

Letters

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Cat news

Dear Editor

Following my published letter about feral cats, published 4th Dec, on that day I arrived back to Oasis Tropical to find a charity from the UK had sent vets plus nurses to collect feral cats from Tenerife areas for neutering and returning to their natural habitat and were at that time catching cats from our area.

This action was met with great resentment from some cat lovers in the area who thought that the cats were being collected for extermination and I myself was involved with a fierce altercation with a local lady who thought this was the case.

I believe these vets come entirely on a voluntary basis from the UK twice a year to help to alleviate the problem and deserve some recognition for the good work they do. As a follow up to the story I would hope that Island Connections

could find more info about the charity and their work as this is a great problem here on the island and needs to be addressed.

THANKS ANNE.

(We also spotted and spoke to these excellent volunteers and have asked them to send us information regarding their ongoing work. Ed)

Flu fears

Dear Editor

TO JAB OR NOT TO JAB?

I am a regular reader of your paper and found the Swine Flu questions and answers you published quite helpful, but I still won't be getting the vaccine for my kids.

I checked with the pediatrician in our local health clinic and was told that only the most severe cases or those in a really really high risk group were being jabbed. I got the distinct impression

from what he was saying to me that the vaccine isn't considered 100 per cent safe for kids – or for anyone else for that matter.

It's a bit confusing when every country you google seems to have different rules, some just giving the vaccine to risk groups, some giving it to everyone, and some withdrawing batches because of problems. Help!

It just doesn't seem worth the worry – or what do other readers think?

YOURS
A CONFUSED PARENT
ARONA

Community party

Dear Editor

A great time was had by all at Silencio's Christmas Switch

On in Coral Mar Square on 4th December.

€400 of the money raised was donated to the Tenerife breast cancer charity, Amate, and the rest to a local orphanage. Special thanks go to Tony Moreton-Starmaker, Coast FM, FX Sound & Light, Ian Anderson, Aidy Evans, Mr Kelly as Santa and from the Eurobar - Paul, Alan, Julie, Steve, Debbie, Christine, Shirley, Malcolm and Dan.

And of course, all the entertainers, stall holders and helpers for their time and effort in making the day such a success. The photo below is of local residents Gina and Tom collecting a cheque on behalf of Amate.

MANY THANKS TO ALL
CHRISTINE AND
DEBBIE



Chinese Horoscope

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★ **Rat (1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008)**

There'll be fun moments, visits and friendly gatherings. Whatever demands family members make, preserve your own interests.

★ **Ox (1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009)**

When there's a need, the slow and steady Ox can develop a devastating burst of speed, leaping into action with strategic and forceful energy.

★ **Tiger (1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998)**

Many tigers will be adopting a new diet or exercise regime – the Celestial energies are right behind you! Single Tigers will attract a love potential.

★ **Rabbit (1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999)**

These weeks might bring some unexpected tensions or difficulties. This could connect to emotional matters or your home-life. Stay cautious and act diplomatically.

★ **Dragon (1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000)**

Watch out for deceptive words, and don't be tempted by too-good-to-be-true deals or offers now. Tune into your Dragon intuition!

★ **Snake (1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001)**

Expect some emotional drama in your workplace. To soothe things, show you care and remain diplomatic – even if it was not your fault.

★ **Horse (1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002)**

Things that should be simple, relationships, work projects, travel plans and even gardening, will be potentially stressful. Stay calm, until the storm is over.

★ **Sheep (1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003)**

Now is the time to kindle romance, start a business, launch into an artistic venture, and generally act to create a new stream of experience in your life.

★ **Monkey (1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004)**

Whether you're dealing with business or love, expect some adverse criticism, but take it gracefully. If you trust others with errands or tasks you're likely to be disappointed.

★ **Rooster (1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005)**

Be careful whose advice you listen to. Sometimes you are your own best teacher. There'll be winter bugs and health challenges around, so keep your immune system topped up.

★ **Dog (1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006)**

You'll be feeling calmer and more aware of what's going on in your world. There will be important business and career developments in the months ahead.

★ **Pig (1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007)**

Changes and rearrangements at work, and awkward attitudes at home could unsettle you. Have faith and carry on as usual.

The Chinese solar year starts around February 4. If your birthday is in January or at the beginning of February your Chinese animal sign belongs to the year before. Example 27.1. 1967 still belongs to the year of the horse.

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- Across**
- 1 - duplicate copy (3)
 - 3 - increase (3)
 - 5 - mitre (anag) (5)
 - 8 - role plays (4)
 - 9 - communicator (8)
 - 11 - lovingness (10)
 - 13 - decline (6)
 - 14 - wear off (6)
 - 17 - they cut pencils (10)
 - 21 - provoking (8)
 - 22 - volcanic rock (4)
 - 23 - dangers (5)
 - 24 - diffident (3)
 - 25 - slippery fish (3)
- Down**
- 1 - distributed (5)
 - 2 - life scientist (8)
 - 4 - colouring (6)
 - 5 - protective coverings (5)
 - 6 - floor covers (4)
 - 7 - dish (7)
 - 10 - colloids (4)
 - 12 - called the same (8)
 - 13 - stretching device (7)
 - 15 - cattle; meat (4)
 - 16 - lifting devices (6)
 - 18 - dislikes intensely (5)
 - 19 - tiny; modest (5)
 - 20 - seabirds (4)

[For Crossword and Sudoku solution see classifieds section]