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Blast it

Police accept third gang using cash machine explosives

By Simon Firth

Police trying to crack a gang blowing up cash machines with explosives, have been forced to accept a third group is also carrying out the highly dangerous raids.

Hopes were high that the wave of attacks across Andalusia had been ended with the recent arrest of four men.

Explosive powder, gas cylin-

ders, guns and ammunition were seized by police when the four were picked up in Malaga.

They are accused of involvement in at least 12 attacks - seven in the Malaga Province, one in the Spanish capital and four in Granada.

But hopes the raiders might have been dealt a body blow have faded after an ATM in Estepona was targeted on Monday.

Explosives were used to blow apart the machine and get at the cash leaving police in no

doubt a third gang are still out there.

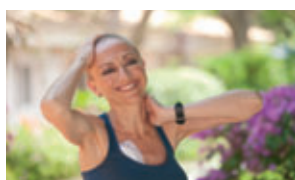
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LOCAL NEWS

101 infractions

THE Guardia Civil have had a succesful few weeks arresting burglars in Malaga Province, where they have detained 18 people believed to be responsible for more than 100 burglaries of homes and businesses. Operations took place in Alhaurin el Grande, Alora, Cartama, Coin, the Serrania de Ronda, and Mijas Pueblo.

Coast is clear

MARBELLA Council has obtained special protection status for all the nature areas along the coast of the municipality. Protected status has been issued for 220,000 square metres in the Las Chapas dunes and 48,000 square metres in the El Pinillo area and the council is now waiting for official approval from the Junta de Andalucia regional government.

No escape

GUARDIA CIVIL officers were called to a fracas in Pizarra, but found only one man who was released after giving a statement. They were then alerted by staff at the Carlos Haya Hospital that a 28-year-old man was in intensive care with stab wounds to the chest and abdomen, leading to the arrest of the first man on suspicion of attempted murder.

Fighting fund for Leo, 4

By *Simon Firth*

BIG-HEARTED *EWN* online readers have stepped in to help try to save a four-year-old boy battling a killer cancer.

Within hours of the *EWN* posting details of the brave battle Leo Bermejo is fighting, the total on his fundraising website was rising.

His parents, Karen and Jorge, need €175,000 (£150,000) to take him to the United States and a renowned proton therapy centre in Oklahoma.

Leo has one of the most aggressive forms of cancer seen in children and has already had several tumours removed.

Although the operations and subsequent chemotherapy have left him brain damaged, his mother Karen says he is fighting back.

“He keeps defying all the doctors. He is so happy, when you see him he is playing, he laughs, he does everything.”

Little Leo’s next operation is at Alder Hey Children’s Hospital in Merseyside on February 8.

That will remove the last of the tumours in his brain, but Leo will be left permanently handicapped if he undergoes conventional radiotherapy.

The family’s only option is proton therapy in Oklahoma but the trip for Leo, Karen and Dad Jorge, will cost €175,000.

“With proton therapy he can still progress,” said Karen. “He will still have the chance to learn again, to move his right side, speak again and he won’t have problems that will affect his organs in the future.”

“This really is Leo’s last hope for a life and we have to take it.”

If you would like to help little Leo, the family, who live in Vera Playa, Almeria, have set up a page at gofundme.com.

<https://www.gofundme.com/leothelion3>

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Child sex abuse Briton on trial

A BRITISH man accused of storing and sharing thousands of pornographic images of children on a home computer, is also wanted by police in Wales.

Spanish officers, who were tipped off by the FBI, searched the man's Manilva home in July last year and found eight discs containing the images.

Some showed young children suffering "humiliating treatment of a sexual nature," it is claimed.

Software installed on his computer was designed to allow the files to be shared with others.

The prosecutor's office in Malaga believe the man should serve at least nine years in prison for the offences of corrupting minors, and distributing and sharing images of child pornography.

They are also asking for him to be banned from working with minors, and participate in sex education programmes while on probation after his release.

Investigation over intoxicated baby

A MALAGA couple are under investigation after their 12-month-old daughter tested positive for cannabis.

The shocking discovery came after the Spanish couple, both in their 20s, took the infant to a local clinic after becoming alarmed by her constant drowsiness.

It transpired that the baby's father had been looking after her while her mother was at work, and that he had spent the day smoking joints.

After he suggested to doctors that his child may have become intoxicated, they decided to perform a toxic analysis, which returned positive results.

In court, the father denied giving drugs to his child, suggesting instead that she may have eaten the remains of a spliff which he had accidentally left close to her.

Worker unearthed mortar shell

A COUNCIL workman who hit something metallic while using a digger in Olias went to inspect it only to find it was a mortar shell.

The device turned out to be ordnance left over from the Spanish civil war.

The National Police were alerted and bomb disposal experts, from TEDAX, were immediately called in.

Police apprehend mother

A MOTHER who snatched her dying son from a Malaga hospital was arrested on a high-speed train taking them to Valencia.

The four-year-old has severe health problems and was waiting for a lung transplant at the hospital when his mother removed him.

Police said she had been warned her son could die without urgent medical treatment.

The woman, who is 22 and from Morocco, snatched the child from the hospital which then issued an im-

mediate alert to police.

Police contacted the driver and were able to access the train's CCTV cameras after being tipped off by security staff at Malaga station.

An emergency medical unit was dispatched to the railway station at Cuenca and the train was stopped.

Police and a medical team boarded and found the child was having difficulty breathing, was drowsy and his skin had turned blue.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...2

Spanish is the second most widely spoken language worldwide with only Mandarin Chinese used more. Spanish is now spoken by around 500 million people, with that figure pushing English into third.

Language on the up and up



Spanish speakers, behind Colombia with 48 million.

Spanish is also the second-most studied language globally, with more than 21 million students in 2015. Of these, 7.8 million were in the US, which led the ranking, followed by Brazil and France.

It is additionally the third most widely-used language on the internet where its use grew 1,312.4 per cent from 2000 to 2015, even though less than 8 per cent of online traffic is published in Spanish.

MEXICO has the world's biggest number of Spanish speakers with 121 million, followed by the United States with 52 million, though statistics suggest the US could become the biggest Spanish-speaking nation by 2050, with almost a third of its citizens speaking the language to native level by then.

Spain currently ranks fourth on the list with 46 million

8 AT-A-GLANCE SURPRISES

■ Spanish is the official language of 22 countries.

■ It was the language used by diplomats until the 18th century.

■ The earliest words written in Spanish appear in a series of 12th-century Visigothic texts which are copies of earlier documents, some dating back to 974-980.

■ The first Spanish grammar was written by Antonio de Nebrija in 1492, the same year that Columbus discovered the New World.

■ Spanish is also known as Castilian (Spanish: Castellano) due to its origins in the historical region of Castile, of which Burgos was the capital.

■ Spanish and English share much of their vocabulary through cog-



Used in 22 countries.



nates, since both languages derive many words from Latin and Arabic.

■ The longest Spanish word is the rarely used medical term esternocleidomastoiditis (25 letters) which refers to a neck muscle complaint.

■ The letter ñ does not exist in Latin and is the only Spanish letter of Spanish origin.

They discovered it was an old mortar shell which are not uncommon finds, particularly in the Spanish countryside. The shell was eventually blown up.

Could it be lights out for Starlite?

THERE are suggestions that the sixth annual Starlite festival in Marbella may not go ahead.

According to statements made by local councillors, no formal agreement has been reached between the city and the Starlite festival and it is mooted that unless certain conditions are met, then the festival may not receive the necessary permits.

It was suggested that the agreement entered into in 2016 might simply be extended to allow the 2017 festival to proceed, but this has not been done and therefore the organisers are selling tickets for concerts which have

technically not been approved.

Six arrested in gaming scam

SIX people have been arrested on suspicion of operating a scam in gaming shops.

The accused claimed they had won prizes but the machines had failed to pay out.

They then threatened the store's workers with violence unless they paid up.

One worker was told they would be beaten and kidnapped if they did not pay a prize of up to €900.

Postscript to ponder

300m

BIRDS cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Africa each spring en route to breeding grounds in Europe. The 2017 migration pattern is already under way.

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Nuclear clean-up

THE arrival of the Trump presidency has led to fears the US will not fulfil its obligations to clean up the Palomares site where a B-52 with four H-bombs came down in 1966. The land was left contaminated after the detonators on two of the bombs exploded.

Two square kilometres were covered in deadly plutonium. In October 2015 Madrid and Washington agreed the US would pay the €640m bill to remove all the contaminated soil.

But Spain's subsequent internal political turmoil led to a delay and now the US administration has changed. Now there are worries President Trump could turn round and ditch the agreement.

Bills go up

HOUSEHOLDS in Spain are braced for big fuel bills as wholesale prices rise and the cold snap forces many families to resort to extra heating. Consumer associations have warned of an increase as high as 20 per cent. Poor weather has hit solar output and the much publicised drought affected hydro-electric projects.

Hero officer jumps onto tracks

AN off-duty police officer leapt onto the tracks of the Madrid Metro after a passenger collapsed and fell onto the line. The officer was making his way home when he noticed the man was very near the edge of the platform. Suddenly the traveller pitched forward onto the tracks.

The National Police officer jumped down to rescue the man who was unconscious and bleeding profusely. With the help of others the injured man was pulled back onto the platform where the officer put him in the recovery position and monitored him until paramedics arrived.



Postcard from

TENERIFE



FOR most people, going out to a restaurant is a social event and usually means getting dressed up. But how would you feel if you were getting dressed 'down,' or to put it bluntly, getting your kit off completely?

That's the gimmick, if that's the right word, at a new restaurant in Tenerife.

You go to Innato, you're led to a changing room and then you don nothing more than a bathrobe.

But that doesn't stay on for long as you're then taken to your table and encouraged to flash the flesh. A bamboo partition separates you from other diners but there's an added 'gimmick.'

While the crockery can't be said to be the deciding factor in what draws you to any restaurant, should it actually be moving? At Innato you can eat your food off the staff! Vine leaves are strategically placed to protect their modesty.

Owner Tony de Leonardis said he got the idea after hearing about a similar venture in London.

A so-called aphrodisiac menu served on nude male and female models sounds like a must, followed by what is fast becoming a favourite, a dessert of drizzled melted chocolate with strawberries, which Tony calls 'Happy Ending.'

Jihadi wife is detained

POLICE have arrested a 38-year-old Mexican woman suspected of disseminating jihadist ideology. The evidence was found by surveillance of her electronic devices. Her husband, Moroccan national Aziz Zaghane, was captured in 2016 and subsequently jailed. Since 2015 Spanish security agencies have detained 183 suspected jihadist terrorists.

Truck gang

NEARLY 200 robberies have been cleared up after police arrested 38 members of a gang who looted entire consignments of high value goods from HGVs.

In a two-year operation police were able to link thefts all over Spain from trucks whose drivers were resting or parked up in industrial estates. When the target was identified, the vehicle was raided by a four to seven-strong team who then distributed the merchandise. In the homes of gang members police found guns, jewellery and drugs.

Paternity leave

NEW Spanish fathers can now take up to a month off work after the government doubled paternity leave. The new measure could cost up to €230 million a year to operate. The eventual aim is to offer new fathers the same 16 weeks as new mothers receive. The change in rules also extends to fathers adopting, fostering and those who are self-employed.

Continued attacks

» From Front page

In the first moves by police to catch those behind the wave of attacks which began last year, two Britons were arrested in November.

They are suspected of using the money taken from cash machines to buy drugs.

But the attacks continued and police were forced to admit others were also in on the act, using explosives and acetylene gas to blow open their targets.

Fortunately, no one has been hurt in the raids which are predominantly carried out in the very early hours of the morning.

But the indiscriminate nature of the blasts forced police to issue safety guidelines to their own officers who are first on the scene in case some explosive had failed to go off or the gangs had left booby traps behind.

In the latest police raids in Malaga and Madrid officers also seized two motorcycles and numerous tools used in the cash machine attacks.

They also discovered quantities of cocaine and 130 kilos of hashish.

The four men now face charges of possessing guns, drug trafficking and membership of a criminal group.

But the Estepona explosion leaves officers considering their next moves in the fight to call a halt to attacks by the blast gang raiders.



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Fears for campsite future

By Simon Firth

RESIDENTS of a campsite on the Costa del Sol fear the owner is planning to move them and build homes or a commercial property instead.

Surveyors have been seen visiting for the last six weeks and attempts to glean information from the site manager have so far been unsuccessful.

Now the residents of motorhomes and caravans at Camping Fuengirola say they intend to start a petition to appeal for information about the future.

A number of them spoke to EWN but have asked to remain anonymous for fear of recriminations.

"There are at least 100 people who will sign the petition," said one resident.

"If they tell us what's going on we can plan around it, but we don't want to be in a position where we are parking on the street. It's frustrating and annoying."

Another added: "Nobody's telling us anything. If we have to



COSTA CAMPSITE: Residents intend to start a petition to appeal for information.

move when are they going to say something and tell us what's going on?"

One resident has been going to the site for more than 20 years.

"I can't think of one person who wants to leave. This is a thriving business. No notice has been given to us and they won't tell us a thing."

The group hope to be able to get some information from Fuengirola Council and to sit in

on meetings which may decide the future of the site.

The group claim workers at the site have been told to find other jobs by the summer.

One of the other aspects of their situation is the fate of more than 300 trees on the site, most of which are mature and help to demarcate the pitches.

"Any change of use to the land that requires cutting down the trees, which are supposed to be protected, will have a nega-

tive impact on the local environment," said one of the residents.

The economic impact of moving so many residents, when there are no alternative sites within the locality with space, could affect local businesses in Fuengirola and Mijas, the group believes.

"We feel we are being treated needlessly unprofessionally by the campsite management who are giving us no information on their plans."

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Busy year

MALAGA Metro registered 5,228,902 passengers last year, which was the first year the underground transport system surpassed five million passengers in one year since it was opened on July 30, 2014.

Works cash

MARBELLA Mayor Jose Bernal announced that the council will be spending three million euros on improvements to roads in Nueva Andalucia this year, mostly in the La Campana neighbourhood.

More bars

CHANGES to town planning regulations have been approved by Benalmadena Council to allow for more bars and restaurants to be opened. The measure has also been approved by the regional government.

Cruelty boss is to face new charges

By Simon Firth

THE head of an animal welfare centre convicted of cruelty by killing hundreds of healthy cats and dogs, is to face new criminal charges.

Carmen Marin is accused of fraud and misusing public funds.

Tens of thousands of euros from the city of Torremolinos were designed to subsidise the costs of looking after the animals.

Instead they were used for stays in luxury hotels, two of them in Boston, USA, and St Petersburg, Russia, it is claimed.

Money was diverted from the Animal Park's accounts to pay for driving lessons, gym membership and the installation of a private security system at her home.

Between 2008 and 2011 Marin spent more than €11,000 in restaurants.

Nearly €105,000 was allegedly spent not on the animal centre but on redecorating the business premises owned by a member of her family.



CARMEN MARIN: Is accused of fraud and misuse of public funds.

A Citroen car worth nearly €15,000 was bought by Marin for a family member using public funds.

The claims are contained in papers submitted to a judge by the city's legal chiefs.

The judge is also to investigate whether family members may have committed crimes including fraud and money laundering.

Marin was convicted in December of

involvement in the death of thousands of animals, so-called 'extermination sessions,' designed to free up more space and therefore attract more council funding.

The court heard she had also taken part in the deliberate misrepresentation of documents in relation to the numbers of animals incinerated.

Marin was sentenced to four years in jail but is free pending an appeal.

Cabopino boat fire put out

AN electrical fault is believed to be behind a fire which broke out on a motor boat under repair at Cabopino Port on Sunday morning.

Marbella fire brigade was alerted to the fire just after 10am and rushed to put out the flames before they spread to other nearby boats. The 14-metre boat, which was in the dry docks for repairs, suffered damage to the bilge and propulsion areas, the fire brigade reported.

Nobody was in the area when the fire, which was reported after a port worker spotted smoke, broke out, the authorities said.

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Driver sought

THE Guardia Civil is searching for a driver who fled after hitting another car on the A-355 road between Cartama and Marbella, leaving the other driver trapped inside his vehicle.

Techno gardeners

THE University of Malaga and environmental companies are studying the possibility of using drones for conservation tasks at parks and gardens in cities to cut costs and boost efficiency.

In the know

POLLEN levels can now be checked on the University of Malaga and Malaga Council websites thanks to a new counter installed in the city by the university Vegetal Biology Department's Aerobiology team.

Torre del Cable repairs



TORRE DEL CABLE:
Considered to be part of
Marbella's industrial heritage.

By John Smith

SITUATED in the water off Cable Beach, the Torre del Cable is about to have a three month, €115,000 facelift which will be its first serious remedial work in nearly 60 years.

Originally expected to cost just €83,000, the cost of repair has had to be uplifted due to damage caused during the heavy rains last year, but the money for the entire project is now being taken from the €1.3 million granted to Marbella by

Central Government in respect of emergency coastal works following the storms.

All of the work will be undertaken at the top of the tower which whilst in theory simple will involve a great deal of work, especially as the existing paintwork contains highly toxic lead.

Workers will need to clean the tower by sand and water blasting, collection of the harmful lead paint which will require tarpaulins and nets so that no pollution affects the sea and surrounding area and then it needs to be given a protective coating.

Prudence suggests that the work should not commence until late spring at the earliest as there is no point in undertaking any action whilst there is still any chance of heavy rains, but it should be completed before the end of the summer.

Although at one time consideration was given to simply destroying the structure, it is considered by many to be part of the industrial heritage of Marbella with its involvement in the shipping of ore and after the work is finished, it is expected to be taken over by the Marbella Council.

Still fighting over fish

PARENTS in Torremolinos are celebrating that a catering company in charge of elaborating school dinner menus for four schools have decided to stop serving tilapia and panga.

More than 10,000 people have signed a petition to the Junta de Andalucía regional government's Education department requesting the exotic fish be removed from menus since the OCU consumers' association found traces of pesticides and mercury in panga.

Yet the department has stated that it follows health department guidelines, which have not ruled out use of the Vietnamese river fish. Plus, the Junta said, all fish passes health and safety controls and these species are particularly suitable for children as they contain few bones.

Parent pressure has however had results in Torremolinos, where the company which caters for El Pinillo, Palma de Mallorca, La Paz and Benyamina schools reported it had removed the exotic fish from its menus.

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Drugs find, 2 held

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The pair had just arrived at Malaga port from Melilla when the suspicions of customs officers were aroused.

On searching the car they came across 22 hidden hash packages weighing more than 18 kilos in total.

Barber to help underprivileged

By Jay Emeny

A BARBER is helping the homeless and those who are less well off by offering free haircuts and donated food and clothing from his shop in Benalmadena.

Kasawi Barber Shop will be offering their services free every Wednesday starting this week, using money from a donation jar at the establishment.

Hamza Kasawi told the *Euro Weekly News*: "I wanted to give something back. Me and my partner used to go to Malaga every weekend to help the homeless but since I opened my barber shop I haven't had as much time.

"So I decided why not do something from my business?"

"All those that cannot af-



BARBER SHOP: Offering free haircuts and food.

ford a haircut are welcome, all we ask for is a smile and a thank you."

The 27-year-old owner is also encouraging anyone who has clothes or blankets that

they can spare to donate them in order to help those in need.

You can find Kasawi Barber Shop on Calle Los Carmenes N12B, Benalmadena, Arroyo de la Miel.

NEWS EXTRA

Number two

FORMER Malaga police chief Florentino Villabona has been chosen to fill the post of assistant operations manager within the Spanish National Police force.

Multiple crash

A CRASH involving four vehicles in the Cadiz-bound lane of the A7 motorway in Fuengirola caused six kilometre tailbacks on Monday, the traffic authority reported.

Romanian visitors

DYNAMO BUCHAREST, well-known Romanian football club have been training in Estepona after playing a number of exhibition matches.

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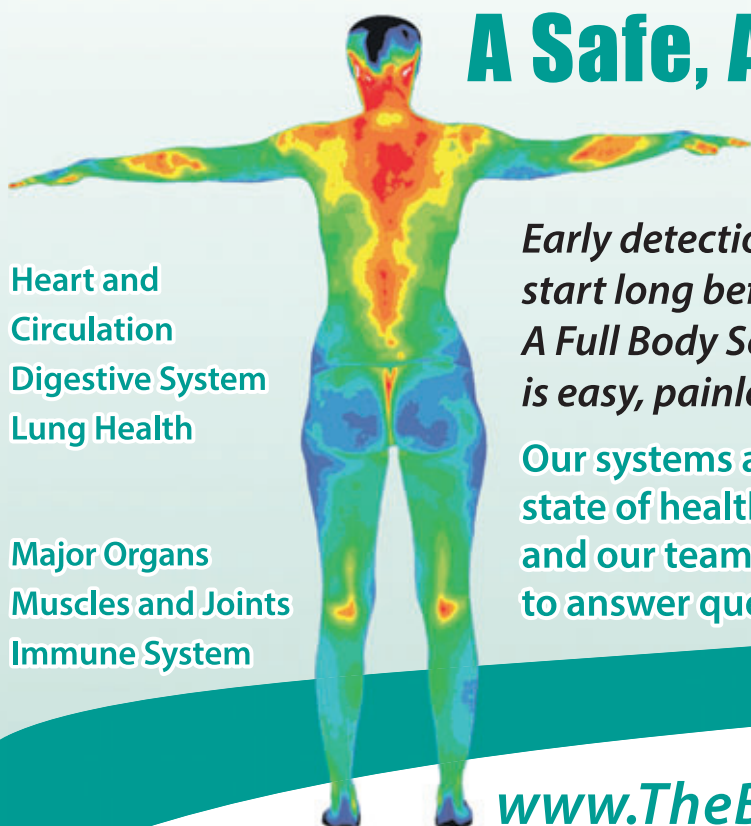
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SPLASHING AROUND: The new arrival is currently learning to swim.

Pygmy hippo born at zoo

BIOPARC Fuengirola is celebrating after the birth of a rare pygmy hippopotamus at the zoo.

The new arrival represents yet another success for the European conservation programme in which the park has participated since its opening in 2001.

Following several weeks of observation, the young female hippo is now allowed outside

in its parents' enclosure, albeit with restricted access to the water until she has improved her swimming technique.

She will now remain with her mother throughout the first year of her life.

Pygmy hippos are 10 times smaller than common hippos, and also differ in their solitary behaviour.

The species has been classified as threatened since 2006,

because it now only exists in isolated pockets of Sierra Leone, the Ivory Coast, Liberia and the Gulf of Guinea.

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Knights of the round table unveil modern kitchen

THE Rotary Club of Estepona has installed new kitchen equipment courtesy of funds raised during its charity Christmas dinner.

Social Welfare councillor, Begoña Ortiz, was in attendance as club president,

David Fournier, unveiled the modernised facilities.

Ortiz thanked local electro-domestic firm Francisco Marquez for helping obtain the appliances at a reasonable price, before highlighting the important work

carried out by the Rotary Club in Estepona.

The town hall cover the electricity, water and maintenance costs of the Rotary Club's dining facilities, and assist in the organisation of its charity events.

The councillor also took the opportunity to remind the assembled throng that the council has set aside €18,000 for the Estepona Social Dining project in 2017 in order to "ensure that all residents of the municipality have their basic needs met."

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Ayuntamiento de Fuengirola

UNDERWAY: Resurfacing of Avenida Alcalde Clemente Diaz.

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The money will be used to fund a variety of projects, some of which are already underway.

Calle Teresa Zabell and Avenida Alcalde Clemente Diaz are being completely resur-

faced and the Los Naranjos park renovated.

25

new jobs have been created which benefit the local jobs market.

Other jobs on the list include repairs to the Fuengirola Skate Park, creation of a

roundabout on Calle Castaños, resurfacing of Calles Jaen and Antonio Sedeño Cantis, completion of the seafront walkway near the castle, and building a child's play area near the beach in Carvajal district.

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Brexit negotiator warns against Trump



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

FORMER Belgian Prime Minister and European Union chief Brexit negotiator Guy Verhofstadt has issued a dire warning that Donald Trump ranks alongside Daesh and Vladimir Putin as one of the three worst threats to the unity of the EU.

According to the man who had hoped to be president of the European Parliament following Martin Schulz, President Trump was doing all that he could to destabilise the Union with the promotion of the concept of nationalism rather than united federalism.

He wants to see Brexit over and done with

as quickly as possible so that a new, younger breed of European politicians can unite the remaining 27 states against the concept of self-interested nationalism which over the years has led to the death of millions of Europeans.

In his wish to see the speedy resolution of the UK exit, he made it clear that in his opinion, Britain should be able to negotiate its future relationship with the EU in concert with discussions and negotiations for exit which appears to differ from a view expressed by European president Jean-Claude Juncker at Davos.

Clearly he is worried about the elections due in France, Germany and Holland which have all seen a growth in the strength of right wing parties who, if elected, might be tempted to follow Britain's lead.



Guy Verhofstadt. |

Photo by Claude Truong-Ngoc Wikimedia

Gibraltar and Scotland visit the European Parliament

IN what turned out to be an eventful day, Gibraltar and Scotland - in some ways an unlikely pair, but not in their rejection of Brexit - were invited to address the European Parliament on January 30.

Both parties explained their views and wishes on Brexit to the Committee of Constitutional Affairs which became something of a 'shooting gallery' as Spanish MEPs took pot shots at Chief Minister Fabian Picardo during a question and answer session which followed the presentation.

Both Mr Picardo and MSP Fiona Hyslop explained the historical background to the referendum result and the fact voters in both areas had overwhelmingly rejected the concept of leaving the European Union and how they hoped to see fairness and compassion from the member states, which would take into account the wishes of the people they represented.

True to expectation, the Spanish contingent took the opportunity to complain about Gibraltar's position and to make it clear that in their minds, the only way forward was either Gibraltar out of the EU with the UK or in the EU with Spanish dual sovereignty.

Their vehemence was in contrast to placatory comments made by Spanish Foreign Minister Dastis a few days earlier when he said that Spain would not put Gibraltar at the centre of negotiations over Brexit.

Mr Picardo 'rolled with the punches' and suggested Spain should not only look to the future but those MEPs attacking Gibraltar should take the trouble to visit and see the Rock for themselves under a British flag as they would never see it under a Spanish flag.

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as revised web links, company updates and the inclusion of new activity zones.

Marina Bravo, from Malaga's provincial council, said such guides were 'useful tools' to help promote the region.

The popularity of the guide meant it had become a benchmark for those interested in adventure and outdoor sports, she added.

Costa born man helps the poor in New York

WHEN he reached the age of 19, James Harper who had spent most of his life in the Costa del Sol decided that he wanted to dedicate his life to Christ and applied to be an intern at Metro World Child in New York City.

The Christian organisation, founded in 1981, aims to help underprivileged inner-city children with education, advice and promotion of a Christian lifestyle but they don't proselytise although they do teach lessons based on the bible.

After spending four months as an intern, James decided that he had found his calling and has now been working with the organisation in New York for the past eight years but has returned to his family home in Alhaurin El Grande with colleague Josh Lee to see his family and to also alert interested Christians in the Costa del Sol of the work that they are doing.

Working in deprived areas in New York, the bulk of the children the 'Yogi Bears' (their nickname due to the three bears on their uniform tee shirts) deal mainly with families drawn from Afro-American or Latino backgrounds, so bilingual James is a definite asset in what can be a dangerous locality.

Happily, the organisation is well respected and although there have been a few assaults



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JAMES HARPER: Provides help to underprivileged children.

and muggings over the years (not thankfully on either of them), generally the gangs in the area respect and like those helping their younger brothers and sisters.

The operation has expanded to cover 100,000 children in New York, India, Indonesia, Kenya Romania, Philippines and South Africa. James and Josh helped to train volunteers in Madhya Pradesh and Mumbai in India and have also worked in the Philippines but at the moment are content to continue their work in the USA.

During their visit, they will be speaking to fellow Chris-

tians at the Arc in Fuengirola, Wave in Puerto Banus, the Elim Church in Benalmadena and the Calahonda Evangelical Church amongst others.

This is just the third time James has been able to return home since he left originally and says the main changes he has seen are the major improvements in the roads but coming from a fairly run-down barrio in one of the largest and fastest cities in the world, no changes are likely to bother him at all.

To find out more about Metro World Child or dates of James' presentations email jharper@metroworldchild.org.



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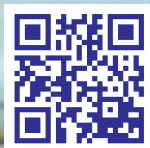
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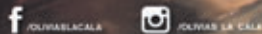
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Police officers face bribery trial

THE Public Prosecutor will be requesting five-year jail sentences for two Guardia Civil officers suspected of having bribed lorry drivers.

The officers, the prosecution states in their provisional conclusions, asked drivers and transport company managers for money and gifts in exchange for cancelling fines and informing them in advance of checkpoint locations.

The report reads "during an undetermined period of time before July 2015, two Guardia Civil officers posted at the traffic department in Malaga, and one of the officers' brother-in-law worked together to put pressure on owners of transport companies and demand money or gifts in return for turning a blind eye."

The bribes were demanded in return for

promises not to issue fines when lorry drivers were caught surpassing maximum authorised load weights or without correct documentation, the prosecution claims.

The cat was let out of the bag when the officers caught a lorry which hadn't passed its ITV on May 19, 2015. They phoned the owner and threatened him with huge fines, then suggested the possibility of a friendly solution.

The men met at a bar in the same industrial estate the lorry had been stopped in and asked for €600 every three months in exchange for avoiding fines and obtaining information on weight checks to allow drivers to avoid them.

Now the three men plus various lorry drivers face trial by jury and could end up behind bars and handed fines of €10,800.

Two towns to link up



LATEST PHASE: Of the coastal pathway.

By Simon Firth

TWO new projects linking the towns of Fuengirola and Benalmadena for walkers and cyclists are to go ahead at a cost of nearly €400,000.

They are the latest phases of the Senda Litoral de Malaga, the pathway along the coast of

the province from Manilva to Nerja which should be completed in 2019.

A footbridge over the El Jardín stream in Fuengirola will cost more than €90,000.

But the lion's share of the budget, to be paid by the Diputación, is around €300,000 for a 700-metre walkway.

This will be situated at the beach at Carvajal.

When the schemes are complete walkers and cyclists will be able to enjoy 16 kilometres of walkway between the two neighbouring towns.

Both the mayor of Benalmadena, Víctor Navas, and the mayor of Fuengirola, Ana Mula, highlighted the importance of the Coastal Trail to the tourism industry.

NEWS EXTRA

Going green

MORE than 1,200 students at schools in Alhaurín de la Torre will be taking part in this year's Urban Environmental Education Programme and Environmental Education Workshops, the council has announced.

Greener still

SMURFITKAPPA, a corrugated cardboard producer, has taken over responsibility for recycling paper and cardboard in Malaga City as of January and will be making use of the more than 8,000 tonnes thrown away each year.

Damages awarded

AN appeals court has confirmed €31,262 in compensation for a young woman who suffered burns during laser hair removal sessions at a clinic in Malaga.

Ronda rubbish

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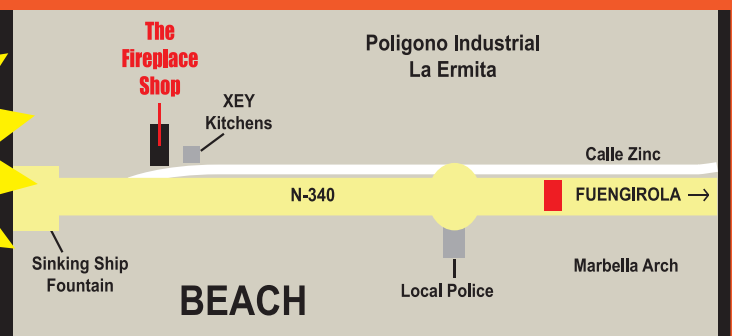
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They are collecting non-perishable food for the Spanish Federation of Food Banks in all eight of their stores on the Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca and Mallorca throughout the month, which will then be donated to the local food bank in their province. They hope residents will get behind the campaign.

The Costa del Sol's Food Bank is Bancosol, a non-profit organisation founded in

1998. Since then it has been growing and changing to adapt to the constantly increasing number of people who need them and provide as much as they possibly can.

In 2016 they distributed six million kilos of food to 50,000 disadvantaged people in the Malaga Province. Currently, as well as distributing food, they are running a project to help beneficiaries of food donations into training and internships in order to aid these vulnerable people to find work.

In order to meet the growing need for assistance, they require donations from individuals, organisations and companies and Specsavers Opticas has taken up the chal-

lenge to make a difference this February.

From February 1-28, anyone can drop off food at their local store during opening hours. At the end of the month it will be donated to Bancosol Food Bank for them to distribute in the community via partnerships with local charitable organisations.

Bancosol are particularly in need of oil, tinned fish, preserved meat and meals in a can such as soups and stews, although any donation is of course welcome.

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Tops AGM

AT their recent AGM TOPS (The Occasional Productions Society) elected in new officers for 2017. The president will be Keith Johnston Harris, secretary will be Maggie Parker and treasurer will be Penny Abbott.

Thanks were given to everyone who had organised, helped, directed and produced the 2016 events. A special thank you was given to John Parker and Mick and Cath who have all worked tirelessly for TOPS for many years. The group have made them honorary members of TOPS for life by way of thanks for all their hard work and service.

With a variety of equipment required to host productions the group struggle to store these items and are on the look out for solutions for

their storage issues. The group also need a new venue and are searching for something suitable. If anyone can help with either of these then please get in touch with the group.

The money the group raised in 2016 will be donated to the charity groups Gift of Life and Arch who will shortly be receiving €250 each.

The group is currently in the process of planning their programme for 2017 and looks forward to enjoying social activities whilst raising more money for charity.

Finally, everyone at TOPS sends get well wishes to member Denise for a very speedy recovery from her recent operation.

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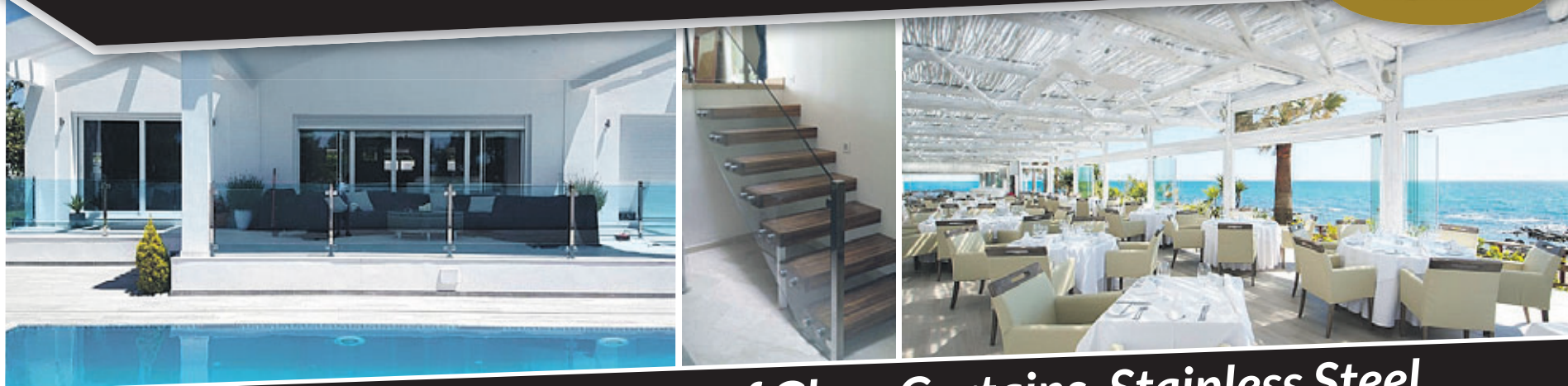
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A special Triple A Valentine's dinner at Conrad's Il Ristorante

By John Smith

AFTER the disappointment of having their annual Christmas fair washed out by the unseasonal heavy rainfall and whilst still awaiting local council contributions, the Triple A animal charity needs to raise funds.

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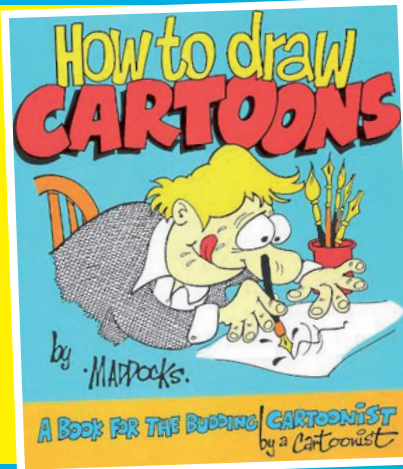
POLICE in Marbella have added 16 new officers by recruiting them from other municipalities.

At a news conference, the city's police chief Javier Martin revealed that he plans to meet the National Police commissioner to decide on the locations of CCTV surveillance cameras.

He told reporters they did not represent "the definitive solution, but they will help a lot and there is also the deterrent effect."

Mayor José Bernal said the city remained "one of the safest cities in Europe" which was able to offer its residents and visitors a safe and secure environment.

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You can see all the details of standards and inspections required to become a NABSS member school.

She did it!

ON Saturday a small but intrepid group of supporters took to their cars for the journey to Sevilla to watch Sally Baum complete her brave and historic sponsored skydive for Age Concern Fuengirola y Mijas.

The group decided to make a weekend of it as some had not met before. Over dinner at the small hotel the group were soon getting to know each other and looking forward to Sunday's adventure.

Sunday morning was cold but with clear blue skies and very little wind. When the group arrived at the aerodrome they were greeted by the skydive staff. After a tense wait as the excitement grew it was time for Sally to be suited up.

Her instructor, Robert, was quick to put her at ease. After all it's not every day you tandem jump from 15,000 feet,



INCREDIBLE JOB: Sally was grinning and in high spirits.

the highest skydive jump in Europe! Sally was excited rather than nervous and raring to go. The group had arranged for a video to be taken and were introduced to Manolo whose job was to faithfully record the event.

Finally, it was time to set off. Dressed in her red flying suit and without the benefit of

heels Sally looked small and a little vulnerable, but her smile gave the group confidence that she would be fine.

A few minutes later the plane was up and away. The temperature at 15,000 feet was minus 25 degrees warming. Robert wanted Sally to have the best experience and gave her the toggles to control the

parachute. It was an amazing sight and soon afterwards they landed safely.

Sally was grinning and in high spirits knowing that not only did she have the support and love from friends and family, but that donations were continuing to be made. Brave grandmother Sally, at the age of 62, did an incredible job and everyone is so proud of her achievement.

The group would like to thank all those who have already donated. For those who have not donated yet, don't worry you can still donate via Just Giving at <http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ageconcern/ac-fuengirola-y-mijas-sur/> or via the group's website at <http://acespana.org/ac-fuengirola-y-mijas-sur/> (press donate and then follow the instructions). All donations large and small will help the group to continue to provide clients with advice, help, support and friendship.

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WELL DONE: Georgina from La Luna with the winner of the dinner for two.

By John Smith

A VERY special Ladies Night (with the odd gentleman) was recently held at La Luna Restaurant in the Campo de Mijas with the aim of helping the Positively Pink breast cancer charity.

The owners of the restaurant Georgina and Russell organised the evening with the assistance of Stephanie Drewery where 12 stallholders offered a

range of items for sale together with a tombola which earned in total (thanks to a top up from La Luna) €700.

An entrance fee of €2 (or more if visitors were feeling generous) entitled guests to a glass of cava and funds collected at the door were donated to the charity.

Additional glasses of cava were on sale and with each glass there was a raffle ticket and the winner of a magnum

of cava, a silk scarf and other goodies was local radio presenter from TRE, Hannah Murray.

Another great prize was a three-course dinner for two and a bottle of wine donated by Club La Costa World and there were a number of other gifts, too numerous to mention given by local companies.

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Poppy Appeal funds boost



PLENTY OF PRIZES: Helped Mollina RBL raise more than €700.

TWO years ago the Mollina branch of the Royal British Legion decided, as there was a plethora of charitable Christmas draws, to move theirs into the New Year period.

There were two benefits to this approach. Firstly, there was less competition for sales and secondly unwanted Christmas gifts provided a new source for prize donations. At a packed Social meeting on January 24

the draw took place for a total of 26 prizes.

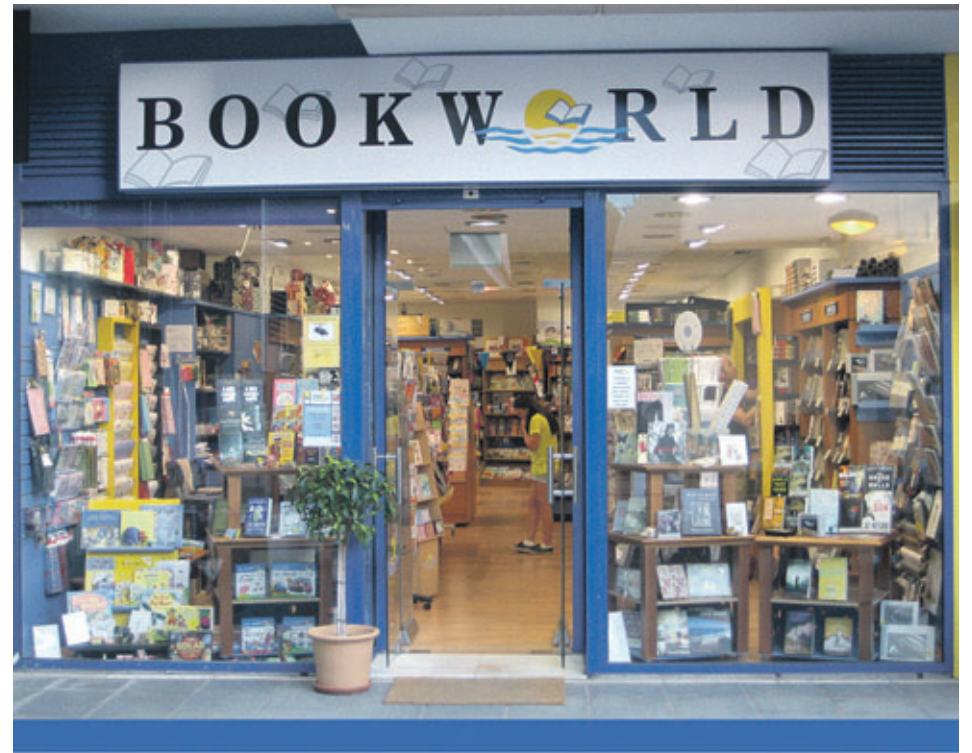
Steve Taylor, the branch chairman, thanked all those taking part and paid special mention to Anne Roberts who had collected most of the prizes and coordinated ticket sales whilst ill and wished her a speedy recovery.

Lez Gonzella, the Poppy Appeal organiser, was delighted with the day which not only raised a fantastic

€700 for the appeal but also raised over €100 for branch funds and recruited three new members. By all accounts it was a good day.

The Mollina branch meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and you do not have to have served in the armed forces to join so why not pop along to Parque la Vina at 11am?

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Refreshments will be provided and the events will be held on Fridays from 6pm until 7.30pm as follows:

February 10: Quantum mechanics and the activity of God

February 17: Fractals and chaos, a window on infinity

February 24: Evolution, genetics, creation and design

March 3: The power of the mind and the paranormal

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On Wednesday February 8 join them for a trip to the historic town of Guadix. Departure from Fuengirola is at 8am and on arrival at Guadix the day starts with a panoramic tour of the old town and journey to the caves in the tourist train. In the cave area (New Hermitage) you have 30 minutes where you can explore the Cave Museum, Mirador, Hermitage Cave Church and habited caves. Lunch will be in the Hotel Carmen restaurant. The return coach to Fuengirola departs around 4pm. Tickets cost €38 and include transport, tourist train tour, entrance to the cave museum and cathedral, lunch and travel insurance. All proceeds go towards fundraising.

On Valentine's Day, Tuesday February 14, Lux Mundi invites you to celebrate your love by joining them at 7.30pm for a wonderful concert featuring a Touch of Class. Tickets cost €5 and include one drink and one tapa with all proceeds going towards fundraising.

A quiz night will be held on Thursday February 16 at the centre. Team up with your friends and pit your wits in a fun

quiz. This light-hearted evening includes one free drink and snack with prizes for the first and second teams. Tickets cost €4 with all proceeds going towards fundraising and doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Go along and enjoy a delicious pancake and coffee at the centre on Thursday February 23 from 10am until 12.30pm. Tickets cost €2.

On Andalusia Day, Friday February 24, at 1pm go along to the centre and help celebrate the regional day with paella, the typical Andalusian food. Tickets cost €5 and booking is essential.

Please note that on Tuesday February 28 the centre will be closed for Andalusia Day.

Tickets for all events are available from the Lux Mundi Ecumenical Centre, C/Nueva No 3, Fuengirola, 29640. It is open from Monday through to Friday from 9.30am until 2.30pm.

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Nicole King much more than a presenter

By John Smith

IN a relatively short period of time, Nicole King has become a well-known personality in the Marbella area due to her weekly radio and TV programmes Mi Marbella which are both broadcast by RTV Marbella.

This is more a labour of love than a permanent occupation and the story of Nicole and her husband Bobby make for interesting reading and will reveal a great deal about their business knowledge and the fact that they have infinite patience with a desire to succeed in what they attempt.

Bilingual Nicole who when being interviewed in English occasionally has to think of the word that she wants in Spanish and then translates it, spent many happy holidays in Marbella with her parents and then after being educated in the UK, returned to Marbella for 10 years.

■ Early days in Madrid

After marrying, the couple spent many years in Madrid acting for a number of international brands wanting to break into the Spanish market and in fact it was they who first opened the door for the Disney Corporation to expand their role from just films in this country.

Whilst they were running a successful business it became apparent that two of their children were suffering with problems which no-one seemed able to properly diagnose let alone cure.

Their youngest daughter had problems with learning, she seemed slow and unable to read but was also said to be dyslexic, so traditional treatment achieved nothing and indeed one helpful specialist said that she was just lazy.

At the same time, their son was the complete opposite, hyperactive, disruptive and seemingly as energetic as Tigger in the Winnie the Pooh cartoons.

■ Discovering ChromaGen

To some extent at their wits end and clearly terribly concerned for the mental well-being of their children, they looked high and low for some positive indication that they could be cured and eventually came across details of a laboratory in the UK which had created a range of coloured lenses which it said could correct a whole number of problems not traditionally



NICOLE KING: Wearing her ChromaGen lenses.

associated with the eyes.

In simple terms, the concept of sight is far more complicated than many would think and the fact that the eye receives an external message is only a very small part of the operation as the image has to be presented to the brain which then sends it back as an actual view.

The couple took their children back to the UK and with painstaking research and testing, quite different ChromaGen coloured lenses were created for the two children and it was amazing to see the change in them both.

The little girl who used to ask how many new words she had to try to recognise in a week suddenly started devouring chapters, whilst the little boy discovered the world was actually a different place to that he been perceiving it as and it no longer caused him pain which was the reason for his inattention and hyper behaviour.

■ Helping others

Both children have since gone on to university and have degrees which could never have happened, Nicole believes, but for the discovery of these lenses which she also wears in glasses and have transferred her vision which was two dimensional into genuine three dimensions.

This started a new business and the couple became the agents for ChromaGen in Spain, educating opticians in the importance of their possibilities as

they are also instrumental in correcting colour blindness and lazy eyes.

During the 14 years in which they have worked with the laboratory, they have introduced numerous opticians including those in El Corte Ingles to the brand, have translated all of the ophthalmic documentation into Spanish, effectively run a 24-hour hotline and have assisted in a University of Barcelona study on the use of the lenses.

Every lens is precision made in the UK and sent to Spain via their company.

■ Pregnancy seatbelts

At the same time as launching this product, they discovered in Germany a range of seat belts made especially for pregnant women as studies had shown that normal seatbelts when worn could actually cause spontaneous abortions in a crash.

Nicole also lobbied for proper seatbelt legislation in Spain and these are probably two of her proudest moments as both have saved lives and rescued many people from a life of pain and mental distress.

Despite all that the couple had achieved in Madrid, the thought of Marbella weighed heavily in Nicole's mind as she remembered it as her 'happy place' with beautiful light and in 2012, they moved to what she lovingly refers to as 'Mi Marbella.'

■ Return to Marbella

She actually had no plans to become

“Loves the fact that Marbella is an international community.”

a serious presenter but wanted to help one of her old friends become involved in a legitimate show in the Marbella area, rather than broadcast on what was almost a 'pirate station.'

After helping him as an emergency stand in on a morning show, she spent 18 months in discussion with the Marbella Town Hall. When they finally agreed to an English language broadcast, her friend decided it wasn't for him and suddenly she became the anchor for the new radio programme which only started in June 2014 and was followed by the TV programme in December of the same year.

■ United Nations of Marbella

She loves the fact that Marbella is an international community and ran the first highly successful United Nations of Marbella seminar at Laude College in San Pedro last year with the next due in 2017 where she wants to focus on what can be done for the young (13 to 23) to give them somewhere to go and something interesting to do rather than get involved in alcohol and drugs.

Nicole is a lively, vivacious woman who seems to just make things happen!





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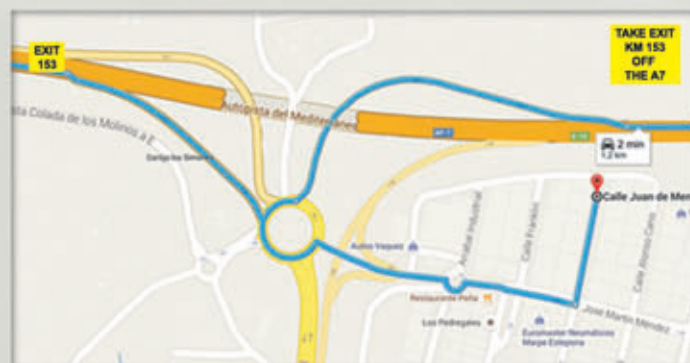
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Cudeca Foundation, 25 years on

By John Smith

WHEN Joan Hunt's husband sadly died of cancer in 1991, she found that his doctor Marisa Martin was especially helpful to her, particularly in coming to terms with what had happened, and she vowed to dedicate her life to helping others in similar situations.

Thus was born the concept of Cudeca, the cancer charity - which provides palliative care to those stricken by the disease - which with mixed feelings celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2017.

Although Dr Martin was working at a hospital from 8am to 3pm, Joan persuaded her to become involved with her project and by 1992 they started to make home visits to those in dire need of assistance.

From there, they were joined by nurse Susan Hannam and in their first year, they helped eight patients but since this very humble start, Cudeca has grown to be the most recognised 'hands on' cancer charity in Spain and in 2015 cared for nearly 1,300 patients and their families.



CUDECA: The 25th anniversary press conference.

There was an initial imbalance between those making donations and those applying for care with funds coming mainly from the British and Scandinavian communities, whilst care was requested predominantly by Spanish families.

Traditionally, Spanish families like to look after those with serious

illnesses and were not used to the concept of a hospice which took those close to them away to care for patients in their last few weeks, but slowly but surely this concept has been embraced by both communities who now work side by side to provide care and raise funds.

One of the most exciting develop-

“ The services of Cudeca are supplied free of charge to those who need support.

ments for the trio and their many helpers was an offer in 2000 from the mayor of Benalmadena to donate a large area of waste land to the charity to allow them to move from rented accommodation in Fuengirola, provided they were able to raise sufficient funds for construction.

Part of Joan's philosophy is to undertake nothing until there are funds to cover the work and by 2005 they had completed the building which now offers day care, assistance for families and inpatient palliative care.

Now, funds continue to be of major importance so that the Cudeca Foundation can continue its work

and hopefully expand into other parts of Andalucia.

It receives a significant percentage of its annual income direct from the Junta de Andalucia and from 1,500 people who make monthly standing order donations, but its largest revenue stream continues to come from its 18 charity shops in the Costa del Sol and Axarquía, outlet and website which between them account for over 700 volunteers.

Legacies are an important source of funds as are general fundraisers which last year saw 168 different events raise €400,000.

As cancer continues to strike young and old alike, there is still a great need for the services of Cudeca which are supplied free of charge to those who need support and as well as helping to train student GPs, they are also looking to expand their range of activities to improve care for the young who are suffering from the disease.

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DENMARK

Eagles
are back

EAGLE COUNT:
Highest number
ever recorded.

MORE than 400 white-tailed eagles were spotted in Denmark during the Danish Ornithological Society's 12th annual eagle count, the highest number ever recorded.

No island

THE Royal House has dismissed claims that Crown Prince Frederik plans to buy his wife Mary a private island off the coast of Tasmania. British and Australian



press reported the story but the Royal House said it is not true.

Border control

DENMARK is extending its temporary border control measures by another three months. The controls have been in place since January 2014 and were due to end next month.

Clean country

DENMARK has once again topped the rankings as being the least corrupt country in the world. It shared first place with New Zealand.



GERMANY

Teenager sentenced

A TEENAGE girl has been sentenced to six years in jail for stabbing a German police officer. The 16-year-old was intending to kill on behalf of Islamic State.

Arms exports

EXPORTS of German weapons dropped last year. According to figures, the value of Germany's military equipment deals dropped €7.86 billion in 2015 to €6.88 billion last year.

All level

POLLS are putting Martin Schulz from the German Social Democrats party, level with Angela Merkel ahead of the country's forthcoming election.

Drug problem

REPORTS say more drugs offences are occurring in German schools. In 2015, drug-related offences doubled in some states and tripled in others compared to 2011.



FRANCE

Fewer babies

THE birth rate in France has hit its lowest level in 40 years according to reports. The country saw 34,000 fewer babies born last year compared to 2014 and the birth rate is now an average of 1.93 children per woman.

Work probe

AN inquiry has opened into claims the wife of presidential candidate Francois

Fillon earned around €500,000 for a fake job as his parliamentary aide. It is not illegal to employ family, but questions arise as to whether she actually did any work.

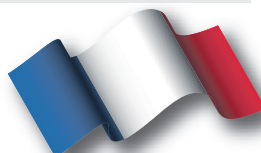
Destroying Europe

SPAIN'S Prime Minister has warned that the anti-immigration policy proposed by France's presidential candi-

date Marine Le Pen would be "a disaster" and would "destroy Europe."

Teacher temper

A TEACHER has been suspended for allegedly taping pupils to their chairs to keep them seated. Some parents have also suggested that the teacher also used tape over the children's mouths.



SWEDEN

More tourists

SWEDEN was the most popular out of all the Nordic countries for foreign tourists last year. There were 13.9 million foreign overnight stays in Sweden last year.

Bribe scandal

FOUR people are being questioned over a suspected bribe scandal within the National Property Board which manages around 3,000 buildings in Sweden. The board's director-general has already been replaced.

EMA wanted

STOCKHOLM wants to be the new home for the EU's European Medicines Agency (EMA) after the authority leaves London when the UK puts in place Brexit. Spain, Ireland and Italy are among the countries wanting to house the EMA.

Female fighter

SWEDEN has welcomed its first female fighter pilot in over 26 years. The 22-year-old has just graduated from the aviation school in Linköping along with 22 other students, but all will have more training to do.



HOLLAND

Building fine

THE Dutch prosecutor has ruled that no one will be prosecuted over the collapse of part of the FC Twente stadium in 2011 that killed two and injured nine others. The builders however will be fined €50,000 each.

No idea

WITH less than eight weeks to go before the general election, 70 per cent of Dutch voters say they still have no idea who they are going to vote for.

Border babies

AMSTERDAM could extend its borders allowing babies born in neighbouring Amstelland hospital to have Amsterdam listed on their birth certificate, as parents are not happy at being sent there and their child being classed as an 'Amstelveener.'

Roughed up

AN expat black female lawyer has claimed she was 'roughed up' by police after an arrest for a traffic offence. She claims it was 'racially-motivated police brutality' but police deny the claims.



BELGIUM

Dog sniffers

BELGIUM'S police dogs brigade sniffed out 11 kilos of drugs and €100,000 in cash last year. The unit, mainly used at Brussels Airport, has been in place for six years now to catch drug traffickers.

No freebies

MPS will now have to pay for their own drinks under new rules. Until now, they could drink as much beer and wine in their cafe at the tax payer's expense. They will still get free coffee.

More security

THE head of the Belgian intelligence service or CIA, has said greater security is needed in so-called 'garage' mosques to help prevent the spread of radical Islamic fundamentalists.

Constant work

A REPORT claims that one-third of self-employed people in Belgium are not satisfied with their work-life balance. The main problem lies with the number of hours they work.



NORWAY

Trade talks

THE EU cannot prevent Britain from entering trade talks with Norway as it prepares to leave the EU. Norway is not a member of the EU but is closely linked to it through the European Economic Area (EEA).

Deportation record

NORWEGIAN'S Immigration Service has revealed nearly 8,100 people were deported in 2016. Although this set an all-time record, it was less than the government's target. "It's about fighting crime and securing the population," said immigration minister Sylvi Listhaug who declared herself satisfied with the number of deportations.

Norwegians
honoured

ISRAEL has given a posthumous award to four Norwegians who saved the lives of hundreds of Jews during the Second World War after smuggling them across the border to Sweden.

Royal harassment

CROWN Princess Mette-Marit has criticised the Norwegian media for harassing her son. The 20-year-old is from a previous relationship of Mette-Marit's and next week will begin studying in America to avoid the Norwegian press.



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Cyber games



THE KREMLIN: Accused Facebook of censorship and threatened retaliation.

FACEBOOK'S temporary ban of state-backed propaganda channel Russia Today has drawn a harsh rebuke from the Kremlin. The social media site barred RT from any online activity for around 20 hours. A foreign affairs spokeswoman accused Facebook of censorship and threatened retaliation on western media.

Back scratching

RUSSIA is now ranked even worse in the corruption sweepstakes. The country is placed 131st out of 176 countries on the Transparency International table, which measures the perception of corruption among people. Russia fell four places last

year and is now ranked alongside Iran and Nepal.

Reverse evolution

THE great-great-grandson of famed Russian author Leo Tolstoy was accused of anti-semitism. Pyotr Tolstoy is the deputy speaker of the state parliament. In an unprovoked outburst he appeared to accuse Jews of trying to undermine the Orthodox Church. He also repeated a conspiracy theory that Jews masterminded the communist revolution of 1917.

Ante upped

THOUSANDS of new defence facilities were built

last year as Russia enjoys a boom in military construction. Radar stations, cadet colleges, camps and airfields are included in the building spree, said to be the biggest since the post-war era. More than 2.5 million square miles were developed in 2016 alone, stretching from Kaliningrad to Kamchatka.

Moscow's Hobbit

A FORMER Moscow lawyer is attracting attention after deciding to live in the forest as a hermit. Yury switched traffic jams for the wilderness, building a shelter 60 miles from the capital. He spends time reading and cooking. He has a pet rabbit, Petrusha, and still uses Facebook.

Nikolei Potter

A YOUNG Russian man is making a living off his uncanny resemblance to Harry Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe. Nikolei Posleda from Krasnoyarsk has a loyal online following of adoring fans. He will star in a TV advert, following the footsteps of a Russian bouncer known as the 'fat Leonardo DiCaprio.'



NIKOLEI POSLEDA: An uncanny resemblance.

Santander profits down in UK

By John Smith

SPANISH banking giant Santander has revealed that whilst overall profits rose in 2016, profits from its UK division which previously accounted for 20 per cent of operating profits saw earnings reduce by 15 per cent.

The reason for this sudden drop is blamed on the Brexit result causing a drop in the value of sterling against the euro and also a slowing down in attracting new customers to its 123 current ac-

€6.2 billion

vis the 2016 reported total worldwide profit from Spanish bank Santander and includes a major increase from its operations in Brazil.

count which reduced by half, due in part to a reduction in interest paid on the account.

Added to this was the introduction of a new bank corporation tax

surcharge and the need to set aside an additional €134 million in the last quarter of 2016 to cover additional PPI refunds.

Its worldwide business has seen

an increase of four million customers - meaning it now handles accounts for some 125 million personal and corporation clients - and profits have risen in nine out of the 10 countries in which it operates.

Whilst acknowledging that the future UK market appeared likely to be challenging as there will almost certainly be a temporary slowdown in UK corporate growth, the bank believes that it has now supported the UK economy to a greater extent than it had in 2015.

Royal Bliss

AFTER 10 years of launching no new product in Spain, the Coca Cola Company has revealed that it will be releasing a range of eight different premium drinks and mixers which will be sold exclusively to the catering trade and will not be available through stores or supermarkets.

After reportedly spending €22 million on producing this collection and keeping the brand completely secret until recently, the company has high expectations of success for this specially packaged new range which includes three different tonic waters, orange, lemon and berry flavours as well as soda water and ginger ale.

Quote of the Week

It's a chance for me to work part-time with one of the world's most respected firms and a major employer in Britain," said former chancellor and MP George Osborne on his additional role as a paid advisor to the BlackRock group.



Sky TV looks to the internet



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FOOTBALL: Sky had to dig deep to secure rights.

By John Smith

AS customers and therefore profits for the Sky Channel go down and Discovery threatens to remove its 12 channels with effect from February 1, it has been announced that Sky may supply its entire service for the first time via the internet.

Until now, subscribers have needed to receive the signal via a satellite dish but the pay-TV operation has been hit by companies such as BT who offer an

internet connection featuring many of the channels that Sky offers together with on demand films and sports.

The latest round of Premier League football negotiations saw Sky have to dig even deeper into its war chest in order to secure exclusive rights to screen the bulk of the matches live, but as subscribers desert the company, then it has to find new revenue streams elsewhere, with a potential six million new internet viewers.

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Spanish corruption

HAVING come second in Europe in a poll testing public opinion on country corruption, Spain has now been voted 41st least corrupt in the world according to Transparency International, but was more corrupt than Chile, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Airport duty

IN a bid to ensure that Spain continues to be competitive in tourism, Mariano Rajoy has announced that his government will reduce airport tax by 2.2 per cent per annum until 2021 which will see an overall 11 per cent reduction.

Sun tax

DESPITE the enormous debts held by the electric companies and the recent hike in electricity charges, the opposition in the Spanish Parliament is calling for the abolition of tax on electricity obtained in the home by construction of solar panels.

British Steel looking up

AFTER British Steel was purchased from Indian conglomerate Tata in April 2016, the new owners asked staff to take a 3 per cent pay cut to keep their jobs, but so successful has it been since then that it intends to increase salaries

back to their original level by June.

The increase in business is thanks to new orders to supply steel to railways in Algeria and Italy as well as the Hinkley C power station.

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Leaders' speeches grabbing attention

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Peter Loveday



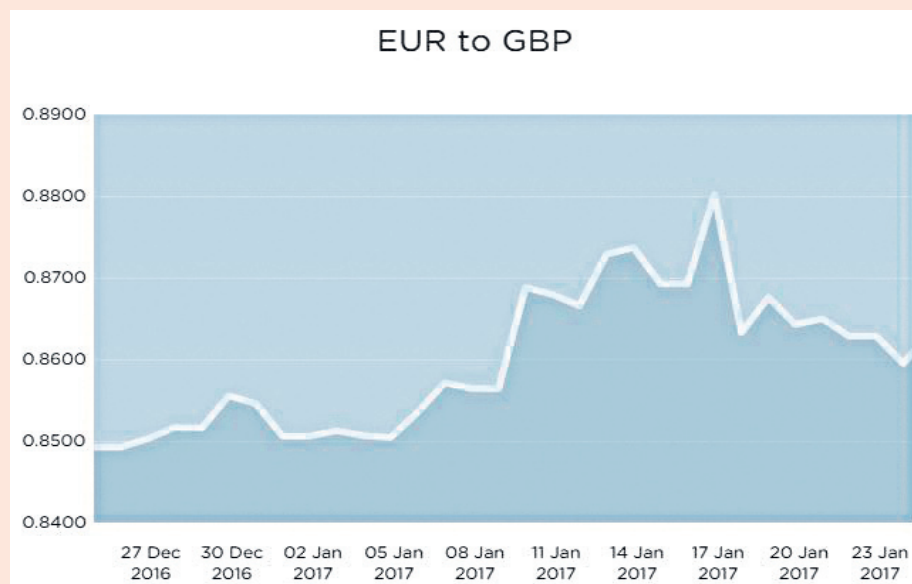
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IT has been a fiery start to 2017, with the markets having to decipher the outcome of speeches given by some of the world's most powerful political figures, Theresa May and Donald Trump.

As a result, Sterling has been the biggest mover; after hitting worrying lows early in the New Year, it has rebounded on the back of British PM Theresa May warning European leaders that the UK is prepared to crash out of the EU if she cannot negotiate a reasonable exit deal.

Although May mentioned that the UK could be the EU's 'best friend' if the article 50 divorce talks went well, she also said she was prepared to walk away. This sent alarm bells ringing around the Eurozone as they have a big year coming in terms of political elections in France and Germany. It appears that the PM's **plan is built around 12 principles for a clean Brexit and included a call for the UK to leave the single market and to avoid the EU's immigration**



STERLING: Has been the biggest mover after hitting worrying lows earlier.

rules and being subject to the European court of justice.

Although the recent fall in the pound has helped exporters, it made foreign holidays more expensive for British tourists and increased import costs for manufacturers. However, one beneficiary of cheaper Sterling has been the UK's

tourism sector, as a weaker pound makes Britain a cheaper destination for overseas tourists.

Whilst all eyes of late have been on the UK and their Brexit plan, there is expected to be a shift in the market to political risks within the Eurozone as the French, German and Dutch elections take place throughout the year.

France is where it will all be happening in April, with potential surprises in store as their government is expected to shift to the right as conservative candidate François Fillon is tipped to beat far right leader Marine Le Pen.

Furthermore, they have both argued that France is not a multi-cultural nation, and both are seen as pro-Russia. Should either win the battle of France, significant uncertainty, similar to that in the UK after Brexit, could be sprung across the Eurozone resulting in a potentially deflated euro.

Germany's elections are not anticipated to be half as exciting, as Angela Merkel is expected to be handed her fourth term in office.

The political unrest across the Eurozone and rise of the anti-populist parties could be a determining factor into potential Euro weakness. In addition, the European Central Bank are still in the middle of their easing policy which could put further pressure on the currency throughout the middle and back half of the year. Currently the euro is being masked by the state of the pound, however, should Britain's Brexit plans go like Theresa May plans, the euro is likely to be the victim of some serious pressure. Whichever way it goes, it is likely to be a year where investors are increasingly skeptical, given the events of 2016.

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"Sell the euro short" says expert

By John Smith

AS Prime Minister Theresa May was getting ready to meet Donald Trump, the man who is tipped to become America's Ambassador to the European Union said he could see the euro crashing within 18 months in an interview with the BBC.

Speaking about Europe, Professor Ted Malloch after suggesting that if he was a speculator he would "short the euro," confident that he would make a profit as it started to lose its value, he also suggested that there would be a huge advantage for Britain if it made a clean break with Europe.

He believes that a trade deal between the USA and Britain could be very quickly completed as Donald Trump is a man of action and rejected the thought of any attempt that Europe might take to postpone such a deal until Brexit was completed, even questioning whether it was enforceable.

Having been interviewed by the Trump administration in early January, the professor, who is a well-known figure and writer on financial matters, still awaits a formal



MAN OF ACTION: President Trump in meeting with American industrialists.

decision, but if he is appointed to the role, his comments, which included a question as to whether the EU itself will still exist, certainly won't have found favour with President of the Union Jean-

Claude Juncker.

He also confirmed his opinion that the much vaunted and equally much criticised Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the USA and the EU was ef-

fectively dead especially as it was possible that forthcoming elections in France, Germany and Holland would actually see additional defections from the EU or at least a major swing in policy.

Malaga company fights malware

A COMPANY opened in Malaga in 1998, Hipasec, is the only Spanish organisation invited to participate in a worldwide meeting of cyber security companies in Tel Aviv which has been organised by Google.

Their main product which has attracted attention is the free download for Android devices named Koodous which checks all programmes on Android phones or tablets which a user has installed and advises if there are any viruses or malware detected.

As an extension of this App, it reports any dangerous discoveries to security programmes and more than 1,700 analysts around the world so that as new attacks are discovered, the international data base of viruses grows and allows for the speedy creation of defences.

Currently with some 50,000 users of Koodous, it has identified more than seven million examples of malware and offers users a free daily update on latest virus news.

Royal Mail David Bowie stamps

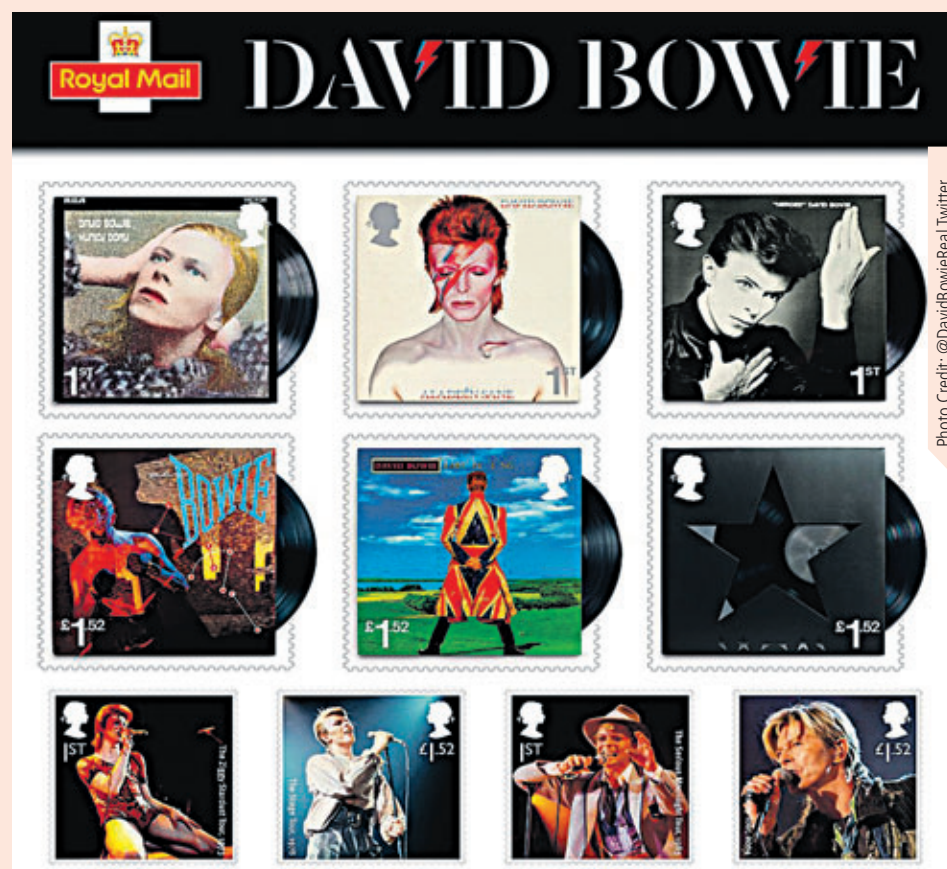


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SOUVENIRS: The David Bowie stamps to be issued on March 14.

By John Smith

THE Royal Mail has announced it will issue a set of 10 stamps and a souvenir sheet on March 14 in recognition and homage to the late David Bowie as part of its ongoing tribute to modern British performers.

At one time the decision to release commemorative stamps was one which had to be considered very seriously as an effigy (often in cameo) of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II or the Royal Cypher appears on every stamp.

For this reason, it was considered inappropriate to be seen to be promoting any commercial concern or to feature any living person who was not part of the British Royal Family, but over the years this rule which was duplicated in many other countries throughout the world has changed dramatically.

At the end of the day, a postage stamp is simply a receipt for pre-payment of a delivery service, although it was also used as a propaganda media with stamps being an ambassador for the issuing country as they travel the world on mail.

In reality, no country really needs more than a dozen

stamps which show the actual value of the receipt although in certain countries with high illiteracy rates, each value should also have a distinctive single colour border or background which could be easily recognised.

This has all changed dramatically with stamps being a major income generator for countries around the world, especially if they are never used for postage and Britain eventually jumped on the bandwagon.

The change was gradual, with living people appearing alongside members of the Royal Family and some dead stars of the screen also appearing but all changed when different British sporting teams started to win major events and suddenly it was acceptable to show living players provided that they were part of a team.

In 1999 as part of the Millennium celebrations, Freddie Mercury who died in 1991 was shown in concert on a British stamp. What no-one in the Royal Mail admits to having done deliberately was to show drummer Roger Taylor in the background which gave precedence for what was to follow.

Suddenly shots from films and movie posters showing living actors were acceptable and huge successes such as The Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter franchises became big business not just for the Royal Mail but also the movie companies that sold them the licences allowing the use of the images.

Bowie appeared on the album cover of Ziggy Stardust on a set of music stamps issued in 2010 and since then various members of Pink Floyd have been featured.

An American stamp showing Elvis sold in its millions and after regular objections from the Palace because he returned his MBE, Gibraltar was finally allowed to issue a John Lennon set, although Yoko Ono had to stay in the margin of a souvenir sheet.

The whole world now issues stamps showing musicians, many having lived hard and died young, but profit sometimes comes before other considerations and this would be a relatively fun and inexpensive collection to put together, starting with Bowie and perhaps adding Spain's recent Paco de Lucia stamp.

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WELL, whatever your views on 'PDT' you must admit that his actions certainly speak louder than his already robust dialogue.

Personally I find this trait enormously refreshing. Over decades of newly elected political leaders literally taking years (if ever) to implement the promises and policies they have been elected on, Trump has already put a number of his most controversial intentions into practice.

The problem is, in an effort to show he means what he says, he is 'el jefe' of a political express train that not only ignores stop lights and stations, but is in danger of not even noticing when the tracks run out! As much as I support Trump's new approach to national leadership, I would like to have seen him taking a rather more cautious route before implementing some of his



PRESIDENT TRUMP: Taking a new approach to national leadership.

more risky aspersions.

This doesn't mean I don't agree with his policies, ie 'The Wall' or barring the residents of certain countries from entering the USA (Saudi Arabia, the biggest terrorist nest of all, glaringly absent from the list!), I most certainly do. It's

the blanket finality of his decisions that worry me.

Things are moving so quickly, that by the time this column goes to press, anything could have happened. Unprecedented rioting all across America.

Trump on the back foot and

forced to make concessions to the dissenters. The calling out of the National Guard, civil war, anything. At the time of scribing there is simply no way of knowing. One thing is for sure, many problems and grievances are swiftly coming to a head and at least we no longer

“ Let's hope the Trump administration doesn't get so bogged down in legal and constitutional matters that it is unable to function freely.

have an Islamic sympathiser making the biased decisions we have had to put up with for the previous eight years.

Let's just hope that the Trump administration doesn't get so bogged down in legal and constitutional matters that it is unable to function freely. As a final observation, to those who object to the new President's British visit, I would draw their attention to Mugabe. I didn't see any petitions or dissenting crowds objecting to visits from this despotic murderer!

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The sum of all these factors, the development of excellent new treatments and rising awareness within the population have resulted in more frequent, early diagnosis rather than diagnosis at an advanced stage. Extraordinarily good results have been achieved, with an even greater number of patients having long survival times, presenting us with new challenges and requiring us to reduce the toxicity of medical interventions to a minimum.

Medical advances, especially in Oncology, are common, sometimes being developed so

quickly that treatments become obsolete or conventional in a very short period of time. In the last few months new treatment regimens have been introduced which have radically changed the treatment and natural progress of certain subtypes of breast cancer, improving prognosis and notably increasing survival of our patients.

Constant treatment innovation

Tumour cells which overexpress a specific gene called HER2 + classically result in more aggressive disease. However, development of a monoclonal antibody (McAb) called trastuzumab (Herceptin) more than a decade ago significantly improved the tumour response and the prognosis for these patients.

A few months ago another anti-HER2 McAb became available called pertuzumab (Perjeta), used in addition to trastuzumab, it increases the treatment response rate by almost 50 per cent, therefore increasing patient survival whilst also improving quality of life as there are hardly any additional side effects.

This treatment used in patients with advanced disease, can also be used prior to



Dr Alejandro Riquelme Oliveira.

surgery, achieving excellent responses. It allows a higher rate of conservative treatment and reduces the number of mastectomies required, considerably increasing the number of those who recover.

Avoiding radiation of the heart and lungs is possible.

Treatments based on radiotherapy are ab-

solutely necessary and a basic pillar in the treatment of breast cancer. Despite improvements and technical innovation, they are not exempt from effects which may be long term. Toxicity is more significant when it affects vital organs such as the heart and lungs. With this in mind radiation given has always been reduced, as far as possible, to a minimum, especially in tumours of the left breast due to its proximity to both organs.

New treatments with proton beam radiation to the left breast achieve excellent results compared to conventional radiotherapy and avoid damage to the heart and lungs, pneumonitis and heart failure, making it a supplementary, local treatment for the near future.

Diagnostic advances in the treatment and monitoring of breast cancer are innumerable with the human resources and materials invested unimaginable. It is impossible to put into words the satisfaction we obtain with each success achieved.

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Want to get a weighty issue off your mind?

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Breaking Views

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FEELING fit, fabulous and fantastic? No, thought not. Feeling fat, broke and Brex-bewildered instead? Well, be grateful January is over!

January is the month for New Year's resolutions, self-flagellation, weird diets, alcohol bans and shedding the excesses of the Christmas season currently hanging around your waistline. But spoiler alert: fad diets etc don't work and will make you heavier in the long term.

After numerous years of intensive research and applied probabilistic and nutrition technology, I can exclusively reveal that the definitive solution to the combined issues of weight, shape, well-being and fitness is a non-complex combination of eating less and exercising more.

Can I please have a fat fee for this earth-shattering scoop?



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WEIGHT PROBLEMS: Fad diets don't work and will make you heavier in the long term.

Moreover, with its miracle weight-loss solutions and ongoing craze for juicing, superfoods and 'clean eating,' the nutrition world is a seemingly endless machine of Trump-like 'post-truths' and 'alternative facts.' Bogus claims about 'chlorophyll oxygenating

the body' or 'chocolate being an octave of sun energy' aren't just irritating, they're dangerous; they supplant useful, evidence-based information. The public are being misled, and that upsets the many good nutritionists out there.

Ever helpful, though, just as

Theresa May has her 12-point Brexit plan, here's my own five-point Weight plan to gauge if you do have an, err, weight problem:

1. If your doctor has to call the zoo to use their weight scales to weigh you.

2. If emergency services have to cut out entire sections of walls in your home, in order to evacuate you to A&E.

3. If your bed comes equipped with a crane and pulley bars.

4. If your photo is being used as the 'before' image in the 'before-and-after' adverts for the latest miracle diet-o-rama.

5. If you've ever been asked to leave an 'all you can eat' buffet because quite simply you've terrified the restaurant staff and patrons who have never seen anyone gorge like that before.

Well, I've made my own belated resolution. For the rest of 2017, I won't even look at any new diets. It's remarkable. I feel better already.

Nora Johnson's psychological/suspense crime thrillers 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.com) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

Southern Soul Meets Southern Spain

For one night only!



The Son of the King of Soul 'Otis Redding' is going to be performing in the South of Spain.

Also named Otis Redding he delivers the very best versions of his father's classic soul songs, carrying on a family legacy. The Redding family are a musical talented family and are well-known for their father's hit "Sitting On The Dock Of The Bay" which sold millions of copies worldwide. The musical baton has been passed on to Otis Redding Jr who continues to delight fans around the world with the timeless classics. He will be bringing Southern Soul to Southern Spain on the 24th of March 2017, 7:30pm at The Moonlight Lounge in Sunset Beach Hotel, Benalmadena, Malaga, Spain.

Also with him on stage will be Mr Maph & Simone Lisa who are renowned Soul & Gospel Singers on the Costa Del Sol who recently performed at the well-known O2 Arena in the UK with Otis Redding and others like Imagination, Shakatak, Rose Royce and Edwin Starr's brother who carries on in his brother's stead.

Mr Maph & Simone Lisa have also performed at many well-known venues such as the Puerto Romano Hotel, Marbella Club Hotel, Villa Tiberio, El Oceano. They also had the privilege of singing at weddings and corporate parties for companies such as Marbella TV & the Euro Weekly and many others along with Celebrities such as Ronan Keating and Mica Paris. This has led to them singing in many other countries around the world like Holland, Italy, Norway, Switzerland to name a few. Another string to their bow is their songwriting and recording credits which can be found on Warner Brothers, Pacha Music and Channel 4 in the UK.

Tell all your friends and family and make it a night to remember.



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'Southern Soul comes to Southern Spain'

To Book Your Ticket Now Go To: www.eventbrite.co.uk and search "Otis Redding Concert".

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An idea to pick up on!



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LITTER PICKERS: I certainly hope this new idea catches on.

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



I REMEMBER it clearly; a busy day, mid August, at the height of a long awaited bustling tourist season. I was walking behind two English ladies who were happily strolling along, chatting in front of me. I couldn't help but hear them talking about how disgraceful it was to see discarded pieces of paper lying on the pavement, as they walked on by.

I wanted to go over to them and not only explain why it's hard to keep Marbella clean but also to enquire as to why they didn't just bend down, pick them up and pop them in the bin, like I then did. They weren't too old, they live here all year round so shouldn't they feel pride in helping keep our city clean?

They probably thought the town hall should be better at their jobs to keep the city clean, but I know that any Spanish city depends on the funds handed out by the central government, according to the number of inhabitants registered on the town census.

With so many of our foreign population not on the town census, there are insuffi-

cient funds available to cover the needs of those of us who live here, let alone the influx of tourists that more than doubles our population during peak seasons.

Even knowing this however, I have to admit that just a few days later I walked straight over some pamphlets lying on the pavement, without giving it a second thought until I was well past them. I suddenly remembered the English women, reacted, walked back and followed my own advice. Even when we're in a hurry there should be time for that!

This is why I was so ecstatic to come across a father and daughter combo, recently moved to Marbella from the UK, who have brought with them an idea that really tackles this very issue.

They call themselves 'Litter Pickers' and I love it!

They organise informal, social get-togethers to meet new people, make friends whilst taking nice walks along different routes and picking up the litter they find on the way.

I will be will be joining the litter picker group on their next outing, Saturday February 4 and they'd love to welcome you too.

This idea is one of those ridiculously easy things we can all do, whenever and wherever; we're all eligible to 'pick up' on this simply wonderful idea and I certainly hope it catches on!

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- 10:15am Rip Off Britain
- 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
- 12:00pm Wanted Down Under
- 12:45pm Caught Red Handed
- 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
- 2:00pm BBC News at One
- 2:30pm BBC London News
- 2:45pm Doctors
- 3:15pm Father Brown
- 4:00pm I Escaped to the Country
- 4:45pm Royal Recipes
- 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
- 6:15pm Pointless
- 7:00pm BBC News at Six
- 7:30pm BBC London News
- 8:00pm The One Show
- 8:30pm EastEnders
- 9:00pm Spy in the Wild
- 10:00pm Death in Paradise
- 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
- 11:30pm BBC London News
- 11:45pm Question Time
- 12:45am This Week
- 1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead
- 1:35am BBC News

BBC TWO

- 8:15am Royal Recipes
- 9:00am An Island Parish
- 9:30am Great British Railway Journeys
- 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
- 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
- 1:00pm The Daily Politics
- 2:00pm Cash in the Attic
- 2:25pm Beat the Brain
- 2:55pm Landward
- 3:25pm Italy Unpacked
- 4:25pm Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve
- 5:25pm A Place to Call Home
- 6:15pm Flog It!
- 7:00pm Eggheads
- 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
- 8:00pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
- 9:00pm The Great Pottery Throw Down
- 10:00pm Natural World
- 11:00pm Mock the Week
- 11:30pm Newsnight
- 12:15am Further Back in Time for Dinner
- 1:15am Panorama
- 1:45am Spy in the Wild
- 2:45am Operation People
- Power with Dave Myers

BBC FOUR

- 8:00pm 100 Days
 - 8:30pm Top of the Pops
 - 9:00pm Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney
 - 10:00pm British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley
 - 11:00pm The Search for the Lost Manuscript
 - 12:00am The Nazis: A Warning From History
 - 12:50am British Empire: Heroes and Villains - A Timewatch Guide
 - 1:50am Top of the Pops
 - 2:30am Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney
 - 3:30am British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley
 - 4:30am This is BBC Four
- BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind. More daily from 7.00pm.*

CHANNEL 4

- 7:00am Countdown
- 7:45am King of Queens
- 8:10am King of Queens
- 8:35am King of Queens
- 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 10:00am Frasier
- 10:30am Frasier
- 11:00am Frasier
- 11:30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
- 12:30pm Four in a Bed
- 1:00pm Channel 4 News
- 1:05pm Four in a Bed
- 1:35pm Four in a Bed
- 2:10pm Four in a Bed
- 2:40pm Four in a Bed
- 3:10pm Countdown
- 4:00pm A New Life in the Sun
- 5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
- 6:00pm Come Dine with Me
- 7:00pm The Simpsons
- 7:30pm Hollyoaks
- 8:00pm Channel 4 News
- 9:00pm The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds
- 10:00pm Escape to the Wild
- 11:00pm Parenting for Idiots
- 12:00am 60 Days in Jail

CHANNEL 5

- 8:50am Paw Patrol
- 9:00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 9:15am Wissper
- 9:25am Peppa Pig
- 9:50am Toot the Tiny Tugboat
- 10:00am Toby's Travelling Circus
- 10:15am The Wright Stuff
- 12:15pm Cowboy Builders and Bodge Jobs
- 1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
- 1:15pm Celebrity Big Brother
- 2:15pm Home and Away
- 2:45pm Neighbours
- 3:15pm NCIS
- 4:15pm Garage Sale Mystery
- 7: The Art of Murder
- 6:00pm 5 News at 5
- 6:30pm Neighbours
- 7:00pm Home and Away
- 7:30pm 5 News Tonight
- 8:00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
- 9:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
- 10:00pm Celebrity Big Brother
- 11:00pm Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
- 12:05am Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
- 1:00am Super Casino

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- 7:00am Suburgatory
- 7:20am Charmed
- 8:05am Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- 8:35am Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- 9:00am Rules of Engagement
- 9:30am Rules of Engagement
- 10:00am Baby Daddy
- 10:30am Baby Daddy
- 11:00am Coach Trip
- 11:30am Hollyoaks
- 12:00pm Charmed
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- 2:00pm How I Met Your Mother
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- 11:30pm Gogglebox
- 12:25am The Big Bang Theory

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- 7:00am Football Gold
- 7:15am Football Gold
- 7:30am Football Gold
- 7:45am Football Gold
- 8:00am WWE SmackDown!
- 9:00am Football
- 9:30am Football
- 10:00am Barclays Premier League World
- 10:30am Football
- 11:00am Football
- 11:30am Barclays Premier League World
- 12:00pm The Premier League Years
- 2:00pm Premier League Legends
- 2:30pm Premier League Legends
- 3:00pm Football
- 6:00pm Barclays Premier League World
- 6:30pm Premier League Review
- 7:30pm Barclays Premier League World
- 8:00pm Premier League Match Pack
- 8:30pm Football
- 11:00pm Premier League Match Pack
- 11:30pm La Liga Show
- 12:00am Barclays Premier League World

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- 9:30am Lorraine
- 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 11:30am This Morning
- 1:30pm Loose Women
- 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
- 2:55pm ITV News London
- 3:00pm Jeremy Kyle's Emergency Room
- 4:00pm James Martin's French Adventure
- 5:00pm Tipping Point
- 6:00pm The Chase
- 7:00pm ITV News London
- 7:30pm ITV Evening News
- 8:00pm Emmerdale
- 8:30pm Energy Bills: Can We be Smarter?
- 9:00pm Emmerdale
- 9:30pm The Cruise
- 10:00pm Unforgotten
- 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
- 11:30pm ITV News London
- 11:40pm Unbelievable
- Moments Caught on Camera
- 12:40am Tipping Point
- 1:35am Jackpot247
- 4:00am Energy Bills: Can We be Smarter?

itv2

- 7:00am You've Been Framed!
- 7:25am Who's Doing the Dishes?
- 8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 9:00am Emmerdale
- 9:30am Coronation Street
- 10:00am You've Been Framed!
- 10:35am Psych
- 11:25am Scorpion
- 12:25pm Who's Doing the Dishes?
- 1:25pm Emmerdale
- 1:55pm Coronation Street
- 2:30pm You've Been Framed!
- 3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 6:00pm Judge Rinder
- 7:00pm You've Been Framed!
- 7:30pm You've Been Framed!
- 8:00pm You've Been Framed!
- 9:30pm Two and a Half Men
- 10:00pm Hall Pass
- 11:00pm FYI Daily
- 11:05pm Hall Pass
- 12:10am Family Guy
- 12:40am Family Guy
- 1:10am American Dad!

itv3

- 7:00am In Loving Memory
- 7:25am Heartbeat
- 8:25am Where the Heart is
- 9:30am The Royal
- 10:35am Judge Judy
- 11:00am Judge Judy
- 11:30am Judge Judy
- 11:55am A Touch of Frost
- 2:00pm Heartbeat
- 3:00pm The Royal
- 4:05pm Where the Heart is
- 5:15pm In Loving Memory
- 5:50pm Rising Damp
- Classic sitcom about a cantankerous landlord and his unfortunate tenants.
- 6:20pm On the Buses
- 6:55pm Heartbeat
- 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
- 9:00pm Heartbeat
- 10:00pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow Lewis
- 11:00pm Lewis
- 1:05am Love and Marriage
- 2:05am The Knock
- 3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen
- Text-based information service.
- 3:30am Teleshopping
- Shopping from home.

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- 7:00am Gunsmoke
- 7:55am The Saint
- 8:50am Quincy, M.E.
- 9:50am The Professionals
- 10:55am Ironside
- 11:55am Gunsmoke
- 1:00pm Storage Wars Texas
- 1:30pm Storage Wars Texas
- 2:00pm Pawn Stars
- 2:30pm Pawn Stars
- 2:55pm Quincy, M.E.
- 3:55pm Ironside
- 5:00pm The Professionals
- 6:00pm The Saint
- 7:05pm Storage Wars Texas
- 7:35pm Storage Wars Texas
- 8:00pm Pawn Stars
- 8:30pm Pawn Stars
- 9:00pm River Monsters
- 10:05pm Driven to Kill
- 11:05pm FYI Daily
- 11:10pm Driven to Kill
- 12:10am 30 Days of Night
- 1:10am FYI Daily
- 1:15am 30 Days of Night
- 2:20am The Professionals
- 3:20am The Car Chasers
- 3:45am ITV4 Nightscreen
- Text-based information service.
- 4:00am Teleshopping
- Shopping from home.

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- 7:25am The Top Ten Show 2017
- 7:45am Into the Grizzly Maze
- 9:25am Spectre
- 11:55am Ant-Man
- 1:55pm Sherlock Holmes
- 4:10pm Backdraft
- 6:30pm Spectre
- 9:00pm Ant-Man
- 11:00pm Sherlock Holmes
- 1:15am Collateral Damage

sky CINEMA COMEDY

- 10:00am City Slickers
- 12:00pm The Top Ten Show 2017
- 12:20pm Trainwreck
- 2:30pm Grimsby
- 4:00pm Top Five
- 5:50pm The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let's Do the Time Warp Again
- 7:30pm Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
- 9:00pm Trainwreck
- 11:10pm Grimsby
- 12:40am Borat
- 2:10am The Night Before
- 4:00am Me Him Her

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

- 7:00am The Man Who Knew Infinity
- 8:55am Just Jim
- 10:25am The Challenger
- 12:10pm Money Monster
- 1:55pm Asian Connection
- 3:30pm The Man Who Knew Infinity
- 5:30pm Exposed
- Thriller about a detective investigating the death of his partner.
- 7:30pm Just Jim
- 9:00pm Money Monster
- The smirking host of a financial TV show is held hostage when an investment tip doesn't pay off.
- 10:45pm Asian Connection
- Trouble brews when a pair of expat bank robbers unwittingly rip off a ruthless drug lord.
- 12:20am Exposed
- 2:05am Gentlemen
- 4:30am Exposed
- Thriller about a detective investigating the death of his partner.

sky SPORTS 2

- 12:00pm Cricket
- 1:00pm Cricket World Cup Classics
- 2:00pm Cricket
- 3:00pm Darts Gold
- 3:30pm Wayne Mardle's Top 5 Moments
- 3:45pm Rod Studd's Top 5 Moments
- 4:00pm Dave Clark's Top 5 Moments
- 4:15pm Rvb's Top 5 Moments
- 4:30pm WDC Final 2017
- 7:00pm Adrian Lewis's Top 5 Moments
- 7:15pm Gary Anderson's Top 5 Moments
- 7:30pm Phil Taylor's Top 5 Moments
- 7:45pm Mvg's Top 5 Moments
- 8:00pm Live Premier League Darts
- 11:00pm Keith Deller's Top 5 Moments
- 11:15pm John Part's Top 5 Moments
- 11:30pm Adrian Lewis's Top 5 Moments
- 11:45pm Gary Anderson's Top 5 Moments
- 12:00am Darts Gold

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 5:30pm Final Score
 6:30pm BBC News
 6:40pm Regional News
 6:45pm Weather
 6:50pm Pointless
 7:40pm Let it Shine
 9:25pm Casualty
 10:15pm Taboo
 11:10pm BBC News
The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.
 11:25pm Weather
The latest weather information.
 11:30pm Match of the Day
Highlights and reaction to all of the latest football action.
 1:00am The NFL Show

BBC TWO

7:50am Lady Luck
 9:25am School for Scoundrels
 11:00am Britain's Secret Seas
 12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer
 1:00pm A Cook Abroad
 2:00pm The Importance of Being Earnest
 3:30pm Cheetahs
 4:30pm The World's Most Extraordinary Homes
 5:30pm Mastermind
 6:00pm University Challenge
 6:30pm Only Connect
A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.
 7:00pm Tennis
 9:30pm Dad's Army
 10:00pm QI XL
Panel-based quiz where it is more important to be interesting than right.
 10:45pm The Falling
 12:25am Julie and Julia
 2:20am In Darkness

BBC FOUR

8:00pm The Golden Age of the British Sports Car
 9:00pm Treasures of the Indus
 10:00pm Attenborough and the Giant Egg
David Attenborough returns to the island of Madagascar on a very personal quest.
 11:00pm The Young Montalbano
Prequel series giving an insight into the private life and early crime-fighting career of detective Salvo Montalbano.
 12:45am Top of the Pops
 1:25am Top of the Pops
 1:50am Robert Plant @ Glastonbury
 3:00am The Rolling Stones at the BBC
 3:45am Jeff Lynne's ELO in Concert

CHANNEL 4

7:20am King of Queens
 7:45am King of Queens
 8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:30am Frasier
 10:00am Frasier
 10:30am The Big Bang Theory
 11:00am The Big Bang Theory
 11:25am The Big Bang Theory
 11:50am The Simpsons
 12:20pm The Simpsons
 12:50pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
 1:55pm Come Dine with Me
 4:30pm A Place in the Sun
 5:30pm Location, Location, Location
 6:30pm Grand Designs
 7:30pm Channel 4 News
 8:00pm Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages
 9:00pm Great Canal Journeys
 10:00pm A Million Ways to Die in the West
 12:15am Van Helsing
 2:40am The Last Leg

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!
 10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 11:30am Kelly's Heroes
 2:10pm Police Interceptors
 3:10pm Police Interceptors
 4:10pm The Nightmare
 5:10pm The Nightmare
 Neighbour Next Door
 6:10pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
 7:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
 8:05pm NCIS: Los Angeles
 9:00pm NCIS
 9:55pm 5 News
 10:00pm Football on 5
 11:00pm Football on 5
 11:30pm Britain's Biggest Armed Robbery
 1:00am Super Casino
 4:10am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
 5:00am My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
 5:50am House Doctor
Home improvement series that works its magic on neglected homes.

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 7:20am Young and Hungry
 7:40am Black-ish
 8:05am Black-ish
 8:30am How I Met Your Mother
 9:00am How I Met Your Mother
 9:30am Melissa and Joey
 10:00am Melissa and Joey
 10:30am Baby Daddy
 11:00am Baby Daddy
 11:30am Young and Hungry
 12:00pm Young and Hungry
 12:30pm Hop
 2:30pm The Goldbergs
 3:00pm The Goldbergs
 3:30pm The Goldbergs
 4:00pm The Goldbergs
 4:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 5:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 9:00pm Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
 10:00pm X-Men
 12:00am Gogglebox
 12:45am Gogglebox
 1:30am The Inbetweeners
 2:00am The Inbetweeners
 2:30am Cheating Gum
 3:00am Virtually Famous
 3:45am The Inbetweeners

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7:00am Football Gold
 7:15am Football Gold
 7:30am Football Gold
 7:45am Football Gold
 8:00am Premier League Legends
 8:30am Premier League Legends
 9:00am Football Gold
 9:15am Football Gold
 9:30am Barclays Premier League Preview
 10:00am The Fantasy Football Club
 11:00am Soccer A.M.
 12:30pm Football
 4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday
 6:15pm Football
 9:00pm EFL Goals
 9:30pm Nissan Game of the Day
 11:30pm Nissan Match Choice
 12:30am Football
 1:00am Football
 1:30am Football
 2:00am Football
 2:30am Football
 3:00am Football
 4:00am Football
 4:30am Football

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8:20am The Oddbods Show
 8:30am Scrambled!
 8:35am Mr. Bean
 8:50am Horrid Henry
 9:10am Teen Titans Go!
 9:30am Bear Grylls Survival School
 10:05am Adventure Time
 10:25am ITV News
 10:30am Rebound
 11:30am Guess This House
 12:30pm Judge Rinder
 1:30pm ITV News and Weather
 1:45pm River Monsters
 2:15pm Tipping Point
 3:15pm Dance Dance Dance
 4:45pm Regional News and Weather
 5:00pm ITV News and Weather
 5:10pm Rugby
 8:00pm Ninja Warrior UK
 9:00pm The Voice UK
 10:30pm Through the Keyhole
 11:30pm ITV News and Weather
 11:45pm The Bourne Supremacy
 1:45am Jackpot247

itv2

7:00am The Hot Desk
 7:10am Emmerdale Omnibus
 9:50am Coronation Street Omnibus
 12:20pm Ninja Warrior UK
 1:20pm Take Me Out
 2:25pm You've Been Framed!
 2:55pm Step Up 2: The Streets
 3:55pm FYI Daily
 4:00pm Step Up 2: The Streets
 4:55pm Inspector Gadget
 5:55pm FYI Daily
 6:00pm Inspector Gadget
 6:30pm Snow Dogs
 7:30pm FYI Daily
 7:35pm Snow Dogs
 8:35pm The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
 9:35pm FYI Daily
 9:40pm The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
 12:00am Family Guy
 12:30am Family Guy
 12:55am Family Guy
 1:30am American Dad!
 1:55am Run, Fat Boy, Run

itv3

7:00am Murder, She Wrote
Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.
 7:50am Murder, She Wrote
 8:45am Murder, She Wrote
 9:45am The Baby and the Battleship
 10:50am FYI Daily
 10:55am The Baby and the Battleship
 11:50am Columbo
Peter Falk dons the shabby mac and lights up a cheap cigar for more top drawer US detective drama.
 1:50pm Lewis
 3:50pm Wycliffe
 5:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple
 7:00pm Midsomer Murders
 9:00pm Doc Martin
 10:00pm Midsomer Murders
 12:00am Lewis
 2:00am Blue Murder
 2:55am ITV3 Nightscreen
 3:30am Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am The Professionals
 7:55am The Professionals
 8:55am The Saint
 10:00am Bundesliga
 11:00am ITV Racing: The Opening Show
 12:00pm Counting Cars
 12:30pm Counting Cars
 12:55pm Pawn Stars
 1:25pm Pawn Stars
 1:50pm Pawn Stars
 2:20pm Sports Fillers
 2:30pm ITV Racing: Live from Sandown
 5:00pm Superman
 6:00pm FYI Daily
 6:05pm Superman
 7:55pm Mr. Bean
 8:30pm Mr. Bean
 9:00pm River Monsters
 10:05pm Bullitt
 11:05pm Bullitt
 11:10pm Bullitt
 12:25am The Game of Death
 1:25am FYI Daily
 1:30am The Game of Death
 2:30am Hell on Wheels
 3:25am Tommy Cooper
 3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen
 4:00am Teleshopping

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1:50pm The Goonies
 3:50pm Troy
 6:35pm Marvel's Avengers Assemble
 9:00pm Avengers: Age of Ultron
 11:25pm Once Upon a Time in Mexico
 1:10am Road House
 3:05am AVP: Alien vs. Predator
 5:00am Rocky II

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7:30am Sister Act
 9:20am The Hangover
 11:05am Magic Mike XXL
 1:05pm The Intern
 3:10pm The Top Ten Show 2017
 3:30pm Vacation
 5:15pm The Hangover
 7:00pm Magic Mike XXL
 9:00pm The Intern
 11:05pm Vacation
 12:50am Unfinished Business
 2:30am Two Night Stand
 4:00am I-Spy

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12:15pm The Trust
 2:00pm Goat
 3:50pm The Challenger
 5:35pm Asian Connection
 7:15pm The Trust
 9:00pm Goat
 10:50pm Money Monster
The smirking host of a financial TV show is held hostage when an investment tip doesn't pay off.
 12:35am The Man Who Knew Infinity
 2:40am The Challenger
A legendary trainer comes out of retirement to help an underdog boxer fight his way to a better life.
 4:30am Just Jim
Things look up when lonely Welsh lad Craig Roberts forms a friendship with mysterious American neighbour, but is it all too good to be true?

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Live World Rugby Sevens-Australia
 8:15am Super League Gold
 8:30am Super League Gold
 8:45am Super League Gold
 9:00am Cricket's Greatest
 9:30am Cricket's Greatest
 10:00am Darts Gold
 10:15am Darts Gold
 10:30am Darts Gold
 10:45am Darts Gold
 11:00am Sporting Triumphs
 11:15am Sporting Triumphs
 11:30am Super League Gold
 11:45am Super League Gold
 12:00pm Super League Gold
 12:15pm Super League Gold
 12:25pm Cricket
 8:25pm Cricket Gold
 8:35pm Cricket Gold
 8:45pm Sporting Triumphs
 9:00pm Cricket's Greatest
 9:30pm Cricket's Greatest
 10:00pm Cricket
 11:00pm Cricket
New Zealand host Australia in the third and final ODI in their series at Seddon Park in Hamilton.

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Hi, I am Susan Spence Clarke, the more diligent of you will recognise my name as I have been running a half page advertisement in *Euro Weekly News* for the past couple of months, those not familiar with my name please pay more attention.

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7:00am Breakfast
8:25am Match of the Day
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am The Big Questions
12:00pm Sunday Politics
1:15pm Bargain Hunt
2:00pm BBC News
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm Wanted Down Under
3:45pm Escape to the Country
4:30pm Songs of Praise
5:05pm Spy in the Wild
6:05pm Spy in the Wild
7:05pm BBC News
7:20pm Regional News
7:25pm Weather
7:30pm Countryfile
8:30pm Still Open All Hours
9:00pm Call the Midwife
10:00pm Apple Tree Yard
11:00pm BBC News
11:20pm Regional News
11:25pm Weather
11:30pm Match of the Day 2
12:20am Super Bowl Live
5:00am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am A to Z of TV
Gardening
7:45am Big Dreams Small Spaces
8:45am An Island Parish
9:15am The Edible Garden
9:45am Countryfile
10:45am Saturday Kitchen
Best Bites
12:15pm Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day
12:45pm Nigelissima
1:15pm MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm Netball
3:45pm Nitro Athletics
Usain Bolt Takes on the World.
4:45pm Money for Nothing
5:30pm Flog It!
6:15pm Ski Sunday
7:00pm Six Nations Rugby Special
8:00pm City in the Sky
9:00pm Dragons' Den
10:00pm Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week
11:00pm Live at the Apollo
11:45pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
12:15am Tennis

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Hidden Killers of the Victorian Home
While the Victorians confronted the challenges of ruling an empire, perhaps the most dangerous environment they faced was in their own homes.
9:00pm British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley
10:00pm Darcey Bussell
11:00pm The Past
1:05am Legends of the Deep: Deep Sea Sharks
2:00am Legends of the Deep: Giant Squid
2:45am Horizon
3:45am Darcey Bussell
Documentary in which Darcey Bussell uncovers the life of Margot Fonteyn, who inspired generations of ballerinas.

CHANNEL 4

7:10am King of Queens
7:35am King of Queens
8:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am Frasier
9:25am Frasier
9:55am Frasier
10:30am Sunday Brunch
1:30pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
2:30pm The Simpsons
3:00pm The Simpsons
3:30pm The Simpsons
4:00pm Step Up All In
6:15pm Channel 4 News
6:40pm Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
8:30pm The Jump
10:00pm Homeland
11:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats
Does Countdown
Jimmy Carr hosts the irreverent take on the classic letters and numbers quiz.
12:00am Magic Mike
2:05am How to Lose Weight Well
3:00am Dogs on the Dole

CHANNEL 5

10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am Football on 5
The Championship.
12:25pm Football on 5
1:00pm Benefit House: Me and My 26 Kids
2:00pm Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole
Documentary series lifting the lid on the reality of life on benefits in Britain.
3:00pm Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole
Documentary series lifting the lid on the reality of life on benefits in Britain.
4:00pm Leap Year
5:50pm Around the World in Eighty Days
8:05pm The Medallion
9:55pm 5 News
10:00pm When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong
1:05am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
2:00am Super Casino
4:10am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

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7:00am Young and Hungry
7:20am Young and Hungry
7:40am Melissa and Joey
8:05am Melissa and Joey
8:30am Baby Daddy
9:00am Baby Daddy
9:30am The Goldbergs
10:00am The Goldbergs
10:30am Hollyoaks Omnibus
1:00pm Coach Trip
1:30pm Coach Trip
2:00pm Coach Trip
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3:30pm The Goldbergs
4:00pm The Goldbergs
4:30pm The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm The Big Bang Theory
7:25pm Battleship
10:00pm Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm This Means War
1:05am Tattoo Fixers
2:10am Gogglebox
3:05am Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
4:00am Rude Tube
4:30am Hollyoaks Omnibus

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7:00am Football
7:30am Football
8:00am Football
8:30am Football
9:00am Football
9:30am Football
10:00am The Sunday Supplement
11:30am Goals on Sunday
1:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm Live Nissan Super
8:00pm EFL Goals
8:30pm Football
Action from Spain's La Liga. Barcelona are the league's reigning champions.
11:00pm Live NFL Super Bowl
4:00am PI Match Highlights
Manchester City take on Swansea City at the Etihad Stadium in the Premier League.
4:30am PI Match Highlights
Leicester City take on Manchester United at the King Power Stadium in the Premier League.

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7:00am CITV
10:25am Countrywise
11:00am Peston on Sunday
11:55am Gino's Italian
Escape: Hidden Italy
12:25pm The Voice UK
1:55pm ITV News and Weather
2:00pm Rugby
5:15pm The Chase
6:15pm Ninja Warrior UK
7:15pm ITV News and Weather
7:30pm Dance Dance Dance
9:00pm Lion Country
10:00pm Good Karma
Hospital
11:00pm ITV News and Weather
11:15pm Peston on Sunday
Weekly political magazine show featuring interviews, topical guests and a little satire.
12:15am Rugby
1:20am Jackpot247
4:00am Chopping Block
4:50am Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am You've Been Framed!
7:25am Emmerdale Omnibus
10:00am Coronation Street
Omnibus
12:30pm The Voice UK
2:00pm Zawsome
2:05pm Guidance
2:40pm Fame High
3:00pm Third Wheel
3:20pm Third Wheel
3:40pm L.A. Story
4:00pm Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium
5:00pm FYI Daily
5:05pm Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium
5:50pm The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
6:50pm FYI Daily
6:55pm The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
8:00pm Evan Almighty
9:00pm FYI Daily
9:05pm Evan Almighty
10:00pm Shaun of the Dead
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm Shaun of the Dead
12:00am Family Guy
12:30am Family Guy
1:00am American Dad!

itv3

7:00am On the Buses
7:25am The Baby and the Battleship
8:25am FYI Daily
8:30am The Baby and the Battleship
9:15am Heartbeat
10:20am Heartbeat
11:25am Murder, She Wrote
12:30pm Murder, She Wrote
1:35pm Columbo
3:40pm Agatha Christie's Marple
5:45pm Wycliffe
6:55pm Midsomer Murders
9:00pm This Time Next Year
10:00pm Tonight at the London Palladium
11:00pm Birds of a Feather
11:30pm Captain Corelli's Mandolin
12:30am FYI Daily
12:35am Captain Corelli's Mandolin
2:05am A Touch of Frost
3:45am Wycliffe
4:40am May the Best House Win
5:30am May the Best House Win

itv4

7:00am The Wine Show
7:55am Rugby Sevens World Series Highlights
8:20am The Professionals
9:20am The Professionals
10:20am The Saint
11:25am Shed and Buried
12:30pm Storage Wars
12:55pm Storage Wars
1:25pm Pawn Stars
1:50pm Pawn Stars
2:15pm Pawn Stars
2:45pm Pawn Stars
3:15pm Pawn Stars
3:45pm Every Which Way But Loose
4:45pm FYI Daily
4:50pm Every Which Way But Loose
6:00pm Superman
7:00pm FYI Daily
7:05pm Superman
9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm Rugby
11:00pm Mars Attacks!
12:00am FYI Daily
12:05am Mars Attacks!
1:10am A Dangerous Man
2:10am FYI Daily

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1:05pm The Man From U.N.C.L.E.
3:05pm The Spiderwick Chronicles
4:45pm Tomorrowland
6:55pm Spy
9:00pm The Man From U.N.C.L.E.
11:00pm Independence Day
1:30am The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

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7:25am The Holiday
9:45am My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
11:30am How to be Single
1:30pm Pixels
3:25pm Hitch
5:30pm My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
7:10pm The Banger Sisters
9:00pm How to be Single
11:00pm Pixels
12:50am Crocodile Dundee
2:35am Loser
4:15am Juno

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7:00am Money Monster
8:40am Just Jim
10:10am Goat
12:00pm The Man Who Knew Infinity
1:55pm The Cell
3:40pm The Trust
5:20pm Money Monster
The smirking host of a financial TV show is held hostage when an investment tip doesn't pay off.
7:10pm Goat
9:00pm The Cell
10:45pm The Trust
12:30am Just Jim
2:05am Asian Connection
Trouble brews when a pair of expat bank robbers unwittingly rip off a ruthless drug lord.
3:40am Exposed
Thriller about a detective investigating the death of his partner.
5:30am Pitch Perfect 2 Special

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7:00am Great Sporting Moments
7:15am Great Sporting Moments
7:30am Great Sporting Moments
7:45am Great Sporting Moments
8:00am Sporting Greats
8:30am Cricket
9:30am Rugby Gold
9:40am Rugby Union
11:30am Cricket
12:30pm Football
3:30pm Sporting Triumphs
3:45pm Sporting Triumphs
4:00pm Football
6:15pm Football
8:30pm Cricket
9:30pm Sporting Triumphs
9:45pm Sporting Triumphs
10:00pm Cricket
11:00pm PI Match Highlights
11:30pm PI Match Highlights
12:00am Goals on Sunday
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1:00am PI Match Highlights
1:30am PI Match Highlights
2:00am The Premier League Years



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BBC one

7:00am Breakfast
 10:15am Food: Truth or Scare
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
 12:00pm Wanted Down Under Revisited
 12:45pm Family Finders
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
 2:00pm BBC News
 2:30pm Regional News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm Father Brown
 4:00pm I Escaped to the Country
 4:45pm Royal Recipes
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News
 7:30pm Regional News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm EastEnders
 9:00pm Holby City
 10:00pm The Moorside
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm Tourettes: Teenage Tics
 12:40am Who Do You Think You Are?
 1:40am Weather for the Week Ahead
 1:45am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am Flog It!
 7:30am Wanted Down Under Revisited
 8:15am Royal Recipes
 9:00am Great British Menu
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 1:00pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Cash in the Attic
 2:25pm Beat the Brain
 2:55pm Landward
 3:25pm Italy Unpacked
 4:25pm Tropic of Capricorn with Simon Reeve
 5:25pm A Place to Call Home
 6:15pm Flog It!
 7:00pm Eggheads
 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
 8:00pm Our Dancing Town
 9:00pm Further Back in Time for Dinner
 10:00pm Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean
 11:00pm Mock the Week
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:10am Weather
 12:15am Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week
 1:15am The Big Life Fix with Simon Reeve
 2:15am Our Dancing Town

BBC FOUR

8:30pm Secrets of Bones *Evolutionary biologist and master skeleton builder Ben Garrod presents a six-part series looking at how bones have enabled vertebrates to colonise and dominate practically every habitat on Earth.*
 9:00pm Planet Earth II
 10:00pm Flights of Fancy: Pigeons and the British
 11:00pm D-Day: The Last Heroes
 12:00pm Bombay Railway
 1:00am Sappho: Love and Life on Lesbos with Margaret Mountford
 2:00am Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections
 3:00am The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings
 4:00am Flights of Fancy: Pigeons and the British

CHANNEL 4

7:00am Countdown
 7:45am King of Queens
 8:10am King of Queens
 8:35am King of Queens
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:00am Frasier
 10:30am Frasier
 11:00am Frasier
 11:30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 12:30pm Four in a Bed
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Four in a Bed
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm A New Life in the Sun
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun
 6:00pm Come Dine with Me
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm How to Get Fit Fast
 10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E
 11:00pm Britain's Greatest Hoaxer
 12:05am This is Us
 1:00am Confessions of a Paparazzo
 1:55am KOTV Boxing Weekly
 2:25am Gillette World Sport

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm Cowboy Builders
 1:10pm 5 News
 1:15pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
 2:15pm Home and Away
 2:45pm Neighbours
 3:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles
 4:20pm Killer Assistant
 6:00pm 5 News
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News
 8:00pm Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild
 9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
 10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
 11:00pm When Magic Goes Wrong
 1:50am Super Casino *Feeling lucky? Get the authentic, heart-thumping casino experience every night.*
 4:10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
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 10:00pm Tattoo Fixers
 11:00pm Virtually Famous
 11:45pm The Big Bang Theory
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 12:45am Gogglebox
 1:30am The Goldbergs

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7:00am Football Gold
 8:00am WWE SmackDown!
 9:00am Premier League Legends
 9:30am Premier League Legends
 10:30am Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
 11:00am Football Gold
 1:00pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
 1:30pm Football Gold
 2:00pm Football's Greatest
 3:00pm Football Gold
 4:00pm One2eleven
 5:00pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
 5:30pm Football Gold
 6:30pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
 7:00pm Premier League Review
 8:00pm Scottish Football Round Up
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 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Emmerdale
 8:30pm Save Money
 9:00pm Tales From the Coast with Robson Green
 10:00pm The Secret Life of Dogs
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:30pm Regional News and Weather
 11:40pm Wilderness Walks with Ray Mears
 12:10am The Investigator: A British Crime Story
 1:10am Jackpot247

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7:00am You've Been Framed!
 7:25am Who's Doing the Dishes?
 8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 9:00am Emmerdale
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 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
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 10:00pm Hell's Kitchen
 11:00pm Celebrity Juice
 11:50pm Family Guy
 12:20am Family Guy
 12:45am American Dad!

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7:00am In Loving Memory
 7:25am Heartbeat
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 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote *Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.*
 9:00pm Midsomer Murders
 11:00pm A Touch of Frost
 1:05am Wycliffe
 2:10am The Knock
 3:05am ITV3 Nightscreen *Text-based information service.*
 3:30am Teleshopping *Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home.*

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7:00am Gunsmoke
 8:00am The Saint
 9:05am Quincy, M.E.
 10:05am The Professionals
 11:10am Ironside
 12:10pm Gunsmoke
 1:15pm Storage Wars Texas
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 12:15am Driven to Kill
 1:15am FYI Daily
 1:20am Driven to Kill
 2:15am The Saint *Suave troubleshooter Simon Templar investigates another case.*
 3:25am Tommy Cooper *Comedy and magic from comedian Tommy Cooper. Guests include horror film superstar Vincent Price.*
 3:55am ITV4 Nightscreen

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8:00am The Patriot
 10:45am The Chronicles of Riddick
 12:45pm Jurassic World
 2:55pm 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi
 5:20pm Tracers
 7:00pm Self/Less
 9:00pm Jurassic World
 11:10pm 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi
 1:40am RoboCop 2

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am License to Drive
 8:40am Down Dog
 10:25am Jersey Girl
 12:15pm Idiocracy
 1:45pm Gremlins
 3:35pm Gremlins 2: The New Batch
 5:30pm Analyze This
 7:20pm The Bad Education Movie
 9:00pm Beverly Hills Cop
 11:00pm Beverly Hills Cop II
 12:50am Beverly Hills Cop III
 2:40am Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
 4:45am South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut

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7:00am Jenny's Wedding
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 9:00am Cricket World Cup Classics
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 11:00am Boxing Gold
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 11:45am Cricket's Greatest
 12:15pm Cricket
 12:25pm Cricket
 8:25pm Cricket Gold
 8:35pm Cricket Gold
 8:45pm Great Sporting Moments
 9:00pm Sporting Greats
 9:30pm Great Sporting Moments
 9:45pm Great Sporting Moments
 10:00pm Rugby Gold
 10:10pm Rugby Gold
 10:20pm Rugby Gold
 10:30pm Cricket
 11:30pm Gary Neville: The Pundit
 12:00am Rugby Gold
 12:10am Rugby Gold

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Points system for bikes

AS part of the series, we answer some common driving questions and keep you updated on the latest driving and road news kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



ICYCLISTS: Can take to the road without any training or road awareness.

THE Spanish Royal Automobile Association, RACE, is proposing the extension of the driving licence points system to cover cyclists.

Some other vehicle users would welcome the change, often being critical of the way cyclists use the road, but it is has also been criticised by some, despite the motivation behind the plans being to try to reduce the number of deaths of cyclists on Spanish roads.

Manuel Martin, from the cycling group ConBici, has already hit out at the plans saying that it seems “unfortunate that an entity like RACE makes a proposal that is not valid in any country in the world,” adding that the implementation of this measure “would mean almost nobody would use a bicycle.”

The group believes that cyclists are the victims and that cars are the most dangerous:

“What you have to take action against is not the bikes, but the cars who are the ones that create the danger.”

RACE are also attempting to encourage a plan of coexistence on the road for both cars and bicycles, where both users are taken into account. They want a greater commitment to reduce the incident rate of vulnerable road users. The association points out that the points system has proven usefulness in focusing efforts to reduce incidents and if extended to bicycles, it would have a similar effect and encourage safer cycling and reduce accidents.

At the moment, a cyclist can take to the road without any training or road awareness. They are also not necessarily aware of the laws that they have to abide by which are aimed at protecting all road users.

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

Robbery, pillage and theft?

Q. It seems to me that Spanish insurance companies omit common risks from policies which an average person might reasonably expect to be covered. As an example I cite one policy that insures against ‘robbery, pillage and theft’ in the home. Perhaps they should consult someone who understands English terminol-

ogy, because none of these things happen inside a home. There are burglaries or aggravated burglaries. What happens when you report a burglary to police and then make a claim? Will they say such events are not covered under the policy, only ‘robbery, pillage and theft’?

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A. Let’s keep in mind that insurance policies in Spain are written in Spanish, official language of the country. I feel quite sure that your policy insures you against loss caused by burglary. Any problems you

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



have with your insurance company are more likely to be related to the need to

prove that locks, doors or windows were broken in order to justify a claim. When thieves or burglars enter an open house, the owner shares the blame. And, yes, good translations always need careful thought.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers *Ubeda-Retana & Associates* in Fuengirola at Ask@lawtaxspain.com, or call 952 667 090.

Business 1st, democracy 2nd

Mike Senker

In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I HEARD this week the phrase ‘alternative facts’ and of course it could only have come from one source. Donald J Trump, well his press officer actually.

Now I’m not the sharpest tool in the box but I know there is no such thing. It’s a pile of BS. It means they are lying, that’s it in a nutshell. This Trump geezer is seriously making me grumpy ! Can you imagine saying to little Johnny ‘Did you break that window?’ ‘No Mum,’ ‘Are you sure because your sister said you did!’

Well let me offer you an alternative fact. HE’s lying! Just like Trump is about the crowds. So you didn’t get as big a crowd as Obama, so what? The man is an embarrassment throwing hissy fits on Twitter at three in the morning. He even called the National Park Service director and told him he wanted him to produce photos to prove it. How about the wall? It started off as ‘I am going to build a wall and the Mexicans are going to pay for it.’ Their answer was pretty concise: ‘We aren’t paying for no f*****g wall.’

It is now ‘We are going to build the wall and the Mexicans are going to reimburse us.’

Do what? My understanding of reimburse is like ‘hey, if you’re going to the shops get me a loaf and I’ll give you the money when you come round.’ Not trying to get \$10 billion off someone who has said they ain’t paying for 1,900 miles of wall.

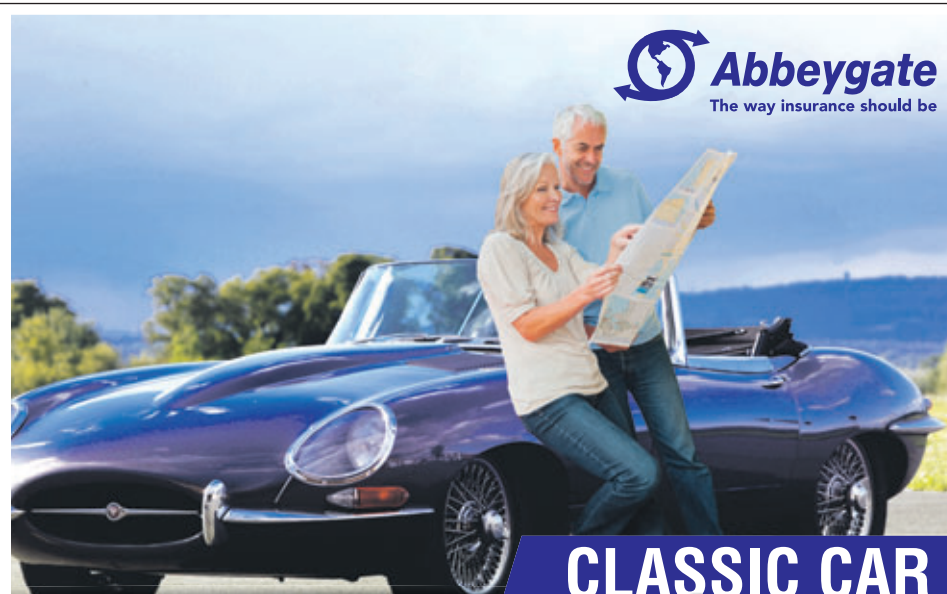
Strangely enough, the Mexican President cancelled his visit this week. Reimbursing is not paying get it?

I don’t like any politicians they all lie but this geezer is one dangerous nutter.

How about the blanket banning of people from seven Muslim majority countries even if you have dual nationality passports which mean Sir Mo Farrah can’t go back! The weird thing is he hasn’t banned the countries that were involved in 9/11, the shoe bomber, Time Square bomber, San Bernardino shooters, Boston Marathon and Chelsea bombers. Maybe it’s because he does business with those countries.

Look I know I’m usually writing light-hearted articles but every day I see what’s going on and being said in the USA and it’s not funny. The people taking to the streets to protest last night they all turned up at JFK.

I’m going to try and not let him make me grumpy but to be honest I’m going to struggle. Please don’t try and convince me he is going to be good for the USA and the World because you won’t do it ... Ok you can try! Email me at mikesenker@gmail.com.



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7:00am Breakfast
 10:15am Food: Truth or Scare
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
 12:00pm Wanted Down Under Revisited
 12:45pm Family Finders
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
 2:00pm BBC News
 2:30pm Regional News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm Father Brown
 4:00pm I Escaped to the Country
 4:45pm Royal Recipes
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News
 7:30pm Regional News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm Match of the Day Live
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm A Question of Sport
 12:15am Film 2017
 12:45am Someone to Watch Over Me
 2:30am Weather for the Week Ahead
 2:35am BBC News

8:15am Royal Recipes
 9:00am World's Most Extraordinary Homes
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 12:30pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Cash in the Attic
 2:25pm Beat the Brain
 2:55pm Landward
 3:25pm Italy Unpacked
 4:25pm Tropic of Capricorn with Simon Reeve
 5:25pm A Place to Call Home
 6:15pm Flog It!
 7:00pm Eggheads
 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
 8:00pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 9:00pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
 10:00pm Hospital
 11:00pm Common Sense
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:10am Weather
 12:15am Dragons' Den
 1:15am Our Dancing Town
 2:15am Yellowstone
 3:15am Stacey on the Frontline: Girls, Guns and Isis
 4:00am Royal Recipes

8:00pm 100 Days
As President Trump takes office, BBC News teams in Washington and London report on the events that are shaping our world. series 1.
 8:30pm Reel History of Britain
 9:00pm Fair Isle
Two-part documentary revealing life on Fair Isle, Britain's most remote inhabited island. In this concluding episode
 10:00pm Roots
 11:35pm Genius of the Ancient World
 12:35am Natural World
 1:35am Horizon
For centuries we have dreamt of reaching the centre of the Earth.
 2:35am Treasures of the Indus
 3:35am Planet Earth II

7:00am Countdown
 7:45am King of Queens
 Doug and Carrie get lost in the woods.
 8:10am King of Queens
 8:35am King of Queens
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:00am Frasier
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 11:00am Frasier
 11:30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 12:30pm Four in a Bed
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Four in a Bed
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm A New Life in the Sun
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun
 6:00pm Come Dine with Me
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm Location, Location, Location
 10:00pm No Offence
 11:00pm Four Rooms
 12:00am 24 Hours in A and E
 1:00am Live From Abbey Road Classics

7:00am Milkshake!
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm Cowboy Builders
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 1:15pm Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole
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 Shopping from home.

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 11:50am Spectre
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 6:50pm In the Heart of the Sea
 9:00pm Spectre
 11:30pm Run All Night
 1:35am I Am Wrath

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8:10am Death Becomes Her
 10:00pm Romancing the Stone
 11:55am Rock the Kasbah
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 3:30pm Trainwreck
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Vulnerable left in the cold

I WAS very disappointed with my electric supplier here in Costa Blanca when I suddenly lost all power at 9.30pm on a very cold evening. There was a 24-hour emergency number on my bill which I called but no one could speak English so I was transferred to a recorded message which simply said 'hold on' in English and then cut me off!

It wasn't until the following morning that I managed to speak to a human who understood me and I explained that at nearly 80, heat and light were important to me. It was no consolation to be told that plenty of others were without electricity as well, especially as prices keep going up.

Nine hours later some electricians turned up, checked my property and identified that the problem was not caused by me or my circuit and disappeared around the corner to a box in the road and within a matter of minutes confirmed that the problem was there and they had fixed it.

Luckily I'm relatively fit, but there are other old and frail pensioners who could have been seriously affected by more than 18 hours without electricity through no fault of their own.

James, San Luis (Torrevieja)

Clinton mania

UNBELIEVABLE that the main stream media throughout the presidential campaign have and continue to ignore how corrupt the Clintons are.

Thank God she did not get in. Whatever his shortcomings are Trump is preferable. One thing, I don't think his presidency will be dull as he certainly is a controversial character and to be honest he is a breath of fresh air.

Vivienne Pimm

Wincing words

HOW many had winced, I wonder, at Theresa May's grammatical clanger? When delivering her discourse to the world press at the White House she was clearly heard to say at the very end: "...a signifi-

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“ THE water authorities say that there are water shortages each year and they need to find solutions. If they imposed hosepipe bans there wouldn't be so much of a problem. Many people hose down their patios regularly and the road outside their house wasting great quantities, leaving rivers on the road. Intelligent people sweep and mop but it seems that this is too laborious.

Pete, Nerja

| SAVE WATER: By swapping the hose for a brush and mop.

cant moment FOR president Trump and I to build our relations..." It's "...for president Trump and ME.." dear lady! Or didn't they teach you at Wheatley Park Comprehensive how you never use a subject pronoun after a preposition. Perhaps, aware of your shortcomings, this is the reason why you are in favour of building new grammar schools, like the one Maggie went to in Grantham.

*RJ Dworakowski,
Torremolinos.*

Why Trump won

WE the people want our lives back. The only way to that basic human need is through the likes of Farrage and Trump.

I recall that oddly, early in 2016 well pre-Brexit, the Americans embraced that theme. Hence the Nigel Donald love affair. Look for more rising out of the melee as the EU flounders for survival. Like it or not they are in a way our saviours and are leading the way out of the assembled political nightmarish trap.

Praising them for their outspoken courage and steely held beliefs favouring us, instead of finger pointing, will accelerate that beneficial process into a new world of simple base values we understand. Not couched in ever deeper legal jargon, mired in a litany of rules laws and certificates penned by hordes of PC pompous overpaid parasites.

Stand up and be counted. We are witnessing the dawn of a new era. Embrace it. Stand high enough and it will now make a difference.

Name withheld

Thank you

WE would like to say thank you to John Smith for his editorial on our restaurant in Benalmadena. John is a great guy with the old-fashioned approach of writing everything down rather than using iPads, etc. This impressed us both. We have had great feedback from customers who looked in both your paper and online. Thank you and we will certainly be looking to continue to work with you this year with our advertising.

Bob and Linda,

Aico Restaurant, Benalmadena.

Weather error

IN edition 1647 we stated that Boxing Day in Cuenca last year was the hottest day in Spain for the month of December. This was incorrect and we apologise for the error.

Crime fears

ARRIVING in Spain to stay in Costa del Sol for the winter months I have been the victim of two attempted and one successful robberies, most costly to me in financial and sentimental terms here in Estepona over a two-month period.

I am an experienced traveller and know the precautions one should take, however the tactics and sheer audacity is breathtaking. There appears to be carefully orchestrated teams working with spotters or those casing places then trackers who may also be finally the robbers.

Initially I thought that I had been very unlucky but when sharing my experiences with expats living here it is becoming a way of life with both men and women being targeted some more than once. Some gangs use distraction tactics like tripping up in front of their target who naturally goes to help them while a team member slips their hand in from behind to reach for a wallet.

I have been to the police on one occasion but it seems nothing can be done. Several retail outlets have cameras but who checks them? Another tactic can occur in a supermarket car park where one member of the team puts a nail into the target's car tyre and while the victim is distracted with a flat tyre another criminal sneaks into the car and picks up any valuables like phones, handbags, etc.

For those living here they are starting to look over their shoulders when out and certainly women are being forced not to carry their usual handbags. This is a not the quality of life that people including tourists expect here.

I am concerned that these robberies will escalate into self defensive methods having to be adopted which in turn could have more damaging effects rather than the upsetting physiological stress of invasion of one's privacy.

Name and address withheld

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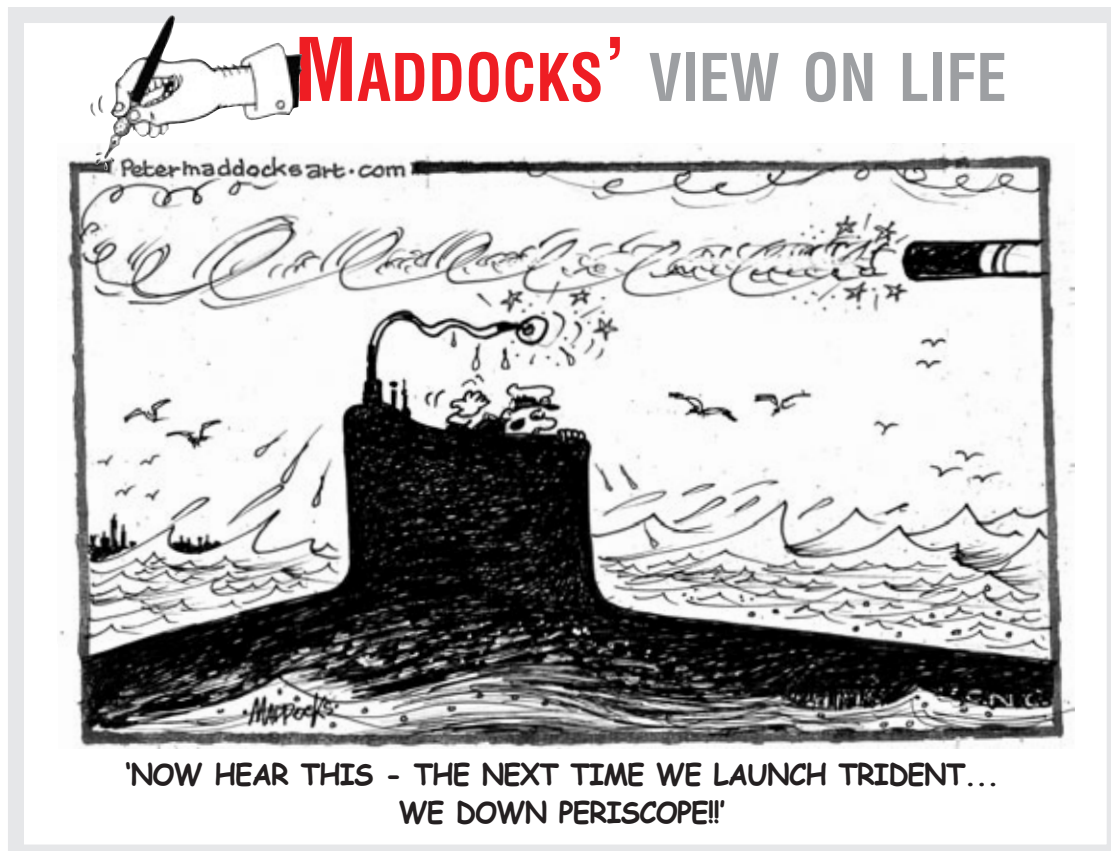
Kakuro

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

		24	11	27	21
	5	9	8	3	
	3	2	4	5	
8	6		3	6	
5	2		9	7	
9	1	5	2		
3	7	2	1		



Women's wit

When you're called a character actress it's because you are too ugly to be called a leading lady."

Kathy Burke



Famous quote

It is easy for me to love myself, but for ladies to do it is another question altogether."

Johnny Vegas, Actor/Comedian

World of English

A backward poet writes inverse.

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

PISCES ♋ (February 20 - March 20)

Satisfaction with your love life is paramount this week, and the opinion of others seems important to you. Perhaps you are looking for an excuse to make a change. It is possible, however, that a change is not required so much as a different approach. It is not essential to put all your eggs in one basket.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

A conversation with a colleague brings insights into how others live and it is quite an eye-opener. Friendships are particularly important this week. You have been dashing around and maybe not enough thought has gone into how you spend your leisure time.

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

There is something in you that needs a

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

Spirituality seeps right through the week.

As you are feeling particularly sensuous, invite someone special to

creative outlet. Perhaps you would like to write a book: memoirs, for instance, take up a craft or paint. Learning a new language would also be satisfying. Certainly, food for the brain and soul are what you should be seeking now.

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Being very much in demand for your talents this week means less time to spend socially, so it's important to make time for loved ones at the weekend. Someone seeking your advice may simply be seeking your approval for an action they are going to take anyway.

dinner or on a trip. Visit garden centres and plan ahead. The colours and perfumes will be particularly pleasing.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

There may be some opposition to your ideas as Pluto turns this week. Perhaps your natural charm just doesn't seem to be working. As you have helped others in the past, make it clear that you expect a bit of co-operation. It is not through lack of will that some people do not offer help.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

This is a week when progress is fast and plans run ahead. Try new ideas and seek information to hone your knowledge. An organisation that is new to you offers insight and social involvement. An offer that thrusts you into the limelight might be avoided at first but would be to your advantage.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

Although you have perhaps been looking to money-making ideas to progress finances, think also of alternatives. Perhaps there are areas of your lifestyle where money could be saved. Items that are not used could be sold for a profit and rid you of clutter.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Having suffered a bit of a setback last week, you may be feeling less

confident. Revving up your social life will certainly help to bring spirits up again. Be with people who liven or inspire you in some way and avoid boring or moaning folk.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

Thoughts come to you, perhaps in dreams, that are creative and energy boosting.

Someone who recently moved out of your sphere is sadly missed but is in some ways still a part of you. A person at work who has been causing you concern needs investigation, but the facts may be less alarming than you suspect.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

A strong and exciting romantic feeling flows through the week, which is fitting as Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Someone returning from a trip makes you smile and boosts your spirit. People who have been a little bossy of late finally realise that you will not rise to the bait.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

It's a better week for travel with less likelihood of delays. Should you be feeling a little lethargic and sorry about recent events, just count your blessings.

Consider raising some money and having fun at the same time by indulging in a garage or car boot sale. Doing something entirely different can boost your mind and activity levels, which can't be bad.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday January 28	Saturday January 28	Tuesday January 24	Friday January 27	Saturday January 28	Sunday January 29
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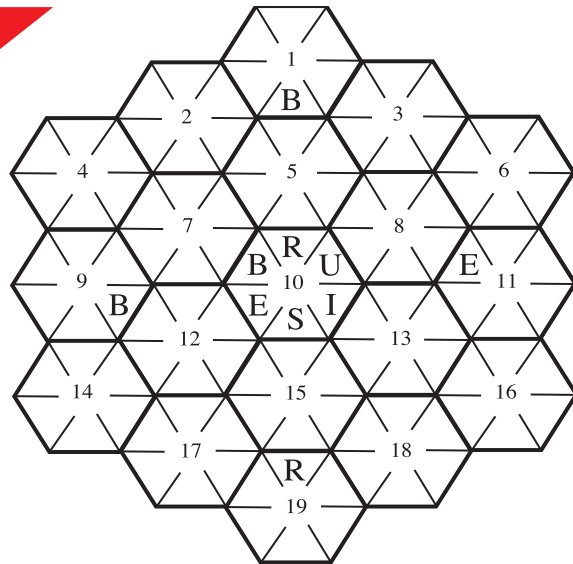
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Hexagram

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| ANSWER | LIMBIC |
| BARRED | NIMBLE |
| BITTEN | SHIFTY |
| BORATE | SIERRA |
| BRUISE (10) | STREAM |
| CRISES | TENURE |
| DIATOM | WINTER |
| FEEBLE | WRETCH |
| GANTRY | ZODIAC |
| INSIDE | |



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Quartz 2 Artery 3 Around
- 4 Airway 5 Diaper 6 Ruckus
- 7 Planar 8 Winkle 9 Incite
- 10 Lawful 11 Dulcet 12 Scalar
- 13 Feudal 14 Kaiser 15 Faulty
- 16 Fiddle 17 Fetter 18 Retail
- 19 Eyeful.

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



TARGET:

- Average: 5 • Good: 7
- Very good: 10 • Excellent: 13

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

demo dime dome dorm drum emir firm form from fume idem mend menu mien mind mine mire mode more morn moue muon norm omen rime demon demur denim dimer femur fermi forum fumed fumer mined miner minor mired moire mound mourn odium rimed rumen deform formed frenum fumier inform merino minder modern monied murine remind fermion mourned uniform informed unformed UNIFORMED

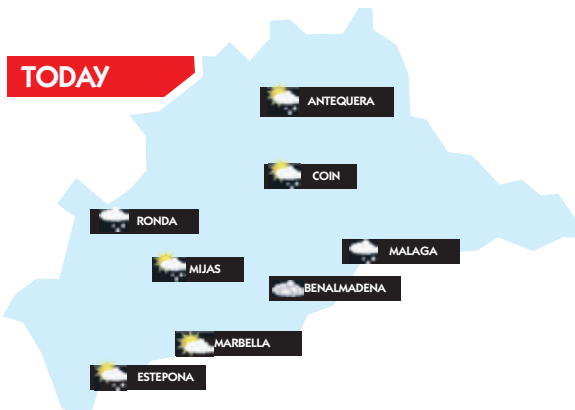
This week in history

- 1587 – Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded after being imprisoned for 19 years for her involvement in a plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I.
- 1812 – Charles Dickens, British novelist, was born in Portsmouth.
- 1911 – Ronald Reagan, the 40th president of the USA, was born in Illinois.
- 1932 – Al Capone, the notorious American gangster, was sent to prison for tax evasion.
- 1939 – American singer and actor Frank Sinatra married his first wife Nancy in New Jersey.
- 1943 – The Germans surrendered at Stalingrad.
- 1952 – George VI, King of the United Kingdom, died at the age of 56.
- 1953 – Sweet rationing came to an end in Britain and saw children across the country head to their nearest sweet-shop after emptying their piggy-banks.
- 1959 – Rock 'n' roll star Buddy Holly was killed in a plane crash at the age of 22.
- 1964 – Beatlemania reached the USA as the band arrived in New York to start their first tour of the states.
- 1966 – The Soviet Union made the first controlled landing on the moon with the Luna 9 spacecraft probe and took the first pictures from the moon's surface.
- 1979 – Sid Vicious, bass player with the Sex Pistols, died at the age of 21 from a drug overdose in New York.
- 1980 – Model Angie Bowie divorced singer David Bowie after 11 years of marriage.
- 1986 – Pope John Paul II paid a visit to Mother Teresa's refuge in Calcutta and famously kissed the top of her head when she bent down to kiss his hand.
- 1987 – Terry Waite, Church of England peace envoy, was kidnapped and imprisoned in Beirut by an Islamic militia group.
- 1996 – The first genetically modified (GM) food, tomato puree, went on sale in British supermarkets.

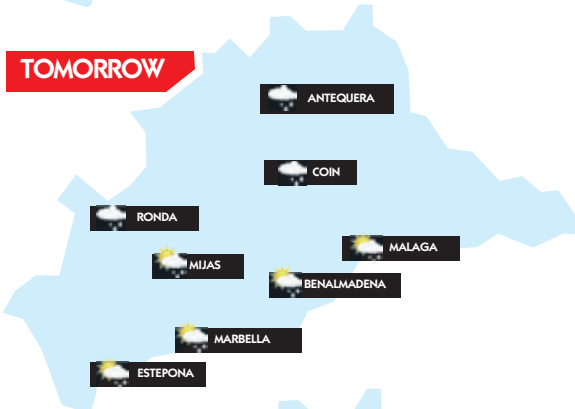
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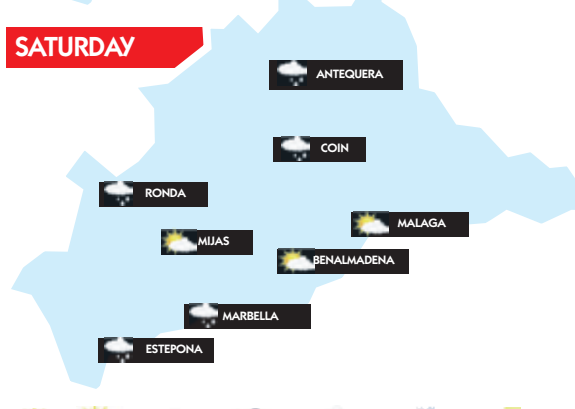
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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



Alicante			Bilbao		
TODAY:	MAX 18, MIN 12	- C	TODAY:	MAX 16, MIN 9	- Sh
Fri -	18	11 Sh	Fri -	13	7 Sh
Sat -	19	14 C	Sat -	15	10 Sh
Sun -	21	13 C	Sun -	14	8 Sh
Mon -	20	12 Cl	Mon -	16	9 C
Tues -	21	12 Cl	Tues -	16	8 Sh
Wed -	17	10 C	Wed -	11	6 Sh

Almeria			Madrid		
TODAY:	MAX 18, MIN 11	- Sh	TODAY:	MAX 11, MIN 6	- Sh
Fri -	19	10 C	Fri -	10	4 Sh
Sat -	20	12 C	Sat -	13	8 C
Sun -	22	12 C	Sun -	14	5 Sh
Mon -	22	12 C	Mon -	14	4 Cl
Tues -	22	12 Cl	Tues -	14	4 C
Wed -	19	10 Cl	Wed -	12	1 Sh

Barcelona			Malaga		
TODAY:	MAX 15, MIN 10	- Sh	TODAY:	MAX 16, MIN 9	- Sh
Fri -	13	9 Sh	Fri -	19	10 C
Sat -	14	9 C	Sat -	20	12 C
Sun -	17	9 Sh	Sun -	20	12 Sh
Mon -	16	7 Cl	Mon -	22	10 C
Tues -	16	9 Cl	Tues -	21	11 Cl
Wed -	13	7 Sh	Wed -	17	8 C

Benidorm			Mallorca		
TODAY:	MAX 17, MIN 11	- C	TODAY:	MAX 17, MIN 10	- C
Fri -	18	10 C	Fri -	16	10 Sh
Sat -	18	13 C	Sat -	17	11 C
Sun -	20	12 C	Sun -	18	10 Cl
Mon -	19	12 C	Mon -	16	7 C
Tues -	20	12 Cl	Tues -	17	9 C
Wed -	17	9 C	Wed -	16	8 Sh

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NEW ON DVD

The Girl on the Train



Directed by: Tate Taylor
Starring: Emily Blunt, Rebecca Ferguson, Justin Theroux, Lisa Kudrow

Based on the bestselling novel this thrilling story follows the life of Rachel Watson left devastated from her recent divorce. As she is making her daily commute on the train to work, she notices a couple (Megan and Scott) who live in the house a few doors down from where she once lived with her husband. Each day as she passes by she begins to daydream about this 'perfect couple' and the perfect life they must lead. However one morning she witnesses something shocking and finds herself inexplicably involved after it is reported on the TV that Megan is missing.

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Crossword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

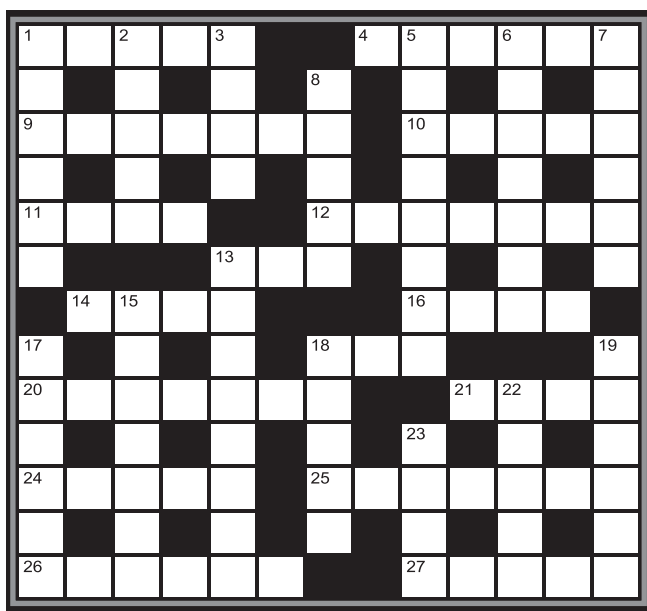
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Cook Delia felt poorly (5)
- 4 Hold up picnic container? (6)
- 9 Glad law was changed for this bird (7)
- 10 Greek deity is in charge of alarm (5)
- 11 Soundly study the plant (4)
- 12 Sister holding quiet girl's hand tool (7)
- 13 Camp bed in the discotheque (3)
- 14 Morning doctor on rounds (4)
- 16 Mets returned a bit of the plant (4)
- 18 Prosecute Johnny Cash's boy (3)
- 20 Till ICI change, it's forbidden (7)
- 21 Support some of your gender (4)
- 24 The summit of the damaged piers (5)
- 25 Holiday garland guaranteed (7)
- 26 Burns out the Spanish engine (6)
- 27 Paper cover on bed

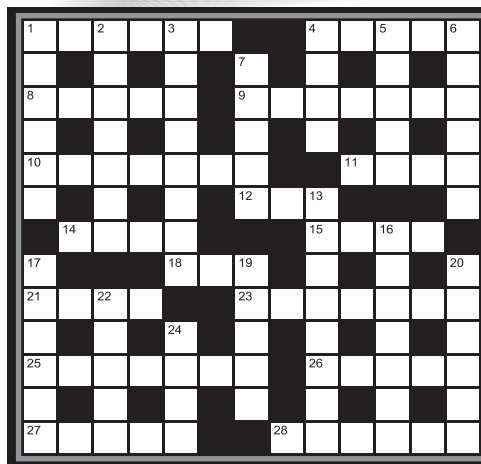
Down

- 1 Sausages, but no starter, makes one furious (6)
- 2 Stop in the small house (5)
- 3 Will, from the rear, looks dowdy (4)
- 5 Value a quiet compliment (8)
- 6 As an act of contrition the writer gets the cane, unfortunately (7)
- 7 Soldiers with rope and log (6)
- 8 Criticise British final (5)
- 13 Trick Greek island firm (8)
- 15 Part of Guatemala is expecting physical discomfort (7)
- 17 Didn't see fog, it's said (6)



- 18 Yet motionless (5)
- 19 Feel bitter but enters anyhow (6)
- 22 Wake up in wondrous excitement (5)
- 23 Tobias Smollett's secret is prejudice (4)

Quick



Across

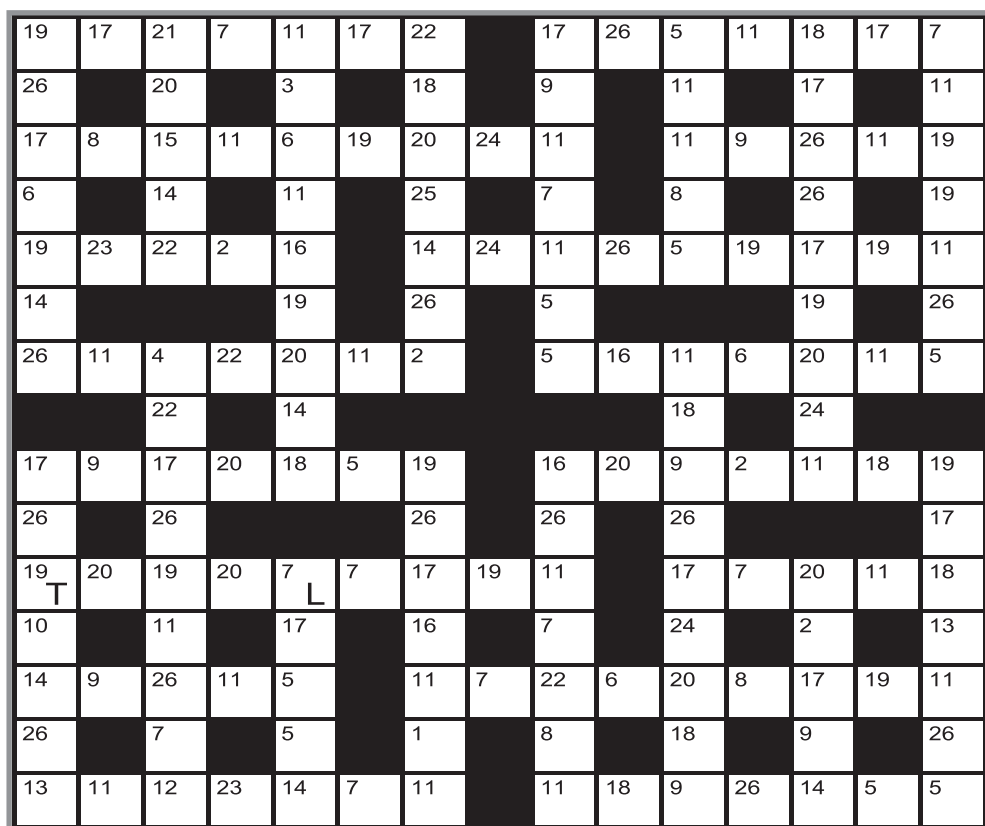
- 1 Full supply (6)
- 4 Hide from view (5)
- 8 Happen again (5)
- 9 In accordance with fixed order (7)
- 10 Yarns (7)
- 11 Bucket (4)
- 12 Travel on snow (3)
- 14 South American country (4)
- 15 Small cut (4)
- 18 Weep convulsively (3)
- 21 At a distance (4)
- 23 Atrocity (7)
- 25 Invoke admiration (7)
- 26 Similar (5)
- 27 Expect to be true (5)
- 28 Allow (6)

Down

- 1 Examine in detail (6)
- 2 Surround (7)
- 3 End of the line (8)
- 4 Barred room (4)
- 5 Country estate (5)
- 6 Not often (6)
- 7 Meet at a point (5)
- 13 Bring into being (8)
- 16 Part of the skull that encloses the brain (7)
- 17 Bold (6)
- 19 Give help to improve (5)
- 20 Discover (6)
- 22 More than sufficient (5)
- 24 Fixed charges (4)

Code Breaker

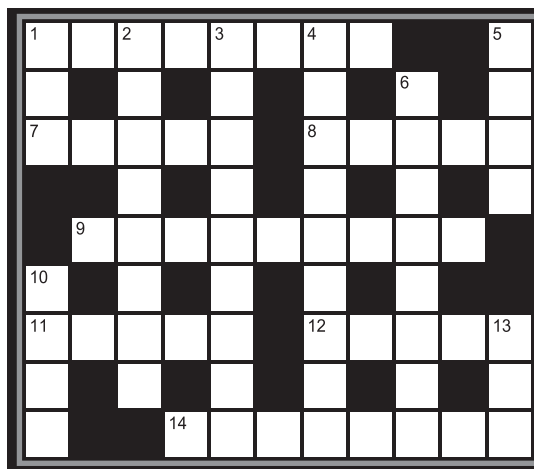
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents L and 19 represents T, so fill in L every time the figure 7 appears and T every time the figure 19 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						L						
14	15	16	17	18	19	T	20	21	22	23	24	26

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Lancha de socorro (8)
- 7 Vestir (5)
- 8 Trozo (pedazo) (5)
- 9 Earthworms (9)
- 11 Journey (5)
- 12 Italia (5)
- 14 Indoloro (8)

Down

- 1 Tapa (de caja) (3)
- 2 Mops (for floors) (8)
- 3 Great grandmother (9)
- 4 Anfibio (9)
- 5 Ciervo (4)
- 6 Delegado (8)
- 10 Grapes (4)
- 13 Sí (3)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Peerless, 7 Stair, 8 Artichoke, 9 Ran, 10 Mint, 11 Rapids, 13 Staged, 14 Caesar, 17 Chides, 18 Fast, 20 Rue, 22 Narrative, 23 Enact, 24 Vehement.

Down:

- 1 Psalm, 2 Estonia, 3 Lock, 4 Slogan, 5 Lairs, 6 Grandeur, 7 Seminar, 12 Defiant, 13 Scarlet, 15 Seaside, 16 George, 17 Cedar, 19 Treat, 21 Sake.

QUICK

Across:

- 1/23 Pole star, 3 Cautious, 9 Retreat, 10 Plain, 11 Eerie, 12 Caddie, 14 Supper, 16 Vienna, 19 Paella, 21 Stoic, 24 Trout, 25 Cassock, 26 Randomly, 27 Arms.

Down:

- 1 Perverse, 2 Later, 4 Attack, 5 Tepid, 6 Ovation, 7 Sane, 8 Serene, 13 Pancakes, 15 Platoon, 17 Insist, 18 Cancel, 20 Lotto, 22 Odour.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Loaf, 3 Ache, 8 Apple-tree, 9 Sometimes, 13 Guarantee, 15 Skin, 16 Foca.

Down:

- 1 Left, 2 Abajo, 4 Car, 5 Even, 6 Apretar, 7 Revista, 10 Enero, 11 Eggs, 12 Aula, 14 Ahi.

CODE BREAKER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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V	Y	U	S	C	Q	M	E	N	X	G	R	T



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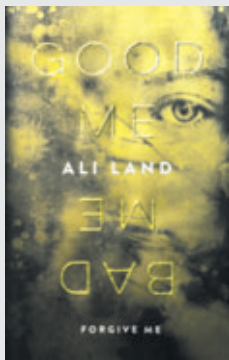
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BOOKS

Good Me, Bad Me



By Ali Land

THIS compelling, dark and chilling tale is told through the eyes of 15-year-old Annie whose mother is a child serial killer.

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With her mother locked up Annie is given a new name, Milly, and placed with a foster family.

However, her emotions are all over the place as she is being prepared for her mother's imminent trial. She struggles to sleep and is plagued with guilt over her mother's actions. Is there any truth to the saying like mother like daughter?

She wants to be good, but can she? Good me, bad me.

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TOP 10

Football's 2017 January transfer window has just closed and one of the highest transfer fees paid was for Oscar's move from Chelsea to Shanghai SIPG. The transfer fee paid was an eye-popping €60 million but that's small change compared to some. Here we take a look at 10 of the highest transfer fees ever paid that will really make your eyes water!

1. Paul Pogba

In August last year Pogba went top of the list with a record €105 million transfer fee paid by Manchester United to Juventus for the talented French midfielder. Almost as surprising as the phenomenal fee was the fact that this was a return to the club where he had started his football career until he left in 2012 to go to Juventus after failing to sign a new contract with Manchester United.

2. Gareth Bale

Bale was the previous record holder of the highest transfer fee after his transfer in the 2013/2014 season from Spurs to Real Madrid. Welsh right winger Bale signed a six-year deal with Real Madrid who paid €101 million for him in September 2013.

3. Cristiano Ronaldo

Still featuring in the top three despite



PAUL POGBA: Top of the transfer list.

the fact it occurred almost eight years ago was Ronaldo's transfer from Manchester United to Real Madrid in July 2009. The transfer fee paid by Real Madrid for the Portuguese left winger, one of the world's most renowned players, was €94 million.

4. Gonzalo Higuain

Argentinian centre-forward Higuain made the move from SSC Napoli to rival team Juventus in July last year following

ing a month of transfer speculation. Juventus paid a transfer fee of €90 million for Higuain who proved his worth when he scored the winning goal for the team in his debut match against Fiorentina.

5. Neymar

At just 21 years of age, the youngest record maker in our top 10, Neymar made history when he transferred from Santos FC to FC Barcelona for €88.2 million. According to the CIES Football Observatory the Brazilian left winger currently has the highest estimated transfer value which is sitting at €246.8 million.

6. Luis Suarez

Suarez transferred to Barcelona in July 2014 when they paid Liverpool €81.72 million for the

7. Angel Di Maria

On August 26, 2014 Maria signed a five-year deal with Manchester United who forked out €75 million to Real Madrid for the Argentinian right winger. However, less than a year later he was on his way out again signing for Paris Saint-Germain on August 6, 2015.

8. James Rodriguez

Colombian Rodriguez changed teams in July of 2014 going from Monaco to Real Madrid for a transfer fee of €75 million which made him the most expensive Colombian football player. The attacking midfielder/winger has been hailed as one of the best midfielders of his generation.

9. Kevin De Bruyne

Attacking midfielder player De Bruyne transferred from VfL Wolfsburg to play in the the English Premier League with Manchester City in August 2015. Manchester City had to spend €74 million, a club-record fee, to obtain the Belgian national.

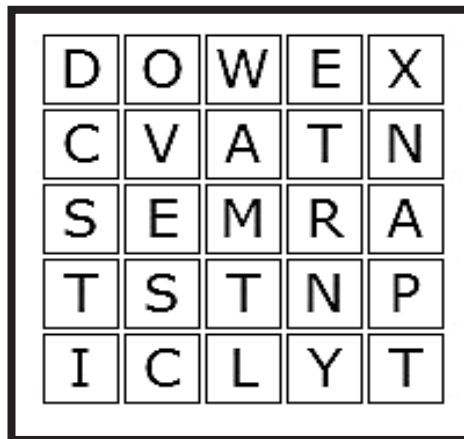
10. Zinedine Zidane

The longest record holder in our top 10 he was also the oldest when Real Madrid signed him from Juventus at the ripe old age of 29. Back in August 2001 Real Madrid paid a record €73.5 million for the legendary French attacking midfielder who ended his career at the club in 2006.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 16
- Good: 23
- Very good: 33
- Excellent: 42

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

idol idle gold bail bailey bald balded bale bean belay belt belted axil axle aide aided aloe alto altho diode dial dialog dole dolt dote doted doth detent dodo elide elided elan eolian eddo keloid hoax hold hole holey holt hoke hokey heed

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

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

AFTER the release of noxious black fumes from the CEPSA refinery a few kilometres across the border from Gibraltar, the government has indicated it will make a formal report to the EU commission as a matter of urgency even though a CEPSA spokesman stated the problem was due to an electrical fault and inferred that there was no danger.

New representative

THE government of Gibraltar has appointed David Liston as its official representative in the US. He replaces Joe Carseni who retired from the post at the end of last year. Mr Liston whose grandparents left the Rock in the 1920s is currently the leader of the Gibraltar-America Council, an organisation which fosters positive relations between Gibraltar and the US.

In dire Straits

THE Gibraltar Port Authority (GPA), having received information from the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) of a small vessel with three persons on board in distress on the eastern side of Gibraltar took action to find it. The vessel was located two miles east of Europa Point. All three persons on board were safely rescued despite the bad weather.



Photo by HM Government of Gibraltar

NEWLY RESTRUCTURED: The first meeting of the committee to discuss the welfare of children.

Ensuring protection for our children

By John Smith

THE Gibraltar Minister for Health, Care and Justice, the Hon Neil F Costa MP, met for the first time with the newly restructured executive Child Protection Committee which was created under the Children Act 2009.

The purpose of the committee is to bring together key agencies, such as the Care Agency, the Royal Gibraltar Police, Probation Services, Youth Services, the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Department of Education, and others, to ensure that local safeguarding arrangements and child protection procedures are effective.

In this meeting, Minister Costa highlighted the responsibili-

ties of the Committee, among them, coordinating with the relevant organisations on how they should best work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and ensuring that they provide an effective service.

He also raised the fact the Committee will be responsible for the training of all professionals working and analysing trends in children's safeguarding issues in order to advise the Government on the development of appropriate services and resources.

This first meeting set the agenda that the Committee will work towards in the year ahead. Tasks and projects will be delegated to an operational committee, which will ensure that systems and procedures are established within their organisations' working practices to ensure the safeguarding of children.

VISITORS who travel to Gibraltar in search of shopping bargains as well as tobacco and petrol should be pleased to know that there is another bargain, this time lunch at the prestigious La Sala restaurant on the Sun-born Yacht Hotel.

At the moment, the acclaimed restaurant is offering a special set, two-course lunch between 12.30pm and 5.30pm

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from Monday to Friday at just £14.50 per person which has to be one of the best bargains on the Rock.

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price and have the chance to enjoy the view from the incredible luxurious floating hotel, so to make a booking and find out more visit www.LaSalaGibraltar.com.

Promoting interests in rest of the world

FOLLOWING a recent appearance before the House of Commons Select Committee on Exiting the European Union and the previous appearance before the House of Lords committee, both Fabian Picardo and Richard Garcia have been 'doing the rounds.'

Prior to making their presentation before the Committee of Constitutional Affairs at the European Parliament, the two Gibraltar ministers had a number of meetings with politicians of different parties in the UK and then met up with the new UK Ambassador to the European Union, Sir Tim Barrow.

After explaining their position to the European Parliament - which resulted in undiplomatic comments from Spanish MEPs that forced the Committee's Chairperson to remind them that Mr Picardo was an invited guest - the Chief Minister returned to Gibraltar.

The Deputy Chief Minister remained in Brussels to continue lobbying on behalf

of Gibraltar and to meet with various MEPs including those who represent Gibraltar in the European Parliament.

“The final outcome is imperative to those living on the Rock.”

There is little doubt that the continued activities of the Gibraltar government have raised the profile of Gibraltar in Europe and the rest of the world, but until such time as Article 50 is triggered following UK parliament approval, all of their hard work whilst useful will not produce anything positive.

In reality, with a population about the same size of Falkirk in Scotland, Gibraltar is unlikely to be at the top of the British government's list of priorities in negotiations, although the final outcome is absolutely imperative to those living on the Rock.



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MEETING UP: Fabian Picardo with Sir Tim Barrow and Richard Garcia.

Advertorial

Clínica Estética Contur for natural beauty

At the beginning of January, Clínica Estética Contur opened in the Centro Comercial Contur in Elviria. The clinic is owned by Dr Karl Wehmeyer, who is originally from Marl, a small town in northern Germany. He has been working in Marbella as a dentist in the Clínica Dental Dr Wehmeyer since 1999. Much of his work is devoted to the field of aesthetic dentistry.

In this context, Dr. Wehmeyer's vision is to make the patient's smile appear fresh, healthy and vital through the harmonious interplay of healthy teeth combined with a beautiful shape and colour.

However many of his patients want more because a beautiful smile also needs a beautiful frame. Dr Wehmeyer, however, confines himself to his profession as a dentist and will therefore be exclusively working in the dental sector. His patients desire for more beauty is what

brought him to the idea of opening this beauty clinic. In the Clínica Estética Contur, a highly professional team of experienced specialists will look after you and answer all your questions in the field of aesthetic medicine.

The beauty clinic is located right next door to Clínica Dental Dr Wehmeyer. That way the patient receives a holistic aesthetic concept and thereby the opportunity to obtain door-to-door treatment, in the Centro Comercial Contur in Elviria (Marbella) from both clinics.

Type-matched and natural: The philosophy of Clínica Estética Contur is that of a beauty clinic in which the patient feels safe and well looked after. Their aim is to work in harmony with the patient, to help them create their personal, natural beauty that emphasises their personality while at the same time preserving their characteristic identity.



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Feels like



By Estelle Mitchell

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AS a kid one of my favourite games was Charades. Movie. . . Sounds like . . .

Now as a physiotherapist, when doing an initial assessment I play a different kind of game with my patients - Feels like . . . And I watch the movements of my patients as closely as I listen to the words.

Pain is a funny thing - everyone understands the concept but we all feel it differently. As a physiotherapist my job is to understand your pain, find the cause and make it go away.

And just like Charades I have to watch for clues, for

the things the pain feels like, for the different components that make up the pain and the sequence of events.

Movie, TV or Nerves?

One of the most important aspects of the Assessment Game is understanding whether the pain is from a muscle, a joint or the nerves. Pain can be completely real (and really painful!) without coming from the tissue / part of the body that feels pain.

So if you treat the area which is painful, without determining whether it really is muscle pain (or whether it is actually that muscle!) you won't make progress, regardless of how great the treatment is.

Important clues

- History of accidents, injuries and operations - whether they are in the affected area or not. The body

is connected - if one part doesn't work properly somewhere else might be compensating.

- Pain that moves or jumps - if the pain switches sides and moves about then the cause isn't where the pain is.

- Pins and needles / shooting pain / stabbing pain / loss of strength - particularly in the hands, feet and head, these are typical pain descriptions for nerve pain and key indicators that we need to look back along the path of the nerve for the source.

Getting it right

Taking the time at the assessment to get the true cause means treatment is quicker and more effective.

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Scientists design a 3D skin bio-printer

A TEAM of Spanish researchers say they have designed a prototype bio-printer that is able to create 3D human skin.

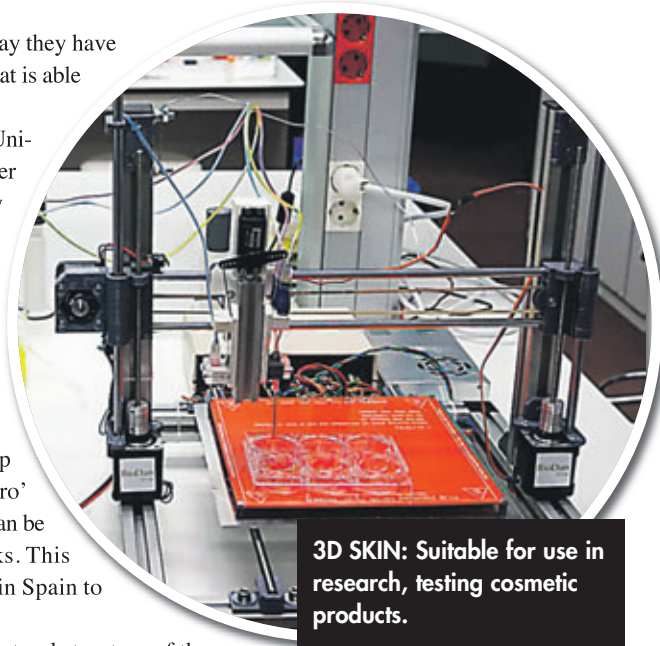
The group, from the Carlos III University of Madrid, worked with other research teams and the University Hospital Gregoria Marañon in Madrid on the project and said they can create "fully functional" skin suitable for use in research, testing cosmetic products and, in future, be able to be transplanted into patients.

It has been developed as a step further to the system using 'in vitro' where a small biopsy of a patient can be used to create skin in three weeks. This sort of treatment is already used in Spain to treat burns patients.

The bio-printer replicates the natural structure of the skin, along with a first outer layer, the epidermis, and a deeper and thicker, dermis.

The printer works on biosafety conditions to avoid contamination and it is currently in the process of seeking approval by different European regulatory bodies to ensure that the skin produced is suitable for use in transplants to patients with burns and other skin problems.

The team hope as technology improves and research continues, that one day they will be able to use 3D bio-printers to produce hearts.



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MEN, could pistachios improve your sex life? Yes, according to a study by the University Hospital and Atatürk Research Centre Ankara, Turkey.

Their study, published in the International Journal of Impotence Research, showed that 17 men who added 100 grams of pistachios to their diet for three weeks, perceived significant improvements in sexual function, sexual satisfaction, orgasms, sexual arousal and overall satisfaction.

Pistachio nuts are rich in unsaturated fats and mono-unsaturated fats that help maintain a normal level of blood cholesterol. Pistachio also has a high thiamine content, which contributes to normal cardiac function. These protective properties have encouraged scientists to investigate the effect of pistachios on erectile function as the problem may

be related to heart disease or vascular problems.

Although more research is needed to confirm the results, initial research suggests that eating pistachios may improve circulation to the penis and therefore improve sexual performance of men suffering from erectile dysfunction.

According to studies, more than half of men over age 40 have some degree of erectile dysfunction according to the World Health Organisation.



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Is it normal for our hearing to worsen as we age?



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

A **PROGRESSIVE** loss of hearing, due mainly to the loss of elasticity in the structures within the ear related to hearing, can be considered a normal part of the ageing process.

What are the most common causes of hearing loss?

Different causes of hearing loss are possible. The most common is due to sound transmission being affected. Over time, the structures within the ear become more rigid, losing their flexibility which means sound is not perceived correctly. Other possible causes include neurological issues such as damage to nerves related to hearing.

What should we do if we suddenly realise we can't hear as well as we used to?

The first thing to do is to see your GP who will send you as quickly as possible to see a hearing expert. Sometimes it is also useful to visit spe-

cialised hearing centres for a hearing test.

Are there any treatments and/or solutions?

There are various different options to treat this loss. The most common, when needed, is a hearing aid. Surgery is also a possibility.

Will everyone end up having hearing problems as they get older?

Not everyone, although a large percentage of people suffer different degrees, from minor changes to severe loss, as they get older.

Can anything be done to avoid it?

Obviously taking care of our ears, avoiding exposure to excessive acoustic contamination and good hygiene will help avoid premature hearing loss although the loss associated with ageing is mostly unavoidable.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Work outs at work



OFFICE EXERCISE: You can still burn calories and tone up.

STRUGGLING to make time for exercise? Is working late meaning you are missing that trip to the gym? Well work should no longer be an excuse for not working out, as even if you spend most of your day slouched over your desk staring at a computer screen, you can still burn calories and tone up.

So what can you do around the office to help stay a little more active? Try these simple tricks to help shed a few calories:

Step aerobics. Stop using the lift and take the stairs. Climbing two steps at a time will burn 10 per cent more calories. On a break instead of sitting in the staff room, simply step up and down the bottom step for 10 minutes to get the heart beating.

Leg lifts. It is recommended not sit down for more than 30 minutes at a time, but if you have to, leg lifts at your desk can be beneficial to help keep the blood circulating and to help strengthen leg muscles. Simply sit on the edge of your chair with your arms by your sides, and extend one leg out. Flex your foot until your leg is parallel to your hips.

Wall push-ups. Whilst having a natter in the kitchen try some wall push-ups which could help tone your arms. Place your hands on the wall and bending from the elbows, push out from the wall and back in again.

Wall sits. A study by the University of Sydney asked a group of workers to increase the amount they stood or moved in a day by 60-90 minutes. At the end of the day people said they felt more ener-

gised by moving more, so try some wall sits to get you moving. With your back against the wall, slide down until your legs are bent at a 90 degree angle.

Shoulder shrugs. You don't even have to leave your desk.

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HOW can you learn to love yourself and others more this month? Read your Astrology, Numerology and Tarot Forecast for February and find out how you can make the most of the month ahead...

Astrology: Go with the flow!

Sun in Aquarius : This month the sun is influenced by the airy and visionary sign of Aquarius. Spend time with friends and family this month, talking about your hopes and dreams for the future. Creating a strong network of colleagues, friends and family is vital in order to feel supported and safe. Spend time this month strengthening your interconnectedness with those around you.

Ask for help where you need it to achieve the goals which are most important to you this year. Take action where you can, then let go and flow with where life is taking you. Aquarius is a free spirited and open minded sign. Cultivate these characteristics and discover the benefits of relaxing

into the flow of life, trusting in yourself and the universe to take you exactly to where you need to be.

Get in tune with the moon : The full moon this month on February 11, is in the sunny sign of Leo. What gives you the greatest feeling of confidence? Focus on your strengths this month and aim high!

Leo the lion will give you the energy you need to fulfil your most important goals. This generous and passionate sign is encouraging you to live life to the full and to give thanks for all the abundance in your life at this time. Remain present for every feeling you have now affects your future. Make a commitment to yourself to feel good today. On Sunday February 26 the New Moon in sensitive Pisces gives you the opportunity to become more aware of your deepest truth. Take time out for yourself on this day to reflect on the year so far and follow your heart when considering a new direction this month.

Numerology: Feeling indecisive?

Number two : Is there a decision you need to make? Wise decisions that you make for the good of all will bring you the most peace. When you

take a decision based on your own truth, the universe works behind the scenes to ensure that everyone ultimately benefits. If you have an important decision to make this month, evaluate all the options, listen to your intuition and when clear, act decisively and with absolute belief that you are following your truth. The number two can indicate a fork in the road, a new perspective or change of direction in some way. Listen to the truth in your own heart and then act decisively knowing that you can trust yourself to make the right choices for you.

The Tarot: Learning to listen

The second card in the the Major Arcana Tarot deck is the High Priestess. This spiritual woman sits on a throne with her foot on the new moon, a cross hanging from her neck. The theme of listening to your own truth continues with the influence of this card this month.

Once you know what is true for you, communicate honestly with those around you. Truth has a vibration that causes others to trust you intuitively. Speak from the heart and focus on the good and positive. Communication is also about listening to others, and be truly present. Practise this kind of listen-

ing and your relationships will improve. Be aware of what you say and try not to get involved in gossip. Instead speak from a place of inspiration and honesty and watch your relationships improve beyond measure!

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6th Global Gift Gala announced

THE 6th Annual Global Gift Gala, Marbella will be held at the Gran Melia Don Pepe Hotel on July 16 according to a recent joint announcement by creator of the Global Gift Foundation Maria Bravo and Mayor José Bernal.

This organisation which exists to help the poor and underprivileged does much to bring attention to the many caring residents of Marbella and promotes the city on an international basis, as each Gala attracts a number of major celebrity supporters.

"The heart and soul of Global Gift that was born in Marbella, is already present in over eight countries with 12 galas this year with support from personalities like David Beckham, Eva Longoria, Goldie Hawn, Melanie Griffith, Anastacia, Terrence Howard and Vicente del Bosque," said Maria Bravo as she revealed that this year Global Gift will recognise the work of Cristiano Ronaldo by giving him the Philanthropist award.

The Global Gift Foundation is a philanthropic organisation created in 2013 by Maria Bravo, with the purpose of helping to meet the nutritional, educational and hospital needs of children and women in need, anywhere in the world.

Details of cost of tickets and entertainers will be announced nearer the date of the Gala.

Foreigner after party at JoysLive

By John Smith

ALWAYS in the forefront of the music scene in Marbella, JoysLive, the nightclub in Puerto Banus will be sponsoring the concert by best-selling band Foreigner and hosting the official after party on June 11.

“ Foreigner is now in its 40th year and audiences can look forward to performances of many iconic numbers.

Boasting members who have played with Aerosmith, Dio, Peter Frampton, George Harrison, Enrique Iglesias, Slash, Spooky Tooth, Steve Vai and Whitesnake amongst many others, this band oozes excellence and has a track record of 10 multi-platinum albums and 16 hit singles.

Original founder of the band, British musician Mick Jones still fronts Foreigner which is now in its 40th year and audiences can look forward to performances of many iconic numbers such as 'Cold as Ice,' 'I Wanna Know What Love Is' and 'Waiting For a Girl Like you.'

The evening which is organised by Crazy



Mick Jones, founder of Foreigner on stage.

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Music Productions will see gates at the Puente Romano Tennis Club open at 8pm with the band appearing on stage at 10pm and if booked through JoysLive, Bronze tickets include VIP entrance and pre-event cocktail party, plus of course the chance to attend the official after show party which starts at 12.30am and lasts until late.

Whether any of the original band will take part in the concert to celebrate the anniversary is unknown but regardless, this promises to be one of the gigs of the year in the Marbella area.

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Born in Dumfries, Joan Fallon now lives and works in southern Spain with her husband.

She is the author of Daughters of Spain, Santiago Tales, Spanish Lavender, Loving Harry, The Only Blue Door, The Shining City, The Eye of the Falcon, Palette of Secrets and The House on the Beach.

The launch of this new novel will be held at the English Bookshop in San Luis de Sabinillas at 11am on Friday February 3.

Nostalgia time

FOR a number of years, the Salon Varietés in Fuengirola has gone back in time to offer a week of unabashed nostalgia and if you want to enjoy their traditional tirade of talent, trickery and tremendousness, make a note that the Old Time Music Hall is just a few days away.

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FES DANCE: One of the many groups who take part.

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An invitation to perform

By John Smith

FES DANCE is now in its 30th year in Barcelona and basically brings together dancers of all types and ages to perform for fun not competition and now having expanded across Spain, the third Fes Dance Marbella will take place on March 18.

The idea behind this dance festival is that those who en-

joy dance get a chance to see other dancers perform and to learn from each other and become even more immersed in the local dance scene.

There is no restriction to age or type of dance so that every group be they from a church, club, gym or academy can take part with their own presentation and the size of the group decides the maximum number of rou-

tines that any group can present.

No single performance can last longer than three and a half minutes and there is an entry charge of €5 per participant per performance.

This year's Fes Dance Marbella will take place at the Palacio De Congresos and is expected to last between two to three hours with every participant re-

ceiving a diploma as well as some gifts donated by sponsors.

La Linea de la Concepcion will see its own Fes Dance on April 1 at the Palacio de Congresos with similar aims, although this event costs participant slightly less to enter.

For further information and details of other events around Spain visit www.fesdance.com.

New cultural centre in Malaga

ONE of the most respected of modern architects, Iraqi-born Basil Al Bayati who has a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London now lives and works in Malaga City where he will open a new cultural centre and museum on the Calle Marques de Guadiaro.

Originally designed by the well-known Malaga architect Geronimo Cuervo, who was responsible for many of Malaga's most iconic buildings in-



Photo Credit: Basil Al Bayati.

The Palm Mosque Saudi Arabia.

cluding the Cervantes theatre which is nearby, the building has been lovingly restored and will house a book and gift shop, a cafeteria/restaurant, an exhibition gallery as well as the private architectural studios of Dr Basil Al Bayati.

The building is full of fascinating objects and antiques from Dr Al Bayati's collection and many of them such as cutlery and tableware have been designed by him.

Special lunch at Alberts, Cabopino

THERE is to be a special set lunch at long established Alberts Bar and Grill overlooking the charming Cabopino port organised by Conservatives Abroad on Friday February 17.

Price for a three-course meal which includes a welcome glass of cava and water will be €35 per person with guests invited to attend at 1.30pm for 2pm.

The menu includes vegetarian options and choices may be made from the following:

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Torremolinos gets to dance

ACCORDING to Torremolinos Town Hall, the town is about to become the world capital of dance at the end of February when the MueBT Torremolinos competition takes place from February 27 to March 4.

The competition which takes place at the Prince of Asturias Auditorium will see a whole range of National and World championships being fought over in a range of disciplines including ballroom, latin, urban dance and sports dance.

In the 2016 competition, more than 3,000 dancers took part and the finals saw an audience of some 10,000 people, so there is no doubt Torremolinos is a 'Strictly' town and it now allows juniors to participate in the urban hip-hop section.

The festivities won't just be confined to the auditorium as from February 28 at 11am there will be free dance classes in La Nogalera square, whilst the qualifying rounds will be open to the public free of charge.

Advance tickets for the finals can be purchased from the www.unientradas.es or from the town hall at €5 per person per night or €10 at the box office.

Classic cars come to Sotogrande

By John Smith

FIVE days of glorious motoring featuring classic cars and modern marques will take place in Sotogrande from Wednesday May 24 to Sunday May 28 under the banner Sotogrande Grand Prix®.

There will be a three-day rally starting in Sevilla, travelling via Cordoba and ending up at Sotogrande with some participants taking part in a timed race and others just enjoying driving in the cavalcade of engineering brilliance.

Bonhams will conduct an auction of fine vintage cars and luxury memorabilia.

Spectators along the route will see a number of spectacular cars which will culminate in a drive across Sotogrande's historic Guadiaro River bridge.

Renowned British auction house Bonhams will conduct an auction of fine vintage cars and luxury classic car-related memorabilia, fashion and luggage whilst the Sotogrande Concours D'Elegance® will see some of the world's finest cars being judged by an international jury.

The Sotogrande Top Marques® exhibition will display the newest models and premieres from prestigious international car brands against the



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FIRST OF ITS KIND: The elegance of vintage cars will be coming to Sotogrande.

backdrop of Marina Sotogrande and La Reserva, whilst the final day will see a special GT competition with some 100 cars built between 1996 and the present day participating in a breath-taking festival of speed and agility, as they perform different

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Classic Aranjuez Concerto coming

AWARD-WINNING flamenco guitarist Daniel Casares who was born in Estepona gave his first public performance when aged 10 and recorded his first track at the age of 13, is now about to perform in Estepona, Malaga and Mijas.

Now aged 36 he has been compared to artists such as Tomatito and Paco de Lucia and with a number of albums under his belt and performances across Europe and America, he encompasses a number of styles. In early May, working with the Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction

of Josep Vincent and conducted by Arturo Diez Boscovich he will be performing the classic Aranjuez Concerto composed by Joaquín Rodrigo in Paris in 1939 as well as his own composition Moon Alejandra.

There will be three performances on sequential days, the first on May 12 will be in Malaga at the Edgar Neville Auditorium, the second in Mijas the following day at Las Lagunas Theatre and then on May 14 in Estepona at the Felipe VI Auditorium with tickets costing from €20 to €25 through the usual outlets.

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Cats and dogs rock

FUENGIROLA fairground will vibrate to the 6th Moto Per-rock, an all-day charity rock festival with doors opening at 11am on Sunday February 19 with the added bonus of free paella until it all gets eaten.

Entrance as usual just costs €1 plus one kilo of cat or dog food and for that, visitors will be able to purchase inexpensive drinks, free paella from Anka La Pitu and once that runs out, visitors can purchase hamburgers, vegetarian food and other tasty comestibles at reasonable prices.

There are currently five bands lined up for the show, but this could well change in the next few weeks and the running order will be:

- 1pm - Tribute Rock Band who mix rock with a dash of humour
- 2.15pm - Fango, a rockabilly blues band
- 3.30pm - Steel who perform rock covers
- 4.45pm - Denyse y Los Histicos. Glam Rock a speciality
- 6pm - Siddharta (not to be confused with the Slovenian band) presenting their new album of hard rock.

For a day of dogs and bikes and rock and roll, make a date in your diary and don't forget the pet food.

Sea Grill Sunday lunch

ONE of the nicest things to do is to enjoy a great meal in a setting overlooking the Mediterranean whilst listening to live music. All of this is possible at the fabulous Sea Grill at the Puente Romano hotel in Marbella if you take advantage of their Sunday buffet lunch which is served from 1pm to 4pm.

For the freshest of ingredients, good quality wine and a perfect setting, the Sea Grill is one of the signature restaurants along the Golden Mile.

Reservations are recommended, email restaurantes@puenteromano.com or call 952 820 900.

Additional paintings for Malaga's Picasso Museum

By John Smith

AFTER signing an agreement with the Almine Foundation and Bernard Ruiz-Picasso for the Art based in Brussels and Madrid, the Picasso Museum in Malaga will have access to a further 166 pieces of art from the FABA.

These artworks, many of which have rarely been displayed, will be made available over the next three years and the first will appear in a new exhibition narrating the development of the career of the artist which opens on March 13.

Not only will there be new pieces displayed in the museum every three months but an agreement has also been reached with the Endesa Sevillana Foundation for the investment of €133,000 in order to improve the lighting within the museum.



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NEW ARTWORKS: The signing of the agreements.

Not only will this lighting improve the viewing quality in the galleries for visitors,

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Craft beers are becoming big business in the UK

with Garry Waite

THOSE of you who were born after 1966 can only remember the World Cup of that year from those who continue to reminisce about how England won it (the first and only time!!).

However it is still very close to many people's hearts and prompted the TV series Tina and Bobby, based on the life of the first golden couple of football. It made me smile when Tina was giving birth and Bobby yelled (from a safe distance) "Go on put your back into it!!"

Hardly a calming and caring way to encourage the poor girl in labour - sounded more like what the team manager would shout from the sidelines!!

I NEVER met Booby Moore but I have met, a couple of times, the legend that is Sir Geoff Hurst MBE, the only footballer to have scored a hat trick in a World Cup. The first time was when I was running Tikitano Beach Restaurant on the 'New Golden Mile' just outside of Estepona.

He was dining there with his family at the same time as the, then very popular boy band 'Blue.' Duncan James came over and asked me whether I would approach Sir Geoff and ask him if the boys could have a photo taken with him.

I tend to dissuade any guests from disturbing other guests for autographs or photos, but as Sir Geoff's daughters had already spotted the band I ventured over to ask him if it would be possible.

I think he had already been informed who they were, but he seemed quite astounded they should want a picture taken with him. He didn't seem to realise that nearly 40 years later those that were not even born at the time, consider him a legend!!

MY REVELATION last week that I was given a bottle of Prado Enea Gran Reserva 2009 to try, prompted a local wine shop to offer me a bottle of Gran Reserva 2007 from bodegas Rioja Alta SL from the same style of stables as Muga and Ardanza.

I was told that I may find this one even more exciting. Still with plenty of time left in the bottle, I found that the freshness of the vintage and its relatively young age gave the wine a youngish character that I quite liked, combining developed notes of meat, spices, leather with vanilla and balsam with almost cherry/wild berry -

like aromas.

The palate feels balanced and elegant, with fine-grained and fully resolved tannins and great acidity. Great with beef, game and rich red wine sauces. It is a blend of Tempranillo with 10 per cent Mazuelo aged for four years in well-seasoned American oak barrels.

THIS ASPIRES to be the classic Gran Reserva - polished, silky and elegant with familiar old style Rioja overtones. Not sure which of the two I prefer. I might have to buy myself a couple of bottles to try again. Just like the Enea not a quaffing wine as this comes out at around €39.

HAD LUNCH with a pal the other day at the very popular eatery, Vovem, in Nueva Andalucía, Marbella. Specialising in meats from different parts of the world it is obviously very popular with carnivores.

I have known my friend for many years and when we first met he had his meat well done. When I suggested that he may prefer his meat a little less cooked making it less dry he said he didn't like to see blood in meat. I explained that

there is no blood in meat and that it is purely the colour of the juice. Something I have been telling people for years, unsuccessfully! Now people say 'in that case I don't want to see the juice!' But

for the first time that I can remember, someone else was banging the same drum.

The very charming manageress, Nicoletta, explained to my colleague when once again he said he didn't want any blood, that there is no blood in meat. Good to find somebody that agrees with me!! Still, we have got him from well done to medium rare 12 years on!!

ALSO HAD a very pleasant lunch last week with Marbella Business International at Da Bruno sul Mare in Marbella. This is a monthly occurrence, a gathering of like-

minded folk who enjoy nothing better than a chat, a decent meal and copious amounts of quality grape juice! There is always a guest speaker, some more interesting than others, but always informative.

On this occasion the gathered masses were treated to a tasting of craft beer from an unusual source. Now craft beers are big business in the UK and giving it's support of real ale over the years it's not

surprising that it would become the centre of artisan and craft beers.

But the tasting on Friday came from Danish Brewery Gran de Select, based in Manilva, near Sotogrande, and is the passion of partners, Mads Sorensen and Frederik Avenstrup. Both experienced wine producers, they turned their skills to manufacturing craft beers. Their mission is to demonstrate that beer can offer a gastronomic experience and be much more than just a thirst quencher. The Gran de Select beer, is brewed with inspiration from and using techniques of vinification to obtain a unique, sophisticated beer with personality.

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ON THAT NOTE I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good friends.



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BEER pairing in restaurants has fast become one of the most fashionable ways to drink beer with food. The UK has many such restaurants and in Spain Gran de Select is served in Martin Berasategui's restaurant one of the finest in the world.

If any reader would like more information about these beers, send me an e-mail.

Garry Waite is a well-known foodie and restaurateur as well as a Hospitality Management Consultant. If you are contemplating setting up an operation in Spain, or indeed having problems with an existing project contact him on garrywaite@euroweeklynews.com.



Growing conditions for the Sun Parasol or Mandevilla

By Graeme Tyrrell

THE wet, wet weather this winter is enough to keep even the most enthusiastic gardener out of the garden. Waterlogged soil is best not walked on if it is for growing plants. The compaction of saturated soil is very damaging as even when it dries out the effects of compression last and cause clods of soil in summer that are difficult for plant roots to penetrate. This doesn't mean no gardening. Indoor gardening is always a possibility.

Tropical species are a very popular form of indoor plant for indoor gardening. They give a different range of plants that cannot be grown in the outdoor Mediterranean garden. If you grow tropical plants in pots they can grace the terrace or balcony in summer and be retired to the indoors in winter or they can be a permanent indoor feature in a bright, warm area of the home.

A favourite that is hardy and fast growing in the right conditions is the impressive glossy leaved trumpet flowered Mandevilla, also called the Sun or Summer Parasol. It originates from tropical Central America where it is a climbing plant. It was named after British explorer and diplomat Hen-

ry Mandevilla who first botanically identified it.

A Mandevilla needs plenty of sunlight or it will not flower profusely. It is very cold tender so must be kept in a warm place above 10°C throughout winter. They will thrive in a large container with a good soil mixture and will grow over a metre a year in good conditions and up to seven metres in length on maturity.

It will need a trellis or structure to grow up or along to give it support unless you keep it very well pruned in autumn when flowers are less frequent. Pruning is also recommended to encourage multiple stems to spread growth by creating more branching to have a more intensive flower display. Prolific flowering can be further promoted by pinching off the spent flowers and as flowers form mostly on the current year's growth, the pruning is done in a way to encourage this new growth.

If you are moving the container from outdoors for winter hibernation and protection from cold, you can submerge the container in water for at least a few minutes to flush out any ants or other bugs that you don't want inside. Wash the upper part of the plant also and allow the plant to dry and drain well after soaking before moving inside.

In winter when temperatures drop it is best to reduce wa-



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MANDEVILLA: Needs plenty of sunlight or it will not flower profusely.

tering so the soil mix is just moist as excess water amplifies the cold effect around the roots. Low light intensity in winter usually stops it flowering. This can be true in summer if indoors without sufficient light. The leaves may drop in winter if exposed to cold. If this happens reduce water to just moist until new leaves start to form. If necessary, repot in spring when growth starts due to the roots filling the container. This will help it last for many years more.



NO SPACE: Opt for hanging baskets.

Small but stylish

JUST because you have a small garden, or balcony, doesn't mean you can't make the most of it and create a stylish place to relax.

First of all, play with light and mirrors to make your little oasis look bigger than it is: hanging mirrors will give an illusion of space or you could consider laying a trellis over a large mirror to make it look like there is another garden on the other

side. Focal spotlights and mounted wall lights can add ambience in the evenings and give an impression of style.

Even a tiny balcony or patio has space for a table and chairs if you can put them away when not needed. There are many folding bistro sets available which take up little storage space when not in use.

If floor space is sparse,

you can still have plenty of plants. Think vertically and go for hanging baskets or a wall garden.

Finally, just because your garden is small don't think you can't have a water feature. Make your own mini-pond by recycling an old butler sink or galvanised water tank. It is very easy to add a few oxygenating plants and even a small pump and filter for a little fountain.

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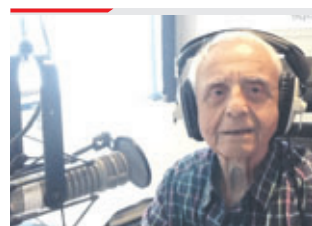
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MANY dogs love jumping over fences, fetching sticks or joining their owner on a long jog, but this is true only as long as they are in good health and in their prime.

Dogs, like their owners, grow old, and then everything becomes more difficult.

Their state of fitness declines, eyes, and ears and often the heart are no longer in top working order.

When this stage is reached it is important for owners not to over-extend their pets and to keep a watchful eye on their condition, just like with people.

Old dogs are no longer as active and would often rather stay at home on their rugs instead of running about wildly.

A dog's effective age depends on the breed. Small and medium-sized dogs grow old

more slowly than big dogs. A Great Dane is getting on in years by the time it is six, while a small terrier can get to 10 before this is the case.

The size of the breed is not a reliable indicator on its own. A German sheep dog at the age of 12 is a rarity, whereas for a poodle this is no great age, the bigger dogs age more quickly because their joints and their hearts are too weak to carry the greater weight. Big dogs tend to have a weaker immune system.

Like people, dogs tend to go grey with age. Dogs go grey first around the muzzle and then over the whole head.

Owners accustomed to taking their dogs to training sessions while they are in their prime need to realise they may have to give this up at some point, or restrict its activities.

It makes sense to have your vet check the animal over to see whether its joints are still in good condition and whether the heart is still beating properly. This can be done at the usual annual inspection.

A dog that has been well exercised from its youth onwards can continue at training longer than another animal that has not been exercised.

Even for older dogs movement remains important, and the longer you are active, the longer you remain fit.

Animals that scarcely move from their comfortable place near the radiator tend to become overweight and are more likely to suffer health problems.

When this happens it makes more sense to go out several times a day with the dog, rather than undertake marathon walks. It is also necessary to take breaks when it becomes obvious that a dog is tiring.

Dogs should also be allowed to rest after feeding, and the food for the senior dog should be a Senior Food. An older dog needs considerably less feed than a younger dog, as its hormones and energy levels are very different.

Dog owners need to be watchful of their pets when they begin to age. There is scarcely a human disease that dogs do not also suffer.

The symptoms are often readily visible. Small dogs in particular often have problems with their teeth as they age. If the gums start to show red, the dog should be taken to the vet.

Difficulty in urinating and a matted coat are both indications that medical attention might be required. Dog lovers should not be in a perpetual state of panic about their animals.

If the dog makes a good impression in general, feeds well and looks good, then a check-up every six months is fine.

Pablo likes to soak up the sun when at home

AFTER their daily run around the campo, there is nothing that Pablo, and his fur family Peggy, Poppy and Bella like more than a snooze. Pablo likes to soak up the sun.

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Forty-nine domestic cats were used for the study at Kyoto University, which tested their ability to remember which food bowl they had eaten out of after 15-minute intervals.

The cats, reported psychologist Sa-

Cats are just as smart

ho Takagi, appeared to remember exactly which bowls should still contain food, suggesting they had what is referred to as episodic memory.

"Cats may be as intelligent as dogs, as opposed to the common

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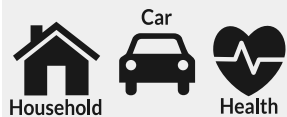
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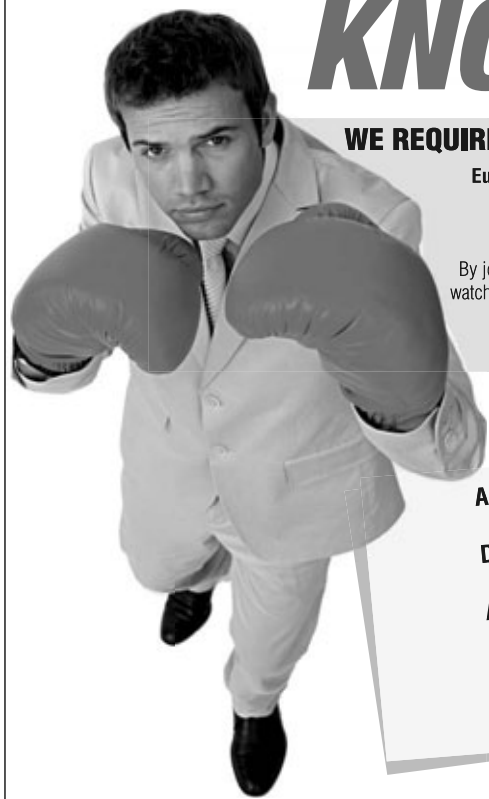
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Perhaps the most striking difference to previous years was the diversity and quality of models on display, with particularly impressive displays, with more than 50 Porsches and 30 Ferraris proving particularly popular.

The congregation of Ferraris was in honour of the 70th anniversary of the Italian manufacturer, with models on display including a 1956 250 GT Speciale, an F40, an F488, a Testarossa, a 550 Maranello, a 360 Modena and a contemporary La Ferrari.

Seat also celebrated its 60th birthday with a cracking display of family vehicles

from the 1960s onwards.

Vehicles from Malaga's Automobile Museum included a stunning 1955 Porsche Speedster, a 1937 Cord Sportman, and a 1939 Lancia Astura.

An extensive classic motorcycle section included a special display of Ducatis built by Spanish firm Mototrans since the 1950s, including a 500 Desmo, a first series 24 hours, a 350 Vento and a 250 Strada, among others.

Outside the main hall, owners of classic cars and other vehicles were able to display their beloved machines, with over 1,000 to whet the appetite.

With record numbers of visitors, Retro Malaga has clearly become a reference point on the calendar of classic car-lovers in southern Spain and beyond.



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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Classy Renault Kadjar

COMPACT crossovers have been big sellers in recent years, taking more than 10 per cent of the overall new-car market, and demand shows no sign of abating so there is certainly plenty of room in the sector for the steady flow of new contenders.

Among them is the Renault Kadjar - and lest you wonder, Kadjar is an invented word,

blending French words which loosely mean quad and agile!

Launched in the UK just over a year ago, the Kadjar has an 18-model range offering three engines, two gearboxes, four trim levels and two- or four-wheel drive.

The crossover sector is laden with great models including Mazda CX-5, Nissan Qashqai, Ford Kuga, the new Peugeot 3008 and the new SEAT Ateca

but though rivalry is acute, the Kadjar holds a few aces. With prices starting at £19,145 (€22,235) it is more spacious, better equipped and cheaper than some opposition models, and is arguably more visually striking.

The popular choice for many will be the well-kitted mid-range Dynamique Nav models, priced at £22,745 (€26,416) in diesel form. This latter model is the one I tested recently, powered by a 110 hp 1.5 litre diesel engine good for 113 mph and with a 0-60 mph time of 11.9 seconds and with combined fuel economy of 74.3 mpg.

Kadjar is smooth, quiet and has a nimble driving feel, precise steering, and well-tuned suspension giving a near-perfect balance

of composed cornering and exceptional ride comfort. The six-speed manual gearbox is slick and precise and for those who want an auto, a CVT version is available.

In the cabin, neat design touches and use of quality materials gives the Kadjar an up-market appearance and it offers more standard equipment than you usually get for this price. Features include alloy wheels, auto lights and wipers, front and rear parking sensors, cruise control, seven-inch touchscreen, sat-nav, Bluetooth, roof rails, dual-zone climate controls, lane departure warning and eco driving mode.

It is spacious inside - more occupant and boot space than a Qashqai for instance.

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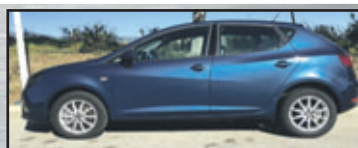
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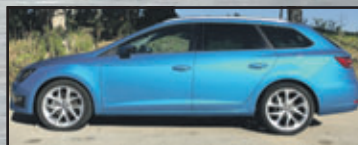
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FOOTBALL:

THE result of Saturday's Chelsea-Arsenal derby at Stamford Bridge could effectively decide the 2017 Premiership.

Defeat for the Gunners, fresh from a 5-0 FA Cup win at Southampton and with manager Arsene Wenger serving a four-match ban, could end their hopes of winning the title which they last won in 2004. But victory for Chelsea (comfortable 5-0 FA Cup victors over Brentford) will set them up for their fifth Premier League success in 12 years and a first for manager Antonio Conte.

If Arsenal win or draw, the chasing teams, Liverpool at Hull, Manchester City v Swansea and Spurs v Middlesbrough, must also gain victories to stand a chance of overhauling Chelsea.

Like Hull and Swansea, Crystal Palace and Sunderland are involved in a relegation battle, and they meet in a vital 'six-pointer' at Selhurst Park, also on Saturday... manager Sam Allardyce against his former club. Reigning champions Leicester, still in trouble, visit Manchester United 24 hours later.

In the Championship, it's Newcastle v Derby, Brentford v Brighton, Reading v Ipswich and Leeds v Huddersfield.

Leagues 1 and 2 leaders Sheffield United and Doncaster, play Wimbledon and Morecambe respectively, while at the basement it's Cheltenham v Newport.

Celtic, SPL leaders by 22 points and unbeaten in a club record 27 games, visit St Johnstone while Rangers play Ross County.

In La Liga on Saturday Barcelona (2nd/42 points) play Athletic Bilbao, fol-

lowed on Sunday by Real Madrid (top/46 points and 3-0 winners over Real Sociedad last Sunday) v Celta Vigo who, last week, knocked them out of the Copa del Rey, leaving this week's semi-finals as Barcelona v Atletico Madrid and Celta Vigo v Alaves. The African Cup of Nations final takes place on Sunday with Burkina Faso and Cameroon looking strong.

Finally, the transfer window closed on Tuesday.

RUGBY UNION:

This weekend the 2017 RBS Six Nations Rugby Union tournament – without doubt, the world's greatest oval ball competition of all – gets underway.

Scotland and Ireland start the 'scrumming' with their Saturday afternoon match in Edinburgh. Later in the day England, missing four top players, face France at Twickenham and Italy meet Wales (captained by Alun Wyn Jones) in Rome on Sunday. All matches are live on TV.

OTHER EVENTS:

- There are several 'warm up' friendlies ahead of the Rugby League season which starts a week tonight.

- On Sunday, 72,000 fans will attend the US Super Bowl in Houston's NRG stadium between New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons.

- Three tennis tournaments begin on Monday in Ecuador (Quito), France (Montpellier) and Bulgaria (Sofia).

- Preston (UK) stages World Grand Prix snooker: February 6-12.

- The Tour of Qatar cycle race starts on Monday.

- Austria hosts the World Biathlon championships: February 8-19.

- There are one day cricket internationals this week involving South Africa v Sri

Lanka and New Zealand v Australia while the India v Bangladesh Test Match starts on February 12.

- On Saturday, Chris Eubank junior fights Fijian Renold Quilan for the IBO World Super-middleweight title.

GENERAL ROUND-UP:

- Last week's fourth round FA Cup upsets saw Wolves win at Liverpool (the Reds' third home defeat in a row, last suffered in 1998... and they played Chelsea last night); Oxford beat Newcastle; Millwall k'od Watford;

- Fulham ousted Hull (who's Abel Hernandez missed two

penalties in two minutes); Sutton United stunned Leeds and Lincoln defeated Brighton.

Lincoln and Sutton are the eighth and ninth non-League teams to reach the last 16 since the Second World War, and Lincoln last played at this stage in 1902. Wycombe were beaten 4-3 'late on' by Spurs. The fifth round draw took place on Monday.

- Manchester United, despite a second leg s/f defeat at Hull, will meet Southampton, conquerors of Liverpool, in the FLC final on February 26.

- Ex-Charlton defender Dave Shipperley has died, aged 64.

- Tottenham can play home PL games at Wembley next season.

- Nigel Clough will follow his father Brian as Nottingham Forest's manager.

- Italian club Palermo have appointed their 11th manager in two seasons.

- Roger Federer (v Rafael Nadal) and Serena Williams (versus sister Venus) won their respective Australian singles finals. It was Federer's 18th and Serena's 23rd Grand Slam victories in the 'open era.' Serena is one behind Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 titles.

- Jeung-hun Wang won the Doha Golf Classic.

- Lee Westwood

and Darren Clarke will captain England and Rest of the World football teams in a charity golf tournament at the Belfrey in June.

- ITV viewers saw Many Clouds, the 2016 Grand National winner, collapse and die last Saturday after victory in the Cheltenham's Cotswold Chase.

- In cricket, England won the first T20 game, India the second; the third took place yesterday.

- 90,000 fans will watch heavyweights Anthony Joshua and Wladimir Klitschko fight at Wembley in April.

- Leo Santa Cruz beat Ireland's Carl Frampton on points to win the WBA world featherweight crown in Las Vegas.

ROGER FEDERER: Beat Nadal to win his 18th Grand Slam.

SERENA WILLIAMS: Wins her 23rd Grand Slam after beating sister Venus.



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