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Crisis-hit charity to learn fate

Last hope!

By Jack Troughton

The future of vulnerable youngsters cared for in the EMAUS home balances on a knife edge this week as the charity could be forced to close its doors.

Demonstrators gathered outside Altea Town Hall on Friday calling for a last minute reprieve and for the government to cancel a €5 million social security debt; opening the path for a rescue.

EMAUS currently cares for 96 children across the northern Costa Blanca, has an old peo-

ALTEA PROTEST: In support of EMAUS.



ple's home with 110 residents, a baby unit, and a women's shelter in Altea, and a project for young people with learning difficulties in Relleu.

However, some 300 staff, including professional social workers and teachers who care for the children in family units,

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Hoteliers battle false claims fiasco

BENIDORM hoteliers are resorting to imaginative tactics in the battle against British law firms, as the uproar over false insurance claims continues.

President of the local hotels' association,

Toni Mayor, explained how many hotels have become 'followers' of their guests, tracking their comments on websites and social networks for three to four months after they check out.

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Hanging around

A COUPLE from Madrid was rescued from the Peñon de Ifach in Calpe when one of them was left dangling from a climbing rope for over two hours after suffering a blow to the head.

Paid less

BENIDORM Town Hall must pay the Low Festival organisers €237,000, the courts ruled. The previous council promised three payments of €300,000 but paid only €63,000 on the third occasion.

Fishy chips

A NINE-YEAR-OLD British boy had to be revived by police in Finestrat after eating chips that had been fried in oil previously used to cook fish, to which he is allergic.

British fall victim may have been pushed

By Jack Troughton

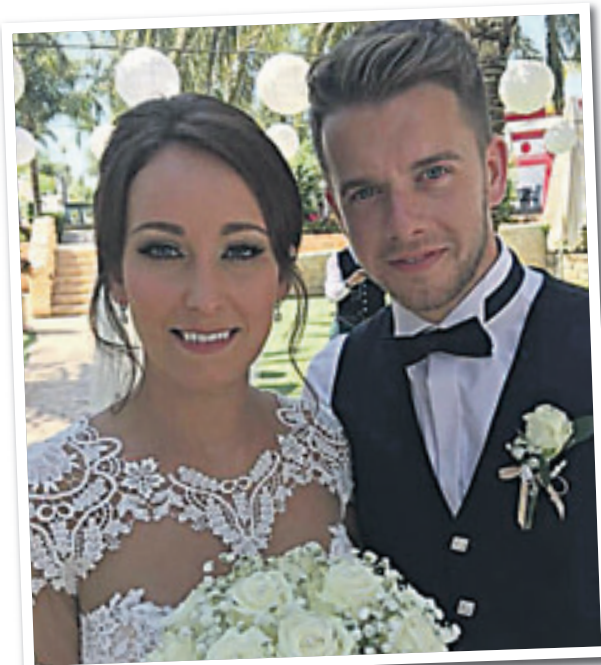
SPANISH police are investigating whether a British holiday-maker who plunged to her death 10 floors from a holiday apartment in Benidorm was intimidated or pushed.

The victim, who has been named as 27-year-old Kirsty Maxwell, was in Benidorm with 21 friends for a hen-do.

A 32-year-old British man who was arrested on suspicion of homicide hours later has been released following a court appearance.

He has not been charged or banned from leaving Spain despite the investigation remaining open after he admitted to having been under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

The young Scot, from Livingston, West Lothian, was staying on the ninth floor at Apartamentos Payma in the 'Little England' area of the resort, while some of the



KIRSTY MAXWELL: Was on a hen-do.

group were on the 10th.

Just before 8am on Saturday morning she is believed to have left her room, with po-

lice suspecting that she wanted to find a friend, but it appears that she knocked on the wrong door.

The suspect, who according to Spanish media has a previous sexual assault charge in the UK, answered, and shortly afterwards Kirsty fell to her death.

Her body was found close to a swimming pool, which investigators say she may have tried to jump into after becoming panicked.

Kirsty tied the knot recently, marrying husband Adam, also 27, last September.

Friends launched a crowdfunding campaign on a JustGiving donation page to repatriate her body. By Tuesday morning, this had collected more than £24,000, more than doubling the initial target.

The page described Kirsty as 'beautiful' and asked for help to bring her 'home to where she belongs after this terrible tragedy.'

Deadline for 1.8 million tax bills

THE deadline for the first period of 'voluntary' payment of taxes, which include road and rubbish collection contributions, ends tomorrow (May 5).

This relates only to the 137 municipalities where the payments are collected and processed by the Suma group, with Javea a notable exception.

The voluntary payment period began on March 1, and once it expires non-payers will be liable for surcharges.

Suma have issued a total of 1.77 million bills so far in 2017, up 20,859 on 2016 due to the company having won new contracts.

Direct debit payments were taken on April 10, while anyone wishing to pay by cash or card can do so at any Suma office, online at www.suma.es, or by phoning 965 902 000.



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Costa del Sol set to get new paper

A NEW free weekly English-language newspaper is to be launched tomorrow (Friday) on the Costa del Sol.

The first edition of the 64-page RTN Costa del Sol will be available from numerous key local distribution points from Torremolinos to Sotogrande.

The RTN brand of community newspapers was launched successfully on the Costa Blanca 18 years ago.

The brand with various editions covering the Valencia, Alicante and Murcia regions was earlier this year taken over by EWN Media Group (EWNMG), publishers of six editions of this newspaper, and also the Sol Times brand.

Now with tomorrow's launch on the Costa del Sol, the brand further increases its footprint area and provides readers and advertisers increased choice.

RTN Costa del Sol will increase the number of weekly publications owned and handled by EWNMG to 13, and further expansion is also on the cards.

Poached fish

GUARDIA CIVIL officers from Altea and Calpe netted 400 kilos of fish in a routine anti-poaching operation.

The haul, principally sea bass, possibly originating from the fish farm off Altea, was destined for restaurants and small fishmongers.

Men from the Calpe post and a Guardia Civil fiscal unit based in Altea, were keeping watch along the Altea coast when they detected a boat heading out to sea without lights.

Several hours later when the boat returned to the Portosenso marina, officers were waiting for it and found more than 300 kilos of fish. This had already been packed in plastic crates, ready for distribution by a vehicle waiting at the marina.

The following night the Guardia Civil officers spotted and intercepted another boat although this time with only 70 kilos of fish.

Neither of the boats had an angling licence, Guardia Civil sources revealed afterwards and both had exceeded the quotas permitted by the regional government.

As is customary, the impounded fish was distributed to local charities.

Easy prey for copper thieves

MARBLE quarries in the Medio Vinalopo area are once again easy prey for copper thieves.

A recent hit was carefully planned by a gang able to transport a heavy haul of copper cable that would sell for €3 a kilo once its plastic covering was removed.

Quarries use cables of varying thickness and as they are usually far from town centres, thieves are not easily detected and can work undisturbed. Thanks to this isolation, a gang was able to strip cables from distribution boards and also

took hundreds of metres of cabling from a quarry in El Rebalso, between Hondon de los Frailes and Hondon de las Nieves.

The gang did so much damage that work there ground to a halt as the quarry was left without power, causing losses of €100,000.

Everything pointed to an organised and specialised group who had worked quickly and efficiently, police said. They had clearly studied the quarry's surroundings beforehand.

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Driving force

SEAT is now part of the massive Volkswagen Group, but was founded in 1950 as a state-owned Spanish company

Based in Martorell, not far from Barcelona, the present SEAT (Sociedad Espanola de Automoviles de Turismo) headquarters, which has the capacity to annually produce around 500,000 vehicles, was opened in 1993 by King Juan Carlos.

As the nation's only major car manufacturer able to develop its own designs in-house, its range of models are frequently named after places in Spain, and include Ibiza, Leon, Toledo, Alhambra and Altea.

A number of town halls are now competing to have a new model named after their municipality.

SEAT, with a workforce of more



SEAT: Was opened in 1993 by King Juan Carlos.

than 14,000, showed a €6 million after tax profit in 2015.

With around 80 per cent of its cars exported, SEAT also has manufacturing plants in Portugal, Germany, and Slovakia.

However Martorell produces vehicles and is also home to the brand's technical centre, research facilities, development and design branch, cus-

tomor services division, and a genuine parts factory for SEAT, in addition to 'stablemate' brands Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda.

Meanwhile Barcelona's Zona Franca site, the original home of SEAT, boasts the company's training centre, and manufactures stamped body parts and gearboxes for all VW group cars.

The iconic SEAT 600

SEAT produced the classic 600 city car in Spain from May 1957 to August 1973 with nearly 800,000 made, including many for export.

The model kickstarted the economic boom known as the 'Spanish miracle' that ended the country's slow recovery from the Civil War.

Made under licence through a partnership with Italian manufacturer Fiat, it was relatively inexpensive and frequently the only car within the economic means of many Spanish families.

Walk around any Spanish town and the chances are a SEAT 600 can be spotted, often lovingly restored.



SEAT 600: Kickstarted the economic boom.

Tourist trap

THE Fire Brigade Consortium's rescue unit assisted a Norwegian woman who broke her arm in a fall on Bernia.

The 54-year-old woman had arrived on the Jalon side of the mountain range with a coach party of 60 other Norwegians. Seven of them had decided to go mountain walking on Bernia, but had to call for help when one of them was injured after tripping and falling.

She was unable to return to the party on foot, her companions explained.

The Consortium had to mobilise a helicopter which as well as a pilot and co-pilot was crewed by a winchman and two firemen.

The injured woman, whose left arm appeared to be fractured, was lifted to the helicopter on a stretcher and flown to the Marina Baja fire station in Benidorm.

From here she was transferred by ambulance to hospital.

Sea monster

CALPE fisherman landed the corpse of a four-tonne basking shark before towing the monster back to port.

The world's second largest living fish after the whale shark, it caused a flurry of excitement after being lifted onto the dock with a crowd keen to photograph it.

The eight metre long animal was later taken to Valencia for a post-mortem by scientists.

The basking shark, *Cetorhinus maximus*, is a plankton-eating migratory fish and not a threat to humans.

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Postscript to ponder

18.6%

Spain's unemployment rate is expected to fall in 2017 and 2018 reports the IMF, although youth unemployment is 40 per cent. GDP is rising but more work is needed to recover from 'La Crisis.'

Cold threat to wine crop

THE entire wine harvest of northern Spain is under threat after temperatures plummeted to -5°C before the weekend.

Some growers in the Ribera del Duero, Castilla y Leon, resorted to hiring a helicopter to fly above their vines and prevent frost from forming, but others suffered significant losses.

A state of catastrophe has been declared in the Bierzo area, Leon, where 70-80 per cent of the harvest was lost, Galician growers have lost an estimated 21.7 million bottles of wine with a market value of €72 million, with up to 95 per cent of vines affected in places.

Need for speed

A TOTAL of 31,086 drivers were handed speeding fines by the Spanish Directorate General of Traffic (DGT) from April 17-23.

The penalties came after a week-long monitoring and control campaign during which the Guardia Civil stopped 581,294 vehicles after zapping them with fixed or mobile radars.

Four motorists were arrested for exceeding the speed limit by more than 80 km/h and may face three-to-six month prison sentences, while the remaining offenders must pay fines ranging from €100-€600.

Noise annoys

ONE in four Spaniards are exposed to unsafe levels of noise pollution caused by levels of traffic on the roads, a new EU report reveals.

It claims around 12 million of the population, about 26 per cent, suffers high noise levels, defined as being



Postcard from Burgos



EL CID, the Castilian nobleman, military hero, and diplomat, is a historical hero of Burgos, being born nearby and raised and educated in the northern city.

At the edge of the Iberian central plateau, the Gothic beauty of the Cathedral plus a large numbers of churches, palaces and other buildings from medieval times saw the city declared a World Heritage Site in 1984.

With a population of around 180,000 and once the capital of the Crown of Castile, the city forms a crossroads on the historic route of the pilgrimage Camino de Santiago, which runs parallel to the River Arlanzon.

Early humans made their home in the area as long as 800,000 years ago, the Romans occupied the city, and in the 5th century, the Visigoths conquered.

The Moors occupied almost all of Castile in the 8th century but only for a short time and there is little sign of their influence, while in the middle of the 9th century King Alfonso III the Great of Leon took it and built a castle 'in defence of Christendom,' giving the region its name 'land of castles.'

Founded in 884 Burgos was an outpost of the expanding Christian frontier and the start of the reconquest of Spain.

With the Duke of Wellington besieged and forced to retreat with his allied army in the Peninsula War, the city was the scene of battles during civil wars of the Spanish succession, and during the Spanish Civil War, was the base of General Franco's Nationalist government.

above a daily average of 55 decibels.

The report shows railways are the second main source of noise, with 19 million affected; the third cause is air traffic, affecting 4.1 million living near airports.

Not so popular

HUNDREDS of people demonstrated outside the Madrid headquarters of the ruling Partido Popular to protest against corruption.

The protest was organised through social media and was not officially sanctioned. People were warned they could face fines under Spain's controversial new Citizen Security Law; labelled 'the Gag Law' because of its clampdown on public protest.

Power down

IBERDROLA, Spain's largest power company, blames a fall on its first quarter profits partly on the weakness of Sterling following the Brexit vote.

The energy giant - which generates a quarter of its earnings in Britain where it owns Scottish Power - said net profit from January to March fell by 4.7 per cent to €827 million.

Grotty grub

EUROPEAN police have seized around €230 million of 'potentially harmful' counterfeit food and drink in a four month operation.

Almost 10,000 tonnes of counterfeit or harmful food and drink were grabbed by officers following around 50,000 checks at shops, markets, airports, seaports, and industrial estates.

In Spain 530kg of clams 'unfit for human consumption' were found, across the border in Portugal more than 300,000 cans of sardines in tomato sauce were seized among 13 million items taken into custody.

A stark choice awaits EMAUS

» From Front page

have not been paid for seven months and the organisation is said to be up to €21 million in overall debt, including mortgages and bank loans.

The stark choice is immediate closure or a judge allowing the charity to continue for two months - to the end of the school year - and the hope of a solution with the promise of a white knight.

EMAUS has enjoyed the support of expat charities and the public for years and they joined workers and their union representatives in the Altea protest.

Tony Grande, of Make A Smile, said it was a "nightmare" situation for the children and their carers. "If it all goes wrong it will be a human disaster; some of these children have known nothing else, EMAUS is their family. It has become a political hot potato no one has wanted to confront and say 'let's deal with this.' Now the argument is to stay open until they finish term in the hope of finding a solution."

In the meantime, Tony hoped people would continue to support the charities and allow them to keep providing food and essentials to the homes.

Wayne Bellamy-Wright, of Busy Bees Benidorm, called the situation a "disgrace." He added: "It is outrageous to make all these people out of work and put vulnerable people out on the street; they are already vulnerable people and to make them even more vulnerable is very wrong."



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Terror suspect arrested

By Jack Troughton

ARMED police swooped to arrest a 46-year-old Imam alleged to be helping bring Daesh fighters back from the Middle East and radicalising Muslims on the Costa Blanca.

The Egyptian father-of-19, named as Abu Adam Hesham Shashaa, was held at the family home near the El Alcazar Urbanisation in Teulada Moraira.

National Police carrying submachine guns closed roads to seal off the large house and extensive grounds while forensic officers carried out searches of the property; watched from a distance by the media.

An Imam in Munich, and working closely with the Muslim community in Alicante, he was described as an educated and cultured man who lives with four 'wives' at the property.

Said to be a wealthy businessman and multi-linguist, his 10 younger children attend a British private school and the eldest is a doctor.

The Ministry of the Interior alleges Abu Adam Hesham Shashaa's main mission was to shelter Daesh fighters returning to Spain from Syria and Iraq.

It was said he provided documentation, money, transportation and safe houses for jihadists leaving the conflict. The ministry believes the return of terrorist fighters represents the greatest risk to security in Spain and across Europe.

Abu Adam Hesham Shashaa is further alleged to be integrating people into the terror organisation, frequently called Daesh in Spain, and misusing his position in the Muslim community to spread the Daesh ideology and terrorism.

In recent years the suspect has appeared in a number of international publications to speak out against terrorism and his work to prevent radicalisation.

The Islamic community in the area has already spoken about the 'surprise' at learning of the leader's arrest, saying he asked people to fight against terrorism, spoke out against



SUSPECT'S HOME: Was searched by forensic officers.

terror attacks in Europe, and asked Muslims to live peacefully with European neighbours.

Since June 2015, when the Ministry of the Interior raised Spain's security threat level to four – the second highest,

meaning an attack is 'highly likely' – security forces have detained 159 suspected jihadists.

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KAREN MALING COWLES: Discusses safety with Director for Consular Affairs UK's FCO, Julia Longbottom, Sarah-Jane Morris British Consul for Alicante and guests.

Working towards safer to

By Caroline Tyszka

A COSTA BLANCA resident is working hard behind the scenes to make Benidorm a safer place, and it appears that decision makers are now sitting up and listening.

Following her meeting with Simon Manley, the British Ambassador for Spain - as reported in the *Euro Weekly News* last week - local business woman Karen Maling Cowles has now met with the National Police in Benidorm to continue talks regarding safety for residents and tourists.

Karen met, for the first time, with Juan Bautista Alonso, the National Police Commissioner for resident programmes and participation.

The meetings, which have followed on from a protest which Karen, and others, organised at the Benidorm Town Hall in 2015 about safety, have included talks



2015 PROTEST: Karen challenging the mayor, Toni Perez.

with the mayor Tony Perez.

During the meeting with the commissioner several new initiatives were discussed, which will soon be visible to the public.

One of these, aiming to catch the immediate attention of holidaymakers, will be on

transfer buses from the airport.

A safety video will be played on the bus television screens. Plans are also being made for this service to be extended to the television screens in hotel rooms when they are first switched on,

seen as more effective than leaflets; which are often discarded without being read.

Karen said: "We discussed the need for cameras, similar to the CCTV that operates in the UK. The commissioner was open to the idea and felt that this could be a way for-

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ward in the near future.”
The commissioner revealed until now cameras had been ruled out for legal reasons; but it appears provided the footage is made public, and with a few other conditions, it should be possible.

“I have asked for more foot patrols in certain areas,” Karen said, “particularly at night, and we will be meeting once a month during the high season to keep up awareness. I have also asked for street lighting in the area that we call ‘muggers alley’ off Calle Murcia; which he has agreed to discuss with the town hall.”

Whilst Benidorm has 600 National Police officers, regulations state that they must take leave in July, August and September. This drastically reduces manpower at the time it is most needed.

Karen said it may appear that nothing was changing, but the public should be reassured that there was a lot of work going on behind the scenes.

And the commissioner has agreed to meet with local business owners, so they can personally express any concerns they have and be updated with new initiatives within the community.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting should contact Karen, either on her Facebook page or by email Karenowles@outlook.com.

Karen said: “It was a very positive meeting, the commissioner was open to ideas and fully aware of how important the issue of safety was to us all. I genuinely believe that with us all working together, rather than a ‘them and us,’ we can enhance our beautiful Benidorm’s reputation.”

OUR VIEW

Freedom of the Press

WITH World Press Freedom Day falling on May 3, it is perhaps appropriate to consider the situation as it currently exists in Spain.

When in 2015, the government - which at that time had a significant majority - introduced the Citizen Safety Law it received a great deal of criticism and was nicknamed the ‘Gag Law.’

It is argued that due to the problems then with the Spanish economy, it was considered a useful way for the authorities to crack down on impromptu demonstrations which were being organised quickly through social media.

Generally speaking, there wasn’t any significant gagging of the press although it is no longer acceptable to show the faces of members of the various police forces in an apparent effort to protect the identities of the officers and their families.

Indeed just one journalist was charged with a breach of the law in 2016 and fined €601 but after a 12 month review, just one week before his appeal the government reversed the fine saying that there had been irregularities in the paperwork.

Both the PSOE and Basque parties have now tabled motions in the Spanish Parliament calling for amendments in the law and it is anticipated that some changes may take place by 2018.

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Rain did not stop the pilgrimage

By Linda Hall

DESPITE rain, 200,000 people made the traditional pilgrimage between Alicante City and the Santa Faz monastery.

For the first time in years, participants including local and regional dignitaries needed umbrellas and plastic macs as they walked the eight kilometres between the city's San Nicolas cathedral and Santa Faz.

Meanwhile the young peeled off to Playa de San for their traditional 'botellon.' Initially the beach, which is usually packed by 10.30am on the day of the pilgrimage, was still deserted.

But once the rain stopped groups began arriving with supermarket trolleys loaded with some food and large quantities of alcohol. By mid-day thousands had arrived, but although the 10,000 estimate was lower than usual, behaviour followed the customary pattern.

Official acquiescence was deliberate, explained Alicante City Hall's Public Safety councillor Fernando Marcos. Preventing the traditional 'botellon' by force would only make things worse, he said. As it was police broke up three fights while 30 people needed first aid for sprains, minor injuries or



SANTA FAZ: Regional president Ximo Puig and Alicante City mayor Gabriel Echavarri (centre).

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feeling faint. Five more needed treatment after binge drinking.

Police took a softly-softly approached to the Playa de Juan 'botellon' but were less lenient towards three men selling marijuana on the pilgrimage route.

They had set up a stall on wasteland near the Santa Faz roundabout, camouflaged by four vehicles parked to form a square. Approaching, police noticed a strong smell of marijuana and found the men with precision scales and a bin liner containing 3.5 kilos of the drug.

All have now been charged with endangering the health of the public.



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Medusa plague

By Jack Troughton

THOUSANDS of jellyfish washed up on Javea's Arenal Beach triggered a clearance operation ahead of the May holiday weekend to prevent the risk of people being stung.

The species *Pelagia nocticula*, is sometimes known as the mauve stinger, and the jellyfish were washed up during heavy seas. Normally an offshore species it was washed up close to the coast and stranded in large numbers.

Javea Town Hall said the stranding was a natural phenomenon linked to storms and was not a cause for alarm.

Workmen picked up the mauve coloured jellyfish ahead of the holiday and the improving weather which attracted more visitors.



MASS STRANDING: The mauve stinger.

Bar attack victim in coma

THE victim of a brutal bar attack in Gandia has been placed in an induced coma to help him recover from 'severe' head injuries.

The 49-year-old was rushed to La Fe Hospital in Valencia after the assault and remains 'completely sedated' because of a cerebral haemorrhage and

blood clots to the brain.

His assailant was arrested days after the attack following police interviews with witnesses to the assault; the 29-year-old Spanish suspect was said to have 'numerous' convictions.

The National Police said they were open-minded about

the cause of the fracas but said the suspect was seen to strike the victim and throw him to the ground.

People in the bar sounded the alarm after the attack and police revealed the victim has undergone "severe trauma" to the head, and suffered a broken nose and jaw.



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Costas' war over apartment block

THE national government challenged Denia's decision to allow a 22-storey apartment block on Les Marines beach.

The current Town Planning councillor Maria Josep Ripoll explained that despite opposition from

coastal authority Costas, permission was granted in 2014 by the previous town hall when it was controlled by the Partido Popular.

The Ministry of the Environment plans to revoke the licence on the grounds that the local government went

ahead despite Costas' opposition.

The apartment block named Las Olas would have been sited on Blay Beach, a stretch of Les Marines sub-

ject to intense erosion caused by the action of wind and waves.

It was recently regenerated with 8,000 cubic metres of sand lost during the win-

ter storms but this was swallowed by the sea three weeks later during high winds.

These gales also affected the Les Deveses beach,

which was similarly regenerated not long ago. Sand there disappeared and waves are once again breaking near the walls of houses built near the water's edge.



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BLAY BEACH: Recent regeneration swallowed by sea.

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Teacher not guilty

AN Alicante PE teacher has been cleared of sexually abusing a group of schoolgirls aged between six and 10.

Following a relatively short trial, the judge concluded that the alleged victims' testimonies were "insufficient" for conviction since they contained "too many generalities and not enough concrete facts."

The prosecution had requested a 30-year jail sentence and six-year ban from working with kids after accusing the 59-year-old teacher of abusing five young girls over a period of six years at a school in Finestrat.

According to them, he had caressed their thighs, buttocks and breasts during class, before trying to kiss and hug them.

The teacher argued that he had to touch the girls as part of his job in order to "correct their movements" and denied wrongdoing.

He went on to add that he may have demonstrated "some affectionate gestures" but these were always "within socially acceptable limits in terms of working with minors" and in view of "cordiality."

Having ruled that the testimonies of the girls failed to contradict his version of events, the magistrate referred to the man's actions as "appearing to represent totally normal behaviour in a teacher-student relationship and devoid of sexual connotations."

NEWS EXTRA

Cock-eyed councilman

MARC JOAN, a Cullera council worker, has been sentenced to eight months without a driving licence and 22 days community service after being charged for drink-driving following a 5am incident.

Big burger

PEGO Football Club is to make an attempt to break the record for the world's largest hamburger on Saturday May 7, which will be made with 352 kilos of minced beef and 20 kilos of cheese.

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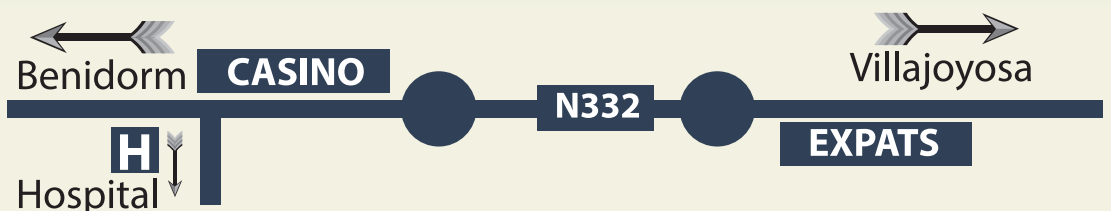
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TOWN HALL: Thumbs down from safety experts.

Health and Safety takes a stand

AN outside assessment commissioned by Benidorm Town Hall detected dozens of health and safety issues.

Irregularities that could potentially affect 849 municipal employees were discovered both in the town hall building and the 49 municipal offices located

throughout the town.

"There is no evidence that any work-related risk-prevention plan has ever been introduced or put into practice at any level," the independent experts pronounced.

They returned a serious non-compliance assessment that affected 30 different areas, according to reports in the provincial Spanish press. The conclusions were the result of on-the-spot inspections and interviews with municipal staff ranging from civil servants responsible for health and safety to employees chosen at random.

The Valencia-based firm that carried out the assessment observed that although work-related accidents were registered, no record was kept of work-related health problems. Neither these nor their causes were ever investigated, the report said.

The experts also criticised the staff's lack of information and training in first aid, fire prevention or evacuation of the building in an emergency.

High rise fire

FIREMEN battled flames on the 16th floor of an empty Benidorm apartment block on Sunday afternoon.

A neighbour raised the alarm when smoke billowed into her own home in the Zeus building according to Benidorm firefighters.

The fire badly damaged the flat and the worst affected area was the terrace; no one was injured. It was understood the occupants were not at home at the time.

A spokesman for Benidorm fire station said firemen needed to take extra care to prevent glass and other debris falling to the public areas below.

Hazardous waste

PEOPLE in Benidorm face a road safety hazard each time they go to throw rubbish into the large bin situated on a traffic island in the middle of the road at the junction of Calle Asturias and Calle Aviles.

Compromis councillor Josep Bigorra visited to check out the 'peculiar' positioning of the container himself. He said there were two sites in Calle Asturias where the container would fit alongside other bins.

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Photo by Alfaz town hall

LIGHTHOUSE: Walk up to history in Albir.

posit) and Torre Bombarda where a watch was once kept for pirates.

The lighthouse, which Alfaz Town Hall opened to the public as an informal museum in 2011, recreates the life

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La Nucia mayor Bernabé Cano, together with Manuel Alcalá, councillor for Finance, announced the grant; which is aimed at helping financially disadvantaged groups such as the unemployed, pensioners and those with large families.

The funding will be awarded based on income levels, with an allocation of €40,000 set aside in the 2017 budget.

Applications opened on Wednesday May 3 and close on May 31. The maximum funding per application will be €150. This highest grant will be for anyone with an income less

than €7,456 annually. Anyone receiving above this figure but below €14,910 will be entitled to a grant of €75.

The council highlighted that the funding for the grants was raised solely from an increase in the rates for sewage and drinking water throughout the year.

It is the fourth year that the town has offered the 'social water support grant' to those on low incomes with 163 families benefiting in 2016.

To submit an application residents can go directly to the town hall or the extension of offices - Bello Horizonte and Barbados Street - and El Calvar Social Centre. Applications can also be made online at www.lanucia.es.

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Property snag

APPROXIMATELY 100 historic buildings are unprotected in Elda. All in private hands, they cannot be included in the municipal catalogue until the General Development Plan (PGOU) is approved.

Housing aid

SAN JUAN will acquire and rehabilitate privately-owned empty properties in Calle Comandante Seva in the centre of town. Once rehabilitated they will be used for social purposes.

Rental cars

SOME 130 Benidorm cabbies called for greater control over licences for rental cars with drivers. Local transport councillor Jose Ramon Gonzalez de Zarate has pledged to support them.

Long delay

VALENCIAN community waiting lists continue to grow. At present 67,525 patients are waiting for operations in state-run hospitals compared with 61,099 during the same period last year.

Safe houses

GANDIA Town Hall is ceding two apartments to the Generalitat, announced Mayor Diana Morant. These will provide accommodation for victims of gender violence.

Next job

BENIDORM Council will spend € 50,000 on improvements at the town's two cemeteries. Repairing the retaining wall at the Verge del Sofratge graveyard will take priority.

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PRIZE DRAW: Steven Euesden with Ian Radford of the Sala Group and footballer Steven Carr.

EWN presents €15,000 car reader survey *Smiling Virginia*



It was a day of lasting smiles for Virginia de la Torre Unceta.

Thanks to the *EWN* Virginia is now the owner of a new Dacia Sandero Ambiance car, complete with a year's insurance.

She collected her prize in a special presentation at the Rombosol Renault showroom in Fuengirola after her number had earlier been picked to find the winner of the *EWN* 2017 Win-a-Car Readers' Survey prize draw.

The prize, worth €15,000 in total, also included a fabulous meal-for-two at La Sala

Banus in Marbella.

"I still can't believe it!" Virginia said as she was handed the keys to her prize car.

"When you called on Friday I thought it was a joke and only started to believe it when I checked Facebook!"

Virginia's number was drawn by Sala Group Chairman Ian Radford and international footballer Steven Carr in a glittering draw also attended by *EWN* Publisher Steven Euesden.

It was the first time an English-language newspaper in Spain has ever given a car as a



PRIZE CAR: Nicki from *EWN* hands over the keys to Virginia.

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prize, with this including the bonus of tax supplied by EWN Media Group in addition to one year's insurance from Abbeygate.

"It really is wonderful," added Virginia. "I move up and down the coast a lot to sell property and now I have my own car to use!"

An avid *EWN* reader, Virginia moved to the United States more than 20 years ago when she was 19, where she became fluent in English.

Since returning to Spain and to Marbella where she lives "I read the paper every week and spend quite a lot of time doing so. I therefore decided to enter the Survey Win-a-Car draw because I wanted to give my opinion.

"What a good investment those few minutes turned out to be!"

Thousands of entries were submitted in the eight weeks that the highly successful readers' survey ran, with the information and suggestions received now being studied.

Once fully monitored some further improvements to the *EWN* will be introduced as the EWN Media Group, the parent company of three newspapers brands - the *EWN*, *RTN* and *Sol Times*, plans further expansion later in the year.



DACIA SANDERO
AMBIANCE: The prize car.



WONDERFUL: Virginia just can't believe it!

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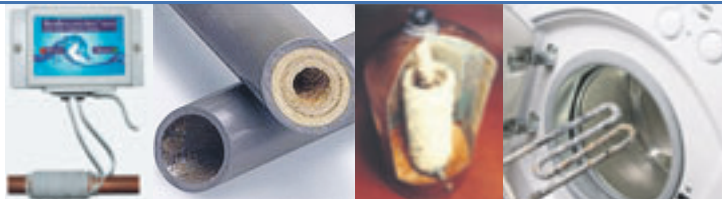
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Leo the Lion flies back welcome home party

BRAVE four-year-old Leo Bermejo from Almeria has finished his 31 sessions of proton beam therapy in Oklahoma and is on his way home to Spain via Toronto and Manchester.

The proton treatment in the States followed Leo's fourth brain tumour operation in the Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK.

On Sunday (May 7) supporters of Leo the Lion will gather in Vera, Almeria for a welcome home party and a belated ninth birthday party for his sister Sofia.

Mum Karen said: "Everything has been like a whirlwind over the last few months and things

have progressed so quickly. I do not think we have really had time to sit down and comprehend everything that has happened.

"We have achieved the unbelievable. Leo has proven to us all yet again that he is not ready to give up and he still continues to give us all a smile that lightens up people's lives."

She went on to praise Team Leo who helped raised thousands of euros to fund Leo's specialist treatment to give Leo the chance in life he deserves.

And she offered a big 'thank you' to the anonymous donor who paid the balance to reach the fund's target.

She said: "I hope you are reading this and continue to follow Leo's story and progress. We cannot thank you enough. Reaching the target before Leo's operation meant that we could relax and enjoy the time with him without stressing about the fundraising. I have no idea who you are or where you live but my whole family thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Karen told us how happy it makes her to share every step of Leo's journey knowing it has brought people together, changed people's mentality of life, and made people realise that the little silly things in life

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"We have met the most amaz-

ing inspirational people on this journey, people who will be friends for life.

"I feel like we have also learned some lessons ourselves and who are our true friends through the good and bad

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April's snow showers

WINTER returned to the Valencia region in the last week of April with tumbling temperatures, heavy rain along the coast and snow on high ground inland.

Days of storms brought torrential rain; which fell as snow in mountainous regions where the thermometer fell to below zero.

Yellow weather warnings were issued for north Alicante, Valencia and Castellon. In Villalonga, 42 litres per square metre of rain fell, and in Pego, Murla and Oliva it measured 30 litres.

A load of rubbish



Volunteers in Benitachell with their haul of rubbish.

A GROUP of volunteers have collected 500kg of rubbish from a Costa Blanca beauty spot.

Working in an area of difficult access at the Cala Los Testos in Benitachell, 10 volunteers negotiated steep paths to clear the area of discarded rubbish.

The volunteers participating were from the youth assembly in the town, the SVS company, and Manolo Segarra, councillor for the Environment for Benitachell.

An eclectic assortment of items was recovered, including: irons; plastic bags; glasses; hammocks; cool boxes and even kitchen kettles, all left to tarnish the beauty spot and its natural habitat.

Despite the cove being difficult to reach it has proved popular with many bathers and campers. Unfortunately not all of them are conscientious enough to take away their unwanted items when they leave.

Manalo Segarra said: "The

message we must convey is that the cove gives us everything, but we must take care of it. It is necessary that visitors become aware of the importance of leaving these coves as they were found."

The Department of Environment supported the coastal cleaning as part of its action plan to promote respect for the environment. Recent cleaning of nearby Moraig cove showed the message was getting through; no rubbish was left at the cove.

NEWS EXTRA

Swap shop

LA NUCIA'S fifth book exchange fair held at the plaça l'Almàssera over the weekend, was a resounding success. Over 500 books including Spanish, English, Dutch and German languages were swapped.

Tree garden

VILLAJOYOSA has inaugurated a new garden near the Gasparot School where 46 trees have been planted. Each tree represents a child born in the town between January 2016 and March 2017.

Penya party

BENIDORM welcomed more than 3,200 penya members over the weekend. They had set up camp for their official half yearly festival; 265 plots were filled as over 160 clubs participated in organised activities including Zumba.

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By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



In 2006, the UK introduced pensions legislation that has allowed 100,000s of Expats to take control of their pension funds, gain earlier access, consolidate multiple pensions into a single scheme and substantially increase inheritance for their spouse or children.

Jane, an example client, is 53, lives in Spain with her husband and has 2 adult children in the UK. She built up benefits in a Final Salary Pension Scheme. Her scheme Normal Retirement Date is 65, and her annual pension will be £8,500 per year on her 65th birthday. If Jane were to pass away, her husband would be entitled to a 50% spouse's pension with nothing going to her children.

Pension Freedoms allow Jane to leave her existing scheme and transfer to an HMRC recognised pension. Before March 9th 2017, we may have recommended an overseas scheme called a QROPS, but following the UK Spring budget, it is now more likely that we would recommend a UK based, FCA regulated pension plan called a SIPP. If you have specific questions as to why this advice has recently changed you can contact me directly.

Having sent in an enquiry through Chorus, Jane has now been offered a transfer value of £238,000 to leave her Final Salary Pension. Jane can access this £238,000 flexibly from her 55th birthday rather than waiting to 65 and can leave her husband and children the full pot of money, rather than a small spouse's pension and nothing for her children.


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What will change in the relationship between UK and EU when Article 50 is invoked?

Everything will depend on the negotiations once the United Kingdom formally invokes Article 50. However even then the timeframe is very broad, as negotiations can last up to two years before the change of status becomes effective.

There are several options that are available to the UK however it remains to be seen what the negotiations will uncover.

What impact in Spain will Brexit have on the sale of houses, tourism and expats?

With the exit from the EU, with it there will be a period of uncertainty in the markets. The most plausible scenario is that the United Kingdom will want a sort of trade agreement similar to the one that has been initiated with Canada and is being negotiated with the United States. This would allow free movement of capital and almost all kinds of trade.

What about free movement?

It will almost certainly be agreed that no visa is required for Spaniards to travel to the United Kingdom and vice versa. However, a very different thing will happen with work and residence permits.

With BREXIT what could change for UK nationals in terms of paying taxes?

This is a difficult question to answer, because nobody really knows yet, however there could be quite an impact on the taxes that UK nationals must pay, especially with inheritance tax, because certain allowances could be removed.

One solution could be the option of donation. For more information on tax planning and all possible scenarios, including the option of giving donations, please contact us today.

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Tips to avoid overcharges, hidden commissions, etc when applying for a Mortgage Loan in Spain!

IF you are going to buy a property in Spain, and need a mortgage loan, you should be careful about certain expenses and commissions which are not always explained correctly by Spanish banks.

According to current regulations, the bank must inform you beforehand about the economic conditions, characteristics same, expenses, etc of the mortgage loan to be signed, and before going to the notary office to sign the public deed of mortgage loan.

Sometimes banks make clients sign at the notary office, a document with an earlier date, indicating that the clients have been informed in sufficient time.

It is very important to carefully review the conditions of the mortgage loan before going to the notary office, as well as the actual mortgage loan deed to be signed at the notary.

Among other issues, you must take into account the following:

- **House insurance:** although not mandatory, it is very common for banks to condition that the property to be insured when granting the loan, to prevent the bank from losing its guarantee if the property is damaged. But even if the bank requires you to take out damage insurance,

you cannot be forced to contract the policy with the bank itself, and you can choose the insurer you deem appropriate.

- **Life insurance is not obligatory:** we have been able to verify that some banks tell their clients that to obtain a mortgage loan in Spain it is obligatory to take out a life insurance policy. This is not true, and if the bank forces you to do so, you should know that you can refuse it, or cancel the policy (although it will have to be done immediately after contracting it).

- **Opening, maintenance and mailing commissions:** Some banks explain to their customers the general conditions of the loan, ie: the amount, the initial interest rate, but they forget to inform adequately about other commissions they charge: arrangement or opening commission (for granting the loan), a post or mail commission (for sending the monthly loan receipts), study commission, etc.

- **Costs for the formalisation of the loan.**

Some banks continue to indicate in their mortgage loan deeds that all the expenses for the loan and its formalisation: notary, registry, taxes, valuation, registration process, etc must be paid by the consumers,

and all this, even though the Supreme Court of Spain, in its ruling of 23/12/2015, declared as abusive such clauses and therefore null and void those which impose all the expenses on the consumers.

We have even come to see banks charge for the registration process of the mortgage deeds at the Land Registry, up to five and 10 times more than the normal fees for such services.

Therefore, before agreeing a loan with a bank, you must ask them to confirm in detail all expenses, commissions, conditions that will exist and who will face them, from the beginning of the process, and the registration of the mortgage deed at the land registry.

If you, or someone you know is in this situation, contact us and we will help you.

The information provided in this article is not intended to be legal advice, but merely conveys general information related to legal issues.

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Sales rise

THE textile industry in Alcoy, l'Alcoià, El Comtat and Vall d'Albaida had record export sales in 2016 reaching €857m, representing a growth of 6.1 per cent with employment up 1.5 per cent.

Get ready

BUSOT is installing sewerage pipes on an urbanisation, which until now has not been connected to the network. The work will take 45 days and means 80 per cent of the town will now have a mains sewer.

Extra cash

FINESTRAT Council has approved its 2017 budget of €13.4 million. The books closed in 2016 with a surplus of €2.2 million, and a cash surplus of almost €1.4 million.

Give blood

LA NUCIA holds its second blood marathon on Saturday May 13 from 9.30am until 6pm. Donors do not need to pre-register. The special session will be held at the Camilo Cano sports centre.

Deep rooted

ALCOY City Hall plans to fell 750 plane trees whose roots are damaging pavements. Environmentalist group Carrasco complained this would eliminate 20 per cent of the city's trees.

THIRTY THOUSAND Alicante Province families are on the waiting list for Meningitis B vaccinations.

It is not included in the state vaccination programme but parents are anxious to order the vaccine, which costs €106.15, from chemists.

Previously available only at hospitals and health

Jabs delay until July

centres for at-risk cases, pharmacies were authorised to sell the Brexsero vaccine made by Glaxo Smithkline in October 2015.

“It arrives in dribs and drabs, around two vaccines

per chemist each week,” said Fe Ballester, president of the provincial College of Pharmacies.

Glaxo blamed technical problems at the manufacturing plant but said that a normal supply should be

arriving by July.

Although Spain's Association of Paediatricians recommend the vaccine it is excluded from the Public Health vaccinations owing to the low incidence of Meningitis B in Spain.

“Using Bexsero is senseless,” said Dr Margarita del Val, an investigator at Spain's National Research Council (CSIC). “Meningitis B is serious but there is less than one case for every 200,000 members of the population. It would be necessary to vaccinate two million children to prove its effectiveness.”

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Town is calling for tourist recognition



TRADITIONAL DANCE: The town is seeking recognition for Les Danses de Sant Jaume.

A COSTA BLANCA town has called upon the Generalitat Valenciana to declare their traditional dance and fiesta a point of local tourist importance.

Callosa d'en Sarria has put a request forward to the regional authorities regarding their Les Danses de Sant Jaume, also known as La Festa del Fadri, which is the oldest festival of the town and across most of

the region, dating back to 1819.

The town hall stated such acknowledgement of the event would help preserve the tradition, which has "antiquity with dances that are a manifestation of traditional Valencian dance, requiring protection."

It is believed that the dances were originally dedicated to a god of fertility. When all the

pagan festivals were Christianised, the event now honours Sant Jaume around July 25 each year.

The dance takes place in the square of the old town area of Callosa, surrounded by the church of San Juan Bautista and a historic bourgeois house, dating back to the 19th century that forms part of the architectural heritage of Callosa.

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MAUTHAUSEN MEMORIAL: The Spaniards who died in Mauthausen are not forgotten.

Keeping memories alive

PEGO'S Historic Memory Association recently paid homage to the five local men who died in the Mauthausen concentration camp.

Republicans who had fled to France in 1939 after Franco's Civil War victory were taken prisoner by the Nazis during the French Occupation.

The men were Jose Cerver Morell, Vicent Sendra Escrava,

Andreu Sendra Morell, Carlos Sendra Sendra and Pascual Franqueza Alentado who was born in Argentina. They died within five months of each other in 1941.

The idea of the homage came from Josep Antoni Server from Adsubia, one of the Association's founders and who is also Head at the Maria Ibars high school in Denia.

Some years back the school took part in a joint project on Nazi concentration camps with Historiador Chabas school. Server, two teachers and several pupils visited Mauthausen where a further 13 Marina Alta men died.

The homage was introduced by journalist Maria Segui and included a talk on Server's visit to Mauthausen.



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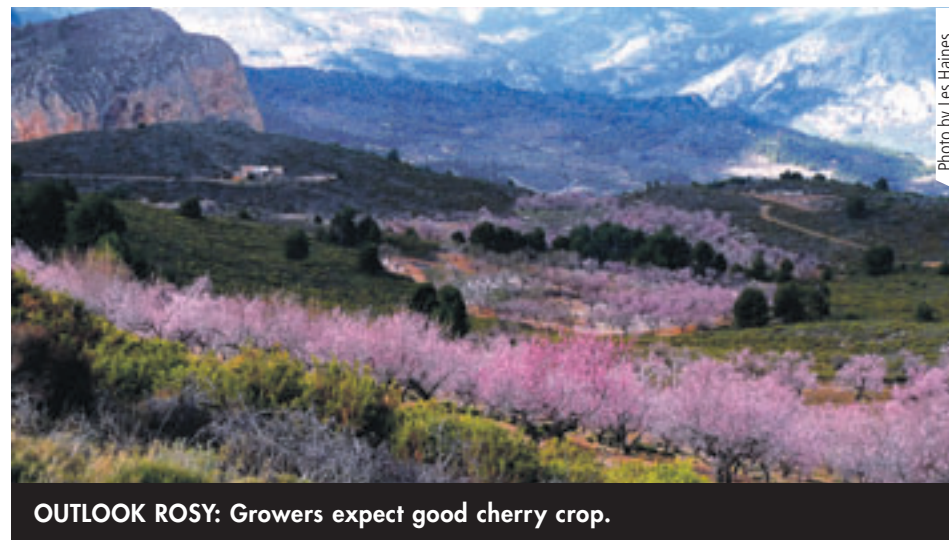


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OUTLOOK ROSY: Growers expect good cherry crop.

THE early arrival of cherries brought good prices for growers at the start of the 2017 campaign.

The fruit is already being picked in some Marina Alta areas, including Vall de Gallinera and El Comtat, and is about to begin in higher zones like Villena and Alcoy.

Alicante Province growers are looking forward to their best campaign in six years. They expect an 'excellent'

crop of around three million kilos following several years of drought, said Hilario Calabuig, president of DO Cerezas Montaña de Alicante producers. "It will be double last year's," he predicted.

Despite plentiful rain that produced abundant blossom earlier this year the situation was not equally positive for all growers, Calabuig added.

"Some trees suffered a lot during the drought and have not had enough time to re-

cover. That brought problems when the fruit should have been setting."

Extremely low temperatures in some mountain areas when the trees were in flower could also affect some crops, said Calabuig who also warned that bad weather could still intervene.

"Cherries are very sensitive to rain, which splits them while they are ripening on the tree and makes them useless for the market."

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The previous city council shelved Partido Popular plans for a hotel in the area. This proposal had met fierce opposition from the local population and in 2013 the council decided to restore the villas.

Owing to a series of bureaucratic delays

it is only now that the present city hall can set to work but the project is now in hand, Territory councillor Manolo Gomicia explained.

Restoration, with a €275,000 budget for restoring four villas, has now been put out to tender.

One of the buildings must be demolished to provide access for emergency vehicles but the remainder will be used to provide services for visitors to the national park.

Jehovah's Witnesses in Benidorm

THE English-speaking community of Jehovah's Witnesses will host a Bible-based seminar on May 7 with the theme 'Maintain Love for Jehovah.'

The location is Calle Archiduque Otto de Habsburgo, 24, Benidorm. Admission is free and the public are welcome.

The morning session will conclude with the baptism discourse, after which all those that qualify will be baptised; and the afternoon will conclude with the talk 'Do Not Lose The

Love You Had At First'.

The assembly begins at 9.40am with a musical pro-

gramme and concludes at 3.55pm. For further information, visit www.jw.org.



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The thousand-page novel

THREE former Tour de France winners will give their opinion of Benitachell's Vuelta a España leg on May 10.

Miguel Indurain who won the Tour five times together with Perico Delgado and Oscar Pereiro and other riders will be inspecting the Puig Llorença ascent that dominates this stage of the race on August 27.

The three ex-champions are competing in the 50-kilometre Proam race that starts in Calpe, continues through Moraira and climbs Puig Llorença before returning to Calpe.

The ascent is a dress rehearsal for next August's Vuelta and also a replay of the 2015 stage that stretched the world class riders to their limit, although



BENITACHELL: The ascent is challenging.

this year's race is even more challenging. It will take the cyclists not once but twice to the top of the 415-metre peak with its 22 per cent gradient.

They are 'in love' with Puig Llorença

TOM DOMOULIN: The Dutch rider won in 2015.



as it has everything needed to triumph in cycling, the organisers have said.

The ascent is challenging, the scenery is 'extraordinary' and the 2015 local stage won by Dutch rider Tom Dommoulin was so impeccably organised that afterwards they congratulated Benitachell's mayor Josep Femenia and the local town hall.

As one rider put it, "More things happen in those four kilometres than in a thousand-page novel."

This will be the third consecutive year that Benitachell is included on the Vuelta route.

NEWS EXTRA

Going rate

VILLAJOYOSA Council plans to apply the updated rateable value coefficients set by the Catastro Directorate. This will bring house values into line with current prices, the town hall said.

Road works

THE regional government will provide €199,434 towards the cost of a roundabout at Avenida Joan Fuster in Denia. The remaining €60,000 will be paid by the town hall.

Donor draw

MARIA ERADES won the draw held amongst 30 blood donors during the Nazareno fiestas' campaign in Javea. Her prize was lunch or dinner for two at the Parador.

Light saving

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Volunteers meet the mayor

THE Social Volunteers of Alfaz del Pi met with the town's mayor to receive his personal thanks for their dedication and hard work.

Vicente Arques, mayor, accompanied by councillors Marisa Cortés and Mayte García sat alongside the President of the volunteer association Carmen Soto, Secretary Dolores Alonso and Treasurer Joanne Wilson.

Over 30 businesses and individuals were recognised for their support during the year including *Euro Weekly News* reporter Caroline Tyszka.

Caroline organises an annual 'sweets and treats' campaign, where local businesses and bars become collection points for donations of biscuits, sweets, and chocolates in December.

Caroline said: "It dawned on me that often the focus, as it should be, is placed on the families needing essential items. I just thought at Christmas it would be nice to give something special at a seasonal time. The expat community has always given very generously, December 2016 was over 100kg.

"All I do is arrange the collection points and promote them through social media and the paper; without the kindness of the businesses, bars and generous expats there would be nothing to donate."

Also present were Elaine Mitchell, President, and Maureen Barrett, Treasurer of Mari-

na Baixa U3A. At each of the association's monthly meetings a raffle is held, which can raise between €70 and €120. This is added to other funds to be donated locally to good causes including La Nucia Social Services, Benidorm and Alfaz del Pi food banks and Alzheimer's.

Elaine explained: "Our members raise money throughout the year with various events. This is then dispersed to some of the local causes, we endeavour to help wherever we can."

The Alfaz del Pi Social Volunteer Association has over 50 volunteers who help with the collection, sorting and distribution of clothes and food at their centre.

Both Carmen and Dolores thanked everyone, "without whom we would not be able to carry out our important work."

The Alfaz del Pi food bank has 118 families currently registered as requiring their services, with more non-Spanish now using the food bank than Spanish nationals.



Closing the gap

THE Soler gully is to be bridged in Calle San Miguel, easing traffic at the entrance to Albir.

Vehicle flow should improve once the road is no longer separated by the gully, explained Alfaz's Town Planning councillor Toni Such. Once both sections are connected, Calle San Miguel will provide an alternative route for traffic entering from the N-332. Drivers heading for Benidorm on the Cami Vell d'Altea will also be able to enter via Calle San Miguel without having to go through the centre of Albir, the

councillor added.

The €385,000 cost of the project, which will help to decongest traffic at two of Aveni-

da de Albir's busiest junctions, will be met by the Urban Quota paid by property developers, Such said.

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TEULADA MORAIRA

NEWS

Enjoying the Fair!

TEULADA-MORAIRA recently held the 2017 edition of 'Vive Teulada-Moraira, enjoy it.'

Fifteen local businesses and restaurants set up their stalls on the Castillo esplanade in Moraira, promoting and consolidating their image with new products and dishes for residents and visitors to sample.

"The main object in holding this fair was to boost and promote commerce but also to highlight how competitive our local businesses are," said Nieves Rodriguez, Economic Development councillor at Teulada-Moraira Town Hall.

"It also gave participants the chance of presenting and promoting the town's wide offer."

Rodriguez thanked Maria Jose Garrigos, president of the local business association AECO and its members for organising

Vive Teulada-Moraira and providing four days of music, entertainment and activities for children.

The councillor also stressed that the town hall did not limit its collaboration with AECO to events like the fair but worked closely with the association throughout the year.



**VIVE
TEULADA-
MORAIRA:
Maria Jose
Garrigos and
Nieves
Rodriguez.**

Photo by Teulada town hall

In fine voice

THE Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir is honoured to be singing with the internationally-renowned Pontardulais Male Choir at the Auditori Teulada-Moraira on May 6.

The Welsh choir will be 80-strong and the Costa Blanca group should provide another 40 voices, producing a rousing finale when they both sing together. Also on the bill are the Dolce Divas.

The local boys celebrated their 10th anniversary recently with a concert in front

of a capacity audience at the beautiful Benitachell church.

In addition to a varied programme by the 40-strong choir, the appreciative audience were also entertained to arias by Dolce Divas, piano solos by Heather Butcher and the debut of the choir's acapella group.

At the end of the concert, founder and President Mike Evans presented pins in the form of a treble clef to the three ladies who have helped

bring the choir to their present high standard: Musical

Director, Claire Harkness-Post and accompanists Kirsty Glen and Heather Butcher, the choir's previous musical director.

Mike was presented with a leather briefcase on behalf of the choir in recognition of his work over the past 10 years. He said: "The choir has come from very small beginnings in 2007 to a well-respected and constantly improving choir, which has earned its growing reputation and popularity. We look forward to a memorable



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ANNIVERSARY: Church concert.

Dog lovers protest

TEULADA-BASED animal charity Pluto is battling bureaucracy to rescue dogs 'imprisoned' in cages.

Animal lovers have made a series of complaints to the Guardia Civil and Teulada-Moraira Town Hall against owners who keep their animals confined in cramped filthy conditions.

And two dogs - podencos, the native hunting dog - that were successfully taken by the charity were said by vets to have suffered muscle wastage because of their confinement.

In a case brought against

the owner, who has at least another five dogs kept in a half-built home, the association alleged the animals were 'imprisoned' and never left the building. It still hopes to free them.

A judge at Denia a year ago ruled there was no breach of criminal law and the town hall said it had no by-law enabling it to act.

However, Pluto believes the regulations of Valencia government make it a serious infringement to keep animals in poor sanitary conditions.

The charity still wants the council to intervene to get the

owner to give up the remaining canines so they can be properly cared for.

It has also sent the town hall another case of alleged mistreatment, involving a large dog locked up, apparently without food and water, in a cage 1.3m by 0.80m in Benimarcó; and at the same address other charity members claim there are three dogs in a cage 2m by 0.90m.

“These animals do not stop barking and they become aggressive. They are deprived of all kinds of affection and are sick because of the lack of hygiene and care,” alleges Pluto.

Get ready, steady, go

THIS Saturday, May 6, sees another edition of the annual Teulada-Moraira run.

It is expected that 1,200 people will take part and as in other years, runners will earn points for the 21st Marina Alta run. This started at the beginning of the year and continues until June.

Competitors in Saturday's main event complete

a 10-kilometre circuit that starts and finishes in Plaza de la Constitucion in Teulada, with shorter distances for children. The run sets out at 4.30pm for under-14s and at 7pm for adults.

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The initiative was not limited to the day itself, April 23, but will continue for at least one month.

The initiative is organised and run by volunteers from the library's international section both to encourage reading and extend the cultural offer of a public building like the Market.



BOOK EXCHANGE: Volunteers from Jávea library's international section

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International section.

Prevention better than cure

JAVEA Town Hall is planning a series of fire prevention workshops to be held between May 9 and 25.

Aimed at all members of the local population living the workshops will be given by forestry specialists from Medi XXI GSA, the team commissioned by Javea Town Hall to draw up a municipal fire prevention plan.

The initial phase of talks will centre on Javea's urbanisations where homes are most exposed to the type of forest fires that occur where residential and woodland zones overlap.

Residents will receive advice on preventing fires ensuring that if fire does break out they can assist the emergency services rather than cause further problems.

The first workshop will be held on May 9 at the Popul chapel, followed by another on May 10 at the Balcon al Mar headquarters of the Volunteer

Fire Brigade. The next round will be held on May 18 at the Pinosol recreation area and May 19 at the Rafalet recreation area. The last is scheduled for the Tossalet green space in Calle Azores on May 25.

All the talks begin at 10am and in areas with a predominantly foreign population, there will be an English translator.

The talks are a combination of theory and practice where participants will be shown probable fire scenarios and how to react to them.

Javea Town Hall is drafting a prevention plan because there has always been forest fires, they still happen and will continue to occur, said Javea's Public Safety councillor Pepa Gisbert.

Prevention is better than cure in a town like Javea where there is increased risk owing to its residential structure, she added.

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A team effort

EXPATS living in a Marina Alta village have formed a fundraising group to support the local Civil Protection team.

A group of 16 see themselves as 'purely collaborators' for the Benidoleig volunteers who are a fourth emergency service; although they put on uniform shirts and help direct traffic when needed.

The money raised buys much-needed equipment for the Proteccion Civil and the group were hard at work on a stall at the village's San Vicente fair at the Benidoleig

caves.

Group member Keith Owen said: "We are a group of expats living in the village, there are about 16 of us, and we are volunteers helping our local Proteccion Civil who struggle to get equipment in a small community like ours.

"When needed we do offer some practical support like standing at road junctions to help out."

The group has just purchased a €264 micro-light stretcher for the team and is now raising money for fire protection jackets "and any-

thing else we need to get."

Simon Lunn, the Proteccion Civil coordinator, said since its launch in 2012 the volunteer team had been supported by charities and associations across the area in donating emergency equipment; and it was just about to receive a second 4x4 vehicle.

"We have 26 active members; not everyone is 'front line' but they all do their bit and help out," he said.

"And we are always really delighted with the support we receive from the local community and further afield."

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Farewell to tiger cubs

VISITORS flocked to the Terra Natura in Benidorm on Saturday April 29 for the last chance to see the theme park's two Bengal Tiger cubs.

Neu and Pluja, who were born at the park on January 20, are now three months old. As part of a breeding programme they will now reside at the Cabárceno Nature Park, Cantabria, northern Spain.

Keepers at Terra Natura had waited until the female cubs had finished weaning to avoid health risks during the transport process, before approving the move.

A protected species, the Bengal tiger originates from Asia. There are presently less than 2,500 left in the wild because of poaching and the destruction of their natural habitat.

Community service

CALPE women's group MOFTAG is holding its annual Spring Fayre on Saturday May 13, raising funds for local charities.

The event is staged in Delfin Square, starting at 10.10am, featuring attractions including: the ever-popular home-made cakes; a bottle stall; jams and chutneys and a large raffle.

MOFTAG President Jenny Godfrey warned visitors needed to be punctual as things sold out quickly. For more information, call Jenny on 639 139 518.



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After a welcoming address from the Branch Chairman, Wing Commander Bob Hunt MBE and 'grace' was said by the Revd Canon Raymond Hodson, everyone tucked into a meal including traditional roast beef.

Toasts, accompanied by

appropriate national anthems, were proposed by Hilary Wass to the Queen and King Filipe VI. The messages, including greetings from the two Royals, were read by Maggie Dennis.

Wing Commander Cameron Gair, President of the Costa Blanca North Branch of the RAF Association, gave a humorous speech including some of the history of the patron saint before proposing the toast to

England and St George - accompanied by a rousing chorus of 'Land of Hope and Glory.'

Anyone interested in joining the Royal Society of St George should contact Hilary Wass, Branch Membership Secretary, on 634 324 246 or email tillblow@yahoo.co.uk. Information regarding Branch activities can be found on the Branch website www.stgeorgecostablanca.com.

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Caprice in Calpe



CAPRICE: Their female voices work well for both jazz and lyrical ballads.

ALL-LADIES choir Caprice is busy rehearsing for their next performance at Calpe Tennis Club on Friday June 2.

The evening will start at 6.30pm with the group singing a variety of songs from the shows, including 'I'm Gonna Wash that Man Right Outta My Hair' from South Pacific, plus music by Gershwin and the Carpenters, all sung in

three-part harmony.

The lovely blend of female voices works really well for both the jazz influenced songs and the lyrical ballads fast becoming the group's trademark.

After the concert, the audience will be served a three-course meal, complete with wine, to round off an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

The evening will raise funds

for Calpe Ayuda, a worthy cause which provides food and meals for under-privileged families in Calpe.

Tickets cost €17. They are available from Margaret & Elena's Card and Bookshop, Galerías Mar Azul, 9 Gabriel Miro, Calpe or by contacting musical director Aileen on 696 514 613 or by email to aileen2light@gmail.com.

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Members' trip down memory lane

U3A MARINA BAIXA members were in fine voice at the April general meeting as everyone joined in singing songs from their 'yesterdays' at the Casa de Cultura in Alfaz del Pi.

It was triggered by Roy Gough's interesting and amusing talk called 'A Trip Down

Memory Lane.'

There were 161 members in attendance, including two new faces, and five visitors.

Afterwards a group enjoyed a meal together.

U3A Marina Baja holds its general meetings on the fourth Monday of each month in the

auditorium at the Casa de Cultura. The next Meeting is on Monday May 22. For more information visit www.u3amarinabaixa.com or the Facebook page

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Choir in fine voice



CELEBRATION CONCERT: For the choir's 10th anniversary.

THE Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir celebrated its 10th Anniversary recently with a concert in front of a full capacity audience at the beautiful Benitachell church.

In addition to a varied programme by the 40-strong choir, the appreciative audience were also entertained to arias by Dolce Divas, piano solos by Heather Butcher and the debut of the choir's acapella group.

At the end of the concert, founder and president Mike Evans presented pins in the

form of a treble clef to the three ladies who have helped bring the choir to its present high standard: musical director, Claire Harkness-Post and accompanists Kirsty Glen and Heather Butcher, the choir's previous musical director.

Mike was presented with a leather briefcase on behalf of the choir in recognition of his work over the past 10 years. He said: "The choir has come from very small beginnings in 2007 to a well-respected and constant-

ly improving choir, which has earned its growing reputation and popularity. We look forward to a memorable year and the exciting programme ahead."

The choir's next engagement is on May 6, when the internationally-renowned Pontarddulais Male Choir take to the stage at the Auditori Teulada-Moraira, supported by the local boys and Dolce Divas.

The Welsh choir will be 80-strong and the Costa Blanca should provide another 40 voices, providing a rousing finale when both sing together.

Tickets for this prestigious concert cost €12 and are available online at instanticket.es, from Teulada Town Hall, the council's office at Espai La Senieta Theatre in Moraira and the Teulada Auditorio Box Office. They will also be available on the night.



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Learning the lingo

LEARNING Spanish is a goal of many members of U3A Vall del Pop and classes are now on offer to take people further than simply ordering a coffee.

Two levels are on offer, beginners and those wishing to improve their knowledge of the language.

Maximum class sizes will be 10 and if oversubscribed, U3A will look to expand availability; it believes everyone should make the effort to speak passable Spanish.

Both classes will be held in 'Pas a Pas,' the purpose-built language school in Jalon; 'Beginners' will be from 10am to 11am and 'Improvers' from 11am until noon.

Classes will be on Tues- **Back to school.** days and Thursdays; however, they will not take place on the first Thursday of the month, so members can attend U3A's monthly general meeting in Murla.

It means there are nine classes in May and dates will be confirmed for June, July, August and the remainder of the year.

The group leaders for the initiative are



Marie Fitzgerald for Beginners and Carole Wardle for Improvers.

For further information go to the website www.u3avallpop.com, U3A is all about enjoyment and learning, and this is particularly evident in the Vall del Pop group.

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German paper says Britain and Europe at loggerheads



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

MUCH is being made in the UK of a report in a German newspaper of the recent meeting between Theresa May and Jean-Claude Juncker.

According to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, Prime Minister May and EU Commission President Juncker found little to agree on and supposedly after the meeting, Mr Juncker called German Chancellor Angela Merkel and told her that Mrs May was “living in another galaxy” and was “deluding” herself.

Reportedly, he told Mrs May “I’m leaving Downing Street 10 times more

sceptical than I was before” as they disagreed on so many matters crucial to each side.

The main areas of disagreement cover the time it will take to settle the rights of EU citizens in Britain and British migrants in the EU which Mrs May believes can be resolved by the end of June.

The other main ‘bone of contention’ raised during the meeting concerned Britain’s ongoing financial obligations to the European Union once it leaves which has been cited by EU representatives as being between €50 million and €60 million.

According to the report, the prime minister said that the UK had no legal obligation to make any payments to cover expenses such as pensions once it

leaves the Union which left Mr Juncker saying that unless Britain agreed to pay what the Union believed it owed, there would be no trade deal.

Finally, there also appeared to be a major difference over confidentiality and the negotiations which

the British side wish to keep secret until the last minute whilst the EU intends to

report details regularly.

Mrs May has dismissed this report as being “Brussels gossip” but took the opportunity to confirm that talks are likely to be tough and that she is the only politician strong enough to be able to cope with the demands of the 27 states which form the European Union.



MRS MAY: With Mr Juncker outside 10 Downing Street.

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EU Brexit strategy

EUROPEAN COUNCIL president Donald Tusk wrote to the heads of the 27 states meeting in Brussels to discuss Brexit terms on April 29.

In this letter, delivered prior to the physical meeting, he made it clear that three matters in particular had to be agreed with Britain prior to negotiations over future relationships with the UK and these were “people, money and Ireland.”

He expects to see guarantees over the safeguarding of the rights of EU citizens in the UK, an agreement from Britain to honour long-term financial obligations which may amount to €60 billion and the rights of movement between the Republic and Northern Ireland.

It took minutes for the leaders to confirm their agreement to the negotiating guidelines issued by Mr Tusk on March 31 and he tweeted after the event that a “firm and fair political mandate” for the talks had been agreed.

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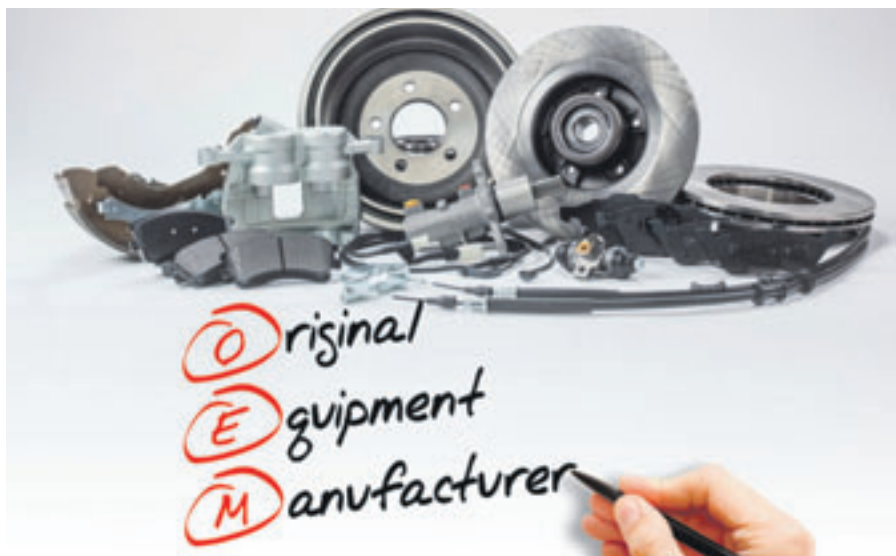
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DENMARK**Viking wine**

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Smuggler caught

A WOMAN, aged 43, has been arrested after being caught smuggling gold and cash on a Denmark-Norway ferry. She was carrying khat, a chewable leaf which is illegal in Norway.

Press freedom

DENMARK has ranked fourth in the Reporters Without Borders in-

dex for maintaining press freedoms. The report showed freedom of the press has become worse in nearly two-thirds of the 180 countries in the index.

April showers

MARCH 31 saw temperatures reach a balmy 21.5 degrees in Denmark, but since

then, the country has been shivering in a more winter-like April with the highest temperature last month recorded at 17.9 degrees.



VIKINGS: Made wine.

GERMANY**Father's love**

GERMAN police reported the second case in a week of a father murdering his children. In the latest case a man is believed to have stabbed two of his children, aged five and eight, before taking his own life.

Refugee sanctuary

GERMANY offered sanctuary to almost 300,000 Syrian refugees last

year. This was a substantial number of the 406,000 refugees given protection in Europe in 2016.

Biography damages

GERMANY'S former chancellor, Helmut Kohl, has been awarded €1 million damages over an unauthorised biography which a judge said 'deeply violates' the retired politi-

cian's personal rights.

Jail sentence

A GERMAN man of Lebanese origin has been jailed for being a member of Daesh. The former Berlin taxi driver went to Syria in late 2014 to join the terrorist group. He was arrested when he returned to Germany in 2015.

FRANCE**Final two**

FRANCE is on the brink of a new dawn of politics. The first round of voting in the presidential election has seen the two main political parties knocked out. The battle is now on between National Front candidate Marine Le Pen and independent centrist Emmanuel Macron.

Parliament protest

THE European Parliament is accusing presidential candidate Marine Le Pen's party of defrauding it of nearly €5 million with the European money allegedly being used to pay assistants for work outside the assembly.

Island arrest

TWO French police officers were shot and injured on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean as they raided a house and tried to arrest a suspected radical Islamist.

PM burglary

FRENCH Prime Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, has been targeted by burglars. His Paris apartment was broken into but no sensitive documents were in the property.

BELGIUM**Lighter art**

THE Antwerp Museum for Contemporary Art, has reopened its doors after extensive interior renovation works. Extra light is used to give an extra dimension to works from the likes of Luc Tuymans and Jan Fabre.

Bus day

A TODDLER spent an entire day on a school bus in a municipality east of Leuven, that was parked up after the morning school run. The youngster, who was not hurt, was not spotted by the driver as he locked up the bus.

Weekly journeys

BELGIUM took part in a European study which found Europeans spend nearly 10 hours using transport each week, with cars being the most popular form for daily journeys.

Taxi protest

AROUND 70 taxi drivers stationed themselves in front of the Brussels parliament as Brussels minister of Mobility, Pascal Smet, discussed the new taxi plan, which, despite opposition, Smet said was intended to liberalise the sector.

NETHERLANDS**Energy use**

A COLDER winter in the Netherlands led to a 2 per cent increase in the amount of energy used last year compared to 2015. Oil, gas and coal accounted for 92 per cent of the country's total energy use.

Pay cap

A CAP on public sector pay, set at €181,000, is resulting in a difficulty to fill senior executive positions within hospitals. The pay limit is aimed at stopping public sector managers earning more than government ministers.

Emoji forever

AN architect has cast 22 emoji in concrete and used them to decorate the facade of a new building in the Amersfoort district of Vathorst. The architect said they will be some of the most recognisable icons of the 21st century.

Tattoos honour

A DUTCH tattoo artist, who has fought for acceptance for tattoo culture, is among 2,819 people recognised in king Willem-Alexander's traditional birthday honours list.

NORWAY**Wrong diagnosis**

A REPORT has shown that around one third of of epilepsy diagnoses in Norwegian children were wrong. Epilepsy is the most common childhood chronic neurological disease.

Beef investment

NORFUND; the Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries, is to invest €6.76 million in an Ethiopian beef producer. The company aims to become the largest cattle processing operation in Eastern Africa.

Child abduction

AN arrest warrant has been issued for a Norwegian man in connection with the abduction of his four year-old daughter in Cyprus on her way to nursery. The man is separated from her Greek Cypriot mother.

Falling figures

AIRLINE Norwegian has recorded significant losses of 1.5bn Norwegian kroner in the first quarter of 2017, despite an increase in the number of passengers using the airline.

SWEDEN**Facebook rape**

THREE men have been sentenced in Sweden to 27 months in jail for participating in a gang rape that was streamed live on a Facebook group.

Dolphin language

A SWEDISH start-up is using artificial intelligence technology and language analysis software to help understand the language of dolphins.

Researchers will monitor bottlenose dolphins at a wildlife park south of Stockholm.

Fifth victim

WEEKS after the Stockholm terror attack and the number of fatalities has increased to five after a woman injured in the attack, has now passed away in hospital as a result of her injuries.

Litter louts

BETWEEN 2015 and 2016, litter thrown on the ground increased by 13 per cent in Swedish municipalities which were keeping records as part of the Keep Sweden Tidy campaign and Statistics Sweden.

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Rental rates rise across Spain

A REPORT from a Spanish property portal suggests that the price of renting a property is shooting up.

With hundreds of thousands of properties rented out during the past 12 months the company Fotocasa produces a quarterly report on the state of the rental market and finds that average rents in Spain have increased by 5.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2017.

Although rental prices have fallen by 21.7 per cent overall since their peak in 2007, this increase is actually the highest quarterly rise since

€ 7.93

is the average cost per square metre to rent property across Spain.

records were started in 2006.

There is an enormous difference in the cost of rents across the country, with Catalonia seeing average costs of €11.22 per square metre, compared to rents in Extremadura which are the

lowest in Spain at €4.77 per square metre.

Madrid and the Basque Country have seen significant increases over the national average and the main reason appears to be the fact that there are

more prospective tenants than there is available property.

According to the report, it would appear that Spain is beginning to question the long-held tradition of property ownership especially as so many people are still worried about their long term job prospects and the availability of mortgages at affordable rates.

It looks therefore that those property owners who have been deterred from short term holiday lets due to new legislation may well drift towards the long term residential letting market.

No case to answer

SAID by Spanish police to be 'one of the biggest swindlers in Spain,' Antonio Arroyo has won the first case brought against him.

Hundreds of alleged victims who were leant money by his firm and then charged enormous amounts of interest before losing their properties had been waiting for the first case to be brought against him, but sadly for them it was dropped by the court as it had exceeded the statute of limitations.

Victims of his alleged scam were waiting outside the court in Madrid and roundly abused him as he left, accusing him of being a 'thief and con artist with blood on his hands.'

More private prosecutions are due to follow.

Quote of the Week "Why does Esperanza Aguirre resign and not Mariano Rajoy?" former PSOE leader Pedro Sánchez after former Madrid PP leader resigns over corruption.



Unemployment on the increase



NEWLY UNEMPLOYED: The majority are women.

By John Smith

UNEMPLOYMENT in Spain rose during the first quarter of 2017 according to the Institute of National Statistics (INE).

To some extent this was expected as the major losses were in the private sector and many people had been employed on short term contracts in the lead up to the busy Christmas and New Year periods.

There are now 4,255,000 people unemployed in the country which represents 18.75 per cent of the working population but the good news for Andalucía is that it

currently has seen major employment growth during the last 12 months.

The other good news is that over the last year, although temporary contracts have increased, there are an additional 195,600 people in full time employment.

The number of self-employed has dropped slightly but self-employed foreigner figures have remained basically static.

One figure that does deserve mention is the majority of those newly unemployed are women which won't be encouraging news for those looking to promote equality in the workplace.

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Helping to see

EXPERIMENTAL Spanish company Eyesynth has created an audio visual system for the blind to help them 'see.' The concept which transmits images to sound via a computer is said to give a 3D sense of perception and development is now being backed financially by the European Union.

Book sales

ALTHOUGH the sale of e-books has dropped in the UK the kindle still holds attraction to those in Spain. The cost of English language novels is still very high and apart from the odd bookshop it is often easier to simply download and keep novels on a tablet, although many will still want to purchase printed non-fiction.

Spain penalised

THE US is to introduce anti-dumping duties on Spanish exporters of finished carbon steel flanges. The US Department of Commerce announced it has identified these flanges, used to connect pipes, had been sold by Spanish exporters at prices below those charged to the domestic market. Duties will be between 18 and 25 per cent.

Invest in Unicaja shares

FOR those who believe that the banking sector in Spain is bouncing back, there will soon be a chance to invest in Unicaja.

A shareholders meeting held in Malaga approved the issue of 625 million new shares as

the bank is to be listed on the Spanish stock exchange. Initially, the shares which have a nominal value of €1 each will be sold only to qualified investors, but should eventually be traded freely on the Bourse.

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GBP/EUR down from 2017 highs on French election result

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AFTER an exciting end to March (with the long-awaited activation of Article 50) the first couple of weeks of April were a little flat in terms of currency market movement.

While the week beginning April 17 was expected to be a fairly quiet one in terms of currency news too, markets actually opened with a bang after the Easter break. Surprising political developments saw GBP/EUR rocket from €1.1799 to €1.1990 – its best levels for nearly 10 months.

Meanwhile, the euro was kept under pressure ahead of the first round of voting in the French Presidential election, leaving the EUR/GBP exchange rate to slide from £0.8628 to a low of £0.8339.

However, with the French election resulting in the outcome economists hoped for, the pound dropped by over 1 per cent against the euro, with the common currency surging across the board.



POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: Saw GBP/EUR rocket to its best level in 10 months.

What's been happening?

Without doubt, UK PM Theresa May's unscheduled announcement on Tuesday April 18 was the news grabbing the most headlines. The PM shook the currency market when she declared her intention to call for a June 8 general election.

The general belief that the election will see the Conservative party increase its majority (an outcome which could improve May's negotiating power during Brexit discussions) was the driving force behind the

pound's gains.

But the euro fought back in the wake of the first round of the French Presidential election. Centrist Emmanuel Macron and far-right Marine Le Pen secured the largest proportion of votes.

As Macron is expected to trump Le Pen in the second round, the odds of France remaining part of the EU were seen to increase and demand for the euro surged.

What do you need to look out for?

Both the pound and euro are more likely

to be driven by political news than economic news over the next few weeks, with polls relating to the UK General Election and French Presidential Election having the potential to create volatility for both currencies.

If it looks like the Conservatives will secure a greater majority in June, the pound may return to its recent highs. However, if French polls continue favouring a Macron victory, the prospect of economic and political stability in the Eurozone's second largest economy would limit GBP/EUR gains. Conversely, any sign that Le Pen is pulling ahead would be euro-negative.

In terms of economic news, the most influential developments on the horizon include the European Central Bank (ECB) interest rate decision and UK GDP data for Q1.

Hints of a rate cut from the ECB could send the euro lower, while the pound could suffer if UK growth slowed considerably in the first quarter of 2017.

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Newcastle United and West Ham United offices raided by HMRC

By John Smith

TAX authorities around Europe are cracking down on football clubs suspected of helping players or agents to avoid paying tax.

After Lionel Messi faced a very high profile investigation and significant fine by Spanish authorities and subsequent ongoing probes into the affairs of Neymar and other players, the spotlight has now moved to England and France.

Officers from HMRC (UK tax office) descended on both Newcastle United and West Ham United looking for evidence linking those two clubs with financial irregularities which are also being investigated in France.

There has been a number of transfer deals between the two Premier League clubs and Marseilles which is reportedly the seat of investigations in France undertaken at the request of HMRC.

The managing director of Newcastle United Lee Charnley was one of a number of people arrested and questioned during the raids, although he was later released without any charges being laid.

This sudden investigation must have come as something of a surprise and disappointment to Newcastle manager Rafael Benitez who has seen the club gain promotion back into the lucrative Premier League at its first attempt.



RAFAEL BENITEZ: Spanish manager of Newcastle United.

Chelsea were also visited by some of the 180 HMRC officers involved in this investigation although officials at that club have gone to great length to explain that it was asked to hand over documents relating to players or individuals who are being investigated and are not directly connected with the club.

Football is big business which attracts the mega rich to take over different clubs with Mike Ashley of Sports Direct owning Newcastle United and West Ham United owned by David Sullivan former owner

of the *Sport* and David Gold owner of Ann Summers.

Marseilles, which had been going through serious financial difficulties, was taken over by American billionaire Frank McCourt in late 2016 and it is thought that the investigations may well be into transactions that occurred prior to his involvement.

Whilst no specific targets of the investigation have been named, the HMRC has confirmed that their enquiries are directed to what they believe may be a £5 million (€5.9 million) income tax and national insurance fraud.

Power giants do not agree

THERE is a serious difference of opinion between the two main shareholders in the Santa María de Garoña nuclear power plant in Burgos.

Currently, as it is not producing electricity due to financial constraints, the president of Iberdrola, Ignacio Sánchez Galán, one of the two companies owning Nuclearor the power plant management company, wants to see it decommissioned.

Borja Prado, president of other shareholder Endesa disagrees and whilst respecting Iberdrola's position will not sanction any closure at this stage as there is to be a government review of whether it would be viable to extend the life of the facility.

As the government decision is due by August of this year, Endesa believes it sensible to await the review and seems to favour the possibility of the plant coming back on line, but Iberdrola simply doesn't consider that this is a viable option as it claims that the cost of production is too high.

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Bidding for European Medicines Agency

By John Smith

SPAIN is making a determined bid to move the headquarters of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from London to Barcelona.

Firstly, Minister of Health Dolors Montserrat spoke at an information breakfast organised by the Nueva Economía Forum to put forward Spain's claim for the siting of the new headquarters and was supported by European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis.

She recognised that there were some obstacles such as the question of Catalan sovereignty and the fact that Barcelona already has four European agencies, but believed that the city was ready to take over this agency with a seamless transfer.

Spain has one of the best health services in Europe and Barcelona is an international city,



DOLORS MONTSERRAT: Speaking at the breakfast.

with space available to host this prestigious body.

Subsequent to this, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy sent a formal offer to host the agency to the President of the European

Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and the President of the European Council Donald Tusk and it is believed that the Spanish offer is the only one that is being supported by its government.

Spain economic forecast ready

ALL members of the European Union are required to supply annual economic forecasts to Brussels each April and Spain is now readying its presentation.

Having had some difficulties over the past two years and facing threats of significant fines, the government is now in a much more comfortable position as it considers the economic situation

from 2017 to 2020.

It will upgrade its economic growth forecast for 2017 from 2.5 per cent to 2.7 per cent and it is content to assume continued average growth of 2.5 per cent for the following three years.

Coupled with this growth is an undertaking to continue to drastically cut unemployment and the expectation that the value of exports will continue to ex-

ceed the cost of imports.

In addition, the government is confident that there will be a general reduction in consumer debt and all of this will help to lead to a stable economy.

At this stage there is no suggestion that there will be any increases in taxation or any new taxes, although there may be action against high sugar content drinks at some time in the future.

Better salaries for some Spanish workers

MAJOR employers in Spain such as El Corte Inglés and Carrefour who are members of the trade body Anged have agreed staff pay rises.

Employing between them 230,000 people they have said that they will increase contracted staff salaries by 2.5 per cent backdated to January 2017.

This falls short of the 3 per cent requested by the unions but is an increase over the initial offer.

In addition and as part of a four-year agreement, employers will increase salaries by at least 1 per cent each year from 2018 to 2020

regardless of the performance of the stores or the economy.

As more stores wish to open on Sundays and public holidays, the employers have also agreed to establish a maximum number of unsociable working days although staff will be allowed to volunteer if they wish to work additional 'rest days' and receive enhanced payment.

There will also be improvements in the number of days that may be taken to care for close relatives who fall sick with full salary being paid in the case of serious illness such as cancer.

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.

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Let's consider the alternatives

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
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AS far as I'm concerned, the answer to the North Korean problem would have been to drop a half dozen 'Mother of all' bombs right in the middle of their recent 'birthday celebrations.'

A few well-placed hits from this mighty non-nuclear deterrent, would have wiped out a large chunk of their military hardware, a good percentage of their army personal and most, if not all, of their despotic regime leaders. Job done.

OMG I hear the luvvies bleat. How can this old hack condone the slaughter of all those Fathers, Mothers and fellow human beings? How can he encourage violence and death on such a vast scale? Has he finally proved to his superiors that he has now lost it and should be put out to grass among all the other mentally spent scribblers of yore?

Well, before we decide, let's



NORTH KOREA:
What action will America take?

consider the alternatives. To my mind, with the emergence of Kim Jong-un, the human race faces one of the biggest threats to its survival since the Ice Age. This demented man/boy psychopath, has turned PlayStation fantasy into grim, terrifying reality and MUST be dealt with. Forget the simpering, Corbyn inspired seekers of 'diplomatic' solutions. Any approaches from that

angle will get us all killed.

How can I excuse the use of such lethal and destructive force against this evil regime? Ask me that same question, when - if not stopped, they drop a nuclear device on Seoul, Tokyo or the shores of California. Ask me when millions of men, women and children are vapourised in an instant.

Ask me when newly released

clouds of toxic radiation spread across the planet, causing agonising tumours and death to a billion more human beings. Well I'll tell you, if this nightmare scenario does unfold, dropping a few 'Mothers' on some birthday celebrations, will seem like a grain of sand in the desert, compared to the ensuing Holocaust that could ultimately engulf the human race.

Of course, the chance may be lost. We may never again see such a gathering of North Korea's armaments and military hierarchy in the same place at the same time. If this does prove to be the case, then heaven help us.

Finally, you may wonder - should America decide on this course, what reaction could they expect from the rest of the World? Well in my opinion, it will take the form of bluster, condemnation, shocked disbelief and high handed moral indignation - for about a month. After that, with great sighs of private relief and a few peaceful nights' sleep, the World will return to the far less threatening, but none the less equally important job of Islamic extremist annihilation.

In the words of my American Gunn'y Sergeant friend. 'I believe totally in peace and love in the world, I also believe that some of us are put here to preserve it - by whatever means necessary!'

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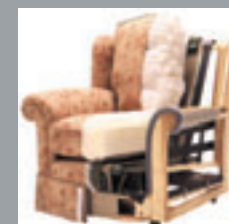
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2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Boss
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	The Truth About Stress
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week <i>Andrew Neil reviews the political week with Michael Portillo and guests.</i>

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Garden Rescue
8:15am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am	Gardeners' World
9:30am	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands
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12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live <i>Stay up to date on the day's top stories with the latest breaking news as it happens.</i>
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2:30pm	Countryfile
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4:50pm	Red Rock
5:30pm	Red Rock
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	Debatable
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	The World According to Kids
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11:00pm	Match of the Day
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Horizon
1:15am	The People v OJ

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days+
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Andy Peebles and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 20 October 1983.</i>
9:00pm	Sailors, Ships and Stevedores: The Story of British Docks
10:00pm	Arena <i>A tribute to Liverpoolian comic Ken Dodd, in which he discusses his 50-year career and the influences on his comedy style.</i>
11:00pm	Bucket <i>Comedy series about a mother-daughter relationship on a bucket list road trip to resolve the past that has made their present tense.</i>
11:25pm	The Undiscovered Peter Cook
12:25am	Wild Ireland
1:25am	Top of the Pops
2:05am	Sinatra: All or Nothing at All

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	Will and Grace
8:10am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Car S.O.S
12:05pm	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
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
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Supervet
10:00pm	Born to Kill
11:00pm	How to Get a Council House
12:00am	First Dates
1:05am	One Born Every Minute

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
9:40am	Peppa Pig
9:50am	Wissper
10:00am	Wanda and the Alien
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	On Benefits
2:15pm	Home and Away
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11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

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8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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10:30am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
12:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
1:00pm	Football Gold
1:15pm	Football Gold
1:30pm	Football Gold
1:45pm	Football Gold
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3:00pm	Premier League Legends
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11:00pm	School of Hard Knocks
12:00am	Premier League

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8:30pm	How Safe is Your Pension? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Joanna Lumley's Postcards
10:00pm	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	UEFA Europa League Highlights
12:40am	Tipping Point
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	How Safe is Your
4:25am	ITV Nightscreen

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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	Coronation Street
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Coronation Street
2:30pm	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	Totally You've Been Framed! Gold
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Mom
10:30pm	Mom
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
12:00am	Family Guy

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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
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Judge Judy
11:50am	Road to Avonlea <i>Jasper and Olivia's wedding plans get out of hand when Hetty takes charge. The wedding gown is too big, the ring goes missing and relationships are soon strained.</i>
12:55pm	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	The Royal
4:15pm	Where the Heart is
5:20pm	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Wire in the Blood
1:05am	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

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7:00am	Ax Men
7:45am	The Saint
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	The Sweeney
10:50am	Minder
11:55am	Ax Men
12:50pm	Cash Cowboys
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	The Saint
3:55pm	Ironsides <i>American drama series about a wheelchair-bound cop who works for the San Francisco Police Department.</i>
5:00pm	Minder
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase Celebrity Special
10:05pm	Mission: Impossible
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	Mission: Impossible
12:15am	Another 48 Hrs
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	Another 48 Hrs
2:15am	The Classic Car Show
3:05am	Tommy Cooper

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7:45am	Asian Connection
9:25am	The Goonies
11:25am	Walking Tall
1:05pm	Warcraft
3:15pm	I Am Legend
5:10pm	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
7:10pm	Days of Thunder
9:00pm	Warcraft
11:10pm	I Am Legend
12:55am	Dante's Peak
2:55am	Backdraft
7:30am	Ghostbusters: Special
8:00am	The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let's Do the Time Warp Again
9:35am	Definitely, Maybe
11:35am	Spud 2: The Madness Continues
1:15pm	The Intern
3:25pm	27 Dresses
5:25pm	Bridget Jones's Diary
7:10pm	Pixels
9:00pm	The Intern
11:05pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
12:45am	Dope

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7:00am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
8:50am	Queen of Earth
10:40am	The Top Ten Show 2017 <i>Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?</i>
11:00am	Elstree 1976
1:00pm	Sausage Party
2:45pm	X-Men: Apocalypse <i>When an ancient mutant awakens from his slumber, Professor X and his latest recruits must find a way to stop his world-ending plans.</i>
5:20pm	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
7:10pm	Elstree 1976
9:00pm	Sausage Party <i>Frank the sausage investigates when he hears life after the supermarket isn't much fun for groceries.</i>
10:35pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
1:05am	Black British

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE SmackDown!
9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Sporting Heroes
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	Great Sporting Moments
11:45am	Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm	Indian Premier League
4:00pm	Cricket Classics
5:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
5:30pm	Cricket's Greatest
6:00pm	Cricket World Cup Classics
7:00pm	ATP Tour Uncovered
7:30pm	World Rugby
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts <i>Night 14 in the Betway Premier League Darts season comes from the Sheffield Arena in Yorkshire.</i>
11:00pm	Indian Premier League
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries

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BBC one

10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Wanted
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
	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 at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Hospital People
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Witless

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Garden Rescue
8:15am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am	The World According to Kids
10:00am	Election 2017
2:00pm	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
3:00pm	Election 2017
5:00pm	Coast
5:35pm	Red Rock
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	Debatable
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
9:30pm	Grand Tours of Scotland
10:00pm	Versailles
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Later... with Jools Holland
1:05am	The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story
1:50am	Obesity
2:50am	Doctor Who

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>Peter Powell and Mike Read present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 3 November 1983.</i>
9:00pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, originally broadcast 31 December 1978.</i>
10:00pm	Singer-Songwriters at the BBC
11:00pm	Classic Albums
12:00am	...Sings Bond
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:35am	Singer-Songwriters at the BBC
2:30am	Classic Albums
3:35am	...Sings Bond
4:35am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	Will and Grace
8:10am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Car S.O.S.
12:05pm	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
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
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Posh Pawn
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Britain Today Tonight
11:30pm	Britain Today Tonight
12:05am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
1:10am	Cuban Fury

CHANNEL 5

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	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Undercover Bridesmaid
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Cricket on 5: England v Ireland
9:00pm	The Final Mystery of Stonehenge
10:00pm	Spectacular Spain with Alex Polizzi
11:00pm	It's Complicated
1:15am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Coach Trip
7:55am	Baby Daddy
8:30am	Baby Daddy
8:55am	Rules of Engagement
9:30am	Rules of Engagement
9:55am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	New Girl
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	New Girl
6:30pm	New Girl
7:00pm	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	Safe House
12:15am	The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Premier League 100 Club
10:30am	Premier League 100 Club
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
2:00pm	Football Gold
3:00pm	Premier League Legends
3:30pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:15pm	Spanish Football Gold
4:30pm	Football Gold
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
6:00pm	Boxing Gold
6:30pm	Barclays Premier League Preview
7:00pm	The Fantasy Football Club
8:00pm	Football
11:30pm	Carling: In Off the Bar
12:00am	The Fantasy Football Club

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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	Babushka
7:00pm	ITV News London
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	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	American Gangster
2:20am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>

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7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Below Deck
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Emmerdale
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Emmerdale
2:30pm	You've Been Framed!
3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Delivery Man
12:10am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	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
11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	Wild at Heart
4:10pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	The Street
11:20pm	Law and Order: UK
12:20am	Wire in the Blood
1:25am	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:30am	The Knock
3:20am	Charles: The Destiny of a Prince
4:10am	Long Lost Family
5:00am	Million Dollar Princesses
5:50am	In Loving Memory

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7:00am	Ax Men
7:45am	The Saint
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	The Sweeney
10:50am	Minder
11:50am	Ax Men
12:50pm	Cash Cowboys
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:45pm	The Saint
3:50pm	Ironsides
4:55pm	Minder
5:55pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Road Racing Highlights: Scarborough Spring Cup
10:00pm	The Game of Death
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Game of Death
12:05am	The Devil's Advocate
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	The Devil's Advocate
2:55am	Better Late Than Never
3:35am	Football Rivalries
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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7:00am	Babylon A.D.
8:35am	Armageddon
11:10am	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
1:45pm	Bloodsport
3:20pm	Pearl Harbour
6:25pm	Armageddon
9:00pm	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
11:35pm	Con Air
1:35am	Drop Zone
3:20am	Bloodsport

8:40am	Hot Shots!
10:15am	Hot Shots! Part Deux
11:50am	Spud 3: Learning to Fly
1:25pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
1:40pm	Trainwreck
3:50pm	Ride Along 2
5:40pm	The Simpsons Movie
7:15pm	The House Bunny
9:00pm	Trainwreck
11:10pm	Ride Along 2
1:00am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

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7:00am	Queen of Earth
8:35am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
10:25am	X-Men: Apocalypse
12:55pm	Jason Bourne
3:05pm	Sausage Party
	<i>Frank the sausage investigates when he hears life after the supermarket isn't much fun for groceries.</i>
4:40pm	Elstree 1976
6:30pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
	<i>When an ancient mutant awakens from his slumber, Professor X and his latest recruits must find a way to stop his world-ending plans.</i>
9:00pm	Jason Bourne
11:10pm	Sausage Party
12:45am	Tell Me How I Die
2:50am	Black British
4:40am	Let's be Evil

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Super League Highlights
8:15am	Great Sporting Moments
8:30am	Great Sporting Moments
8:45am	Great Sporting Moments
9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Super League Highlights
10:15am	Great Sporting Moments
10:30am	Great Sporting Moments
10:45am	Great Sporting Moments
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Super League Highlights
11:30am	Cricket
8:30pm	Live Super League Warrington Wolves v St Helens.
11:00pm	ICC Cricket
11:30pm	Cricket
12:30am	ICC Cricket

Elton played at my 21st

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



FROM the amount of emails I receive I know that the readers of this rambling old grumpy sod's column are more mature in years and we remember how things used to be.

For instance, a stag night was a visit to the pub to get the groom suitably inebriated and to try and return him home with enough time to scrub off the marker pen and get rid of the ladies underwear we had stuffed in his pockets.

Hen nights were pretty much the same but with a male stripper gram chucked in who usually started off as a policeman. The cost involved was a few quid and all was done and dusted in a few hours.

Let's jump forward to now. Dr S is maid of honour for her friend's wedding and it's up to her to organise the hen do. Down the pub is now an absolute non-starter. They were looking at going abroad for a few days. Why? I haven't a clue. These are all young ladies just starting out in life and all dating and getting married and now every time one of them decides to get cut and carried (married) it costs all their friends a fortune!

I'm talking about paying for flights, hotel bills etc, etc. We see hen parties all the time

here tottering about the streets of the Costa del Sol usually in stupid t-shirts with dumbass remarks on them and the bride having to wear a veil as well and, most likely, carrying a blow up something. What a waste of money they can mostly all ill afford.

Not only that, what about the pressures of organising the whole event? I know for a fact that it's stressful and trying to make sure that everything goes to plan is an absolute nightmare. In the end the girls decided that it was too expensive to go abroad so they are now staying in the UK and doing a weekend of celebrations. It's still expensive but common sense prevailed to a certain degree.

Last year was my Godson's 21st birthday. What did we do? We went to Miami for a week and had the most fantastic time. When I was 21 I had a party in a club called the Speakeasy in the West End of London.

Well I say a party; I went there with two mates and had a spag bol and apple pie and cream with a candle in it. It was a club. Well musicians came there after their gigs and then whoever was there got up and played. That night it was Elton John and for years I have told people that Elton John played at my 21st which, although technically true he didn't have a clue it was my birthday or even a clue I was there! And he certainly did not know who I was. But, hey ho!

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 2:00pm BBC News at One
 2:30pm BBC London News
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 4:45pm Garden Rescue
 5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News at Six
 7:30pm BBC London News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm A Question of Sport
 9:00pm Enders
 9:30pm MasterChef
 10:00pm Have I Got News for You
 10:30pm Hospital People
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
 11:25pm BBC London News
 11:35pm The Graham Norton Show
 12:25am Witless

BBC TWO

7:25am That's Entertainment! 3
 9:20am Talking Pictures
 10:05am Silk Stockings
 12:00pm Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
 1:00pm Great British Menu
 1:30pm Great British Menu
 2:00pm Great British Menu
 2:30pm Four for Texas
 4:20pm Trust Me I'm a Vet
 5:20pm Flog It!
 5:55pm Gardeners' World *More handy horticultural tips from the gardening experts.*
 6:25pm Springwatch
 7:25pm Japan's Northern Wilderness
 8:20pm Trump and Culture: Brave New World
 9:00pm Grand Tours of Scotland
 9:30pm Dad's Army
 10:00pm Nightcrawler
 11:55pm QI XL
 12:40am Versailles
 1:40am The Big Kahuna
 3:05am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British
 9:00pm BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby *Documentary looking at the role the BBC played in the second world war.*
 10:00pm Hinterland
 11:30pm Top of the Pops *John Peel and David Jensen present the weekly look at the pop charts, first broadcast on 13th January 1983.*
 12:10am Top of the Pops
 12:45am Genesis: Together and Apart
 2:20am TOTP2 *Top of the Pops 2 dips into the archives to explore both classic collective hits and smash solo singles spanning 20 early years of Genesis history.*
 3:05am Prog at the BBC

CHANNEL 4

8:05am King of Queens
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:25am Frasier
 9:55am Frasier
 10:25am The Big Bang Theory
 10:55am The Big Bang Theory
 11:25am The Simpsons
 11:55am The Simpsons
 12:30pm The Simpsons
 1:00pm Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 1:55pm Come Dine with Me
 2:25pm Come Dine with Me
 2:55pm Come Dine with Me
 3:30pm Come Dine with Me
 4:00pm Come Dine with Me
 4:35pm A Place in the Sun
 5:35pm Big House, Little House
 6:35pm Location, Location, Location
 7:30pm Channel 4 News
 8:00pm The Restoration Man
 9:00pm Walking Through Time
 10:00pm The Fault in Our Stars
 12:30am Ghost

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake! *Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.*
 11:15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 11:50am Access
 11:55am Criminals Caught on Camera
 12:20pm Police Interceptors
 1:15pm On Benefits
 2:15pm On Benefits: Breadline Brummies
 3:15pm On Benefits
 4:15pm Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
 5:15pm Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
 6:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
 7:10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
 8:00pm NCIS: Los Angeles
 9:00pm NCIS
 9:55pm 5 News *The latest news coverage.*
 10:00pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
 12:45am Football on 5 *Goal Rush.*

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7:00am The Goldbergs
 7:25am The Goldbergs
 7:45am The Goldbergs
 8:10am Made in Chelsea
 9:10am Melissa and Joey
 9:40am Melissa and Joey
 10:05am Melissa and Joey
 10:35am Melissa and Joey
 11:00am Melissa and Joey
 11:30am Melissa and Joey
 12:00pm The Goldbergs
 12:30pm The Goldbergs
 1:00pm The Goldbergs
 1:30pm Astro Boy
 3:15pm The Net
 5:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 6:00pm The Big Bang Theory
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 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 10:00pm Hanna
 12:10am Gogglebox
 1:15am Gogglebox
 2:20am Rude Tube
 3:25am Tattoo Fixers
 4:20am Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

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7:00am Football Gold
 7:15am Football Gold
 7:30am Football Gold
 7:45am Premier League Legends
 8:15am Game Changers
 8:45am Premier League Legends
 9:15am Premier League Preview 2016/17
 9:45am The Fantasy Football Club
 10:45am Soccer A.M.
 12:30pm Football
 1:30pm Football *Manchester City v Crystal Palace*
 4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday
 6:15pm Live EFL Football *Action from Sky Bet League 2.*
 9:00pm EFL Goals
 9:30pm Nissan Game of the Day
 11:30pm Nissan Match Choice
 12:30am P1100 Club - Peter Crouch
 1:00am Premier League Highlights
 1:30am Premier League Highlights

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9:25am ITV News
 9:30am Weekend
 10:25am 2000 Guineas Newmarket and Goodwood Opening Show
 11:20am Judge Rinder
 12:20pm Tipping Point
 1:20pm ITV News and Weather
 1:25pm Bigheads
 2:30pm ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
 5:30pm Catchphrase
 6:30pm Britain's Got More Talent
 7:10pm Local News and Weather
 7:25pm ITV News and Weather
 7:45pm Take Me Out
 9:00pm Britain's Got Talent
 10:15pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
 10:45pm The 40 Year Old Virgin
 11:45pm ITV News and Weather
 12:05am The 40 Year Old Virgin

itv2

7:00am The Hot Desk
 7:10am Emmerdale Omnibus *More drama and turmoil from the residents of Emmerdale.*
 9:35am Coronation Street Omnibus
 12:05pm Britain's Got Talent
 1:25pm Britain's Got More Talent
 2:25pm Take Me Out
 3:40pm Take Me Out: The Gossip
 4:40pm You've Been Framed!
 5:10pm Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
 6:10pm FYI Daily
 6:15pm Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
 7:25pm Paul Blart: Mall Cop
 8:25pm FYI Daily
 8:30pm Paul Blart: Mall Cop
 9:15pm Scorpion
 10:15pm Britain's Got More Talent
 11:20pm Celebrity Juice
 12:20am Family Guy
 12:50am Family Guy
 1:20am Family Guy

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7:00am Murder, She Wrote
 7:50am Murder, She Wrote
 8:45am Murder, She Wrote
 9:45am Forever Young
 10:45am FYI Daily
 10:50am Forever Young
 11:50am Goodbye, Mr. Chips *Robert Donat won an Oscar for his memorable performance in this much-loved film chronicling the life and times of a martinet schoolteacher who finds his life transformed by the love for a good woman, played by Greer Garson.*
 1:50pm Wycliffe
 2:55pm Lewis
 5:00pm Lewis
 6:55pm Rosemary and Thyme
 8:00pm Midsomer Murders
 10:00pm Foyle's War
 12:00am Law and Order: UK
 1:00am Law and Order: UK
 2:05am Law and Order: UK

itv4

7:10am Bundesliga
 8:00am Motorsport UK
 9:00am World Superbike Highlights
 10:00am Brdc British F3 Championship Highlights
 11:00am ITV Racing: The Opening Show
 12:00pm British Superbike Highlights
 1:05pm Road Racing Series 2017
 2:10pm Superman *Animation series in which the last son of the planet Krypton protects his adoptive home of Earth as the greatest of the superheroes.*
 3:10pm FYI Daily
 3:15pm Superman
 5:05pm Car Chasers
 5:35pm Car Chasers
 6:05pm Pawn Stars
 6:35pm Pawn Stars
 7:05pm Storage Wars
 7:35pm Storage Wars
 8:05pm The Sweeney

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7:00am Extraction
 8:35am Tarzan
 10:30am The Mummy
 12:40pm The Mummy Returns
 2:55pm Star Trek Beyond
 5:00pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
 7:00pm Tarzan
 9:00pm Star Trek Beyond
 11:10pm Wild Wild West
 1:05am The Mummy

sky CINEMA COMEDY

11:25am Back to the Future Part III
 1:30pm The Boss
 3:15pm The Top Ten Show 2017
 3:35pm Barbershop: The Next Cut
 5:35pm Welcome to Me
 7:10pm Ghost Town
 9:00pm The Boss
 10:45pm Barbershop: The Next Cut
 12:45am Death at a Funeral

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7:00am Elstree 1976
 8:50am Sadie's Last Days on Earth *With the apocalypse approaching, a high-schooler creates a to-do list that ranges from learning survival skills to patching things up with her best friend.*
 10:40am X-Men: Apocalypse
 1:05pm Jason Bourne
 3:15pm Keanu *When thugs steal Keanu the cat, two mild-mannered cousins pose as deadly assassins to get the beloved moggy back.*
 5:00pm Sausage Party
 6:35pm X-Men: Apocalypse
 9:00pm Jason Bourne
 11:10pm Keanu
 1:00am Sausage Party
 2:40am Tell Me How I Die
 4:45am Queen of Earth

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Rugby Union
 9:00am Cricket
 10:00am WWE SmackDown!
 12:00pm WWE Main Event
 1:00pm Live Scottish Premiership
 3:30pm Boxing Gold
 4:00pm Great Sporting Moments
 4:15pm Great Sporting Moments
 4:30pm Great Sporting Moments
 4:45pm Great Sporting Moments
 5:00pm Boxing Gold
 5:30pm Boxing Gold
 6:00pm Rugby Union
 8:30pm Live Spanish Football
 10:45pm Fight Night
 11:45pm Sporting Triumphs
 12:00am Sporting Triumphs
 12:15am Sporting Triumphs
 12:30am Sporting Triumphs
 12:45am La Liga
 1:00am Super League Highlights
 1:15am Indian Premier League Highlights

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7:00am	Breakfast
8:35am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm	Wanted Down Under
4:00pm	Points of View
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
5:15pm	Songs of Praise
5:50pm	Pointless
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	Countryfile
8:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
9:00pm	Babs
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:40am	The Women's Football Show

BBC TWO

7:15am	A to Z of TV Gardening
8:00am	The Instant Gardener
8:45am	The Beechgrove Garden
9:15am	Gardeners' World
9:45am	Countryfile
10:45am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:15pm	Great British Menu
12:45pm	Great British Menu
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
	MOTD2 Extra presents the latest football action.
2:00pm	Rugby League
3:00pm	Equestrian
5:00pm	Rowing
6:30pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods are Made
8:00pm	Dragons' Den
9:00pm	Mexico
10:00pm	Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay
11:00pm	Kajaki - The True Story
12:40am	The Reluctant Fundamentalist
2:40am	Question Time

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Birth of British Music
9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Motorway, the Honeymoon Period
10:00pm	Betroffenheit From Sadlers Wells
11:50pm	Seven Ages of Starlight
1:20am	The Story of Maths Professor Marcus du Sautoy concludes his investigation into the history of mathematics with a look at some of the great unsolved problems that confronted mathematicians in the 20th century.
2:20am	BBC at War with Jonathan Dimbleby Documentary looking at the role the BBC played in the second world war.
3:20am	Britain's Nuclear Secrets: Inside Sellafeld

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	King of Queens
7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	King of Queens
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Eat the Week
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	Ghostbusters II
5:30pm	World's Most Expensive Cars
6:40pm	George Clarke's Old House, New Home
7:35pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to Costa Rica
9:00pm	Captain America: The First Avenger
11:25pm	Prometheus
1:45am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:35am	Millionaires' Mansions

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Football on 5
11:55am	Criminals Caught on Camera
12:25pm	Police Interceptors
1:20pm	Police Interceptors
1:30pm	Agent Cody Banks
2:20pm	Cats and Dogs
4:00pm	Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud
5:00pm	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3
6:00pm	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
7:00pm	5 News
7:05pm	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
8:00pm	One Day International Cricket
9:00pm	Football on 5
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Comedy Gold: Tv's Funniest Ever Sketches
11:30pm	When Magic Goes Wrong
12:30am	Football on 5
1:00am	Bangkok Dangerous
2:50am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
10:30am	Made in Chelsea
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	Black-ish: Just Christmas, Baby
1:30pm	Baby Daddy
2:00pm	Kevin Can Wait
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	New Girl
3:30pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
3:40pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:10pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:40pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:10pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:40pm	The Spy Next Door
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
1:00am	E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year

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7:30am	Premier League Highlights
8:00am	Premier League Highlights
8:30am	Premier League Highlights
9:00am	Premier League Highlights
9:30am	Premier League Highlights
10:00am	The Sunday Supplement
11:30am	Goals on Sunday
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
2:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
7:15pm	Live EFL Play-Off S/Final
10:00pm	Boxing
12:00am	Goals on Sunday
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club

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7:00am	CITV
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Weekend
10:25am	Countrywise
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Judge Rinder
1:00pm	ITV News and Weather
1:10pm	Britain's Got Talent
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
5:05pm	Diamonds are Forever
7:35pm	Local News and Weather
7:40pm	ITV News and Weather
8:00pm	Bigheads
9:00pm	The Durrells Comedy-drama in which a family relocates to the Greek paradise of Corfu in 1935.
10:00pm	Grantchester
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:20am	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm	Take Me Out
1:40pm	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium
2:40pm	FYI Daily
2:45pm	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium
3:35pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
4:35pm	FYI Daily
4:40pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
5:45pm	Britain's Got Talent
7:00pm	Britain's Got More Talent
8:05pm	Evan Almighty
9:05pm	FYI Daily
9:10pm	Evan Almighty
10:00pm	Take Me Out: The Gossip
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!

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7:00am	Goodbye, Mr. Chips
8:50am	Murder, She Wrote
9:55am	Murder, She Wrote
10:55am	Heartbeat
12:00pm	Heartbeat
1:00pm	Columbo
2:40pm	A Touch of Frost
4:45pm	Foyle's War
6:55pm	Midsomer Murders The death of wealthy aristocrat Sir Freddy Butler brings Barnaby and Jones to the privileged surroundings of Haddington Hall.
9:00pm	Royal Stories
9:30pm	Royal Stories
10:00pm	Cameraman to the Queen
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:05am	Wire in the Blood
2:10am	Wire in the Blood
3:05am	Lewis
4:45am	May the Best House Win
5:35am	May the Best House Win

itv4

7:30am	Storage Wars
8:00am	Pawn Stars
8:25am	Pawn Stars
8:55am	Pawn Stars
9:20am	Pawn Stars
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:20am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	Pawn Stars
11:15am	The Classic Car Show Documentary looking at the phenomenon of the classic car.
12:15pm	MSA British Touring Car Championship Coverage of the MSA British Touring Car Championship.
7:20pm	Sports Fillers
7:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Fishing Impossible
9:00pm	Rugby
10:00pm	Car Wars
11:00pm	Unforgiven
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Unforgiven
1:40am	Road Racing Highlights: Scarborough Spring Cup

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7:05am	John Carter
9:20am	San Andreas
11:20am	Spy
1:30pm	The Scorpion King
3:10pm	The Italian Job
4:55pm	In the Heart of the Sea
7:00pm	San Andreas
9:00pm	Spy
11:00pm	RoboCop
12:50am	Collateral Damage
2:45am	Max Payne

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7:40am	Crocodile Dundee
9:25am	Crocodile Dundee II
11:25am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
1:25pm	Sisters
3:25pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
5:05pm	Notting Hill
7:15pm	All About Steve
9:00pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
10:40pm	Sisters
12:45am	Awkward Sexy People

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7:00am	Guardians of the Galaxy 2: Special Sky Movies takes a special look at the action-packed superhero sequel starring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Dave Bautista.
7:30am	X-Men: Apocalypse
10:10am	The Top Ten Show 2017
10:30am	Jason Bourne
12:40pm	Hungry Hearts
2:50pm	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
4:40pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
7:10pm	Keanu
9:00pm	Jason Bourne
11:10pm	Hungry Hearts Intense psychological drama about a young mother who becomes irrationally and dangerously fixated with her baby's health.
1:10am	Keanu
2:55am	Sausage Party
4:35am	Elstree 1976

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Cricket's Greatest
8:30am	Cricket's Greatest
9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Sporting Greats
10:30am	Sporting Greats
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	Cricket
	England face Ireland in the second and final ODI in their series at Lord's in London.
8:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
8:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
9:00pm	Cricket
10:00pm	Indian Premier League Highlights
11:00pm	Indian Premier League Highlights
12:00am	Cricket
1:00am	Cricket
2:00am	Indian Premier League Highlights
3:00am	Indian Premier League Highlights

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7:00am Breakfast
 10:15am Rip Off Britain
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
 12:00pm A1: Britain's Longest Road
 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 Panorama
 9:00pm EastEnders
 9:30pm Room 101
 10:00pm MasterChef
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm Match of the Day
 12:15am Have I Got a Bit More News for You

BBC TWO

7:00am My Life in Books
 7:30am Garden Rescue
 8:15am Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 9:00am Antiques Roadshow
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 1:00pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Athletics
 3:00pm Natural World
 3:50pm Who Do You Think You Are?
 4:50pm Red Rock
 5:30pm Red Rock
 6:15pm Antiques Road Trip
 7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads
 7:45pm Debatable
 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 Second Chance
 Summer: Tuscany
 1:15am MasterChef
 1:45am Countryfile
 2:40am Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
 3:40am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm 100 Days +
 8:30pm Handmade on the Silk Road
 9:00pm Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture
 10:00pm Barcelona: An Art Lovers' Guide
 11:00pm The Incredible Story of Marie Antoinette's Watch with Nicholas Parsons
 12:00am Michael Palin's Quest for Artemisia Harlots, Housewives and Heroines: A 17th Century History for Girls
 2:00pm Botany: A Blooming History
 3:00pm The Secret Life of the Motorway, the Honeymoon Period
 4:00pm Barcelona: An Art Lovers' Guide

CHANNEL 4

7:45am Will and Grace
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:05am Frasier
 11:05am Car S.O.S
 12:05pm Ramsay's Hotel Hell
 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
 6:00pm Four in a Bed
 6:30pm Extreme Cakemakers
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 8:55pm Party Election Broadcast
 9:00pm Dispatches
 9:30pm Food Unwrapped
 10:00pm The Island with Bear Grylls
 11:00pm Loaded
 11:55pm Gogglebox
 12:55am Obsessive
 Compulsive Cleaners
 Never Seen a Doctor
 2:50am Building the Dream

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 1:10pm 5 News
 1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
 2:15pm Home and Away
 2:45pm Neighbours
 3:15pm NCIS
 4:15pm The Perfect Roommate
 6:00pm 5 News
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News
 7:55pm Party Election Broadcast
 8:00pm MotoGP
 9:00pm Police Interceptors
 10:00pm Inside the Gang: Young Blood
 11:00pm Mind the Age Gap
 12:00am Rise of the Krays
 2:00am Super Casino
 4:10am Top 20 Funniest
 5:00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
 5:45am House Doctor

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7:00am Hollyoaks
 7:30am Coach Trip
 7:55am Baby Daddy
 8:55am Rules of Engagement
 9:30am Rules of Engagement
 9:55am Melissa and Joey
 10:25am Melissa and Joey
 10:55am Baby Daddy
 11:30am Baby Daddy
 12:00pm How I Met Your Mother
 1:00pm New Girl
 1:30pm New Girl
 2:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 2:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 3:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 3:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 4:00pm How I Met Your Mother
 5:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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 6:00pm New Girl
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 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
 10:00pm Made in Chelsea
 11:00pm Empire
 12:00am The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 10:00am Premier League 100 Club
 11:00am Premier League Daily
 12:00pm Premier League 100 Club
 12:30pm Premier League 100 Club
 1:00pm Premier League Legends
 1:30pm Premier League Legends
 2:00pm Premier League 100 Club
 3:00pm Premier League Legends
 4:00pm One2eleven 2016/17
 5:00pm Football's Greatest
 6:00pm One2eleven 2016/17
 6:30pm Football's Greatest
 7:00pm Premier League Legends
 7:30pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
 8:00pm Football
 12:00am Scottish Football Round Up
 12:15am Spanish Football Gold

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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
 3:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
 4:00pm Culinary Genius
 5:00pm Tipping Point
 6:00pm Babushka
 7:00pm Local News and Weather
 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Emmerdale
 8:30pm Coronation Street
 9:00pm Tonight: Election Special
 9:30pm Coronation Street
 10:00pm Little Boy Blue
 11:00pm ITV News
 11:50pm Don't Ask Me, Ask Britain
 12:50am Joanna Lumley's Postcards
 1:20am Teleshopping
 4:00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

itv2

7:00am The Hot Desk
 7:10am Totally Bonkers
 Guinness World Records
 7:35am Below Deck
 8:20am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 9:00pm Emmerdale
 9:30pm Coronation Street
 10:00pm Coronation Street
 10:35am Scorpion
 11:25am Below Deck
 12:20pm Who's Doing the Dishes?
 1:25pm Emmerdale
 1:55pm Coronation Street
 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!
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
 10:00pm Family Guy
 10:30pm The Great Indoors
 11:00pm American Dad!
 11:55pm Family Guy
 12:25am The Cleveland Show

itv3

7:00am In Loving Memory
 7:25am Heartbeat
 8:25am Where the Heart is
 9:30am Wild at Heart
 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 Where the Heart is
 4:10pm Wild at Heart
 5:15pm The Cruise Ship
 5:50pm Love Your Garden
 6:55pm Heartbeat
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
 9:00pm Doc Martin
 10:00pm Rosemary and Thyme
 11:00pm Law and Order: UK
 12:00am The Street
 1:20am The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
 2:25am The Knock
 3:15am ITV3 Nightscreen
 3:30am Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am Sports Fillers
 7:05am Ax Men
 7:50am Cash Cowboys
 8:40am The Saint
 9:45am Ironside
 10:50am Minder
Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.
 11:55am Ax Men
 12:50pm Pawn Stars
 1:20pm Pawn Stars
 1:50pm The Sweeney
 2:50pm The Saint
 3:55pm Ironside
 5:00pm Minder
 6:00pm The Sweeney
 7:00pm Cash Cowboys
 8:00pm Pawn Stars
 8:30pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
 10:00pm Mission: Impossible
 11:05pm FYI Daily
 11:10pm Mission: Impossible
 12:15am Bundesliga
 1:15am Rugby
 2:15am Motorsport UK
 3:15am Cash Cowboys

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7:10am Extraction
 8:50am Precious Cargo
 10:25am Marvel's Avengers Assemble
 12:50pm Hitman: Agent 47
 2:30pm Colt .45
 4:00pm The Patriot
 6:50pm The Mummy
 9:00pm Marvel's Avengers Assemble
 11:25pm Hitman: Agent 47
 1:05am 12 Rounds

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7:40am The Top Ten Show 2017
 8:00am Date and Switch
 9:40am Working Girl
 11:40am Nine Months
 1:30pm Pitch Perfect 2
 3:30pm Zoolander 2
 5:20pm Entourage
 7:10pm Vacation
 9:00pm Pitch Perfect 2
 11:00pm Zoolander 2
 12:50am The Heartbreak Kid
 2:50am Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Hungry Hearts
 9:05am Keanu
 11:00am Zoom
The lives of an aspiring novelist, an artist and a film director collide in unexpected ways.
 12:50pm Jason Bourne
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Frank the sausage investigates when he hears life after the supermarket isn't much fun for groceries.
 2:45am Elstree 1976
 4:40am Sadie's Last Days on Earth

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7:00am Cricket Classics
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 9:00pm Indian Premier League
 1:30am Cricket's Greatest
 2:00am Cricket's Greatest
 2:30am Cricket's Greatest
 3:00am Cricket's Greatest
 3:30am Sporting Rivalries
 4:00am Cricket Classics
 5:00am Cricket's Greatest
 5:30am Cricket's Greatest
Series profiling some of the greatest cricketers of all time.

Jumbo bunny dies in latest PR disaster for United Airlines

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

DO you possess exceptional interpersonal skills? Are you equally skilled at customer care and PR? Yes? Then, read on! (And no, I'm not offering you a job, but you might find that a certain airline may in the near future.)

United Airlines is facing another PR disaster after a potentially record-breaking giant rabbit perished en route to Chicago from London. The 90cm-long bunny, called Simon - 10-month-old son of Darius, the current Guinness World Record holder for the world's biggest rabbit (at 1.3m-long) and expected to have grown larger than his dad - was found dead on arrival.

United is still trying to tackle the public relations disaster after passenger, Dr David Dao, lost two front teeth and suffered a broken nose when forcibly removed from a flight at Chicago airport in order to make space for crew from a partner airline. The incident caused outrage and widespread condemnation after footage was watched by millions online. And not helped by United's CEO describing Dr Dao being dragged from the seat he had paid for as being 'reaccommodated.'

All airlines overbook as the system is based on a presumption of a percentage of 'no shows.' In the USA it's designed to cope with passengers on flexible

tickets, but UK airlines do it even where passengers are on non-refundable tickets. How are airlines allowed to sell the same seat twice and then eject one of their passengers? Imagine the same happening at hotels or theatres; there'd be riots!

Airlines also put their own and partner airline staff on flights at the expense of

paying customers. Is this really an industry problem or one more characteristic of certain airlines - like, err, United?

Now, I admit I'm a nervous flyer after experiencing, at the tender age of seven, a forced landing in Tunisia when the plane was aiming for Malta. And all because of a storm over Malta, ending up in a different continent!

So, now there's not just the worry of attacks on planes, strike action or weather delays, but of being 'deplaned.' Or 'reaccommodated.' Next scandal, please!

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.



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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	Our Friend Victoria
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Football Abuse: The Ugly Side of the Beautiful Game
12:45am	The Truth About Stress

BBC TWO

7:00am	My Life in Books
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00am	Great American Railroad Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Super League Show
2:45pm	Natural World
3:50pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
4:50pm	Red Rock
5:30pm	Red Rock
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	Debatable
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Bake Off Crème de la Crème
10:00pm	Second Chance Summer: Tuscany
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Dara and Ed's Road

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	100 Days +
8:30pm	Handmade on the Silk Road
9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest Semi-Finals
11:00pm	Joy of Abba
12:00am	Rome's Lost Empire
1:30am	Natural World <i>Wildlife documentary. Diablo the giant otter lives in a lake in the jungles of Peru, with his unruly family of six cubs.</i>
2:30am	The Story Of... <i>In this final episode, Lachlan Goudie explores how Scottish art has wrestled with questions of identity over the last century, provoking, participating and creating stimulating works of art that have left a remarkable legacy.</i>
3:30am	Joy of Abba

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	Will and Grace
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Car S.O.S
12:00pm	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
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
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cakemakers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	Party Election Broadcast
9:00pm	Obsessive
10:00pm	Compulsive Cleaners
11:00pm	One Born Every Minute
12:05am	First Dates
12:05am	Confessions of a Junior Doctor

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
4:15pm	A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
7:55pm	Party Election Broadcast
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Elizabeth I
11:00pm	Mind the Age Gap
12:00am	20 Moments That Rocked Pop

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10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Football
10:30am	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Live ATP Masters 1000 - Madrid <i>Day two of the Mutua Madrid Open on the ATP World Tour from the Caja Magica.</i>
10:00pm	Premier League Review
11:00pm	La Liga World
11:30pm	Scottish Football Round Up
11:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
12:00am	Premier League Review
1:00am	Premier League 100 Club
1:30am	Premier League 100 Club
2:00am	Premier League Legends

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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
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm	Culinary Genius
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	Babushka
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Save Money Good Food
9:00pm	Don't Ask Me Ask Britain
10:00pm	Long Lost Family: What Happened Next?
11:00pm	ITV News
11:50pm	Little Boy Blue
12:50am	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera

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7:35am	Below Deck
8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
10:00am	Coronation Street
10:35am	Scorpion
11:25am	Below Deck
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Coronation Street
2:30pm	Coronation Street
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	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:25pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy

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7:00am	In Loving Memory
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	Where the Heart is
9:30am	Wild at Heart
10:30am	Judge Judy
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11:55am	Road to Avonlea
12:55pm	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
2:05pm	Heartbeat
3:10pm	Where the Heart is
4:10pm	Wild at Heart
5:15pm	The Cruise Ship <i>Monty Don visits some of the most famous and interesting gardens in France.</i>
5:50pm	Love Your Garden
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:10am	The Knock

itv4

7:00am	Sports Fillers
7:10am	Ax Men
7:55am	Cash Cowboys
8:45am	The Saint
9:50am	Ironsides
10:50am	Minder <i>Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.</i>
11:55am	Ax Men
12:55pm	Pawn Stars
1:25pm	Pawn Stars
1:50pm	The Sweeney
2:50pm	The Saint
3:55pm	Ironsides
5:00pm	Minder
6:00pm	The Sweeney
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	Lethal Weapon <i>US drama series based on the film franchise.</i>
12:00am	Better Late Than Never

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9:45am	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi
12:15pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
2:45pm	The Karate Kid, Part II
4:45pm	Behind Enemy Lines
6:40pm	The Mummy Returns
9:00pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
11:30pm	Taken
1:15am	Shaft

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7:50am	Alien Autopsy
9:35am	Valentine's Day
11:45am	Raising Helen
1:50pm	Daddy's Home
3:35pm	How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
5:35pm	Big Daddy
7:15pm	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
9:00pm	Daddy's Home
10:45pm	Superbad
12:45am	Bad Bromance
2:35am	Gremlins
4:30am	Search Party

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7:00am	Guardians of the Galaxy 2: Special
7:30am	Hungry Hearts
9:30am	The Top Ten Show 2017
9:50am	Keanu
11:40am	Jason Bourne
1:50pm	Vigilante Diaries <i>Jason Mewes stars as a filmmaker exploring the explosive world of vigilante justice.</i>
3:40pm	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
5:30pm	Zoom <i>The lives of an aspiring novelist, an artist and a film director collide in unexpected ways.</i>
7:15pm	Keanu
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12:55am	Tell Me How I Die
2:50am	Hungry Hearts
4:45am	Elstree 1976

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7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	WWE SmackDown! <i>Tom Phillips, JBL and Byron Saxton present Smackdown, featuring all your favourite WWE stars.</i>
9:00am	MNF Pre-Match
10:00am	Cricket Classics
11:00am	Super League Fulltime 2017
11:30am	Cricket's Greatest
12:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Kings XI Punjab take on Kolkata Knight Riders at IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali in the VIVO IPL.</i>
8:30pm	Top 14 Highlights <i>A round-up of all the latest news, tries and action from the French Top 14.</i>
9:00pm	Boxing
11:00pm	Boxing
12:00am	Fight Night Intl: Frampton / Santa Cruz

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 8:00pm The One Show
 9:00pm MasterChef
 10:00pm Panorama
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm A Question of Sport
 12:15am Teenage Knife Wars
 12:45am Home
 1:10am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am My Life in Books
 7:30am A1: Britain's Longest Road
 8:15am Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 9:00am Nature's Weirdest Events
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 1:00pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Two Tribes
 2:30pm Coast
 3:00pm Natural World
 3:50pm Who Do You Think You Are?
 4:50pm Red Rock
 6:15pm Antiques Road Trip
 7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads
 7:45pm Debatable
 8:30pm Great British Menu
 9:00pm Trust Me I'm a Vet
 10:00pm King Charles III
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:10am Weather
 12:15am Mexico
 1:15am The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story
 2:10am MasterChef
 3:10am Colombia with Simon Reeve
 4:10am I'm Different: Let Me Drive

BBC FOUR

8:00pm 100 Days +
 8:30pm Handmade on the Silk Road
 9:00pm The Last Seabird Summer
 10:00pm Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity
Prof Jim Al-Khalili takes a supercharged look at the lifeblood of civilisation: electricity. This opener tells of the trailblazers who first unlocked the enigma of electricity.
 11:00pm Freud: Genius of the Modern World
 12:00am Time Shift
 1:00am Metalworks! *The Blacksmiths Tale.*
 2:00am Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture
 3:00am When Wrestling Was Golden: Grapples, Grunts and Grannies
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 9:00pm How to Live
 Mortgage Free with Sarah Beeny
 10:00pm Confessions of a Junior Doctor
 11:00pm Quadruplets and Homeless
 12:00am Gogglebox
 1:00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 1:50am Martha Marcy May Marlene

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 10:15am The Wright Stuff
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 1:15pm On Benefits
 2:15pm Home and Away
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 3:15pm NCIS
 4:15pm Still Life: A Three Pines Mystery
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 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
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 1:05am On Benefits
 2:00am Super Casino
 4:10am Top 20 Funniest
 5:00am Never Teach Your Wife to Drive
 5:45am House Doctor

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7:00am Hollyoaks
 7:30am Coach Trip
 8:00am Baby Daddy
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 9:00am Rules of Engagement
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 Series profiling some of the greatest players to have graced the Premier League.
 3:00am The Premier League Years
 5:00am Sporting Heroes

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 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Emmerdale
 8:30pm Coronation Street
 9:00pm Tonight at the London Palladium
 10:00pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
 11:00pm ITV News
 11:50pm UEFA Champions League Highlights
 12:50am Sports Life Stories
 1:40am Jackpot247
 4:00am 1000 Heartbeats
 4:50am Nightscreen

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7:00am The Hot Desk
 7:10am Totally Bonkers
 Guinness World Records
 7:35am Below Deck
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 9:30am The Cube
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 2:30pm ITV Racing Live
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 8:00pm Cycling
 9:00pm River Monsters
 10:00pm Benidorm
 11:00pm Better Late Than Never
 12:00am Lethal Weapon
 12:55am The Game of Death
 1:55am FYI Daily
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 3:00am The Classic Car Show
 Documentary looking at the phenomenon of the classic car.
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9:05am Stealth
 11:10am Fantastic Four
 12:55pm Ant-Man
 2:55pm Backdraft
 5:15pm Fantastic Four
 7:00pm The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
 9:00pm Ant-Man
 11:00pm Cloverfield
 12:30am Underworld
 2:40am The Sum of All Fears

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9:35am Definitely, Maybe
 11:35am The Holiday
 2:00pm Sausage Party
 3:40pm Hot Pursuit
 5:15pm Back to the Future
 7:15pm Police Academy
 9:00pm Sausage Party
 10:40pm Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
 12:25am Me Him Her
 2:10am Gremlins 2: The New Batch
 4:05am Lost in Karastan
 5:50am Curse of the Pink Panther

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7:00am Zoom
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 10:55am The Top Ten Show 2017
 Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?
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7:00am Cricket Classics
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 9:00am Cricket World Cup Classics
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 2:25pm Cricket's Greatest
 2:55pm Live RL One Day Cup
 11:00pm Simplyhealth Great Birmingham 10k
 11:30pm Sporting Greats
 12:00am Sports Unlimited
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 2:30am Time of Our Lives
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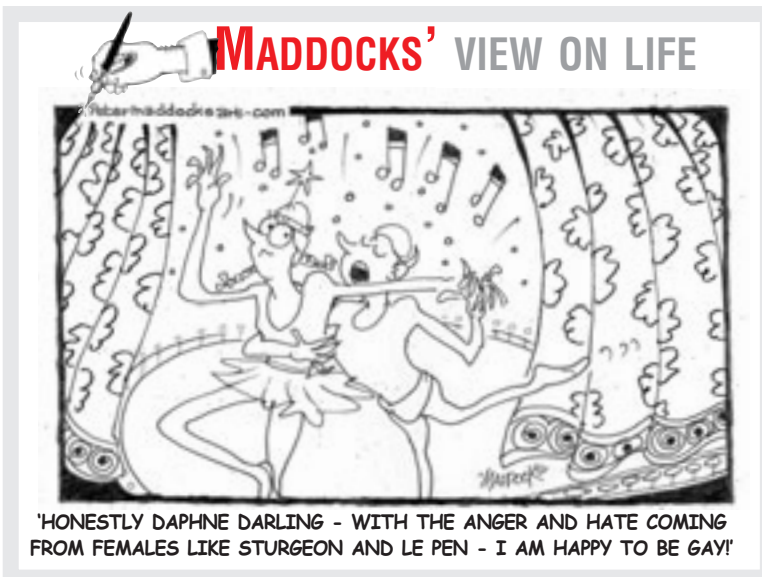
Kakuro

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.

17	27	15		
22			32	
19				19
8			13	
11			14	
			15	
	70			
		18		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

22	27	15		
6	7	8	4	
8	6	1	2	
5	3		8	2
2	5		1	3
	9	6	5	8
	2	9	6	5



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

D	E	W
I	R	E
N	O	D

TARGET:

- Average: 14 • Good: 19
- Very good: 28 • Excellent: 36

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aeon ante earn erne etna nape neap near neat neep nope note open pane pant pean peen pent peon pone pont porn rant rent roan tarn teen tern tone torn antre apron atone eaten enate enter noter oaten panto paten preen prone raneer tenor toner enrapt entrap napper neater opener orate parent patron poteen reopen repent tarpon trepan operant pronate propane protean NOTEPAPER

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Saturday April 29

24	29	30	BONUS BALL
36	46	48	7

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Saturday April 29

3	12	16	BONUS BALL
21	39	44	47

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Tuesday April 25

9	11	19	BONUS BALL
32	43		9

Friday April 28

14	20	25	BONUS BALL
30	39		8

LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday April 29

3	12	22	BONUS BALL
24	35	46	2

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday April 30

6	15	30	BONUS BALL
34	44		1

YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Punchy Mars and the heady Sun are set for a scramble with touchy Pluto. You've been there before, so despite any administrative bumps, gossip whirls or curious rejections, don't be too sensitive. Add up what you've achieved, subtract your fears and keep your emotions under control.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

Upfront Mars and the upbeat Sun will be at loggerheads with powerful Pluto. You might not appreciate some of Friday or Saturday's antics, so be ready to use your charm, or perhaps your equally wicked sense of humour will do the trick. Whatever comes up for review, a cool rethink could inspire you with some useful tactics.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

This is an intense week, and if you get stuck with a particular issue, jumble your words, or just can't seem to do anything right, it might be worth finding out if the grass is greener on the other side.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

Quirky planetary niggles will surface without warning. A variety of talks, news and last-minute changes surround your family members, friends or colleagues. No matter what affects your personal or occupational activities, stay focused, decide what your goals are and, just as importantly, find the easiest way to move forward without losing your healing sense of humour.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Even the best-made plans can suddenly

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Astrologically, it's not unreasonable to assume that when sparky Mars and the zesty Sun conflict with restless Pluto, life could become a tad frustrating. You might find it hard to tolerate hypocrisy and setbacks, but fortunately, it's all just a passing cloud. Regardless of any lack of continuity, concentrate on keeping going and prepare for next week's brighter outlook.

sink without a trace. Your dreams for a fresh start in one particular direction still need tender, cautious care, and you may equally need to be wary of overstepping the mark where money's concerned.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

You will need bucketloads of humour and understanding as impatient Mars and the sprightly Sun engage with touchy Pluto. Stay well clear if you want to escape potential power struggles.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

If you suspect that some things are not what they seem, you could be right. Repel doubts, ban anxieties and stick to facts and tact. If certain individuals or situations continue to conspire against you, change course and do something entirely different. What goes around will come around quicker than you think.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

Storms in tea-cups need loads of sweet-talking. Of course, if you can't be bothered with it all, fair enough; keeping quiet could be the best way to deal with problems, glitches or sudden backfires. If you can't take a break, at least chill out with whatever or whoever brings you the greatest pleasure.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

You are about to tackle some tough tests. Work and personal hurdles could preoccupy you, but after the weekend you'll be able to sort out the ice from the cream. No matter how awkward things seem on Monday or Wednesday, trust your ability to wait for the right moment, rather than risk spoiling your plans.

PISCES ♓ (February 20 - March 20)

Feisty Mars and the fiery Sun are warring with changeable Pluto, so avoid any tearaway temptations on Thursday or Friday. You could be emotionally vulnerable, or even lulled into a false sense of security. However confusing the planets may seem, even out the odds as best you can by ensuring your worries take second place.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Hassles and battles are on the cards. If things don't happen as fast as you'd expected, or domestic and workaday blips assail your patience, transform them into an opportunity to show your special qualities. Potent planetary influences urge you to look, listen, learn and refuse to allow petty stumbling blocks to undermine your confidence on Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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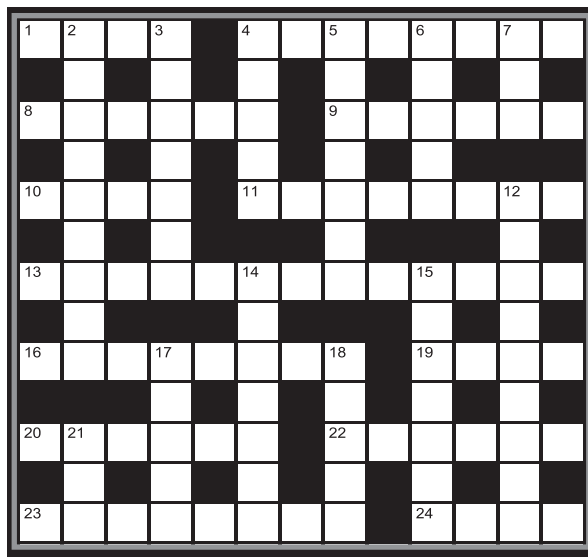
Crossword

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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 Client has some EU services (4)
- 4 Tried SAS manoeuvre, but it was a catastrophe (8)
- 8 Roman emperor took vehicle around wild sea (6)
- 9 Song birds with no ribs broken (6)
- 10 French sea with English pond (4)
- 11 Tory with impenetrable contract (8)
- 13 Sailor convert at sea is doubtful (13)
- 16 Met green characters coming out (8)
- 19 Judge accepting Ecstasy and rocks (4)
- 20 Dogs one missed in French resort (6)
- 22 Plumbing fixture for a baby party (6)
- 23 Kitchen items made at stores (8)
- 24 Hardy character in United States Secret Service (4)

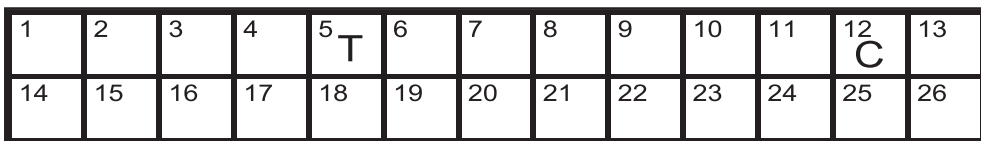
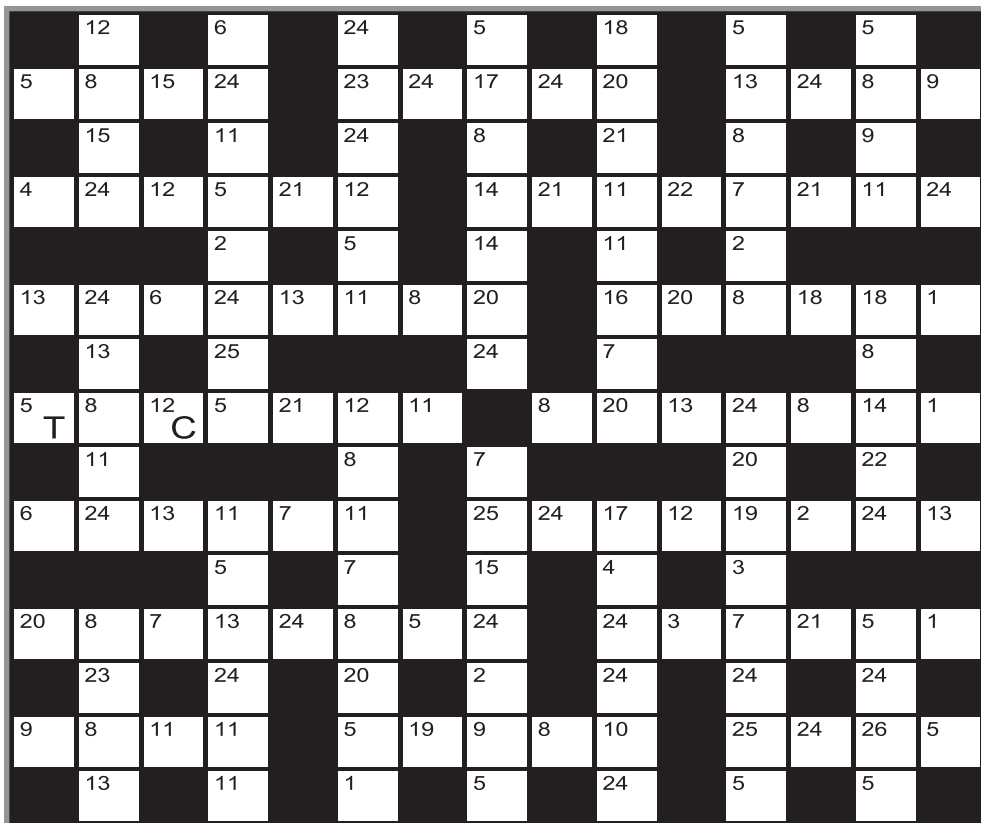
Down

- 2 Arrange more toast for the guest cabin (9)
- 3 Honour pastor in cult after religious education (7)
- 4 In Colorado, rich men give the order (5)
- 5 Queer Street has scope (7)
- 6 Sale includes British fur (5)
- 7 A long time sheltering in Sierra Leone (3)
- 12 Cooking meals, she's audacious (9)
- 14 Keep an eye on past, understand? (7)

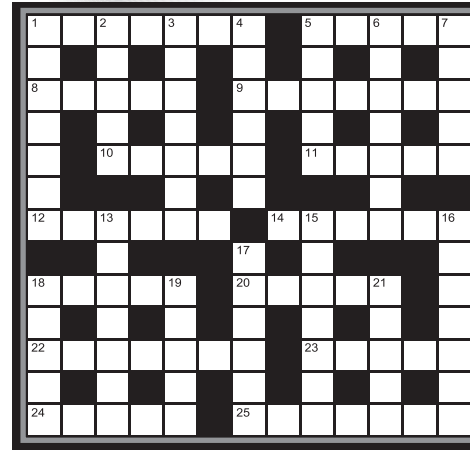
- 15 Arrange to tour school building (4,3)
- 17 Places stinking Stilton first (5)
- 18 Team leader requests jobs (5)
- 21 A bit of publicity that leads to nothing but trouble (3)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents T and 12 represents C, so fill in T every time the figure 5 appears and C every time the figure 12 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.

Code Breaker



Quick



Across

- 1 Obstreperous (7)
- 5 Fragment (5)
- 8 Lawful (5)
- 9 Afro-Caribbean music (7)
- 10 Illumination (5)
- 11 Informed (5)
- 12 Become larger (6)
- 14 Thrust or throw into (6)
- 18 Lizard (5)
- 20 Precise (5)
- 22 Do away with (7)
- 23 Enthusiastic (5)
- 24 Wear away (5)
- 25 Italian rice dish (7)

Down

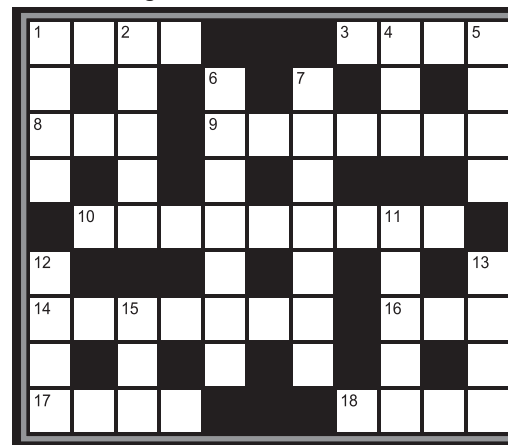
- 1 Raising of sunken or wrecked ships (7)

2 Royal (5)

- 3 Closed plane figure bounded by straight sides (7)
- 4 Sailing boats (6)
- 5 Bohemian folk dance (5)
- 6 Make plain and comprehensible (7)
- 7 Call out (5)
- 13 Small flute (7)
- 15 Heads (7)
- 16 Government order imposing a trade barrier (7)
- 17 Tie an animal with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement: (6)
- 18 Glower (5)
- 19 Like a sheep (5)
- 21 Closely constrained (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Bandera (de país, ciudad) (4)
- 3 Gemelo (4)
- 8 Mentira (embuste) (3)
- 9 Poppy (7)
- 10 Gotas de lluvia (9)
- 14 Cencerro (7)
- 16 Mar (3)
- 17 Hormigas (4)
- 18 Ass (donkey) (4)

Down

- 1 Película (4)
- 2 Bee (5)
- 4 Quién (3)
- 5 Ordenado (4)
- 6 Pintor (7)
- 7 Barriles (7)
- 11 Raisins (5)
- 12 Minutes (of a meeting) (4)
- 13 Hand (4)
- 15 Mojado (3)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Racket, 4 Plumps, 9 Tornado, 10 Tardy, 11 Ousel, 12 Neolith, 13 Containment, 18 Agitate, 20 Shake, 22 Eland, 23 Climate, 24 Slides, 25 Zealot.

Down:

- 1 Ration, 2 Cards, 3 Epaulet, 5 Lotto, 6 Martian, 7 Scythe, 8 Coincidence, 14 Origami, 15 Misfire, 16 Ravens, 17 Select, 19 Addle, 21 Avail.

QUICK

Across:

- 7 Saline, 8 Survey, 9 Ripe, 10 Specimen, 11 Fantasy, 13 Petty, 15 Scary, 17 Capstan, 20 Macaroni, 21 Stay, 22 Severe, 23 Tamper.

Down:

- 1 Marina, 2 Dine, 3 Persist, 4 Asked, 5 Trainers, 6 Defect, 12 Threaten, 14 Variety, 16 Claret, 18 Azalea, 19 Coven, 21 Same.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

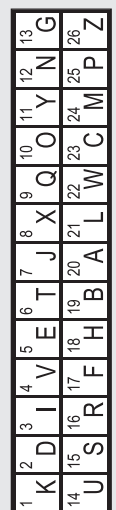
Across:

- 1 Recuerdo, 7 Donde, 8 Seven, 9 Armchairs, 11 Attic, 12 Glass, 14 Doorbell.

Down:

- 1/5 Red wine, 2 Concrete, 3 Ejercicio, 4 Descargar, 6 Overtake, 10 Faro, 13 Sol.

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Plea to apartment dwellers

“ SPAIN has the highest proportion of apartment dwellers in Europe (65 per cent compared with 14 per cent in the UK), and for anyone who has visited or lived in a large Spanish town or city this is probably no great surprise.

Can all the noisy people please try to be a little bit quieter? I have elderly Spanish neighbours to the side of me. They like to invite people round most nights and make merry until between 1.30-2am.

When seeing their guests out they slam the front door, presumably waking every apartment dweller within a four-floor radius, and then begin moving their heavy table and chairs back into place.

Heaven knows what the noise is like for the people underneath. When they have finished I can at last begin to nod off, but not for long as my neighbour



above has other plans. Having been silent all day, between 2-2.30am, they start moving furniture directly above me.

Surely it is just common sense to understand that at 2am in the morning, there is a very good chance that the neighbour below you or to the side of you is trying to get to sleep?

But my plea is just for everyone to be considerate and remember you have neighbours who can probably hear every hard-heeled footstep. If just one person gets more sleep because of this article I can rest easy at night - assuming my neighbours let me of course.

Angus Silvie, Malaga

The naked ape

HELEN from Malaga (Dodgy walk April 13) is not alone with this naked men problem.

Here in Gran Alacant, where there are wonderful dunes for all the naturists, there are these men who hang about close to the life-guard's hut and then spring into action when anyone with young children appears.

There are no notices to inform you about the side of the beach accepted as the nudist colony but when these men make a point of strutting about on the open public beach and even queue up at the ice cream stalls where small young children are about, it is another matter.

Does Spain not have a problem with paedophiles? I never see any articles on the TV about this matter, although I understand not much publicity is given to children who disappear. Maybe it is one of these things they keep behind closed doors.

I wish they would do the same with these odd men. Perhaps someone can tell us if this is illegal in Spain.

*Ann Paterson
Gran Alacant, Elche*

Let us be entertained

WHATEVER has happened to Benalmadena? Elefante

and Bonanza used to be great with good entertainment. If you weren't there before 9pm you couldn't get a seat!

When you think that there are so many holidaymakers and those of us who live here that like to enjoy entertainment, but it all seems to be in Marbella or Puerto Banus.

*Jackie and Gordon Sharp,
Benalmadena*

Trump card

IT is obvious from reading Leapy Lee's comments on Donald Trump, that he is neither a woman, a disabled

person, a non-Caucasian, a refugee nor an asylum seeker.

If he even felt a minimal empathy or solidarity with any of these areas of society he would not make a remark that ennobles a person who has consistently humiliated and insulted them.

He would have some respect for the millions of people who have borne the anguish of seeing that other millions could actually support and elect such a candidate to the most powerful political post.

It is hurtful for those of us falling into these categories to acknowledge this situation; to extol it is a further insult to us all.

Nicola Barker

COMMENTS from EWN Online

» British woman dies from Balcony fall

TOO many people over the years have died from balcony accidents in Spain. Clearly there is a massive shortfall in building regulations there. Maybe the solution is to boycott the whole country for a full holiday season and force the Spanish authorities to realise that we demand change, they do after all earn billions of Euros every year from tourism and should take responsibility for changes to be made.

Robert Anderson

SO many people have died from balcony falls, and the reason for this is that the railings around them are not high enough. On our balcony the railings only come up to the bottom half of the hip and it would be easy to fall.

The Spanish builders need to raise these railings up to waist height at least. They just do not do their job properly.

Roy Peters

» Gibraltar could be Spanish in four years time

SPAIN and the rest of the EU need to start paying their proper contributions to NATO before any discussions can start. As an opening agenda, perhaps they would like to discuss with Morocco about handing over Melilla and Ceuta!

Saya Sendiri

HE makes some good points. Maybe the Gibraltar people will see some advantages in staying and not be as bigger saps as many in the UK are.

Peter

MANY people believe Spain is on the verge of bankruptcy, and that it owes a considerable amount of money to the EU. If that is actually the case, perhaps the minister is trying to promote a feeling of optimism in the Spanish people. Or perhaps he is hoping that Gibraltar will bail Spain out... He is certainly toeing the government line, perhaps trying to make his own job a little more secure?

Harry P

TO Saya Sendiri - I agree entirely with you, and to Peter - the bigger sap is you, along with all the other remoaners who cannot see how awful the EU is for everybody not only the UK.

Carl

INSTEAD of focusing on trying to get Gibraltar into Spanish hands maybe Mr Margallo should focus on sorting out his own challenges in Spain first. Why not try reducing the highest unemployment in Europe and the crazy outdated labour processes? There are areas 100 times the size of Gibraltar that are already in Spanish territory that need serious help first.

Stanbow

» No vote for long-term expats

SO we knew when we vacated the UK we wouldn't be eligible to vote after a period of time, since learning to Speak Spanish fluently and assimilating into the Spanish culture.

Then why bitch on and why call ourselves 'expats' not the 'Johnny foreigner' type eh? No, we are emigrants who have the privilege to live/work in another country. Oh I see why, it's the 'bremainers' unable to accept the democratic vote for a clean Brexit, seeking to cause mischief and division. ¡Qué sorpresa!

CJ

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Bidding her a fond farewell

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

INSIDERS now doubt that Esperanza Aguirre will ever hold a prominent position again in the Partido Popular.

One thing is certain: Spain's president and PP leader Mariano Rajoy is unlikely to stick his neck out for Aguirre as he did for the late Rita Barbera.

Aguirre challenged Rajoy's leadership after he was defeated yet again at the polls in the 2008 general election. The former Valencia City mayor stood by him then and when she was mired in illegal party funding and corruption accusations, Rajoy faced ridicule rather than throw her to the wolves.

In contrast Aguirre's second self-defenestration will be a dish that Rajoy can eat cold and without

the need for a long spoon.

An ancient query

THE Anti-corruption Public Prosecutor tried to limit the investigation that matured into Ignacio Gonzalez's Lezo operation.

Justice minister Rafael Catala

and Attorney General Jose Manuel Maza must soon answer tricky parliamentary questions about removing two public prosecutors whose investigations led to the resignation of Murcia's regional president Pedro Antonio Sanchez.

As Juvenal said, "Who guards the guards?" in a question that re-

mains unanswered 2,000 years later.

Words of praise

IN a bugged conversation Ignacio Gonzalez poured vitriol on Cristina Cifuentes, his successor as Madrid Community

president who handed over evidence of his shady goings and eventually triggered Operation Lezo.

"That gilipollas won't cover anything up," Gonzalez complained.

What greater praise could politically ambitious Cifuentes ask for?

An unwatchful eye

ESPERANZA AGUIRRE, former Cabinet minister with Jose Maria Aznar and former president of the Madrid Community resigned as councillor and the Partido Popular's spokeswoman at Madrid city hall.

In 2014 Aguirre ostentatiously resigned as president of the Partido Popular party in Madrid when the region's former vice-president Francisco Granados was swept away by the Punica corruption case. It happened on her watch and Aguirre said she was prepared to take the can back.

Now, thanks to Ignacio Gonzalez, her former righthand man who took over as Madrid Community president when she resigned on health grounds in 2012, she has taken back another can.

Gonzalez, already implicated in the Punica

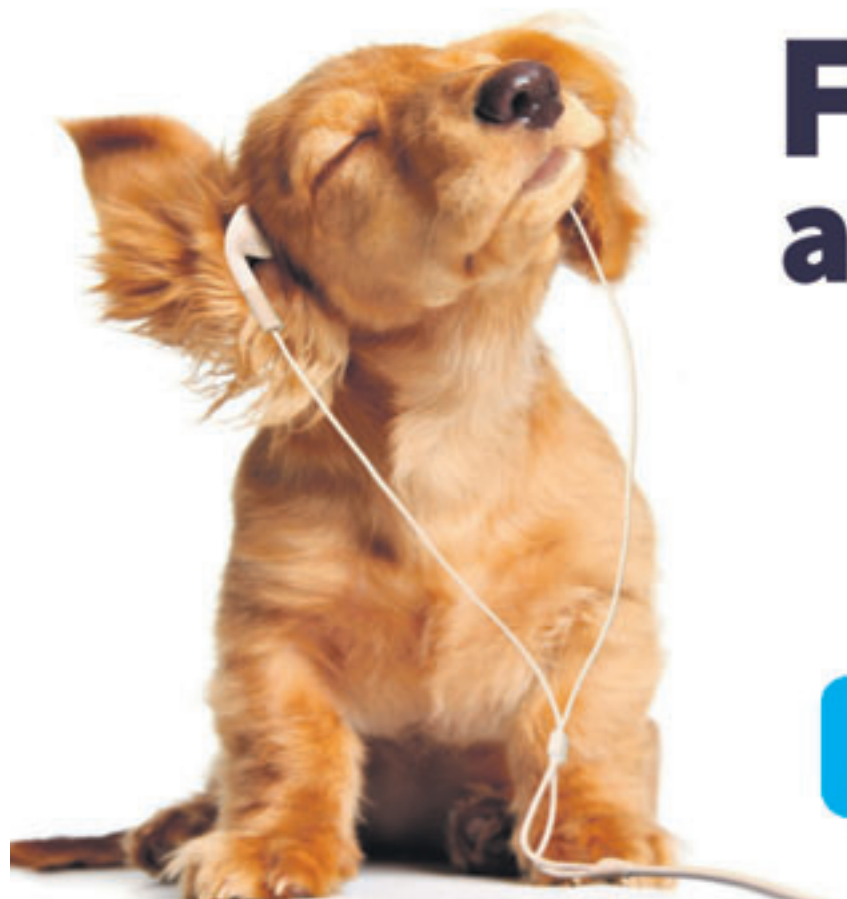
scandal plus the dodgy provenance of his Marbella apartment, is now remanded for diverting public funds, commissions and raking in countless other goodies in the Lezo case.

Canny Aguirre has never put her name to anything less than above board. No-one doubts her affirmation at the time of the Punica case that she had never received 'one cent.' But too many others did, all were close to her and it always happened on her watch.



Esperanza Aguirre.

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What protection do you need?

SUMMER is just around the corner so it's time to think about protection.

With the towel in one hand, book in the other as you head to the beach to take in some rays, which sun cream will be in your bag?

Although awareness about how important it is to protect skin from the sun is increasing, there are still many who forget to always have their faces protected to avoid wrinkles, blemishes and signs of early ageing, even as you go about daily life and are not consciously basking in the sun, stay protected.

But there are also many products on the

market, so what should you choose to best protect yourself?

Skin with acne

In adolescence in particular, it is very important to take care of the face, not only to protect against future ageing, but with acne, exposure to the sun can lead to scarring and marks from spots. When using a cream avoid oily lotions and use a high protection product with a dry touch finish.

Atopic skin

Those who suffer from atopic skin, which is skin which is prone to inflammation, redness or eczema, always need special care. The best option is a sunscreen with very high protec-

tion which is labelled as being suitable for fragile skins with atopic tendency, as these creams tend to be less sticky.

Anti age

The sun is the worst enemy for those who are getting a little older or are showing the signs of ageing, so whilst it is still important to enjoy an outdoor, active life, use a minimum factor 50 protection on the face, which protects against both UVA and UVB rays.

Pale skins

If you don't want to hit the beach looking too pale, but at the same time want to protect your face, try a light moisturising tint with an SPF in it.



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A MALARIA vaccine could be available next year.

A vaccine has been created, known as RTS,S which is reported to make the immune system attack the malaria parasite. It is set to be tested on around 120,000 children aged five to 17 months old in Kenya, Ghana and Malawi, where there is a high number of malaria cases. The treatment

Trials for malaria vaccine

would require four doses of the vaccine, with the final one being some 18 months after the first, before it would be completely effective.

The World Health Organisation

said if successful, the treatment could potentially save tens of thousands of lives as the condition affects more than 200 million new people annually and around half a million people die every

year from the disease, most of which are children.

Malaria is a serious tropical disease spread by mosquitoes which, unless treated promptly, can be fatal. It is mainly a prob-

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Be gentle to keep your brain sharp

WANT to stay sharp during your retirement in Spain? Then book into a tai-chi or yoga class as research has found that gentle exercise can help boost the brain power of the over 50's.

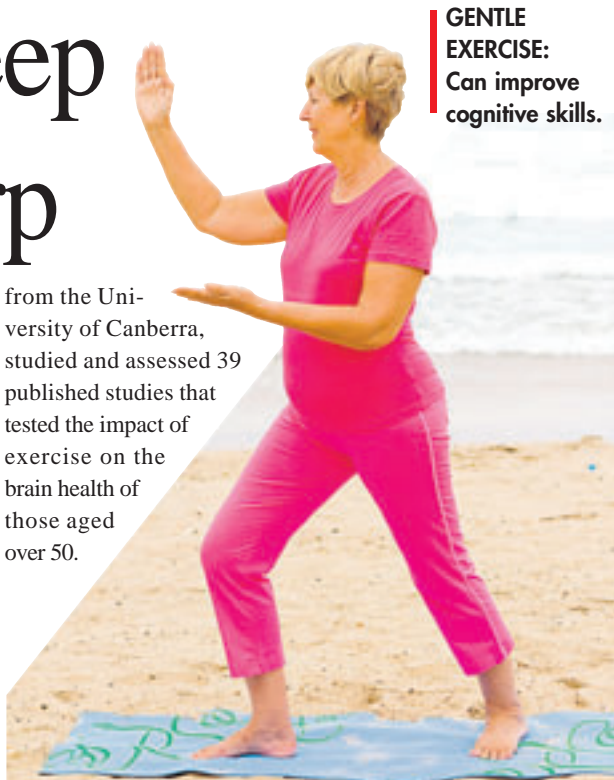
Experts in Australia said they found that doing a 45-minute session at least once a week helped to improve cognitive skills such as thinking, attention and memory. Other activities such as gentle aerobic activities like swimming and resistance training, are also beneficial, but

it was the ancient Chinese art of tai-chi that was found to be particularly helpful as it was easier for older people to undertake.

It is estimated that around 200 million in China people practise the gentle sport daily as the slow exercises and movements help build muscle and bone, improve balance and strengthen joints. It also requires concentration, which could be one of the reasons it helps brain health.

The team of researchers,

from the University of Canberra, studied and assessed 39 published studies that tested the impact of exercise on the brain health of those aged over 50.



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Dealing with a personal problem



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DEAR Doctor,

I have an embarrassing problem.

I am within the Spanish health system but I speak no Spanish and my doctor speaks no English so, on my visits to my doctor my translator is always there and knows everything I wish to discuss, this can be most embarrassing.

I'm a 70-year-old man and when I was 45 I developed Familiar Nervosa more commonly called essential tremor for which there has been no cure, but to some degree it can be controlled with varying success with one of only two drugs available.

I have tried both and Propranolol proved to help a bit, I currently take 40mg twice a day.

One of its side effects is impotence and, largely because of this my marriage failed 10 years ago and I'm now a reluctant single man because of my inability to have an erection.

I understand that a cure involving a small 10-minute brain operation has been achieved in USA & UK but it's not available yet to the public; that's no good to me.

At my age it appears there's no hope of a new relationship and I'm unable to even discuss it.

Dear Patient,

Essential tremor is a neurological illness which, although not particularly serious, can cause important disruption to daily life and activities. Some medications such as propranolol are useful to manage the symptoms, but can have unwanted side effects which include reduced libido and impotence.

If these effects seriously affect your life there are other types of treatment which could be tried including primidona, clonazepam, gabapentina or mirtazapine which may help control your symptoms while avoiding those unwanted side effects.

However if the propranolol is working well and controlling your symptoms, you could try another type of treatment for your erectile dysfunction such as Viagra or Cialis. Your doctor would have to supervise this treatment, after ruling out any possible reasons not to go ahead such as heart disease or other medications.

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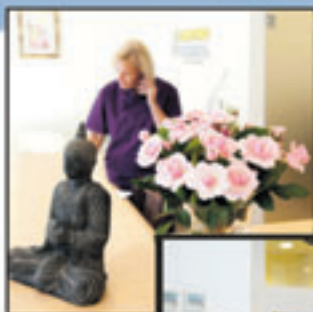
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Are you in the know?

CURRENTLY, just two in every 10 Spaniards know that there is a vaccine to protect against pneumonia. That's the findings from a study carried out by the PneuVUE (Adult Pneumonia Vaccine Understanding Europe). Their results showed that in Spain, much work remains to be done in terms of knowledge of this disease and its prevention.

PneuVUE records the long road that remains to be covered in the knowledge of pneumonia in Spain. The study found that 84 per cent said they know what it is, and 85 per cent identify it as a lung infection. The problem, the study authors said, is it is not enough to know that pneumonia exists, but it has to be understood and there are gaps in the knowledge of the transmission of the disease, the risk factors for contracting it and the number of people who die because of it. In relation to this last point, 41 per cent of the respondents consid-

ered that traffic accidents are the greater cause of death in Spain; compared with 3 per cent who selected pneumonia. In fact, pneumonia caused four times more deaths than traffic accidents at the time of the survey.

Sixty-one per cent of the population is unaware that pneumonia can be prevented in addition to being treated, and 78 per cent do not know that it is possible to get a vaccination.

Pneumococcal disease is one of the most common causes of pneumonia. In Spain, in 2011, 10,861 hospital admissions were recorded for pneumococcal disease in adults, with an estimated cost of €57 million. Of these, 92 per cent were exclusively for pneumococcal pneumonia and the infection caused by pneumococcus could be prevented by a vaccination.



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Kathmandu is a well-established Indian and Nepalese restaurant that is owned and run by two families. It first opened in Calpe before that closed and new premises were found in Moraira 10 years ago. In the last decade, such has been their popularity that Kathmandu has expanded with a further three restaurants in Denia and Javea with their latest in Albir, opening on March 22 this year, located in front of Hotel Albir Playa.

Whilst the exteriors and interiors



KATHMANDU: Four restaurants across the north Costa Blanca.

may be different, all offer the same friendly service, and amazing food, all freshly cooked using authentic spices from the Himalayas. All four restaurants open daily for lunch at midday until 4pm and then again from 6pm. Kathmandu offers a

€9.95 three-course lunch time menu which is a highly popular option and a special menu costing €13.50 is also offered during the day and night which offers a wide option of around 50 dishes for diners to choose from.

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Guests will also be able to visit the train museum on the same day, the museum and the train ride entrance each ask for a €1.50 donation.

Run and maintained by the Friends of the Railways Association the museum has a collection of historical railway items.

The miniature train rides operate May to October on the second Saturday of every month, from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and November to April the second Sunday of every month 10.30am to 1.30pm.

The museum is open every Saturday from 4pm to 8pm and when the miniature train rides run. For further information visit www.aaaf.org or call 646 253 303.

Spanish landscapes

ARTIST Enrique Ramirez has an exhibition of landscapes on show in the Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi until Tuesday May 9.

Executed in oils, the 'imaginary landscapes' by the painter are all set in Castilla La Mancha, and it is the retired carpenter's first solo exhibition.

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Officer Crabtree (Jim Sissens), is a British spy posing as a French police officer. And apart from an outrageous accent, he has to be forced by gunpoint into helping the Resis-

tance, led by Michelle (Sue Bycroft, a welcome newcomer to Careline).

The show is on stage from Thursday May 18 to Saturday May 20 at 8.00pm at the Careline Theatre in Alcalali.

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Studio 23 Javea's Xenia Bragagnini said: "The children are aged between two-and-a-half and 14. We would love to invite everyone to come and see what these amazingly talented children have achieved in such a short time."

The group's mission statement is "Our aim is first and foremost to provide a safe and happy place where children can blossom and adults can achieve things they never thought they could."

"We will develop and encourage everyone's individual talents and goals in a fun, friendly, yet proficient way, irrespective of age and ability."

Held at the Condado Club, Carrer Marqués de Campo, 42b, Denia, the show starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 7pm.

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ACCORDING TO REPORTS, a Common's select committee has said they have found out that we waste millions of pounds a year by throwing away 'out of date' food stuffs and is urging the industry to change its classification on packeted goods to avoid customer confusion.

Now I'm not pretending that I aspire to be a Jeremy Paxman, I am but a humble columnist, but if any of you avid readers out there (apparently I have a few!) will recall that in the March 9 edition of this esteemed publication I wrote about exactly that. But now the Government has been told that it should establish a national food waste reduction target to drive efforts to reduce the food waste costing the average person in the UK £200 per year and supermarkets should publicly report data on the amount of food they bin and relax rules that prevent the sale of 'wonky vegetables' to combat food waste, the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Committee says in its report.

Committee Chair Neil Parish MP declared to the gathered throng that "one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally and in the UK over £10 billion worth of food is thrown away by households every year. Food waste has grotesque economic, social and environmental costs. Economically, food waste costs households hundreds of pounds a year and causes in-



AMUSING? But taste not waste!!

creased disposal costs to local authorities, pushing up council tax bills.

"Socially it is a scandal people are going hungry and using food banks when so much produce is being wasted. And environmentally it is a disaster, because energy and resources are wasted in production only for the food to end up rotting in landfills where it produces methane - a potent climate-changing gas.

"We commend Tesco for publishing its food waste data from across the supply chain. Sainsbury's is moving in the same direction, but needs more transparency. The fact that no other retailers have followed their lead shows that a voluntary approach is inadequate. The Government needs to step in and force other major supermarkets to be transparent about

food waste. We welcome the will shown by retailers to redistribute surplus food. However, we believe that more must be done. There is a huge amount of surplus food that is currently not being redistributed."

If the demand for 'straight' vegetables and 'round' fruits was removed from the scenario and supermarkets were to put them up for sale - at discounted prices if necessary - the wastage would be cut by millions. In another previous article I mentioned about the meat buyer for M&S who had to buy only the reddest meat as shoppers didn't like seeing the real colour of beef. If supermarkets won't sell them, then at least they could ship them round to the nearest food bank!!



Let's kiss goodbye to wastage.

THIS FOOD REALLY IS RUBBISH! Which could be the slogan for the restaurant started by the young entrepreneurial chef Adam Smith in Leeds. The Real Junkfood Project in the city of West Yorkshire, only serves meals created from food destined for landfill. Since opening, he has been joined by five more directors plus an army of volunteers,

The team approached restaurants and cafes across the city and asked them to give their leftover food to the project rather than throw it away. An army of volunteers drive around the city collecting food stuffs from shops, supermarkets and hotels. Numerous restaurants, supermarkets and cafes in the city have now got behind the scheme and donate food on a daily basis after they were approached by project leaders.

Volunteers collect the unwanted food and turn it into their own meals - which vary each day but normally include a meat and vegetarian option, sandwiches and sometimes a dessert. Unwanted food donated so far ranges from bread and broccoli to caviar, truffles, a kilo of smoked salmon, luxury cheeses, extravagant vegetables and spices.

Customers at the radical restaurant, thought to be the first in the country, then pay what they want for the food. The cafe is now open five days a week to serve breakfast and dinner. It has also started catering

for outside events.

One of the directors believes that this year his cafe has already saved more than a tonne of food from going to waste. Commenting, he said, "we get a real mix here from locals in the areas who come in and spend the day here to students. We are very busy and are probably doing between 15 to 30 meals a day. (Doesn't seem much - considering they're giving it away!!!)

The pay as you feel concept makes people think about what is on offer and what they think it is worth. "We like to think if somebody has a little more money they might pay a little more," he continued, "But if a person did not have the means to pay we are not going to not serve them, if they are hungry we are going to give them food."

Reminds me of a similar operation we wrote about a few months ago, 'The Robin Hood' in Madrid.

WINE CORNER: ONE OF THE BEST UP AND COMING WINE MAKERS IN SPAIN

A native of Cognac, Olivier Riviere studied oenology in Bordeaux with an emphasis in biodynamic farming practices.

Olivier was always passionate about terroir expression, gaining valuable insights whilst working in Burgundy including at Domaine Leroy; however, Olivier's dream was always to set up his own project.

After years of hard work he was able to set up his winery and now with 25 hectares of land under vine (some owned, some rented) in Rioja Alta, Rioja Baja, Rioja Alavesa and in up and coming DO of Arlanza, Olivier is living out his dream.

One of his wines is Ganko, which comes from 60-90-year-old Garnacha and Mazuelo vines planted in sandy and red clay soils at a site 600 metres high. Olivier considers this wine to be his 1er Cru Rioja and he is not alone: Luis Gutierrez awarded it 94 points, stating in his tasting note that he 'almost fell out of his chair' when smelling it!

And why Ganko? Simply, Ganko is the nickname he was given by his Japanese importer. It means 'stubborn' which is apt to say the least... but as this wine shows, stubbornness can yield great things.

The featured wine here is El Cadastro; a blend made from four parcels of older vines that were planted in the 1930s and 1950s. Most of this cuvée comes from the sub-zone of La Tizona,



which Olivier feels gives this wine its innate floral aromatics, to which he adds a portion of fruit from the sub-zones of La Mula, El Amesado and La Quemado - the high plateau considered by most to be the Grand cru of Covarrubias.

TASTING NOTES COURTESY of Luis Gutierrez of Robert Parker (95 pts) 2 0 1 4 Vina del Cadastro, Olivier

"There is a lot more depth and complexity here; it's not heavy at all and it's very balanced, and it feels like a very good vintage for this wine. It was produced with extremely low yields, some 1,500 kilos of grapes from a hectare, but it doesn't have the astringency you often find in very low yields; the vines seem to have achieved very good balance.

It combines floral notes with some red and black wild berries and just a spicy twist. The wine opens up nicely with time in the glass. The tannins are very fine with the subtle austerity from the stony, deep gravel soils, coming through as extremely elegant and definitively fresher than 2012, with the alcohol pretty integrated despite having some 14.5 per cent by volume.

This is a superb Arlanza, by far the best wine I know from the small appellation. This isn't cheap, (around €30 a bottle) but for the quality, it still represents very good value. Six thousand bottles were filled in September 2016. Drink 2017-2024.

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FOOD

- 1.- Buy it with thought
- 2.- Cook it with care
- 3.- Serve just enough
- 4.- Save what will keep
- 5.- Eat what would spoil
- 6.- Home-grown is best

DON'T WASTE IT

Again - not a cheap wine - about 30€ a bottle.

(Some content thanks to Daily Mail online.)

ON THAT NOTE I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

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Exciting times ahead

THE first four months of 2017 have flown by and property experts now have enough information to make realistic predictions of what the end of the real estate year will look like.

Projections vary from gung ho optimism to 'substantial growth' and 'generalised recovery.' The only question it seems is, how good will 2017 turn out for Spanish property?

With one third of the year gone, statistical predictions made in January remain on course. BBVA believes that house prices will rise 3.5 per cent by December. Servihabitat is more optimistic, predicting 4.3 per cent. At the lower end of the scale is the, still healthy 3 per cent, estimated by the Spanish Association of Value Analysis.

On the sales front the early target of over half a million transactions by the end of the year is on course to become a reality. That would represent a minimum 12 per cent increase on 2016 sales. Tinsa estimates that between 450,000 and 600,000 new deeds will be signed.

Construction of new homes is expected to increase by an extraordinary 20 per cent to between 75,000 and 90,000 as the building sector propels real estate



CONSTRUCTION: Of new homes expected to increase by 20 per cent.

growth in both the commercial and residential spheres.

Wider economic projections will have a profound impact on where the property market stands when we enter 2018. Assuming a trade war doesn't break out with China, or a nuclear one with North Korea, many experts are predicting Spain to benefit from a wider global recovery.

Domestically hundreds of thousands of jobs are set to be created, bolstering the middle class and conceivably leading to

the return of 100 per cent mortgage loans. A strong global economy will also see even more foreign buyers embrace the Spanish second home market.

Other key predictions still on target include the increase in fixed-term mortgages, the dramatic expansion of the rental market, especially among young professionals, and the continuation of Spain's 'two-speed' market which sees extreme divergence between coastal and cosmopolitan strongholds, and the rural interior.

Out with the old

SPANISH banks are embarking on a thorough clean up of €6.2 billion worth of toxic mortgage loans, real estate and other assets that continue to hinder their recovery from the crisis.

Ibercaja, BBVA and Bankia are leading the charge, partly inspired by Banco Popular's alarming example of how toxic real estate assets can bring an institution to its knees.

The collective move takes place now because property market conditions have improved so dramatically and are extremely stable. Enough so that the banks feel able to shift homes, land, hotels, offices and industrial space that would have been unsellable just a few years ago.

Many have been waiting for this moment for five years after Spain's path to recovery seemed certain, if

a little cloudy. The primary goal is to clean up balance sheets and embrace a new era of mortgage lending and property assets untarnished by debts and looming court cases.

It's a long term strategy that make take a few more years to bear fruit. Spain's banks are being pushed by the European Central Bank to get rid of toxic assets, a measure which might expose their real financial situation.

Until the banks return to the property game in full force, borrowers and buyers have plenty new options for mortgage loans at their disposal.

Hundreds of new entities, which blur the lines between realty, investment capital, and online loan providing, are offering new and competitive deals as Spanish property continues its impressive progress.

Profit potential

SPAIN'S property market is surging on all fronts but perhaps nowhere quite as strongly as the country's booming rental market. In key cities rental rates have risen by as much as 20 per cent in the last year alone.

Savvy investors are now embracing the buy-to-let market that created so many property millionaires in the UK from the 1990s onwards. The potential profits are increasingly difficult to ignore.

Spain's rental boom has three distinct branches. There is the controversial rise of tourist apartments whereby landlords prefer to rent out apartments for a few days or a week, charging tourists €300, rather than renting to a local family for one month for the same price.

A swiftly growing student population is also contributing. There are over 100,000 foreign and Spanish students seeking accommodation each year, more than student lodgings and parental homes can keep up with.

Young professionals are also on the rental bandwagon. Many have spent the past decade stuck at home or forced to move

abroad while Spain recovered from the crisis. They are now older, employed and eager for their own space. But with hefty mortgage deposits and tighter rules, buying is no longer the simple process their parents enjoyed.

Mortgage consolidation taking place

SEVEN months of consecutive increases in the number of mortgage loans ground to a halt in February. Just shy of 25,000 loans were granted across Spain, less than in February of 2016. On a month by month level both the volume and total capital of mortgage loans fell from January to February, the biggest drop since 2013.

Despite this, the average amount borrowed increased to €115,883, bringing the total borrowed capital to €2.82 bil-

lion. Interest rates fell to an average of 3.17 per cent with just six out of 10 owners now on variable-rate mortgages.

Experts have dismissed February's figures as an anomaly and expect the banks to continue the upwards trend of granting mortgages. Data from March and April will soon be released. A period of mortgage consolidation is taking place, leading to less loans issued while new refinancing packages are developed.



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Marvellous mulch, great for the garden

By Graeme Tyrrell

SUMMER preparations need to be in full swing in the garden if you want your plants to survive and thrive.

Plant selection is the most important consideration for a healthy summer garden. Native plants to the local Mediterranean climate will always tend to survive the best with minimal care.

We all like variety though and if you are growing plants in containers, fruit trees or a vegetable garden, you will need to provide care of the garden plants that are not well adapted to the environment. This is what gardening is about.

Watering is the most necessary activity to assist survival in summer. There are various ways to ensure plants can stay moist for longer periods that will reduce the need for watering.

One of the best ways to reduce evaporation from the soil around your plants is to apply mulch.

Mulching is the placing of material on top of the soil to benefit the soil and plants.

Whether its a container garden or open ground, mulch provides an insulation from the scorching sun that keeps soil temperatures cooler, thus reducing evaporation. Mulch also acts as a barrier to protect moisture escaping into the air, reduces the sprouting of many weeds and may provide nutrients to the garden soil.

There is a wide variety of materials that can be used to mulch. The choice should consider what is easiest to apply and what is the most beneficial. Stone mulches are great for containers as they last and allow water to flow freely into the container without absorbing any themselves.

Organic materials such as shredded branch-



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MULCHING TOMATOES: Straw is great to apply around the vegetable garden as it is easy to handle.

or even coarse potting mixture work well in the garden as it gradually breaks down into compost to feed the plants, although it needs reapplying as it breaks down.

Straw is great to apply around the vegetable garden as it is easy to handle, and remove or dig in when not needed, and may only last for one summer season before breaking down.

I prefer not to mulch the vegetable garden in winter, mainly to reduce saturation after rain as it can encourage various fungal, insect,

snail and slug problems.

Certain mulches such as pine and cypress can repel some insects, such as ticks, and provide an acidic element to the soil which can be beneficial to the alkaline soils of the Med, especially if you are growing acid preferring plants such as strawberries. Plants such as strawberries also have less soil contact when mulch is used so they are cleaner and healthier.

There are various synthetic mats and prod-

ucts, such as weed mats, that are manufactured to provide the benefits of mulching. They can be beneficial in various ways when used appropriately but often have long term problems of not breaking down, becoming difficult to remove when plants have grown and may stop the natural ecology of the soil.

Mulch can look good, saves water, keeps plant roots cooler, reduces weeds and can add nutrients to the soil resulting in less work overall and healthier plants.

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Despite the poor weather on sale day the room was well attended by international bidders and saw over 82 per cent lots consigned sell.

The business is open daily Monday to Saturday 10am to 2pm and is currently looking for a variety of good quality antiques and decorative arts to be incorporated in its next sale which will be promulgated weekly on the front page of the EWN.

Outside of the auctions, sales are conducted direct



from the shop, auction events or online. Recent sales attracted bidding from Spain, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Norway, UK, USA and Russia.

In order to meet current local and international demand for the sleek and contemporary furnishings Decor Denia has a shipment of contemporary mid-

century furnishings in stock, suitable for new builds and fashion orientated interiors.

Speak to the owners Lydia, Mark or Philip if you need to discuss personal consignments for sale. The consignment shop is open daily 10am-2pm, closed Sundays. Bring your items direct or arrange a viewing.

Guess who is coming to visit

TRAVELLING to different destinations and having the opportunity to experience a bit of luxury is not only a pleasant thing to do, but it also allows you to pick up a few ideas for your guests.

Most households receive visitors from time to time, so it might be a good idea to make your guests feel as if they are on holiday. There is so much scope, and obviously it's not always possible to provide the balcony looking out onto palm trees and the blue ocean.

However, it is easy to make your guests feel like they're being pampered with some attention to detail and a bit of imagination. First, the most important thing is to make sure the bed is comfortable and adorned with high quality sheets, duvets and throws.

Add a variety of pillows from firm to soft and fluffy; and for a special touch, spray scented pillow mist, to make bedtime even more inviting.

It is also useful to include a folding luggage stand as there is nothing worse than a suitcase lying open on the floor for the entire stay.

Think about small details, which include flowers, candles and rugs, which make the room feel cosy. White cotton robes and slippers can also give the room a luxurious hotel vibe.

On a more practical note, make sure they have the necessities of extra towels, toothbrushes, extra toilet paper, hairdryer, iron, and hangers in the wardrobe.

A guest room cart with a selection of goodies including

fruit, biscuits, chocolate, crisps and water can be a welcoming sight, for those that are especially partial to midnight snacks.

The possibilities are endless, but there are so many ways to make a room inviting, so just think about the things that you would appreciate and get started, preferably before they arrive.



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Monthly gardening tasks - May

DICK HANDSCOMBE



AS I am still frequently asked some basic questions about Spanish gardens I decided to come out of retirement just once a month with a practical look at what needs to be done in our Spanish gardens each month.

As a result of my recent 80th birthday I can claim to have had a personal garden for 75 years and indeed eaten crops from them for that

time as well as having sustained flower displays.

Although I have given up a large allotment and olive growth due to the long droughts of recent years, rising costs of agricultural water, increased thieving and the number of marauding wild boar, I still rarely need to buy vegetables and herbs.

The garden in Spain is almost 30 years old and has seen a few changes in plantings due to the changing patterns of rain falls which have ranged from thunderstorms every month in the

summer to 630 centimetres in a day one November and then some years later three years of almost total drought.

There have also been wide variations in temperatures from minus 15 to plus 47 degrees centigrade. Most of the early plants that have survived are essentially highly drought resistant or have been coaxed to be so.

Ten actions for May gardens

1. Trim off frost damaged leaves on succulents now that emergent new growth can be seen.
2. Prune out excess flowers on citrus and olive trees to stimulate larger fruits.
3. Tidy up spring bulbs as their flowers and stems die back and put the prunings on the compost heap.
4. Start to cut lawns regularly.
5. If not done over Easter



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clean up and start using al fresco cooking facilities on a regular basis. For me, as illustrated in the photograph, that has meant the paella rings and pans, tagines, a Mexican cooker, an earthen ware Moroccan bread cooking plate and the one-metre diameter solar cooker.

All have now been used at

least once. From now on most cooking will be done in the garden until the autumn rains. If you are tempted by a solar cooker kits are available from www.asol.es.

6. If not done during April complete the spring trimming of all hedges.

7. Clean out the end of early cropped overwintered

vegetable crops such as broad beans, peas and lambs lettuce and fill gaps with summer crops such as tomatoes, peppers and courgettes.

8. Recognise that the temperatures and moisture levels during May are normally perfect for germinating and stimulating the growth of weeds so keep on top of them.

If you have not done much mulching to control them continuously have a look at the list of 35 possible actions in chapter 4.7 of 'How to use less water in your garden.' Mulching also reduces watering needs. The book is easily obtained from Amazon Books along with Dick Handscombe's other books still in print.

9. Cut off any new spikes on thorny shrubs and trees.

10. If the current dry spell continues start to gradually increase your watering around the garden.

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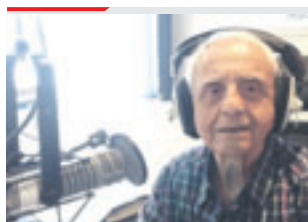
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POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS is most well-known as a disorder frequently experienced by elderly felines and canines however any survivor of trauma may experience the symptoms. Little is known about why some experience symptoms from mild to debilitating while others can be unscathed.

Extreme fear often results in altered perceptions of the event. Triggers associated with the fearful event do not engage the hippocampus, which is usually responsible for memory, but rather the amygdala, which is responsible for emotions.

Strong flashbacks to the original panic state can be instantaneous, and are not under the pet's conscious control. Just as you're unable to control the contraction or dilation of your pupils when you feel strong emotions, a cat or dog experiencing Post Traumatic Stress symptoms such as this are unable to stop feeling the way they do in the moment.

Fear Fright and Bite

The triggers for this flashback state may not make logical sense. Scents, textures, certain movements, and even the time of day can all trigger this instant fear reaction. While some triggers are easily explained like the first time I carry a rolled up newspaper into a room many dogs drop to the floor or a cat runs away and hides if he smells alcohol on a visitor's breath, others are less easy to tease apart and may never be completely identified.

I knew a dog several years ago that would occasionally

yelp when he was touched, but the vet could find nothing physically wrong and his quick fear reaction never manifested twice when the same area of his body was touched.

Another dog I am aware of will begin trembling for no apparent reason several times a week, hiding under the bed and occasionally voiding her bladder in terror.

Whilst trauma can have lasting consequences due to its huge impact on the way the brain develops and processes information, patient behavioural modification and an environment of safety can have equally powerful effects.

Finally I would mention that about 12 years ago I saw a Rottweiler tied to a post attached to a restaurant on the beach. Some youths were throwing sand and stones at her. I put a stop to that and cut the rope and took her

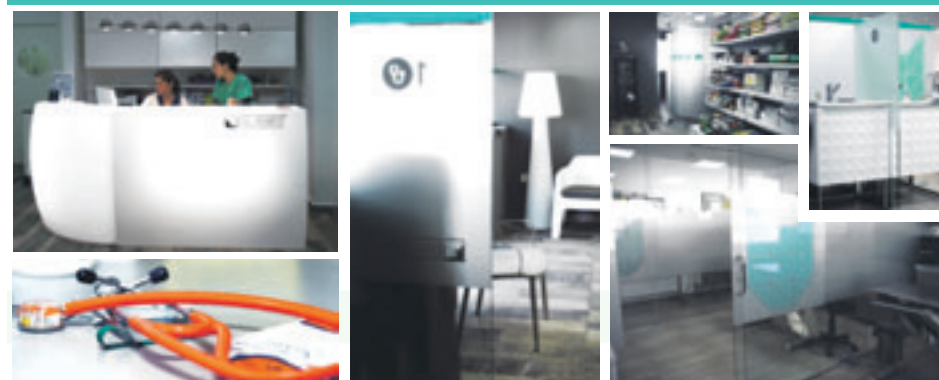


EXTREME FEAR: Can result in altered perceptions of an event.

home she is called Sheba.

In the first six years Sheba never wagged her tail and when my wife or I asked her to come to us she could not do so without crawling and urinating. Now she is 14 so loving, happy, content, and wags her tail whenever we talk to her.

Many times I said to my wife 'One day she will wag her tail'.



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Motoring shorts

Fines and flying taxis

TOUGHER speeding fines will charge British motorists at least 150 per cent of their weekly income. Anyone caught going more than 20mph above the speed limit will face the hefty new penalties. Maximum fines remain fixed at £2,500 (€3,000).

The strict judicial guidelines came into effect at the end of April but polls show most drivers are clueless about the new regime. Last year 244 people were killed by speeding drivers on British roads.

Meanwhile across the pond, Uber has pledged to get a 'flying taxi' service up and running by 2020. The app-based taxi group, previously banned in Spain, is working on giant drones. Much as Amazon can now deliver post and parcels by drone, the future flying taxi fleet will have humans as their cargo.

Festival of Ferraris

By Matthew Elliott

FERRARI will hog the limelight at the 2017 Goodwood Festival of Speed with a red army of 70 supercars to celebrate the Italian firm's 70th anniversary. The first car with a Ferrari badge was produced in 1947. It was a 125 S with a V12 engine.

Goodwood spectators will be in for a treat from June 29 to July 2 when the legendary summer speed festival kicks off again in the Sussex countryside. Cars from every Ferrari-influenced motoring era will be on display with 25 racers expected to compete on the circuit.

Other Ferrari supercars and vintage metal marvels will be dotted around the 22,000 acre space, doubtlessly complementing what is already lined up to be a smashing collection of the motoring world's biggest beasts.

The Goodwood theme this year is



SPEED: A classic Ferrari at the 2016 Goodwood Festival.

'Peaks of Performance - Motorsport's Game Changers' which promises an extremely high level of competition. Already confirmed are an intoxicating

variety of 1,000bhp-plus supercars from the circuits of the 1980s, and the very best of the rally world. A Mercedes W125 and Penske PC23 will

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supercars are lined up to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Ferrari.

add more than a touch of power to the proceedings.

Goodwood's Festival of Speed is one of the most hotly anticipated events in the motoring world. It sees beasts from all nations and eras take on the famous 1.16 mile hill climb. The Goodwood Estate has almost a century of history at the very centre of the industry. Famous faces to be expected include Lewis Hamilton and Sir Jackie Stewart.

Tickets for this year's event have already sold out for the weekend, but some for the Thursday and Friday are still up for grabs.

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The main event involving everybody took place on Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23, but many of the participants took two or three days or more to travel to and from their home to the event in Parador de Leon in northern Spain.

Cars and owners came from all over Spain, France and the UK and finally congregated at the Parador de Leon Hotel. This is Parador's flagship five-star



THE BIG ONE:
Fabulous selection of Jaguars.

hotel, a stunning 16th century Military Headquarters that has been converted into a luxury hotel.

On the way up many members from the Costa Blanca region stopped off at Segovia to take the chance of seeing this World Heritage City. Members from the UK came from as far as Plymouth, Lancashire and North Wales with some round

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Jaguars made it to the event after three breakdowns.

trips of around 3,500 miles for those who took the scenic routes over many days.

Special permission had been

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Two top models

AUDI are to embark on an ambitious programme of new models with the first two due later this year.

The company are aiming to launch 15 new or facelifted models by the end of 2018, with the revolution set to be led by new versions of the A7 and A8.

Both cars will feature design elements and technology which will be rolled out across the Audi range, with the plan intended to improve public perception of the brand following the Dieseltgate scandal.

The fourth-generation A8, the firm's new flagship, will make its debut in July although it is the second-generation A7 that Audi says most successfully embodies the new style, with an interior based largely on the 2015 Audi Prologue concept.



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Montgo pairs competition

ON April 28 Montgo Golf Society played a Betterball Pairs Stableford competition sponsored by Celia Cronin.

The society was delighted to have a great day of golf as the rain from the previous day threatened to scupper its plans.

Not only was the course surprisingly dry(ish), with only one or two temporary ponds, buggies were permitted in the rough to the relief of several of the members. It was testament to the great work Oliva have done in recent years to improve drainage. Consequently there was a full house of all those who had booked in.

The day went well with only a light shower forcing players



FULL HOUSE: At Oliva for the Betterball Pairs.

to don brollies and wet weather gear for the final six or seven holes.

Leading the field the winners were Roy Jones and Mike Oxley with a score of 38 off of 90 per cent of their combined handicaps. Ros Fletcher and Patrick Lynch just missed out

as they too had a score of 38 but were squeezed into second position on countback by just one point. It was a close run thing indeed. Third place was an all lady pairing of Christiane Gruboeck and Glenys Cuming with 37 points.

There was relief all round as

last week's winners, Denise Cooper and Gordon Gleeson, were paired together again this week but failed to reach their former standard. However Ms Cooper did manage to take both nearest the pins on the 3rd and 16th holes.

Not wanting to be too unpopular one prize was reissued following a card draw (and her card was also drawn for this!) the delighted winner was Arthur Burrows.

The men's NTPs were won by Derek Hall (3rd) and Richard Morris (16th). Derek also won a coveted Montgo ball by sinking his putt and Gordon Gleeson duplicated this feat also taking away a coveted ball.

La Vila march on

IN front of its biggest home crowd of the season La Vila took a 12 point advantage from the away game at Zarautz to an overall 23 point win to clinch a place in the semi-final play-off against the Madrid team Pozuelo who narrowly beat Les Abelles by an aggregate of three points.

The other team from the league, Hospitalet, beat second seeded Liceo Frances by an aggregate of three points and now face Burgos.

From the whistle the La Vila pack dominated and quickly increased its advantage by 17 points courtesy of tries by Perez and Gonzalez and a penalty by Jara. Just before half time Zarautz countered with a converted try by Corey Simpson, the New Zealand import, making it 17-7.

With a now overall advantage of 22 points the second half began with a Zarautz on-

slaught for the first 20 minutes when the home side could not get away from their 20 metre line. This culminated with a try and the score was then 17-14. A penalty by Jara and the score was 20-14. Further aggression saw yet another try for the Basque team who were playing with the pride associated with that area of Spain.

Now the home side trailed 20-21 but as ever their tenacity saw them through with tries by Fernandez and Carrion. The final result was 32-21 which secured La Vila a place in the semi-final. One sour note for La Vila was that Samartano, who was carrying an injury from the start, was only replaced late in the second half and he hobbled off giving doubt to further participation in the coming matches.

La Vila now plays its next game away to Pozuelo this weekend in Madrid.

Orba Warblers Stableford Competition at La Sella



GOOD DAY OUT: Was had by all the members.

THIS week the Orba Warblers played a Stableford competition and fourth Eclectic at La Sella.

In division one Malcolm Monti (Hcap 12.5) came first with 33pts, with Shaun O'Gorman (Hcap 5.9) in second also with 33pts (on c/b) and Fred Cooley (Hcap 11.5) was third with 32pts.

Division two saw Sheila Dindar (Hcap 25.6) again in

first place with 35pts, Roy Booth (Hcap 19.5) in second also with 35pts (on c/b) and Fran Dickenson (Hcap 29.0) in third with 34pts.

There were two NTPs, Glyn Bradley on hole 4 and Tony Dickenson on hole 13. There were two 'twos' recorded by Sean Lutt on hole 6 and Malcolm Monti on hole 15. Ivan Corcoran won the football card.

TMGS at Alenda Golf

SOME 36 The Members Golf Society players made their way to Alenda to play a pairs combined Stableford competition.

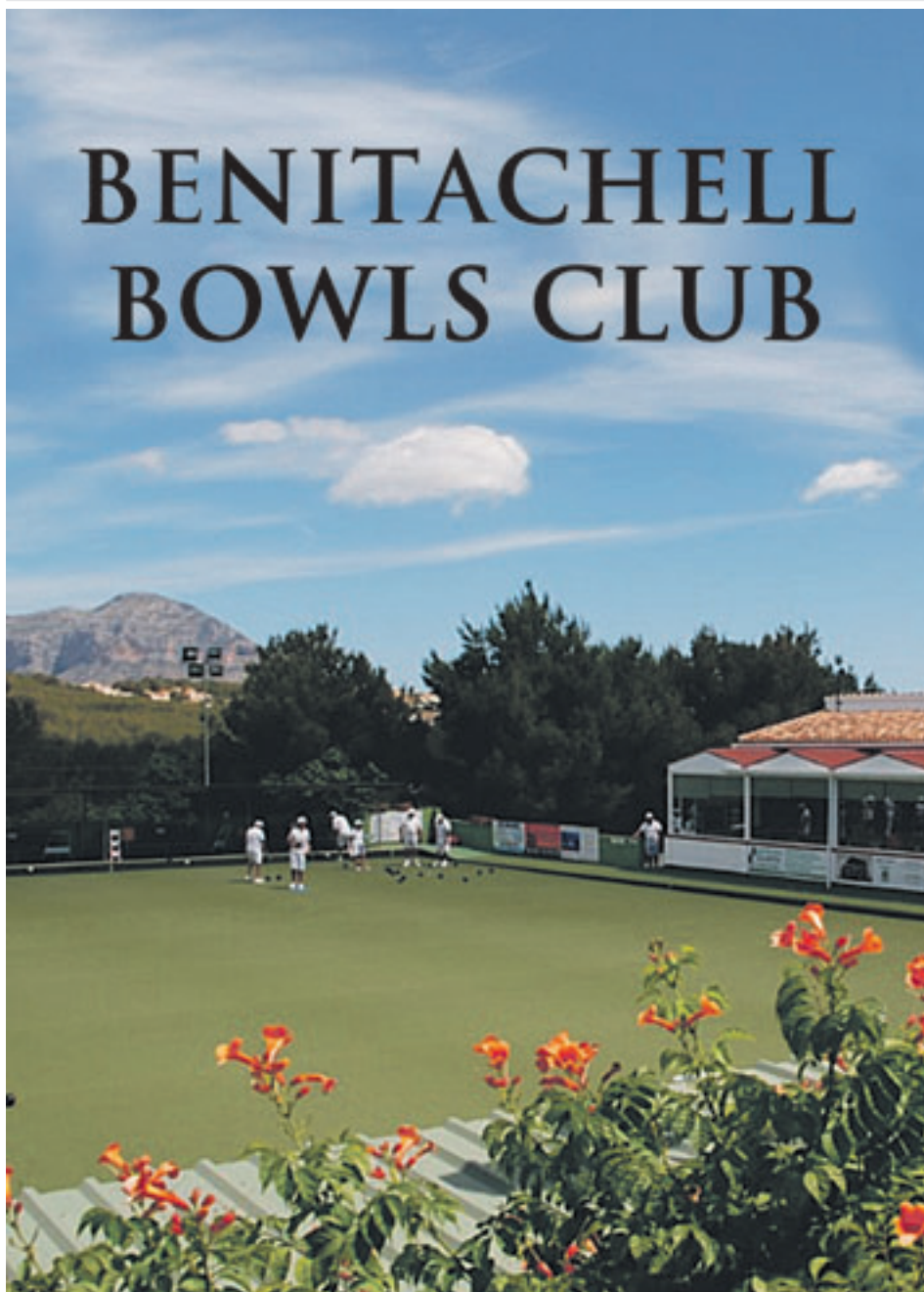
No twos were made so the pot, a little over €30, will be carried over to next week at Campoamor.

NTPs: C Pedersen holes 3 and 16, hole 5 N Spaniol, hole 13 T Westcott.

Results: 3rd place A Rixson and I Sutehall 65 pts. 2nd place O Cederberg and N Spaniol 65 pts L/H. Winners J Eyre and L Williamson 70 pts.

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DIARY OF EVENTS:

• **FOOTBALL...** tomorrow night Spurs (2nd) visit West Ham, followed on Saturday by Manchester City v Crystal Palace, lowly Swansea v Everton and Hull versus demoted Sunderland, while Arsenal and Manchester United face each other on Sunday as do Liverpool and Southampton before champions-elect Chelsea play relegation-threatened Middlesbrough on Monday.

• Either Birmingham (away to Bristol City), Blackburn (at Brentford) or Nottingham Forest (v Ipswich) will join Wigan and Rotherham in FL1 next season.

• On Tuesday and last night we had the first legs of the Champions League semi-finals, including the Madrid derby, while tonight it's likewise in the Europa League. All second legs take place next mid-week.

• Tomorrow, Bristol hosts the first England v Ireland One Day Cricket International... the World ice hockey championships start in France/Germany so does the three-week long Giro d'Italia cycle race.

• The Badminton Equestrian Horse Trials began yesterday ... and on Saturday, the world's top horses will race in the Kentucky Derby in Louisville and the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, Aiden O'Brien's Caravaggio being my each-way tip in the latter.

• On Sunday, we have the fourth MotoGP of 2017 here in Spain (Jerez) with home stars Marc Marquez, Maverick Vinales and Dani Pedrosa all in action, and the BTCC at Thruxton where Matt Neal, Gordon Shedden and Colin Turkington will aim to do better this time out!

• And this weekend's Aviva PL rugby matches include Gloucester - Exeter, Northampton-Harlequins, Sale-Bath, Wasps-Saracens and Worcester-Leicester.

ROUND-UP:

• Last Saturday, 90,000 fans saw Anthony Joshua become the unified world heavyweight boxing champion with an 11th round stoppage of Wladimir Klitschko in a thrilling fight at Wembley.

• It was Mark Selby against John Higgins in the 2017 world snooker world final which finished on Monday. Selby beat Higgins to become the 2017 World snooker champion.

• Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) won the Russian F1 Grand Prix; Sebastian Vettel was second, Kimi Raikkonen third

and Lewis Hamilton fourth.

• In tennis, Rafael Nadal beat Dominic Thiem in the Barcelona Open final.

• Somerset, 26-5 chasing Surrey's 290-8 off 50 overs in the Royal London Cup, stormed back to win by four wickets, scoring 291 for six with 37 balls remaining.

• Rugby League's Super Cup quarter-finals will feature Hull v Catalan Dragons, Leeds Rhinos v Barrow, Swinton v Wigan and Warrington Wolves v Wigan.

FOOTY KICKS:

• Bayern Munich thrashed Wolfsburg 6-0 to clinch the Bundesliga for the fifth season running.

• Last Saturday, SPL champions Celtic recorded their biggest ever win at Ibrox Park by battering Rangers 5-1.

• Barcelona and Real Madrid still stand first and second in La Liga, with Real having a game in hand (Celta Vigo, away).

• Last weekend Chelsea won 3-0 at Everton and Spurs beat Arsenal 2-0 to remain one-two in the PL while Sunderland (beaten 1-0 at home by Bournemouth) were relegated after 10 years in the top flight. Hull City, Middlesbrough and Swansea all

picked up points in their bid to stay up... so too did Burnley and Leicester City.

• Arsenal and Chelsea will each receive 28,000 tickets for the Cup final on May 27.

• Spurs will play all home games at Wembley Stadium in 2017-18.

• Lyon knocked Manchester City out of the Women's Champions League 3-2 on aggregate, and England's ladies will play Wales, Russia, Bosnia and Kazakhstan in their 2019 World Cup qualifiers.

• Sergio Ramos has been sent-off a record 22 times for Real Madrid and Spain.



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