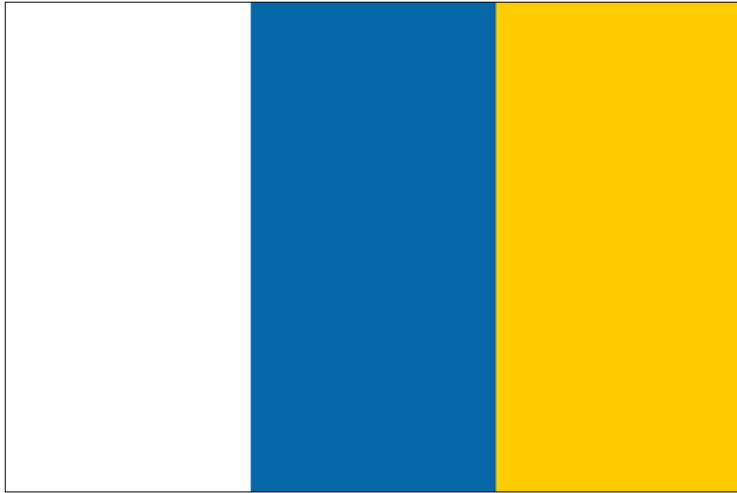


Catch up on the news of the week

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Whose flag is this?



THIS country has two versions of its flag - this one, used most of the time, and one with the nation's coat of arms in the middle of the blue, used by the government.

The flag became official in 1982, and combined the colours of

two of the main provinces of the country - the blue and white of the western islands and the blue and yellow of the eastern islands.

The islands are ruled autonomously, but are technically under the rule of Spain.

Do you know whose flag this is?

Unscramble

HOW many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the centre letter, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once.

C	R	I
A	T	G
I	R	E

Good – 19 words

Very good – 29 words

Excellent – 38 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

ANSWERS 07 DEC

Where in the world: Olympiastadion, Berlin, Germany

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

Pub quiz

1. Las Vegas is affectionately known as the "ninth island" by people from where?
2. The presence of Joshua trees means you are nearby to which desert?
3. AO was the IATA airline code of which short-lived carrier?
4. What is the most sparsely populated country in Europe?
5. 89% of Iceland's people are ethnically Icelandic, but what is the second most-represented ethnic group?
6. Is the population of San Francisco over or under 1 million?
7. Which continent has the highest average elevation?
8. What is considered to be the largest sand island in the world?
9. What is the easternmost point of mainland Australia?
10. The Mohammed Al-Amin Mosque, also known as the Blue Mosque due to its colourful dome, is located in which city?

Brownie Day



SOME argue that brownies are the best baked good you can enjoy - a combination of cake and cookie, it's a hard one to beat.

The dessert has its own day to celebrate, today 08 Dec.

As with many culinary histories, there are many who claim to have made the first brownie.

Its origins are said to have come from a chef accidentally adding melted chocolate to biscuit dough, or another who made a cake but didn't have enough flour, or a housewife in Maine who didn't add baking powder to her chocolate cake.

All these stories are well and good, but the first brownie supposedly was created by chefs at Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, who invented the treat for the World Columbian Exposition in 1893.

The wife of the owner of the hotel asked the chefs to come up with a dessert for the boxed lunches at the Women's Pavilion - the brief was that it needed to be easier to eat than a piece of pie and smaller than a layer cake, and so the brownie was born.

Celebrate its birth today at morning or afternoon tea!