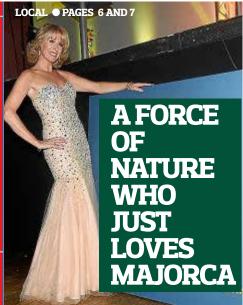
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COUCHSURFING HITS MAJORCA

- In Majorca, there are 5,800 users of the couchsurfing system.
 The system is the essence of the original concept of homesharing. See page 3

BLUEBIRD RETURNS TO HE WATER

• Donald Campbell's Bluebird was yesterday launched in front of cheering crowds for the first time in over 50 years.

The record-breaking hydroplane was floated as part of tests being carried out on Loch Fad on the Isle of Bute. It has been rebuilt after being recovered from the bottom of Coniston Water in 2001, following Campbell's fatal crash in 1967. The 45year-old died trying to break his own water speed record when the Bluebird K7 flipped and crashed. A group of volunteers from Tyneside are testing the iconic craft to see if it is watertight and whether it can withstand a buffering from the waves.



Bluebird was finally back in the water yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Spain and Portugal battle heatwave

Temperatures in Spain and Portugal will remain above 40C at least until this evening, with the IPMA weather service expecting 47C in Santarem in central Portugal, just below Europe's record high of 48C, set in Athens in 1977. Three men died this week in Spain as a result of soaring temperatures.







SLEEPING 2-34 ACROSS:

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