are ways to get and stay cool for long enough to drift off.

It's advisable to do any exercise a few hours before getting into bed, and to drink plenty of water.

Body temperature is raised during strenuous activity and you retain heat. It's also a good idea to keep a glass of room temperature water by your bedside. Ice cold water slows down digestion and metabolism by constricting blood vessels, thereby decreasing the body's ability to cool off.

Eating a heavy meal or spicy food before bedtime may make you feel hotter, so eat a light dinner at least two or three hours before bed.

And contrary to popular belief, avoid a very cold shower before hitting the sack as it can



PREPARATION: There are ways to get cool enough to drop off to sleep.

have a rebound effect. Tepid shower or bath is best.

Another idea is to soak your hands and feet - the body's radiators - in tepid water to cool down.

Heat rises, so the lower to the ground or in the house you are,

the more comfortable you will be.

And avoid heavy bedding, light cotton or bamboo mats are preferable. If possible, put bedding in the freezer 30 minutes before bedtime.

Don't sleep naked as this

does not allow moisture to evaporate between your body and the sleeping surface. Cotton is best.

Circulate air with a fan, avoiding the face and neck, and flip your pillow a couple of times during the night.

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Face up to the sun

FACIAL skincare is an all-year-round commitment, and even more so in the height of the summer.

But despite the well-publicised dangers and negative effects of UV rays, just under half of the 1,008 women surveyed by leading market researcher Mintel use facial skincare products containing SPF.

It also found that 40 per cent of female facial skincare users find it difficult to know which level of sun protection to use on a daily basis.

Roshida Khanom of Mintel said that while

sun exposure is considered the biggest external factor impacting the appearance of skin, usage of SPF on the face is relatively low.

"Confusion in the sector could be a reason, presenting an opportunity for brands to help women understand how best to use sun protection daily."

She added that Apps that recommend products could benefit young women, who are more likely to use different types of sun protection products on their face.



AWARENESS: More needs to be done to encourage the use SPF facial creams.



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Rock and it's free

ROCKAMBELLES 18 is a free annual concert featuring Mallorcan bands and is being held for the fourth year in Sencelles tomorrow (Friday).

It starts at 10pm and runs until 4am at the Nova Ca'n Briles de Sencelles School. There will also be DJs, food truck, clothing stalls and a generally good vibe.

Appearing at the event will be: Rumba Katxai (World Music) Hombre Lobo International (Rock & Roll / Psychobilly) Xarxa (Ska / Rock) Saim (Post Punk / Alternative) BILO (Psychedelic / Rock)

Artist Alina Poloboc supports local charity

TALENTED artist Alina Poloboc originally from Moldova, but now living in Mallorca, last week held an opening exhibition of her artwork at Century 21 Palm Beach, Paseo Mallorca 10, in Palma.

Century 21 Palm Beach office is one of the thousand offices of the largest real estate in the world, and the only one in Mallorca.

Alina has committed 30 per cent of all sales of her art work during the exhibition to Fundación JoyRon. A local foundation fully registered in Mallorca that through its Founder and



TALENTED: Alina with one of her paintings.

President Ronald Hawes assisted by some 20 volunteers, works to provide 'Help and Support to Children in Need in the Balears.'

The foundation ensures that

all monies donated are 100 per cent passed onto the Children in Need, as the administration expenses of operating the foundation are privately funded.

The exhibition is open until August 31, Monday to Friday 9.30am to 8pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

Century 21 Palm Beach Commercial Director Aurora Juanicotena will be on hand to welcome visitors and if you would like to make an appointment to view the exhibition together with the artist Alina Poloboc this can be pre-arranged by calling (34) 747 853 902.

Exhibition Venue - Aurora Juanicotena at Century 21 Palm Beach, Paseo Mallorca 10. Tel (34) 871 030 554.

Artist - Alina Poloboc 747

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A romantic night in a vineyard

DAVID GÓMEZ a Swiss pianist who has made a name for himself with his special presentation one piano and 200 candles will be appearing at the Bodegas Castell Miquel in Alaró on Thursday August 30 at 10pm.

The artist who surrounds his piano with 200 candles and plays a selec-

tion of compositions from his albums The Island and Pianographie and chooses unusual and atmospheric sites such as deserted churches, abandoned factories, lighthouses or for this concert vineyards.

This promises to be a romantic evening, with entry costing from €20

but a couple who pay €99 will receive VIP treatment and have a number dedicated to them with the artist reading their words of dedication before performing the piece.

To find out more about David Gómez or to book, visit <http://www.1y200.com>.

Eat Well to Live Well



by Andrew Harding

THIS week I will continue the discussion about B group vitamins:

Niacin (Vitamin B3). Niacin helps the body utilise the energy that is present in food and keeps the skin and nervous system in good order. Good sources are; mushrooms, cereals, eggs, meat, green vegetables, nuts and beans. Symptoms of mild niacin deficiency include fatigue, canker sores, vomiting, depression, poor circulation and indigestion.

Pantothenic Acid (Vitamin B5). Pantothenic acid, like the rest of the B complex vitamins, helps turn carbohydrates into glucose. Glucose is the only carbohydrate that the human body can use directly, starch and sucrose have to be converted to glucose. B5 is also necessary for creating red blood cells, various hormones and maintain healthy digestion. Sources include; mushrooms, legumes and lentils, avocados, milk, eggs, and cabbage. Deficiency is very rare and only found in the severely malnourished.

Pyridoxene (Vitamin B6). Vitamin B6 is important in maintaining a healthy body and developing a healthy brain, so it is essential to make sure high levels are

Eat well to live well!



A TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN: Chicken curry.

maintained during pregnancy and infancy. Sources of B6 include beans, poultry, fish, fortified cereals, dark leafy greens, papayas, oranges and Cantaloupe melons. Severe deficiency is rare, but if slight can produce the following: A weak immune system, anaemia, rashes, scaly skin on the lips, cracks at the corners of the mouth and a swollen tongue.

Biotin (Vitamin B7, AKA, Vitamin H: Confused? So am I!) This split-personality vitamin is synthesised by the bacteria in the gut but is also found in organ meats (liver, kidneys), eggs, fish, meat, seeds, nuts, it helps to keep the skin, nails and hair healthy. Biotin deficiency is rare.

This week's recipe is a Caribbean Curry, Curries are normally associated with India, Pakistan, Thailand and to a lesser extent, China. I am not a great fan of adding fruit (except for the citrus varieties) to savoury dishes, but fruits like mango and pineapple can be added to this recipe five minutes before serving.

Caribbean Chicken Curry

- Serves 4
- 1 kg chicken breast meat skinned, boned and cubed
 - 2 tablespoons of rapeseed or sunflower seed oil
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 4 garlic cloves, chopped
 - 1 teaspoon allspice, ground
 - 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1 tablespoon curry powder
 - 2 chicken stock cubes
 - 1 teaspoon celery salt
 - 2 bay leaves
 - 1 teaspoon of ground mace
 - 2 tablespoons dried coconut
 - 2 tablespoons mango powder
 - 1 can of tomatoes
 - 1 jigger dark rum
 - 200ml orange juice
 - 1 bunch cilantro leaf, chopped
 - 2 teaspoons cornstarch, mixed with a little water

Fry chicken in oil until browned. Add onion and garlic and fry until both golden. Add curry powder, fry for two minutes on a very low heat. Add all the other ingredients, except for the cornstarch.

Simmer for 15 minutes or until chicken cooked. Add cornstarch/water mix slowly and constantly stirring, to thicken the sauce. Serve with steamed rice.

What's on!

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A rock-solid housing investment

ANY concerns that Gibraltar might end up outside any EU-UK trade deal is not harming the lively buy-to-let market.

A growing workforce - dominated by financial tech, e-gaming and block chain-based start-ups - is putting pressure on the supply of

housing, which is putting up property prices.

For the past 10 years, prices have been rising between 2 and 5 per cent a year.

Mike Nicholls, Managing Director of Chesterton Gibraltar, an estate agency, said:

"There is a shortage of homes for sale and a chronic shortage of rental properties for the army of more than 12,000 workers who commute across the border



Credit: Chris Jenner/Shutterstock

ROCK STEADY: Demand for housing in Gibraltar is as strong as ever.

each day.

"Many of them would much rather live in Gibraltar if the right property at the right price was available."

Unemployment in La Linea, on the Spanish side, is at 35 per cent, but only 1 per

cent in Gibraltar.

Nicholls believes that the area of Gibraltar near the airport runway will see housing development on a similar scale to London's Isle of Dogs 30 years ago.

A 15-storey block of 143 studio apartments close to

the runway sold 99 of them in the first week of their release.

Properties are also selling fast at Bentley Investments Group's Eurocity, an €89 million scheme of 366 apartments in the central business district.

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Ever heard of Lluçmajor? Nice town in the south eastern part of Mallorca, very well communicated with Palma and offering some of the most interesting coast sites on the island.

Ref 3151, Cala Pi, 1,390,000 €

Front line Chalet, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Lounge, Kitchen, Garage, Pool, Heating, living area 190 m2. Plot 720 m2.



Ref 3152, La Rapita, 255,000 €

Semi-detached chalet, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, Lounge with open Kitchen, community pool. Living area 100 m2, Plot 150 m2.



Ref 3138, Lluçmajor, 260,000 €

Renovated Townhouse. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Lounge, Dining room, Roof terrace, Living area 157 m2, Plot 107 m2.



Ref 3154, Vallgornera, 550,000 €

Chalet which needs modernising. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, lounge, dining room, Kitchen. Pool, living area 185 m2 plus 92 m2 Garage. Plot 1,500 m2.



Ref 3146, Lluçmajor, 275,000 €

Big townhouse which needs modernising with garden. 3 bedrooms, 2 more rooms, 2 Bathrooms, Hallway, lounge, dining room, Kitchen, living room 264 m2, garden 82 m2, plot 180 m2.



Ref 3136, Vallgornera, 195,000 €

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Hotels in the mountains

SPAIN is known for attracting hordes to its beaches, but for those seeking a different backdrop, there are no shortage of mountain hotels to check into.

■ La Casona de Con, Picos de Europa

A restored 18th century hamlet west of Bilbao, La Casona has stunning views into northern Spain's Picos de Europa national park.

Run by friendly Elena and Javier, the rustic property has extensive gardens perfect for children with energy to burn off.

Families booking tailor-made trips can enjoy four days of guided activities, from jumping down waterfalls and riding gondolas to hiking the ultra-narrow Cares Gorge.

■ Las Chimeneas, Andalucia

So well reputed is this nine-room guesthouse's cuisine that it has its own book, Recipes and Stories from an Alpujarran village.

The regional dishes, such as rabbit-and-seafood paella, are cooked by two locals from the adjacent village of Mairena, and a British baker.



Credit: @Lacasonadecon/Twitter

PEAK VIEWING: Casona de Con boasts a dramatic backdrop.

Las Chimeneas has British owners, David and Emma Illsey, who can arrange self-guided hiking, birdwatching or yoga sessions in the surrounding valleys and mountains of the High Alpujarras.

Or you might just want to admire the scenery from Mairena at 1,006m high.

■ La Posada del Candil, Seron

Absorb the tranquillity and birdlife of Almeria from a pool with views

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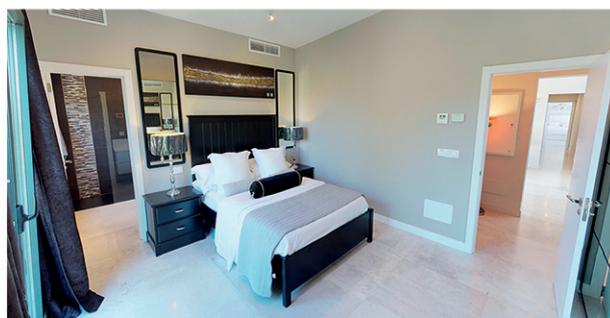
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THE Statistical Information Centre of Notaries in Spain has recently released its latest report on the activity of foreign buyers in the country's property market for 2017.

Which nationalities are the most proactive? Are they resident in Spain? Where are the most popular areas to buy? All will be revealed...

The year 2017 was the best for property purchases since the economic crisis began to grip Spain in 2008, and both Spanish nationals and foreign buyers are now very active in the market.

During last year, there were 513,814 property transactions recorded, representing a 17 per cent growth against 2016. Foreign buyers accounted for 100,095 of those and showed a year-on-year acceleration of 14.2 per cent.

For countries within the European Union (EU), during the second half of 2017, the most active nationalities were British (14 per cent of buyers), French (8.6), Ger-

Foreign buyers aid property figures



ACTIVE: Increasing number of foreigners buying property across Spain.

mans (8.2), Romanians (6.9), Italians (6.8), Belgians (6) and the Swedish (5.3).

The proportion of purchases from people outside of the EU was also high, with the Moroccans (5.5 per cent), Chinese (4.9) and the Russians (3).

Looking at the increases between 2016 and 2017, there are some surprising inclusions in the top 10 which sees Moroccans recording a 36 per cent growth in purchases during that period. They are followed by Ecuadorians (33), Romanians (31), Portuguese (30), and Americans (27).

The only country that showed a decrease in their property purchasing was the United Kingdom, but that was only for the first half of 2017 before seeing an improvement in the second half.

The Valencian Community leads the way with the amount of foreign transactions (28 per cent), with Andalusia in second (18) and Cataluña - despite the political instability - (15).

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Benefits of reducing watering in the garden

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ONCE summer is here the effects of the heat on the garden becomes apparent. It is usually too late to save poorly designed gardens without the need to apply a lot of water.

Sometimes it is better to just let the garden survive the best it can and learn from the experience. What has enabled plants to survive the summer is what can be replicated to have a more successful garden the next year.

One of the biggest problems is the incompatibility of the plants we like with the ability of the garden environment to grow the plants we want. The best solution is to learn to like the plants that grow naturally in the Mediterranean climate. They are many and varied.

If you do some research to find the Mediterranean plants that suit your garden environment and the effect you want from your garden then you have the easiest of work to make a garden. If you have natural soil in your garden and the plants are native, preparation and maintenance of a garden is minimal. The need to water the garden will be greatly reduced.

In a truly native garden the watering would principally be to establish new plants that have been introduced to the garden and assist some plants during extended dry and hot periods. Water use in the garden is minimal.



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CONTROLLING WATER: Is important for the benefit of everyone.

Normally we garden though to enjoy caring for plants and benefiting from the flowers, fruits and other produce which are not native to the region. We also like to attract and support wildlife in our garden environment. This increases the need to have more water available in the garden.

To minimise this need, soil improvement is the most important issue to retain moisture in the

soil. Soil protection is also very helpful so a good mulch and appropriate shading of zones to reduce direct sun exposure of the soil and plants will also make a big difference to water retention.

Application of water is also very important to regulate the amount of water needed to keep the root zone of plants moist. Well designed drip ir-

rigation is the most effective way to apply water just where it is needed with minimal time and effort.

There is always a place for a hose to water just what you want and to ensure plants get what they need. The best times to apply water in summer is in the early morning and late evening to reduce evaporation.

Capturing water for the garden can also make a big difference to supply and availability. If you can channel water into storage containers for the garden it will reduce the need for water from other sources. A large container can be enough to supply water for birds for weeks.

Even hilling up ridges around the garden plants and trees can allow the capture of summer storm rain water so it does not just run off into drainage systems. In winter the ridges can be raked out if they are not necessary.

The value of water as a resource needs to be measured against the value of the garden to provide the environmental benefits and produce to support our quality of lifestyle. Gardens are a haven for wildlife so providing water and moisture in a garden can make it an oasis for many birds and beneficial insects.

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Enjoy shade in the sun

FINDING a shady space to enjoy the balmy summer evenings can prove difficult, but there are ways to create shade in gardens of all sizes making outdoor dining or seat-

ing a pleasure on scorching Spanish days.

Timber structures have long made favourite garden shelters, and there is a vast choice of styles beyond the standard

summerhouse. Modern pergolas offer a private place to sit away from the gaze of neighbours.

Slatted-framed versions provide a light and airy space and depending on the design and colour choice, can appear to float in the space.

Enclosing patio seating in lush green planting not only cools the area, but has an enveloping effect that will fill the space in scent, colour and the sound of breeze through the leaves.

Free standing sails can be incorporated for fine-tuning the shade depending on the time of day.

A solid parasol likes those used in hotels and restaurants are practical and solid. With decent bases, preferably concrete, they won't wobble or blow over when the winds pick up later in the evening.

Simple fabric canopies create shade wherever and whenever needed. Choosing a bright colour and pattern will also make it a practical feature in



SHADE: Parasols are a great way to protect from the sun.

larger gardens.

Outdoor fabrics have the benefit of being showerproof, stain-resistant, UV and fade-resistant, but an improvised shade in a sturdy interiors fabric will stand up to occasional use too.

If space is an issue, small patios or courtyards can benefit from a wall mounted para-

sol, freeing up floor space.

They also offer flexibility for angling to protect from the sun.

A variety of sizes, shapes and colours are available, but it's advisable to get a professional to install these parasols as they are generally placed above seating areas or sunbeds.



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How dogs could give you a killer disease: Superbugs. Parasites.

Read on and you may never let your pet lick your face again

THEY are mankind's loyal companions. But according to a new study, dogs could be a serious risk to our lives.

Last week, vets warned that many people are overlooking the potentially deadly diseases we could catch from our pets. They carry and spread salmonella, and can infect us with parasites, fungal infections, tapeworm, roundworm and superbugs.

Furious pet owners say the benefits of a dog far outweigh any health risks. So are the vets right?

Tuberculosis

If dogs come into contact with an infected cow, get into a fight with a diseased badger or eat meat infected with the bacteria, they can develop tuberculosis - and pass the potentially deadly lung disease on to you.

The risks are tiny, but real. In 2013, a child caught TB from a family dog in Gloucestershire. The child, who was under 10, made a full recovery, but the dog was put down.

Roundworms

Two-thirds of public playgrounds are thought to be contaminated with roundworm eggs - stomach-churning parasites that grow up to 14in long in canine guts.



'REVOLTING': Tapeworms.

The eggs are shed in dog mess and survive for months on the ground. If you garden without gloves or eat food you've dropped on the floor, the eggs can end up inside you.

Once inside the human body, the larvae cannot grow into adult worms, but migrate to the lungs, liver, eyes and brain, potentially causing serious internal damage and even blindness.

"Roundworm look like cooked spaghetti and are probably the most common intestinal parasite in dogs," says Vicki Larkham, a vet with the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

'You know if you dog has them because they will be vomiting or you will see the worms.'

Deadly eight-legged ticks

Most dog owners have had to remove a tick from their pet.

The voracious eight-legged insects live in bracken and tall grass and jump onto an animal and bury their jaws into the skin.

They can be as small as a poppy seed, but swell to the size of a pea as they gorge on blood.

Getting them out quickly without squeezing their bodies or leaving their mouths behind is essential because many carry the bacteria for Lyme disease, which causes joint pain, lameness and a high fever.

Dogs can't spread Lyme disease directly to owners, but they can bring ticks into your home.

Tapeworms

Tapeworms are revolting. Some varieties grow 30ft long inside your intestines and live for 20 years. While most are harmless, one potentially deadly species called echinococcosis is putting people at risk in hotspots in Wales, the Welsh borders and the Western Isles.

After dogs eat echinococcosis eggs in infected animal carcasses, the worms grow to adulthood in their guts and shed eggs in dog faeces. Dogs spread the eggs to people by licking their faces after cleaning themselves.

In people the tapeworm causes cysts on the liver, lungs or brain, which can grow 12in across and cause organ failure and even death.

It can take years after infection for symptoms to show.

Caroline Reay, veterinary surgeon at the animal charity Blue Cross, said: "You can prevent tapeworm by the regular use of wormers. If you have a dog in an echinococcosis hotspot you want to worm it every six weeks."

Serious food poisoning

Dogs don't just use their tongues to clean themselves, they happily shove their faces into anything smelly - including dead birds, animal carcasses and fox droppings.

As a result their mouths and guts can be a breeding ground for salmonella and campylobacter - the food poisoning bacteria that can be dangerous for young children and the elderly.

PETS make great holiday companions.

For some people pets are the habit of a lifetime. I must confess I'm of that tribe. While I founded *Housesit Match.com* to help pet owners and sitters meet safely online, I also love to pet-sit for 'authentic travel.' I believe if you see a new location from a pet's point of view, you see it with a fresh perspective.

I love to pet-sit

People often ask if I use HouseSitMatch myself? I can honestly say that I do. While we no longer have pets at home we still use house-sitters to care for our garden while on holiday - some call it tomato-sitting!

Recently, I helped clients

Pet-sitting is personal

close to my own home in Buckinghamshire, UK to care for their dog 'Nuka.' They had a wedding overseas and a last-minute arrangement between neighbours had fallen through. They registered with HouseSitMatch and I offered to help. I discovered new and exquisite dog walks in woodlands not five miles from my home.

Authentic travel

The home owners intro-

duced me to their favourite local places to visit and shops of nearby food artisans, bakers, cheese makers, honey producers all working locally with organic materials producing delicious food.

I had my own personal tour guide in Nuka the dog, walking me to stunning vista points in the Chiltern Hills, I followed her down the footpaths her owners favoured and she was my lo-

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By Barbara Belt
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SINCE the 15th century, when the Spanish took the Canaries as both a practice and way station for subsequent trans-Atlantic plundering adventures, the islands have been a bridge between Africa and the Old and New Worlds.

The New World needed slaves, we're close to Africa, the rest is history.

Centuries later, oppressed Canarians migrated to the Americas. Many stayed - lots came and went. A musical melting pot is one of the more obvious results, making provincial capital, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, the perfect venue for a recent revamp of the traditional bridge role.

The recently held, second edition of the South Atlantic Performing Arts Market (Spanish initials MAPAS) morphed Santa Cruz into an international cultural showcase of some clout.

Long may it last! Think state of the art performing arts and music trade fair, add networking, training and information exchange, and you've got it.

Although performances were public, free and popular, the 56 acts from 16 countries were there to impress some 150 programmers, bookers and agents, who'd come from 40 countries to shop for festival and event acts.

Musicians had 30-minute slots to strut their stuff, while dance, theatre and circus groups' slots varied. Artistic, technical and organisation-

Cultural showcase brings in millions



CULTURAL MELTING POT: The event drew artists from 16 countries.

al quality were keynotes throughout. It was an impressive event.

The pearl of waterside Santa Cruz is the Auditorio Adan Martin, designed by Santiago Calatrava. It has shimmered beautifully there in the sun since 2003. Many of the MAPAS gigs were there and evening audiences loved its outside venues.

Cava bubbling in the evening sun, waves splashing below, we were delighted by performers like Lornoar (Cameroon) - as a quick survey, to make sure it wasn't just the cava, revealed:

"Wonderful! We're so lucky to be here!"
Dacil, 22, Tenerife.

"I'm amazed. It's like a really upmarket festival," *Liam, 27, UK.*

"All these marvellous performers here from all over the world! Incredible!," *Carmen-Lola, 79, Tenerife.* And so on.

As well as performances, artists' groups from the Canaries and 29 countries in Africa, Latin America and southern Europe met international cultural agents and programmers in pitch and networking sessions, workshops, round tables and conferences.

At the inaugural conference, Miami University's Prof. George Yudice said: "Nowadays, performing artists have to compete with increasing competition from the digital world. It's vital not only to promote good artist/venue matching, but also to help performing artists thrive in these conditions."

Performers and programmers alike agreed that MAPAS was: "A great new initiative," *Katja Somrak, programmer, Slovenia.*

"It's been marvellous, very worthwhile. We've had appointments with lots of bookers, met a lot of people and enjoyed Tenerife," *Ana Rodriguez, Troker (Mexico)'s minder.*

Links to further info:

- MAPAS: <http://mapasmercadocultural.com/en/mapas-2018-presentation>.
- Tips: <https://www.lornoar.com/copie-de-epk> (Lornoar from Cameroon); <http://kukai.info/es/topa> (Spanish dance group Kukai Dantza).
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New class in Volvo Ocean Race

DETAILS of the next edition of the Volvo Ocean Race are starting to emerge.

There will be two classes of boats in the 2021-22 edition of what has become an iconic race. The IMOCA 60 class is being introduced, and will take its place alongside the VO65s used in the previous two Volvos.

According to organisers the different characteristics of the two classes means the race will be more open. They hope it will make the race even more appealing to designers by giving them a choice, as well as widening its appeal amongst sailors and attracting a broader selection of fans.

As far as the competition is concerned, crews will race against boats in the same class with two trophies awarded.

The IMOCA 60 is a design-driven, foil-assisted monohull on the cutting edge of technology. Perhaps best known for its use in short-handed races like the Vendée Globe or Route du Rhum, the class will be adapted by leading yacht designers to accommodate a full offshore crew who will be pushed to their limits racing this boat around the world.

In contrast, the VO65 is a one-design offshore racing boat that was used in the last two editions of the Volvo Ocean Race. The 2017-18 edition, won by Dongfeng Race Team, was the closest in the 45-year history of the event, in large part due to the strict one-design



technology and performance racing which equalised the performance potential of the boats.

"By opening the next race to the IMOCA 60 and the VO65, we intend to attract the very best sailors, designers and teams in the world to take up the challenge of competing in the pinnacle fully-crewed around the world race," said Johan Salén, co-owner of the event.

"The introduction of the IMOCA 60 brings a design and engineering element to the race that keeps us at the cutting edge of

technology and performance and will be appealing to the most competitive performers in our sport.

"And we've just seen how close and compelling the event can be when strong teams are racing the one-design VO65. Opening the race to both classes gives us the best of both worlds."

The VO65 class will have a

strong orientation towards youth, building on the experience of the most recent edition, which featured a talented crop of sailors taking on the challenge of the race for the first time, including several Olympic medalists and America's Cup winners.

"This is where the stars of tomorrow are born," Salén said. "We want to encourage teams to give opportunities to younger crew, in order to bring some of the top talent from smaller boats, for example, into the offshore world."

Race management is currently working on a preliminary Notice of Race for the 2021-22 event, which is expected to be published in the autumn, and will include details on crew numbers and crew diversity incentives and/or restrictions for each class.

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ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

Nissan Leaf

THE Nissan Leaf is the world's top-selling electric vehicle and in Europe alone one is sold every 10 minutes, underlining the distinct shift towards zero-emission cars.

The latest version of the Leaf is more powerful, loaded with more technology and has a much greater range - up to 378 kilometres (235 miles) on a single charge.

Power comes from a 148 hp electric motor mated to an automatic gearbox and performance is comparable to most 'conventional' cars - 0-100 kph in 8.5 seconds, top speed 161 kph (100 mph).

However the big difference is zero emissions and no petrol or diesel costs.

The stated 378 kilometres on a single charge is in ideal conditions - more typically 240 kilometres (150 miles) is likely in real-world driving.

Quick recharging to 80 per cent power can take just 40 minutes, though full charging is several hours.

New Leaf has more eye-catching styling, much more standard technology, especially connectivity, which includes Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

You also get other kit including alloy wheels, front and rear reversing sensors, and auto lights and wipers on most versions. There are several trim levels and in Spain prices start at €32,800. (In the UK, from £25,190 includ-

ing government grant).

Technology is at the heart of the Leaf, which has ProPILOT advanced driver assistance using the steering, braking and acceleration to assist the driver within single lane, low speed traffic and highway cruising scenarios. In slow moving traffic it enables the New LEAF to autonomously slow down and stop where traffic flow ceases. It will then start to follow the car in front when the flow resumes.

It is also equipped with e-Pedal, which allows drivers to start, accelerate, decelerate and stop - simply by increasing or decreasing the

pressure

applied to the pedal.

All this means is that drivers will take a little



time to familiarise themselves with the driving modes, but once mastered, you start to think all cars should be like this!

Driving a Nissan Leaf is a pleasant experience. You just press a start button, select D for drive and off you go.

The first thing you notice is the near-silence! It is very comfortable with supple suspension, light-touch steering, and assured cornering. It is also agile to park.

Nissan says the new Leaf - a five-seat hatchback with a large 435-litre boot - should no longer be viewed as just a local runabout because its improved range means it can be used for longer journeys.

Soaring sales indicate this message is certainly getting across.

STATS PANEL

- **Model:** Nissan Leaf
- **Engine:** Electric motor
- **Transmission:** Automatic
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 8.5 seconds, top speed 161 kph (100 mph)
- **Economy:** range up to 378 kilometres (235 miles)
- **Emissions:** zero-emissions

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

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Speaking the Berlingo

FRENCH manufacturers have a strong record in producing no-nonsense vehicles, but the new Citroen Berlingo promises to be a

cut above.

Like its predecessor, it's based on Peugeot-Citroen's successful Berlingo/Partner small commercial vehicle, in this case the third generation.

It is essentially a van with the side panels cut out to create rear windows and the side-hinged back doors replaced by car-like tailgate, but it's also much more than that.

Inside there is plenty of practical storage space, including a classy overhead unit running the full length of the cabin, and underfloor cubbies in front of the rear seats.

A copious glass area and a full length sunroof provides a light, airy feel, and while the stacked dashboard looks a bit basic,

those who aren't keen on a sea of buttons will be satisfied.

As with the rest of the vehicle, the Berlingo has everything you need and nothing you don't.

The three rear seats fold individually, and are accessed by sliding doors on

both sides, which are a real bonus in tight car parks.

At the back, the huge tailgate opens horizontally to reveal 775 litres of luggage space with the rear seats in place.

With them folded, there is a remark-

able 4,000 litres of space and the dual-height parcel shelf is set high enough to accommodate a bicycle without having to remove or twist any parts.

Overall, those looking for a no-frills, fit-for-purpose and excellent value family vehicle should look no further.



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IN the small town of Villar Perosa with a population of 4,000 people, 5,000 Juventus fans packed out the stadium to watch Cristiano Ronaldo score the only goal in a friendly against the club's B team.

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Premier League Preview

Liverpool off to a flyer

JURGEN KLOPP described Liverpool's emphatic 4-0 victory over West Ham as "better than I could have expected," as Mohamed Salah's goal set Liverpool on their way to their biggest opening home league win since 1932.

The Reds' superiority was clear from the start and they doubled their advantage when Sadio Mane turned in James Milner's cut-back from six yards.

The Senegalese forward added his second early in the second half when he latched onto Roberto Firmino's clever through pass and guided the ball into the bottom corner.

In a game which saw Naby Keita impress in midfield for Liverpool, substitute Daniel Sturridge



Credit: @LFC/Twitter

MANE EVENT: Sadio Mane celebrates his second goal in Liverpool's win.

rounded off the scoring from a corner with his first touch, seconds after coming on.

Liverpool will travel to Crystal Palace on Monday, while West Ham host Bournemouth on Saturday.

Arsenal were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Manchester City in the Gunners' first competitive

game without Arsene Wenger in charge since 1996.

Raheem Sterling put City ahead in the 14th minute when he rifled home from the edge of the area, and Arsenal rarely threatened afterwards.

City appeared to be able to shift gears at will, and killed off the game when Benjamin Mendy,

who assisted both goals, pulled the ball back for Bernardo Silva to blast in a second.

Arsenal have another tough game at Chelsea on Saturday, while City will entertain Huddersfield on Sunday.

For their part Chelsea enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over Huddersfield, despite leaving World Cup heroes Eden Hazard and Olivier Giroud on the bench.

A volley from N'Golo Kante, a penalty from debutant Jorginho and a late third from Pedro gave new manager Maurizio Sarri an ideal start to the campaign.

Manchester United praised 'monster' Paul Pogba after he scored the opening goal and controlled the game in the 2-1 win over Leicester City.

Left back Luke Shaw then scored the first senior goal of his career after converting Juan Mata's aerial pass to double their lead.

Substitute Jamie Vardy headed a late consolation for the Foxes, after Ricardo Pereira's cross had hit a post.

United will head to Brighton on Sunday, with Leicester hosting Wolves on Saturday.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Fulham head to Tottenham on Saturday, Everton host Southampton, and West Ham entertain Bournemouth.

La Liga Preview

Barca still team to beat

BARCELONA will look to extend their spell of domestic dominance in La Liga, but the likes of Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid will be keen to put a stop to it.

The Catalan club cruised to the title last season, scoring 99 goals and losing just once, while Real Madrid claimed the Champions League crown for the third year in a row.

Barca kick off their title defence at home against Alaves, and they are firm favourites to continue where they left off in April.

Diego Simeone's Atletico side will be hoping to make their mark in the



Credit: FCBarcelona/Twitter

MINI MAESTRO: Lionel Messi will once again be key to Barcelona's success.

league, and they are the only other side outside Barca and Real to have won it in the last 14 years.

But of all the title contenders, it is Atletico who have the trickiest start, taking on Valencia who have big expectations of their own.

There may be a period of adjustment at the start of the season for Real, who lost both Cristiano Ronal-

do and manager Zinedine Zidane in the summer.

However, Los Blancos will not accept a whole season of transition and Welsh forward Gareth Bale will be expected to fill Ronaldo's sizeable scoring shoes.

They kick off their domestic campaign at home against Getafe, a game which should cause them few problems.



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RELENTLESS RAFA: Nadal celebrates yet another tournament victory in Toronto.

Nadal aces Rogers Cup

WORLD number one Rafael Nadal beat unseeded Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the Rogers Cup in Toronto, bringing the Greek's stunning run to an end.

Tsitsipas, who turned 20 on Sunday, beat Dominic Thiem, Novak Djokovic and Alexander Zverev en route to the final but lost 6-2 7-6 (7-4) against the Spanish great.

Tsitsipas, who was the first unseeded finalist in Canada since Germany's Nicolas Kiefer in 2008, has won new fans with some brilliant shot making and an extrovert personality.

But Nadal, 32, was in no mood to pander to the crowd, who were firmly behind the birthday boy appearing in his first Masters Series final.

The French Open champion raced through the first set, but was broken for the first time when serving for the match at 5-4 in the second set.

That handed the momentum to Tsitsipas, who then had a set point at 6-5 only for Nadal to benefit from a net-cord volley.

Nadal regrouped in the tie-break to win his 80th ATP Tour title, sinking to his knees and roaring to the skies.

Earlier, Romania's Simona Halep beat American Sloane Stephens in three sets to win the women's event in Montreal.

In a rerun of the French Open final in June, Halep eventually came out on top 7-6 (8-6) 3-6 6-2.

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