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€3.5 million drug haul

Brit suspects held



SEIZED: A new synthetic drug.

By Jack Troughton

Two British men have been arrested after a drugs haul worth €3.5 million was found at Alicante-Elche airport hidden in packs of coffee.

The Guardia Civil said the contraband was a 'new' synthetic drug and was 80 times more powerful than traditional cannabis after 12.2kg was intercepted, flown to Spain from Hong Kong.

Officers swooped to arrest a 36-year-old man at a bar in El Campello last week after a controlled delivery was authorised by an Elche judge. The police had kept the premises under surveillance before the raid.

Two days later the second suspect, a 37-year-old, was arrested at the airport. It was alleged he was attempting to flee justice.

The shipment arrived at the airport last month and suspicious officers were convinced the unusual material in the packs of coffee - disguised among genuine packets and bags of sweets - was an illicit substance.

Described as being 'of lumpy texture and light in colour,' the shipment was headed for a bar said to be popular with the British community.

Scientists at a government laboratory determined it was a strong 'cannabinoid' and would

powerfully affect human users, estimating it was 80 times stronger than cannabis.

After appearing in court in Elche, both men were charged with offences against public health, relating to trafficking.

Police presence felt

LOCAL POLICE in Torrevieja stepped up their operations during Semana Santa.

Officers seized 1,754 counterfeit items in an effort to crack down on unauthorised street vending, charging three people with intellectual property theft.

Increased police presence culminated in less cases of theft from pickpockets in the Mercadillo, as well as quick intervention in two street brawls.

Security was also prominent, with eight checkpoints for vehicles and people in different areas of the city.

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NEWS EXTRA

Sad farewell

IT was time to say goodbye to Pirata, the much-loved Torre Vieja harbour cat. With kidney problems and FIV, vets decided that it was kinder for him to be put to sleep.

Fire starter

POLICE are investigating a small fire at Elche's Aana cinema building which has been unused for five years. This was the fourth break-in by vandals in the last 12 months.

Road delay

SAN JAVIER traffic was held up after a lorry overturned on the RM-1 scattering its cargo of broccoli. The driver was unhurt and left the cabin without assistance.

More jobs

MURCIA created more employment than any other Spanish region in March with a 1.96 per cent increase. There are now 10,567 more Social Security contributors.

A life changer

Prize draw will see EWN reader win car

THE *Euro Weekly News*' 2017 survey prize draw is to take place in a glittering ceremony at La Sala Banus at 2pm on Friday April 21, and everyone is invited!

Sala Group chairman Ian Radford will pick out the name of the lucky winner, who will drive away in a brand-new Dacia Sandero Ambiance worth more than €10,000, complete with a full year's insurance courtesy of Abbeygate.

A celebratory lunch or dinner for two at the glamorous celebrity haunt completes the spectacular prize bundle.

Readers are encouraged to head along to La Sala Banus between 1.30-1.45pm in anticipation of the dramatic moment when the winning entry is named.

The survey itself was a resounding success, and we are busy collating the many thousands of entries which flooded in by post, email or via our website.

We would like to thank each and every one of our fantastic readers who took time to fill out the survey. Your opinions are incredibly valuable to us and we genuinely appreciate the feed-

back.

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We will use your responses to take another leap forwards in what is set to be a defining year for the award-winning *EWN Media Group* following the recent acquisition of several titles, with more to follow.



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Traffickers now caught

IN an investigation which has spanned two continents, the Guardia Civil has finally arrested a group of drugs traffickers on the Costa Blanca.

After months of meticulous and secretive investigations, the nine alleged traffickers were found with about a ton of hashish in a small house in La Manga.

After detecting the arrival of the drugs on a local beach, the Guardia Civil's Organised Crime and Antidrug Team followed the situation to a house in the urbanisation 'El Vivero,' which the group had been renting for just a few days.

Agents searching the house found two boats in the garden, one complete with a false bottom filled with the hashish.

Authorities are looking to establish the origins of the drug, searching for links between those in cultivation and distribution.

A judge will now decide what will happen to those arrested, eight of which are refusing to testify.

All at sea

ALICANTE rescuers answered the highest number of maritime emergencies in the region last year, an increase of 10 per cent.

Salvamento Marítimo, the Rescue and Maritime Safety service, responded to 309 emergency calls in Alicante waters, compared with 687 along the whole coast of Valencia; 253 to recreational boats and 256 to merchant vessels.

In addition, six fishermen needed the service's help, as well as six craft carrying immigrants from the African coast. There were also 166 emergencies that did not involve vessels, but were linked to sports such as diving, windsurfing, kitesurfing and kayaking.

In comparison there were 111 calls to the service in the province of Valencia and 59 in Castellon and the Valencia crews also attended 208 calls outside the region.

Crispy cluckers

A LORRY loaded with hundreds of live chickens went up in flames on the A-7 motorway near Cox on the evening of Monday 17.

The driver stopped the vehicle at around 8.15pm, as soon as he realised that a fire had broken out, although the cause remains unconfirmed.

Firefighters from Orihuela rushed to the scene and extinguished the

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 10

UNCORKING A DILEMMA. Spain is the world's leading wine exporter, shipping 22.7 million hectolitres abroad last year, yet drinkers here baffle experts with their lower than expected consumption of a traditional tippie.

A homely need

SPAIN'S wine industry want to solve an ongoing enigma; why as the world leading exporter - the overseas market was worth €2.64 billion last year - it struggles to boost home sales.

New figures by the Spanish Wine Market Observatory provide some relief, consumption on home shores rose from between 2.5 - 4 per cent to hit the 9.8 million hectolitre level.

Director Rafael del Rey believes the home market has reached a turning point and said the industry must target younger drinkers to continue the upward trend and has called for government help.

He said rising sales can be attributed to Spain's improving economic situation and a more mature and competi-



WINE INDUSTRY: Benitachell vineyards.

tive industry; highlighting an increased variety of wines on offer, a change of the image of the drink, and improved branding and marketing by producers and regional wine organisations.

However, in the 70's average Spanish consumption of wine was 40 litres per head; but by 2014 this had nosedived to 21 litres according to global industry statistics and placing Spain at

the bottom of rankings for consumption in producer countries, despite average annual production at 42 million litres.

Countries annually drinking the most wine are: The Vatican at 53.8 litres per head; Croatia and Slovenia 44 litres; France 42.5 litres; Portugal 41.7 litres and Italy 33 litres. Consumption in the UK is 22 litres.

Cava cheer

SPAIN'S home grown sparkling wine 'cava' is no longer seen as a poor man's champagne and is increasingly seen gracing family celebrations both at home and globally.

The bubbly is principally produced in Catalonia and has Denominacion de Origen (DO) status but is also made in Aragon, Castille and Leon, Extremadura, La Rioja, the Basque Country, Navarre and Valencia. Once referred to as 'Spanish champagne' - outlawed under EU law as Champagne enjoys Protected Geographical Status - the Catalan word 'cava' means 'cave' or 'cellar.' Caves were once used to preserve and age the wine; the name was adopted in 1970 to distinguish it from the French drink.



HOME GROWN: Cava producer Freixenet.

blaze, but not before the most of the unfortunate poultry had been burnt to a crisp.

The incident forced the closure of two lanes of the motorway and Guardia Civil officers were forced to divert traffic through the town of Albatera.

PC plot

LOCAL POLICE in Elda have arrested a driver in possession of items which

would allow him to pose as a fellow officer.

He was also found to be carrying 12 grams of cocaine, 1.2 grams of hashish and 0.5 grams of heroin, and had no driving licence.

In the boot of the car, officers found a blue siren, used by the police to travel to emergency situations, a truncheon, two knives and a reflective yellow vest.

The detainee has been charged for

the possession of drugs.

Burglar bust

THE National Police has detained two men of Lithuanian nationality, as the alleged perpetrators of five burglaries of houses in Cartagena, Torrevieja and Marbella.

They supposedly belong to a highly specialised criminal group and have been charged with multiple crimes, including resisting arrest and reckless driving.

The thieves were found in possession of a whole host of tools used to force locks, including screwdrivers and pliers.

Sex line worker convicted

A COURT has sentenced an Alicante woman to 18 months in prison after she swindled €30,000 out of a disabled man who fell in love with her.

The accused first 'met' the man in the summer of 2010 through an erotic telephone line where she worked.

The two never got to know each other personally, but after various telephone conversations, she noticed that the man suffered from some kind of mental disability and took advantage of him.

She persuaded him to send her various amounts of money to two bank accounts, totalling €29,877.

The sex worker convinced her victim the two would have a future together, and his handicap made him totally vulnerable to the deception. In the belief that what the two had was love, he gave in to her requests for money.

In addition to her incarceration, the prosecution has demanded she compensate the man with the total sum of her scam, plus interest.

Postscript to ponder

30.8%

The percentage of the Spanish population who smoke daily, with statistically more men than women. Smokers far outweigh drinkers, with 9.8 per cent of the population drinking daily.

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Royal spend takes tumble

ROYAL household spending fell almost €1 million last year compared to 2015 as political stalemate in Spain prevented overseas trips and visits by foreign dignitaries.

The monarchy spent just 88.4 per cent of its €7.8 million budget; the same amount it was given in the two previous years as part of the plan to make savings, as Madrid aimed to meet EU commitments to reduce the nation's deficit.

Spending fell largely because of the result of inconclusive general elections in December 2015 and June 2016 and subsequent caretaker governments. During the first 100 days of last year, King Felipe and Queen Sofia postponed trips to the UK, Saudi Arabia, Japan and South Korea.

Sky-high aims

NORWEGIAN airlines is expanding its operations from Madrid's Barajas airport, with the low-cost carrier looking to offer flights to Latin America.

In a battle with the IAG Group, which includes British Airways and Iberia, and a new airline Level, that boasts America-bound flights from Barcelona; Norwegian airline chief Bjorn Kjos describes Spain "as a great market; everyone wants to come here."

Load of bull

THE designer of the iconic Osborne bull - and the 14m high black billboards dotted across Spain - has a major Madrid exhibition.

Manolo Prieto drew the bull image in 1956 for Osborne's 'Veterano' brandy and it has since risen to 'national symbol' status, appearing on a

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Around the nation in 7 stories

Postcard from Zaragoza



DAWN is tipped as the best time to be on the banks of the mighty River Ebro in Zaragoza, a regional capital and once the heart of the Kingdom of Aragon.

Boasting Roman, Moorish, and medieval Christian architecture as well as the hand of 'local boy made good,' artist Francisco de Goya, born in 1746, the reflected image of the iconic Basilica de Nuestra Señora de Pilar can be seen from first light.

And a dawn view, according to Traveller's guide Lonely Planet, "is reason alone" to visit 'one of Spain's most underrated regional capitals.'

Historically the home of Catherine, Henry VIII's first wife and the first female ambassador in Europe, as Spain's fifth largest city Zaragoza currently has a population of just over 661,000.

The city came under the international spotlight when it hosted the 2008 World Expo.

It has space-age bridges, including the Third Millennium Bridge; a tribute to engineering and the world's largest concrete tied-arch bridge, as well as plush new bus and railway stations, and the largest freshwater aquarium in Europe.

The turreted Palacio de la Aljaferia - said to have an interior to match Granada's globally famous Alhambra Palace - was originally built by Moorish rulers and was later adapted to the Christian tastes of Aragon royalty following the reconquest. It now shows off the restored influence of both dynasties.

Zaragoza also invites visitors to explore the Basilica, a beautiful Cathedral del Salvador, and the Ibercaja Goya Museum.

The city also enjoys a fine reputation for gastronomy.

wealth of objects including t-shirts and car stickers.

His work, including his most famous creation, can be seen at the Museum of Decorative Art until October 22 and features work for Spanish railway company Renfe, airline Iberia, and Nestle as well as 618 book covers.

Caught short

A BARCELONA policewoman reprimanded for briefly abandoning her post to visit the toilet has accused a senior officer of harassment. In a Guardia Civil patrol car in March - on International Women's Day - she rushed off for the unauthorised short break, but later faced an official reprimand, and possible two-day suspension without pay, leading her to claim for alleged harassment

Ace to appear

BRITISH tennis Number One Johanna Konta will compete in next month's first women's Tie Break Tens event in Madrid.

Ranked 146th in the world in June 2015 Johanna has soared to seventh; and will compete with seven other players including Maria Sharapova.

The tournament winner will receive US\$ 200,000 (€188,679) and US\$ 100,000 (€94,334) will be donated to a charity working to combat domestic violence.

Killer jailed

THE killer of a tourist walking the historic Santiago Way pilgrimage route has been jailed for 23 years for murdering and robbing the 41-year-old American Arizona woman.

A jury in Leon found Miguel Angel Munoz guilty of killing Denise Pikka Thiem in April 2015, after she took a detour from the main route. Her body was found minus the hands.

Birthdays

• **George Takei, Actor, April 20, 80**
American actor who starred in the Star Trek television series and films playing the role of Mr Sulu, the helmsman of the USS Enterprise. He was inducted into the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his work in TV.

• **Queen Elizabeth II, April 21, 91**
Queen of the United Kingdom and other commonwealth realms who has reigned for 65 years since her father, King George VI, died in 1952. She is Britain's longest-lived and the world's oldest reigning monarch. The Queen and Prince Philip will celebrate their platinum wedding anniversary (70) this year.



• **Louis Smith, Gymnast, April 22, 28**
British artistic gymnast who won bronze in the pommel horse at the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing and then silver for the same discipline at the 2012 London Olympics and then again at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. He is the only British gymnast to win medals at three separate Olympic games.

• **Brendan Cole, Dancer, April 23, 41**
Ballroom dancer from New Zealand who specialises in Latin American dancing. He is a professional dancer on the BBC's hit show Strictly Come Dancing which he won in the very first series with celebrity dance partner Natasha Kaplinsky.

• **Barbara Streisand, Singer/Actress, April 24, 75**

One of the best-selling music artists of all time the American singer has sold 145m records worldwide. She is also an accomplished actress having starred in films such as Funny Girl which earned her an Academy Award for Best Actress. She also won an Academy Award for the Best Original Song with Evergreen from the film A Star is Born.

• **Melania Trump, First Lady, April 26, 47**
Married to the US President Donald Trump since 2005 she became the new First Lady of the United States in January this year. The former model met her husband at a New York Fashion Week party in September 1998 and they have one son together, Barron.

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Home owners fund repairs

OWNERS of beach front properties at Babilonia in Guardamar del Segura have agreed to pay €800,000 to repair storm damage to a footpath which protected their homes from the sand and sea.

The 108 families will take on the cost but hope to recoup it from the government, or if necessary, through the courts, after houses were damaged and the path was wrecked in December and January storms.

A court ordered the Coastal Territorial Service of Alicante to 'immediately take the necessary measures to consolidate the footpaths and existing houses after the refurbishment of the rubble of the Beach of Babilonia' in February.

However, the Director General for Sustainability of the Coast and Sea, under the Ministry of Environment, claimed that it lacked the budget to undertake this work and urged the neighbours to take on the burden.

Faced with such a response, the owners of the houses, who witness daily deterioration of the shoreline, have decided to take action.

On Monday it was agreed to fund the project. Residents' association secretary Manuel López feared houses would not survive another storm and it was necessary to repair damage before high seas could cause more.

It is expected each of the 108 families will now have to pay a sum of between €6,000 and €7,000, and Mr Lopez said will be forced to ask for help.

"We are not rich here, some will be able to pay, but for others it will be an uphill struggle," said the local representative.

He said it was only a temporary move as courts had ordered the Ministry of the Environment to shoulder the burden of repairs.

The project will include new disabled access to the beach and a reinforced breakwater.

OUR VIEW

Panic sets in at Semana Santa

IT must be terrifying to be caught up in a stampede which was the case for those attending the Semana Santa celebrations in Malaga and Sevilla.

On the first occasion, in Malaga, there was an altercation between two or three young men at the back of the parade. Panic and rumours spread suggesting that there had been a shot and that a vehicle was hitting people.

Most people are alert to the very recent events in London and Stockholm and with so many in one place, panic set in. In many ways it was lucky that only two people were slightly injured.

The second stampede was certainly more sinister as it appears that three separate groups thought that it would be amusing to frighten those in the crowd by making loud noises and shouting 'Islamic' phrases.

Reports suggest that more than 100 people were injured in some way, one very seriously and at least seven arrests were made.

These were irresponsible and senseless acts rather than an escalation of terrorism, but we must also be cautious to not give into the sense of public fear that certain organisations are attempting to instil.

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Better keep your kit on or face fine

SUNBATHING stark naked could now cost €750 in San Pedro de Pinatar.

Nudity comes even more expensive further along the coast in Mazarron whose town hall envisages fines of up to €3,000.

Naturists greeted the news with indignation. "We're going backwards, this is almost a provocation," Aurelia Vaquero lamented to the regional press. Naturist Vaquero is also the owner of the El Portus campsite and brings thousands of nudists to Mazarron each year.

Both town halls claim to be responding to public demand. Many nudists use the La Llana beach where problems arise in its more remote stretches with "people touching each other," according to Tourism councillor Silvia Egea.

Asked to comment on the ban, Juan Hernandez, who heads the Murcia Region's

Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Employment, said he doubted it would have a negative effect on tourism.

"Only 5 per cent of those using the La Llana beach are naturists and the express opinion of the majority of citizens can't be overlooked," Hernandez declared. "There are other options along Murcia's coast."

These include Aguilas where there are no plans to veto nudity.

"We adhere to the stance taken by the European Court of Human Rights in the sense that nudity is protected by the Human Rights Convention," a municipal spokesman said. "Citizens may practise naturism on any beach."

Nudity is also protected by the Spanish Constitution and in theory anyone can strip off on any beach in the country but not if, as in Pinatar and Mazarron, this is vetoed by local by-laws.

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DILUTED: Too much rain for salt production.

Moisés Pastor

Salt production a washout

by Matthew Elliott

SALINS DU MIDI stands to lose most of this year's salt production in Torrevieja.

The national government rejected plans to remove 3.6 cubic hectometres of the 11 cubic hectometres of excess water left in the lagoon by last winter's storms.

More than 200 millimetres of rain fell there between December and March, producing

a concentration of only 170 grammes of salt per litre of lake water. This is insufficient for this year's 'harvest' but ironically too much to be safely dumped off the Torrevieja coast.

Seawater contains 30 grammes of salt per litre and the residue from the desalination plant contains 70, hence the need to protect the local ecosystem.

The company and the re-

gional government were aware that the operation would have to be completed without harming the marine environment off Torrevieja, particularly the meadows of Posidonia or Ocean Grass.

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Hoteliers shun Imsero to survive

HOTELS in La Manga could quit the government-subsidised Imsero holidays for pensioners.

Four-star hotels receive €21 per person per day for full board, including water and wine with meals. Three-star hotels receive less still and all now complain that they are losing money.

Murcia Region hotels that participate in the Imsero programme are practically all concentrated in La Manga, since these are the only establishments big enough to accommodate large numbers of tourists. Smaller hotels are excluded because they cannot compensate the low Imsero prices with passing trade clients.

Some of the La Manga hotels that formerly participated in the scheme



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MAR MENOR: Fewer Imsero tourists next winter.

closed after their owners ran into financial difficulties. This was the case with the 500-room Doblemar, which is now owned by the Baleares company, Roc Hotels. It is currently being reformed, and due to reopen this summer.

Two years ago, roughly 2,000 Murcia Region beds were available for Imsero, but now there are fewer.

The low prices paid by Imsero were discouraging hotels from taking part, Diaz said, despite the advantages in remaining open throughout the year.

The national government is currently in talks with hoteliers in coastal regions where, according to the Costa Blanca association Hosbec, they are hoping for a five per cent increase.



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Murder case employees 'pressured' claim

THE Public Prosecutor formally challenged the decision to release murder suspect Miguel Lopez on bail.

An appeal was also issued against the judge's decision not to issue a restraining order that prevented Lopez from contacting employees at Novocar, which he formerly ran.

Lopez is accused of murdering his mother-in-law Maria del Carmen Martinez who was shot on the Novocar premises at point-blank range last December.

The wealthy 72-year-old businesswoman, was the widow of a former CAM bank president Vicente Sala and at

first it was assumed that the execution-style murder was a contract killing.

Police investigators soon decided that a professional hitman was not involved and centred their investigations on Maria del Carmen's relatives.

Decision to release Lopez was challenged.

There was growing conflict within the family over running their many business concerns and by the time of the murder Maria del Carmen was closer

to her son Vicente Sala.

Putting more trust in him than her daughters and their husbands, she was on the verge of making over her "golden share" to Sala, giving him the deciding vote in all business transactions.

Lopez was arrested and remanded last February but released in March after putting up €150,000 bail. His passport was impounded, he is barred from leaving the country and must report each week to the court. Nor may he approach Novocar.

The Prosecution Department believes Lopez should return to jail and suspects he could try to leave the coun-

try. It also maintained that the court order preventing him from entering Novocar was insufficient and did not guarantee that he could not influence his former employees when giving evidence at his trial.

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The San Luis, La Siesta, El Chapperal Neighbourhood Watch, of Torrevieja, is staging its April meeting on Mon-

day May 8, at 4.30pm on Casa Ventura; delayed because of local council holidays.

Everyone is welcome, but members are warned: "This will be the last ever meeting unless there is someone willing to take it over."

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GROWING NUMBERS: Residents say they are even invading their homes.

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Residents in Plaza Comunidad Valenciana and Plaza El Calvario complained about the growing number of rats. Some even invade their homes, neighbours claimed.

“You see them running from one pavement to the other at night,” said a woman who lives in Calle Sierra. “One nearly ran across my foot at the front door.”

Another in nearby Calle Molins protested that rats were reaching the second floor and one had found its way into her apartment.

“It rushed in as I opened the door when I came in from shopping,” she said.

The area’s residents have asked the town hall to solve the problem and the Vecinos por Crevillente platform reminded the council that this was an ongoing situation.

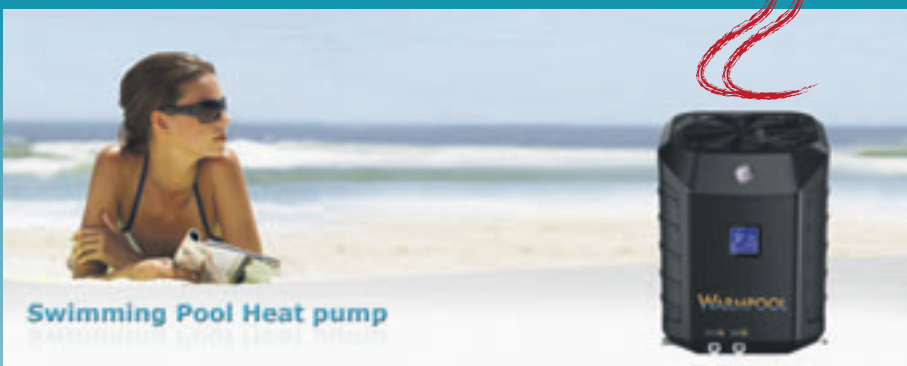
The pest control company contracted by the town hall

takes action each time rats are sighted and reported, maintained Health councillor Juana Guirao.

She also reminded the local population that it was essential not to throw leftovers in the street.

Children often played in Plaza de la Comunidad Valenciana in the afternoon and the remainders of their teatime bocadillos and food that were not left in litterbins only attracted more vermin, Guirao said.

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A record Semana Santa

SEMANA SANTA 2017 surpassed all expectations across the length and breadth of the Spanish peninsula. This year has seen a record-breaking week, with over 5.1 million people travelling on 31,220 scheduled flights, and a further 14.8 million using the country's motorways. Even rail travel saw an increase of 9.5 per cent on 2016, with 2.4 million seats allocated over the week.

As hotels and restaurants surpassed profit expectations, with an average increase in turnover of 10 per cent, the tourism sector has highlighted the good weather as a major factor in the week's success.

Latest figures from the Spanish Confederation of Hotels show the average hotel was at 90 per cent capacity and President of the Andalucian Tourism Board, Miguel Sanchez, said that "it's been a long time since we've had a Semana Santa like this."

Bar and restaurant owners estimate that they have made around 6 per cent more cash than in 2016, describing the week as phenomenal.

At El Pimpi, one of the oldest Bodega-bars in Malaga, excellent sales have been attributed to the glorious weather. Manager Elena Cobos said "last year, the first few days were weaker due to rain, but this time the forecast was good every day, leading to more tourists coming and, consequently, a boost in sales."

Despite mid-week technical difficulties at Palma airport, which led to delays of up to five hours, as



GOOD OMEN: Legacy of Semana Santa could have a domino effect for the rest of 2017.

well as multiple cancellations, the Mallorcan city enjoyed a prosperous week. La Playa de Palma beach was at 75 per cent capacity, with local bars and chiringuitos welcoming the boost in profits.

However, focus wasn't just concentrated at the beaches, as tourists made excursions to local landmarks. The Alcazaba in Almeria was visited by almost 11,000 people, celebrating the area's cultural heritage and capacity for sustainable tourism.

Unfortunately, not everything went off without a

hitch, as traffic throughout the provinces suffered under the increased number of road users. Easter Monday saw queues of up to 20km on stretches of the A-3 towards Valencia, and up to 10km around Alicante, as revellers made their way back inland towards the capital.

Semana Santa often sets the tone for the summer months, so naturally business owners in the tourism sector are hopeful that 2017 could be a historic, record breaking year.

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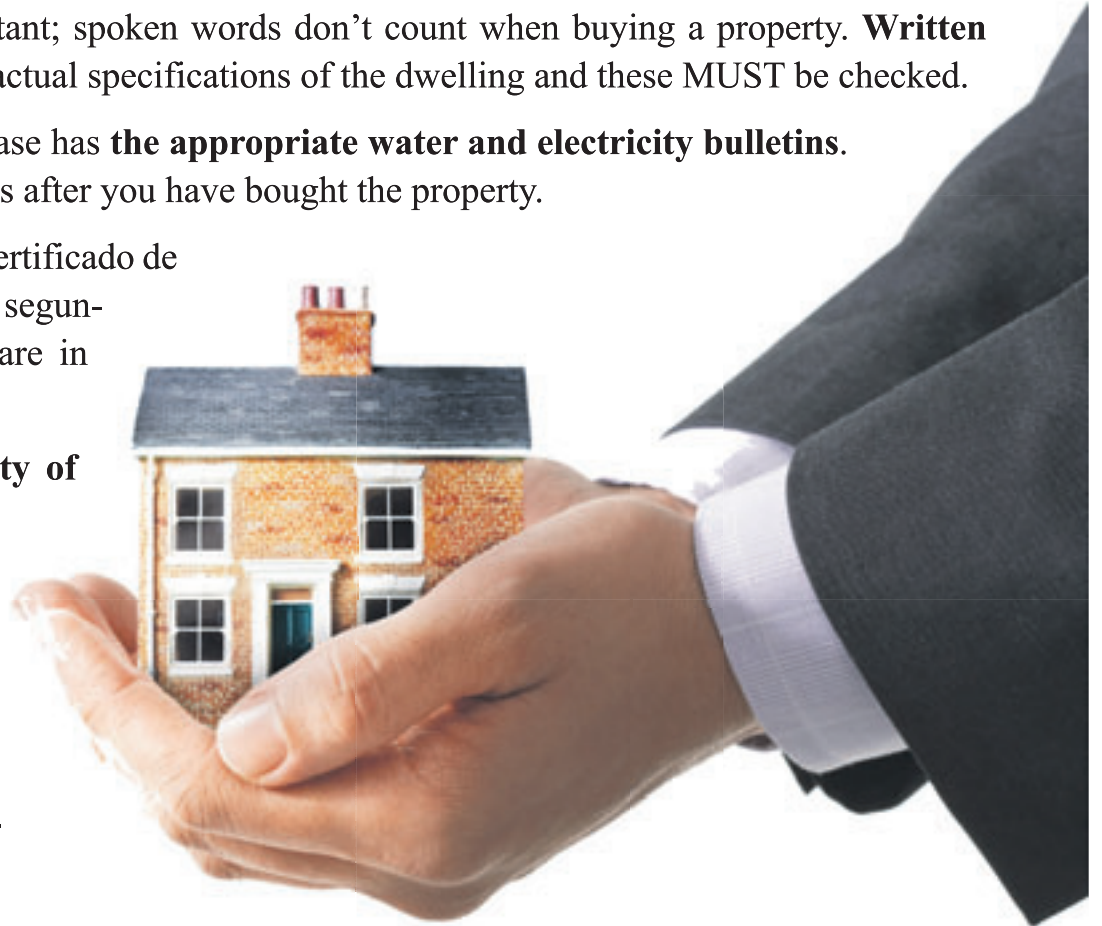
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Bats are new superhero

BATS are being recruited in a new campaign to combat the growing population of tiger mosquitoes this year.

The flying mammals are the latest weapon used in the fight against 'Aedes albopictus,' the Asian pest invading expanding areas of Spain.

Murcia City Hall will install specialised nesting boxes in the hope of attracting bats to areas identified as having large populations of

the mosquito. The local authority said a bat could consume around 1,000 mosquitoes a night and new colonies will become an effective tool against the insect.

It is also to use drones to access areas of the city that are difficult to access, with a helicopter being employed to map out part of the city particularly susceptible to invasion by the mosquito; followed by localised fumigation.

Tiger mosquitoes are said to have become active a month earlier than normal; blamed on the winter rains and recent good weather. Health councillor Felipe Coello believes the specific measures will pinpoint local populations of the mosquito and avoid the need for mass



The tiger mosquito: a growing threat.

fumigations which can adversely affect human health and the use of insecticides, which could generate a resistance to chemicals involved.

He said the fight back would include areas of the river and stagnant water; the ideal breeding ground for the mosquito.

And the public will also

be asked to help. Information leaflets are to be distributed advising how to combat the threat, these include: removing containers in which water could accumulate; screening water tanks; maintaining chlorine levels in swimming pools; regularly cleaning gutters; and not letting irrigation systems flood areas of agricultural land and gardens.

People are also advised on how to avoid being bitten. It

is recommended people use repellents - especially on the legs - maintain body hygiene, place mosquito nets across windows, and use electronic anti-insect devices.

Residents finding populations of the tiger mosquito are also asked to report these by calling 968 247 062 or by email to veteraria.sanidad@ayto-murcia.es.

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Hotel fire

QUICK action by firefighters called to an Alicante hotel on Monday prevented the need for staff and guests to be evacuated.

The flames were located in the laundry room of Hotel AC in Avenida de Elche and were quickly extinguished.

The alarm was raised at 6.15pm and hoses were quickly run down to the basement area where one of the dryers in the laundry had caught fire.

The remaining difficulty was clearing the basement area and a stairwell of a large amount of smoke.

Low key



IKEA: Keeping it low key.

ALICANTE residents want an Ikea store but have called for low key development rather than a huge new shopping centre.

The Swedish furniture giant has looked to open an outlet in the city for some years and resident associations surrounding the proposed site – near the university – are to meet soon with Ikea.

Residents said they did not

wish to look out on a huge shopping mall or new tower blocks – they also called for a green belt to be imposed and for the nearby Rabasa Lagoons to be protected.

The associations have also set out an 'ideal project' featuring a nucleus of housing of no more than 10 storeys, with wide open spaces and recreational facilities, and a new health centre.

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RESIDENTS: Trying to keep the peace with a green belt.

The road to a rubbish plant

GUARDAMAR Town Hall's backing for plans to locate a refuse transfer plant depends on building an access road.

The town hall calculated that a daily 25 lorries from Vega Baja towns would visit the plant in the Pallaret district, said Guardamar mayor Jose Luis Saez.

A road linking the CV-91 with the plant was essential, he added. Without it, lorries would need to go through the Santa Ana industrial estate or use roads bordering the urbanisations, Saez said.

"We shall continue to insist on the access issue," he continued. "If what is offered doesn't satisfy the municipality's needs, then lamentably the plant will not be located in Guardamar."

He has passed on this stipulation to Joan Piquer, the regional government's Secretary General for Climate change and Environmental Quality.

Until a few weeks ago there was little doubt that the road would be built, as it was included in the plant's €3.6 million budget. Additionally, the cost of a similar installation in Orihuela, would total more than €6 million, pointed out the consortium of Vega Baja towns that would use the plants.

The consortium's president Manuel Pineda has now asked publicly-owned Vaersa to draft more economic plans and Guardamar fears that the road could be dropped from the project.

Saez is adamant that the plant should be backed by a majority council vote and approved by Guardamar residents in a referendum that must first be authorised by the national government.

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Port under a sheltering white cloud

THE Alicante port authority will modify unloading procedures for bulk cargoes of sodium carbonate.

Apprehension recently spread when areas adjoining the port and the nearby Benalua school were enveloped by a dense white cloud. The Guardia Civil's Seprona environment protection unit was called out, as were National Police officers.

The ship involved has now left and an authorised spokesman for the port authority admitted that this could not happen again. "We



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ALICANTE PORT: Different procedures for bulk cargoes.

are working on a way to improve procedures when handling this substance," he said. Existing measures for car-

goes like sodium carbonate had functioned to an extent, the spokesman pointed out, as the previous day unloading

halted between 11am and 2.30 pm.

"The following day wind speed was below five

kilometres per hour and it was assumed that dust from the cargo would blow out to sea. This did not happen and once we were alerted, unloading stopped between 2 and 5pm," the spokesman said.

"We are quite clear that we have to alter procedures and no ship will be allowed to operate as before," he continued. "Possibly the chutes will be covered." Dampening the sodium carbonate was not an option as, unlike clinker, this would affect the substance which is much-used by local industries, he explained.

Thorough Bird Flu precautions

THE Mar Menor, Lagunas de Campotejar and Las Moreras were declared special Bird Flu vigilance zones.

These special measures, announced in the BOE, Spain's Official State Bulletin, already apply to the Mar Menor, San Pedro de Pinatar, San Javier, Los Alcazares and other areas further inland in Murcia, including Torre Pacheco, Cartagena, Molina de Segura and Lorca.

All are considered high risk areas with a ban on raising ducks and geese along with chickens and other fowl or captive birds. Neither may the latter be given water from deposits accessible to wild birds.

Chickens and other fowl must be kept away from all concentrations of animals including livestock competitions, fairs, exhibitions, cultural events and those involving cage birds.

FOUR people were arrested and charged with stealing 2,500 plastic crates worth €10,000.

The crates disappeared from the parking area of a supermarket chain in Benidorm which has reported continued thefts of the crates used for fruit and vegetables.

A Guardia Civil's ROCA unit in Ibi centred enquiries on three mem-

Crates of wrath

bers of the same Alicante City family with extensive records for stealing plastic crates and wooden pallets. Also in their sights were two Campello residents, a man and a woman, with similar records. The

male was also arrested and the woman could face charges.

The ROCA officers inspected recycling plants in the Vinalopo area and Alicante City but with the help of Orihuela's Policia Local, finally

traced the crates to a Cox scrap dealers where they found 1,400 crates. There was no record of the transaction or details of their origin as legally required, and the yard's three employees, all from Orihuela, are now under investigation.

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Streets turn blue

THE town hall is paving the way for Blue Zone parking in Santa Pola.

The council approved plans to commission an Alicante University survey giving the go-ahead to an ORA paid parking system. Once received, the project will be put on public display and meetings held with residents and business-owners before putting the ORA plan into effect. Both groups will be given the chance to lodge appeals.

The seafront and town centre are the most likely Blue Zone areas, said Infrastructure councillor Francisco Soler. These include Playa Lisa and Playa Tamarit, the Santiago Bernabeu coves, Adolfo Suarez Promenade and Avenida de Granada, together with areas adjoining the Mercado Central.

“If it were up to business-owners the Blue Zone would arrive before the summer,” said Santa Pola mayor

Yolanda Seva. “Nevertheless we are going to wait for the University study.”

Soler stressed that the town hall hoped for consensus from residents and business-owners.

“Above all we want to make clear that we shall be explaining in details the specifications for residents’ parking concessions. Neither will we paint Blue Zones overnight without first reaching an agreement from all concerned.”

Carry on and stay campers

ALICANTE CITY mayor recently visited the Playa de San Juan campervan park in Avenida Costa Blanca.

The site is the province’s first parking area where motorhomes will be welcomed and allowed to stay overnight. This follows changes in Valencian Community legislation which allows each municipality to decide whether to allow motorhomes or tell them to move on.

Meanwhile, the San Juan site remains closed but on the other side of the city dozens of

campervans are parking illegally in Urbanova between the Euiipo and Aguamarga.

“The parking area will open in June,” confirmed Tourism councillor Eva Montesinos, who admitted that campervan tourists tended to visit the city between October and May.

Montesinos also revealed that city hall plans to locate a second parking area for campervans on the southern side of the city, precisely to avoid the problems of haphazard parking and lack of facilities in the Urbanova area.

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POSIDONIA: Unsightly but it protects the shore.

Seaweed still around

SANTA POLA'S Easter visitors were surprised to find piled-up seaweed still on the Santiago Bernabeu, Varadeo and Vatasá beaches.

One visitor who spends long periods in the town throughout the year admitted he had not expected to see mounds of posidonia (ocean grass) at the Santiago Bernabeu coves. "I've only seen seaweed in the winter and it's strange to see it now," he said.

"But I can understand that after it rains a lot it must take time to get back to normal."

Clearing the shoreline involved removing more than 16,000 cubic metres of seaweed and bringing in more than 13,000 cubic metres of sieved sand to regenerate the Santiago Bernabeu beaches.

Last winter's high tides, mountainous waves and violent gales took a heavy toll on Santa

Pola's coastline. As in many other Costa Blanca resorts, the town hall decided to leave the piled up seaweed as long as possible to protect the beaches from further erosion by more bad weather.

Readying the seafront for the Easter influx began last March but although beach cleaners worked double shifts, the town hall could not meet its April 17 target for all Santa Pola's urban beaches.

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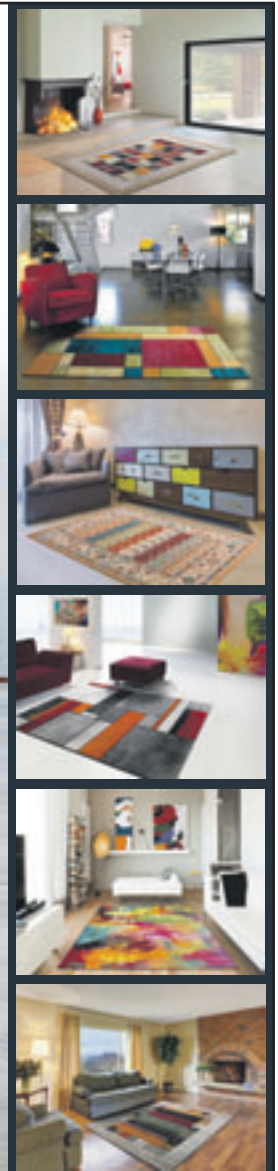
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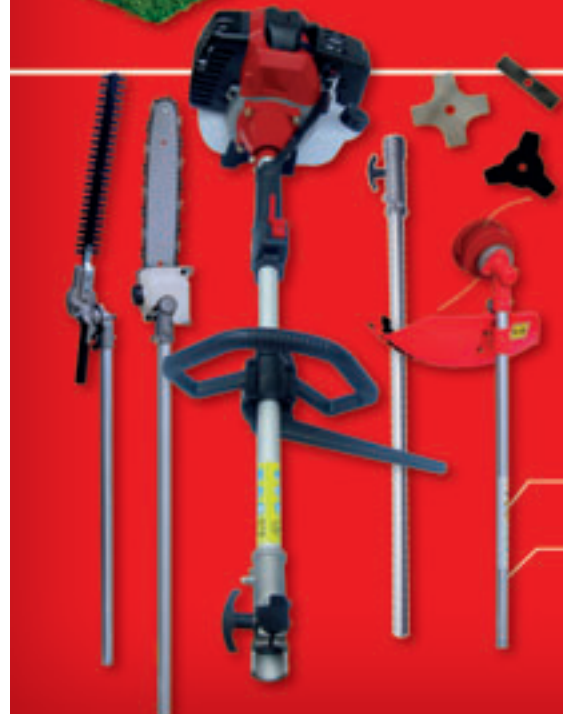
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Town hall is happy with new web page

THANKS to the Alicante Diputacion, Almoradi Town Hall has a new web page.

Renewed under the Plan Moderniza 7.0 scheme, the site is faster as well as interactive. There is also a Sede Electronica Virtual Office where residents can carry out administrative procedures quickly and easily 24 hours a day, all year round.

"If we'd had to pay someone to set up the new site it would have cost around €20,000," said New Technologies councillor Jose Girona.

As well as the new website, Almoradi has also introduced MunicipApp for smartphones and tablets. This provides information that includes upcoming municipal events, maps and a list of duty chemists, but users can also message the town hall via text, audio or photograph to report infrastructure shortcomings or



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NEW WEBSITE: Jose Girona, Maria Gomez and Adrian Ballester.

other municipal incidents.

The town hall will attend to these as rapidly as possible, said Almoradi's mayor Maria Gomez.

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A father's plea

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see the town's senior judge to discuss his claims, but has not yet managed to see him.

By the 12th day of his protest, carried out in front of the Torrevieja courts and the

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save each town a considerable

amount in overheads.

"We also wanted to contract top quality controls that respect the environment," stressed the Mancomunidad's president Jose Maria Espi, who is also mayor of Sax.

Tiger mosquitoes are the first target. Their proliferation is one of the four municipalities' principal worries owing to high temperatures, flooding, the winter storms and preceding drought.

Unless town halls take action now, they would pay for it later with an avalanche of complaints from residents, Espi warned.

Pigeons in parks, gardens and squares are also in the Mancomunidad's sights and the specialist company will be called in to control their numbers. According to the town halls, they generate dirt and bacteria, they corrode and erode stone, obstruct drainpipes, propagate illnesses and are responsible for plagues of insects.

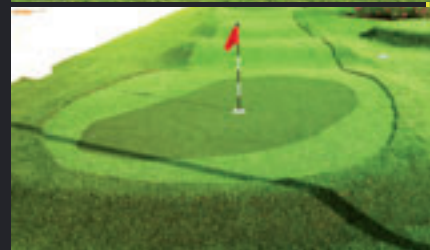


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PART of a 15-cubic hectometres water transfer from the Jucar (Valencia) is now arriving in Elche.

The transfer was approved not long before by the national government's Environment Ministry and the water now reaching the San Enrique deposit will benefit Vinalopo growers, including 600 in Elche.

The Central Board of Vinalopo and l'Alacanti Users, together with the Marina Baja Water Consortium now hopes to continue receiving Jucar water on an annual basis instead of applying for a transfer when needed.

Failing that, the Board will ask the Environment Ministry for a five-year agreement to send water, said the Central Board's spokesman Angel Urbina, who also heads the San Enrique growers' association.

Jucar water was transferred to Alicante Province for the first time in 2012 after leaks were detected in the San Diego reservoir in Villena. The national government authorised the transfer and since then the Board has negotiated four more one-off supplies with both the national government and publicly-owned Acuamed, which is attached to the Environment Ministry.

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New test centre for motorcycles

ELCHE Council has agreed to assign a plot of land that can be used for riders undergoing motorcycle tests.

The Association of Driving Schools of Elche will adapt the land, which is on Totana Street, so that its students do not have to travel to Alicante to complete their tests.

The Directorate General of

Traffic (DGT) hopes to be able to use the new services within three months for riders, which include AM (moped), A1 and A2 (motorcycle) tests.

Originally it had been hoped the facilities could also provide for bus and truck tests, however due to budgetary restrictions, those tak-

ing these exams will still be required to travel to Alicante.

Whilst the council was happy to cede the land - on a 10 year lease - it was made clear that they were unable to fund the adaptation of the site. Therefore the costs of the changes will be borne by the DGT and the driving schools of Elche.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY was sung in English and Spanish to a drumbeat of little fists banging on tables; welcome to another month at the Preventorio de Gandia, home to 48 children aged three to 14.

Generous expats along the length of the Costa Blanca support the home and last Christmas was the 10th party for the youngsters thrown by Javea-based Bay Radio with all the fun of the fair, a slap up feed, and sacks of presents.

However, the radio station's charity fund bankrolls year round assistance and for the last three years charity coordinator Silvia Barnish has visited every month armed with a €20 present for children celebrating birthdays.

This time she also took two donated birthday cakes for everyone to enjoy, the treat replacing dessert at lunchtime

and much appreciated by excited children and staff who all enjoy a family celebration.

Silvia was joined at the home by Lorraine Sutherland and Julia Borthwick from Javea International Baptist Church, which also supports the Preventorio and supplies birthday cakes – there were two days of cake this month – and a team to wrap festive gifts.

EWN was invited along for a rare peek behind the scenes and a guided tour of a magnificent building that has served as a TB hospital and an orphanage and is now a home for disadvantaged children whose own families are unable to look after them for a number of reasons.

Silvia explained over the years money has been spent keeping the gas tank – itself purchased by the fund – full in

winter, replacing 'condemned' hotplates, fridges and freezers in the kitchens, whiteboards in classrooms, and an industrial-sized washing machine and tumble dryer.

Once the top floor was home to nuns who helped care for the youngsters – the former quarters are now sealed off with glass doors to stop heat loss and to separate children's bedrooms from the living area, so little ones can get to sleep without being disturbed by their older peers.

Silvia said: "€2,000 a month goes out automatically from the charity bank account for little luxuries like ham, cheese and yoghurts; things we might normally have in the fridge for snacks."

She added: "Last month we purchased two computer notebooks to help teachers with two special little boys. One has

learning difficulties; the other is deaf and dumb. The teachers can work with them, without disturbing other children."

The cakes were wheeled into the dining room on a trolley and decorated with candles. The birthday boys and girls – Estafania, Maria Manuel, two Javier, and Manuel – get to blow out candles and are cheered as they are handed gifts by the home's director Maria Jose.

As they tuck in, there is time for a whistle stop tour; including the shared bedrooms where older children are in charge and summon help in a crisis.

Silvia added: "If there is a problem at night and a younger child is upset and unsettled, the older ones go and get the adult on duty."

The rooms have been decorated with pictures donated by DIY giant Leroy Merlin in

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There is also a storeroom - again fitted out by Leroy Merlin - houses donated clothing divided into suitable ages and shelves of toiletries and cleaning products; both are in high demand.

Silvia said: "The birthdays are the highlight of the month; before we brought presents and cake there was just singing and the traditional banging on the table. I am more proud of what we have achieved from this, than the Christmas party."

She said: "I get quite emo-

tional while I am at the home but you have to leave that behind, otherwise you take it home and feel miserable."

She was determined for ex-pats to have a glimpse of what they were helping achieve; new projects are a drying room and an extension to the library; children's books in English soon to be in demand.

Youngsters visit family at weekends - some reluctantly - and such is their attachment to the little community, that others fear having to leave at 14. One girl who 'graduated' to another home in Valencia ran away; she was found in the boiler room at the Preventorio.

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The group always welcome good quality items, including, clothing, small items of furniture and bric-a-brac for their charity shops.

Money raised from items sold in the charity shops is used to support the tireless work of the organisation.

Drop your items into the Age Concern shops in Torre Vieja or Los Montesinos, or at their centre in calle Paganini, Urb. La Siesta, Torre Vieja. Call 966 786 887 for items to be collected.

Red Cross gets by with HELP

ON Saturday April 8 HELP Murcia Mar Menor held its spring fair at the Oasis Boulevard, Los Alcazares.

Thanks to the efforts of the HELP volunteers there were a variety of stalls including goods such as outdoor solar lighting, stained glassware, jewellery, cakes and clothing as well as the ever popular tombola stall.

The highlight of the day was the fashion show which was held outdoors in the sunshine and where some high quality ladies' dresses, skirts, tops and trousers were sold at bargain prices.

During the event, music was supplied by Jim Devlin and friends who generously gave their services for free. As the afternoon passed many of the HELP volunteers and the public were able to dance to the music outside HELP's outlet.

The event raised €550 which will go together with €415 raised by HELP's auction held at the La Zona bar in March. All money raised will go towards the cash donations that HELP



“ Spring fair had stalls, music, fashion and dancing in the afternoon.

traditionally makes every year to various nominated charitable organisations in the Murcia Region.

At HELP's AGM in March the membership decided that this year the Spanish Red Cross will be the sole organisation to benefit from the charity's funds in 2017 in recognition of their work in the community and especially after all the hard work and effort they put in to helping the victims of the terrible flooding in the region in December 2016.

If you have a few hours to spare during the week and feel you would like to assist HELP Murcia Mar Menor to help others in the region please visit the charity for further information at either the office on Calle Penélope, Los Alcazares or the outlet in the Oasis Centre or call 968 570 059.

DECISION: The Spanish Red Cross will benefit from funds this year, for their help during 2016 flooding.

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Beak in, beak out

FINCA SAN MIGUEL DE SALINAS now has nine goose babies!! The first three were born on March 18, and about 10 days later another six were born. Two were a bit weak, so Mona took them home, and she called them Milo and Mila, but they are now together again with their parent and their brothers and sisters!

After a message from another rescue centre about too many dogs and not the right paperwork, three barkers, Lines, India, and Savana, came to the Finca on March 24 in order to avoid being euthanised.

India was adopted the next day by Kirsten and Wolfgang, while Renate and her husband fell in love with Savana, and adopted her after a week. They wish both girls and their new owners good luck! Lines is still at the Finca without his girlfriends. He's a lovely dog, loves walking and cuddles, and is good with other dogs. Maybe you would like to give Lines a

forever home, so please come to the Finca and meet him!

Finca San Miguel de Salinas is supported by Happy Animales Orhuela. The founder is Mona Nowak, and current residents include eight horses, four ponies, nine geese, six goats, four pigs, chickens, three dogs and some feral cats.

There is an Open Day on the last Saturday of each month, with the next on Saturday April 29, from 1-6pm. There will be food, drinks, cakes, music and a raffle. You can bring apples, carrots, tomatoes, lettuce, dog food and dog biscuits, cat food and cat biscuits or a little donation, since every euro counts. If somebody would like to donate a cake, it would be very welcome.

For more information and directions, you can become a member of their Facebook group *fincasanmigueldesalinas* or call Mona direct on 616 792 355.



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Open Day is held once a month.

Neighbourhood watch meeting

DUE to local council holidays please note the April meeting of the San Luis/La Siesta/El Chapperral neighbourhood watch in Torrevieja will now be held on Monday May 8 at 4.30pm in Casa Ventura.

Everyone is welcome to attend what is likely to be the last meeting unless someone can take it over. If anyone is able to assist with this to ensure the neighbourhood watch can continue please attend and speak with current president Janice Gray.

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Humanists of Murcia



BEST BEHAVIOUR: Humanists model their hats.

cycled into a prize for his word puzzle quiz, which he said was straightforward, but most didn't think so. Altogether it was an enjoyable afternoon with the Equinox thoroughly celebrated.

A large group of Darwinian Gardeners joined a coach trip to the Floración in Cieza where they were met by Pepe who was an excellent guide for the morning. The group drove through miles of orchards of stone fruit, peaches, apricots and plums.

They learned about the different methods of protection. In some fields there were little heaters on the ground, in other fields the heaters were suspended up above the trees, and tarpaulins pulled over to keep the heat in.

There were also atomisers to coat the blossoms in water, which when frozen protects them from temperatures of below zero.

Next month the Darwinian

Gardeners will be visiting COATO to learn about the production of paprika, almond and olive products. If you would like to join the Gardening Club, please email darwinianardeners@gmail.com.

The discussion also took place and was kicked off by John and Rhian on the subject of 'toleration.' It was not long into the discussion that everyone realised that this had to be a conversation on tolerance and intolerance, as most people are striving to be tolerant of certain things in the world, but are also intolerant of certain bad behaviour and injustices. Many other ideas were discussed and the conversation was interesting and at times very humorous.

Anyone is free to join the Humanists of Murcia and the group would welcome all ideas. Anyone interested should contact the group via the website humanists.bolnuevo.com.

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SOME 30 humanists assembled for the Vernal Equinox lunch at the Boca Pizza restaurant in Puerto.

After an excellent meal the entertainment began with the modelling of entries for the hat competition. The brief was to decorate a hat, in any style, to reflect the meaning of the Equinox, and everyone was rewarded with a wide variety of imaginative designs.

Spring flowers, both real and artificial; suns and moons; day and night; 23.5 degrees and rabbits ears with carrots, were all in evidence, and showed off the skill and enthusiasm of the members.

The worthy winner was a hat decorated with a clever combination of a spring, a horse and an ox, made by Deryck. His prize, a chocolate egg was immediately re-

Spring clean and help charity

HOUSEHOLDERS planning a spring clean are asked to think of recycling unwanted items through Age Concern's charity shops.

The charity is always grate-

“ **Declutter your house and donate to Age Concern.**

ful for good quality items - including clothing, small pieces of furniture, and bric-a-brac - to offer for sale.

Money raised by the charity shops is used to support the work of the organisation in the community.

Any donations can be taken directly to the shops in Torrevecija or Los Montesinos or to the Age Concern Centre at Calle Paganini, Urbanisation La Siesta 03184, Torrevecija.

And anyone wishing for any items to be collected should call Age Concern on 966 786 887.

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General Election could be Second Referendum



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

THERE was considerable surprise when Theresa May announced on April 18 that she wished to call a snap General Election.

All opinion polls suggest that the Conservative party is in a very strong position, whilst support for Labour has steadily waned.

Having been accused of being a leader without a mandate as she simply replaced David Cameron as Prime Minister and despite the fact that parties not the electorate vote for the leader, she clearly wants to be seen as a leader supported by the people.

She argues that it is better to have the election now so that she is in a position to negotiate Brexit from a position of strength rather than wait and to be 'hamstrung' by



Photo by Jay Allen Crown

THERESA MAY: Wants to be a leader supported by the people.

opposition parties in the lead up to Britain's departure from the European Union.

Under recent legislation, the only way in which an election can be held is if there is a vote of no confidence in a sitting government or if two thirds of MPs (434) vote to agree an early election.

The vote will be held presently and Labour has already indicated that it will support the motion so that the election will almost cer-

tainly be held on June 8 of this year.

There has been such division over the results of the referendum that not only will this election be addressed on party political terms, it will also give those who are for and against Brexit an opportunity to align themselves with the political party that offers the best solution for them.

In theory, this should be a 'walkover' for the Conservatives

but because the referendum result caused so much dissension, voters could either support the Brexiteers en masse or could conceivably switch should the LibDems for example promise to reverse the decision if elected, perhaps in coalition with the SNP.

One thing is for sure and that is that those expatriates who had been out of the country for more than 15 years and were looking forward to being able to vote in the planned 2020 general election are going to continue to be disenfranchised as far as this election is concerned.

With just eight weeks before the expected election, there are bound to be some very forthright exchanges between a number of politicians and some very nervous opinion pollsters who seem to have the ability to get everything wrong at the moment.

Some of those no longer in the House of Commons could find themselves in a position where they will be lobbying against the parties that they have been involved with for their entire political careers and to a limited extent, this general election could be considered a second referendum.

EU on France and Turkey

THE focus of the European Union moved away from Britain and Brexit over the last week to consider France and Turkey.

The French Presidential elections are now moving forwards with the front runners being the Nationalist Marine Le Pen and the Centrist Emmanuel Macron.

The other nine candidates are likely to be dropped before a showdown between the two front runners if opinion polls are to be believed and in the event that Ms Le Pen is elected she has promised to stop all immigration to France until a new way of controlling it can be introduced.

In the meantime, the Turkish referendum has seen a narrow majority in favour of turning Turkey into a presidential republic and seeing incumbent Erdogan in power until 2029.

As the 'threat' of Turkey joining the European Union appears to drift away with this latest news, many who were worried about the possibility of thousands of Turks sweeping across Europe will be more comfortable.



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A fun time for busy 'Crescendo Choir'

APRIL has certainly been a busy month for 'Crescendo Choir.' On April 7, they gave their six-monthly concert to the residents and staff of Casa Verde in Almoradi.

The elderly residents love to join in with the traditional Spanish songs. Top favourite is 'Amapola', which means poppy. This time it was so popular that the choir had to sing it again.

The following Friday at rehearsal in El Paraiso restaurant, Mary Mitchell, choir president, was delighted to hand over a cheque for €100 to Jean McNary.

Jean is a member of the Torre Vieja Hospital Fellowship who provides drinks, cakes, and sweets to outpatients of Torre Vieja hospital, who receive chemotherapy treatment. This is funded by donations and as some members have



MUSIC HEALS: Jean McNary receives a donation.

received this treatment, it was a way to say a big thank you.

The event took place on Good Friday, so Irene, the choir's MD did not have to rush off to her teaching job and they decided to stay at the restaurant for tapas and a chat.

On Friday April 21, the choir will be singing at Benjofar church. This is a free concert starting at 7pm but there

will be a collection in aid of church restoration.

For information on past and future concerts by 'Crescendo International Choir,' please visit the website www.crescendo-choir.com or come along to one of our rehearsals at El Paraiso, Urb Jardin del Mar 3, on Friday mornings from 9.30 – 12am where you will be made very welcome.

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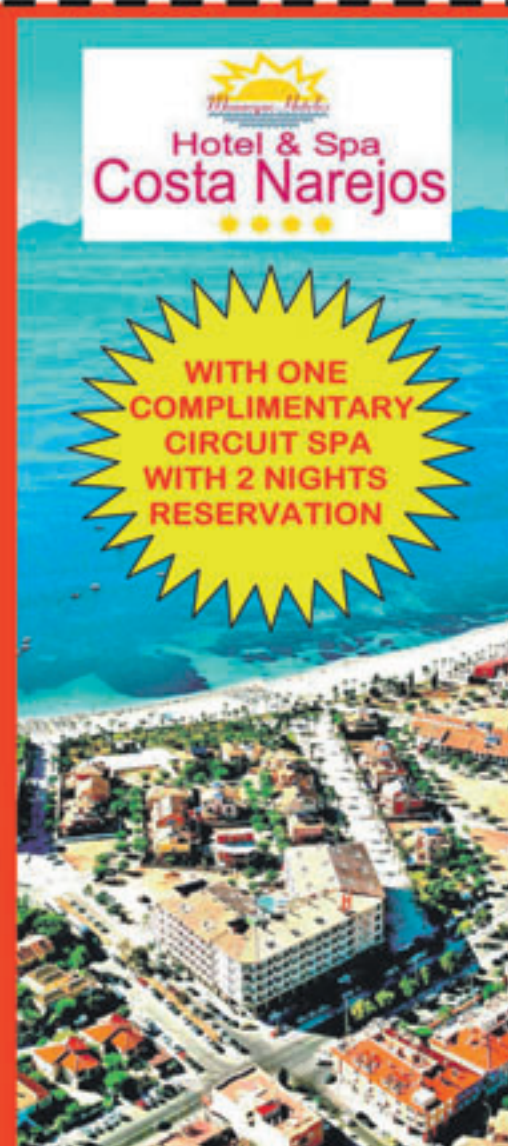
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Chris Wyatt, District Secretary said: "We are delighted that the Legion will now

have a real presence in this area of Murcia. Branch members will be able to enjoy a varied social life as well as raising money for the Poppy Appeal and helping with Community Support. We wish them all the very best for the future."

For details about Branch meetings, please contact Lynn, the new Secretary by emailing murcia.secretary.rbl@gmail.com.

Visitors will be made most welcome. This is a great opportunity to join the largest UK Charity dealing with Armed Forces support and combine this with an active social diary as part of enjoying life in Spain.

For Community Support please ring 676 451 780 or see the website www.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/spain-north.

Off-and-on speed traps

THE efficacy of Alicante Province's fixed speed traps was questioned by Automovilistas Europeas Asociados (AEA).

Although some clearly did not function according to data collected by AEA, the province's most active speed traps were responsible for 51,179 fines last year compared with 49,214 in 2015.

The detector at the foot of the steep Maigmo descent on the A-7 between Alcoy and Alicante

City was not responsible for even one fine in 2015 or 2016, puzzled AEA sources said.

But while some radars appeared not to function, others upped their output, like an N-332 speed trap near Benidorm which progressed from 0 in 2016 to 4,191 last year.

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Lost and found

A BALL lost by an under 19's football club in Aberdeen after it was kicked into the River Dee, has been found more than 1,000 miles away washed up on the north coast of Norway.

Terror prank

A RUSSIAN teenager has been re-

manded in custody in relation to a bomb scare in Oslo. The 17-year-old is charged with terror offences but his lawyers said the incident was just a prank.

Going down

THE Norwegian birth rate has decreased for the seventh consecutive year with the birth rate now 1.71.

GERMANY**Cyber crime**

A MAN has been convicted and fined €4,800 for a hate speech against a Green Party politician. The Berlin court found the 57-year-old guilty of verbally insulting the politician in two Facebook posts.

in May and address the protestant church's annual assembly to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

they managed to steal Munich's maypole.

Maypole theft

MUNICH'S maypole has been stolen. But it was all part of a spring tradition where rival towns try to steal each other's maypoles. This year, the village of Neufinsing beat a Goliath as

Costly digs

MUNICH has been named as having the most expensive rent for students with a typical student apartment measuring 30 square metres close to a university costing €634 a month including utilities.

FRANCE**Bike hike**

ANNUAL subscriptions for the Velib bike rental scheme in Paris are expected to rise by as much as 35 per cent in January 2018 when the new provider Smoove comes into force and introduces new bikes and new stations.

Mosque threat

A MOSQUE in the eastern suburbs of Paris has been closed as authorities deemed it 'a threat to security' believing radical ideology was being preached.

Borders closed

PRESIDENTIAL candidate Marine Le Pen has said if elected she would immediately move to close France's borders and deport foreigners on a watch list of Islamist radicals.

Pet travel

PARIS has relaxed its rules on dogs travelling on the Metro. Previously only small pooches were permitted but larger dogs can now take the Metro although they must have a ticket and will not be able to travel for free.

BELGIUM**Passenger increase**

BRUSSELS Airport had a record month in March with some 1,879,510 passengers going through the terminal, an increase of 9.8 per cent compared to March 2015. The airport was closed due to terrorist attacks in March last year.

Begging in Brussels

BRUSSELS Public Prosecutor has said that the problem of begging is now a priority. Begging is not a punishable offence but the Public Prosecutor can intervene to prevent potential human trafficking or in cases concerning minors.

Job move

INSURERS Lloyd's of London is planning to move jobs out of London to a new Brussels office post Brexit to secure its presence in the EU.

Chippy demolished

ONE of the most famous chippies in Brussels, Maison Antoine, in the European district, has been demolished. A new one is being planned, but a mobile chippy will supply local workers in the meantime.

NETHERLANDS**Assisted suicide**

OFFICIAL cases of euthanasia rose 10 per cent in the Netherlands last year, accounting for 4 per cent of all deaths in the country. Of the 6,091 euthanasia cases, 87 per cent of assisted deaths involved people with cancer, serious heart or lung problems.

Permission granted

THE Junior Justice Minister Klaas Dijkhoff, has allowed 240 refugees to stay in the country even though their earlier appeals had failed. He received 780 requests for clemency in the last two years.

Benefits bill

MORE jobs in the Dutch market helped reduce the bill of unemployment benefits by 7 per cent last year. The number of unemployment benefit claims fell from 446,000 to 412,000 over the year.

Easter break

THE national tourist board expected almost a million foreign visitors to the Netherlands over Easter weekend, with around 65 per cent of them from Germany.

DENMARK**Guilty plea**

A FATHER, aged 38, has pleaded guilty to the murder of his three children and their mother who were found in an apartment near Copenhagen. A police statement said that officers were greeted by a 'terrible scene.'

Security concern

THE mayor of Copenhagen has told the public the Danish capital is well prepared to defend itself against any possible terror attack and said the city will continue to work to secure itself.

Unusual beer

IT may not be to everyone's taste but Danish farmers have reportedly brewed a beer using the urine collected from music festivals. It was used in fertilising malting barley used in the beer process.

Dignified death

A DANISH nurse broke protocol and allowed a dying man a final cigarette and a glass of wine within the hospital grounds surrounded by his family.

SWEDEN**Terrorist in court**

THERE was armed security around Stockholm District Court as 39-year-old Rakhmat Akilov, appeared and admitted to committing a terrorist crime. He is the man suspected of driving a truck into pedestrians killing four people.

Cash-less theft

THIEVES have used a mobile phone app to rob a man. The gang threatened the man in Gothenburg making him send them cash using the money transfer app Swish.

No claim

A COURT has ruled that a midwife who refused to carry out abortions based on her religious beliefs, was not discriminated against as her employer required abortions to be carried out by its staff.

Music boost

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COMPUTER HACKER: Was thought to have acted during the US Presidential election.

Screen spook

■ A SUSPECTED Russian computer hacker was detained in Spain under an American arrest warrant. US authorities believe Pyotr Levashov was involved in hacking attacks during the 2016 Presidential election. Some analysts believe that the Kremlin used skilled computer programmers to help swing the election in Donald Trump's favour.

Passport privilege

■ AFTER 15 people were killed in a terrorist attack on the Petersburg Metro, president Putin is threatening to take away passports from Russian citizens who fight for Islamist groups. Natural-born citizens are protected under the constitution, but many others could be exiled from Russia if their loyalty is doubted.

Weepy warriors

■ COSSACKS, the ancient Russian warrior tribe, are so angry with the American president that they might strip him of his 'Honourary Cossack' badge. The hardcore nationalists were smitten with the Donald when he promised

to respect Russia. But his airstrikes on Syria ended the honeymoon early.

Living longer

■ THE average Moscow resident can now expect to live until the ripe old age of 77, a three year increase from 2010. Mayor Sergei Sobyenin expressed his delight with the news but said better healthcare is needed. Across Russia life expectancy stands at around 72, compared with 82 in Spain.

Top travel

■ DESPITE tensions last summer, Turkey is now back at the

top of the table for Russian tourists. It is the most popular holiday spot for Russia's famous May breaks, beating Greece, Cyprus and even Crimea. People are finding cheaper accommodation and better service abroad.

Chubby cats

■ CATS and dogs are being recruited for a new Russian pet food tasting centre run by global sweet giant Mars. Russian animal shelters will supply 260 cats and 100 dogs to researchers who will test for taste and nutrition. Mars also owns Whiskas, Pedigree, and Royal Canin.

Tooth terror

■ AN artist has created a terrifying sculpture designed to warn dental patients about the danger of forgetting to floss. Mariana Shumkova's piece is now in a St Petersburg waiting room and features a deformed human face with an even more twisted mouth made out of 403 real teeth.



SCULPTURE: Don't forget to floss!

Shift away from over the odds oil

SPANISH olive oil prices have again increased following a brief respite at the end of March.

Since the start of the 2016/17 season last October, the average price of a kilo of oil has caused domestic demand for the product to fall as consumers move towards cheaper products, particularly sunflower oil.

According to Ministry of Agriculture data, 213,000 tonnes of olive oil have been snapped up by the domestic market over the last five months, a 9 per cent drop compared with figures for 2015/16.

1.6 million tonnes

of olive oil was produced by Spain in 2011/12, a national record.

However, the Association of Industrial Packers and Refiners of Edible Oils (ANIERAC), which handles 70 per cent of all sales within Spain, estimates the reduction to be as much as 12 per cent, with a resultant boost to the

sunflower oil market.

In February, sales of olive oil handled by ANIERAC dropped from 28,114 tonnes in 2016 to 21,226 tonnes, while the cheaper sunflower oil jumped from 19,300 to 25,320 tonnes.

In recent weeks, unrefined lampante olive oil has been selling for around €3.70 per kilo, virgin oil for €3.75 and extra virgin oil for €3.80.

These prices have been reflected in a final cost of €4.50-5 per litre to the consumer, and a near-total absence of special offers in supermarkets and other shops, while sunflower oil, which retails at around €1 per litre, has been flying off the shelves.

Olive oil exports, meanwhile, increased by 30 per cent despite the price hike, the situation triggered by poor harvests across Europe.

More bank notes

THE production of fake €20 and €50 bank notes continues to be investigated by the authorities and three women have been arrested in Oviedo.

Investigations by the National Police revealed the fact that these three women had been producing and distributing these counterfeit notes for three years through shops and small businesses in the north of Spain.

They were quite blatant about their activity, spending the notes on a daily basis and when officers raided the property where the fake notes were produced, they found €5,000 in printed fakes and sufficient paper to produce additional notes to a value of €10,000.

Quote of the Week

"The Banco Popular does not present solvency problems," according to the Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Irene Garrido on the financial position of the Spanish bank.



Abengoa Group moving forward



CRÉDIT AGRICOLE: The main shareholders.

By John Smith

MAJOR investors are divesting themselves of shares in the Abengoa Group which was previously close to bankruptcy on a worldwide basis.

By the end of 2016, the organisation had managed to put a recovery plan into place and was even able to take one of its main US based subsidiaries out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as the business started to turn around.

Santander bank which was the largest single shareholder has reduced its shareholding from 9.63

per cent to 2.4 per cent without materially hurting the business which is refinancing and now French bank Crédit Agricole has taken over as the largest shareholder with 8.77 per cent of equity.

The next chapter in the future of the company will see it concentrate more on engineering activity undertaking third party projects, which whilst showing smaller margins of profit, are less risky.

In order to succeed however, the group recognises that it will need to continue to reduce its financial exposure and debt.

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Economic move

THE Junta de Andalucía is considering the possibility of purchasing properties where owners are no longer able to afford to pay the mortgage and then renting them back to those in the properties. The idea behind this is that if it can save families from going to court and being evicted then it will be good for the economy in the long run.

Inflation down

THERE has been some good news for consumers in Spain as the Consumer Price Index for March fell to 2.3 per cent, from 3 per cent in February. The bulk of this fall is thanks to drops in the price of fuel and energy although vegetable prices have also dropped following increases due to the appalling winter weather.

Nissan news

JAPANESE car manufacturer Nissan has seen some exceptional results in sales within Europe in the 12-month period from April 2015 to March 2016. Overall sales were up by 2.6 per cent but in Spain the increase was a phenomenal 13.3 per cent with the sale of just over 69,000 vehicles.

Trump makes settlement

A SPANISH chef has settled a lawsuit with the Trump organisation after pulling out of a deal with a Trump hotel.

Originally celebrity chef José Andrés who is considered responsible for promoting the concept

of quality tapas in the USA was due to open a Spanish restaurant in one of the Trump hotels in Washington DC, but pulled out after the presidential candidate made depreciating remarks about Mexicans.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,170.25	-0.65	-0.06	16,447.83
Associated British Foods	2,708.50	78.49	3.00	20,702.28
Admiral Group	2,029.00	16.39	0.82	5,726.98
Ashtead Group	1,652.00	-27.16	-1.62	8,377.01
Antofagasta	835.75	10.37	1.26	8,128.39
Aviva	517.50	-0.27	-0.05	21,094.65
AstraZeneca	4,742.50	4.03	0.09	59,919.93
BAE Systems	642.50	-3.90	-0.60	20,547.03
Babcock International Group	885.50	1.69	0.19	4,466.95
Barclays	212.65	-1.05	-0.49	36,285.70
British American Tobacco	5,381.00	2.67	0.05	100,340.90
Barratt Developments	572.25	-1.34	-0.24	5,674.27
British Land Co	652.50	-0.85	-0.13	6,724.39
BHP Billiton	1,269.00	-8.62	-0.68	26,781.07
Bunzl	2,365.50	-5.51	-0.23	7,957.80
BP	471.13	-1.62	-0.34	92,993.05
Burberry Group	1,762.50	-5.10	-0.29	7,733.03
BT Group	313.10	-2.27	-0.72	31,445.10
Coca-Cola HBC	2,095.50	1.85	0.09	7,608.95
Carnival	4,558.00	5.54	0.12	9,673.68
Centrica	216.30	-1.05	-0.48	12,044.48
Compass Group	1,550.50	2.44	0.16	25,454.72
Croda International	3,625.00	25.11	0.70	4,723.61
CRH	2,701.00	-39.29	-1.43	22,918.17
ConvaTec Group	289.10	1.12	0.39	5,622.19
DCC	7,135.00	-41.95	-0.58	6,377.02
Diageo	2,298.00	-10.47	-0.45	58,021.58
Direct Line Insurance Group	343.80	2.08	0.61	4,699.75
Experian	1,621.00	-5.73	-0.35	15,365.01
easyJet	1,064.00	2.35	0.22	4,210.41
Fresnillo	1,641.00	24.96	1.54	11,908.20
GKN	352.70	-1.69	-0.48	6,089.50
Glencore	309.05	-2.99	-0.97	44,623.70
GlaxoSmithKline	1,647.00	0.31	0.02	80,914.17
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1,919.00	0.49	0.03	4,612.39
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,344.00	0.91	0.07	6,370.10
Hammerson	585.50	-0.11	-0.02	4,663.95
HSBC Holdings	643.90	-10.30	-1.57	129,915.69
International Consolidated Air	540.00	4.37	0.82	11,290.78
InterContinental Hotels Group	3,934.00	11.44	0.29	7,782.59
3i Group	771.75	4.29	0.56	7,451.71
Imperial Brands	3,933.50	18.79	0.48	37,567.09
Informa	659.00	0.60	0.09	5,413.71
Intu Properties	287.05	-1.33	-0.46	3,905.23
Intertek Group	4,062.50	8.60	0.21	6,546.00
ITV	217.40	-0.23	-0.11	8,735.14
Johnson Matthey	3,016.00	-5.14	-0.17	5,831.16
Kingfisher	327.00	-0.97	-0.30	7,284.26
Land Securities Group	1,117.00	-0.20	-0.02	8,840.58
Legal & General Group	251.60	2.76	1.11	14,864.11

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	62.71	0.07	0.11	44,691.06
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,227.50	4.11	0.13	11,275.90
Micro Focus International	2,534.00	43.26	1.75	5,681.57
Mediclinic International	759.50	24.36	3.31	5,429.80
Merlin Entertainments	486.40	2.43	0.50	4,911.44
Marks & Spencer Group	346.80	2.34	0.68	5,590.69
Mondi	1,979.00	-7.44	-0.38	9,512.00
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	234.40	1.76	0.76	5,418.61
National Grid	1,036.00	-5.56	-0.53	39,036.08
Next	4,193.00	38.62	0.93	6,104.32
Old Mutual Group	194.90	3.19	1.66	9,495.12
Provident Financial	3,122.50	21.54	0.69	4,596.09
Paddy Power Betfair	8,525.00	-12.43	-0.15	7,158.90
Prudential	1,663.50	-1.55	-0.09	43,025.03
Persimmon	2,221.00	33.67	1.54	6,748.77
Pearson	632.50	-6.31	-0.99	5,227.54
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,448.50	-18.26	-0.25	52,488.57
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	228.40	-3.03	-1.31	27,403.25
Royal Dutch Shell	2,106.50	-9.00	-0.42	95,398.38
RELX	1,583.50	-8.18	-0.51	17,141.46
Rio Tinto	3,121.00	-27.02	-0.86	43,505.12
Royal Mail	423.95	4.49	1.07	4,192.00
Rolls-Royce Group	828.50	-1.89	-0.23	15,282.31
Randgold Resources	7,540.00	83.23	1.12	6,978.34
RSA Insurance Group	597.00	-0.54	-0.09	6,024.23
Rentokil Initial	253.10	0.96	0.38	4,631.92
Sainsbury (J)	258.40	0.60	0.23	5,644.51
Schroders	3,112.00	-2.11	-0.07	7,018.00
Sage Group (The)	663.50	13.51	2.08	7,025.59
Shire	4,585.25	21.26	0.47	41,119.05
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,066.00	-2.58	-0.12	4,897.08
Sky	982.50	1.96	0.20	16,777.61
Standard Life	368.70	2.29	0.63	7,473.79
Smiths Group	1,617.50	-8.24	-0.51	6,426.08
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt	368.50	-1.61	-0.43	5,034.92
Smith & Nephew	1,259.00	-8.92	-0.71	11,016.97
SSE	1,495.00	-11.13	-0.74	15,274.43
Standard Chartered	709.50	-10.92	-1.51	23,697.44
St James's Place	1,066.00	-0.11	-0.01	5,590.08
Severn Trent	2,444.00	6.35	0.26	5,727.83
Tesco	181.50	-2.63	-1.42	15,074.78
TUI AG	1,094.00	-2.92	-0.27	6,439.81
Taylor Wimpey	196.90	2.08	1.07	6,409.22
Unilever	4,033.00	-27.28	-0.67	52,179.04
United Utilities Group	1,014.00	1.16	0.11	6,907.53
Vodafone Group	204.00	-0.30	-0.15	54,388.91
Wolseley	4,926.00	-16.08	-0.33	12,436.52
Worldpay Group	300.00	-1.72	-0.57	6,034.00
WPP Group	1,738.00	0.79	0.05	22,214.07
Whitbread	4,175.00	23.94	0.58	7,555.03

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AMERICAN EXPRESS	75,8000	-1.15%	-0,8800	68M
APPLE	141,050	-0.53%	-0,750	740M
BOEING CO	175,620	-0.24%	-0,430	106M
CATERPILLAR	93,100	-1.86%	-1,760	54M
CHEVRON	106,10	-2.63%	-2,87	201M
CISCO SYSTEMS	32,420	-0.61%	-0,200	162M
COCA-COLA	42,79	-0.35%	-0,15	183M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	77,4400	-1.26%	-0,9900	66M
EXXON MOBIL	81,69	-1.54%	-1,28	338M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	29,5600	-0.71%	-0,2100	257M
GOLDMAN SACHS	223,32	-1.08%	-2,43	88M
HOME DEPOT	145,9100	-0.43%	-0,6300	175M
IBM	169,53	-0.66%	-1,13	159M
INTEL CORP	35,2500	-1.07%	-0,3800	166M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	84,4000	-1.17%	-1,0000	300M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	124,9900	-0.33%	-0,4100	338M
MC DONALD'S CORP	130,7600	-0.38%	-0,5000	107M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,61	-0.70%	-0,44	171M
MICROSOFT	64,950	-0.43%	-0,280	501M
NIKE	55,34	-0.41%	-0,23	73M
PFIZER	33,8800	-0.12%	-0,0400	201M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,030	-0.31%	-0,280	230M
TRAVELERS CIES	120,53	-0.77%	-0,93	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	112,09	-0.13%	-0,15	89M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	164,96	-0.36%	-0,60	157M
VERIZON COMMS	48,62	-0.61%	-0,30	198M
VISA	88,87	+0.21%	0,19	165M
WAL-MART STORES	73,1500	-0.39%	-0,2900	221M
WALT DISNEY CO	113,2000	+0.14%	0,1600	179M

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CLOSING PRICES APRIL 17

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Nexvet Biopharma plc	\$ 6.62	2.57 ▲ 63.46%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	\$ 45.30	4.48 ▲ 10.98%
ImmunoGen, Inc.	\$ 3.24	0.28 ▲ 9.46%
SkyWest, Inc.	\$ 33.05	2.65 ▲ 8.72%
Acceleron Pharma Inc.	\$ 28.69	2.16 ▲ 8.14%
Enzmoztec Ltd.	\$ 8.70	0.65 ▲ 8.07%
Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 42.27	2.92 ▲ 7.42%
Flexion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 27.97	1.82 ▲ 6.96%
Alder BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 21.70	1.40 ▲ 6.90%
Blueprint Medicines Corporation	\$ 45.59	2.81 ▲ 6.57%
Okta, Inc.	\$ 24.49	1.49 ▲ 6.48%
Most Declined		
SkyPeople Fruit Juice, Inc.	\$ 2.94	2.39 ▼ 44.84%
DAVIDSTEALTEA Inc.	\$ 6.25	1.30 ▼ 17.22%
Papa Murphy's Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.66	0.92 ▼ 13.98%
China TechFaith Wireless Com Tech Limited	\$ 2.41	0.38 ▼ 13.62%
Apogee Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 50.72	7.36 ▼ 12.67%
Oncobiologics, Inc.	\$ 2.05	0.20 ▼ 8.89%
Smart Sand, Inc.	\$ 14.18	1.35 ▼ 8.69%
Selecta Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 13.95	1.28 ▼ 8.40%
ObsEva SA	\$ 7.40	0.65 ▼ 8.07%
Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc.	\$ 18.90	1.60 ▼ 7.80%
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Sultans of bling

THERE are 25 Spaniards on the most recently published special 30th anniversary edition of the Forbes Rich List. For the first time ever, in 2017 the iconic list registers more than 2,000 billionaires on the planet.

The total net worth of the 2,043 richest people on earth rose by 18 per cent to clock \$7.67 trillion for the April 2017 round up. Bill Gates continues to lead the rich pack with his \$86 billion fortune.

With just 25 names, Spain is somewhat unfairly misrepresented on the list. Forbes names only individuals rather than families, meaning that the heir to a family fortune is not included.

That minor caveat excludes major Spanish financial players such as the March brothers, the Riberas and the Botin family from the list.

The four brothers from Mallorca who lead Banco March have combined assets of €4.4 billion but since there is no undisputed leader who can claim it as his own, all four are left off the list.

The vast majority of Spain's super wealth is in the hands of family firms. The exceptions are Amancio Ortega, founder of Zara, and Juan Roig, the president of Mercadona.

ON THE LIST:
Mercadona
founder Juan
Roig.



Black day for banking empire

By Matthew Elliott

ONE of Spain's biggest banks registered another black day in its steadily downward trajectory. Banco Popular now has a stock market value barely north of €3 billion after losing more than €780 million in just 12 days.

Investors are deeply upset. The dramatic loss comes after Standard and Poor dropped Popular's credit rating from a B+ to a B and projected a negative outlook for the bank's future.

Moody's are similarly pessimistic, while most analysts see little choice ahead except for a massive corporate overhaul. A capital increase planned for the third quarter of 2017 would be the fourth in five years, scant encouragement for the future.

Banco Popular is now trading at just 0.28 times its book value, by far the lowest in Spain. Sabadell is trading at 0.71, Bankia at 0.96 and BBVA at 0.98. Caixa and Santander fare even better.

Popular is also out on a very dangerous limb thanks to its deep exposure to brick, with tens of billions in problematic assets. Perhaps more than any other bank, Popular is fearful of the impending mortgage-floor clause reckoning.

The bank, along with many others, will



BANCO POPULAR: Cannot count on foreign investors to save the day.

fork out billions in compensation to homeowners in the next decade or so after a transformative judgement from the European Court of Justice.

Nor can Banco Popular count on the intervention of foreign investors to save the day. Spain is almost alone among major western economies in proving completely resistant to foreign banking success stories. No foreign

entity has ever been able to develop commercial banking in Spain.

One glimmer of hope comes from Banco Popular's new management, led by president Emilio Saracho and CEO Ignacio Sanchez. Neither have deep personal ties to the bank and are believed to be far more open to radical remodelling policies than their respective predecessors.

Spain leads high flyers

SPAIN leads a newly published ranking of the top 120 fastest growing companies in Europe. Of the 120 high flying firms, 30 are in Spain, more than any other country.

The list was published by British newspaper the *Financial Times*, which compiled an enormous list of the 1,000 fastest growing companies on the continent between 2012 and 2015.

Most of the companies are relatively new, which accounts for their extremely fast growth rates. The top Spanish performer for instance is 14th placed Lookotels, which saw revenue grow by 3,491 per cent in just four years after its founding in 2010.

Other high performing Spanish companies include Biomasa Forestal, which has just 22 employees yet came 16th with a revenue of almost €7 million, up from just pennies in 2011.

Spain is abundantly represented in the construction, design, energy, tourism and food sectors.

One private international school, the Aquinas American School in



MADRID: One private international school increased its revenue tenfold.

Madrid increased revenue tenfold from €302,117 in 2012 to more than €3 million in 2015.

In the top 120 only Britain and Germany came close to Spain. But when extrapolated to the top 1,000

fast growing companies, Spain falls back into fifth place with 104 companies, behind Germany with 237, the UK with 236, Italy with 188 and France with 140.

At the very top is HelloFresh, a

German meal delivery service which is now present in various European and North American countries, plus Australia having increased revenue by 13,159 per cent.

Gangsters paradise

A BESTSELLING crime author has pinpointed Andorra as the place Spain and Spanish banks keep their secret cash reserves. Roberto Saviano is best known for his expose of the Italian Camorra crime syndicates but has focused his financial telescope on legitimate European politics.

The expert on organised crime, who has been in hiding for more than 10 years, says cash-strapped European banks are embracing organised crime to keep reserves flowing. He explicitly targets Spain for its tax havens in Andorra, and claims the UK is the most financially corrupt country in Europe.

There are no controls over the flow of cash from London to Gibraltar he claims. Every country has its ways of laundering money, while all of them continue to use Swiss accounts to escape proper scrutiny. Brexit, he says, is part of a plan to make Britain an offshore banking paradise.

Spain's taxi empire turmoil

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Plastic not cash

MORE than half of Spanish consumers now pay with plastic instead of cash. A recent consumer survey found that 54 per cent of all payments made in Spain are now completed with debit or credit cards. Comfort, security and ease of use are key driving factors behind the growing move towards a cashless economy.

Ice cream kings

SPAIN has a new undisputed king of ice cream. The Farga family from Catalonia secured the purchase of Grupo Kalise La Menorquina of the Balearic Islands. With the acquisition the family will now produce an incredible 40 million litres of ice cream each year with a turnover that should exceed €140 million.

Electric avenue

AFTER just six years operating in Spain, Amazon, the American delivery giant, is already more popular than El Corte Ingles. Electronic commerce was worth a staggering €11.64 billion last year, of which €871 was facilitated by Amazon.es. Like millions of consumers across the western world, Spanish people are embracing online shopping.

By Matthew Elliott

SPAIN'S taxi driver empire may crumble earlier than expected. Uber, the popular taxi firm, is now developing expansion plans in Madrid after being banned from the country.

Uber allows people to hire taxis and pay for them online using an easy smart phone application. Cheaper rides and faster, cash free service have seen it challenge the hegemony of Black Cabs in London and taxi unions across the US and Europe.

But in Spain taxi drivers revolted and demanded protection from the state. Many pay upwards of €130,000 for a taxi licence, akin to taking out a mortgage, and weren't prepared to be undercut by Uber.

Popular protests saw Uber kicked out of Spain in 2014. It returned in 2016 under somewhat more muted terms than enjoyed in the free-wheeling UK and US.

Drivers have to go through rigorous licensing requirements and the state has imposed an artificial cap on the number of drivers allowed in Madrid, to tip the balance in favour of traditional taxis.

But now Uber is in discussions with Spanish transport authorities, asking them to loosen up the marketplace and let con-



UBER TAXIS: Want to expand into other Spanish cities and relax driver regulations.

sumer choice, rather than taxi unions, do the talking. They want to expand into other Spanish cities and relax driver regulations. In the UK for example almost anyone with a clean licence and no criminal record can become an Uber driver.

A strong moonlighting economy has developed in both the UK and US with many Uber drivers having second or third jobs. They don't possess the hard fought for legal rights enjoyed by taxi drivers, and that laissez-faire approach

translates into cheaper fares.

Uber is now counting on the strong economic argument that, with unemployment at 20 per cent, traditional cabbies might have to stand aside to grant younger generations better job opportunities.

Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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MANY UK expatriates living in Spain own properties in the UK and have pensions and investments in the UK. They rely on their UK assets to maintain their lifestyles (and those of their families) in Spain. If they can no longer manage their affairs in the UK due to a loss of mental capacity, it can cause many difficulties.

“ You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able. ”

The best way to avoid the legal and practical difficulties that can occur with the loss of mental capacity is to plan for it in advance by drawing up a document called a 'Lasting Power of Attorney' ('LPA').



An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity.

What is an LPA?

An LPA is a legal document that enables you to appoint one or more attor-

neys to act for you when you are no longer able to act for yourself.

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

There are two types of LPA: 'Health and Welfare' or 'Property and Financial Affairs'

An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity. It is therefore important to make one while you are in good health.

Why should you get an LPA?

You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

If you lose your mental capacity and do not have an LPA, then your family (or the authorities) will have no choice but to make an application to the Court of Protection to appoint a 'deputy' to look after your affairs, which can be time consuming and costly.

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

Unfortunately there is no international type of LPA which is guaranteed to work in both the UK and Spain.

The advice we give to our clients at Stone King, is that if you have assets in both Spain and the UK, your only safe option is to appoint attorneys in both jurisdictions.

If you would like to discuss LPAs contact Charlotte Macdonald or Dan Harris at Stone King LLP by email international@stoneking.co.uk or by telephone on +44 (0)1225 337599.



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I CERTAINLY didn't expect my gloomy forecast regarding the Gibraltar dispute to manifest quite so quickly. In a recent edition I stated that the idiotic statements of Lord Howe, coupled with the British underestimation of the Spanish passion for Gibraltar sovereignty, could bode very badly for British citizens.

My memories of the Falkland crisis, when Brits were spat on in Spanish streets, were, as usual, dismissed by some as yet another 'Leapy rant.' Well, although the situation hasn't yet quite come to that, the recent hold up of British tourists at Palma airport, where passengers were made to queue for so long that some actually required medical attention; all under the excuse of a 'question of security,' is I feel only the begin-



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ning of what could become an extremely serious situation.

It's not exactly rocket science to realise that this type of attitude helps no one, including the Spanish economy. If British holiday-makers are made to feel unwelcome and begin to choose more



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hospitable destinations, the effect on many Spanish holiday areas could be disastrous.

Unfortunately, as emotions and tempers begin to rise, I feel, that if the dispute is not somehow kept in check and common sense takes a back seat, relations between our

two countries could become very fraught indeed.

All this is of course not helped by the looming spectre of Brexit. The position of British expats must undoubtedly be at the top of Theresa May's negotiation list.

It is entirely wrong, that those who embraced the spirit of the new 'European dream' and moved to foreign climes; most of them burning all their bridges en route, should be left in a limbo land of uncertainty and doubt as to the future in their adopted countries.

The British government must introduce clear legislation, protecting the many thousands of Spanish and EU citizens that work and reside in the UK, in a reciprocal agreement with remaining EU members, which subsequently ensures and protects the rights of all British EU residents abroad. And the sooner the better.

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11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Kirsty Wark: The Menopause and Me
12:45am	This Week
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:35am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am	Countryside 999
7:45am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
8:15am	Bargain Hunt
	<i>Paul Laidlaw takes the reins for this edition of Bargain Hunt, which sees two plucky teams taking on the Newark antiques fair in Nottinghamshire.</i>
9:00am	Gardeners' World
9:30am	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Debatable
8:00pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
9:00pm	The World According to Kids
10:00pm	The Last Kingdom
11:00pm	Match of the Day
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	World Championship Snooker Highlights
1:05am	Top Gear
2:05am	Top Gear Extra Gear
2:30am	World Championship Snooker - Extra

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	Timewatch
	<i>Documentary detailing the killer wave which struck the counties of the Bristol Channel in 1607.</i>
9:50pm	Robins of Eden
10:00pm	Dial "B" for Britain: The Story of the Landline
	<i>Timeshift journeys back to the age of the landline - a distant era when phones weren't pocket-sized wireless devices, but bulky objects wired into our homes and workplaces.</i>
11:00pm	Bucket
11:25pm	Yellowstone
12:25am	The Silk Road
1:25am	Top of the Pops
2:00am	Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey
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7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Supervet
10:00pm	Born to Kill?
11:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?
12:00am	Confessions of a Junior Doctor

CHANNEL 5

8:35am	Noddy Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
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4:15pm	A Husband's Confession
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	On Benefits
10:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm	Murder on the Internet
12:05am	Immigration: Tearing Our Family Apart

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10:30pm	New Girl
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:30pm	The Inbetweeners
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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10:00am	ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo Hls
11:00am	Live ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo
7:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
7:30pm	Darts Gold
7:45pm	Darts Gold
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts
11:00pm	Premier League Match Pack
11:30pm	La Liga Show
12:00am	Premier League Match Pack
12:30am	Barclays Premier League World
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club
1:30am	Premier League 100 Club
2:00am	La Liga Show
2:30am	Premier League Legends
3:00am	The Premier League Years
5:00am	Sporting Heroes

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
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	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Culinary Genius
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:25pm	Party Election
	<i>Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats</i>
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Trump: The First 100 Days - Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Joanna Lumley's Postcards
10:00pm	The Detectives
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Dermot O'Leary
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	UEFA Europa League Highlights

itv2

7:00am	Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	You've Been Framed!
7:45am	You've Been Framed!
8:10am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	Britain's Got Talent
10:55am	Lost in Space
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7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	Best of You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Mom
10:30pm	Mom
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Celebrity Juice
12:20am	Family Guy

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7:00am	In Loving Memory
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:30am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Road to Avonlea
	<i>Drama series about a girl who is sent to live with her eccentric family.</i>
1:00pm	The Darling Buds of May
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Where the Heart is
	<i>Billy goes for the job of Harding's deputy at Goddards.</i>
5:15pm	Bargaining Round
	<i>Britain with John Sergeant</i>
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Heartbeat
10:00pm	The Bletchley Circle
11:00pm	An Audience with Victoria Wood
12:10am	Housewife 49
2:10am	Wycliffe
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen

itv4

7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:15am	The Professionals
9:20am	Ironsides
10:25am	The Sweeney
11:30am	The Chase
12:30pm	Cash Cowboys
	<i>Sheldon and Scott embark on a coast-to-coast scavenge for collectibles that can make them cash.</i>
1:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
5:00pm	The Professionals
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
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9:00pm	The Chase Celebrity Special
10:05pm	The Krays
11:05pm	FYI Daily
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12:30am	The Book of Eli
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2:45am	Ironsides
3:40am	World Cup Top Goalscorers

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9:00am	Marvel's Avengers Assemble
11:25am	Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
1:40pm	Colt .45
3:10pm	The Matrix
5:35pm	John Carter
8:00pm	Marvel's Avengers Assemble
10:30pm	Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
12:45am	The Matrix

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:50am	South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut
9:20am	The Heartbreak Kid
11:20am	The Boss
1:05pm	Pitch Perfect 2
3:05pm	Back to the Future
5:05pm	Back to the Future Part II
7:00pm	Back to the Future Part III
9:00pm	Pitch Perfect 2
11:00pm	The Boss
12:45am	Vacation
2:30am	Monty Python's The Meaning of Life
4:25am	The Man

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Kong: Skull Island Special
7:30am	An Eskimo Tale
9:10am	The Top Ten Show 2017
9:25am	Finding Dory
11:20am	Star Trek Beyond
1:35pm	The Shallows
3:20pm	An Eskimo Tale
	<i>When animals start mysteriously disappearing, three young Inuits embark on a perilous journey to save their tribe from ruin.</i>
5:00pm	Finding Dory
6:50pm	Star Trek Beyond
	<i>Kirk and crew must fight back when a devastating ambush leaves them stranded on an alien planet.</i>
9:00pm	The Shallows
10:40pm	The Shallows Special
11:00pm	Undercover Hooligan
12:45am	The Fencer
2:40am	The Last Dance
4:25am	Summer Camp

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7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE SmackDown!
9:00am	Sky Sports Years
10:00am	Cricket's Greatest
10:30am	Cricket's Greatest
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	Indian Premier League
	<i>Sunrisers Hyderabad take on Delhi Daredevils at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad.</i>
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Great Sporting Moments
8:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
9:00pm	Indian Premier League
1:30am	Sporting Rivalries
2:00am	Cricket's Greatest
2:30am	Cricket's Greatest
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8:00pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
9:30pm	Springwatch
10:30pm	Versailles
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Later... with Jools Holland
1:05am	World Championship Snooker Highlights
1:55am	World Championship Snooker - Extra
3:55am	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
4:55am	Doctor Who
5:45am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Simon Bates and Mike Read present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 22nd September 1983.</i>
9:00pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, originally broadcast on 7 March 1978.</i>
9:50pm	Sounds of the Seventies <i>Vintage rock, pop and soul performances from the BBC archives.</i>
10:00pm	The Story of Funk: One Nation Under a Groove
11:00pm	The Genius of Funk
12:00am	Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie

CHANNEL 4

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CHANNEL 5

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9:00pm	Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast
10:00pm	Spectacular Spain with Alex Polizzi
11:00pm	Building the World's Most Luxurious Ship
12:05am	Cruising with Jane McDonald
1:00am	Super Casino

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3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Taken 2
11:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:20am	The Big Bang Theory

sky SPORTS 1

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo Hls
11:00am	Live ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo
7:00pm	The Fantasy Football Club
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	Barclays Premier League Preview
11:45pm	The Fantasy Football Club
12:45am	Football Gold
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club
1:30am	Barclays Premier League Preview
2:00am	The Fantasy Football Club
3:00am	The Premier League Years
5:00am	Barclays Premier League Preview
5:30am	The Fantasy Football Club

itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
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	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Culinary Genius
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	The Nightly Show with Dermot O'Leary
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Billy Connolly and Me: A Celebration

itv2

7:00am	Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	You've Been Framed!
7:50am	You've Been Framed!
8:15am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Emmerdale
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:30am	Britain's Got Talent
11:30am	See Spot Run
12:30pm	FYI Daily
12:35pm	See Spot Run
1:25pm	Emmerdale
2:30pm	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	100% You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Run, Fat Boy, Run
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	In Loving Memory
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:30am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Darling Buds of May
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:05pm	The Royal
4:15pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
12:00am	The Ivy
1:05am	Leaving
2:05am	Leaving
2:55am	Leaving
3:50am	Mutiny on the Buses
4:50am	FYI Daily
4:55am	Mutiny on the Buses
5:15am	Long Lost Family

itv4

7:00am	The Sweeney
7:50am	Hogan's Heroes
8:20am	Hogan's Heroes
8:50am	The Professionals
9:55am	Ironside
11:00am	The Sweeney
12:00pm	The Chase
1:00pm	Cash Cowboys
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:55pm	Minder
4:00pm	Ironside
5:05pm	The Professionals
6:10pm	The Sweeney
7:10pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:05pm	Counting Cars
9:35pm	Counting Cars
10:00pm	The Dirty Dozen
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Dirty Dozen
1:05am	Football Dream Debuts
2:05am	River Monsters
3:00am	Minder
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping Shopping from home.

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7:00am	In the Heart of the Sea
9:05am	Ant-Man
11:05am	Extraction
12:45pm	Hyena Road
2:50pm	The Matrix Reloaded
5:10pm	Hitman
6:50pm	In the Heart of the Sea
9:00pm	Ant-Man
11:00pm	The Matrix Reloaded
1:20am	Rocky II

sky CINEMA
COMEDY

7:40am	Wild Oats
9:25am	Rock the Kasbah
11:15am	The Commitments
1:20pm	Central Intelligence
3:20pm	Trainwreck
5:30pm	Juno
7:15pm	Crocodile Dundee
9:00pm	Central Intelligence
11:00pm	Trainwreck
1:10am	Brüno
2:40am	Bad Bromance
4:25am	Valentine's Day

sky CINEMA
PREMIERE

7:00am	Summer Camp
8:40am	The Last Dance
10:30am	An Eskimo Tale
12:05pm	Finding Dory
1:55pm	Tarzan
3:55pm	The Shallows
5:35pm	An Eskimo Tale <i>When animals start mysteriously disappearing, three young Inuits embark on a perilous journey to save their tribe from ruin.</i>
7:15pm	Finding Dory
9:00pm	Tarzan
11:00pm	The Shallows
12:35am	Undercover Hooligan <i>Gritty British crime drama about a suspended cop tasked with infiltrating an infamous London gang.</i>
2:15am	The Last Dance
4:00am	The Fencer

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Cricket's Greatest
8:30am	Great Sporting Moments
8:45am	Great Sporting Moments
9:00am	Great Sporting Moments
9:15am	Great Sporting Moments
9:30am	Live Super Rugby
11:30am	Rugby Gold
11:40am	Live Super Rugby
1:45pm	Great Sporting Moments
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
3:00pm	Sporting Greats
3:30pm	Sporting Greats
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Live Super League
11:30pm	Indian Premier League
4:00am	Cricket Classics
5:00am	Cricket's Greatest
5:30am	Cricket's Greatest

Brexit advice on Facebook

THE British Government used social media site Facebook for a live broadcast to address concerns and uncertainty sparked by Brexit and the start of the process to leave the EU.

The Foreign Office Director for Consular Services Julia Longbottom gave answers based on questions submitted by expats across Europe; many from the estimated 300,000 living in Spain.

More than 9,600 people listened live to the unique use of new technology, and by Monday afternoon almost 57,000 had accessed the relevant page of www.facebook.com/ffcotavel.

As expected, questions centred on status and rights for expats; health, pensions, education, voting, property, and dual nationality were the most common subjects addressed.

Ms Longbottom apologised, as so many answers are dependent on the results of the forthcoming negotiations between the British government and Brussels.

“But it is very important we capture these questions and issues; they are all things that government departments in the UK need to think about, and they are all being put together by the Department of Leaving the EU,” she said.

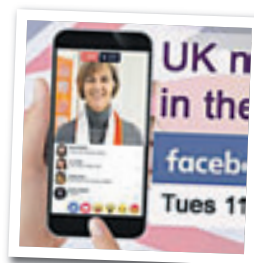
“We are looking at all of them together and making sure as soon as possible that we know what it is we have to secure; it is looking to a future where we remain part of Europe but not in the EU.”

And she underlined that nothing would change during the two year period of negotiations while the UK remained a full member of the bloc.

Ms Longbottom said: “We aim to make sure you can continue



APOLOGISED: Julia Longbottom and Alicante Consul Sarah-Jane Morris, wait for forthcoming negotiations.



Julia Longbottom on the Facebook opening page.

to live legally in other countries in the EU. We need to clarify how that will work and will get you the information as soon as we can.”

She said Prime Minister Theresa May had made it clear clarifying the status of British people living in Europe and EU citizens in the UK was “of the highest priority”; and had wanted to reach an agreement before Article 50 was triggered last month.

“She believes it can be agreed in principle very quickly and all nations have indicated it is a priority; one of the first priorities of the talks.”

Ms Longbottom said the government wanted to secure reciprocal deals for all expats. “The reason the Prime Minister was not prepared to unilaterally secure the status of EU citizens living in the UK is because we wanted to make sure, first and foremost, that we secure the rights of UK citizens; and any deal takes into account their interests.

“As long as the UK remains part of the EU, your rights, as an EU citizen do not change; nothing has changed in your status.”

She said it was “very important” to recognise the significant contribution that expats made in their host countries. “All parties have a keen interest in reaching an agreement.”

Ms Longbottom said she appreciated there were not as many “concrete answers” as hoped for at present but warned against rumour “and picking up the wrong end of the stick; suggesting using official channels instead, including www.gov.uk/ffc.”

The broadcast lasted about 35 minutes. Afterwards a Foreign Office said the department was “very pleased” with the interest shown and it was likely Facebook would be used again in future.

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Table of TV programs for itv3, including Murder, She Wrote, Are You Being Served?, FYI Daily, etc.

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Barrier breaker did a good job

THERE was discussion between Washington and the US ambassador to Madrid regarding Carme Chacon's appointment as Defence minister in 2008.

Minister of Housing until then, she was 39 and pregnant but Eduardo Aguirre commented that although young and inexperienced "she should not be underestimated."

Spanish president Jose Luis Zapatero regarded her as 'a strong manager' and Aguirre patronisingly predicted that given time she would 'grow into the job.'

Tragically, Chacon no longer has time. Having left politics she was found dead in her Madrid home, the victim of a heart condition that she had lived with since she was 10.

She was Spain's first female Minister of Defence, she reviewed troops in a maternity smock, visited

Cassandra Nash
A weekly look

- and not entirely impartial reaction - to the Spanish political scene

troops in Afghanistan when she was seven months pregnant and refused to observe the convention that women should wear a dress at the Armed Forces' big day, the Pascua Militar.

She ignored many barriers, including that of her health, but would have preferred to be remembered as Defence minister not because she was a woman, but because she did a good job.

If only

IF Carme Chacon had collected 22 more votes in 2013, she would have become secretary general of the PSOE socialist party.

The former Minister of Defence had challenged the incumbent secretary general Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba, a decent man and respected politician who didn't have what it took to connect with the public.

As happens too often, Rubalcaba had what it took to connect with the party hierarchy and Chacon lost out by an ironically small margin.

It's hard not to regard Rubalcaba as a dog in the

manger because he resigned a year later and was succeeded not by Chacon, who had retreated to the sidelines, but by Pedro Sanchez.

The rest, as they say in history, but there would be an entirely different story to tell if 22 party members had voted differently in February 2013.

Heart of the matter

WINNING Hearts and Minds failed miserably in Iraq although the concept is sound enough. Instead of referring every Catalan transgression to the tribunals, perhaps Mariano Rajoy could try winning some Hearts and Minds himself.

On second thoughts perhaps it would make as little impression on Cataluña as it did on Iraq.



Not my fault

JORGE FERNANDEZ DIAZ, former Interior minister, is suspected of waging a dirty war to discredit secessionist Catalan politicians.

He told a parliamentary commission that possibly he had not kept a close enough watch on subordinates.

Which means he is either lying or incompetent.



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BBC one schedule: 7:00am Breakfast, 8:25am Match of the Day, 9:30am The London Marathon, 4:00pm BBC News, 4:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead, 4:15pm Sunday Politics, 5:30pm Points of View, 5:45pm Escape to the Country, 6:15pm Songs of Praise, 6:50pm Pointless, 7:35pm BBC News, 7:50pm Regional News, 7:55pm Weather, 8:00pm Countryfile, 9:00pm Antiques Roadshow, 10:00pm Line of Duty, 11:00pm BBC News, 11:20pm Regional News, 11:25pm Weather, 11:30pm Match of the Day 2, 12:20am Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights, 12:50am The Women's Football Show

BBC TWO schedule: 7:00am Around the World in 80 Gardens, 8:00am Gardeners' World, 8:30am The Beechgrove Garden, 9:00am Countryfile, 10:00am The Andrew Marr Show, 11:00am Snooker, 1:15pm MOTD2 Extra, 2:00pm Snooker, 7:00pm London Marathon Highlights, 8:00pm Snooker, 9:00pm Top Gear, 10:00pm The Crucible: 40 Golden Snooker Years, 11:00pm The Rack Pack, 12:30am Snooker, 1:20am Snooker, 3:20am Countryfile

BBC FOUR schedule: 8:00pm The Sun, 9:00pm The Moon, 10:00pm Horizon, 11:00pm The Sky at Night, 12:00am Storyville, 1:20am The Sun, 2:25am The Moon, 3:20am Storyville

CHANNEL 4 schedule: 7:20am King of Queens, 7:45am King of Queens, 8:10am King of Queens, 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond, 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond, 9:30am Frasier, 10:00am Frasier, 10:30am Sunday Brunch, 1:30pm The Simpsons, 2:00pm The Simpsons, 2:30pm Robots, 4:20pm Mission: Impossible, 6:25pm George Clarke's Old House, 7:30pm Thor, 7:50pm The Island with Bear Grylls, 10:00pm Gogglebox, 12:00am Earth From Space, 1:00am The Sessions, 2:45am The Last Leg, 3:40am Location, Location, Location, 4:35am Gillette World Sport, 5:00am KOTV Boxing Weekly, 5:25am Mobil 1 The Grid, 5:55am Four in a Bed

CHANNEL 5 schedule: 8:55am Wissper, 9:10am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom, 9:25am Shimmer and Shine, 9:50am Little Princess, 10:10am Peppa Pig, 10:35am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom, 10:45am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, 11:20am Access, 11:25am Football on 5, 12:55pm The Gadget Show, 1:55pm The Deep End of the Ocean, 4:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild, 5:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild, 6:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild, 7:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild, 7:50pm 5 News Weekend U-571, 7:55pm 5 News Weekend U-571, 9:00pm 3 Days to Kill, 10:00pm 3 Days to Kill, 11:00pm 5 News Weekend, 11:05pm 3 Days to Kill, 12:05am Chaos

Channel 4 schedule: 7:00am Hollyoaks Omnibus, 9:25am Made in Chelsea, 10:30am Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade, 11:00am Hop, 1:00pm The Goldbergs, 1:30pm Black-Ish, 2:00pm Baby Daddy, 2:30pm Kevin Can Wait, 3:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine, 3:30pm New Girl, 4:00pm The Big Bang Theory, 4:30pm The Big Bang Theory, 5:00pm Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, 7:20pm Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts, 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory, 8:00pm The Big Bang Theory, 8:30pm The Big Bang Theory, 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory, 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory, 10:00pm Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., 11:00pm Tattoo Fixers, 12:00am Tattoo Fixers, 1:05am E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year, 2:10am Celebrity First Date, 3:15am Naked Attraction

sky SPORTS 1 schedule: 7:00am Premier League Legends, 7:30am Football, 9:30am The Sunday Supplement, 10:30am Goals on Sunday, 12:30pm Froch Returns, 12:45pm Froch and Mccracken:Back in the Ring, 1:00pm Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story, 1:30pm Wembley, 2:00pm Joshua/Klitschko: Gloves are Off, 2:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday Pre-Match, 3:15pm Live Nissan Super Sunday Burnley v Man Utd., 5:15pm Live Nissan Super Sunday Liverpool v Crystal Palace., 7:30pm Froch Groves 2: History at Wembley, 8:00pm Football Real Madrid v Barcelona., 11:00pm Football, 11:30pm Football, 12:00am Football

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itv schedule: 8:00am Oddbods, 8:05am Marvel's Avengers Assemble, 8:30am Thunderbirds are Go, 8:55am Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu, 9:25am ITV News, 9:30am Weekend, 10:25am Countrywise, 11:00am Peston on Sunday, 12:00pm Carry on Again, Doctor, 1:45pm ITV News, 1:55pm Who's Doing the Dishes?, 2:55pm Britain's Got Talent, 4:15pm You Only Live Twice, 6:30pm Regional News and Weather, 6:45pm ITV News, 7:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special, 8:00pm Bigheads, 9:00pm The Durrells, 10:00pm Grantchester, 11:00pm ITV News, 11:20pm Lethal Weapon, 12:20am The Nightly Show Best Bits, 12:50am Peston on Sunday

itv2 schedule: 7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records, 7:10am You've Been Framed!, 7:35am Emmerdale Omnibus, 10:20am Coronation Street Omnibus, 12:50pm Take Me Out, 2:00pm Zawesome, 2:05pm Guidance, 3:05pm L.A. Story, 3:20pm Side Effects, 3:55pm You've Been Framed!, 4:55pm Britain's Got Talent, 6:15pm Britain's Got More Talent, 7:15pm The Amazing Spider-Man 2, 8:15pm FYI Daily, 8:20pm The Amazing Spider-Man 2, 10:00pm Take Me Out: The Gossip, 11:00pm Family Guy, 11:30pm Family Guy, 12:00am Family Guy, 12:30am American Dad!, 12:55pm American Dad!, 1:25am The Cleveland Show, 1:55am The Cleveland Show

itv3 schedule: 7:00am In Loving Memory, 7:25am Rising Damp, 8:25am FYI Daily, 8:30am Rising Damp, 9:20am Heartbeat, 10:20am Heartbeat, 11:20am Murder, She Wrote, 12:20pm Columbo, 1:55pm Foyle's War, 4:00pm Our Queen at 90, 6:00pm When Phillip Met Prince Philip, 7:00pm Midsomer Murders, 9:00pm Morecambe and Wise Forever, 10:00pm Morecambe and Wise Forever, 11:00pm Ruth Rendell's Thirteen Steps Down, 12:05am Ruth Rendell's Thirteen Steps Down, 1:05am Wycliffe, 2:15am A Touch of Frost, 4:00pm May the Best House Win, 4:50am May the Best House Win, 5:40am In Loving Memory

itv4 schedule: 7:00am British Touring Car Championship Highlights, 8:15am British Superbike Highlights, 9:10am Cycling, 10:15am Rugby Sevens World Series Highlights, 10:55am Pawn Stars, 1:45pm Shalako, 2:50pm FYI Daily, 2:55pm Shalako, 4:00pm The Man From the Alamo, 5:00pm FYI Daily, 5:05pm The Man From the Alamo, 5:40pm The Hanging Tree, 6:40pm FYI Daily, 6:45pm The Hanging Tree, 7:55pm Fishing Impossible, 10:00pm Benidorm, 12:10am FYI Daily, 12:15am The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE schedule: 10:40am The Goonies, 12:40pm The Day the Earth Stood Still, 2:30pm The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, 5:50pm The Mummy, 8:00pm Ghost Rider, 10:00pm The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, 1:20am The Sum of All Fears

sky CINEMA COMEDY schedule: 8:05am How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, 10:05am Death at a Funeral, 11:45am 27 Dresses, 1:45pm Dad's Army, 3:30pm How to be Single, 5:30pm My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2, 7:15pm Dad's Army, 9:00pm How to be Single, 11:00pm My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2, 12:45am Entourage, 2:35am Bachelor Party

sky CINEMA PREMIERE schedule: 7:00am Everest: Special The likes of Jake Gyllenhaal, Keira Knightley and Josh Brolin talk about disaster epic Everest., 7:30am The Top Ten Show 2017, 7:50am Finding Dory, 9:40am Barbershop: The Next Cut, 11:45am An Eskimo Tale, 1:25pm Iona, 3:05pm Tarzan, 5:10pm Finding Dory, 7:00pm Barbershop: The Next Cut, 9:00pm Tarzan, 11:00pm Iona, 12:40am The Last Dance, 2:30am Undercover Hooligan Gritty British crime drama about a suspended cop tasked with infiltrating an infamous London gang., 4:25am Everest: Special

sky SPORTS 2 schedule: 7:00am Cricket Classics, 8:00am Cricket Classics, 9:00am Cricket Classics, 10:00am Indian Premier League Highlights, 11:00am Indian Premier League Highlights, 12:00pm Sporting Triumphs, 12:15pm Sporting Triumphs, 12:30pm Football, 3:30pm Great Sporting Moments, 3:45pm Great Sporting Moments, 4:00pm Live Indian Premier League, 8:30pm Football, 9:00pm Fight Night, 12:30am Joshua/Klitschko: Gloves are Off, 1:00am Indian Premier League Highlights, 2:00am Indian Premier League Highlights, 3:00am ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo Hls, 4:00am Indian Premier League Highlights, 5:00am Indian Premier League Highlights

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12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Boss
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	MasterChef
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Trump's First 100 Days
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	All Round to Mrs Brown's
12:45am	Have I Got a Bit More News for You

BBC TWO

7:00am	Countryside 999
7:45am	Flog It!
8:15am	Bargain Hunt
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:30am	Gymnastics: European Championships
1:00pm	The Daily Politics <i>Political show examining the latest news, views and moves in the world of politics.</i>
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Debatable
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	Nature's Weirdest Events
10:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Snooker
1:05am	The Women's Football Show
1:45am	Snooker
3:45am	Galapagos

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days
8:30pm	Timothy Spall: All at Sea
9:00pm	Time Shift <i>Timeshift revisits Britain's railways during the era of nationalisation. For all its bad reputation today, the old British Rail boldly transformed a decayed, war-torn Victorian transport network into a system fit for the 20th century.</i>
10:00pm	Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley
11:00pm	Genius of the Modern World
12:00am	The Man Who Discovered Egypt
1:00am	Guts: The Strange and Wonderful World of the Human Stomach
2:00am	Sex, Lies and Love Bites: The Agony Aunt Story

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Car S.O.S
12:00pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	The Question Jury
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Home or Away
6:00pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Warship
10:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls
11:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:05am	The Knowledge: The World's Toughest Taxi Test
1:10am	Tattoo Fixers
2:05am	Obsessive

CHANNEL 5

8:25am	Shimmer and Shine
8:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Profile for Murder
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Moto GP: Americas
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Inside the Tube: Going Underground
11:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
12:00am	Welcome to the Jungle

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Coach Trip
8:00am	Baby Daddy
9:00am	Rules of Engagement
10:00am	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
11:00am	Melissa and Joey
12:00pm	Baby Daddy
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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6:00pm	New Girl
6:30pm	New Girl
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Baby Daddy
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Rich Kids Go Shopping
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	First Dates
2:10am	Gogglebox
3:10am	Made in Chelsea

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11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Joshua / Klitschko: Gloves are Off
12:30pm	Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story
1:00pm	Sporting Heroes
2:00pm	Fight Night
4:00pm	Joshua / Klitschko: Gloves are Off
4:30pm	Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story
5:00pm	Ringside Special
6:00pm	Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story
6:30pm	Wembley
7:00pm	Froch Returns
7:15pm	Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring
7:30pm	Froch/Groves
8:00pm	Il:History at Wembley
8:00pm	Klitschko: Behind the Ropes
8:30pm	Football <i>Newcastle United v Preston North End</i>
11:15pm	Klitschko: Behind the Ropes
11:45pm	Dr Steelhammer: Wladimir's Story
12:15am	Great Sporting Moments 2016

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11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Culinary Genius
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:25pm	Party Election
	Broadcast by the Conservative Party
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Devon and Cornwall Cops
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Little Boy Blue
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Don't Ask Me Ask Britain
12:45am	Joanna Lumley's Postcards
1:10am	Jackpot247

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7:00am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:25am	You've Been Framed!
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
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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!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	The Great Indoors
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	The Cleveland Show

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7:00am	In Loving Memory
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:25am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Darling Buds of May
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	The Royal
4:15pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme <i>Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.</i>
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Wycliffe
1:45am	Lewis
3:25am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	Minder
7:55am	The Professionals
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	The Sweeney
10:50am	Minder
11:50am	The Chase
12:50pm	Cash Cowboys
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	The Saint
3:50pm	Ironsides <i>Detective drama series featuring wheelchair-using cop Robert Ironside of the San Francisco Police Department.</i>
4:55pm	Minder
5:55pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Patriot Games
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Patriot Games
12:25am	Bundesliga
1:25am	Motorsport UK
2:25am	Minder

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9:00am	Babylon A.D.
10:40am	The Huntsman: Winter's War
12:40pm	Son of a Gun
2:40pm	The Karate Kid, Part II
4:40pm	The Mummy Returns
6:55pm	Stealth
9:00pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
11:00pm	The Scorpion King
12:40am	Asian Connection

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7:50am	Lost in Karastan
9:40am	The Holiday
12:00pm	Hot Pursuit
1:40pm	Bad Neighbours 2
3:20pm	All About Steve
5:10pm	Crocodile Dundee II
7:10pm	Dope
9:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
10:40pm	All About Steve
12:30am	Brüno
2:00am	The Night Before
3:50am	Best Defense
5:30am	Curse of the Pink Panther

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Finding Dory
8:50am	Tarzan
10:55am	Barbershop: The Next Cut <i>Comedy sequel about a barbershop owner trying to come up with a scheme to protect his beloved Chicago neighbourhood from rival gangs.</i>
1:05pm	Everest: Special
1:35pm	American Fable
3:25pm	The Last Dance <i>A young dancer struggling to make it in LA returns to her Florida home when she learns that her father has cancer.</i>
5:15pm	Finding Dory
7:00pm	Tarzan
9:00pm	Barbershop: The Next Cut
11:00pm	American Fable
12:50am	Iona
2:30am	Undercover Hooligan
4:20am	The Last Dance

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE Raw
9:00am	Football
9:30am	Football
10:00am	Goals on Sunday
11:00am	NFL
12:00pm	ATP Masters 1000-Monte Carlo Hls
1:00pm	Football
1:30pm	Football
2:00pm	Indian Premier League Highlights
3:00pm	Indian Premier League Highlights
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
9:00pm	Indian Premier League
1:30am	Cricket's Greatest
2:00am	Cricket's Greatest
2:30am	Cricket's Greatest
3:00am	Sporting Rivalries
3:30am	Cricket Classics
4:00am	Cricket Classics
5:00am	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
5:30am	Super League Fulltime 2017

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Better not feed the trolls

Trudy Stewart



THE internet can be a wonderful thing. We have so much information at our fingertips. From finding recipes to reconnecting with old friends it's never been easier to access information.

I rely on social media to keep in contact with friends and family. I was a late starter with Twitter but did eventually become a Twit and found it fascinating. It felt more grown up than Facebook and the character limit meant people had to be snappier leading to punchier updates.

The best thing (for a fan-girl like me) was that celebrities could be contacted directly. Not only were they accessible, you could ask questions and usually receive an answer. I couldn't believe it.

What I found exciting was the discussions sparked when a group of fans would get involved in a Tweet.

It was usually good-natured fun with like-minded people. Everyone already had something in common in that they were a fan of that particular comedian or actor.

And then, out of nowhere, a different type of contributor would raise their ugly head. Either attacking the celebrity directly with unnecessary criticism or posting inflammatory comments specifically to elicit a response from the other people in that group.

The worst possible thing to do in that situation is fall into their trap. These people are called Trolls and when you engage them, you give them exactly what they want.

Although now used to describe anyone who is mean on the internet, initially the word was used to describe those who troll the internet, baiting their hooks, casting their nets wide

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and hoping for a bite.

Safe behind the mask of anonymity provided online, a certain type of person will say things that they would never dream of uttering face to face. Can you imagine walking over to a complete stranger and telling them they look awful and you hate their clothes?

Removing the eye contact and replacing it with a username frees certain types to do just that, albeit in a virtual sense. In my experience, no matter how well-balanced your argument or how eloquently you are able to express it, there is no point trying to converse with someone like that.

We all make judgements every day based on people's appearance or behaviour - there's a dark bridge in all of us providing perfect living conditions for the trolls of fairy tales.

If we're honest, maybe some of us have been on the verge of posting a comment which upon final review just might come across as a little trollish.

And that's the difference between us and them. We have that inbuilt self-edit that allows us to realise the implications of what it would actually mean to post those comments so we don't.

Of course, some people just don't care and there are those who have built careers around trolling when their reality TV shows end and they need attention and publicity by any means necessary. If you don't care about being reviled, it's probably quite easy to post hateful things.

I prefer to stick to the old adage "if you can't say anything nice, don't go posting your bile for the whole online world to see."

There are probably always going to be trolls out there but as long as you remember not to feed them, you should be quite safe.

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PNTV Services pride themselves on their efficient service and are able to offer combination packages of TV, internet and phone or you can pick and choose what you need. But for all advice and information contact the friendly and helpful team now. The company was established over nine years ago in Pilar de la Horadada and Pinar de Campoverde and their services have since expanded across the Orihuela Costa including Mil Palmeras to Playa Flamenca, Las Ramblas, Entre Naranjos and recently the Cinuelica



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11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
 12:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming
 12:45pm Claimed and Shamed
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
 2:00pm BBC News
 2:30pm Regional News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm The Boss
 4:00pm Escape to the Country
 4:45pm Garden Rescue
 5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 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 Peter Kay's Car Share
 10:30pm Our Friend Victoria
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm Anthony Joshua: The Road to Klitschko
 12:45am Mind Over Marathon

BBC TWO

7:00am Flog It!
 7:30am Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 8:15am Super League Show
 9:00am Great American Railroad Journeys
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 11:00am Snooker
 1:00pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Snooker
 Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.
 7:00pm Eggheads
 7:30pm Debatable
 8:00pm Snooker
 9:00pm Bake Off Crème de la Crème
 Professional version of the competition looking for the best pastry chef.
 10:00pm Horizon
 11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:10am Weather
 12:15am Snooker
 1:05am Snooker
 3:05am MasterChef

BBC FOUR

8:30pm Orangutan Diary
Nature series featuring orphaned and rescued orangutans in Borneo.
 9:00pm Wild Ireland
Colin Stafford-Johnson begins his Atlantic journey exploring the ancient ruins and wildlife of the Skellig Rocks - stormbound ocean pinnacles off the south western corner of Ireland where early Christian monks built a monastery on the summit almost 1,500 years ago.
 10:00pm Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity
 11:00pm Metamorphosis - The Science of Change
 12:00am Ray Mears Goes Walkabout
 1:00am Miracle in the Marshes of Iraq: Natural World

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 4:15pm Kidnapping Lizzie: Nightmare Visions
 6:00pm 5 News at 5
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News Tonight
 8:00pm Police Interceptors
 9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
 10:00pm Soham Revisited: 15 Years on
 11:30pm Britain's Worst Crimes
 12:30am Shannon Matthews: The Mother's Story

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9:55am Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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 11:00am Melissa and Joey
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 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 8:00pm Hollyoaks
 8:30pm Black-ish
 9:00pm The Goldbergs
 9:30pm The Goldbergs
 10:00pm E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year
 11:00pm Bizarre ER
 12:00am The Big Bang Theory

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10:00am Froch/Groves II: History at Wembley
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 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
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 10:00pm Hell's Kitchen
 11:00pm Family Guy

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 11:55am Road to Avonlea
 12:55pm The Darling Buds of May
 2:05pm Heartbeat
 3:05pm The Royal
 4:15pm Where the Heart is Barging Round
 5:15pm Britain with John Sergeant
 Documentary series exploring the eight best canal journeys that Britain has to offer.
 5:50pm Love Your Garden
 6:55pm Heartbeat
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
 9:00pm Midsomer Murders
 11:00pm Law and Order: UK
 Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.
 12:00am A Touch of Frost

itv4

7:00am Minder
 7:50am The Saint
 8:45am Ironside
 9:50am The Sweeney
 10:55am Minder
 11:55am The Chase
 12:55pm Cash Cowboys
 1:50pm Pawn Stars
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 9:00pm River Monsters
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 11:00pm Lethal Weapon
 12:00am The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
 1:05am FYI Daily
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8:40am Hitman: Agent 47
 10:25am I Am Legend
 12:15pm Barely Lethal
 2:05pm The Salvation
 3:45pm Apollo 13
 6:10pm The Patriot
 9:00pm I Am Legend
 10:45pm Hitman: Agent 47
 12:35am Collateral Damage
 2:35am The Forbidden Kingdom
 sky CINEMA COMEDY
 9:20am Airheads
 11:00am Central Intelligence
 1:00pm Back to the Future
 3:00pm Back to the Future
 4:55pm Back to the Future Part III
 7:00pm Pixels
 9:00pm Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
 10:40pm Central Intelligence
 12:40am Rush Hour 2
 2:20am Bad News Bears
 4:20am Kicking Off

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7:00am American Fable
 8:50am Ghost in the Shell: Special
 9:20am Barbershop: The Next Cut
 11:30am Iona
 1:10pm Tarzan
 3:15pm Love Me Do
 5:00pm The Top Ten Show 2017
Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond? Clips from the UK and US Top Ten show you the best of what's on offer on the big screen.
 5:20pm An Eskimo Tale
 7:00pm Barbershop: The Next Cut
 9:00pm Tarzan
 11:00pm Love Me Do
 12:45am American Fable

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Cricket Classics
 8:00am WWE SmackDown!
 9:00am Super League Fulltime 2017
 9:30am Super League Gold
 9:45am Super League Gold
 10:00am Revista de la Liga
 10:30am Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
 11:00am Super League Fulltime 2017
 11:30am Indian Premier League
 4:00pm Live Indian Premier League
 Royal Challengers Bangalore v Sunrisers Hyderabad (1530).
 8:30pm Sportswomen
 A look at all the biggest news and talking points in the world of women's sport.
 9:00pm Indian Premier League
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 2:30am Sportswomen

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12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
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5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
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7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Reported Missing
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Peter Kay's Car Share
12:15am	A Question of Sport
12:45am	Being Black, Going Crazy?

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Garden Rescue
8:15am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am	Mary Berry Everyday
9:30am	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:00am	Snooker
12:30pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Debatable
8:00pm	Snooker
	<i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i>
9:00pm	Me and My Dog
10:00pm	Second Chance
	Summer: Tuscany
11:00pm	Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Snooker
1:05am	Snooker
3:05am	MasterChef
4:05am	The Best of British Takeaways
5:05am	I'm Different: Let Me Drive
5:35am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days
8:30pm	Orangutan Diary
	<i>Nature series featuring orphaned and rescued orangutans in Borneo.</i>
9:00pm	Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution
	<i>Series in which Professor Richard Fortey investigates why islands are natural laboratories of evolution and meets some of the unique and remarkable species that live on them.</i>
10:00pm	The Celts
11:00pm	When God Spoke English: The Making of the King James Bible
12:00am	Horizon
1:00am	Metalworks!
2:00am	The Celts
3:00am	Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution
4:00am	The Brits Who Built the Modern World

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	Will and Grace
8:10am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Car S.O.S
12:00pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	The Question Jury
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Fifteen to One
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun
6:00pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	How to Live
	Mortgage Free with Sarah Beeny
10:00pm	Confessions of a Junior Doctor
11:00pm	My Online Nightmare
12:05am	Gogglebox

CHANNEL 5

8:20am	Milkshake Monkey
8:25am	Shimmer and Shine
8:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
9:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am	Digby Dragon
9:30am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Running for Her Life
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Ancient Mysteries
9:00pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	One Night with My Ex
12:05am	Violent Child, Desperate Parents

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Coach Trip
7:55am	Baby Daddy
8:55am	Rules of Engagement
9:55am	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
11:00am	Melissa and Joey
12:00pm	Baby Daddy
1:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
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5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	The Goldbergs
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The 100
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Boxing
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Boxing
1:00pm	Sporting Heroes
2:00pm	Fight Night
4:00pm	Boxing
5:00pm	Ringside Special
6:00pm	Great Sporting Moments 2016
6:15pm	Wembley
6:45pm	Froch Returns
7:00pm	Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring
7:15pm	Froch/Groves II: History at Wembley
7:45pm	Great Sporting Moments 2016
8:00pm	Joshua/Klitschko: The Knockouts
8:30pm	Football
11:15pm	Football
11:45pm	Football
12:15am	Joshua/Klitschko: The Knockouts
12:45am	Froch and Mccracken: Back in the Ring

itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Culinary Genius
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast by the Green Party
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:40pm	Paragon
12:40am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Below Deck
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	The Cube
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	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!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Run, Fat Boy, Run
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	In Loving Memory
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:30am	The Royal
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	The Royal
	<i>Drama series, a spin-off from Heartbeat, centring on a small 1960s hospital and featuring the sounds and fashions of the era.</i>
4:15pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:00am	Wycliffe
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	Minder
7:50am	The Saint
8:50am	Ironside
9:50am	The Sweeney
10:55am	Minder
11:55am	The Chase
12:55pm	Cash Cowboys
1:55pm	Pawn Stars
2:25pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	The Saint
3:55pm	Ironside
5:00pm	Minder
6:00pm	The Sweeney
	<i>Classic 70s police drama series. Regan is assigned to ensure the safe shipment of a gold bullion consignment, threatened by the plans of a brilliant computer expert bent on revenge.</i>
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	FA Youth Cup Final Live
	<i>Chelsea v Manchester City.</i>
11:00pm	The Bank Job
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	The Bank Job
1:15am	Lethal Weapon

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ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:40am	Tracers
10:25am	Captain America: Civil War
12:55pm	xXx2: The Next Level
2:45pm	Last Action Hero
5:05pm	Tomorrowland
7:20pm	Extraction
9:00pm	Captain America: Civil War
11:30pm	Last Action Hero
1:50am	xXx2: The Next Level

sky CINEMA
COMEDY

7:50am	Spud 2: The Madness Continues
9:30am	In Her Shoes
11:50am	Who's Harry Crumb?
1:30pm	Trainwreck
3:45pm	Mistress America
5:15pm	The House Bunny
7:00pm	Definitely, Maybe
9:00pm	Trainwreck
11:10pm	Bridget Jones's Diary
12:50am	Me Him Her
2:35am	Gremlins
4:25am	Search Party

sky CINEMA
PREMIERE

7:00am	Iona
8:40am	American Fable
10:35am	Barbershop: The Next Cut
12:45pm	Tarzan
2:50pm	Love Me Do
	<i>A twisted love affair between a bitter investment banker and an out-of-work actor drives them to commit a terrible crime.</i>
4:40pm	Ghost in the Shell: Special
5:10pm	An Eskimo Tale
6:50pm	Barbershop: The Next Cut
9:00pm	Tarzan
11:00pm	Me and Kaminski
	<i>Daniel Bruhl stars as an ambitious art journalist who journeys to the remote Alps to track down legendary artist Manuel Kaminski.</i>
1:15am	Undercover Hooligan
2:55am	Love Me Do
4:40am	American Fable

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE Experience
9:00am	Cricket's Greatest
9:30am	Football
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Football
11:30am	Indian Premier League
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
	<i>Rising Pune Supergiant v Kolkata Knight Riders (1530).</i>
8:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
9:00pm	Fight Night
	<i>Anthony Joshua makes the second defence of his IBF heavyweight crown as he faces Eric Molina at the Manchester Arena.</i>
11:00pm	Indian Premier League
3:30am	Sporting Triumphs
3:45am	Sporting Triumphs
4:00am	Great Sporting Moments
4:15am	Great Sporting Moments
4:30am	Cricket's Greatest

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Warning of fake notices and new traffic cameras

AS part of a new series, we answer some common driving questions, 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.



TRAFFIC EYE: Smart cameras are the new eyes on the road.

Fake news

A WARNING has been issued over a fake notice that is being distributed through social media, warning that it is now mandatory for all vehicles in Spain to have portable breathalysers within the vehicle.

The N-332 Guardia Civil team wish to confirm that this notice is completely fake and it is not a requirement for drivers to carry any kind of breathalyser in the car. There are also currently no plans for this type of legislation to be brought in.

The adverts and notices are a scam, aimed at encouraging innocent victims to visit a website, view fake news reports and then purchase the breathalysers direct from the supplier.

Seatbelt reminder

A quick reminder that new traffic cameras

have been recently installed, on the look out for those not wearing seatbelts.

A total of 225 smart cameras are known as 'Traffic Eye' and are the new eyes on the road being put to good use helping people, spotting infringements such as not wearing a seatbelt and speeding and checking established databases to see if your vehicle is correctly insured by reading the licence plate number.

Previously, only Pegasus equipped helicopters have been able to monitor the roads so closely, but Traffic Eye will allow for round the clock monitoring as they are able to be operated at night also. Nineteen of these cameras are in place in the Valencia Region. The full list of the location of the cameras can be found on the DGT website at www.sede.dgt.gob.es.

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

Was he notified of the AGM?

Q. Like your questioner last week, I have some issues with the Administrator of our Community about irregular practices in the past. Now, with this year's AGM approaching, an e-mail calling of the meeting has been sent out

to the members. However, I only know this because a friend has forwarded a copy to me. I myself have received no notification directly and I do not live full-time in Spain.

C R (Costa del Sol)

A. In principle, any member of the Community who has not been informed of the AGM can go to court and seek to impugn the results of the meeting as he has been deprived of the right to vote.

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



However, you may have received notification at your property in Spain, without

being aware of it. If you cannot attend the AGM in person, I would name a proxy to represent you and bring up the problem at the meeting. Try to get the issue on the official Agenda to be published before the meeting.

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

You couldn't make it up

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I AM still very unhappy that we have a reality TV show host, aided by his failed fashion designer daughter, running the USA with a press secretary that spends most of his days apologising for what he said the day before.

This week they dropped the GBU-43/B Massive Ordinance Air Blast on Afghanistan. I'm not getting into the rights and wrongs of that but why give the weapon a friendly name? To make it sound nicer they call it the 'Mother of all Bombs.' Why? It's a nonsense.

Call it what it is - the biggest bomb they have before you get nuclear. Did you see dimwit Donny talking about how delicious the chocolate cake he was eating was when he sent the tomahawk missiles to bomb Syria? Anyway time will tell where this is all headed.

I saw an advert for Pepsi this week. It was the one with Kendall Jenner. Google it. It's such an embarrassment. It got me thinking about why Pepsi even bother to advertise.

Think about who ever orders a Pepsi? Their slogan should be 'Sorry it's Pepsi, is that ok?' Because that's how it's sold. You go into a restaurant and say, 'Can I have a Coke please'

and that's when you hear their slogan, 'Sorry it's Pepsi ...'

I've been trying to organise a trip to the USA. It's not a straightforward trip as it's a multi-city one so I have to try and match up the airlines that I need to use to get from city to city. This is where the problems start because my computer has stored cookies and every time I go back to compare prices, times etc the price seems to keep creeping up.

Some will say I'm being paranoid but the sites know I've been there because even though I close them and then reopen them again, they still have my dates in and this is because of the cookies they store with your information on them. I have found that if I log on at the same time from another laptop the prices can be slightly cheaper.

So I downloaded a web browser that doesn't store all your information only to be told by Bill Padley from Talk Radio Europe that this is the browser that is used to hack into all the big companies and governments. WikiLeaks use it via something called the dark web!

Oops, I just wanted to look at airline ticket prices without them stalking me and I've finished up not being stalked by easyJet, Virgin, BA and Ryanair but now possibly of great interest to the CIA, MI5 and GCHQ. You couldn't make this stuff up.

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Is the Lady for turning after all?

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

WITH the despatch of Article 50, the gauntlets have been thrown down, the opening cards played, the warning shots fired (mainly over Gibraltar). Now there is the lull before the storm as we await the response of the remaining 27 EU member states as they confer over dinner after dinner.

Maybe they're even shipping Immodium to the Commission HQ in Brussels by the crateload as I write. Too much Crème Merckelée or Luxembourgish Juncker Gâteaux?

However, the direction in which PM Theresa May now appears to be taking us - her apparent conversion (U turn?) to a half-in, half-out of the EU model already followed by other countries - points to a better outcome than her previous hard Brexit approach of "no deal's better than a bad deal."

Maybe the rationalisations and concessions are now emerging as the reality of leaving dawns?

Two years is a long time, but it's now possible we'll end up with a Norwegian-style model, but for political reasons not called as such. But let's face it, we're hardly in a great bargaining position: it's claimed that over 40 per cent of UK exports go to the EU, but only about 8 per cent from the EU to the UK.

Additionally, countries like Slovakia (per capita, Europe's largest car manufacturer) will pick up business as companies like Nissan inevitably reduce UK operations after initial guarantees.

Lloyds of London has already chosen Brussels for its European hub, and the failed merger of the German Börse/Stock Exchange won't do London any favours either.

So Mrs May has two options: a soft Brexit with free movement of labour in the EU and a trade deal that mirrors the single market, or a disaster that'll be blamed on the EU. Maybe we'll end up with a bit of each?

Finally, whoever picked March 29 as Article 50 Day clearly has a wicked sense of humour and encyclopaedic knowledge of chart-toppers. Fifty years ago on that date, Engelbert Humperdinck was at Number 1 with Release Me. On the same day in 1975, it was the Bay City Rollers with Bye Bye Baby. 'Nuff said.

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



THERESA MAY:
Perhaps a better outcome lies ahead.

Advertising feature

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tainment including a unique show from Cirque du Soleil and shopping like you would find on a city high street. Prices for this eight-day Mediterranean cruise start at €599 plus port tax, on a full board basis with an all inclusive drinks package available costing €26 per person per night.

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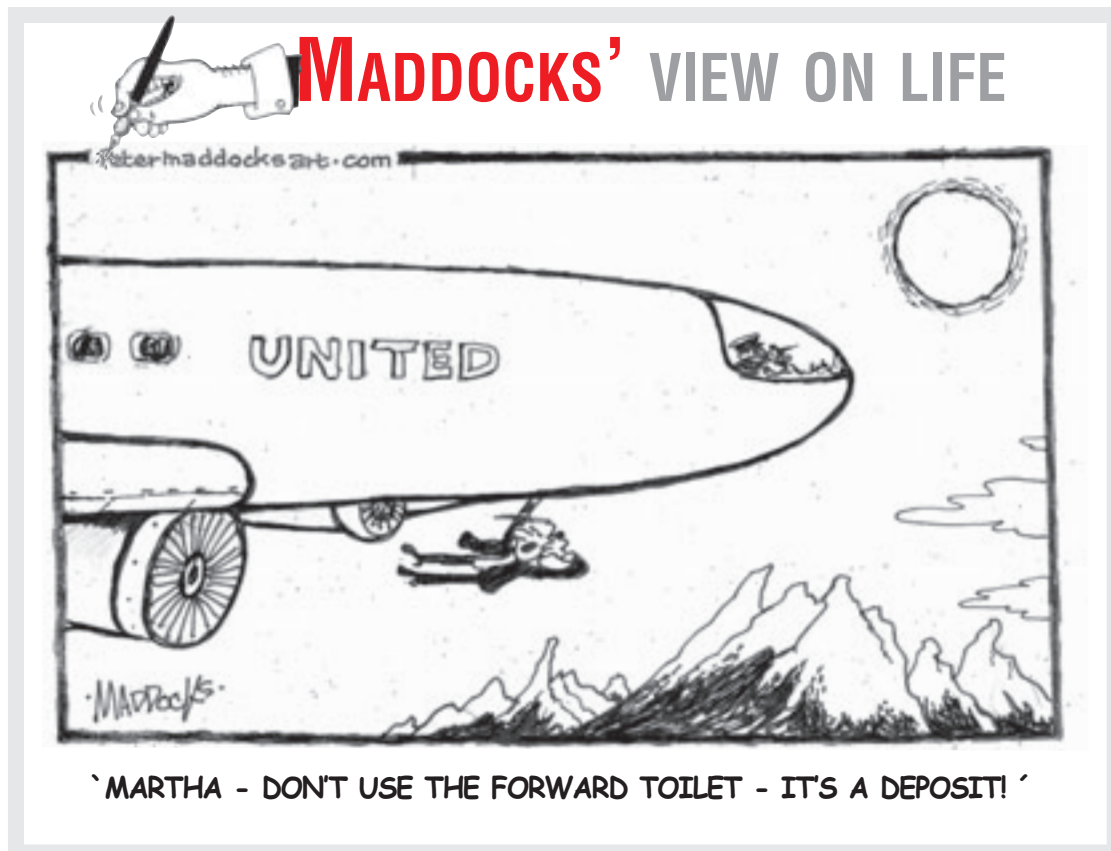
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Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

17	6	25	11		
3	4	1	2		
9	2	4	1	7	
		9	8	2	
5	3	2			
3	4	6	2	5	
7	3	5	1		



Women's wit

As a teenager I went all Goth, but I wasn't mopey enough. I would pretend to be, but I'd end up making people laugh."



Melissa McCarthy

Famous quote

My toughest fight was with my first wife."

Muhammad Ali, Boxer

World of English

Does 'expect the unexpected' make the 'unexpected expected'?"

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Waiting for just the right time to do and say things this week can produce miracles. Spontaneity may be your watchword but forward planning is where real progress is at the moment. It's not a week to expect co-operation from others.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

If you are James Bond, I see no surprises in the week ahead. If you are not, then I certainly do.

Something quite shocking crosses your path, so be cautious in your approach to new situations. Keep your eyes and ears open and be prepared to seek advice.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

At last it is clear that the future holds something quite exciting. Looking

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Although you are feeling more confident in many ways, there is also a secret insecurity. There is a strange emotional atmosphere this week, which perplexes you. An unusual feeling that you need to change your surroundings cannot be put down to a seasonal 'nesting' instinct.

back during the past few years there has been a build-up to this moment. Treading a new path is half the story. There is much to be discovered both outside and inside your sphere.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

Your heart is saying 'Let's get out and have some fun.' Your head is saying 'Okay, but let's leave it until later.' Which is right? Well, one thing is for sure, emphasis on finances is restraining. You are, however, building on something strong for the future.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

What others see as our way ahead is not always the path which we want to tread. It would be easy to be cosy and not take a chance. Is that what you really want? Outside influences are heavy and pressing at times.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

Be sure not to put up with tedious comments. Someone is trying to rile you. Who are they to think this way? It is foolish and impossible to please this person. Avoid them and move on to something out of their sphere. A few days away clears your head and gives a more balanced picture.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

Who wants you to go where and who wants you to do what? Each day seems to be spoken for before it arrives. Spending your life like this means running out of credit on your health. Do not neglect your well-being for the wishes of others.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

There are plenty of people who will tell you that what you seek does not

exist. They will also tell you that what you feel is unsustainable. This is, however, no time to compromise your dreams or emotional needs. Taking a bright view and a chance now seems unusual to those round you.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

The last time that you sat down and thought about your finances it was confusing. Things are a lot simpler now. Keep emotions and the needs of others out of the equation. Balance is what this week is all about. Get the percentages right now and it is plain sailing for the immediate future.

PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Something comes to your attention that makes you feel both anger and injustice.

As you are urged to speak out and put your cards on the table, you hesitate. Be sure to have the true facts of the matter because this gives you real confidence.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

There is a strong urge to be up and doing something to further your artistic needs. Be sure that you know what is important. Keep it simple and aim straight for it. There may be other options to be explored, but do not go off at a tangent. To do so would see you have many fingers in many pies but making little real progress. Trust your instincts.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday April 15

8 10
16 19
23 31

BONUS BALL
48

IRISH LOTTO



Saturday April 15

7 9
16 26
40 45

BONUS BALL
13

EURO MILLIONS



Tuesday April 11

Friday April 14

5 21
22 31
49

LUCKY STARS
2 8

LA PRIMITIVA



Saturday April 15

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EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA



Sunday April 16

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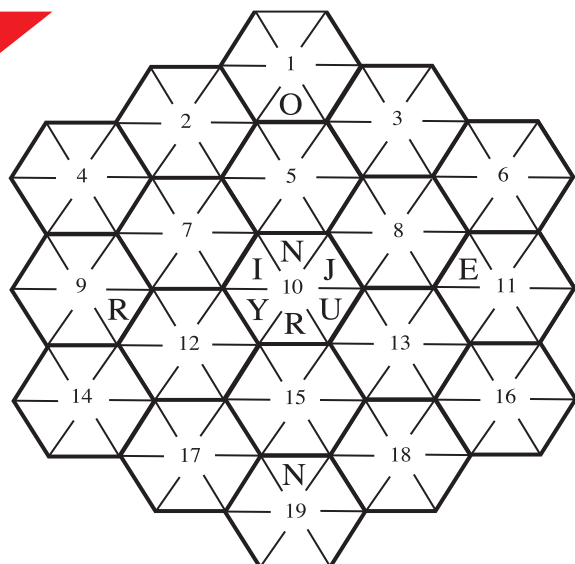
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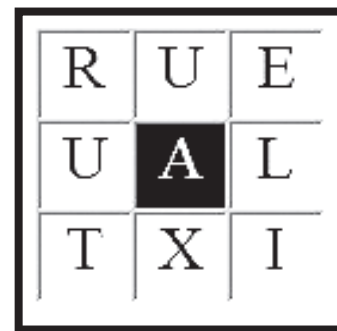
The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**INJURY**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Chorus 2 Sortie 3 Lichen
4 Revved 5 Octant 6 Teller
7 Saving 8 Lentil 9 Savant
10 Gannet 11 Select 12 Strain
13 Ethane 14 Retire 15 Reason
16 Summit 17 Rancho
18 Shiver 19 Corpse.

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



TARGET:

- Average: 8 • Good: 11
- Very good: 15 • Excellent: 20

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

anti barn bran hint inly lain lint nail nary rani rani rant tanh tarn than thin tiny yarn bairn binal blain brain brant briny inlay linty rainy train binary brainy litany rhinal thinly trinal LABYRINTH

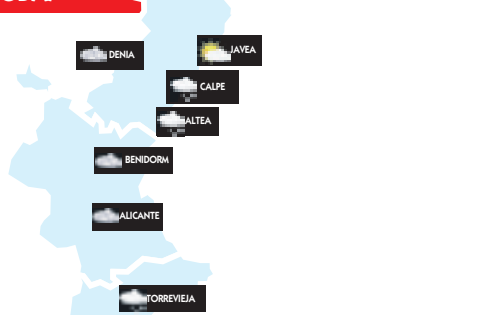
This week in history

- 1564 – William Shakespeare, the English poet and playwright, was born in Stratford-on-Avon.
- 1889 – Adolf Hitler, leader of the German Nazi party, was born in Austria.
- 1934 – *The Daily Mail* published the famous Loch Ness Monster photograph by London physician Robert Kenneth Wilson which turned out to be a hoax.
- 1953 – James Watson and Francis Crick, two scientists from Cambridge University, discovered the molecular structure of DNA.
- 1955 – National newspapers were published again after almost a month of strikes over pay by the maintenance workers.
- 1956 – Elvis Presley achieved his first number one hit in the USA with Heartbreak Hotel.
- 1968 – The first decimal five and 10 pence coins were introduced across Britain.
- 1975 – The Labour Party held a one-day conference to debate Britain's membership of Europe with members voting almost two to one to leave the European Economic Community.
- 1982 – Petty Officer Casey became Britain's first casualty in the Falklands war before a single shot was fired after the Sea King helicopter he was travelling in crashed into the sea.
- 1983 – German magazine *Stern* published its first instalment of the controversial 'Hitler Diaries,' an account of World War II allegedly written by Hitler himself.
- 1986 – The Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear power plant exploded.
- 1989 – 100,000 students protested at Tiananmen Square in Beijing over China's authoritative communist government.
- 1990 – NASA successfully launched the Hubble telescope into space.

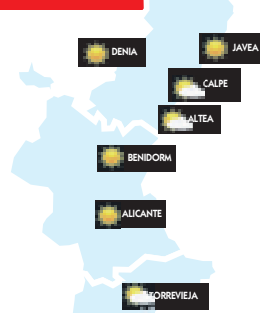
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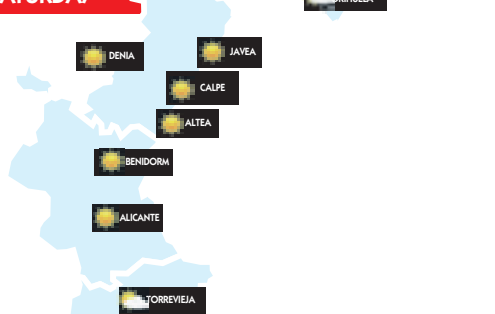
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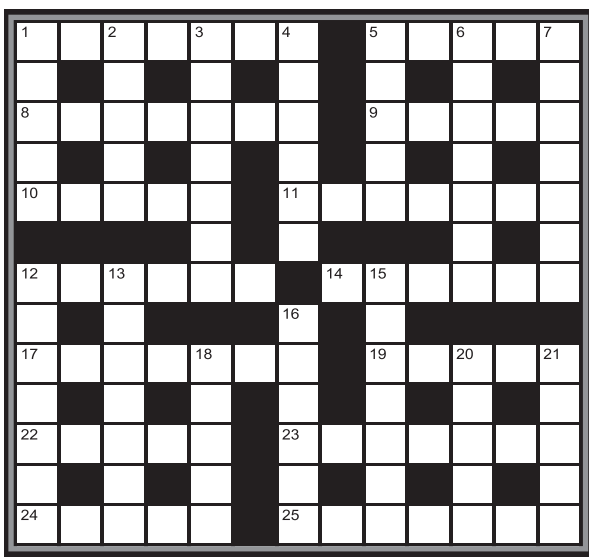
Crossword

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Enjoy filling in the following puzzles and check the answers in next week's edition

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Cryptic

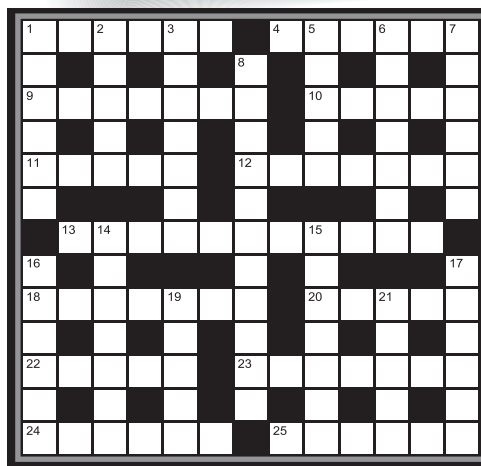


- Across**
- 1 Have doubts about American President in religious order (7)
 - 5 January events in universal establishment (5)
 - 8 Bands' trip to England in a ship (7)
 - 9 Vessel seen in Victoria or Tasmania (5)
 - 10 For example, brown back or elbow (5)
 - 11 Add to cooked gnu meat (7)
 - 12 Defend model after work (6)
 - 14 Very cold beer (6)
 - 17 Around lake there's poor protection (7)
 - 19 Food for Salvation Army boy (5)
 - 22 Command from prediction (5)
 - 23 Can bale out for stability (7)
 - 24 Is backing First Lady to sort things out (5)
 - 25 Excited Reds ran household tasks (7)

- Down**
- 1 Poles taking in country girl (5)
 - 2 A little bit of quiet colour (5)
 - 3 Quick to communicate (7)
 - 4 In France you study Italian dialect (6)
 - 5 Some careless language (5)
 - 6 Biggest triangles not in order (7)
 - 7 Fiddle car test and take flight (7)
 - 12 Yes, sort out marine molluscs (7)

- 13 Authentic made up recipes (7)
- 15 Closed vandalised urinals (7)
- 16 Drink outside bar put back, ready for ploughman (6)
- 18 It is included in the tax (5)
- 20 Fifty nine overturned revolutionary leader (5)
- 21 Owing a pound, skinhead gets into fights (5)

Quick

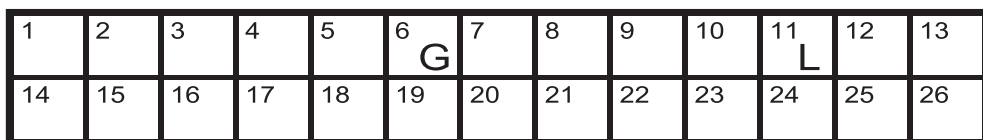
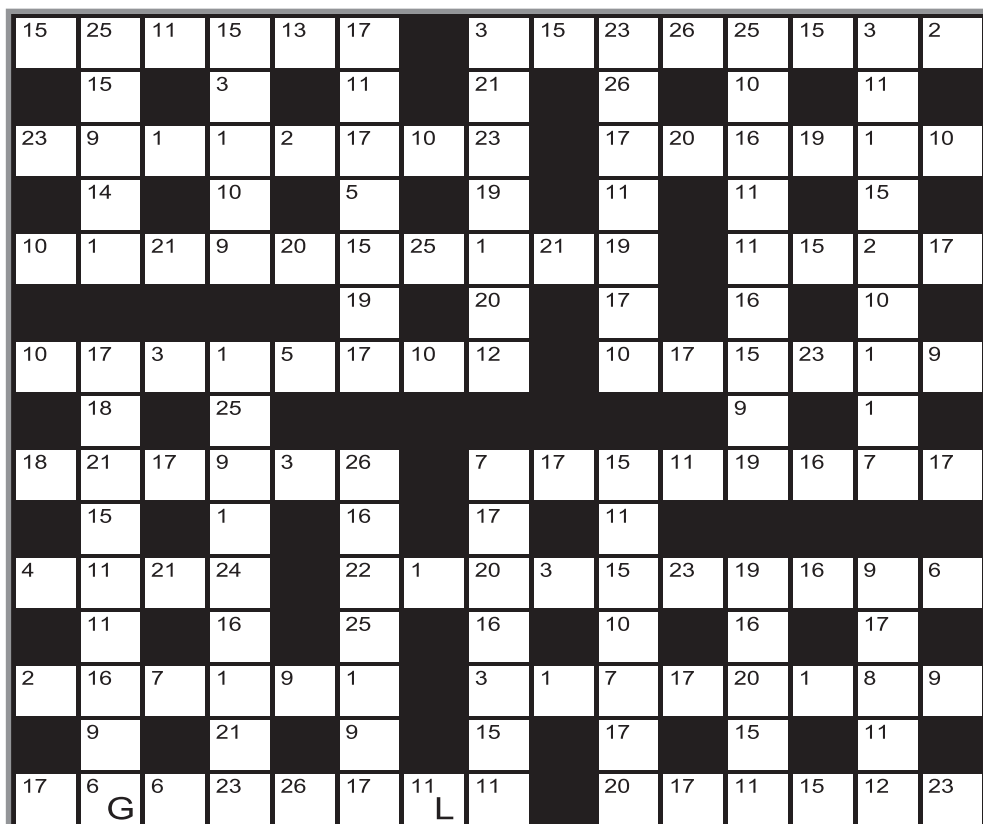


- Across**
- 1 Bad handwriting (6)
 - 4 Compassionate (6)
 - 9 Pilot (7)
 - 10 Indicate pain, discomfort or displeasure (5)
 - 11 Separate part of a whole (5)
 - 12 Outer boundary or face of anything (7)
 - 13 Plant-eating insect with hind legs adapted for leaping (11)
 - 18 Collection of weapons and military equipment (7)
 - 20 Shin bone (5)
 - 22 Meet at a point (5)
 - 23 Hug (7)
 - 24 Profoundly (6)
 - 25 Group of six (6)

- Down**
- 1 Seafood (6)
 - 2 Bring up (5)
 - 3 Testifier (7)
 - 5 Wrath (5)
 - 6 Set apart. (7)
 - 7 Male goose (6)
 - 8 Safety headgear for motorcyclist (5,6)
 - 14 Give or bring back (7)
 - 15 Suitable for drinking (7)
 - 16 Smelling of fermentation or staleness (6)
 - 17 Express grief verbally (6)
 - 19 Relating to the nose (5)
 - 21 Brag (5)

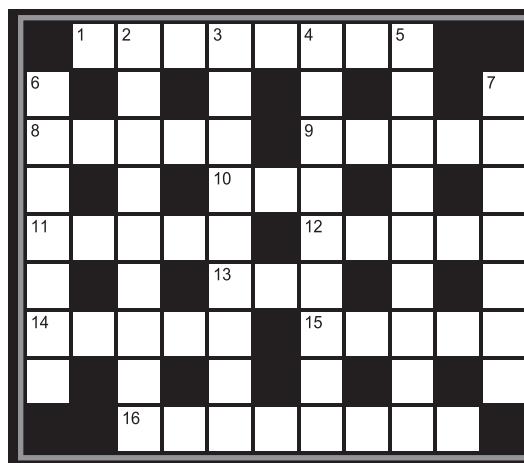
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents G and 11 represents L, so fill in G every time the figure 6 appears and L every time the figure 11 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.



English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Lamps (8)
 - 8 Shout (loud cry) (5)
 - 9 Switzerland (5)
 - 10 Gordo (persona) (3)
 - 11 Aceituna (5)
 - 12 Gust of wind (5)
 - 13 Esquí (3)
 - 14 Notice (warning) (5)
 - 15 Ready (prepared) (5)
 - 16 Caballito de mar (3,5)

- Down**
- 2 Aptitudes (9)
 - 3 Teacher (in secondary school) (f) (9)
 - 4 Rake (9)
 - 5 Maletas (para equipaje) (9)
 - 6 To ignore (7)
 - 7 Winner (7)

CRYPTIC

- Across:**
- 1 Gear, 3 Vacation, 9 Embargo, 10 Pleat, 11 Ocean, 12 Nectar, 14 Lichen, 16 Castle, 19 Dahlia, 21 Appal, 24 After, 25 Skillet, 26 Purchase, 27 Used.

- Down:**
- 1 Grenoble, 2 Amble, 4 Adorns, 5 Aspic, 6 Inexact, 7 Note, 8 Fringe, 13 Deflated, 15 Chatter, 17 Adagio, 18 Pauses, 20 Larch, 22 Polls, 23 Carp.

QUICK

- Across:**
- 1 Slow, 3 Proposal, 9 Natters, 10 Swaps, 11 Sushi, 12 Shroud, 14 Enlist, 16 Eczema, 19 Karate, 21 Share, 24 Alike, 25 Enlarge, 26 Together, 27 Fees.

- Down:**
- 1 Sinister, 2 Oaths, 4 Resist, 5 Poser, 6 Statute, 7 Less, 8 Genius, 13 Careless, 15 Leading, 17 Costly, 18 Delete, 20 Adept, 22 Agree, 23 Bait.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:**
- 1 Sting, 3 Miedo, 8 Dirigir, 9 Relampago, 12 Clothes, 13/6 Day off, 14 Stair, 15 Smile.

- Down:**
- 1 Soon, 2 Godfather, 3 Mariposas, 4 Engaged, 5 Otro, 7 Fregona, 10 Ices, 11 Tyre.

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TOP 10

Popular fashion trends now

FASHION for summer presents an array of styles that should not disappoint, but instead leave fashionistas in a bit of a dilemma about which way to go. This season is all about the spirit of the 80's and a cocktail that leaves us with too much choice. It's time to be adventurous, as trends focus towards, shoulders, sheer material, pinks, sleeves, bralettes, stripes, ruffles and logos.

1. 80's style

The 80's keep popping up in fashion, and this time they are revealed in all that is shiny and metallic, including disco leggings and the one shoulder dress. Also, for the more confident, there is figure grabbing spandex and short mini-skirts. If you were a fan of 'Duran, Duran,' you could go all 'New Romantic' and get yourself some dramatic ruffles and puffed-up sleeves for added glamour.

2. Utility

On a more practical note, but stylish one, there is work wear designed into roomy shapes and subtle colours and breathable cotton. This style is suitable for comfort, especially for when the weather warms up. There are khaki textiles, toggles, oversized pockets and boxy shapes, which have clearly been influenced by lifejackets and parachutes. This would be a cool option for someone working in the office all day.

3. New shirt

The shirt as we know it has gone, and in its place is an item of clothing that's more interesting than the original. There are off-



IN BLOOM: A Dolce & Gabbana floral dress.

the-shoulder styles, shirts with ruffles, over-sized sleeves, and others that are cropped to show off the midriff and cut-outs here and there which expose a bit of flesh. The shirt has also been reinvented in the form of shirt-dresses with graphic lines and extended sleeves.

4. Colour shock

Stand out this summer with combinations of bright blue and grass green; pink and yellow; blue and red; and purple and pink. Designers, Céline, Balenciaga and Valentino have focused more attention on the colour pink, with varieties of candy pink, baby pink, deep cherry and raspberry.

5. Graphic stripes

Stripes are always a good style to wear, but this year they are 'full in your face.' If

floral clothes are not a favourite, then these stripes are an eye-catching alternative, as they are far from subtle and supposed to be worn from head to toe. A bold statement can be made with these vibrant and geometric prints.

6. In bloom

The summer always puts people in the mood to wear flowers and the designers who are leading the way in all that is floral are Dolce & Gabbana, Miu Miu, and Victoria Beckham. London fashion week presented a variety of designs in floral print, from puffer jackets to tulle dresses.

7. Athletic

This style has gained more prominence due to people spending more time devoted to a healthy lifestyle. It may not suit

everyone, but for those who invest a big part of their day to fitness, this style is perfect, as it becomes a fusion of fitness and daywear that's convenient for busy bodies.

8. Bralette

Think back to Madonna, making a grand entrance with her cone bra and how she shocked the world, but everyone has got used to the idea of underwear as outerwear. This season, bralettes are not being hidden under sheer fabric or under a jacket, but stands alone with a variety of designs. There are bralettes in rich jewel-toned satin to frilly patterned ruffles. Alexander McQueen has created a Victorian gothic version and studded leather bralettes have made quite an impression on the catwalk. They can even be worn over a jumper!

9. Slogans

This is fashion that definitely makes a statement and this category may overtake the bralette in popularity with some of the daring slogans that designers have created. They include, 'Let's get obscene with Cara Delevingne,' and 'I'd get on all fours for Michael Kors,' or you can choose Haider Ackermann's 'Be your own hero.'

10. Supersize suits

This design is all about exaggeration and detailing, with oversized shirts and cinched in waists, another throwback to the 80's, including the Dallas style shoulder pads. Office wear gets a makeover, with pioneers, Céline and Jacquemus leading the way to bigger sleeves and wider flares.

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.

E	V	W	E	S
O	I	N	H	E
R	Y	N	T	T
O	P	N	N	C
I	D	S	T	P

TARGET:

- Average: 17
- Good: 23
- Very good: 34
- Excellent: 44

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

dismay deism dermis dermic derma safer safes sides sired sires seism seismic aside asides abase abased abases ideas fermi fermis basis based baser bases bared rides rises recipe roses sores epics osier osmic ohmic mores miser miosis maybe horse horsed horses hosier hosed hoses amice apices ahorse

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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				7	5		1	

Word Ladder

MAIL

Move from the start word (MAIL) to the end word (HOUR) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

HOUR

- MAIL
- MAIL
- FAIL
- SAIL
- FOIL
- FOUL
- SOIL
- SOU
- FOUR
- SOUR
- HOUR
- HOUR
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Brexit: the great game

SIR,

Imagine the scene; just finished a wonderful dinner - paid for by somebody else - and now politicians come to the important discussions. How does the EU show those arrogant Brits who's the boss? Around the table various ideas are floated and rejected.

Then Mr Rajoy has his say: "Why not threaten Gibraltar again? Give Spain a veto on any arrangement." Picture lots of giggles and bouts of euphoria, and the reply: "Absolutely brilliant. That will show them that they can't mess with us. It will of course be against our wishes but they have asked for it."

Do you think that they ran the idea past Mr Enda Kenny in Eire? Virtually all of his trade travels through the UK. If the EU decides that the Gibraltar border needs every car checked because of rules and there is a five-hour wait, so be it. It might make them change their minds. The same rule that the Spanish use would also apply to goods travelling to Ireland. They cross borders twice over; coming in and going out of the UK.

Now Gib has some 30,000 inhabitants and at a push can be supplied by air and sea without too much hardship (they have had practice) but can Enda supply 5,000,000 if the ferries are working at the same speed as the Spanish customs? Have a word with your 'friends' Mr Kenny or you could find life gets quite difficult.

Matt Archer,
Mijas Costa

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Art attack

“ AS a regular visitor to this beautiful part of the world I am dismayed by the amount of graffiti that is simply everywhere.

I have noticed that one particular misunderstood youth signs his work with the name 'Read.' Now I am assuming that this is a surname and that some parent somewhere is at this stage putting two and two together and coming up with a son or daughter who is defacing the urban landscape.

If your surname is 'Read' - or you have a child with the name of 'Read,' please look very carefully and ask yourself what do they get up to when they are out playing with their mates in the evening.

Patrick Jordan



GRAFFITI: Street art or vandalism?

Crossword concern

LOOKING at the Cryptic Crossword in the Time Out section of the EWN (Issue 1657) I for one will not be bothering despite my liking for this type of puzzle.

For me the puzzle must be large enough so that I am not erasing the number when I put in the answer. With more

than 100 pages this week is this all the space you can spare !!

I do not normally do 'Quick' crosswords, but look at the one this week. What sort of eyes and pen must you have to cope with that?

Is the Ed a teenager?

Terry White,
Costa Blanca

Editor's note: Thank you for

your e-mail and every attempt will be made to address your concerns in the near future. While we have a cosmopolitan editorial team made up of some in their 20's, and others in their 60's, none is a teenager.

Praise for hospital

I HAVE recently had bronchitis; never had it before and don't want it again. I thought it was the so-called Benidorm cough. Anyway I took myself off to the National Health hospital at Villajoyosa.

The emergency staff there were really helpful, although not many spoke English. Everyone was wonderful. The doctors took great care of me.

They made sure I knew how to take my prescription properly. I went back later and they checked me out; although I should have gone to the local clinic. I only have praise for the hospital staff.

Mrs J McKee,
Leicestershire

Brain teaser

REGARDING the Time Out pages, I very much appreciate the recent layout of your crosswords and code breaker. It is so much easier to do them when they are the current sizes.

They've also become a bit more difficult recently. That may be a good thing for our brains - but don't make them harder than they are now!

M M, Portals Nous,
Mallorca

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» Leapy Lee gloves discarded

I ONLY wish some people would talk less from misguided ideas and more from facts with regard to the people of Gib, they voted overwhelmingly to remain part of the UK and democracy and therefore will still be part of the UK after Brexit.

And as for Northern Ireland, I have lived there for a number of years and the idea of them joining the south is as remote as H Rowlands getting his (or hers for that matter) facts right!

I am pretty sure that somehow the politicians will get the situation sorted, maybe more by luck than design, and I just hope sanity will prevail, in Gib and NI. God help us all from such dangerous people like those in the house of Lords!!!

Mr E, Sheffield

WE have to remember that Spain can't really complain about the UK owning Gibraltar all the time they own Ceuta on the opposite side of the Straits of Gibraltar and also Melilla just along the coast from Ceuta.

Lord Howard is another good reason to dump the House of Lords, especially as I read in the last week that they turn up, sign in and claim their £300 per day and then walk out again and do a speech at some big company for £10,000.

CF

» Boxer attacked CDS

PRESUMABLY, after being dealt with by the Courts here, she will be deported back to England, banned from returning and have her passport rescinded.

This sort of criminality gives English people a bad reputation.

Drew Edgar

WHAT you're saying there Drew, can that actually be enforced by the Spanish authorities?

Adam my man, fair play to you resisting knocking her block off. Hope you're well mate! I can imagine the uproar had the roles have been reversed and you were the aggressor!

See you soon big lad!

Watson

TWENTY-FOUR per cent increase in knife crime in England last year. Now they are bringing their evil criminality here.

Leapy Lee Give us a break.

Paul Wheelan

» Passengers faint, long border checks

ONLY two gates open on Friday as we travelled home. Waited in the queue for about an hour. Maybe more gates should be opened. We were lucky our plane was delayed and not in a rush to get through. Nice to see them stepping up security.

Clare Fenwick

NOTHING to do with Gib or anything else, just staff doing their job properly, I'm pleased to see this and hope that when I travel later the same thing happens.

Ted Milsom

» Football thug enjoys holiday

I'M not bothered that he is on holiday in Spain just baffled as to how he has only served three months for GBH.

Felicia Ang

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Travel

Adventures on Spain's secret coast

SPAIN has been a popular travel destination for so long, and placed under such a powerful microscope, that it's difficult to imagine where the un-beaten track may lie. But if its informal nickname, 'the secret coast,' is true, then Huelva may be just the place.

Nestled on the far south-west corner of Spain, right on the border with Portugal, a visit to Huelva brings Atlantic beaches into the mix. And they are some of the finest in the world. The words 'unspoilt' and 'virgin' are thrown around a lot when applied to beaches but in Huelva they find their real home.

Explore the Playa de Mazagon and Playa de Castilla for some real gems. Off-season you might even have these pristine miracles to yourself. Both are surrounded by wonderful restaurants and boutique hotels to relax after a gorgeous sunset stroll and enjoy some of the finest seafood in Spain.

The city of Huelva itself isn't one of the province's main attractions but is a wonderful Spanish city in its own right, replete with its fair share of history, cuisine and culture.



EL ROCIO: The gateway to Doñana National Park.

If you're feeling a bit more adventurous, and have a car, a must-do on any trip to Huelva is a visit to the Doñana National Park. This vast untouched wildness, one of the last in Spain, straddles across three provinces - Huelva, Sevilla and Cadiz - a majestic 100,000 hectares of beaches, pine forest, sand dunes, marshes and mountains. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site and it would be a shame not to see one of the genuine wonders of the world

right on your Spanish doorstep.

Another terrific opportunity on any Huelva visit is taking a boat to another country. After all this is where Christopher Columbus acquired his ships to sail to the New World.

You don't have to go that far, Portugal is just a 15-minute ferry ride away. For a reasonable price you can visit the charming town of Viloreal do Santo Antonio and gorge on the famous Portuguese custard tart Pasteis de Nata. Be sure to turn your

clocks back!

Huelva is easily accessible from almost anywhere on the Spanish mainland. The fastest way to get to the capital would be on the motorway through Sevilla from Malaga Province. But the coastal route through Cadiz isn't much longer and affords many more opportunities to stop and explore Spain's majestic coast along the way.



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What should I do if I get sunburn?

Firstly, you should avoid further exposure to the sun. If you do decide to head outside, protect your skin with a t-shirt, trousers, or a high factor sunscreen. A hydrating moisturiser is essential to repair the damage to your skin and should be used often. In more extreme cases, an anti-inflammatory cream and painkillers may be necessary. Symptoms should disappear in a few days.

Are some people more prone to sun damage?

Absolutely. People with fair skin which isn't often exposed to the sun are more likely to suffer from burns, but it does depend on the person, as there are those with darker skin who also burn easily.

What are the short term consequences?

The most serious short term consequences are pain, stinging and redness, but a burn could develop skin ulcers which could lead to skin cancer in later life.

When should I see a doctor?

You don't always need to consult a doctor, only if the burn is severe or you develop unusual lesions which you suspect could be cancerous.

How can I prevent sunburn in the first place?

Skin should be protected from strong sunlight, especially at certain times of the day when the sun's rays are stronger. It is absolutely essential to use protective creams or clothing, hydrate yourself and avoid intense physical exercise.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Chewing gum could detect cancer

COULD chewing gum help detect cancer? Scientists believe it could as a biotech company in America claims to have developed a gum that could be used instead of blood tests to determine if a person has cancer. The gum absorbs the compounds which are released by certain forms of cancer through the person's saliva as they chew.

“ There were an estimated 1.5m new cancer cases diagnosed in the US last year.

So far the scientists from Volatile Analysis, say they have developed different types of chewing gum to detect pancreatic, lung and breast cancer. They have developed different gum as the compounds released through saliva are unique to each type of cancer.



CHEWING GUM: Could be used instead of blood tests.

The US company says patients would have to chew it for around 15 minutes but it would eliminate the need for blood tests or biopsies. In America, the National Cancer Institute, said there were an estimated 1.5 million new cancer cases diagnosed last year in the country.

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A nation of coffee

IT'S true that whether home or away, most Brits love the routine of a daily coffee. Whether that's a visit to the beach to watch the morning sun rise over a shot of espresso or a latte, or a visit to a warm and cosy coffee shop in the UK for a hot drink and a slice of your favourite cake.

This routine is now a booming business, particularly in the UK where according to Mintel research, the UK coffee shop market has enjoyed its biggest period of growth since 2008, when the market was valued at £2.2 billion (€2.6 billion). Over the last five years, the market rose by 37 per cent, up from £2.4 billion (€2.8 billion) in 2011 to reach an impressive £3.4 billion (€3.8 billion) in 2016. What is more, between 2015 and 2016 sales increased an impressive 10.4 per cent, representing the biggest year-on-year boost witnessed in the last five years.

It seems the market is brewing up for further success, as over the next five years coffee shop sales are fore-



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Coffee lovers



“Coffee shop sales are forecast to jump a further 29 per cent.”

cast to jump a further 29 per cent, reaching £4.3 billion (€4.8 billion).

According to the survey, 65 per cent of Brits questioned had visited a coffee shop in the past months, but half (51 per cent) of coffee drinkers admitted they still prefer to drink hot drinks at home.

Coffee shop users also showed their environmentally conscious side with almost nine in 10 (87 per cent) saying they tried to dispose of their packaging waste in recycling bins. Around six in 10 (58 per cent) also said they would like coffee shops to offer a discount to customers using their own travel mug and 40 per cent of coffee drinkers said they don't mind being charged extra for hot drinks served in 100 per cent recyclable coffee cups.

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Experts from Bidvine.com calculated the calories in 20 of the UK's favourite Easter eggs and then worked out how long you would have to spend exercising to burn them off through either running, skipping, swimming, walking, cycling, squatting, sit-ups or doing burpees.

It was revealed that a Cadbury's Dairy Milk egg was the worst offender, with 1,758 calories meaning it would take around three hours on the running track, or six hours walking, to burn off those calories. Prefer swimming? Then you'd have to do around two hours of length to burn off the Dairy Milk egg.

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Celebrating heritage on the Costa Blanca

APRIL 18 marked International Day of Monuments and Sites, and in celebration of the rich heritage of the region, sites all over the Costa Blanca are encouraging people to visit in the coming weeks.

This year's theme is 'Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism,' and in Elche, the Department of Culture has teamed up with the Archaeological History Museum to put on workshops open to children aged five to 12 years old.

Children can enjoy a guided visit of the 'Luz de Roma' exhibition in the museum.

The workshops will be held at the museum from April 19 to 22, from 11am to 12.30pm. The maximum capacity is 25 people per day. Book by calling 966 658 203.

Tapas Route opens

SAMPLE the best of Torrevieja's tapas and enjoy a tour of the city centre from this afternoon (April 20) with the return of the Tapas Route.

Now held twice a year, it was inspired by the business association who describe it as one of Torrevieja's 'most successful innovations.'

A gourmet tapa and a drink is €2.50 and it opens between noon to 4.30pm in the afternoon and again

between 7.30pm and 11pm in the evening; until Sunday night and again next week from Thursday April 27 to Sunday April 30.

Organisers say it remains a fun and inexpensive way to spend an afternoon or evening touring the centre, and with the chance to discover some of the city's hidden delights.

Everyone taking part can

vote for their favourite snack - but must have 10 official stamps on their 'Tapas Route Card'; they will then also be entered in a free door.

"It is a great event that many other local communities have also copied, and it is a success wherever it is staged," say organisers.

TAPA: A taste of Spain.



Printed books come out top

TORREVIEJA'S Book Fair continues until Monday, April 24.

Five local bookshops, one from Lorca and another from Altea set up stalls in Paseo Vista Alegre each morning from 11am until 2pm and in the evening between 6 and 11pm.

The booksellers admitted that competition from the online multinational giants has harmed them, but agreed that they are not mortally wounded.

"Internet affects us because you can buy a book online and it's delivered a few hours later but there is no direct contact," said Javier Gomiz. "A webpage cannot recommend a book that suits your tastes, you can't touch it, you can't talk to the bookseller."

Dwindling sales were the fault of the recession, not competition from e-books, the stallholders maintained.

"Many readers have them but a lot still want a printed book," said Pilar Baldominos, from Torrevieja.

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Situated in Doña Pepa, it has welcomed customers who come back week after week and many new guests discovering its delights for the first, but not the last, time.

With glamorous high ceilings and chandeliers as well as upstairs space, perfect for private parties and an outdoor terrace for al fresco dining now the weather is warming up, Indian Ocean is a great place to enjoy an intimate meal for two or to enjoy a large gathering with friends and family. Whilst the restaurant itself is a lovely environment to dine in, food is of course behind its success with owner Mohsin Reza priding himself on the quality and freshness of the Bangladeshi food: “Ninety-five per cent of restaurants in the UK are actually Bangladeshi rather than Indian and it is a slightly different



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type of cuisine, so we offer the much loved tastes that people are so fond of in the UK.”

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There is also an app for Indian Ocean. Simply download it to your smart phone and you will have your favourite restaurant available at your fingertips allowing you to browse the menu, order a takeaway and reserve a table.

Indian Ocean remains open every day for lunch from 12-3pm and again in the evening from 6pm. Menu del dia offers the most affordable way to try the cuisine costing €8.95 and the evening menu is €10.95 with both menus available Sunday to Thursday.

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More than 50 people gathered in the Plaza de la Constitucion; many sporting the tricolour of the short-lived republic, overthrown in the Spanish Civil War.

Seven political parties and groups were represented; the leader of left-wing Izquierda Unida Victor Ferrandez warning fascism was resurgent across Europe because of economic crisis and rejecting an ideology that 'promoted hatred between neighbours.'

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COMEDIC POMPEII: Naughty but nice.

Carry on Pompeii for adults only

NAUGHTY 'adults only' humour comes to San Fulgencio next month with theatre group Stagestruck and an original comedy 'Carry on Pompeii,' penned by Director Leigh Humphries.

The theatre group has been performing shows since 2011 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association and other charities and is now looking forward to bringing the production to the Cardinal Beluga Theatre in San Fulgencio on Thursday May 11; Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13.

'Carry on Pompeii' is an original script - a blend of the

'Carry on' film series and the BBC comedy 'Up Pompeii' starring Frankie Howerd - and as such is packed with innuendo.

The story is set in Senator Pious Maximus' house in Ancient Pompeii and the local Forum, and highlights a very busy two days in the life of the Senator and his family, friends and slaves.

The show features some hilarious characters including Saliva the Soothsayer and Nefarius the Slave Trader and sidekick, Geriatricus. In addition, the slave sale and the Miss Vestal Virgin Pageant are scenes not to be missed.

As usual with Stagestruck productions, as well as dance and comedy, an eclectic mix of popular songs support the script and it promises to be a fun night out.

Tickets are €7 and are on sale at: The Post Box, Quesada; The Post Room, Benijofar; The Card Place, Benimar; Cards and More, La Marina; Kennedy's Supermarket, Montesinos; Leaf's (Formerly Marabu Lounge), Quesada; and Ray's Laundry, La Marina.

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Harlem visits Alicante

BASKETBALL legends the Harlem Globetrotters visit Alicante next month bringing the legendary blend of sport, theatre and comedy to the city.

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The Globetrotters were founded in 1926 and have played 26,000 exhibition games in 122 countries; successfully touring the show that is part athleticism and part showbiz.

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Tickets are €20 and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available from the venue, El Corte Ingles, and through various online agencies.

Campoverde Theatre Group presents 'The Good Old Days'

THE members of Campoverde Theatre Group are pleased to offer another great evening out. Come and join us for the next supper show, when we will pay homage to that classic BBC programme 'The Good Old Days.' We kindly invite you to get imaginative and come along in your Edwardian finery: long dresses for the ladies and big hats that can be decorated as elaborately as your imagination takes you. Just like the television programme of the same name we will have our own compere who has been busy finding long words and flowery language, just like Leonard Sachs.

The show will be full of songs that you will have learnt from your parents, and you can join the company in having a good sing along with old standards.

The show will have something for everyone; singing, dancing, a little magic and we'll remind you of the songs your parents and grandparents used to sing. Olde Tyme Music Hall was one of the standard types of old fashioned the-



OLD TYME: Paying homage to 'The Good Old Days.'

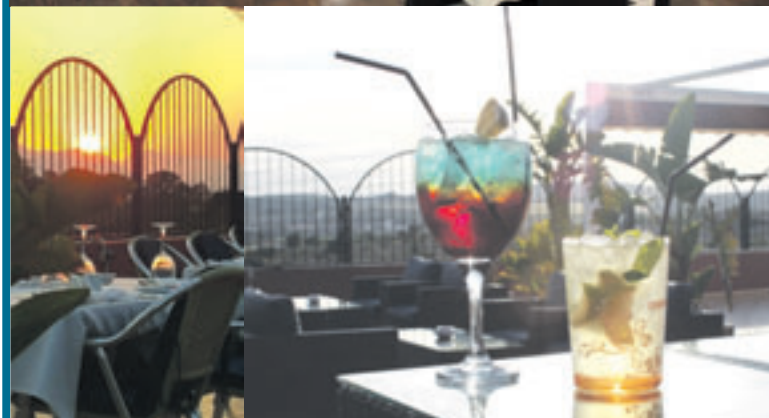
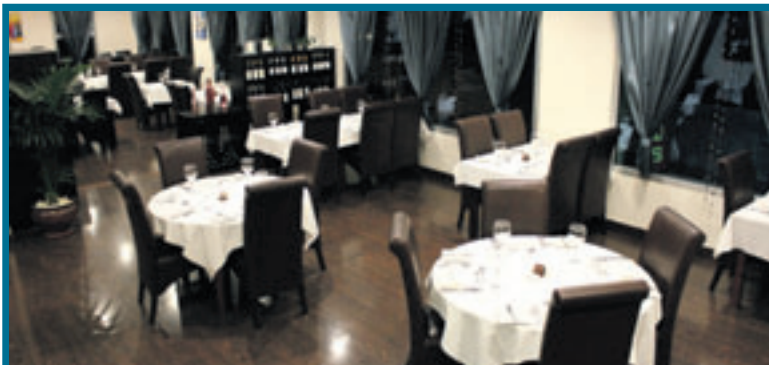
atre, which is currently, undergoing a revival on BBC4 television, every Friday evening.

Campoverde Theatre Group donated over €2,500 to local charities last year and the proceeds of this show will go to a very worthwhile local charity, 'Help at Home,' which offers invaluable help to local residents who are ill; need short term help; transport to health services; hospital visits and much more.

Come along and help us raise funds for this worthwhile charity.

The supper show will be performed on Wednesday May 3, Thursday May 4 and Friday May 5, at the Fiesta Plaza formally known as Breakaways, Calle Republica Dominicana, Urb Pueblo Principe.

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Clients can be strange

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I THINK I MAY HAVE MENTIONED this sort of thing in a previous article. I don't mean 'clients' that eat in restaurants - although there are plenty of them too - but the clients I have to deal with in the course of my Consultancy work. It is a strange business. Often when people come to people like me it is normally after they have exhausted not only their ideas and effort but their money!

Having said that, I am not sure that is the case with a prospective client I met last year.

He had established that he needed help, but was not

sure in which way. He was advised to get in touch with me via an old client of mine that frequented his establishment. I often find that simple consultancy work is to help the client 'see the wood from the trees!' Then you can identify a problem a lot easier. The only real problem that this guy had was that he was not a professional or even experienced in the industry and failed to employ the right staff.

After our first meeting I went away and put together some ideas together with a cash flow forecast, which is something I do for all prospective clients. I didn't hear back from him and later managed to contact him and he told me that he was closing for some months and he would contact me prior to reopening.

As some time had passed since we were last in contact I tried to contact him to little avail.

Eventually he said he would contact me on his return from abroad. I thought nothing more until I received an email from a good client of mine who informed me that he had given my name to the gentleman in question.

I replied and told him that I had already spoken, but that I would rekindle our correspondence. Even after that he still was not quite sure what he was up to as he had further complicated his situation and was attempting to do something that I feel will backfire on him. He's a nice guy and I wish him well. He knows that if things don't work out that I am available. I don't charge for 'waiting time.'

SOME YEARS AGO, I had the privilege of working at the Puente Romano and Marbella Club Hotels with a charming man called Alex Führer who was the MD at the time and I his Assistant. He was a Swiss German who had spent a lot of his career in Africa. He was looking to do something with the Food and Beverage operation to improve and increase turnover. For those of you that remember the Puente Romano more than 20 odd years ago, apart from the main restaurant downstairs there was the Cascada Lounge (with the atrium) and banqueting suites and that was about all. The Chef at the time was Simon Padilla, a very amiable and capable chef and I wanted to create a showcase for his unused talents by creating a 'restaurant d'autor' under the atrium while pinching a bit of the banqueting suite to build a service kitchen.

I also designed an Italian style restaurant with food stations for show cooking, in conjunction with the very charismatic and classy General Manager at the time, Frank Pfaller. There were a lot of things that could have been done, but for some reason they did not get very far off the ground at that time.

But visitors to the iconic hotel will have seen the development around the Plaza which now boasts a plethora of eateries under the watchful eye of the very talented and extremely personable Executive Chef, Thomas Stork, whose previous successes have included the Los Monteros Hotel and the beautiful



Thomas Stork executive chef Puente Romano.

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Skilled chefs aren't cheap - Cheap chefs aren't skilled.
(Anon: but definitely a disgruntled Chef!)



Hutcheson and Ramsay in better days.

REGULAR READERS will recall that I wrote recently about the trials and tribulations of the 'marmite' celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay. He had been involved in legal action with his wife's father Chris Hutcheson claiming he had hacked into company computers. Well Gordon will be pleased that his father-in-law and his two brother-in-laws have been found guilty of conspiring together to cause a computer to access programs and data held in any computer without authority, contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977. They were granted bail pending sentencing. The maximum sentence for the offence is two years gaol. (*) Hutcheson's other daughter was found not guilty. Sentencing will take place on June 2.

YOU WIN SOME YOU LOSE SOME. Ramsay's misfortunes continue in as much as he has lost his multi-million pound High Court claim that his aforementioned father-in-law fraudulently used a 'ghost writing' machine to sign him up for a pub deal. The 50-year-old chef must now pay the estimated £1m plus legal costs of the failed claim.

He had alleged that Hutcheson had used the ghost writing signature machine without his authority to make him a personal guarantor for the £640,000 a year annual rent for the historic 160-year-old York & Albany pub in an exclusive area near Regent's Park, London. He sought a declaration that because his signature was not 'lawfully authorised,' he was not bound to the 25-year lease signed in 2007. He took the pub's owner, American-based film director Gary Love, to court in a bid

to get out of the deal. But Mr Justice Morgan dismissed his claim and ordered him to pay all of Love's estimated £652,000 bill, with £250,000 to be paid within 28 days. He must also pay his own costs, estimated at around £400,000, taking the final bill to over £1m. He must also pay the £1.3m owing in rent. The judge ruled that Ramsay may not have known of the intended guarantee prior to the grant of the lease, but added: "Mr Ramsay's own evidence establishes the very extensive, if not total, trust which Mr Ramsay placed in Mr Hutcheson to deal with business affairs on behalf of both the companies and Mr Ramsay himself." He said he had given Hutcheson "wide general authority" to act for him, having told him: "I don't have strong business acumen. Look after me."

EVEN AFTER PAYING HIM OVER £2 million his embittered father-in-law then tried to declare Gordon Ramsay Holdings insolvent. Apparently there are tax irregularities which occurred under the previous management (Hutcheson?) about which Ramsay's company is cooperating with HMRC.

Having said that, I don't suppose it will make much of a dent in Gordon's savings. With an estimated €60 million a year salary and a worth in excess of €180 million made from his 20 odd restaurants, airport catering and umpteen TV programmes with a new one starting on British TV (Culinary Genius) he won't need the soup kitchen just yet. The fact that Jamie Oliver is far more financially successful with a worth of more than €400 million does upset him more.

(*) gaol or jail? I would welcome your comments! (some detailed content thanks to the Caterer and Hotelkeeper)

I WAS VERY SURPRISED that when I popped into an OpenCor last week, on the way to a friend's for an after dinner drink, I was unable to purchase a couple of bottles of wine as it had gone 10.00pm!! I didn't realise that we were following UK archaic rules. Wasn't it always better when the vendor could determine if it was a bunch of kids out on the lash or a fall-over-drunk in which case - don't serve them!!

Still, I do understand that a simple cover all rule is probably the easiest way!!

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.*

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.

Protecting owners of property

NEW banking regulations will protect Spain-based homeowners from foreclosure or eviction but critics say they don't go far enough. With social unrest in its cities, and under intense pressure from the EU, Spain has passed new measures which prevent banks from initiating foreclosures until the default reaches between 3 and 5 per cent of the credit.

That's a bold move for Spain, which has traditionally had some of the more lax mortgage regulations in Europe. But it still falls far short of the tighter regulations which lawyers and activists alike have campaigned for. In Germany for instance, the default band is between 8 and 10 per cent, granting property owners more leeway.

The EU Court of Justice in Luxembourg has also ruled that specific provisions should be introduced into all mortgage contracts when vulnerable parties, such as the unemployed, are involved. As yet, Spain has no such provisions.

Questions also remain over higher interest rates and more easily attained loans. Spanish banks are still getting accustomed to the new safety first regime that has defined the property market since the recovery began.

New players on the mortgage scene will also



NEW REGULATIONS: The European Court of Justice, Luxembourg.

soon make an impact. The banks are now readying themselves to hand out billions in

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The optimistic findings from real estate consultancy group CBRE show that Spain continues to strengthen its appeal to powerful international investors, who remain extremely confident in the Spanish market's long term future.

Analysts expect the trend to continue throughout 2017. Total investment in the region of €10 billion is being floated as a serious possibility. If that figure is reached, property investment in Spain would exceed even the historic pre-recession cash flow of 2007.

This time around the bulk of investment is in retail, including some of the vast shopping centres due for expansion in Spain's



top cities. Multi-billion commercial projects in Madrid and the Costa del Sol will spearhead a new breed of gigantic shopping zones packed with hotels, cinemas, even ski slopes.

Retail accounts for around 40 per cent of the investment, compared to residential real estate's 13 per cent.

As much as 70 per cent of all the money came from foreign sources, especially in America, with US companies contributing a full 33 per cent. Investment from domestic Spanish companies was around 11 per cent, while British firms are also playing a central role, contributing 29 per cent.

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New proposal to unite Spanish residents

A NEW scheme hopes to curb the controversial influence of tourist apartments on local communities. Rather than ban such properties outright, or allow them to flourish unregulated, residents of the same building will be able to vote on whether they want tourist apartments in their backyard.

Pioneered in the Balearic Islands, the proposal looks set to become a popular compromise across Spain. Official residents of large apartment blocks would hold a simple vote on whether to allow properties in the building to be leased out to tourists on short term contracts.

Some may decide to go down the profit route, hoping for a yes vote so they can earn a tidy sum over the holidays. Others might prefer peace and quiet, knowing their neighbours and not dealing with unexpected mess.

For families living in popular tourist areas it might prove a no brainer. Tourist apartments can dramatically raise rents as landlords look to capitalise on the windfall. A family



APARTMENT BLOCKS: Residents will hold a simple vote.

that votes in favour of allowing tourists to stay in their building may soon find themselves out the door, making way for more tourists.

The new law allowing residents the final word is expected to come into

effect this summer. Its success or failure will be watched closely by other Spanish regions from Catalonia, to Valencia, Andalusia and the Canaries, which are also struggling to cope with the phenomenon.



GRANADA: Popular with foreign students.

Other opportunities

vSPAIN isn't the only country enjoying a vast resurgence in property investment.

The trend is blossoming right across the EU, which saw a total sales volume of €207 billion in 2016, the third highest year on record.

Research from Savills Investment Management predicts fast growth in the rental markets of Madrid and Barcelona, as part of a growing trend of top European cities attracting serious investment from the US and Asia.

The good news for residents is that investment is growing across the board. Both the real estate and commercial markets have seen tremendous results

but alternative property markets are also leading the way as the core demographics of Europe change.

Care homes for the elderly and student accommodation are the main drivers of the new alternative property market. In Spain student digs in particular are seen as a ripe investment. Hundreds of thousands of foreign youngsters now study in Granada, Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia each year.

In the UK that market, combined with care homes, is now worth almost €10 billion. American companies are expected to invest billions in Spain's student settings over the next few years.



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Keeping your cool at home

IT is possible to cool down a home, as the days grow warmer with a few solutions to help staying indoors more comfortable.

Ceiling fans could replace existing light fittings and can be more economical than air conditioners. Portable fans are also useful all around the home and if a large mixing bowl full of ice is positioned in front of the fan, this can be very effective for a small area.

When deciding on the colour of blinds and curtains, it's better to go for light colours, as these reflect the heat away from the house. The colour of the roof and walls can also help keep the heat away. Keeping blinds closed can prevent the 'greenhouse effect,' and for extra pro-

tection, place cardboard up to the window, but only when there are no guests coming to visit!

Appliances can generate extra heat, and planting trees and shrubs to shade air-conditioning units can keep the house cooler. Inside, there is the oven, washing machine and light bulbs that will heat up the house if used, so it would be a good idea to use them at night and change bulbs to energy efficient.

Cooling of the house can also be achieved, by adding shades, awnings and shutters. On the inside, keep the doors open wide throughout the whole house, allowing air to flow freely and turn on the bathroom exhaust fan for at least 20 minutes after showering.

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Judas tree opens up at Easter

By Graeme Tyrrell

EASTER is always a time of flowers in Spain as so many wild flowers have emerged to brighten up the countryside and the gardens are flourishing with moist soil and warmer, longer days giving them more sunlight.

A striking flowering deciduous tree that blossoms at this time of year is the *Cercis siliquastrum*, more commonly known as the Judas tree or, in relation to its heart shaped leaves, the Love tree. It is so stunning because it is covered in flowers, even emerging from the branches and trunk, before the leaves appear.

It is not a very large tree unless in ideal conditions, so it can suit even small gardens and large containers if kept well pruned in late spring.

If you are in a region where there are colder winters the leaves will turn bright yellow before falling in autumn. The pods also mature in autumn with a brownish red colour.

The tree structure has a hint of eastern Mediterranean form that is very noticeable in winter when bare of leaves. It is important to consider the form when pruning to allow the retention of its natural shape by only removing unwanted new growth as preventative pruning to maintain the natural form rather than wait for the tree to exceed the desired



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JUDAS TREE: Is stunning when it is covered in flowers.

height and spoil the tree with corrective pruning that requires pruning off the mature branches that produce the flowers.

So with the right care, it is a tree of year round interest with a beautiful spring display, summer shade, autumn colours, an interesting inherent sculpture like design structure and



With the right care, it is a tree of year round interest with a beautiful spring display.

the advantages of deciduous trees that allow in sunlight during winter.

There are legends that the Judas tree was the type of tree that Judas Iscariot hung himself from after betraying Jesus and that it was once a white blossom that turned pink after the occasion. The story fits very well with the blossoms appearing at the time of year the incident occurred, the manner in which the flowers and seed pods hang from the tree and that it is a native of the Mediterranean region.

It is a tree that needs some care as it grows best in a protected zone such as courtyards rather than open fields. It is best to improve the soil with compost and loosen the natural soil to give it a good start. Most Mediterranean soils are ideal for the Judas tree and once established they don't need additional soil improvement fertilisers.

Once established it will need minimal watering but it will respond well if given additional water, especially if you wish to have a large tree during its first few years.

It is relatively hardy in a warm position with a long summer. It will tolerate short periods of frost and cold in winter while bare of leaves but they don't respond well to being moved so it is best planted when young into a permanent position where they can grow up happily.



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Pool maintenance

A POOL is a lovely feature for any garden, but unless it's well-maintained, it will spoil the beauty of the rest of the garden area. After all, the pool is regarded as a luxury item, adding glamour to a property.

It is important to have a pool maintenance routine that includes a few simple steps, then your pool can be something to be proud of.

First, it is essential to skim the surface, on a daily basis. If there's an algae build-up on the sides, this needs to be scrubbed, which can be done every two weeks.

Filters do a great job of removing impurities, so it's a good idea to clean out the pipes and filter basket, once a month.

The filter can be put on a timer, to run for at least six hours a day, rather than switching it on and off.

To keep the water swim-

friendly, the chemical levels should be tested, once a week, according to the Centre for Disease Control. Test kits are easily available and straightforward to use.

'Shocking' is another effective cleaning method, which requires a drastic rise in chlorine levels for a short period, to kill bacteria. Also, keep the pool water level halfway up the opening of your skimmer.

Tennis balls are good for cleaning the water, as the fibres absorb hair products and suntan cream. Power washing around the pool area can get rid of stains and rust, while getting an annual service for the mechanical equipment is advised.



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FERGUSON the cat. |

SOME pets are more sensitive than others, as we hear on a regular basis on David the Dogman's radio show on TRE each Saturday morning. Ferguson is just one of these sensitive types according to his owners. They went on holiday and left him in a cattery and came home to find that he had lost a significant amount of weight. This happened once before but this time his weight loss was worrying.

So they are now going to prepare ahead of their next holiday by finding house-sitters to come to their home to care for him. They'll maintain his routine, check on his

well-being and generally take care of him. He has reached the ripe old age of 17 years now, and stays fit and healthy most of the time. He simply doesn't seem to like change or the absence of people from the house.

Ferguson's owners have written us a special brief, asking for cat lovers to apply, and for people to be present in the evening so that they know the cat will have company and there'll be someone to watch over him.

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The purrfect cafe experience

THE past few years have seen a rise in 'cat cafes' all over the world.

Originating in Taiwan, the idea was popularised by the Japanese when the first 'neko-cafe' opened its doors in Osaka in 2004.

Japan as a whole has over 150 cat cafes, and they are the perfect spot for feline lovers who live in buildings which prohibit pet ownership.

Owning a pet can help to relieve the stress of busy city lives, making us healthier and happier, so it is no surprise that the phenomenon has gone international. Cafes are consistently popping up in cities across the UK, France, Korea, America, Germany, and even Spain.

The establishments are designed with felines in mind, embracing wide open spaces and lots of toys, and many have strict rules in place to protect the animals. Customers must be respectful and the cats cannot be picked up, annoyed, or disturbed whilst sleeping.



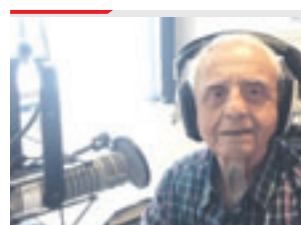
GREAT INITIATIVE: People have the chance to give the cats their fur-ever home.

Many of the cafes have a second and very admirable purpose, operating as cat rescue and rehoming facilities. Interest in rehoming the cats is exceptionally high, with people falling in love with the friendly felines every day.



ALLERGENS: Become stuck on fur. |

Dog and cat allergies



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THERE is no breed of dog not even a Poodle or Chihuahua that will not trigger sneezes, rashes or asthmatic reactions.

Allergic reactions can vary from dog to dog or cat to cat according to Jonathan Corren Clinical Professor of medicine and Director of the Allergy Research Foundation at the University of California.

It is the dander and top skin and certain proteins in saliva and urine that cause people allergy problems according to Emily Rothstein, a resident in dermatology at Cornhill College of Veterinary Medicine.

Any dog or cat that urinates or licks has the potential to be

an allergic-type breed.

Most research on pet allergies has centered on allergies to cats, maybe this is no surprise because they are twice as likely to make their owners sneeze as dogs. Longer haired cats tend to shed less allergen and consequently owners with allergies have fewer reactions. Cats that are short haired traditionally give off more allergen, it is not known if this is true for dogs.

How to beat pet allergies

Research has shown that if a cat or dog is washed about once a week the airborne allergens are cut drastically. It is recommended that dogs should be kept outdoors at night. Dogs and cats that live indoors should not spend any time in the allergic person's bedroom and never allowed on beds.

Dander collects in the carpets, upholstered furniture and bedding, so for those suffering allergies it is better to be without carpets and have wooden furniture or leather. Bedding should be encased in plastic and if it is impossible to remove carpets then these should be steamed cleaned every three months to remove allergens. It is also advisable

to wash walls and floors.

Animal allergens are very small and very sticky and once they are secreted they dry on the animal's fur, become stuck on fur and become airborne during petting and grooming. According to Bonnie Eiche a spokeswoman for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation "They are so small that they can stay airborne for a long time and because they are sticky, they adhere to walls, clothing, and heating and cooling ducts."

About seven years ago I gave up smoking and noticed that I was coughing and choking when handling dogs. After a few tests I was duly informed "Mr Dogman you are an asthmatic and allergic to dogs." "No not me... not possible that's my job" but sadly I now have to take all kind of things to help control my allergic symptoms from medication to inhalers and most important I wash my hands more than a surgeon and change my clothes about three times a day and wash my dogs every week.

But with all my allergies I could not live without dogs because I feel that dogs enhance our quality of life.

Our chatty feathered friends

PERHAPS not the best choice for anyone with a feline prowling the house, a bird can be a fantastic, life-long companion.

With their cheerful and inquisitive natures, many people don't realise how much a bird can add to the home. They are incredibly social animals, often compared to human toddlers in terms of their big personalities.

The most popular feathered pet is the common parakeet, or budgie, and it makes a wonderful companion for anyone new

to keeping birds. They are gentle, docile, and quieter than other parrots, but can learn to mimic speech.

The budgie is also budget friendly, their diets extending to fresh fruits and vegetables. Their smaller size also makes them a little easier to clean up after than their larger cousins.

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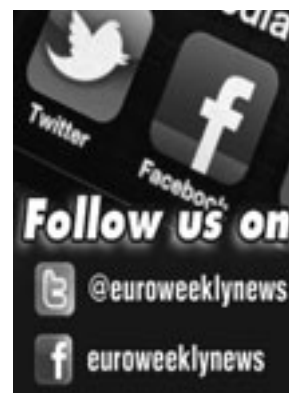
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Best car in the world

By Matthew Elliott

THE best car in the world is officially the Jaguar F-Pace, which scooped the award at the 2017 New York Motor Show. It won the overall prize for the World Car of the Year contest, which is divided into distinct categories.

The F-Pace is Jaguar's first foray into the lucrative SUV market and it beat off stiff competition from more established rivals the Audi Q5 and Volkswagen Tiguan. The performance SUV has state-of-the-art in car technology, a light-weight body offering fantastic fuel efficiency, and a range of five different models.

Available engines include the 380hp 3.0L super-charged V6, and a 2.0 litre turbocharged diesel. Prices range from €40,000 to over

€60,000 with plush family-friendly extras. Swooning reviews acclaimed it as the best all-round vehicle Jaguar has ever produced.

Down to the different divisions and the best luxury car in the world award was won by the Mercedes-Benz E-Class, which triumphed over German rival BMW's 5 Series, and stiff Swedish competition from the Volvo V90 Estate.

BMW did scoop an award with its i3 94Ah win-

ning Best Urban Car courtesy of a powerful, long-life electric battery that won over the judges ahead of the extremely well received Citroen C3 Supermini.

World Performance Car of the Year went to the Porsche 718 Boxster. It skirted controversy over the new four cylinder turbo engines to edge out the 570S Sports Series from McLaren thanks to its all round bril-

liance.

The Green award went to the Toyota Prius Prime. The Japanese car proved more practical, affordable and simpler than the heavily hyped Tesla Model X. The American brand might be more revolutionary in its design, but when it comes to actual purchases from real life drivers rather than Silicon Valley big shots, Toyota wins hands down.



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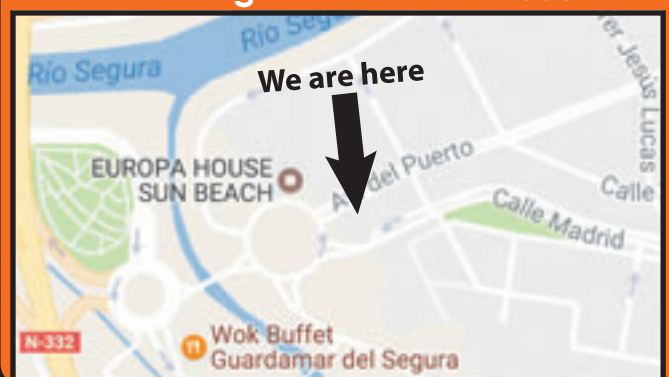
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Masterful Mini is making a comeback

WITH modified suspension, British leather, wood-rimmed steering wheel and a push-button start, the Mini is making a masterful comeback. April 20 sees the launch of the Mini Remastered in Monaco with the iconic car given a modern make-over by Coventry-based David Brown Automotive.

Famous for its manufacture of limited edition cars, David Brown puts the DB in Aston Martin and Jaguar remodels and has turned its attention to Mini with two special editions, one in cream and white, the other red and black.

The DB Mini is said to be 50 per cent more powerful than the original, louder and with 21st century handling and brakes. It has a full on infotainment system with Apple Carplay, USB ports

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and four speakers. At the back there are LED tail lamps, while the interior is lavishly furnished with quality materials.

It takes an estimated 1,000 hours to convert an original Mini into a DB reinvention. And it shows in the hefty price tag. The DB Mini will start at £50,000 (€59,000). Production will move from Coventry to facilities near Silverstone to help meet demand, expected to be far higher than for the Speedback DB, an Aston Martin Jaguar hybrid showcased at Goodwood Revival in 2014.

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Eurogolf Texas Scramble and auction for charity



SHOTGUN START: For the Eurogolf members.

WAKING up to a heavy mist Eurogolf members thought the golf was going to be delayed or cancelled. Fortunately it cleared and members were only 10 minutes late teeing off for the shotgun start Texas Scramble.

Results: 1st Clive Horne, Glo Manning, Sharon Smith and Kevin Bonser 61.2. 2nd Colin Daye-Gretton, Ian Turner, Vince Tocker and Jean Jackson 61.4. 3rd John Barraclough, Monique Reeve, Bev Evans and Dennis Cole 61.8.

NTP's: 5th Lauraine Walker, 11th Debbie Weedon, 12th in two Vince Tocker, 15th Morag Turner and 17th Sharon Smith. Football: Ian Turner, Fred Reeve, Peter Sanderson, David Gregson and Sue Gillett.

After the competition members enjoyed a brunch followed by a charity auction in aid of Caritas, Rojas. Everyone was really generous with more than

€1,000 raised.

On Tuesday April 11 the Toffs played their normal Stableford competition.

Results: Cat 1 (0-15): 1st Pino Perito 36, 2nd Fred Reeve 35, 3rd George McCallum 34. Cat 2 (16-21): 1st Ian Turner 32, 2nd Glo Manning 31, 3rd Jim Weston 31. Cat 3 (22-27): 1st Terry Sayers 36, 2nd Norman Woods 32, 3rd David Valentine 32. Cat 4 (28+): 1st Kevin Bonser 37, 2nd Lauraine Walker 35, 3rd Bev Evans 33.

Overall Toffs winner: Kevin Bonser. Best front 9: Ian Pegg 22. Best back 9: Ken Enever 19. Best Guest: Jackie Acres. NTP's: 5th Robin Richards. 11th Craig Bennyworth, 12th in two Jim Weston, 15th Pino Perito and 17th George McCallum. Football draw: Kevin Bonser, John Barraclough, Morag Turner, Colin Hobden and Tony Forbes.

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FOOTBALL:

• ON Saturday, we have Chelsea-Spurs and Hibs-Aberdeen in the first semi-finals of the FA Cup and Scottish Cup competitions, followed on Sunday by Arsenal-Manchester City and the old firm derby between Celtic and Rangers.

• There are several important Championship matches coming up, including Burton-Leeds, Huddersfield-Fulham, Nottingham Forest-Reading, Sheffield Wednesday-Derby and Aston Villa-Birmingham, plus action in the Premiership as well. And don't forget El Clasico, potentially this season's La Liga decider between Real Madrid and Barcelona on Sunday at the Bernabeu.

• Last weekend, after Tottenham Hotspur (2nd) hammered Bournemouth 4-0, Manchester United beat leaders Chelsea 2-0 to technically throw the Premiership title race wide open. With six games remaining, Chelsea are just four points clear of Spurs with Liverpool (1-0 winners at WBA) and Manchester City (3-0 victors at Southampton) 3rd and 4th.

• Congratulations to Brighton & Hove Albion –

they'll be in the top flight next season! Newcastle will join them for sure, along with one of five teams chasing play-off places - Huddersfield, Reading, Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday or Fulham.

• Birmingham, Bristol City, Blackburn, Burton Albion or Nottingham Forest will be demoted with Wigan Athletic and Rotherham to FL1.

• Bolton Wanderers are favourites to join Sheffield United in the Championship and Doncaster, Plymouth Argyle and Portsmouth will, it seems, climb out of FL2.

• Sadly, Leyton Orient have lost their League status and will be joined in the National League by Cheltenham, Hartlepool or Newport County.

• Lincoln City are set to return to the Football League, probably along with Tranmere Rovers, but spare a thought for Coventry City, a Premiership club in 2001, who have slipped into FL2.

• And Hibernian are back in the SPL

• On Tuesday, Leicester, trailing 1-0, met Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid, leading 2-1, played Bayern Munich in the second legs of the Champions League quarter-finals, followed last night by Barcelona, 3-0 down, against Juventus and Monaco, 3-2 up on Borussia Dortmund. Tonight, Manchester United play Anderlecht (level at 1-1) in the return leg.

• The biggest Championship

crowd of the season – 52,301 – saw Newcastle held 1-1 at home by Leeds on Good Friday.

• Last week, Maryhill midfielder Gavin Stokes scored what could be the fastest-ever goal after just 3.2 seconds against Clydebank in a West of Scotland League game.

RUGBY:

• This weekend it's the semi-finals of Rugby Union's European Champions Cup and Challenge Cup. In the former, it's Munster-Saracens (Saturday) and Clermont-Leinster (Sunday) and in the latter it's Stade Rochelais-Gloucester (Saturday) and Stade Francais-Bath (Sunday). Tomorrow, Munster 'A' play Jersey in the British/Irish Cup final. Bristol have been relegated from the Aviva Premiership.

• Rugby Super League: Widnes-St Helens (tomorrow), Warrington-Wakefield (Saturday) and Hull-Castleford and Wigan-Catalan Dragons (Sunday).

ROUND UP:

• Sebastian Vettel, Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas finished 1-2-3 in last Sunday's excellent Bahrain F1 Grand Prix. The next race is in Sochi, Russia on April 30.

• Overall winner of Easter's Donington Park BTCC was Aiden Moffat with Matt Neal second and Rob Austin third.

• At the start of this week, Ronnie O'Sullivan, Mark Selby and Stuart Bingham were all going well in the world snooker championships at the Crucible in Sheffield.

• GB have won five individual medals at the world track cycling championships in Hong Kong: Elinor Barker (gold and two silver), Katie Archibald (silver) and Chris Latham (bronze), plus another gold in the women's Madison event (Barker and Emily Nelson).

• The third Moto-GP of 2017 takes place at the Circuit of the Americas on Sunday when Spain's Maverick Vinales will be going for a hat-trick.



BAHRAIN F1: Hamilton, Vettel and Bottas on the podium.



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WHAT a great day at Vistabella with some sizzling and some rather freezing scores coming in.

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The 2's pot was won by Spicer saw him collect the €52 pot. The guest category was won by Steve Young and second was Paul Malin with both collecting wine and balls.

The best lady was Linda Ottway with 25 points and the lowest place was Rick Cooper



SIZZLING SCORES: For some members.

with 14 points, both received a bottle of wine.

Members saw some fantastic scores with Neil Cheese-cake coming in third with an

impressive 33 points, Steve Higgins with a magnificent 36 points claiming second and with Spicer finally finding his form and scoring a sizzling 42

points he claimed the top spot. Thanks to everyone for attending.

With the next game at Mar Menor on April 21 being the last game of the season the order of merit is hotting up. With first and second place already sorted places three to eight are open to anyone. So everyone needs to bring their best game!!!

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Costa Cobras RFC

AS the date for the Alan Davies Memorial sevens gets ever closer, the Cobras have been making good progress over the last few weeks. Everybody keeps improving, especially the new guys who have never played before.

If you would like to go along and show your support for the club it is being held at the Elche RFC ground on Saturday May 20 with a 10am kick off.

Don't forget the fun day is also on Saturday May 6 from 10am-2pm at the San Fulgencio football ground. There will be lots of fun games, different stalls, a bouncy castle, tombola and a raffle with lots of prizes. There will also be refreshments available to buy.

The fun day is free to enter and the aim is to introduce rugby to the local area, whilst supporting AFA San Fulgencio, the local Alzheimer's charity and raising funds for the club. Everybody is welcome, so go along and join in

the fun.

If you would like to join, the club trains at the football ground in San Fulgencio every Monday and Wednesday from 8.30-10pm. Everybody is welcome, from beginners to experienced players, the more the merrier. Why not go along and join the fun?

For more information about the club, or the fun day, call or WhatsApp Dutch on 692 767 242 or find them on Facebook - S.F. Costa Cobras RFC.

Dutch is also at Zoco market on Sundays from 9am-1.30pm selling all of your rugby branded clothing and gear including Canterbury casuals, Cotton Traders, club and international shirts. He also has the club shirt on sale, so get your orders in now!

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Sunshine petanca league

IT has been a funny old winter league season, and now the end has come.

The league started in October 2016 when the weather was still wonderful, but by January the most amazing thing had happened... SNOW!!! It caused havoc with the fixtures although there were a few clubs who did try to play, but most matches were postponed. Many of the pistes were still recovering from the very heavy rain in December. The league has never had to postpone as many matches since its conception.

The 2016/17 winter league is now finished and the long awaited presentation lunch has just taken place. Some 150 people attended at Domino Bar in Los Altos. A delicious meal was served and all who were there were given a raffle ticket as one of the casualties from the bad weather was the Christmas Sunshine tournament. Instead of giving medals the committee had decided to be more topical, so therefore the prizes were crackers, tins of biscuits, boxes of chocolates and many mini panettones. It did cause some mirth.

The winners of the Cup were Guardamar Petanca Club and the Plate went to El Mirador White. The Blue Division was won by Los Bandidos, McCoys were second and Rocajuna Lions were third. Winners of the



WINTER WEATHER: Including snow caused havoc with some of the fixtures.

Red Division were Rocajuna, Second was Guardamar and Domino Phoenix were third. Congratulations to all not only for gaining cups and medals, but also for playing with fun and fairness in the league.

The summer league has now started, and on that note, the new season press secretary Jeanette Mapson would like to thank the outgoing press secretary Sue Ward for her hard work.

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