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## €60 million threat

### Hotels to crack down on Brit fraudsters

By Matt Ford

Spanish hoteliers are on the warpath after British tourists milked them for more than €60 million last year.

Fraudulent insurance claims will now result in immediate prosecution, they say.

The threat comes after the number of sickness claims rose by 700 per cent in 2016, leading the Benidorm, Costa Blanca, and Valencian Community's hotel association, HOSBEC, to call the UK system "deplorable" and "tremendously unjust."

In a statement, the body has vowed to not "stand idly by while the number of claims for alleged illness continues to increase... especially

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### Torrevieja's rainbow road

TORREVIEJA is to host its first Gay Pride event after vowing to become an essential destination for LGBT tourism.

The resort also makes its debut in the regional guide to gay friendly municipalities ahead of the June 22 celebrations.

After visiting the three bars and venues to be included in the book, Tourism councillor Fanny Serrano said: "At the moment in Alicante, Benidorm is the place that attracts this kind of tourism, but we think we can become more visible and we're delighted to open new market paths."

A promotional video will air at the larger Gay Pride events in Valencia on June 22 and Madrid on July 1, the official confirmed.

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**A clean up**

GUM, graffiti and the like will be cleaned in a campaign across Murcia streets over the next few weeks, starting at the Cathedral before moving on to the Teatro Romea, San Lorenzo, the University, Santa Eulalia and San Pedro.

**Beach bar**

THE town hall of Cartagena has confirmed the waterfront 'chiringuito' beach bars should be open before the end of the month after bids received were reviewed last weekend.

**Pick it up**

CARTAGENA City Council will launch a new month-long campaign on Saturday to promote responsible pet ownership. Posters will be displayed across the city and information distributed along with free poo bags.

**Sofa fire**

FIREMEN and Local Police officers evacuated an apartment block in La Manga last week after a sofa caught fire in one of the apartments at around 11.15pm, residents returning to their homes at 1am.

# Not on our watch



**ONWARDS WE MARCH:** Kristin leads the group of foreign parents at the rally.

By Matt Ford

THOUSANDS of protesters took to the streets of Alicante last Sunday, angered by the regional council's decision to phase out the Spanish language in schools by 2019.

Organisers hailed the estimated turnout of 20,000, four times more than for the first demonstration in March.

Participants at the rally said they want the "right to choose vehicular language" for their children, who face receiving over 80 per cent of their classes in Valenciana, a form of Catalan spoken throughout the Valencian Community.

"It was really, really positive," said Norwegian activist and mum-of-three

Kristin Tennebø, speaking exclusively with the *Euro Weekly News*. "We had a lot of support from beginning to end."

She is helping to coordinate the backlash against the new regulations, which are to be rolled out in junior schools throughout the region in September, with secondaries to follow.

There are several options available which feature more or less Valenciana, but it remains unclear if schools are free to choose.

Disgruntled parents claim that the Generalitat has failed to justify the raft of changes or answer their questions, as schools also sweep the matter under the carpet.

"Three-year-olds will receive 21 hours of lessons in Valenciana and only four hours in Spanish under the

most intensive option," says Kristin. "But the schools are refusing to say which option they have been assigned and no official letters have been sent to parents."

The demonstration was organised by CONCAPA, a national confederation of parents, COVAPA, the Alicante Association of Language and Education, trade unions, and DDC, the association for defence of Castillion Spanish, with politicians from several major parties also present.

Kristin led a sizeable foreign contingent including English, Norwegian, Danish, and Dutch mums and dads, and she is not prepared to give up the fight.

They are now collaborating with the other platforms to get this into court.

**It's almost Shavuot!**

JEWISH people world-wide are gearing up to celebrate Shavuot, which this year takes place on May 30 and June 1.

The second of three annual Jewish pilgrim festivals, it is also known as the Festival of Weeks or the Feast of the Harvest since it originally marked the end of the seven-week Passover barley harvest and the start of the wheat harvest.

It also commemorates the day that God bestowed the Torah, the central reference text of Judaism, on the Israeli people on Mount Sinai in Egypt over 3,000 years ago.

After counting down the 49 days between the end of Passover and Shavuot, Jews celebrate by lighting candles, decorating their homes with plants, staying up all night to study the Torah, attending synagogue readings of the Ten Commandments and feasting on dairy foods.

*Euro Weekly News* columnist David the Dogman told us: "This is a wonderful and lovely festival celebrating the giving of the Torah, the Jewish Bible, to the children of Israel after they left Egypt."

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# Cheap tickets

ANOTHER 25,000 RENFE train tickets go on sale this coming Thursday to celebrate 25 years of the AVE high speed train, at the predictable price of €25 each.

The first batch of tickets for routes including Alicante to Madrid sold out in 12 hours when they went on sale at the end of April, despite the company's website experiencing a meltdown from the amount of traffic trying to book seats.

# Bullet in the head

A 42-YEAR-OLD man was admitted to the Virgen del Castillo Hospital in Yecla on Saturday afternoon with a bullet wound to the head.

The man had been involved in a brawl which had broken out between two gypsy groups on the streets of Jumilla.

The man's wife was shot in the hand and also admitted to hospital.

# Sonic boom

LOUD explosions which gave shocked Costa Blanca residents a rude awakening from their traditional siesta have been blamed on military aircraft breaking the sound barrier.

People ran into the streets in panic believing it was an earthquake as windows and partitions shook and furniture moved inside homes.

The areas most affected were Orihuela, Callosa de Segura, Almoradí and Rojales, but it was heard as far away as Crevillente.

# Toothy tale

UNDERCOVER Guardia Civil officers from Sax located stolen dental instruments worth €10,000 in a Salinas flea market.

They were reported stolen two weeks earlier and have now been returned to the dental clinic from where they were stolen. One of the persons believed to be involved in

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 13

**THE brown bear once roamed most of the Iberian Peninsula. Though now inhabiting just two enclaves in the Cantabrian Mountains, they are managing to fight back against extinction.**

# The bear necessities

LIVING 25 - 30 years in the wild, despite their impressive size brown bears are timid and when possible avoid human contact.

Males average 115kg but can weigh as much as 200kg, while females tip the scales at 85 - 150kg; they are 1.6m to 2m long and around 1m high at the shoulder.

Thought to have originated in Asia and spread across the Northern Hemisphere, brown bears in Spain are the same as those living in the wilds of Canada.

There are now two populations living within a 5,000 - 7,000 square km territory in the Cantabrian Mountains taking in Asturias, Leon, Galicia, and Cantabria.

Human pressure - and illegal poaching - have



**OMNIVORES:** They eat roots, fruit and hunt small animals.

threatened the brown bear with extinction, though encouragingly populations are now growing with about 240 in the Cantabrian Mountains.

Habitat is regularly patrolled by rangers as part of much-needed conservation and the planting of fruit trees and siting of beehives in their surrounds helps further supplement their diet as they roam for food. Bears are omnivores; they eat roots, fruit, and also hunt small animals and track carrion.

# No baby boom!

CUBS are born in January and February after mothers wake from hibernation. The Spanish bear has no fur when it is born and weighs just 350g. Litters are normally up to three, and in rare cases four cubs.

Mother and cubs emerge in spring and the little ones are dependent on the adult for a year and a half; so mothers do not reproduce again for two years after each litter, making it a slower process for numbers to increase.



**BEAR CUBS:** Born after mothers wake from hibernation.

the robbery was arrested at the same time.

# Free the weed

THE medicinal use of cannabis was unanimously backed by the Regional Assembly of Murcia as it voted to regulate use of the drug in an initiative put forward by the Ciudadanos political party.

International treaties already

recognise the legitimate use of cannabis and five of Spain's autonomous communities already regulate its use.

# Illegal aliens

POLICE arrested 24 illegal immigrants from Pakistan, India and Morocco in Torre Pacheco, accusing them of falsifying documents to register as Spanish residents.

Officers also arrested a local 60-year-old developer and builder who was discovered to be behind the plot, charging €300 per person to 'register' with him.

# Fire risk

TREES and thickets of cane along banks of the River Segura in Murcia caught fire; risking a major forest fire.

Murcia firefighters were joined by police from both municipalities and a helicopter in fighting the flames, which were brought under control within two hours.

# British father and son in sea drama

FIREFIGHTERS were called in to rescue a British father and son caught in rough seas near to La Zenia Hotel on Orihuela Costa last Monday afternoon.

A westerly wind, coupled with large waves and a strong undercurrent left the bathers aged 46 and 13, watched anxiously by family onshore, unable to exit the water.

A helicopter was scrambled from San Vicente Del Raspeig, but the couple were able to finally exit the

waves on their own, guided by the fireman and a life-guard from the hotel.

The beaches of Orihuela Costa do not as yet have lifeguards on duty, as the first interim deployment will not take place until mid June, with the full quota being in place by mid July.

Both the father and spirits were unhurt apart from scratches received from the rocks at the side of the beach.

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## Spain backs France

MADRID is backing Emmanuel Macron - the new French president - in calling for an overhaul of the Eurozone and reforms to the European Union's economic system.

Spain wants real democratic economic government and believes there are a series of critical errors within the common currency that opened a massive divide between north and south Europe in the recession.

It said the shortcomings of the Euro explained the different impact of the crisis across Europe and as well as 'firefighters,' 'architects' were needed to establish a well-structured plan rather than dealing with 'short term needs.'

## Bullfight protest

THOUSANDS of people took to the streets of Madrid calling for bullfighting to be banned across Spain; chanting "torture is not culture."

Protesters are demanding the end of any event that mistreats animals for the amusement of humans; and attacked the conservative view bullfighting was part of Spain's cultural heritage.

## Man overboard

THE captain of a Singaporean ship was pulled from the sea in 'a very serious state' off the coast of Spain, clinging to a lifebelt and suffering extreme hypothermia and exposure to the sun and salt.

The cargo ship Morning Ninni reported a man could have been lost overboard as it sailed close to Ceuta in northern Morocco in the Gibraltar



## Postcard from Vigo



Historic Rua dos Cesteiros. |

**VISITORS** to the bustling city of Vigo can combine a city and beach break and take the opportunity to soak up both culture and sun.

With a population of 293,000, Galicia's largest city lies on the Atlantic coast of North West Spain. It is 29km south of the provincial capital of Pontevedra, but the nearest large city is Porto in Portugal, a 153km drive across the border.

And getting to Vigo could not be easier. It has an airport, is on Spain's motorway network - Madrid is 597km away - and is served by the high speed AVE service.

The area boasts 45 beaches on the mainland and the beautiful, Caribbean-like sands of the Cies Islands can be enjoyed for a day trip.

The scenic old town, 'casco vello,' shows off Vigo's maritime traditions, its history and architecture from a sometimes stormy past. However, there is a busy industrial area while the modern fishing port is the largest in Europe.

Inside the pulsating historic centre there are shops, museums, bars, taverns and restaurants. Tapas bars specialise in seafood, said to be the best in Spain.

Enjoy specialities of octopus, mussels, prawns, lobster, hake and sea bass; and wandering the streets, why not buy a freshly shucked oyster in Calle de la Ostros, hats on Sombriereiros or baskets on Cesteiros.

Straits and Spanish rescue services were alerted.

## Call for Franco move

SPAIN'S parliament has approved a motion for the remains of General Francisco Franco to be moved from a mausoleum built by prisoners during his dictatorship.

The controversial Valley of the Fallen in the Sierra de Guadarrama holds the bodies of 30,000 dead from both sides of the Spanish Civil War and was built as an act of reconciliation by the regime.

However, the move is largely symbolic and does not place any obligation for the government, whose supports abstained, to act.

## Taxi ride

UBER, the electronic hail and ride app service, should be licensed like any other taxi firm, a top EU lawyer has said.

Uber links passengers with freelance drivers and is cheaper than traditional cabs, but the lawyer said while "innovative," it was at heart a transport company and should be regulated as such.

## Cocaine cargo

COCAINE with a street value of €200 million was seized and 24 people arrested as a container ship was intercepted by the Spanish authorities.

The 5.5kg of the drug was being smuggled from Ecuador to Spain and in a joint operation between the two countries.

Spain's Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido said it was one of the biggest hauls of cocaine in history.

## False insurance claims could lead to prison

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when many do not even contain a shred of concrete evidence."

Among the measures to be implemented this year will be a 'traceability' scheme whereby guests will have their consumption of food and drink monitored.

This will allow them to assess whether details contained in the claims, which mostly relate to food poisoning and similar complaints, marry up with clients' behaviour while in Spain.

British tourists will also be handed leaflets explaining that false insurance claims constitute a 'felonious criminal offence' in Spain, with guilty parties potentially facing jail sentences of six months to three years.

This relates to claims of more than €400, with those from the UK typically amounting to €5-6,000.

According to HOSBEC, the system is "completely contrary to the Spanish approach, where the claimant must prove the truth of the accusations, and this has given rise to 'claim farms,' specialised companies with very aggressive marketing.

It is estimated that 90 per cent of the claims received by tour operators in 2016 were false, and HOSBEC and other Spanish hotel groups this week met with counterparts from the British Association of Tour Operators and Agencies in Madrid to discuss the issue.

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# Holiday time!

A NUMBER of British TV stars have been causing a stir in glitzy Marbella this week.

Coronation Street's Brooke Vincent was seen soaking up the sun as she hung out by the pool with footballer boyfriend Kean Bryan.

Kean plays on loan for League One outfit Bury, but his 24-year-old squeeze put on a Premier League display as she struggled with her skimpy bikini top before the pair relaxed on loungers.

In Puerto Banus, 19-year-old Abbie Holborn, who recently made her debut on Geordie Shore, also sported a miniscule two-piece as she topped up her tan.

She enjoyed steamy flings with both Scotty T and Aaron Chalmers during the show, and has apparently been invited back for a second series after making a strong impression.

Elsewhere, Made In Chelsea star Emily Blackwell avoided a potential wardrobe malfunction by donning an elegant black crochet swimsuit.

The 20-year-old sizzled as she dipped her toes in the Med alongside pal Lottie Fitzgerald, who sizzled in a fluorescent peach bikini.

Emily later posted a snap of her sipping a cool drink at a well-known beach club, clad in a tiny multi-coloured bikini.



BIKINIS: All dressed down and plenty of places to go!

# Big island hopping

SHE recently underwent butt surgery in Turkey.

And Chloe Khan appeared keen to show off her surgically-enhanced assets as she spent a few days on party island Ibiza alongside friends and fellow celebs this week.

The Celebrity Big Brother star is notorious for her racy outfits which she uses to tease her fans in endless sexy selfies.

She even went braless when heading to a luxurious yacht party with Ex On The Beach's Helen Briggs and Geordie Shore's Chantelle Connelly, who both put on quite the busty display as they rocked almost-there swimwear.

Others on board included The Valleys' Lateysha Grace, who posted shots during the bash, and Big Brother's Sam Giffen as the girls' holiday hit full swing.



CHLOE: Bumper-size curlers.

# What a doo ron ron

HE has just bagged his second Spanish league title with Real Madrid, but Cristiano Ronaldo now faces a €140 million tax probe.

The Portuguese superstar is being investigated over claims he failed to pay enough tax on earnings from image rights between 2009 and 2011.

Spanish media reports suggest that the star allegedly sent money to the British Virgin Islands, an offshore tax haven, using a series of shell companies set up in several countries. The blow comes as Ronaldo celebrated scoring the opening goal in a 2-0 away victory over Malaga that sealed the club's 33rd league title and first in five years. Madrid now march on to the Champions League final against Italian giants Juventus in Cardiff on June 3.



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# Five men arrested for stealing bikes to order

A GROUP of men who stole bikes from private houses and garages, before shipping them to Algeria, has been broken up by Guardia Civil officers in San Juan de Alicante.

The five men, three Spaniards, a Bulgarian and a Moroccan, operated a surveillance network around Alicante City to target specific bikes requested by potential buyers in North Africa.

After identifying the bike they hoped to steal, they followed the cyclist to determine the place of storage at home or work, observing until an opportunity arose to break in and steal the bike.

Once they had the bikes in their possession, they were delivered on to a man of North African origin, who acted as a receiver, paying the men a much lower price

than the normal retail value, before shipping the bikes by ferry to Algeria and their new owners.

The three alleged thieves acted on instructions from the receiver for specific models of bikes and also motorcycles.

On one occasion they pushed a cyclist from his bike onto the ground before stealing his bike on specific order.

Officers recovered five

bikes and a moped from the premises and arrested the men on at least 43 crimes: 24 thefts, falsification of licence plates, two motorcycle robberies, robbery with violence and 15 crimes of theft, detaining two in custody.

The Guardia Civil recommends owners take a note of the serial numbers and characteristics of their bikes, plus a photo to enable them to be returned to their owners when recovered.



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## Winner fails

RAKEL CERNI-CHARO, winner of Antena 3's Top Chef, would have preferred a cleaner contest.

The owner of a Valencia restaurant, Cernicharo claimed that her fellow-contestants did not treat her well. "But perhaps that makes me even prouder that I won," she told an interviewer.

Unlike Elda chef Pablo Montoro, who was eliminated in the semi-final but was full of praise for both the jury of chefs and the other contestants, she claimed that the majority would have killed their grandmother if it helped them win the title of Top Chef.

Her notorious spats with Melissa Herrera were genuine and not contrived for the sake of the programme Cernichero insisted.

## OUR VIEW

# Nothing excuses this carnage

SOMEHOW the news that teenagers have been killed in what appears to have been a terrorist attack in Manchester makes the news even more horrifying.

Anyone aged 14 or over is allowed into the Manchester Arena unaccompanied and imagine the excitement of the many young people who were perhaps attending their first concert alone. Then imagine the horror when they realised that a bomb had exploded and the panic that swept through the crowd as they tried to flee to safety without even knowing where safety lay.

Parents who were waiting to collect their children were in the foyer as the bomb went off and those that survived then had to try to find their loved ones amongst a crowd of stunned and terrified concert goers.

Whilst security was by all accounts tight prior to the concert, it appears on first reports to have been virtually non-existent as the evening was coming to an end and anyone was able to access the foyer to await friends and family.

According to the Greater Manchester Police those waiting included one person carrying an Improvised Explosive Device packed with shrapnel who exploded the bomb and died alongside 21 innocents.

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# Bus driver arrested six times over the limit

OFFICERS of the Murcian Guardia Civil stopped a bus on the A-7 motorway last week and the driver tested over six times over the limit.

The bus, which was carrying 40 Chinese tourists from Granada to Valencia, was intercepted at around 5.30pm on Wednesday as it passed through Librilla.

A service station employee had notified the Guardia Civil of the inebriated state of the driver. The employee explained that the driver had used the facilities at the service station before continuing his journey toward Alicante.

Once off the road and guaranteed safety, the driver was subject to mandatory blood alcohol tests in which he tested over six times (1.02 milligrams) over the limit (0.15 milligrams) for professional drivers.

The driver was arrested at the scene whilst agents of Murcia's Sector de Trafico remained with the pas-



GUARDIA CIVIL: Stopped the bus on the A-7 motorway.

sengers, reassuring them of the situation despite the language barrier as none of the passengers spoke Spanish.

A company local to Molina de Segura dispatched a bus at around 8.00pm and the passengers were able to continue on their journey to Valencia.

This incident came just half an hour before another driver under the influence of alcohol was arrested at kilometre 155 of the A-30 linking Madrid and Cartagena at around 6.00pm on Wednesday. The driver tested over four times (1.15 milligrams) over the limit (0.25 milligrams) for non-professional drivers.

# Jellyfish tale

A STORM is growing in the Mar Menor over the use of nets to prevent jellyfish entering the lagoon.

The last three years has seen the numbers of the pest caught plummet and it is feared the lack of jellyfish has actually harmed the fragile ecosystem.

It has meant the Murcia government is considering removing the nets; but some local town halls are against the move saying it was essential they were retained to protect people in the water.

Murcia's president Fernando Lopez Miras said any decision rested on a scientific report. "They will give us an opinion and then the government will decide."

According to data, the jellyfish harvest in 2015 and 2016 was minimal, while in 2014 significant numbers were only caught over one week.

However, the mayor of Los Alcazares Anastasio Bastida is adamant the protection should remain in place this

summer. "We defend the use of nets because we want, above all, to prevent jellyfish from disturbing or stinging bathers."

One matter for the scientists that could influence a decision - and given the low incidence of jellyfish in recent times - is the likely population this summer.

Surveys are currently being carried out to detect young jellyfish and predict the evolution in their numbers. The most prolific is *coltylorhiza tuberculata*, known as the fried egg jellyfish, common to the Mar Menor.

The nets have helped contain the species. Over the past few decades its numbers have significantly increased, possibly because of high levels of nutrients entering the water.

The jellyfish eat phytoplankton; these have multiplied in the last 12 months causing water conditions to deteriorate and the nets would prevent a natural purification process to take place.

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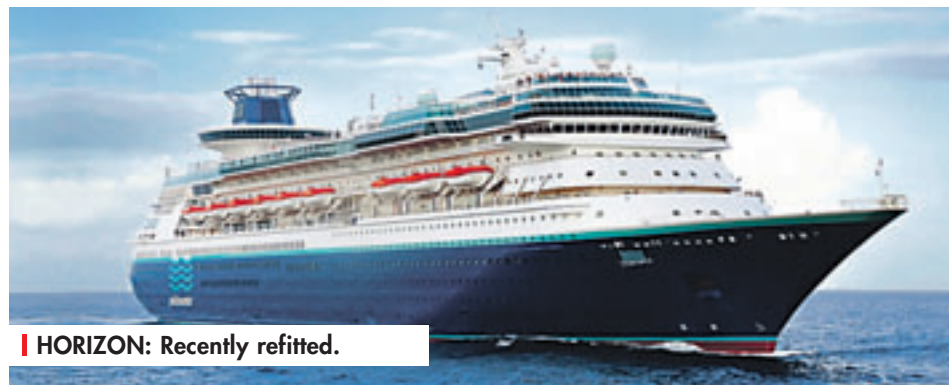
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# Guardia Civil visit

THE crime rate in Valencian Community areas covered by the Guardia Civil fell 17 per cent between 2011 and 2016.

The figures were announced during a recent visit by Director General of the Guardia Civil Jose Manuel Holgado to the Valencia region.

Last year alone saw a 2.2 per cent fall in criminality with a 3.85 per cent drop in breaking and entering crimes investigated by the Guardia Civil and a 3.30 per cent reduction in common theft.

During the same period the force's crime detection rate reached 35.49 per cent, with 211 detainees for every 1,000 offences.

There was also a noticeable fall in robberies of produce and equipment in agricultural and farming areas, thanks to the region's 13 RO-CA units which operate in Valencia, Alicante and Castellon.

During his visit, the Director General also wanted to learn about officers' work



**VISIT: Guardia Civil director Jose Manuel Holgado in Valencia.**

conditions and personal lives. He was aware, he said, that the Guardia Civil's greatest asset were its officers.

Both he and the Ministry of the Interior planned to in-

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# A woman swimming off Galua Beach drowns

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Beach in La Manga del Mar Menor.

A passer-by alerted 112 to a

body floating face down in the sea, around 20-30 metres from the shore. Civil Protection officers were dispatched, along with lifeguards in a boat from the Club Nautical La Isleta, an ambulance, firemen of the SEIS of the City Council of Cartagena and officers from the Local Police of Cartagena and the Guardia Civil.

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# Will your family benefit from the new UK inheritance tax threshold?

6th April 2017 saw the introduction of an inheritance tax reform that will reduce the amount of tax paid by most estates. Announced in the 2015 summer budget, it effectively increases the inheritance tax threshold to a potential £1 million. This figure is for a couple, and the increase will happen gradually over four years and only applies to property - with a number of limitations.

## The Residential Nil Rate Band (RNRB)

The inheritance tax rate is fixed at 40%, with a tax-free threshold ('nil rate band') of £325,000. When this allowance is not or only partly used, you can transfer the balance to your spouse or civil partner. So the threshold for a surviving spouse can be as high as £650,000.

The £325,000 allowance remains in place, but estates will now benefit from a second, additional allowance, the new Residential Nil Rate Band.



By **Robert Croizat**,  
Senior Partner,  
Blevins Franks

The final 'family home allowance' will be £175,000, but it will be introduced gradually as follows:

- £100,000 in 2017/18
- £125,000 in 2018/19
- £150,000 in 2019/20
- £175,000 in 2020/21.

It will then increase in line with inflation.

As with the regular nil rate band, you can transfer the allowance to a

spouse/civil partner in line with existing principles. This makes a total potential threshold for a couple of £1 million by 2020.

## Limitations on the allowance

First of all, it only applies to property which is inherited by direct descendants, so children (including adopted and stepchildren) and grandchildren. You need to have lived in it at some stage. Assets besides the family home do not receive any extra allowance, and only one property can qualify.

Secondly, a limit is imposed. Where an estate is worth over £2 million the residential nil rate band is tapered, £1 for every £2. Estates valued at over £2.2 million do not receive this allowance at all (they still get the standard £325,000).

This £2.2 million value applies to your whole, worldwide estate, not just to property. So it includes your savings and investments, trusts, pay outs from

life insurance policies, pension lump sums received on the death of a spouse/partner, cars, furniture and personal belongings such as jewellery. It also includes applicable gifts given away over the last seven years. Debts and liabilities are deducted from the total.

## Trusts

Since the residential nil rate band is only available where property is passed directly to children and grandchildren, this will not apply to many trusts. For example, discretionary trusts will be excluded, since the assets are technically owned by the trust. Some types of trusts do qualify, if the property is deemed to pass directly to the beneficiaries.

Seek advice if you own property in a trust.

## Expatriates and the new allowance

If you are UK domiciled, you are liable for inheritance tax on your worldwide assets. Domicile law is complex; you can live in Spain for

many years and remain a UK domicile.

You can claim the new additional family home allowance on a property in Spain, provided it is your main home.

Seek advice on how to protect your family and heirs from inheritance tax. It gets more complex for expatriates because of the domicile issue, and because you are also liable to Spanish succession tax. You need specialist cross-border estate planning advice to establish where you are domiciled and the most effective solutions for you.

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# Radar fines speed ahead

THREE speed cameras in Valencia are among the country's top 50 radar traps on Spanish roads; netting fines worth more than €44 million

across the country in 2016. A pair of motorway cameras sited on the A-7 at kilometre 521 at Elche and the A-31 at Villena, kilometre 171

on the Alicante road, raked in €377,442 and €590,708 respectively.

The highest revenue earner in Valencia is located at kilometre 390 of the AP-7 toll road in Castellon; it netted €1.11 million last year.

A fixed radar trap located at kilometre 417 of the A-4 motorway in Cordoba tops the money earning league; in 2016 it raised €3.94 million.

The camera is located at the beginning of a steep descent at Cuesta del Espino heading towards Cordoba from La Carlota. Considered an accident black spot, drivers should not exceed 80kph.

In second place - but only taking around half of the leading camera - was a device on the A-7 at kilometre 634 in Murcia. It was responsible for fines totalling €2.1 million.

And the third placed camera was on the N-240, a road



**RADAR TRAPS:** Netted more than €44 million.

connecting Huesca and Barbastro in Aragon; it took more than €1.6 million from drivers driving at more than the 70kph limit on the section of road.

The figures were released by the Spanish government in

response to a request for information from socialist deputy Miguel Angel Heredia in congress.

The government revealed the top 50 speed cameras earned a total of €44,373,558 in 2016.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Extended hours

THE Maria Moliner de Orihuela Public Library this week extended its opening hours from 8am to 11pm until July 7 to help students studying for examinations.

### Big blaze

A HOUSE fire in the village of Desamparados was extinguished last Monday morning by Orihuela firefighters who attended the scene, as the owners escaped unharmed from their severely damaged home.

### Art attack

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# Frack off!

By Jack Troughton

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Cieza Town Hall has united with its Citizens' Assembly calling for hydraulic fracturing to be banned in the locality.

The technique involves pressuring water and sand being pumped under high pressure into rock deep underground to create fractures and release natural gas deposits.

It is feared fracking could contaminate water wells and trigger seismic movements and the council joined the residents group in its stand against the practice.

Councillor for the Environment, Antonio Moya said local government could do nothing else but "totally reject this technique."

He pointed out the Re-



Photo by David R. Tribble

FRACKING: There are calls for it to be banned.

gional Assembly wished to declare Murcia free of fracking, which was "an important step in the fight against the use of hydraulic

fracturing"; but he admitted the move would have no legal basis until the question was fully addressed by all administrations.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Broken bicycles

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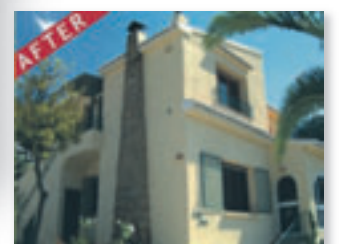
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## Major setback after brain scan for Leo the Lion

LAST week four-year-old cancer fighter Leo Bermejo from Almeria travelled to the UK's Alder Hey hospital for an MRI scan following his recent return from 31 sessions of proton beam therapy in Oklahoma.

THE oncologist and radiologist agree that the results show a suspicious mass within the same tumour cavity measuring about 1cm by 0.80cm. There is also another strange area but the oncologist seems confident that this is just inflammation from the proton treatment.

Mum Karen reacted to the distressing news saying, "Our hearts are shattered into a million pieces."

"There is still a glimmer of hope... I know miracles are possible.

"My beautiful boy couldn't have gone through all of this for nothing... but we are fighting a beast.

"I can't watch my boy fade away in front of my eyes... that's so cruel."

The medical team will discuss Leo's case this week and another MRI will be done in a month to determine how fast this mass is growing.

Karen has contacted Alder Hey to tell them that if the tumour is progressing to grow that she would like another operation for Leo followed by oral chemo-therapy.

But she knows that if a lumbar puncture test shows positive for cancer cells that they will refuse to operate and it really is over. But, to date, Leo's lumbar puncture results have always been negative.

She said, "The most important thing is that Leo is so happy, he is not in any pain,

he would not suffer any more pain having another operation, he would not get more damaged, and he just wants to live like a normal little boy so he deserves to have that final chance at life."

"Everyone I have spoken to have commented how after each procedure or treatment Leo has just got stronger and stronger... I have to continue fighting for him and do whatever it takes.

"I wouldn't cope. Never mind Sofia losing her best friend and brother.

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direction, before reaching the patrol.

Alerting other patrolmen to the suspicious vehicle, a high speed chase through the empty streets of the city ensued, before the car was eventually stopped by an intervention at the top of Calle Santa Cruz de Tenerife, whereupon the driver fled the vehicle.

Officers seized the fake

footwear and alerted other officers to the description of the fleeing suspect.

The man, a 38-year-old Nigerian, denied involvement with the selling of the shoes, insisting he was merely driving the vehicle on behalf of a friend.

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# A whale of a time



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THREE fin whales were spotted off the coast of Torre Vieja. Visible from land the migrating mammals sparked excitement amongst nature lovers.

An endangered species - also known as the razorback or the common rorqual - the leviathans are the second largest mammal in the world after the blue whale. They can grow up to 27 metres long and weigh 74 tons.

The species has a distinct ridge running down its back and a distinctive fin towards the tail, giving it two of its names; it is also known as 'the greyhound of the sea.'

Balaenoptera physalus, to be scientific, has an established Mediterranean population and makes

an annual pilgrimage from the Liguria Sea, through the Straits of Gibraltar, into the Atlantic.

More frequently spotted off the Marina Alta coast, the three whales, the largest was about 18 metres long, its companions both about 15 metres, came as close as 2km off Torre Vieja.

It is likely they came inshore following a school of fish - opportunistic gulls were seen landing in the wake of the visitors - and the whales' diet also includes squid, crustaceans, and krill.

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Spanish airport operator Aena said the work focused on improving existing facilities at the San Javier airforce base; including increasing the runway length to 2,300m and installing taxiways, as well as car

parks, the terminal building and an access from the Los Alcazares to La Ribera road.

Since 2011 the future of the profit-making airport has been in doubt. Aena and Murcia have staged a series of talks about the transfer of flights to the new international airport at Corvera; Aena seeking €35 million in compensation.

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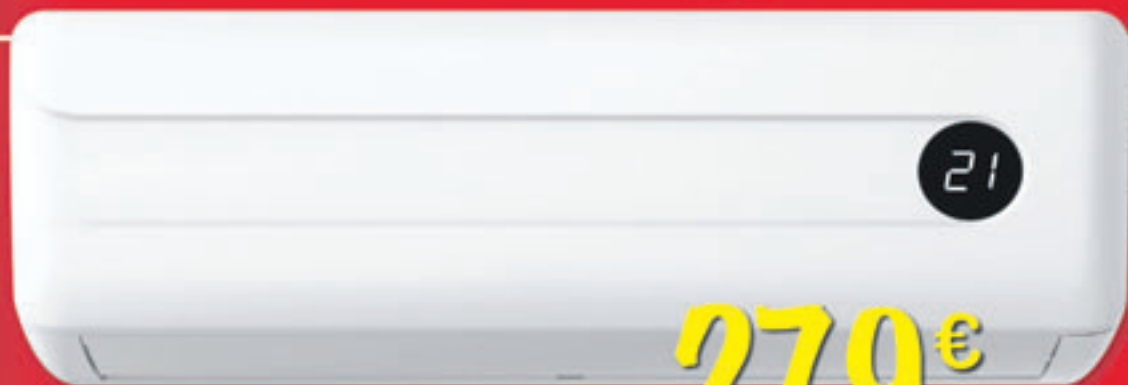




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*Expats in Spain can finally put painful memories to rest*

# Sick killer going to hell

**With many wishing him an eternity 'rotting in hell,' serial killer Ian Brady made dark funeral arrangements to prepare himself for the Devil, writes David Noon**

WHEN Ian Brady's coffin eventually goes up in flames next week there won't be a tear spilt for Britain's most twisted killer.

Responsible for abducting and killing at least five children in the 1960s, Brady's funeral will mark the final chapter for a community tortured by the memories of crimes committed over 50 years ago.

Striking fear into the Manchester community along with his girlfriend Myra Hindley - who died, aged 60 in November 2002 - the Moors Murders changed the face of the North West of England, Britain and beyond.

Some of those who lived through the torment of Brady's sick reign are now residing in retirement throughout Spain, the majority on the Costas.

And despite being over 1,750 kms away from where the crimes took place, they will finally be able to put their painful memories to rest, knowing that the monster responsible for such heinous crimes is no longer on this planet.

British expat Carol Wootton is just one of the thousands now living here.

Residing with her husband in Alhaurin el Grande, Costa del Sol, she still struggles however to escape from the 'truly shocking memories' of the case that she studied while at university.

"A lot of expats, myself included, lived through these dark times," she told the *Euro Weekly News*. "This for us is the final chapter of this heinous behaviour."

"I have many clear and truly shocking memories of this case from listening to evidence in court to talking to friends in the pub. It was horrific."

She added: "This case rocked thousands of normal working class families of Manchester and the surrounds."



**IN HELL:** Ian Brady died aged 79 at Ashworth high-security hospital.

"The social impact was immense; so many people immediately stopped leaving their kids alone to go to the pub. Something that had previously been unheard of."

"Their palpable fear and abhorrent disgust pulled them together to the heights of which society had not seen since the Second World War."

"They became a close knit community again, and we were very much part of it. This case changed the community and impacted Britain like no other."

And the depth of feeling that swept the nation in the 1960s remains as strong today.

The outpouring of emotion since Brady died aged 79 of lung cancer at Ashworth high-security prison - where he spent much of his 51 years behind bars after being declared 'medically psychotic' - has been overwhelming.

Facebook and Twitter has been full of users wishing Brady an eternity 'rotting in hell.' The *EWN* website has equally been full of comments from expats closing the door on Brady's memory.

From his funeral plans, it would appear that Brady himself was even preparing for a lifetime in the Devil's company.

For much of his time behind bars, the serial killer had been orchestrating a detailed plan for his final send off.

And it looks like the Moors Murderer was preparing himself to meet the Devil when he chose his funeral music.

In his final psychotic missive, Brady is to be cremated to a symphony that charts a murderer's descent into hell.

Hector Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* is about a killer haunted by the spirit of his victims in hell and is largely considered one of the darkest pieces of music ever written.

As Brady's coffin enters the flames, the killer appears to have readied his mind for an eternity in hell. And no one would begrudge him his place beside the Devil.

## Brady's last victim and the Spanish shotgun mystery

WHILE most people will be glad to see Ian Brady's corpse go up in flames, the family of his final victim have been left in an eternal limbo.

Brady never revealed the location of Keith Bennett's body, who was snatched in 1964, and he has taken that last secret to his grave.

Despite pleas from Keith's mother Winnie Johnson to Brady, the serial killer never revealed where the 12-year-old lad had

been buried. In fact, he never revealed any details of how he and Myra Hindley killed Keith.

But hope for an answer is not lost. Justice campaigners have found a Spanish-made shotgun that they believe holds the key.

Following 'clues' left in Brady's book *The Gates of Janus*, campaigners, family and friends uncovered a double-barrelled shotgun on Saddleworth Moor while hunting for Keith's grave last year.

While they believe this was the murder weapon used to kill Keith, scientists have so far not been able to connect it to the crime.

Campaigner Erica Gregory, believes that she has cracked the code while reading Brady's book in reverse.

Murder weapon or not, the discovery of the shotgun reveals that even after his death the family and friends of Keith Bennett will continue to seek out the truth.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

**Given the horrific nature of Ian Brady and Myra Hindley's crimes, should they have been given death sentences, thereby saving UK taxpayers hundreds of thousands of pounds?**

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# Heinous crimes that rocked Britain: Brady's five victims

• **Pauline Reade, 16**

The first victim of the couple's killing spree. Pauline was on her way to a dance when Hindley persuaded her to get in her car. With Brady they drove her to Saddleworth Moor where she was raped, beaten and stabbed.

• **John Kilbride, 12**

Snatched from Ashton market in November, 1963, he was strangled and buried in a shallow grave. John was the second of Brady and Hindley's five victims.

• **Keith Bennett, 12**

Keith disappeared on the way to his grandmother's house. Hindley had lured him into her car and driven him to the Moors where he was murdered. Keith's body has never been found, and the method of killing has been taken to the grave with Brady.

• **Lesley Ann Downey, 10**

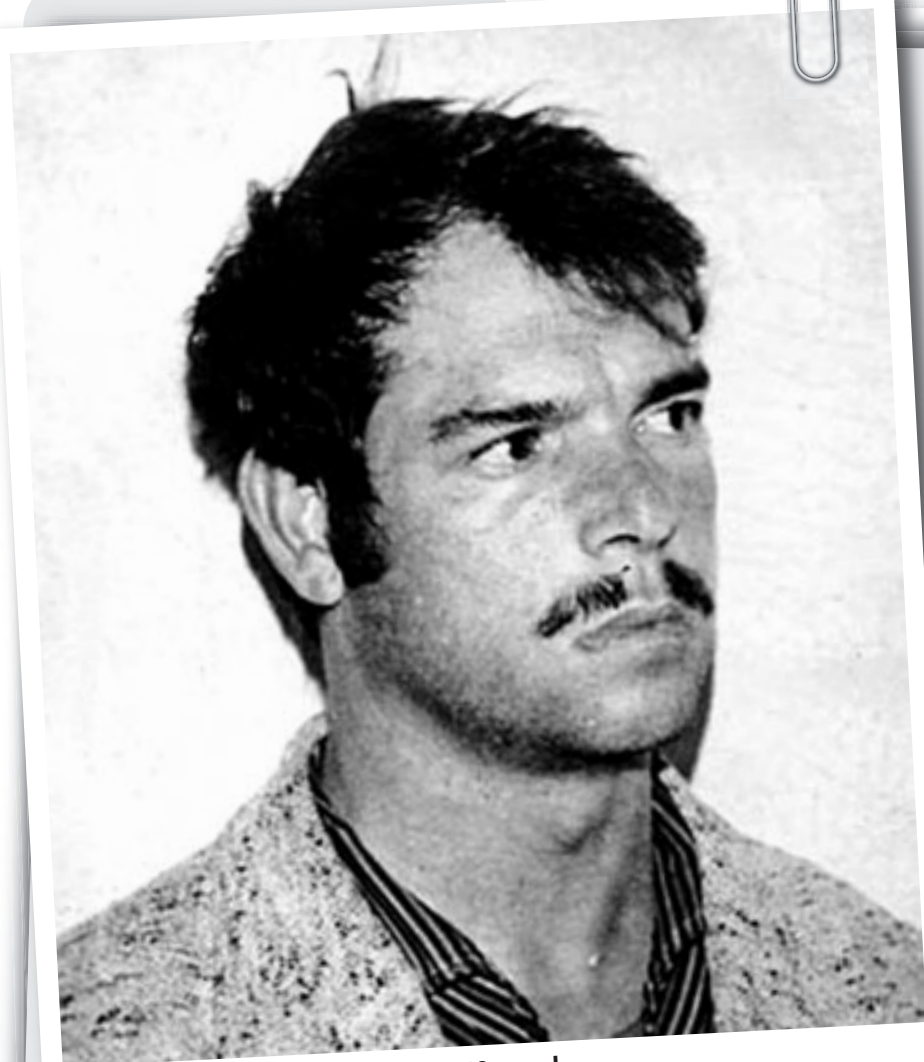
She disappeared on Boxing Day after being snatched from a fair and taken back to Hindley's house. Lesley was brutally assaulted with the ordeal captured on tape.

• **Edward Evans, 17**

The couple's final victim. Edward had just been to see Manchester United play when Hindley lured him in. Brady repeatedly bludgeoned Evans with an axe.



**MYSTERY:** The body of Keith Bennett has never been found.



**MONSTER:** Villegas confessed to 48 murders.

# Spain's worst killers

• **Francisca Ballesteros**

Known as La Viuda Negra (The Black Widow), Francisca poisoned her husband and three children in Valencia between 1990 and 2004. Killing her first child with a cocktail of drugs and alcohol, Ballesteros waited 14 years before killing her husband and daughter in 2004. She also attempted to kill another son but he survived the attack as his mother fled the city. Sentenced to 84 years in prison in 2005, Ballesteros will die in prison.

• **Manuel Blanco Romasanta**

A travelling salesman who claimed to be a werewolf, Romasanta admitted to 13 murders but was only convicted of eight during his 1853 trial. Handed the death sentence, Romasanta didn't make it to the gallows and died in prison 10 years later where he was being studied by psychologists.

• **Manuel Delgado Villegas**

Known as El Arropiero (The Arrope Trader), Villegas confessed to 48 murders in Spain, France and Italy, during the 1960s and 70's. Found guilty of seven murders, including the killing of his girlfriend, Villegas was detained in a mental institution until his death in 1998.

• **Francisco Garcia Escalero**

A schizophrenic beggar, Escalero remains in a psychiatric hospital after being convicted of 11 murders carried out in the early 1990s. Also known as El Mendigo Asesino, The Killer Beggar, Escalero used his homelessness to lure people towards him late at night.

• **Enriqueta Martí**

A self-proclaimed witch who kidnapped, prostituted, murdered and made potions with the remains of small children in early 20th century in Barcelona, Martí was murdered in prison while awaiting her trial in 1913. In total 12 bodies were found in her home.

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# Volvo will put Alicante back in the spotlight

ALICANTE City Council want to use the prestigious Volvo Round the World Yacht race, which this year, starts from the port in October as a way of putting the city back on the map.

At a meeting yesterday in the Casa de Brujas, representatives from the council joined organisers Volvo, and other members of the tourism, hospitality and hotel sectors, to hear director of tourism Raquel Huete put forward the council's ambitious plans.

The intention is to mount a



promotion campaign within the areas of Spain with a yachting tradition, such as Barcelona and Andalucia, as well as in the capital Madrid.

They also intend to run promotions in the UK, with the aim of using the race, which is the longest professional sporting competition in the world, as a means of putting Alicante and the wider Valencian community in the international spotlight.

Alicante will become the main focus of the yachting world on October 11, when the race village opens in the city 11

days before the actual start of the contest.

Heute said, the council are: "Not only looking outward, but inward too, in joint actions with neighbours San Juan de Alicante and El Campello, so the Volvo reaches all citizenship."

With thousands of visitors expected to descend on the region's capital, the city council have made concrete plans for a series of gastronomic theme days, training days, social network promotions and hotel packages.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Forceful approach

ON Sunday May 28, a demonstration will be held in the centre of Murcia as various cycling clubs demand authorities act 'more forcefully' in the face of road violence.

### Piano scores

MURCIA City Museum has expanded its heritage collection to include unpublished scores by Manuel Massotti Escuder, performed by pianists Pedro Valero, professor of the Professional Conservatory of Music and Pilar Valero, professor of the Conservatory of Music of Murcia, in a special event.

### Public chief

THE Murcian Municipal Socialist Group has submitted a motion to the next plenary session so that the recruitment of a new chief inspector be a public process - open to officials from other municipalities, provinces and bodies.

### Green day

MURCIA celebrated Recycling Day on Saturday, with a party on the Plaza de la Universidad. In 2016, 18.5 million kilos of Murcian waste was recycled, compared to 4.2 million kilos in 2011.

### Four times

MURCIA Local Police arrested a truck driver on Saturday morning on the Plaza Camachos on suspicion of drink driving. The truck driver tested four times over the limit.

### Party boost

ORIHUELA Town Council has agreed to give an extra €5,000 towards the yearly Moros y Cristianos fiesta, raising the subsidy to a guaranteed €95,000 per year until 2020, in an effort to make the party bigger.

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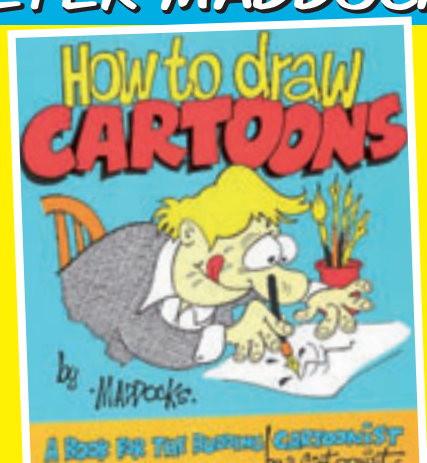
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# More help for protected park



Photo by Generalitat Valenciana

**HELP PLEDGE** : Elena Cebrian (centre, front row) in the Font Roja park.

THE Generalitat will help to repair damage caused by last winter's storms in the Font Roja national park.

The pledge came from Elena Cebrian, the Consellera who heads the regional government's Agriculture and Environment department. She recently visited the Font Roja, which was designated a national park 30 years ago but has been enclosed since 1322.

Cebrian was shown round the park by its director Salvador Palop, accompanied by Antonio Frances and Rafael Serralts, respective mayors of Alcoy and Ibi, together with other councillors and environmental experts.

Cebrian detailed the Generalitat's new conservation policies of maximising resources while protecting and promoting the park

whose 2,298 hectares of forest, pastures and agricultural land support 900 species of vegetation, plants and flowers.

It was essential to make as much use of science as possible, added Cebrian who cited the park's close collaboration with Alicante University on important projects.

The Consellera stressed that as well as the regional government's habitual investment in the park, extra help would be forthcoming to alleviate storm damage.

"Fallen trees and branches will be removed from paths and accesses and we shall continue working in wooded areas to eliminate any risk of fire," Cebrian announced. This was even more important as the summer approached and with it the prospect of forest fires, she said.



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# It's all change for local shoe factories



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## STUART WEITZMAN: High-end shoes made in Spain.

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For 46 years the 76-year-old's creations, worn by Queen Sofia of Spain as well as Hollywood superstars, have been made in Elda, Pterer and Monovar.

During that time, 11 Alicante province factories have produced footwear for Weitzman's chain of 200 shops while providing employment for more than 3,000 Medio Vinalopo families.

Their main worry now is waiting to hear whether Coach, which will continue the Weitzman name, will continue providing work for the area.

There are fears that the multinational will prefer to outsource manufacturing to countries where both labour costs and expertise are lower.

"That doesn't need to happen if things continue to be done as well as they are now," said Weitzman who lives much of the time in Elda where he works 16 hours a day. "The company is

fronted by people with talent and experience who seek a continuist line."

He stressed, nevertheless, that the Alicante factories would need to show Coach that they make the best shoes in the world. "I've no doubt that they will and that in a year's time all doubts will have vanished," he added.

Weitzman also admitted that what really worried him had been the prospect of not finding a serious and solvent buyer. "For the last 10 years since I turned 65 I was afraid that this company would disappear if I retired."

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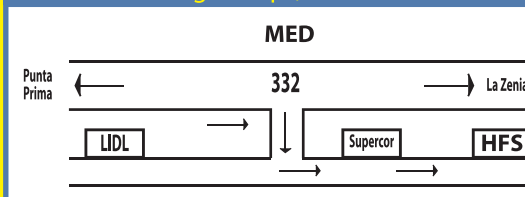
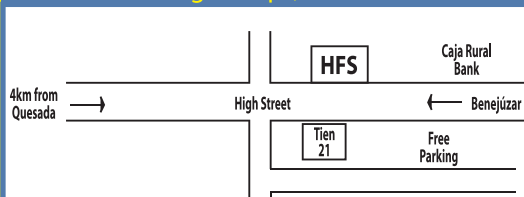
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# The need to achieve something amazing

THIS year SAT Animal Rescue and its team of dedicated supporters and fundraisers have set themselves quite a challenging goal. They want to raise €300,000 to see the long awaited Rescue Centre here in Spain finally built.

SAT Animal Rescue, a registered Charity no:3463, was founded in 1992 to help the abandoned dogs that are left injured, hurt and alone to die a very sad death. To date, since moving to Dolores in 1999 and through the amazing efforts of all the staff and volunteers, SAT have successfully rehomed a staggering 8,022 dogs, but now they need a new kennel facility to allow their valued work to continue.

The founders, workers and volunteers at SAT have a vision, and they need your help

to make it happen. For the last 10 years all efforts have been put into, not only keeping the existing rescue centre going, but also in buying a new piece of land to build their much needed new Rescue Centre.

**SAT Animal Rescue are hoping to raise funds for furry friends.**

In 2009 SAT purchased a 12,000 square metre piece of land, located on the outskirts of San Isidro, surrounded by orange groves, tranquillity and a beautiful mountain range backdrop as their new Rescue Centre. Unfortunately, months turned into years applying and waiting for permissions and li-

cences to be approved, costs increased in preparing the land and laying the foundations and in the end the work that began, came to a halt. The land now sits waiting for the project to raise enough funds for work to begin again. It has been a gruelling relentless battle over the years that has been overwhelming and tiring at times.

SAT started the 'Buy A Brick' fund which has previously been reported in the *Euro Weekly News*, with the idea that each donation bought one brick towards the construction of the new rescue centre and to date has raised €17,000, but there is still a long way to go to get to the €300,000.

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Visit the Go Fund me page at [www.gofundme.com/buy-a-brick-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/buy-a-brick-fund) to find out more and make a donation, or contact Selina on 637 186 653.

## U3A stroll Torrevieja

LAST Saturday saw the final walk of the season by the Strollers group of Torrevieja U3A.

A large number of members turned out for a very pleasant walk in the sunshine with a couple of comfort breaks around Torre de la Horadada and afterwards, 40 of the members assembled in a Chinese restaurant near Playa Flamenca Market for a menu del dia which was enjoyed by all.

Everyone is looking forward now to cooler climes in order to start the next season!

The new U3A Social Theatre Group had their first outing when they went to Benijofar, where they enjoyed a pre-show meal in Catorce restaurant before going on to the theatre to watch an amateur production of Noel Coward's play, Blithe Spirit. This was followed by another session in Catorces.



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## City centre homes

A DISUSED building in central Cartagena is to be demolished in June to make way for a new housing block.

Once the headquarters of lottery company ONCE, the offices closed in 2009, the building stands at the junction of Paseo Alfonso XIII and Calle Angel Bruna.

Cartagena's planning

department authorised the demolition and the construction of homes back in March and work has already started inside the building to make the task of taking down the existing building simpler and safer.

Plans for the new apartments are still being drawn up - at present it is though the structure will be six storeys high - but

the developer has already been contacted by members of the public interested to discover such things as how many rooms apartments will have and whether there will be underground parking.

It is planned for the demolition to start next month and the site will be cleared by the end of July.

## Accessible Elche

ELCHE has launched a website page dedicated to helping people with restricted mobility make the most of the city.

'Accessible Elche' includes such information as disabled parking bays and accessibility to public buildings and other points of interest, and the best way to enter and leave them.

The site, [www.elche.es/accesibilidad](http://www.elche.es/accesibilidad), uses new technology to establish an interactive communication with residents and

visitors and to publish updated news about the accessibility of events being staged in the city.

Councillor for Social Welfare, Tere Maciá, said the technology was the start of plans to eliminate "architectural barriers" for people with reduced mobility in Elche.

She said a December deadline had been set to suitably adapt all public buildings with ramps, special doors, and lifts.

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# HELP donates to Spanish Red Cross

AT HELP'S monthly general meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at the Las Claras Centre in Los Alcazares, the charity made a donation to the Spanish Red Cross of €10,000 as a thank you for all the great work that they do in the Murcia region.

The cheque was presented by Ann Sheperson, HELP's Vice President, to Jose Cortes Capmona, the President of the Red Cross in the Murcia region.

Also present were Angel Curnca the Red Cross regional Vice President, Andres Cuevas, the Vice President of the Youth Red Cross and Jose Garcia, a member of the organisation.

Joining them on the stage for the presentation was Ann Hetherington a long standing member of HELP Murcia Mar Menor who proposed the Spanish Red Cross as this year's recipient of its annual cash donation to a charitable organisation within the Murcia region.

Señor Cortes Carmona spoke to the meeting via HELP's interpreter Audrey Haigh and explained that at the moment there was no Red Cross office in Los Alcazares, as the closest is in San Pedro del Pinatar, and that this had caused problems in the past

but they hoped to be opening an office soon and that HELP's donation would help fund the project. He then gave Ann

Sheperson a document listing things that the Red Cross hoped to buy and achieve with the money donated.



CHARITY: HELP hand over a cheque for €10,000 to the Spanish Red Cross.

*Numbers in the news*  
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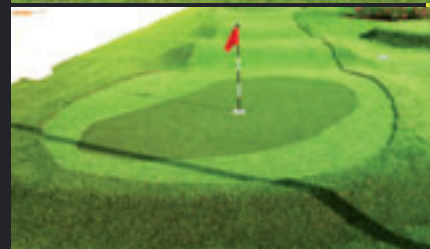
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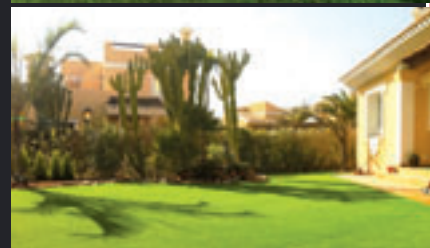
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## Residents wear green and purple in support of Huntington's Disease

RESIDENTS in El Banet and the surrounding area dressed in green and purple on Thursday afternoon to raise awareness for Huntington's Disease.

Supporters enjoyed sangria and tapas in the beautiful sunshine and lovely community surroundings, while raising a magnificent €351 towards this worthwhile charity.

Huntington's disease, which is often called HD, is a hereditary disorder of the central nervous system. It is a terminal illness affecting

both men and women with a wide range of symptoms, including uncontrollable movements, loss of speech and ability to swallow, incontinence and loss of memory function, as well as depression and changes in personality. There is currently no cure.

If you would like to get involved with organising a fundraising event in your area, or know someone who is affected by the condition, please contact Marion Smith on 651 043 681.

### Numbers in the news

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The projected cost of a leisure and casino complex with beach near Madrid now under local government consideration.



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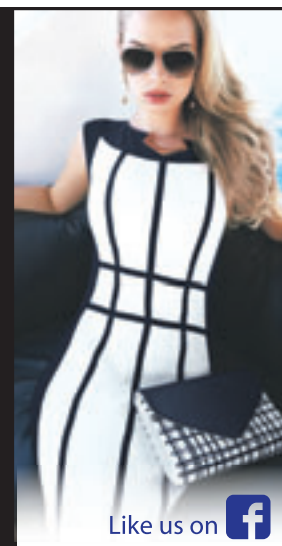
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# Final donation

A DONATION of €500 has been presented to Mary Chambers at the DEBRA Butterfly Children's Charity Shop in Urbanisation La Marina.

The money is the final donation to be made by TAABS as this popular all singing, all dancing troupe dissolved in December 2016. The money represents the final subscriptions and sale of sound equipment that was obtained over the last 10 years, during which time TAABS helped raise thousands of euros for various charities.

The donation was presented by past Musical Directors Cathy Carson and Shirley Godfrey and Treasurer Marion Skinner. TAABS have also donated many of their costumes and fancy dress items to the Rascals Charity Group as they continue to raise money for very worth while causes.

Mary Chambers gratefully accepted the cheque and



thanked TAABS for all their continued support over the years, wishing them all the best of luck in their future endeavours.

DEBRA is also proud to announce that tickets are now on sale for their annual Butterfly Charity Ball which will

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## Church decay

THE main entrance to historic church Nuestra Senora de Belen in Jacarilla was fenced off after falling rubble from the bell tower.

Firemen used a crane to reach the belfry and attempted to prevent further parts of the building crumbling away but according to reports major restoration work is needed.

Jacarilla Town Hall said the church tower - the name translates as Our Lady of Bethlehem - is in an "alarming" state and there is the danger further parts of the tower could collapse because of apparent cracks.

Mayor Pilar Diez said the report would be sent to the church authorities because the family of the Marquis of Fontalba donated the church to the Diocese of Orihuela-Alicante some 40 years ago.

He believes the local authority will have to erect scaffolding and a screen as a stopgap measure; which comes at a busy time for the building with planned weddings and communions.



**FIRST PHASE:** Luisa Bone inspects the work.

## Smoothing the surface

STREETS in Orihuela Costa are to get a €60,303 facelift as the local authority embarks on a four-phase operation to asphalt streets.

Orihuela councillor Luisa Bone announced the first phase covering the streets of Calle Salvador Dali and Carretera de Villamartin, where she said there were "serious shortcomings" in an area that was very busy with traffic.

She said if everything went as planned, the

work was expected to be completed in two weeks and at a cost of €60,303.01, including VAT, over an area of 6,540 square metres.

"The work to be carried out is the renewal of the surface with asphalt agglomerate and the application of a compacted base layer," said the councillor.

"Then, where necessary, the manhole covers will be raised and the road markings, which will disappear due to the asphaltting of the new road surface, will be renewed."

## Municipal study space

IT has been announced that the 12 municipal libraries will extend their opening times to include the weekends until Sunday June 11 as students of the region prepare for exams.

Open 9.30am to 1.30pm both Saturday and Sunday are Benijuan, Cabezo de Torres, Pelagio Ferrer (El Palmar), El Raal and La Alberca. Open 9.00am to 9.00pm on Saturday and 9.30am to 1.30pm on Sunday are Espinardo, Rio Segura, San Basilio and Puente Tocinos. Open 9.30am to 1.30pm on Saturdays only are El Carmen, Jose Saramago and Santiago el Mayor.

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# Prefab flat fight

■ MUSCOVITES rallied against plans to demolish dozens of Soviet-era apartment blocks to make way for luxurious high rises. The thousands of prefab flats are an iconic panorama in the Russian capital but officials argue they are dilapidated and need to go. Around 5,000 people thought otherwise.

## Pop propaganda

■ RUMOURS surfaced that the Kremlin paid a top Russian pop star two million rubles (€31,000) to make a pro-government music video. Alicia Vox's song Baby Boy has had over one million YouTube views. Lyrics suggest youngsters stay out of political protests if they want girls and money.

## Piano politics

■ PRESIDENT Putin revealed another talent besides wrestling alligators and discovering hidden treasure. The Russian leader showed off his musical ear, playing Soviet classics on the piano while waiting for the Chinese president to attend bilateral talks in Beijing.

## Odd voyage

■ A NEW ferry service links the Russian far-east with the hermit kingdom of North Korea. A nine-hour journey takes travellers from the Russian port of Rajin to Pyongyang. Guests can enjoy a sauna and spa on board but the bulk of traffic will be goods and North Korea slave labourers.

## Confetti chaos

■ REGISTRY offices in Moscow have banned Champagne receptions because they disrupt the work of officials. The wedding centres claim they exist solely to sign the paperwork and have also banned catering, live music, alcohol, confetti and breaking glasses as they create too much nuisance for employees.

## Bad apples

■ ATHEISTS are not criminals, just very naughty, according to the Russian Orthodox Church. An atheist television star asked the church to confirm whether people who denied Jesus' divinity should be jailed. The answer was no, as long as they don't offend the sensibilities of any of the faithful.

## Cinema wars

■ PLANS are afoot to make cinema tickets for Hollywood films so expensive that Russian cinemagoers are forced to choose home-made films instead. Russian culture minister Vladimir Medinsky believes price fixing is the only way Russian films stand a chance of competing against their American counterparts.



CINEMA: Russian films falling behind Hollywood rivals.



# Banco Popular needs a saviour

By John Smith

SADDLED with huge amounts of toxic debt, the Banco Popular needs to find a saviour according to the European Central Bank.

Economy Minister Luis de Guindos invited Spanish banks to submit expressions of interest in taking over Banco Popular but the response has been lukewarm with the most likely bidder being the troubled Bankia which is 66 per cent owned by the Spanish government.

**€30 billion**

is the value of toxic (bad) debt held by Banco Popular.

With a capitalisation of just €3 billion and 2016 losses amounting to €3.5 billion, Banco Popular does seem to be vulnerable, but according to the minister there will be no rush sale, although he recognises that absorption by another bank and rationalisation of debt

would be sensible.

The other Spanish commercial banks are in the process of building their businesses by increased investment to attract more customers or by the takeover of healthy overseas banking operations such as the recent TSB acqui-

sition.

The bank appears to be operating quite well under its new president Emilio Saracho from a purely operational point of view but the toxic debt it carries, if reversed and converted to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), would be placed just behind Bahrain at the bottom of the world's 100 most successful economies.

If it can dispose of its debt (and Spain already owns the Sareb toxic debt bank) then it would certainly be a viable proposition.

# Government gets help from EU law

DUE to an EU directive, Spain is due to unexpectedly reclaim €1 billion from Spanish companies.

This is the amount of money that the Spanish government gave to assist Spanish business to purchase foreign companies and was known as the Trade Fund, but in a ruling by the European Court of Justice it was decided that such state support was against Community rules.

Now the Spanish Tax Authorities have indicated they will collect refunds from companies who received this support from corporate tax returns for 2017 to 2020.

Whilst the companies involved may not be happy it will be a useful bonus.

**Quote of the Week**

"There are signs of acceleration" in the economy in the first half of the year - including exports, investment and consumption" according to Spanish Economy Minister Luis de Guindos.



International Dockworkers' Council

**ON STRIKE:** Algeciras dockers.

# Port law reforms to be approved

AFTER months of strikes, €21 million in EU fines and parliamentary defeat, the government will finally be able to push through reformed port laws.

This has been a major bone of contention amongst the various political parties, dockers' unions and the European Union which has demanded the ending of what is a closed shop in Spanish ports.

In the lead up to the first vote, many ports saw waves of strikes and with Ciudadanos abstaining

in the vote, the proposed law fell at the first fence.

Now following discussions between the government and various parties in parliament, following some amendments to the proposed bill, the second draft law has been passed.

This will come as a relief to the government which faced additional and increased fines but may see more strikes in the two largest ports of Algeciras and Barcelona which could damage the economy.

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## Pension worries

WITH many Spaniards worrying about the lack of money to pay future pensions, it has been revealed that 1.1 million receive two public pensions. With the current workforce not contributing enough to cover pension expenditure, the government needs to consider options.

## Mad law

ENVIRONMENTALIST Robert Kennedy Junior visiting Sevilla criticised Spain's lack of support for solar energy. He called it a 'mad law' in favour of the oil companies and stressed the need for the country to become a leader in clean energy.

## Electric avenue

NISSAN Spain has asked the government to reduce tax on electric cars to increase sales and save €18 million of fuel costs. Nissan would increase advertising in order to encourage Spanish drivers to switch to electric if tariffs were lower.

# Consumer price index up

SPAIN has seen an increase in the General Consumer Price Index for April to 2.6 per cent.

This is an annual review of the cost of a basket of items updated monthly and is considered a very important reflection of the health of a

country's economy which is important when calculating inflation rates.

Main contributors to this latest monthly increase are housing costs, fuel, electricity and leisure.

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Anglo American	1,069.00	-24.00	-2.20	14,987.05
Associated British Foods	2,674.50	-209.50	-7.26	22,649.80
Admiral Group	1,975.00	-28.00	-1.40	5,741.21
Ashtead Group	1,604.50	37.50	2.39	7,698.06
Antofagasta	790.50	-18.50	-2.29	7,946.01
Aviva	515.00	-19.00	-3.56	21,481.15
AstraZeneca	4,925.50	-193.50	-3.78	65,051.95
BAE Systems	637.50	-2.50	-0.39	20,197.43
Babcock International Group	954.75	17.25	1.84	4,664.13
Barclays	211.00	-2.70	-1.26	36,039.49
British American Tobacco	5,462.50	61.50	1.14	100,415.47
Barratt Developments	606.75	-3.25	-0.53	6,162.65
British Land Co	642.00	13.00	2.07	6,575.07
BHP Billiton	1,227.50	12.50	1.03	25,228.70
Bunzl	2,370.00	-88.00	-3.58	8,196.10
BP	470.05	-2.10	-0.44	92,304.22
Burberry Group	1,716.00	2.00	0.12	7,531.37
BT Group	310.50	-1.05	-0.34	30,772.77
Coca-Cola HBC	2,251.50	44.50	2.02	8,022.99
Carnival	4,574.50	-157.50	-3.33	10,092.51
Centrica	198.50	-2.80	-1.39	11,028.88
Compass Group	1,533.50	-66.50	-4.16	26,326.23
Croda International	3,919.00	-8.00	-0.20	5,156.72
CRH	2,810.00	0.00	0.00	23,168.83
ConvaTec Group	287.50	-12.50	-4.17	5,790.02
DCC	7,225.00	-225.00	-3.02	6,692.31
Diageo	2,310.00	18.00	0.79	57,644.00
Direct Line Insurance Group	344.50	-7.20	-2.05	4,819.38
Experian	1,635.50	4.50	0.28	15,657.41
easyJet	1,251.50	-2.50	-0.20	4,885.66
Fresnillo	1,561.50	-36.50	-2.28	11,650.29
GKN	342.00	-11.50	-3.25	6,013.94
Glencore	295.00	-0.15	-0.05	41,888.70
GlaxoSmithKline	1,642.50	-5.00	-0.30	80,545.37
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1,799.50	63.50	3.66	4,079.64
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,428.00	71.00	5.23	6,427.02
Hammerson	587.75	9.25	1.60	4,600.50
HSBC Holdings	662.50	-3.00	-0.45	131,680.15
International Consoltd Air Grp	578.00	-18.00	-3.02	12,462.06
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,288.00	26.00	0.61	8,451.31
3i Group	826.50	-2.00	-0.24	8,098.63
Imperial Brands	3,645.00	-25.00	-0.68	34,935.42
Informa	620.75	-25.75	-3.98	5,306.59
Intu Properties	266.50	1.00	0.38	3,624.73
Intertek Group	4,113.50	-53.50	-1.28	6,681.57
ITV	195.25	-0.75	-0.38	7,728.79
Johnson Matthey	3,117.00	72.00	2.36	5,960.83
Kingfisher	350.75	-17.05	-4.64	8,220.78
Land Securities Group	1,044.50	-24.50	-2.29	8,634.99
Legal & General Group	246.00	-3.10	-1.24	14,941.53

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	72.15	0.37	0.52	50,936.66
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,381.00	-79.00	-2.28	12,018.29
Micro Focus International	2,337.50	-134.50	-5.44	5,525.53
Medilinic International	882.25	5.75	0.66	6,421.39
Merlin Entertainments	491.75	-22.25	-4.33	5,246.66
Marks & Spencer Group	354.15	-30.75	-7.99	6,216.21
Mondi	1,988.50	8.50	0.43	9,604.25
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	254.65	12.15	5.01	5,654.50
National Grid	1,054.00	0.00	0.00	39,354.82
Next	4,400.00	-21.00	-0.48	6,402.84
Old Mutual Group	193.50	2.50	1.31	9,460.61
Provident Financial	3,148.50	40.50	1.30	4,562.00
Paddy Power Betfair	8,320.00	-60.00	-0.72	7,039.11
Prudential	1,730.00	-26.00	-1.48	45,209.90
Persimmon	2,417.50	-13.50	-0.56	7,473.95
Pearson	695.00	-3.00	-0.43	5,721.09
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,507.00	-113.00	-1.48	53,049.05
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	262.50	-0.40	-0.15	31,192.81
Royal Dutch Shell	2,117.50	-0.50	-0.02	94,391.12
RELX	1,530.00	-96.00	-5.90	17,367.57
Rio Tinto	3,147.50	-20.00	-0.63	42,903.38
Royal Mail	432.50	4.10	0.96	4,336.00
Rolls-Royce Group	840.00	-11.00	-1.29	15,650.34
Randgold Resources	7,367.50	57.50	0.79	6,837.36
RSA Insurance Group	605.00	-4.50	-0.74	6,233.37
Rentokil Initial	239.25	-18.25	-7.09	4,742.16
Sainsbury (J)	268.55	-5.75	-2.10	5,979.37
Schroders	3,098.50	-9.50	-0.31	7,063.20
Sage Group (The)	690.50	-6.00	-0.86	7,511.97
Shire	4,815.00	-37.00	-0.76	43,653.28
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,134.00	-13.00	-0.61	4,970.59
Sky	872.50	-133.50	-13.27	17,207.36
Standard Life	385.00	1.50	0.39	7,610.36
Smiths Group	1,641.00	57.00	3.60	6,441.90
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	384.00	-0.50	-0.13	5,193.96
Smith & Nephew	1,402.00	75.00	5.65	11,480.75
SSE	1,480.50	-28.50	-1.89	15,152.56
Standard Chartered	732.50	-3.50	-0.48	24,275.58
St James's Place	1,118.50	-50.50	-4.32	6,171.28
Severn Trent	2,443.50	5.50	0.23	5,661.83
Tesco	180.65	-1.85	-1.01	15,042.08
TUI AG	1,150.00	19.00	1.68	6,621.79
Taylor Wimpey	203.50	5.50	2.78	6,497.56
Unilever	4,101.50	-36.50	-0.88	52,615.42
United Utilities Group	975.00	-57.00	-5.52	6,921.17
Vodafone Group	220.50	0.20	0.09	58,608.51
Wolseley	4,860.00	-31.00	-0.63	12,229.11
Worldpay Group	309.50	-12.40	-3.85	6,326.00
WPP Group	1,710.00	-7.00	-0.41	21,715.31
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APPLE	153,060	+0.34%	0.520	797M
BOEING CO	180,760	+1.89%	3.360	109M
CATERPILLAR	102,430	+2.21%	2.210	60M
CHEVRON	106.52	+1.28%	1.35	201M
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,210	-0.54%	-0.170	156M
COCA-COLA	43.90	+0.23%	0.10	187M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	77,8200	+1.01%	0.7800	67M
EXXON MOBIL	81.93	+0.22%	0.18	347M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	28,0500	+2.07%	0.5700	243M
GOLDMAN SACHS	215.39	+0.11%	0.23	84M
HOME DEPOT	156,3000	+0.39%	0.6000	187M
IBM	151.98	+0.80%	1.20	142M
INTEL CORP	35,4000	+0.51%	0.1800	166M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	84,7800	+0.98%	0.8200	301M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	127,0000	+0.02%	0.0300	342M
MC DONALD'S CORP	148,1500	+0.78%	1.1400	120M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	63.78	-0.17%	-0.11	174M
MICROSOFT	67,690	-0.03%	-0.020	522M
NIKE	51.77	+0.17%	0.09	68M
PFIZER	32,4600	+0.74%	0.2400	193M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	86,240	+0.43%	0.370	220M
TRAVELERS CIES	120.79	-0.07%	-0.09	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	121.16	+1.50%	1.79	97M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	172.59	+0.66%	1.14	166M
VERIZON COMMS	45.42	+0.84%	0.38	185M
VISA	92.48	+0.84%	0.77	170M
WAL-MART STORES	78,7700	+1.59%	1.2300	238M
WALT DISNEY CO	107,5200	+0.79%	0.8400	168M

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Sportsman's Warehouse Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.70	0.97 ▲ 20.51%
Vital Therapies, Inc.	\$ 3.125	0.525 ▲ 20.19%
Destination XL Group, Inc.	\$ 2.40	0.40 ▲ 20%
GlycoMimetics, Inc.	\$ 12.76	2.09 ▲ 19.59%
PennTex Midstream Partners, LP	\$ 19.88	3.23 ▲ 19.40%
Calithera Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 16.10	2.40 ▲ 17.52%
Autodesk, Inc.	\$ 109.91	14.08 ▲ 14.69%
AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.65	0.30 ▲ 12.77%
Lonestar Resources US Inc.	\$ 4.27	0.48 ▲ 12.66%
uniQure N.V.	\$ 5.71	0.55 ▲ 10.66%
21Vianet Group, Inc.	\$ 5.51	0.53 ▲ 10.64%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
VelocityShares Daily 2x VIX Short Term ETN	\$ 28.17	4.75 ▼ 14.43%
Highpower International Inc	\$ 4.45	0.50 ▼ 10.10%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 3.76	0.39 ▼ 9.40%
Coherus BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 22.30	2.20 ▼ 8.98%
Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 12.91	1.25 ▼ 8.83%
Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 33.31	2.95 ▼ 8.14%
Educational Development Corporation	\$ 7.75	0.65 ▼ 7.74%
NantKwest, Inc.	\$ 3.46	0.29 ▼ 7.73%
MakeMyTrip Limited	\$ 34.65	2.90 ▼ 7.72%
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# Britons fear price rises reveals report

ALMOST one year on from the Brexit vote that saw British expat pensioners living in Spain getting less in euros from State pensions due to a fall in the value of Sterling, those that still live in the UK face predicted price rises.

While the outcome of Brexit may be uncertain, Mintel's flagship British Lifestyles report reveals that consumers are braced for an expensive future ahead and that could be increasing depending on the General Election results.

The report states that 83 per cent of Britons are currently concerned about seeing price rises on goods and services, with 59 per cent worried about the mounting cost of groceries, 35 per cent worried about the climbing cost of holidays and 26 per cent fearing that clothes prices will ascend.

The report also looks at what it refers to as the bigger picture and four out of five interviewed are worried about the prospects for the National Health Service (NHS) and since the report was issued, it was almost crippled by the WannaCry virus and has been at the centre of the General Election manifesto



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## EXPENSIVE FUTURE: Worry over increase in grocery prices.

promises from all of the main political parties.

Many pensioners who live in Spain have decried the refusal to

pay them the winter fuel allowance, but there may be some comfort in the fact that the Conservatives have stated that if elected,

they will introduce means testing for this allowance which means potential savings of billions of pounds.

# Spanish government hopes to be able to influence the eurozone

SPAIN wants to see an overhaul of the eurozone and has offered to lead the way.

The economy ministry has revealed that it has sent a proposal to the European Commission suggesting greater economic unification amongst the 19 members who have adopted the euro as their unit of currency.

**“Spain is promoting itself as the one economy that has managed to drag itself out of financial difficulty.”**

The government appears united on this proposal, supporting the concepts put forward by recently elected French President Emmanuel Macron and has stated that the euro has been vulnerable to economic influences which led to a painful increase in unemployment in countries such as Spain.

Mariano Rajoy and his ministers want to see a new banking union, introduction of euro bonds, an anti-crisis budget, and a common unemployment insurance scheme which would apply to all members of the eurozone.

The timing of this proposal is crucial as the EU will be shortly reviewing its policy concerning the



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## MARIANO RAJOY: Wants to lead the reform of the eurozone.

euro which when implemented will be far reaching, certainly as far as 2025.

Spain believes that having worked its way out of the crisis it is ideally placed to lead the way forward.

In addition to the proposed changes, it is also recommended that the EU increases its ability to oversee the actions of members to ensure that they are

implementing sensible and workable policies in order to grow their economies.

Spain is promoting itself as the one economy in the zone that has managed to drag itself out of financial difficulty by the implementation of painful reform and is proud that it has recently become one of the most successful economies in the EU.

## Spain offers to advise the EU on employment

AT a G20 meeting in Germany, Spanish employment secretary Fatima Báñez announced the creation of a specialist employment committee.

Consisting of a number of experts in the field of employment the committee will be charged with making recommendations for future employment options, especially in the digital field.

The minister made it clear as first suggested in a Madrid conference the Spanish government has two aims, firstly to see the increase of pan-European employment at the rate of 500,000 jobs a year and to create a talented employee bank ready for the future.

She believes it imperative to see stability of employment both for the peace of mind of workers but also to increase competitiveness suggesting that as one of the most successful economies in the eurozone Spain can lead with Germany.

“We are aware much remains to be done,” said the minister, who pointed out that Spain faces two essential challenges, cultivating and attracting talent.”

## Bad Bank to float shares

BAD BANK Sareb is looking to float shares in a new estate agency which holds properties valued at €11 billion.

Although believed to be State owned, it actually has private investors accounting for 55 per cent of its equity and they are looking to receive a 15 per cent return on their money during the life of the Bank.

In addition to the huge property portfolio, mostly repossessed homes, Sareb has undertaken to fund the building of 3,716 apartments and houses ranging in price from €17,700 to €394,417 across 16 different regions including Andalucía, the Balearics and Valencia.

Although it admits it has lost €751 million since its creation in 2012, it appears confident that as the Spanish economy recovers, it will generate positive revenue through the disposal of more properties.



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**MAIN SUPPLIERS:** Accused of hiding certain information in small print.

# Choice of telecoms providers shrinks

By John Smith

AS Spanish telecoms companies look to expand, the latest takeover offer values Zegona's Telecab at €686 million.

According to Basque based company Euskaltel it is prepared to take over debt of €245 million, payment of tax at €15 million and pay the balance in cash and newly created shares.

Zegona only purchased Telecab for a reported €633 million as recently as 2015 and

**“ In the past few years, five smaller companies have been taken over.**

the share offer which includes a seat on the board of Euskaltel and a 15 per cent shareholding in that entity may well be enough for the offer to be accepted at the AGM in June.

During the past few years four major telecoms companies have between them taken

over five smaller companies, arguably reducing the choice users, although they still compete quite fiercely.

All of the main suppliers of internet connections have however been accused by a consumer group of misleading new customers by hiding certain information in small print or not even mentioning the fact that prices can increase or that with fibre lines no phone line is needed, even though they often insist on charging for one.

# Bid to create world's largest toll road operator

AS forecast in our 1660 edition, Italy's Atlantia has bid €16.3 billion to take over Spain's Abertis to create the world's biggest toll road operator.

They had first tried to amalgamate in 2006, but this fell through due to government opposition at the time. However there is no indication that any decision will involve significant government participation and it will be down to Abertis and its shareholders to accept or reject the offer which would create a €36 billion company.

Atlantia are offering a combination of cash and shares in what has been described as a friendly approach whilst a spokesman for the Spanish company said

that although in discussion, the bid had not been requested and main shareholder Caixabank in particular will take its time to consider the offer.

A marriage of the two companies is very much to the advantage of Atlantia (owned by the Benetton fashion family) which has seen income from the Italian market slow down so access to the lucrative French, Spanish and Latin American markets would be attractive.

In turn, some of the concessions that Abertis operates in Spain are due to expire, so its shareholders may well consider this a good time to release a cash amount to invest elsewhere and still keep shares in the new company.

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# No man or woman is an island

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



ALTHOUGH a lifelong Conservative, I must confess I'm becoming extremely worried about Theresa May. Since calling a general election, she appears to be morphing into some sort of cross between Margaret Thatcher and Donald Trump.

As much as I want to accept her as a strong and able leader of the Conservative party, she appears to be making it more difficult by the day.

Whether her ego is getting the better of her, or she is simply not choosing her words as well as she could, I have no idea, but of late it appears there are two parties involved in her campaign; the Conservatives and Ms May. 'My manifesto.' 'My ideas for the future.' 'I this and 'I' that.

She's beginning to sound like a modern day chariot straddling Bo-



**MAY/CORBYN: I can't predict the outcome of the televised debate.**



Photo by Reuters Media Express

dacia, cleaving her way single handedly to a victorious personal triumph, with or without the support of her own cabinet.

Well I suggest she thinks again (of course she's listening Leapy!) No man or woman is an island. Unfortunately, many voters vote for their favourite politician. If the voters begin to turn against her personally, she could find the euphoria of her present popularity rating

plunging; with the wheels of her upturned chariot spinning like a pair of whirling dervishes as she finds herself relegated to the opposition of a nightmare coalition party that will bring the whole nation to its knees.

Unfortunately this copy has to be in before we see the May/Corbyn televised debate, so I can't predict the outcome, but one thing is to me painfully obvious, Theresa May is

beginning to lose the popularity competition. Corbyn with his, deliberate softly spoken, ban the bomb, rob the rich approach, is looking a more acceptable personality by the day. (Shame about Diane Abbott!)

The fact that he wants more immigration, a dismantling of our nuclear protection. More benefits to the scroungers, and refuses to condemn terrorist organisations, is

small potatoes compared with whether a whole deluge of somewhat politically dithering voters actually like him or not.

It's a sad fact that Theresa May needs to put on her 'kiss me quick' hat, don a more acceptable frock and be a far more amenable party guest if she doesn't want to be short of a seat in the modern day game of political musical chairs.

Are not the pathetic leaders of the European Union acting exactly as we knew they would? Their pouting, childlike attitude to the terms of the UK's departure, is precisely the reason we need to leave this bunch of spoiled brat, unelected wastes of space to their own pathetic devices. Good riddance to them all.

We'll survive. When you're all being over run, don't think UK members will lean over backward to liberate the whole bunch of you for a third time!

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# Timely tips to beat your fear of public speaking at weddings etc

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*



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CONGRATULATIONS! So you've been invited to give a speech! This could be as best man, father of the bride or whatever for a wedding (like Pippa Middleton's recent extravaganza), an anniversary, business event or other special occasion. But public speaking's a doddle, nothing at all to worry about.

Fortunately, there are ways to make your speech memorable and entertaining at the same time without having to go through a nervous breakdown. You simply have to keep some tips in mind to grab your audience and leave them begging for more.

Use whatever reason you've come together for the occasion as fodder for your speech. If it's a business event, use personal anecdotes about work and colleagues. But best avoid recalling that episode in the mail-



**PUBLIC SPEAKING:** The best speeches are like the best theatre.

room when the lights failed and you stumbled over Buxom Brenda from Human Resources...

If it's a family celebration, fall back on shared memories but not that time Auntie Ada - the one who's just a bit over-enthusiastic, to put it mildly, about hitting the bottle - handed over your Birthday present. We

can only imagine booze was involved when she re-wrapped it - a half-scoffed box of Black Magic.

Another rule is to stay sociable but NOT sozzled and speak before 11pm. There's nothing worse than seeing your audience slide off the edge of their seats before you do. At 10pm they'll be mellow; by 11pm,

totally knackered.

The best speeches are like the best theatre. There's laughter and there's pathos (though hopefully not because you're experiencing that nervous breakdown).

People often think speeches have to be a barrel of laughs, but if there's one golden rule, it's the following. Check exactly who's in the audience - and their specific occupations - before ending with something like this: "Before departing, I'd just like to leave you with this thought. Why is it, all the people who know how to run this country, are too busy driving taxis or cutting hair?"

And one final rule, don't outstay your welcome, otherwise you'll be nodding off long before they do. In other words: "Be interesting, be brief and be gone."

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# The morning after

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

**PEDRO SANCHEZ:**  
Leader of the party.



NO surprises, then. Pedro Sanchez, long the darling of PSOE's paid up membership - the militants according to Spanish usage for card-carriers - is once again party secretary general.

To be strictly accurate he was the darling of only 50 per cent of them, receiving 74,223 votes from the 187,949 PSOE supporters who were entitled to vote in the primaries. Enough to torpedo Susana Diaz and sink Patxi Lopez and enough to decide that as well as PSOE secretary general he is likely to be its next presidential candidate.

In other words, enough to ensure that he will once again lead the party to one of its worst-ever defeat.

## Rescue party

IN the pre-Primaries debate Pedro Sanchez told Susana Diaz that the PSOE abstention last autumn was its worst-ever error. "The PSOE does not need rescuing from the militant mem-

bership. It has to be rescued from the PP abstention."

Diaz claimed the party had to be saved from a third election that would have left the PSOE with even fewer than the 85 national parliament seats won in June 2016. Since the abstention

the PSOE has gradually inched its way from the third most-voted party to second. And that was thanks to the Managing Committee that took over after ousting Sanchez. Not the 74,223 party members who voted for him in the primaries.

## Saving grace

"SPAIN emerged from the crisis, not the Spanish," Patxi Lopez said recently.

Old-school socialist Lopez, former president of the Basque Region and briefly speaker of the national parliament following the December 2015 General Election, had only the slimmest chance of walking off with the PSOE primaries.

But he pinpointed one of the reasons why Spain's president, Mariano Rajoy, is so disliked.

Much of the country and some in his own party groan when Rajoy shrugs off every new corruption crisis by reminding critics that he and his government saved Spain.

Rajoy merely followed Brussels' instructions by inflicting spending cuts on those least to bear them. And his insouciant reaction to the shame and scandal of Gurtel, Punica, Taula, Acuamed and now Lezo add insult to their injury.

## On a diet

AFTER 1977 when the Spanish had the chance of voting for the far Left, relatively few did so.

The Communist party sank into a bottomless pit after morphing into Izquierda Unida because socialist voters in Spain - not the card-carrying membership - are basically Social Democrats

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# What will the UK General Election mean for the Pound?

THERESA MAY took everyone by surprise when she announced a UK General Election for June 8. The currency markets responded positively to the news and the Pound strengthened against the Euro following the news. However, the currency remains vulnerable to both political and economic developments.

## Why did the Pound rise?

Surprise announcements such as this would usually be expected to weaken a currency, but the Pound strengthened by around 1 per cent following the announcement. This may be due to expectations that the General Election could result in a larger majority for the Conservatives.

Theresa May currently has a majority of 17 but opinion polls suggest she has the potential to increase this, which some claim could strengthen

her hand in Brexit negotiations.

Holding the election now might also strengthen May's position in the final phases of Brexit negotiations. Previously, the General Election was due to be held in 2020, shortly after the scheduled conclusion of talks. This meant there was the potential for EU leaders to use an impending election to put pressure on May. Bringing the election forward could avoid this.

## What is likely to happen next?

Based on the reaction to the General Election announcement and the local election results, it is possible that an increased Conservative majority could give a boost to the Pound. However, the decision to hold an election is not without risk. If opinion polls suggest a narrowing of the Conservative lead, or if Theresa

May does not achieve the majority she is hoping for, this could weaken the Pound against the Euro and other major currencies.

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This is among the most popular times of year to book a holiday. Here's why it's worth thinking about getting cover for your trip sooner rather than later, plus some tips to bear in mind.

**Why last-minute holiday cover could be a mistake**

People often think of travel insurance as something that will cover them whilst they are on holiday. But if you get your policy at the same time as you book the holiday, you'll actually get more cover for your money. This is because you will also be covered if you have to cancel your trip under certain circumstances before you are due to travel. If you had decided to wait until the last minute, you would have missed out on this benefit and could end up losing a lot of money if you had to cancel your holiday.



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**Why the USA might not be in the world**

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important to make sure that the 'territorial limits' on your policy are sufficient.

Territorial definitions within a policy wording can be different from standard geographical definitions. For example, cover for 'Europe' often automatically includes some North African countries, so there might be no need to pay extra for Worldwide cover if you're travelling to Morocco.

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2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Pointless
3:00pm	FA Cup Final Preview
5:00pm	BBC News
5:10pm	Regional News
5:13pm	Weather
5:15pm	Match of the Day Live
6:15pm	FA Cup Final <i>Arsenal v Chelsea</i>
8:45pm	Doctor Who
9:30pm	Who Dares Wins
10:15pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
10:45pm	BBC News
11:00pm	Weather
11:05pm	Clique
11:50pm	Clique
12:35am	Match of the Day
1:10am	Swingers

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8:45am	Talking Pictures
9:20am	The Prisoner of Zenda
11:00am	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Great British Menu
1:30pm	Great British Menu
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7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:05am	Murder, She Wrote
9:05am	Sherlock Holmes
11:20am	Columbo
12:50pm	Jane Eyre
3:05pm	Carry on Loving <i>Chaos ensues when the Carry On gang runs a bogus marriage bureau.</i>
4:15pm	FYI Daily
4:20pm	Carry on Loving
5:00pm	Lewis
7:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme <i>Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.</i>
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Foyle's War
12:10am	Law and Order: UK <i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>
1:10am	Law and Order: UK
2:10am	Law and Order: UK
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	Nijinsky's Triple Crown
7:05am	Bundesliga
7:55am	Motorsport UK
8:55am	Road Racing Highlights: Cookstown
9:55am	Cycling
11:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	The Classic Car Show
1:00pm	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
5:30pm	Pawn Stars
6:05pm	Pawn Stars
6:35pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Storage Wars
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	The Sweeney
9:00pm	Better Late Than Never
10:00pm	Gascoigne
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Gascoigne
11:55pm	Rugby
12:55am	River Monsters

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

12:05pm	Rocky
2:15pm	Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
4:35pm	Hitman: Agent 47
6:20pm	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
9:00pm	Independence Day
11:30pm	Spy
1:45am	Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
4:00am	Colt .45

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:50am	The Top Ten Show 2017
8:10am	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
10:00am	Dad's Army
11:45am	Ghostbusters
1:35pm	Ghostbusters
3:40pm	Sausage Party
5:20pm	Brewster's Millions
7:10pm	Ghostbusters
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:00pm	Sausage Party
12:45am	Rush Hour 2
2:30am	Coming to America

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	The Book of Love
9:00am	Lost in the Sun
10:45am	Throne of Elves
12:30pm	Ice Age: Collision Course
2:10pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie <i>After knocking Kate Moss into the Thames, hapless friends Patsy and Edina are hounded by the paparazzi.</i>
3:55pm	The Book of Love
5:50pm	Suicide Squad
8:00pm	Ice Age: Collision Course <i>When a cosmic blunder leaves Earth in the path of an asteroid, it's up to Sid the sloth and pals Manny and Diego to save the day.</i>
9:40pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
11:20pm	Suicide Squad
1:25am	10 Cent Pistol
3:05am	Tiger Raid

**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	Super League Highlights
10:15am	Football Gold
10:30am	Football Gold
10:45am	Football Gold
11:00am	Cricket Gold
11:10am	Cricket Gold
11:20am	Cricket Gold
11:30am	Cricket <i>England v South Africa 2nd ODI</i>
8:30pm	Sporting Triumphs
8:45pm	Sporting Triumphs
9:00pm	Spanish Football Gold
9:10pm	Spanish Football Gold
9:20pm	Live Copa Del Rey Final <i>Barcelona v Alaves</i>
11:30pm	Cricket
12:30am	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
1:00am	Cricket's Greatest
1:30am	Super Rugby

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BBC one

9:25am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm	Money for Nothing
4:00pm	Flog It!
4:45pm	Shop Well for Less
5:45pm	Points of View
6:00pm	Songs of Praise
6:35pm	Escape to the Country
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Countryfile
8:30pm	Antiques Roadshow
9:30pm	Damila, Our Loved Boy
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:35pm	Room 101
12:15am	Murder in Successville

BBC TWO

7:15am	Around the World in 80 Gardens
8:15am	The Instant Gardener
9:00am	The Beechgrove Garden
9:30am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:00pm	Great British Menu
12:30pm	Great British Menu
1:00pm	Athletics Coverage of the latest athletics championships and tournaments.
3:30pm	Athletics
4:30pm	Rowing
6:00pm	Athletics
7:00pm	Golf
8:00pm	Dragons' Den
9:00pm	The Ultimate Life Swap Adventure
10:00pm	Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip
11:00pm	White Gold
11:30pm	The Damned United
1:00am	Easy Money II: Hard to Kill
2:35am	Question Time
3:35am	Holby City

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Perfect Pianists at the BBC
9:00pm	BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend
10:10pm	BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend
11:00pm	Arena A daily magazine programme which looks at the world of arts and entertainment.
12:00am	Blues at the BBC
1:00am	The Man Who Brought the Blues to Britain: Big Bill Broonzy
2:00am	Jago: A Life Underwater
2:50am	Nature's Great Events Series about the most dramatic wildlife spectacles on our planet.
3:50am	Engineering Giants: Jumbo Jet Strip-Down

CHANNEL 4

6:55am	Weekend of a Champion
8:30am	Frasier
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Sunday Brunch
1:00pm	Formula 1
1:35pm	Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix
4:10pm	Formula 1
5:30pm	The World's Most Expensive Cars
6:30pm	George Clarke's Old House, New Home
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	The Supernet
9:00pm	Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge
10:00pm	The Handmaid's Tale
11:15pm	Gogglebox
12:15am	Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game
1:50am	Arnie Schwarzenegger's 50 Greatest Ever Stunts
3:15am	Blue Ruin
4:50am	Location, Location, Location
5:45am	KOTV Boxing Weekly

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake! Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.
11:25am	The Gadget Show Technology show that examines at some of the most popular everyday gadgets.
12:20pm	Police Interceptors Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.
1:20pm	Police Interceptors
2:20pm	Police Interceptors
3:15pm	Open Season 3
4:45pm	Pudsey the Dog: The Movie
6:30pm	Most Shocking Talent Show Moments
9:00pm	Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud
9:55pm	5 News The latest news coverage.
10:00pm	When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong
1:00am	Football on 5

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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
1:30pm	Baby Daddy
2:00pm	Kevin Can Wait
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	New Girl
3:30pm	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
3:50pm	A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures
5:30pm	Mr. Popper's Penguins
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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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	Rude Tube
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats
12:50am	Tattoo Fixers
1:50am	Tattoo Fixers
2:50am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

sky SPORTS 1

7:00am	Football Gold
8:00am	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
8:30am	Premier League Legends
9:30am	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
10:00am	Football Gold
11:00am	Premier League Legends
11:30am	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
12:00pm	Football Gold
12:30pm	Premier League Legends
1:30pm	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
2:00pm	Boxing Gold
3:00pm	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
3:30pm	Live EFL League 2 Play-Off Final
6:30pm	F1 GP Highlights
7:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
8:00pm	Rugby Union
10:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
11:00pm	Cricket
12:00am	Live World Women's Rugby Sevens
3:45am	Darts Gold

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7:00am	CITV
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Weekend
10:25am	Julia Bradbury's Best Walks
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
11:55am	Judge Rinder
12:55pm	Judge Rinder
2:00pm	ITV News and Weather
2:05pm	Tipping Point
3:05pm	The Chase
4:05pm	Britain's Got Talent
5:15pm	The Spy Who Loved Me
7:40pm	Local News and Weather
7:45pm	ITV News and Weather
8:00pm	Bigheads
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	Grantchester
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:20am	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
1:15am	Lethal Weapon
2:00am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Motorsport

itv2

7:00am	The Hot Desk
7:10am	You've Been Framed!
7:35am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:10am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:40pm	Take Me Out
2:00pm	Richie Rich
3:00pm	FYI Daily
3:05pm	Richie Rich
3:55pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
4:55pm	FYI Daily
5:00pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
5:40pm	Britain's Got Talent
7:00pm	Britain's Got More Talent
8:00pm	Despicable Me
9:00pm	FYI Daily
9:05pm	Despicable Me
10:00pm	Take Me Out: The Gossip
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
1:00am	American Dad!
1:30am	The Cleveland Show

itv3

7:00am	Jane Eyre
9:00am	Heartbeat Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.
10:05am	Heartbeat
11:05am	Murder, She Wrote Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.
12:10pm	Murder, She Wrote
1:15pm	Carry on Loving
2:15pm	FYI Daily
2:20pm	Carry on Loving
3:10pm	Columbo
4:45pm	Foyle's War
7:00pm	Midsomer Murders
9:00pm	Royal Stories
9:30pm	Royal Stories
10:00pm	Kate Making of a Modern Queen.
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:00am	Wire in the Blood
2:50am	Wire in the Blood

itv4

7:00am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights Steve Rider presents the best of the action from Donington Park.
8:30am	Rugby Sevens World Series Highlights
9:05am	Pawn Stars
9:35am	Storage Wars Follow four professional buyers and their teams as they scour repossessed storage units in search of hidden treasure.
10:00am	Storage Wars
10:30am	French Open Tennis Action from the French Open Tennis tournament.
10:00pm	Last Man Standing
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Last Man Standing
12:05am	United 93
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	United 93
2:10am	Rugby

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1:30pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
5:00pm	Ant-Man
7:00pm	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows
9:00pm	Independence Day: Resurgence
11:05pm	Deadpool
12:55am	Ant-Man
2:55am	Platoon
8:10am	Ghostbusters: Special Big
8:40am	The Intern
10:30am	Ghostbusters: Special Barbershop: The Next Cut
1:10pm	Ride Along 2
3:10pm	Ride Along 2
5:00pm	Central Intelligence
7:00pm	Couples Retreat
9:00pm	Ride Along 2
10:45pm	Central Intelligence
12:45am	Grimsby
2:15am	Brüno
3:45am	Kicking Off

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Throne of Elves
8:45am	10 Cent Pistol
10:25am	Ice Age: Collision Course
12:05pm	Lost in the Sun Texas-set road movie about a small-time crook who finds an unlikely partner in crime in a newly-orphaned teenager.
1:55pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
3:35pm	Desierto A group of immigrants hoping to make it across the US-Mexico border are targeted by a deranged, gun-wielding vigilante.
5:10pm	Suicide Squad
7:20pm	Ice Age: Collision Course
9:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
10:45pm	Desierto
12:20am	Suicide Squad
2:35am	Tiger Raid
4:20am	10 Cent Pistol

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Cricket
9:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
10:00am	Cricket Writers on TV
11:00am	Sporting Greats
11:30am	Cricket
12:30pm	Pro 12 Rugby The final of the Guinness Pro12 from Dublin's Aviva Stadium.
3:30pm	Rugby Union International Rugby: England v Barbarians.
6:00pm	Cricket
7:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:15pm	Sporting Triumphs
7:30pm	Darts Gold
8:00pm	Cricket
9:00pm	Fight Night
11:00pm	Football Atlanta United v New York City FC
1:05am	Cricket
2:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics
3:00am	Sporting Rivalries
3:30am	Sporting Rivalries



## LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Urgent meeting to address drink and drug offenders

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



**CYCLE ROUTES:**  
An urgent review.

AFTER a third cyclist died as a result of injuries sustained when a driver under the influence of drink and drugs ploughed into a group of cyclists, the Director General of the DGT has announced an urgent review to further increase measures made available to prevent such incidents.

Gregorio Serrano said they need to clamp down on habitual drink and drugged drivers following the accident in Xabia, Alicante Province, which injured several cyclists, after it was revealed that the woman driving the car had previously lost her licence four years ago for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. It was also found that the driver had also failed to take the mandatory course required to revalidate the licence.

Serrano has called for an urgent meeting with the Road Safety Committee which will

address 'the growing problem of fatal accidents of cyclists' and will detail the measures the DGT would like to implement.

Serrano has said that reforming the Penal Code is not within the competence of the DGT but they can ensure that the tools to act against offenders are made available.

Serrano added: "The number of cyclists that die every weekend on our roads is unbearable and we are not prepared for anyone to be in fear of not returning home alive." The Strategic Plan for Bicycles has already begun to be drawn up and a working group has been convened to prepare it. The Director General of the DGT said investment in cycle routes and their expansion and maintenance must continue, but ultimately there is an individual responsibility of all road users to ensure their compliance with the rules and laws of the roads.

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

## Can she reclaim plus valia tax?

**Q.** I have recently sold a small apartment. Despite selling at a considerable loss, the Mijas Town Hall informs me that I must pay €1,700 'plus valia' tax. I believe that the Supreme Court in Madrid recently ruled the 'plus valia' illegal when there has been a clear loss of value.

I am advised that it is not worth the trouble to oppose the town hall as I would have to pay all legal fees up front and the process could take several years. Is it possible to take a group action against Mijas Town Hall if I could involve some other vendors?

M W (Costa Del Sol)

**A.** Yes, the Spanish Supreme Court first ruled the plus valia tax unconstitutional in the Basque Country and now has ruled against it for all of Spain. This is the good news. The bad news is that

**David Searl**  
You and the Law  
in Spain



the law itself is still in place. This means you must pay the tax and then

reclaim it from the town hall. You can start this rectification process without a lawyer. And, no, the class action suit has no advantage because each tax case must be handled separately.

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

## Anyway, only time will tell

**Mike Senker**

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I'M going to start today with my least favourite TV reality show host/POTUS - Donny Trump. I just came back from a week's holiday, which happened to be a cruise, and on the ship there were lots of Americans.

I didn't speak to them all, but the ones I did chat with, after the pleasantries, got asked the question, "What do you think about your new President?" And not one of them had anything positive to say about him. In fact their views were quite the opposite and they are all terrified. Now these folks were of all ages and from varied parts of the USA, so it begs the question who did vote for Trump?

Obviously a lot of people did because he is POTUS, but this week he has said one of the dumbest things so far. He thinks that he has been treated worse than any President before him. Err; let's consider that for a moment.

I can think of two others that have had worst treatment - Abe Lincoln and JFK. I mean JFK had his brains blown out and he was a very popular man. What is interesting is watching Fox News, as opposed to all other US news channels, as they are so biased to-

wards him and then there is CNN which is so anti. It is also amusing how the defenders of Trump come up with absolute tosh in his defence. His White House press guy Spicer is just permanently treading water. Anyway time will tell.

For the second time in a few weeks there has been a scream up about a TV advert. The one in question is for McDonald's. It tried to deal with childhood bereavement and they decided, in their infinite wisdom that by telling the kid that his dad loved fillet o' fish as well was somehow going to cheer him up. Who on earth thought up this idea? Even worse, who passed it? How did it ever get to be screened?

Why would any major company want to exploit child bereavement by trivialising it to this level of a fillet o' fish? I'm not saying it's offensive or disgusting, I'm just saying it's bad taste and not a clever marketing decision. Or is it?

It might be just the cynical me thinking that this could be a case that some of these companies now think if they can get people talking about their product in every paper and on every news station, for whatever reason, they could be reaching millions more people.

Some of the articles I have read on this ask what's wrong with it and others, like me, think it's a bad way to advertise. What do you think? Email me [mikesenker@gmail.com](mailto:mikesenker@gmail.com).



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## BBC one

11:45am Rip Off Britain  
 12:30pm Close Calls: On Camera  
 1:00pm Bargain Hunt  
 2:00pm BBC News  
 2:30pm Regional News  
 2:40pm Weather  
 2:45pm !Mpossible  
 3:15pm Escape to the Country  
 4:15pm Money for Nothing  
 5:00pm Yes Chef  
 5:45pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is  
 6:30pm Pointless  
 7:15pm BBC News  
 7:45pm Regional News  
 7:55pm Weather  
 8:00pm The One Show  
 8:30pm RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017  
 9:00pm EastEnders  
 9:30pm Would I Lie to You?  
 10:00pm Doctor in the House  
 11:00pm BBC News  
 11:30pm Regional News  
 11:40pm Weather  
 11:45pm Have I Got a Bit More News for You  
 12:30am The Graham Norton Show

## BBC TWO

7:00am Flog It!  
 7:30am Old Dogs  
 9:00am Spring: Earth's Seasonal Secrets  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm Secretariat  
 2:00pm Athletics  
 3:00pm Golf  
 5:00pm Elephant Diaries  
 5:30pm Natural World  
 6:15pm Antiques Road Trip  
 7:00pm Debatable  
 7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads  
 8:30pm Great British Menu  
 9:00pm Springwatch  
 10:00pm The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway  
 11:00pm Detectoists  
 11:30pm Song for Marion  
 1:05am Easy Money III: Life Deluxe  
 3:05am Countryfile  
 4:00am The Day the Dinosaurs Died  
 5:00am Shop Well for Less  
 5:55am This is BBC Two  
*Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.*

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm 100 Days +  
 8:30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
 9:00pm The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal  
 10:00pm The Riviera: A History in Pictures  
 11:00pm Kirsty Young: 75 Years of Desert Island Discs  
 11:05pm Arena  
 11:50pm Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture  
 12:50am Francesco's Italy  
 1:50am Mothers, Murderers and Mistresses: Empresses of Ancient Rome  
 2:50am Ray Mears Goes eWalkabout  
 3:50am Stonehenge: A Timewatch Guide

## CHANNEL 4

7:20am Astro Boy  
 8:55am Captain Ron  
 10:35am The Simpsons  
 11:05am The Simpsons  
 11:35am The Simpsons  
 12:05pm Ramsay's Hotel Hell  
 1:00pm The Devil Wears Prada  
 3:10pm Countdown  
 4:00pm Fifteen to One  
 5:00pm Coast v Country  
 6:00pm Four in a Bed  
 6:30pm Come Dine with Me  
 7:00pm The Simpsons  
 7:30pm Hollyoaks  
 8:00pm Channel 4 News  
 8:30pm Food Unwrapped  
 9:00pm The Fake News Show  
 9:30pm The Battle for Number 10  
 11:00pm Loaded  
 11:45pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown  
 12:45am The Great British Skinny Dip  
 1:45am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!  
 10:15am The Wright Stuff  
 12:15pm Make You Laugh Out Loud  
 12:40pm Home and Away  
 1:10pm Neighbours  
 1:40pm 5 News  
 1:45pm The Cowboys  
 4:10pm The Searchers  
 6:30pm 5 News  
 7:00pm Neighbours  
 7:30pm Home and Away  
 8:00pm Cricket on 5  
 9:00pm The Kennedy Killing: The CIA Conspiracy  
 10:00pm The Kennedys  
 12:15am Football on 5 The Play-Offs.  
 1:15am Revolver  
 3:10am Super Casino  
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 4:10am Top 20 Funniest  
 5:00am Britain's Greatest Bridges  
 5:45am House Doctor

## 4

8:00am Baby Daddy  
 8:30am Baby Daddy  
 9:00am Baby Daddy  
 9:30am Baby Daddy  
 10:00am Melissa and Joey  
 10:30am Melissa and Joey  
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 10:00pm Made in Chelsea  
 11:00pm Empire  
 12:00am The Big Bang Theory

## sky SPORTS 1

7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
 10:00am Info not available  
 11:00am The Premier League Years  
 1:00pm Premier League Legends  
 1:30pm Premier League Legends  
 2:00pm Info not available  
 3:00pm Live Championship Play-Off Final  
 7:00pm Scottish Cup Final Highlights  
 7:55pm Rugby League  
 10:00pm Info not available  
 11:00pm Scottish Cup Final Highlights  
 11:30pm Football Gold  
 11:45pm Football Gold  
 12:00am Info not available  
 1:00am Scottish Cup Final Highlights  
 1:30am Premier League 100 Club

## itv

7:00am Good Morning Britain  
 9:30am Lorraine  
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 11:30am This Morning  
 1:30pm Loose Women  
 2:45pm ITV Lunchtime News  
 3:00pm Judge Rinder  
 4:00pm Masterpiece  
 5:00pm Tipping Point  
 6:00pm The Chase  
 7:00pm You've Been Framed!  
 7:25pm Local News and Weather  
 7:40pm ITV Evening News  
 8:00pm Emmerdale  
 8:30pm Britain's Got Talent  
 10:00pm Coronation Street  
 10:30pm Britain's Got Talent  
 11:00pm ITV News  
 11:20pm Don't Ask Me, Ask Britain  
 12:20am Joanna Lumley's Postcards  
 12:45am Tipping Point  
 1:35am Jackpot247  
 4:00am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 4:50am Nightscreen

## itv2

7:00am The Hot Desk  
 7:10am You've Been Framed!  
 8:00am Britain's Got Talent  
 9:00am Emmerdale  
 9:30am Coronation Street  
 10:00am Coronation Street  
 10:35am Scorpion  
 11:30am You've Been Framed!  
 11:55am Richie Rich  
 12:55pm FYI Daily  
 1:00pm Richie Rich  
 1:50pm Emmerdale  
 2:20pm Coronation Street  
 2:50pm Coronation Street  
 3:25pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 5:30pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 6:40pm The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring  
 7:40pm FYI Daily  
 7:45pm The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring  
 10:00pm Family Guy  
 10:30pm The Great Indoors  
 11:00pm Britain's Got More Talent  
 12:00am Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am In Loving Memory  
 7:25am Heartbeat  
 8:30am 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 Return of Sherlock Holmes  
 2:05pm Heartbeat  
 3:05pm The Royal  
 4:10pm Wild at Heart  
 5:15pm On the Buses  
 5:50pm On the Buses  
 6:20pm In Loving Memory  
 6:55pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple  
 11:00pm Endeavour  
 1:05am The Street  
 2:20am The Knock  
 3:15am ITV3 Nightscreen  
 3:30am Teleshopping  
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## itv4

7:00am Football's Greatest: Ronaldo  
 7:05am Ax Men  
 8:00am The Saint  
*Simon Templar is a debonair master thief with a talent for disguise.*  
 9:05am Counting Cars  
 9:30am Counting Cars  
 10:00am Car Chasers  
 10:30am French Open Tennis  
*Action from the French Open Tennis tournament.*  
 10:00pm Isle of Man TT  
 11:00pm Cycling  
 Coverage of a cycling event.  
 12:00am Hard Target  
 1:05am FYI Daily  
 1:10am Hard Target  
 2:00am Motorsport UK  
 3:00am Isle of Man TT  
 Record Breakers.  
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7:40am Marvel's Avengers Assemble  
 10:05am Tarzan  
 12:05pm Batman  
 2:20pm Jurassic World  
 4:35pm Marvel's Avengers Assemble  
 7:00pm Tarzan  
 9:00pm Jurassic World  
 11:10pm Face/Off  
 1:35am The Patriot  
 4:25am Babylon A.D.

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:05am Notting Hill  
 11:15am Sisters  
 1:15pm The Boss  
 3:00pm Bad Neighbours 2  
 4:45pm Notting Hill  
 7:00pm Sisters  
 9:00pm The Boss  
 10:45pm Bad Neighbours 2  
 12:30am Starsky and Hutch  
 2:15am The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear  
 3:45am The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult  
 5:15am Ghostbusters: Special

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Throne of Elves  
 8:45am The Book of Love  
 10:45am Ice Age: Collision Course  
 12:35pm Rabbit School: Guardians of the Golden Egg  
 2:10pm Desierto  
 3:55pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
 5:40pm Ice Age: Collision Course  
 7:30pm Rabbit School: Guardians of the Golden Egg  
 9:00pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
 10:45pm Desierto  
*A group of immigrants hoping to make it across the US-Mexico border are targeted by a deranged, gun-wielding vigilante.*  
 12:30am 10 Cent Pistol  
 2:15am Tiger Raid  
 4:05am Lost in the Sun

## sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Cricket Classics  
 8:00am WWE Raw  
 9:00am Cricket World Cup Classics  
 10:00am Sporting Greats  
 10:30am Cricket Gold  
 10:40am Cricket Gold  
 10:50am Cricket Gold  
 11:00am Cricket Gold  
 11:10am Cricket Gold  
 11:20am Cricket Gold  
 11:30am Cricket  
 8:00pm The Cross Sport Book Awards 2017  
 9:00pm Cricket  
 10:00pm Cricket World Cup Classics  
 11:00pm The Cross Sport Book Awards 2017  
 12:00am Super League Highlights  
 12:15am Super League Highlights  
 12:30am Super League Gold  
 12:45am Super League Gold  
 1:00am Cricket  
 2:00am Cricket World Cup Classics  
 3:00am Sporting Rivalries  
 3:30am Sporting Rivalries

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**BBC one**

7:00am Breakfast  
10:15am Countryfile Spring Diaries  
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
12:00pm Rip Off Britain  
12:45pm Close Calls: On Camera  
1:15pm Bargain Hunt  
2:00pm BBC News  
2:30pm Regional News  
2:45pm Doctors  
3:15pm !Mpossible  
4:00pm Escape to the Country  
4:45pm Yes Chef  
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 Broken  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:30pm Regional News  
11:40pm Weather  
11:45pm Election 2017 Where You Live  
12:30am Doctor in the House

**BBC TWO**

7:00am Flog It!  
7:30am Rip Off Britain  
8:15am Yes Chef  
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 Coast  
3:15pm Red Rock  
4:00pm The Hairy Bikers' Best of British  
4:45pm Elephant Diaries  
5:15pm Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve  
6:15pm Antiques Road Trip  
7:00pm Debatable  
7:45pm Celebrity Eggheads  
8:30pm Great British Menu  
9:00pm Springwatch  
10:00pm Suspect  
11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:30am Weather  
12:35am Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip  
1:35am Richard and Jaco: Life with Autism

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm 100 Days +  
8:30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:35am Frasier  
10:05am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:00pm A Place in the Sun  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm Fifteen to One  
5:00pm Coast v Country  
6:00pm Four in a Bed  
6:30pm Come Dine with Me  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
8:55pm Party Election Broadcast  
9:00pm Grand Designs  
10:00pm Grayson Perry: What Britain Wants  
11:00pm First Dates  
12:05am Gogglebox

**CHANNEL 4**

7:45am Will and Grace  
8:10am Will and Grace  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:35am Frasier  
10:05am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:00pm A Place in the Sun  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
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8:00pm Channel 4 News  
8:55pm Party Election Broadcast  
9:00pm Grand Designs  
10:00pm Grayson Perry: What Britain Wants  
11:00pm First Dates  
12:05am Gogglebox

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am Milkshake!  
*Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.*  
10:15am The Wright Stuff  
12:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
1:10pm 5 News  
1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
2:10pm Access  
2:15pm Home and Away  
2:45pm Neighbours  
3:15pm NCIS  
4:15pm Death Al Dente: A Gourmet Detective 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 Diana: 7 Days That Shook Windsor  
11:00pm Inside Kensington Palace  
12:00am Diana

**4**

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  
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  
4:30pm How I Met Your Mother  
5:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
5:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
6:00pm New Girl  
6:30pm New Girl  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm Black-ish  
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
10:00pm Rude Tube  
11:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats  
11:50pm The Big Bang Theory  
12:20am The Big Bang Theory

**sky SPORTS 1**

1:00pm Premier League Legends  
1:30pm Premier League Legends  
2:00pm Premier League Legends  
2:30pm Premier League Legends  
3:00pm Premier League Legends  
3:30pm Premier League Legends  
4:00pm One2eleven  
4:15pm One2eleven  
4:30pm One2eleven  
4:45pm One2eleven  
5:00pm Football's Greatest  
5:30pm Football's Greatest  
6:00pm Boxing Gold  
6:30pm Darts Gold  
7:00pm Football's Greatest  
7:30pm Football's Greatest  
8:00pm The Gibraltar Darts Trophy 2017  
9:00pm The Cross Sports Book Awards 2017  
10:00pm F1 GP Highlights: Monaco  
11:00pm The Cross Sports Book Awards 2017  
12:00am The Gibraltar Darts Trophy 2017

**itv**

7:00am Good Morning Britain  
9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
11:30am This Morning  
1:30pm Loose Women  
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
3:00pm Judge Rinder  
4:00pm Masterpiece  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm Local News and Weather  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Britain's Got Talent  
10:00pm Coronation Street  
*More drama and turmoil from the residents of Coronation Street in the longest running TV Soap.*  
10:30pm Britain's Got Talent  
11:00pm ITV News  
11:55pm Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera  
12:55am The Chase  
1:45am Jackpot247

**itv2**

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 Scorpion  
11:25am Britain's Got Talent  
12:55pm Britain's Got Talent  
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 Britain's Got Talent  
7:30pm Britain's Got Talent  
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 The Keith and Paddy Picture Show  
10:30pm Family Guy  
11:00pm Britain's Got More Talent  
12:00am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am In Loving Memory  
7:25am Heartbeat  
8:25am Where the Heart is  
9:25am Wild at Heart  
10:30am Judge Judy  
11:00am Judge Judy  
11:30am Judge Judy  
11:55am Road to Avonlea  
12:55pm The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes  
2:05pm Heartbeat  
3:05pm The Royal  
*Drama series, a spin-off from Heartbeat, centring on a small 1960s hospital and featuring the sounds and fashions of the era.*  
4:10pm Wild at Heart  
5:15pm On the Buses  
5:50pm On the Buses  
6:20pm In Loving Memory  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple  
11:00pm Endeavour  
1:00am Wycliffe  
2:00am The Knock

**itv4**

7:00am Minder  
*Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.*  
8:00am Car Chasers  
8:30am Isle of Man TT Record Breakers.  
9:30am Cycling  
*Coverage of a cycling event.*  
10:30am French Open Tennis  
*Action from the French Open Tennis tournament.*  
10:00pm Isle of Man TT  
11:00pm Cycling  
*Coverage of a cycling event.*  
12:00am Better Late Than Never  
12:55am Lethal Weapon  
*US drama series based on the film franchise.*  
1:55am Isle of Man TT  
2:55am The Darts Show  
3:30am World Cup Top Goalscorers

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:35am Extraction  
9:10am Arthur and Merlin  
11:05am Ant-Man  
1:05pm San Andreas  
3:05pm Charlie's Angels  
4:50pm Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle  
6:40pm Apollo 13  
9:00pm Ant-Man  
11:00pm San Andreas  
1:00am Lucky Number Slevin

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:30am Rock the Kasbah  
9:25am Police Academy 6: City Under Siege  
11:00am The Top Ten Show 2017  
11:20am Vacation  
1:05pm Knocked Up  
3:20pm Trainwreck  
5:30pm The Sweetest Thing  
7:10pm Entourage  
9:00pm Knocked Up  
11:15pm Pixels  
1:10am Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am King Arthur: Legend of the Sword - Behind the Scenes  
7:30am Rabbit School: Guardians of the Golden Egg  
9:00am The Top Ten Show 2017  
9:20am Last Cab to Darwin  
*A terminally ill New South Wales taxi driver sets out on a cross-country road trip in a bid to die on his own terms.*  
11:35am Ice Age: Collision Course  
1:15pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
3:00pm Desierto  
4:35pm Rabbit School: Guardians of the Golden Egg  
6:00pm Last Cab to Darwin  
8:20pm Ice Age: Collision Course  
10:00pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
11:40pm Desierto  
1:15am 10 Cent Pistol

**sky SPORTS 2**

2:15pm Super League Highlights  
2:30pm Cricket's Greatest  
3:00pm Cricket  
4:00pm Super League Highlights  
4:15pm Super League Highlights  
4:30pm Cricket Classics  
5:30pm Super League Highlights  
5:45pm Super League Highlights  
6:00pm Cricket  
7:00pm Top 14 Highlights  
7:30pm Super League Fulltime 2017  
8:00pm Cricket  
9:00pm Top 14 Highlights  
9:30pm Super League Highlights  
9:45pm Super League Highlights  
10:00pm Super League Fulltime 2017  
10:30pm Cricket  
11:30pm Super League Fulltime 2017  
12:00am Ashes Best Days

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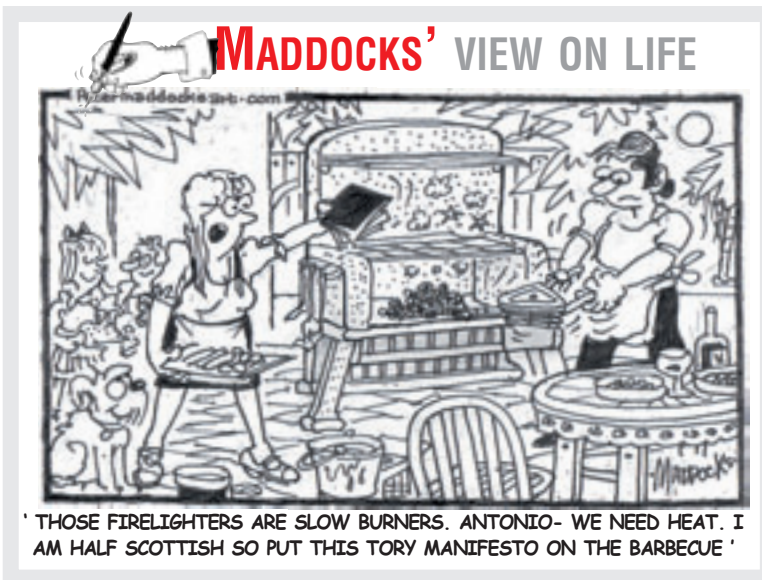
## Kakuro

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.

3	29		30	10
6			11	
23			24	
	22			
16				10
24				
7			8	

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

12	24	28	20	16
8	7	4	6	2
4	5	2	7	6
	6	8	5	3
5	2	6	9	
9	1	3	2	7
2	3	7	4	9



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

L	A	T
E	W	E
R	I	N

TARGET:

- Average: 10 • Good: 14
- Very good: 20 • Excellent: 26

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday May 20

7	8	13
29	43	53

BONUS BALL  
16

IRISH LOTTO

Saturday May 20

11	17	29
30	38	42

BONUS BALL  
16

EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday May 16

8	11	15
20	30	

BONUS BALL  
3

Friday May 19

9	11	12
19	30	

BONUS BALL  
4

LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday May 20

10	24	25
31	32	36

BONUS BALL  
48

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday May 21

9	33	34
42	47	

BONUS BALL  
1

## YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

### CANCER ♋

(June 22 - July 23)

Something that you had set your heart on, although still coming, is terribly slow. This is not a time to be a pessimist. Please don't, however, allow your tendency to put all your eggs in one basket trip you up. It is not necessary to go about things the way that you normally do.

### LEO ♌

(July 24 - August 23)

You are moving on in an important area but do not burn bridges before you have others to cross. You will know why I mention this later in the week. You are able to influence others far more than you realise, but with your wish to keep things on an even keel you may be giving away too much. You need to keep a balance.

### VIRGO ♍

(August 24 - September 23)

Is there a chance that you are burying your head in the sand? It is likely that something happening right in front of you is being overlooked or ignored. You are able to deal with this more easily than you think. Just take one step at a time and stick to your plan. Simply telling someone what to do instead of asking them to do it can work wonders.

### LIBRA ♎

(September 24 - October 23)

This is not a time to take anyone for granted. At this time of the year people tend to look at their situation and ask if they are getting enough out of it. Neglecting someone now could store up a lot of problems for the future. Avoid doing anything that could lead to you being blamed later.

### GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

This is your week to sparkle and show how clever you are. Why be modest? Let others know what you are capable of; your talents will come out sooner or later. Don't be embarrassed when paid a compliment, for it is richly deserved. You have put on a jolly good show of late and it is now time to listen to the applause.

### SCORPIO ♏

(October 24 - November 22)

Now is your chance to go straight for what you want. The shock of having this opportunity could cause you to hesitate. Do bear in mind, though, that he who hesitates is often lost. The temptation to keep something for yourself is not selfish but sensible.

### SAGITTARIUS ♐

(November 23 - December 21)

A big change means big chances, so don't let small things get you down. In the past six months you have come a long way. You are not back where you started. You are being given the chance to start again, but this time you have far more experience.

### CAPRICORN ♑

(December 22 - January 20)

Challenges that do not please you are inevitable. That does not mean that your attitude towards them could not change. Indeed, unless you want to continue to be upset, it must. Luckily, you have mostly had your own way recently.

### AQUARIUS ♒

(January 21 - February 19)

You have a chance to give someone great delight, so why not go ahead? Your insecure side tells you that it is too good to be true and there must be a catch.

Why should there be? This is a situation that you may relax into as only you know how.

### PISCES ♓

(February 20 - March 20)

Don't look for spooks in the closet when there are none. Not only does it look silly but it wastes good time. Basing your actions on past disappointments can only lead to more of the same. Show confidence in others and they will show it in you. Sometimes, your patience wears thin but it is in your best interests to remain calm.

### ARIES ♈

(March 21 - April 20)

Is someone that you are closely involved with trying to drive a hard bargain? Are you surprised at the amount of time and energy that they are throwing at it? It could be that they are more passionate about it than you realised.

### TAURUS ♉

(April 21 - May 21)

You have been learning about certain people very fast. Do you feel as though you are in the middle of a soap opera? With the summer sun now high, it is possible that passions will fire up. Everything seems to revolve round one person and it is upsetting everything else.

## 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.

6								5
			8		9			
4	5			6			7	8
		9	4			5		1
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7	3							
			5	9				
	7		2					
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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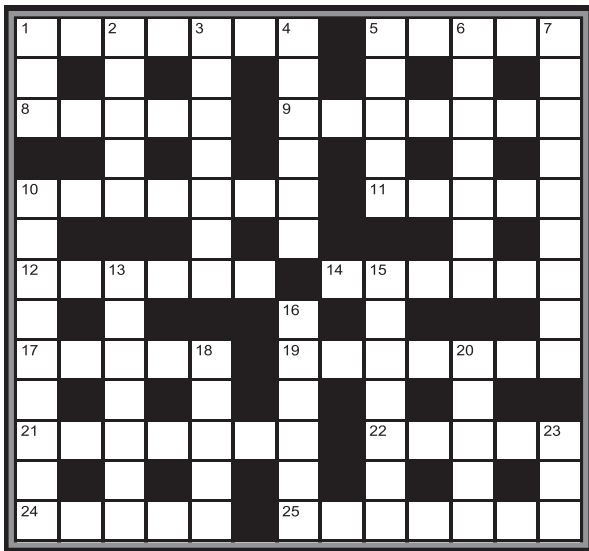
## Crossword

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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**

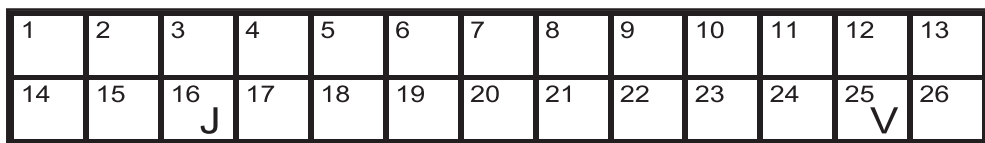
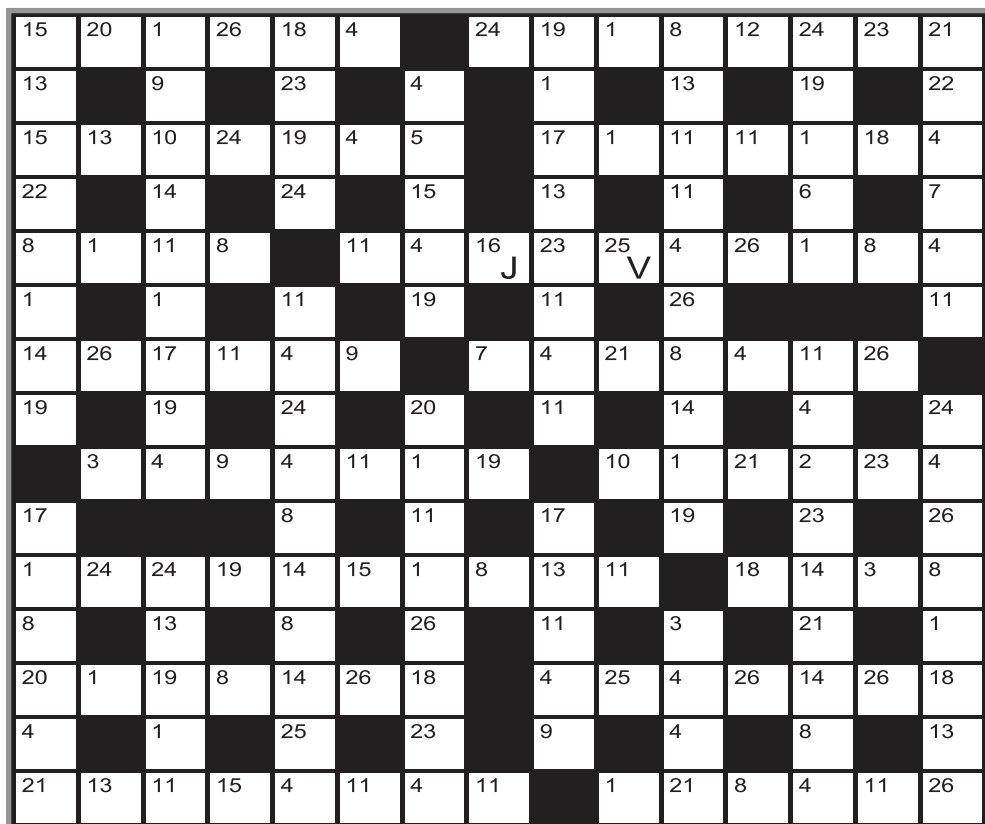
- 1 Fellow approaching US place is a worry-guts (7)
- 5 Where boats may be seen made of tin and aluminium (5)
- 8 Wild Australian animal makes rumpus disappear (5)
- 9 Silver discovered in stylish old US city (7)
- 10 Pass four middlemen looking really laid-back (7)
- 11 Found Hydra making an emotional performance (5)
- 12 She's as strange as parts of a window (6)
- 14 In Fermanagh a staff nurse is appalled (6)
- 17 Congratulate prior to key new start (5)
- 19 Custodian organises car tour (7)
- 21 Two requirements for tennis or another sport (7)
- 22 Flashlight reveals newt or chameleon (5)
- 24 Look at manuscript, it appears (5)
- 25 Remainder of new rise now owing (7)

**Down**

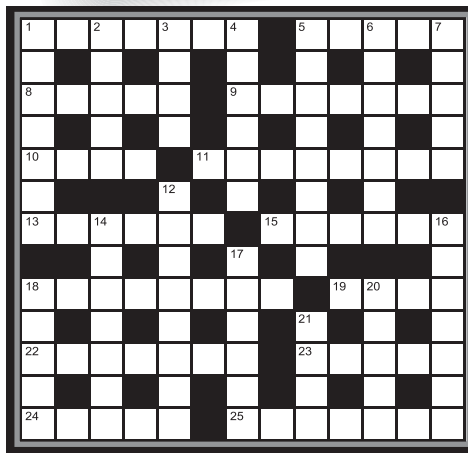
- 1 Passing fancy that is in today and cast off a day later (3)
- 2 Dan is split between the ship and the beach (5)
- 3 Write about a side view (7)
- 4 Watch your heart (6)
- 5 Shed a few tears while cider brewed (5)
- 6 Hard core again rises and falls (7)
- 7 Keep an eye on a new teak floor (4,5)
- 10 Stops open for a change, then schedules for a later date (9)

- 13 Milo O'Shea, the Irish actor, reveals cover (7)
- 15 Butcher gets Ray wheels (7)
- 16 Don't start joking, it's purely visual (6)
- 18 Approaches broken snare (5)
- 20 Bored Tim almost a communist (5)
- 23 Colour seen in Mogadishu evening sky (3)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 16 represents J and 25 represents V, so fill in J every time the figure 16 appears and V every time the figure 25 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.



### Quick



**Across**

- 1 Disordered (7)
- 5 Velocity (5)
- 8 School year divisions (5)
- 9 Open and genuine (7)
- 10 Lacking interest or excitement (4)
- 11 Free-standing post with hooks for hanging headgear on (8)
- 13 Portable computer (6)
- 15 Sex (6)
- 18 Knitted woollen jacket with buttons up the front (8)
- 19 Small pieces (4)
- 22 One more, in addition to a former (7)
- 23 At or in the front (5)
- 24 With the subtraction of (5)
- 25 Excess (7)

**Down**

- 1 Fortress in or near a city (7)
- 2 Fourth month (5)
- 3 Any piece of work that is undertaken or attempted (4)
- 4 Relaxed and unconcerned (6)
- 5 Suggestive of threatened evil (8)
- 6 Green gemstone (7)
- 7 Abject fear (5)
- 12 Makes a surface shiny (8)
- 14 Make off with belongings of others (7)
- 16 Lives (7)
- 17 Large marine mammal with tusks (6)
- 18 Maintain (5)
- 20 Perfect (5)
- 21 Just (4)

### CRYPTIC

**Across:**

- 1 Cantata, 5 Calms, 8 Motet, 9 Burma, 10 Dispute, 11/19 Dog tag, 12 Valet, 14 Charm, 20 Bobcats, 22 Blade, 23 Drive, 24 Chafe, 25 Torrent.

**Down:**

- 1 Campus, 2 Noted, 3 Artiste, 4 Arbour, 5 Curse, 6 Leander, 7 Stingy, 13 Algebra, 15 Hoarder, 16 Static, 17 Object, 18 Patent, 20 Blake, 21 Spire.

### QUICK

**Across:**

- 1 Serious, 5 Scrap, 8 Links, 9 Rules, 10 Stunned, 11 Owe, 12 Order, 14 Screw, 19 Add, 20 Generic, 22 Close, 23 Inane, 24 Silly, 25 Success.

**Down:**

- 1 Salary, 2 Rants, 3 Obscure, 4 Strong, 5 Solid, 6 Restore, 7 Pamper, 13 Radical, 15 Cardiac, 16 Famous, 17 Unless, 18 Excess, 20 Glory, 21 Crave.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

**Across:**

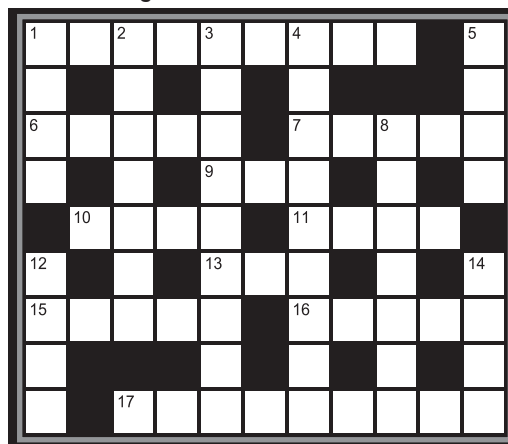
- 1 Bastar, 4 Seco, 8 Uncertain, 9 Veintidós, 11 Ama de casa, 12 Misa, 13 Escoba.

**Down:**

- 1 Beer, 2 Saucepans, 3 Ascender, 5 Enamorado, 6 Own, 7 Arrivals, 10 Piña, 11 Arm.

### English - Spanish

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



**Across**

- 1 Courgette (9)
- 6 Bordes (de asientos, andenes, pañuelos) (5)
- 7 Fly (insect) (5)
- 9 There (near you) (3)
- 10 Cangrejo (4)
- 11 Arena (tierra) (4)
- 13 Uso (utilización) (3)
- 15 Roncar (cuando se duerme) (5)
- 16 Wheat (5)

17 Traducir (9)

**Down**

- 1 To fall (4)
- 2 Lizard (large) (7)
- 3 Great grandmother (9)
- 4 T-shirts (9)
- 5 Plomo (4)
- 8 Smile (7)
- 12 Bears (animals) (4)
- 14 Hueso (4)

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# Cava in Catalonia, or Port in Porto?

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WHO doesn't love a holiday? And a taste of the local vino once they get there? So why not combine the two and try a wine tasting tour for your next break?

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Italy offers perky Prosecco (and Grap-



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pa...) in the unspoilt Dolomite peaks. Try the tiny hamlet of Rolle and Cantina Vigne Matte, with six different prosecco, plus a spectacular vista. Or opt for a Chianti lesson at Siena's Tuscan Wine School, or the famous castle estate vineyards of Fonterutoli and perhaps the medieval town of San Gimignano to savour the Veraccia grapes. Alternatively, head to Pied-

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the elegant pinot noirs and characterful chardonnays.

Whether it's Cava in Catalonia or Port in Porto, experience the delights of local wineries whilst staying safe and remembering to buy Travel Insurance. It is not a lifestyle choice: it's a must. Like it or not, as we get older, we're less resilient when travelling away from home. Minor ailments that you usually shrug off may easily turn into health headaches when travelling. Decent travel insurance shields us from the holiday disasters that happen to 'someone else.' Insurance is a small price to pay for peace of mind - especially if that 'someone else' turns out to be you!

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# Looking for clarification

SIR,  
I wonder if there could be some clarification regarding the piece on 'Time for the Spanish tax returns' of the 18-24 May edition. Having been tax residents for some years now and having had to pay income tax every year on our only income of our state pensions, we took your page to our accountant on Friday evening when completing this year's return, and asked why we always pay tax.  
He informed us that the €22,000 quoted is for Spanish residents only who earn from a maximum of two jobs. All foreigners are only allowed to earn €11,200 before they have to pay tax.

us would pay tax as our old age pensions do not equate to the level for payment of income tax.

Several of our neighbours here in the Murcia region either don't bother or are also paying tax.

Could your Finance writer please rewrite the section with the correct details, unless it is relevant to the Valencia Region and not Murcia, in which case could that also be put in writing to save further querying of our accountants.

Yours faithfully and a regular reader,

*Richard Prowse  
Cartagena*

Dear Richard,  
Thank you for your enquiry. As we

said in the piece, Spanish taxation is particularly complicated and this was just a brief indication of what was required. Everything that we have seen suggests that those treated as Spanish residents only need to complete a tax form if they earn above €22,000 and that the €11,200 refers to Spanish residents who have two jobs.

If you own a property then there is also a need to complete a tax return.

You obviously followed the advice received from your local accountant but in the meantime and in time for next week's publication, we will make further investigations into the situation.

Regards,  
*John Smith*

## COMMENTS from EWN Online

### » Dog park Mijas

I think this is an absolutely fabulous idea. There has never been many areas where dogs can run free without being worried about traffic and to have a proper play area with fun equipment is fantastic.

*Jenny Holmes*

### » Malaga Airport changes

In what commercial airport, anywhere in the world, is it possible to meet and greet a passenger and get them out of the airport in less than 15 minutes? This is just another stealth tax on the ordinary people.

It often takes me over an hour to locate my visitors and get them gathered up before I can leave the airport.

If you try parking outside the airport and wait for a phone-call from your visitors then drive up to the airport to whisk them off, you'll find it impossible to find a waiting area within a kilometre of the set down area. I have tried several times.

*Allan Cameron*

At least they do not have to pay £3.50 for 10 minutes to drop off at Stansted. Then it goes up to £01.00 for each minute over your allotted 10 minutes up to £25, didn't read any further. Suffice it to say it is very expensive to take a car on or near Stansted.

*Baron*

### » A very dangerous man indeed (Leapy)

Hi Lee  
Still vivid in my mind is seeing him on TV in Parliament... Virtually saying Saddam Hussan could deliver a nuclear device to the UK within 20 minutes !!! As he had weapons of mass destruction.

That has got to be the most blatant lie ever spoken in Parliament and has cost thousands of lives since !!!!

Then he is made UK Ambassador to the Middle East. (Unbelievable)

But you can bet lurking in sidelines will be another just like him... Ready to latch on to any Blair success. Mandelson will be right behind him somewhere : The Terrible Twins !!!

*The UK TeddyBoy*

I am just one of the millions that despise this cretinous creature. I sincerely hope that we are in the majority.

*Leo Roy Leon*

Surely the most dangerous man is Paul Dacre. Imposing his views, distorting the truth, and making the UK less tolerant. Did he invent fake news before Trump. The latest bizarre line was to publish a story about Gina Miller being found guilty of fraud in the USA. Not the Gina Miller of the UK who disagreed with Paul Dacre. I would not believe a word from the *Daily Mail* whereas I can take Blair with a pinch of salt.

*John Booth*

### » Brexit task force

Bad situation, many expats all over Europe, these are normal people living in foreign countries, a specific task must be put in place to assist these people. There is a big difference between illegal immigrants and people emigrating to other countries for retirement or to have a better life with their own money and work.

*Pps Estepona*

### » They honestly haven't got a clue (Leapy Lee 1662)

Of course you think the voting age should be raised. How else to lessen the increasing likelihood of a Corbyn win. You are right. They do not know what it is like to live under the 'depressing, inept incompetence of a left wing government.' But, oh boy, they surely know what it is like to live under the depressing, inept incompetence of a right wing Tory government. It is all they have known.

*Jonathan Whittingham*

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Dear Loopy Lee,

Whilst I understand you are attempting to garner attention through Katie Hopkins-esque means, I'm afraid your mantra of 'Leapy Lee says it others think it' only reveals the flaw in the claims you make in your latest article, 'They honestly haven't got a clue.'

You see, I am the girl on the left in the photo used to accompany your article, captioned 'YOUNG ADULTS: They simply haven't been around long enough' and I'm writing (age 17) to say that you haven't been around young people long enough if you hold such generalised and ignorant views.

By the time one reaches the age of 16 in the UK, one will have received a secondary education with a curriculum shaped by our very own government. If this education is insufficient in helping them form informed views and gain understanding of our nation's history then that is a failing of education, not young people. Furthermore, should this problem exist, it isn't magically resolved by age 21, the voting age you suggest.

It is important everyone who can

## Not in our name



**IN PROTEST: At a referendum run on lies.**

make an informed decision is given access to the democracy which guides our country. If young people are, as you point out, able to choose to die for their country, then it is simply insulting to deem them 'too inexperienced' to make a choice.

Our lives are impacted greatly by the government in power. Our education is determined by them. How much it costs for us to attend university is determined by them. Our healthcare faces cuts or funding depending on who is elected.

Our freedom to live and work where we want in exchange for membership fees is determined by referenda they hold. With so much at stake, it is clear that young peo-

ple would have every incentive to make an informed vote that best met our interests.

You attempt to silence the voice of young people to advance your conservative agenda because we are naive and will feel that the 'left are the answer,' but my agenda is less partisan. I simply believe that it is important that we have a true and fair democracy.

That is why myself and my friends took to the streets: to protest a referendum that was run on lies (£350 million to the NHS, anyone?) and was, as another of our signs said: 'Not In Our Name.'

*Yours truly,*

*A Disenfranchised Youth*

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By our early 40's, many people can already look gaunt. Thankfully though there are ways to restore lost collagen and replump skin thanks to Medcare Aesthetics Centre in Benjofar and Alfaz del Pi.

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## More children suffering

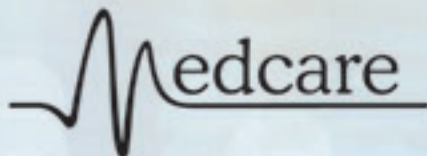
one in 100 have medically significant hypertension, if the situation continues in youngsters it significantly increases their risk of heart failure or stroke in adult life. Long-term, it can also cause damage to the kidneys,

eyes and other organs.

The figures were released last week to mark World Hypertension Day where the Cardiology Department of the Hospital of Sant Joan, Alicante, warned of the increase of the

cases of high tension in all the ages, not just in youngsters.

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**HOLIDAY TIME:**  
Important to be physically active.

# Stay active on holiday

IT'S not the news those of us who look forward to having two weeks off doing nothing, wanted to hear, but a study claims that a two-week holiday can increase the risk of chronic diseases and even premature death.

Whilst it has long been thought that two weeks of relaxing on the beach in the sunshine is good for our well-being, releasing stress and anxiety, a new study by the University of Liverpool claims that this time lounging around affects muscle mass and produces metabolic changes that drastically affect your heart health.

Their study included 28 healthy, physically ac-

tive people with an average age of 25. They wore an armband to measure their physical activity and completed a dietary journal with assessments at the start of the study and after a 14-day 'holiday' where participants reduced normal activity by around 80 per cent, equating to a drop in exercising from 161 minutes a day to just 36 minutes, with time sitting around doing nothing increasing.

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So what jobs around the house are the most beneficial to burn calories and tone?

#### Scrubbing the bath

Cleaning the bath with a bit of added elbow grease for 15 minutes can burn up to 100 calories, which is roughly the same as 30 jumping squats. This chore is great for toning arms and shoulder muscles.

#### Laundry

Factoring in loading and unloading the washing machine, hanging up the clothes and putting them away, doing the

laundry can burn 78 calories which is the same as doing 100 sit-ups.

#### Washing up

Scrubbing away at the dishes can burn over 500 calories over a week if you spend 15 minutes doing it every night, around the same as swimming 2,500m.

#### Hoovering

Giving your carpets a good clean can burn 90 calories in half an hour, which is the same as 15 minutes of kick-boxing. Depending on the size of your house, hoovering can also get you nearer to the daily recommendation of walking 10,000 steps.

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Cleaning the floors for 30 minutes can burn 145 calories.

#### Gardening

Half an hour of pottering in the garden can burn 213 calories, which is the same as 45 minutes of cycling on flat terrain. Digging also works your shoulder and abdominal muscles.



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## Problems with sleeping could be more serious

NOT getting enough sleep? Join the club as nearly half of all women are sleep deprived and constantly tired. It can be a side effect of getting older as sleep is a problem as women approach the menopause, but it could also be a sign of a more serious underlying medical condition; sleep apnoea.

A disturbed night is often caused by the disorder sleep apnoea, which causes snoring and dangerous pauses in breathing and chances of getting the disorder can be increased during pregnancy and the menopause increases a woman's risk of suffering from the disorder.

It is thought around 1.5 million adults in Britain suffer with sleep apnoea, yet many do not talk to a doctor about the problem and if left untreated can lead to stroke or heart attacks.

As well as snoring and insomnia, symptoms include restless legs, fatigue, depression, headaches and muscle pain.

A survey of 4,100 British adults found that 46 per cent of women have trouble sleeping, compared with 36 per cent of men, with women also more likely to wake during the night. Six in 10 women said they become irritable during the day because of lack of sleep.



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## Prevent heatstroke



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### 1. What is heatstroke?

Heatstroke is where a person is exposed to high temperatures for a prolonged period of time, typically during the hottest times of the year.

Most patients suffering from heatstroke tend to have been doing some form of intense physical activity which combined with warm temperatures, lead to the body's core temperature to rise sometimes causing organ and system failure.

### 2. What are its symptoms?

It begins as mild discomfort, then, as the body's temperature rises, muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting.

It can also lead to chest pains, palpitations, loss of consciousness and in extreme cases heart failure.

### 3. What can you do if you/someone else is suffering from heatstroke?

Firstly it is important to stop any physical activity you are doing at the time.

Then it is important to find a cool space, drink plenty of liquids (water or isotonic drinks) and cool their skin by spraying them with cool water

and fanning or by using ice packs. If symptoms do not fade after these steps call a hospital.

### 4. When should you contact emergency services?

You should always contact emergency services for assessment. Although in most cases rest, shaded areas and plenty of hydration are usually enough to recover, it is important to be checked over as heatstroke can lead to organ failure.

### 5. Who are the most at risk of suffering heatstroke?

Some people are less likely to suffer from heatstroke depending on physical traits and a person's level of fitness.

The elderly, the young and people with long-term health conditions (such as diabetes or heart problems) are the most at risk.

### 6. How can you prevent heatstroke?

Avoiding strenuous physical activity during the hottest hours of the day and exposing oneself to high temperatures are the best ways to avoid suffering from heatstroke.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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## Brave baby survives despite odds

A BABY born in India has become the smallest ever to have successful heart surgery.

It is reported that the baby boy was born at just 28 weeks weighing just over one pound.

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As he failed to respond to medication, surgery was the only option, being performed in an intensive care unit with miniaturised equipment as he was too fragile to be moved.

His eyes, lungs and skin were also not fully developed leaving even doctors unable to touch his tiny body, but despite the odds, he survived.

## Who is to blame?

ARE you a doting grandparent? Well try not to dote too much on the little darlings as you risk leading them into a life of obesity.

A new study claims that children who live closer to their grandparents are more likely to be obese as the older relatives shower their love in food.

The research was conducted by the University of Birmingham in England, as they examined the region of Guangzhou, in southern China and looked at those who left their rural homes where it is more common for grandparents to care for the children.

It is reported that around 15 per cent of Chinese youngsters and teenagers are overweight and the incidences were higher in those children who were left in the care of elders.

In China a chubby child is seen as a symbol of health, prosperity and success but the research said to prevent the rise of obesity there must be an understanding on the causes of childhood obesity.

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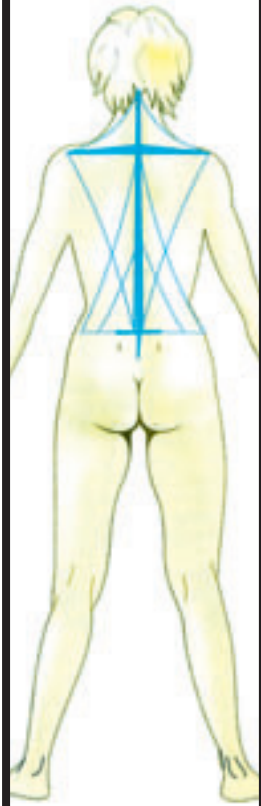
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So what can you do to help prevent it? Very little it seems

and unless you regularly lose more than 100 hairs a day there is nothing to worry about.

Also, carry on brushing and washing hair as normal as to avoid it means that when you do, it will all come out at once, that can be even more alarming.

Most people lose anywhere from 50 to 100 strands of hair daily according to the American Academy of Dermatol-

ogy, but hair loss can also occur for a number of other reasons such as medication.

Certain medications can trigger hair loss such as those prescribed for acne. Iron deficiencies are the most common cause of hair loss in premenopausal women, followed by polycystic ovarian syndrome, leading to excessive amounts of testosterone. Crash dieting and stress can also increase hair loss.



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# Worrying perception of obesity

**OVERWEIGHT:**  
Many Spanish do not recognise they have a problem.



AS the number of those classed as obese is on the increase, perhaps even more worrying is the Spanish population's perception of obesity.

A survey presented by the Spanish Society for the Study of Obesity (Seedo) said that 82.2 per cent of those who are obese do not recognise they have a problem and up to 12 per cent of them think they have a 'normal weight.'

President of Seedo, Francisco Tinahones, warned this is "tremendously worrying" with obesity now affecting more than 20 per cent of society, twice as much as 25 years ago.

With obesity being linked to other diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and osteoarthritis, he pointed out the importance of "identifying the problem" so that measures can be taken to alleviate it.

"It is important to change the perception, to see that this is a problem and address it as a disease," said Tinahones.

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**THE AGENTS** take a tour of Orihuela.

# Golf tourism convention in Alicante

EIGHTY agents, representing 56 golf tour operators from 18 countries arrived in Alicante this week for the IAGTO Costa Blanca Golf Trophy.

This event not only includes the golf tournament, but also a convention with various marketing activities such as workshops, networking sessions between companies and international golf operators, as well as various activities to show the tourism on offer from the wider Valencian Community.

Francesc Colomer, regional tourism director opened the convention with Alicante

mayor Gabriel Echavarri and members of the golfing organisations of the area and stressed the importance of the IAGTO tournament golf tourism in the region.

“The tournament stands out in order to position the Costa Blanca and Valencian Community as a main destination among golf tourists in European markets” he said, adding that “golf is a product that helps to seasonalise and increase the tourist profitability.”

He explained that golf tourists visiting the Costa Blanca have an average daily expenditure of €163, which is €53 more than

a standard tourist staying in a hotel adding that 75 per cent of satisfied golf tourists will make a return visit and 95 per cent will recommend the Valencian community to other golfers.

Highlighting that 12 million golfers a year go on European golfing trips Colomer said “these 80 tour operators can become fantastic promoters of the Valencian Community” adding that “this destination is stronger with golf and we must continue working to incorporate value consistently.”

The convention continues until Thursday.

## Treasure hunting

THE Adapt Metal Detecting Club is staging an open morning to show everyone the gadgets it uses to look for valuables on the beaches of Murcia and beyond.

Club members will be at the Hogar del Pensionista San Pedro del Pinatar, Calle Floridablanca, San Pedro del Pinatar, on Saturday June 3, between 10.15am and 12 noon.

There will be membership experts on hand to answer any questions visitors might have about this exciting hobby.

EWN was told: “You can see different metal items that we pull out of the sea, and on the beaches.

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# Alicante holds fair trade festival

THE streets around the main station of Alicante City were focused on the belief that a better world is possible last Sunday, when the ONG held a Fair Trade Festival.

With dozens of stalls selling Fair Trade and responsible consumption produce and workshops promoting ethical shopping, the aim of the festival was to prove to people that a move to an economy of inclusion, redistribution, rights and care, justice and equality is possible.

It was a day to celebrate the advances that have been made by citizens of the city to the eradication of poverty and inequality in the most impoverished countries.

The ONG want to draw attention to the unfairness of a system where 1 per cent of the world population owns more than half of the global wealth, while 80 per cent of the population only reaches 6 per cent.

One of the fundamental criteria on which the idea of Fair Trade revolves is the existence of another form of consumption, respecting the environment and basic rights such as the education of girls and boys or the right to decent and equal working conditions for men and women.

Celebrations began at 11.00am with a performance by Batukada Klakibum and Muixeranga Colla Corball, of the

Dansa de Bastons, one of the oldest expressions of popular culture in the city dating from the 17th century.

In the afternoon it was the turn of the groups Petten and Mailers, who performed a free concert.



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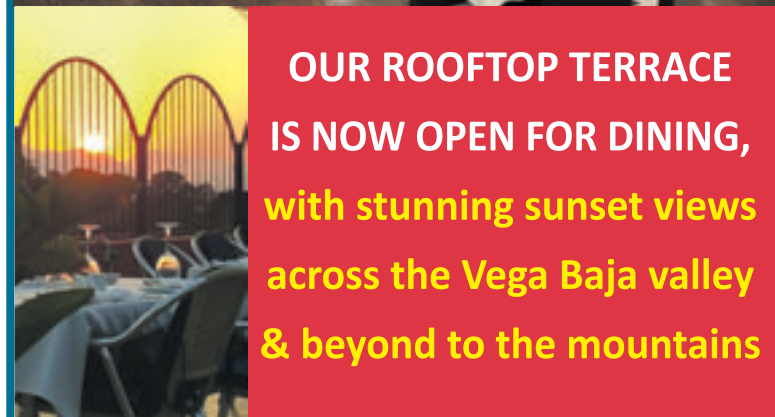
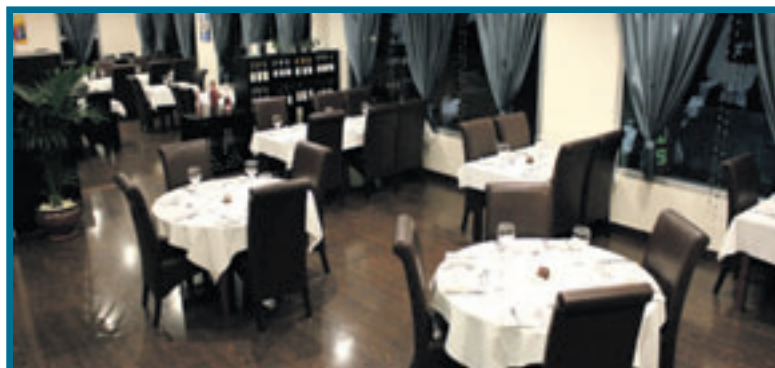
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# Nickelodeon centre arrives

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And it will give children the opportunity to meet some of their favourite characters; including Sponge Bob Square Pants, PAW Patrol, Dora the Explorer, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and The Fairly Odd Parents.

The area will be equipped with interactive activities, an adventure zone, a dedicated space for the youngest members of the family and themed rooms suitable for birthday parties and family get-togethers. There will also be a food and drink area and a Nickelodeon retail space.

Murcia will open its doors ahead of centres in Madrid, Lisbon and London, as some 20 leisure parks are planned across Europe.

Murcia mayor Jose Ballea and Nickelodeon Vice President Gerald Raines were joined by PAW Patrol characters Chase, a German shepherd, and

Marshall, a Dalmation, at the Thader centre as work started following three years of planning.

Guests were also introduced to Sponge Bob and were told in future visitors would enjoy meeting the character as if they were at his undersea world of Bikini Bottom.

The centre was described as "one of the most innovative spaces for families" and an asset for the commercial centre as more people would be drawn by the attraction.



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“ A musical comedy set at an orgy party, where visitors go for sex, but realise in fact it has little to do with sex.

what they went for has little to do with sex.

With the film, starring Sara Salado, Nacho San Jose, Pepe Ocio and Adrián Expósito, the director hopes to take the audience to another place with other feelings.

The movie was shot in a Madrid mansion over a three-week period.

## Virgen Peregrina de Fatima festivities in Cartagena

AROUND 3,000 people followed the Virgen Peregrina de Fatima procession around Cartagena on Friday clutching candles and reciting prayers. The procession, organised by the Catholic University of Murcia (UCAM), the Diocese of Cartagena and the Association of Brotherhoods of Holy Week re-enacted the great Marian tradition of the city as it passed through the streets toward the parish church of Santa Maria de Gracia.

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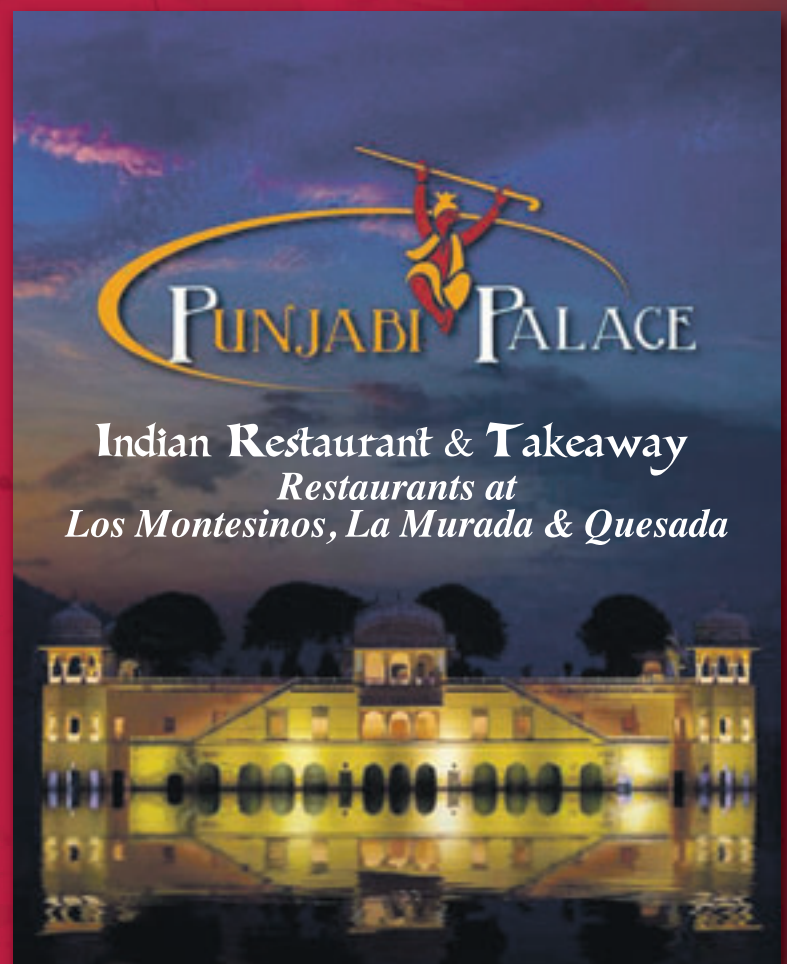
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has passed away at the relatively young age of 75 from a stroke. Roy Ackerman was indeed a giant of our industry. A bon viveur, the original 'foodie' who liked nothing better than a great meal, a fine bottle of wine, a good cigar and someone decent to share it with. Over the years he accumulated a mass of friends, fans and followers.

He was born in Bristol in 1942. He first started as an apprentice chef, a title he used for a TV programme he later made. His hard work and enthusiasm culminated in the opening of his first restaurant Quincy's Bistro in Oxford in 1975 which is where I first met him.

Even in those days you could see the man was determined to leave his mark on an industry that he loved so much. He joined forces with the late Michael

Golder and between them they forged a formidable restaurant chain - Kennedy Brookes - which went on to operate 130 restaurants and hotels.

Following the sale of Kennedy Brookes, Ackerman went on to be appointed as chairman in myriad restaurant company and consultancy groups including Simpsons of Cornhill, 190 Queen's Gate, the Restaurant Partnership, the Restaurant Factory and, more latterly, Tadema Studios.

His involvement with these businesses resulted in the opening of a plethora of restaurants and concepts in London, among them Bistro Bistrot at the Montague and Bailey's hotels and Refettorio at the Crowne Plaza City, as well as breathing new life into such lauded venues as Elena's L'Etoile, the Gay Hussar and the White Tower.

Ackerman was also something of a Renaissance man, exploring various aspects of the arts, but always with a connection to hospitality. As well as producing a series of highly respected restaurant guides, he launched CoolCucumber TV, an early online food magazine programme. More recently he

headed up Ackerman Studios, an art consultancy which partnered emerging artists with restaurants and hotels, such as the Dorchester Collection's 45 Park Lane, to provide them valuable gallery space.

One of Ackerman's most significant successes came in 1987, when the Licensing (Restaurant Meals) Act came into force. As chairman of the Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain (RAGB), he spear-headed the campaign to reform the archaic licensing regulations of the time and even led a march of 200 RAGB members on Downing Street, two years earlier. The new law enabled alcohol to be served with restaurant meals in the afternoon for the first time, transforming the sector by boosting business and profits.

Ackerman was involved in many other organisations. He was chairman of the Hotel and Catering Training Board and held numerous honorary positions, including president of the Academy of Food and Wine Service, chairman of the governors of the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts and chancellor of the Wine Guild of the United Kingdom.



**The late power house that was Roy Ackerman, holding his Industry Award.**

Among some of the accolades bestowed on Ackerman throughout his long and illustrious career was an OBE presented to him in 1990 for his work on promoting tourism and training which was followed by the CBE, given for his services to gastronomy in 2004.

Ultimately, Ackerman will be remembered for the kindness and support he showed so many people throughout the industry and his love of life. Hundreds of individuals over the years will have benefited from his willingness to help them in furthering their business ambitions - he would frequently work on a no-fee basis in order to support aspiring young chefs and restaurateurs on setting up their businesses on a confidential basis, as well as supporting community projects and charities.

He leaves behind his wife Sally and their children. Cheers Roy, you gave us a lot, now enjoy the rest!

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**YOU MAY HAVE SEEN** McDonalds TV add which depicts a mother and her son discussing 'his Dad' in the past tense. How he liked this and that and football etc It turns out that the boy had little in common with his late dad, until he arrived with his mother at a McDonald's when it transpired that the boy enjoys a Filet-o-Fish in just the same way that his father did. "That was your dad's favourite too," the mother tells her son in the advert 'getting tartare sauce over his chin!'

Personally I found the ad quite poignant and it was handled well and whatever one's opinion of McDonalds and their food the basis of the ad was to show that memories are good and can be shared with the family.

Would you believe that the company has been made to withdraw the advert?

The company initially said that it had no plans to pull the advert. However, as the number of complaints on social media and among bereavement charities grew, McDonald's announced that the advert would be removed and apologised for the upset it had caused.

A spokesperson for McDonald's said: "It was never our intention to cause any upset. We are particularly sorry that the advert may have disappointed those people who are most important to us - our customers. The last advert was broadcast on Wednesday 17 May.

"We will also review our creative process to ensure this situation never occurs again."

The Advertising Standards Authority, which received more than 100 complaints, said it would be looking at the advert to assess whether to take the matter further.

Someone out there should get a life!!

**TRIPADVISOR IS BACK IN THE NEWS, does it ever go away?** This time because, a venue has complained about a review posted by a disgruntle customer. High Rocks, a restaurant and wedding venue in Tunbridge Wells in Kent, has hit back after a visitor left a one-star review on the travel site.

A Sarah Gardner visited the restaurant in March and apparently had a less-than satisfactory experience. She decided to share her opinion about what she felt was 'mediocre' food and 'rude' staff by writing a review.

Within a week, Sarah received a letter from London law firm Cohen Davis Solicitors instructing her to remove the post which they deemed as defamatory and therefore against the law. The letter claimed that High Rocks had caused "financial harm worth tens of thousands of pounds" and the firm intended to prepare a High Court claim against the lady in question.

The law firm, which is owned by Yair Cohen, provided a statement which says that Sarah Gardner had falsely claimed, in three separate TripAdvisor reviews, to have attended their clients' establishment in March 2017 when, on her own admission, apparently she had not.

They claimed that, because of that, her reviews could not be described as a fair and accurate review of her experience or an honestly held opinion. Ms Gardner's false reviews came about because she was banned from booking our client's establishment having been extremely rude and offensive to staff over the telephone. Ms Gardner also claimed to have recorded a telephone conversation with the owner and his wife



**The High Rocks Restaurant and Banqueting Suites. Idyllic or Imperfect?**

but, when pressed to provide a copy of the recording was unwilling or unable to do so. Her false reviews were noted by many potential clients of event restaurant business and were therefore damaging the venue's reputation.

In response to the claims, Ms Gardner claimed that she was never 'banned' from the establishment and that she was neither offensive, nor loud. It was claimed that she had never visited the establishment, despite her providing proof that she had, consisting of emails, bank statements and photographs, while the venue and their lawyers provided nothing.

She claims that "Mr Cohen is banking on me not contesting the lies, I am unfortunately in this position

because of my honesty and unwillingness to continue to be bullied" Her review has since been removed from the TripAdvisor website. "The reviews were removed due to bullying, not for any other reason," continued Sarah Gardner.

This is not the first time that the High Rocks has been involved in legal action after complaints from clients. Also a look at their TripAdvisor reviews show that of 130 reviews, 84 were excellent (64 per cent) but reading through the comments 10 were average, seven were poor and five were terrible. The poor and terrible reviews did claim that service, attitude and poor staff and food were the main grievances.

Long may the rows continue!

**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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By Matthew Elliott

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Spanning two Spanish regions and a wealth of wonderfully unique environments, the Costa Blanca South covers the immeasurably popular expat communities found in Murcia, Elche, Orihuela Costa, Torrevieja and greater Alicante. The Vega Baja region in particular boasts perhaps the most enduring and closely-knit expat communities to be found in Spain.

Though, like the rest of the country, the Costa Blanca South was hit hard by the financial crisis, the area has defied expectations to make a tremendous recovery. It now features one of the strongest, most exciting property markets in Spain, with an abundance of still-untapped potential that makes it an investor's dream.

The past few years have seen a growing trend exemplified by this stunningly beautiful stretch of land. Property prices are steadily rising, demand from both Spanish and foreign nationals is growing, and developers, both local and international, are earmarking new space for luxury housing developments.

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which know potential when they see it.

The future here looks brighter than ever before. Analysts expect the property market to continue its spectacular growth, which will be concentrated in coastal hotspots, including the southern Costa Blanca. With a new set of tough regulations in place to prevent malpractice, the Costa Blanca today is one

of the safest, most secure destinations for a serious property investment.

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These men and women have deep roots in their communities, be it in Murcia, Orihuela, Torrevieja or elsewhere. Time and time again foreign and expat buyers benefit tremendously from their unique local knowledge, and the fact that they too have a serious stake in the success of any local investment. After all this is where their families' futures lie.

Throughout the pages of this property supplement readers will encounter real estate agents and other property specialists who are considered among the most trustworthy and knowledgeable people in the field. They each have outstanding credentials, experience and passion for their community. Choosing them as you decide where, when and how to invest in the Costa Blanca South is the smartest decision you can make.

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**FOREIGN BUYERS:** Increased numbers point to a bumper 2017 for the Spanish property market.



## New heights for British invasion

MONEY is flowing into the Spanish property market from sun-bound Brits who continue to cement their dominance of the country's lucrative foreign buyers market.

In the first quarter of 2017 foreign nationals purchased roughly 15,000 properties across Spain. That amounts to a 13.1 per cent share of the total market, following on from last year's average of 17 per cent.

Among the foreign buyers, Brits accounted for 14.5 per cent of purchases, by far the largest national contingent. French buyers secured the second highest share at 9.6 per cent, putting Brits well ahead in front.

The next largest nationalities by share of the market were the Germans on 7.7 per cent, Belgian on 6.9 per cent and Swedes on 6.3 per cent, the latter two with less than half the British share.

The data shows that 2017 is so far fol-

lowing the exciting trends set in 2016 which saw foreign buyers continue to flood into Spain, snapping up properties and helping the market soar to fresh new heights.

This year analysts expect foreign buyers to purchase more than half a million homes in Spain, the vast majority second-hand. That would reflect a remarkable rise from roughly 300,000 in 2013.

Brits are leading that charge and have so far defied the pessimistic expectations surrounding Brexit to embrace Spain even more strongly than ever before.

Across the board property portals have reported increased numbers of Brits expressing serious interest in Spanish property after the vote.

All of which points to a bumper 2017 for the Spanish property market.



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The Moodies, who live near Cambridge and have two daughters and three granddaughters, sold their two-bedroom detached villa in the centre of Playa Flamenca in January 2017. They had put their property on the market in June 2016.

“We owned the property since 2009 and really loved it,” said Belinda. “It had a terrace and balconies, and access to a communal pool. We used to go there as a family about five times a year and my mother-in-law a couple of times, so it got lots of use. But we just grew out of it and needed somewhere bigger, especially now we have grandchildren!”

With the help of HomeEspaña, the couple achieved an asking price they were happy with, namely €125,000, selling to a French couple. The sale included some pieces of furniture.

“We can’t fault HomeEspaña’s service,” continued Belinda. “They assisted us with pricing it and got us plenty of viewings. And Helen Blackburn was great at sorting out a couple of issues thrown up by the buyers.”

Very fond of the Playa Flamenca area, Belinda and Nigel now own a four-bedroom detached villa, five minutes from their previous property.

“We’ve got more space now,” said Belinda. “We’ve also got our own swimming pool and a large basement with a games room area. We’ll visit as much as possible again and later on might consider retiring there.”

## Have you felt the bite of Brexit? Let's focus on finances

Believe it or not, it's been twelve months since the UK voted 'Leave' in the EU referendum. The immediate aftermath of the referendum was chaotic to say the least, with Brexit uncertainty causing dramatic shifts in financial markets and momentous fluctuations in pound exchange rates. Has the situation calmed down over the last year? And how have international currency transfers been affected by Brexit?

### GBP/EUR parity fears fade

On the eve of the EU referendum, the GBP/EUR exchange rate touched a high of €1.31. The surprising outcome of the vote sent Sterling reeling and by October the pairing had fallen to €1.10. The 21 cent drop had a massive impact on people moving money to Europe, but also meant that those buying pounds with euros were getting more for their money.

For much of the second half of 2016 it was predicted that the pound would fall to parity against the euro (where one pound is worth one euro) but GBP proved tough to crack and actually started clawing back losses in the first six months of 2017.

GBP/EUR approached €1.20 after Prime Minister Theresa May announced plans to hold a snap general election in June on bets a Conservative majority would improve May's hand in Brexit negotiations.

### Spanish property purchases still popular

Although the nature of the UK's post-Brexit relationship with the EU is an unknown quantity at the moment, it hasn't put people off buying property in Spain.

The recovery in the pound and the prospect of the UK/EU negotiations running on beyond the two years initially projected are encouraging people to invest in Spanish property now.

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# Still following the Spanish dream

SPANISH buyers are challenging foreign dominance of the booming luxury homes market, though expat investors still retain a decided edge. Across the board demand is increasing for high-end properties as the market, especially on the coast, continues to strengthen.

The latest figures from the National Institute of Statistics show that sales of homes valued at more than €900,000 increased substantially in 2016. Across Spain sales numbers jumped up by 27 per cent. In Madrid and Marbella it was 31 per cent, on the Costa Brava 34 per cent and in Valencia an incredible 104 per cent.

Brits, Germans and Scandinavians account for a substantial proportion of the plush single family homes on

the market. The Europeans are being challenged by the Chinese for relative dominance but there is enough luxury property for everyone.

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*per cent was the rise in sales across Spain.*

The favourable international financial climate and ease of financing in Spain makes the country an attractive destination for wealthy investors. The extremely high profits now available from renting out Spanish property is another key benefit.

Studies have found that among foreign buyers of lux-

ury homes, 30 per cent will use the home as their primary residence, 43 per cent view it as a holiday home, and 22 per cent consider it an investment. Three per cent bought property to obtain a Golden Visa, available to non-EU nationals who spend more than €500,000.

As is to be expected foreign buyers strongly favour Spain's two major cities and its famous coastal resorts. With 2016 seeing a remarkable rise in interest, this year the scene is set for a serious expansion of production and construction to meet demand.

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Simon: "Step 2 is the installation of the unit. Once the heat pump is on site, we mount it on rubbers and hook up electrics. This is straightforward as the heat pump is connected to your existing wiring, 230V single phase. All models can steer circulation autonomously and even start/stop automatically by detecting the water flow from your pool pump. This means you

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# Chicory or endive the choice is yours

By Graeme Tyrrell

ADDING different varieties of fresh garden vegetables to summer salads is always a passion for connoisseur chefs.

If you have space for growing salad vegetables there is a huge range of different types, flavours, shapes and uses for the ever increasing possibilities.

The vast array of choices can make selection a difficult task when it is not possible to sample all the possibilities as most are not readily available in stores and even markets have their limitations compared with what is available to grow if you can manage your own salad garden.

A great example is the endive that has evolved from the chicory plant or botanically speaking the Cichorium genus of plants. Basically the top leafy zone of the plant is salad endive and the root is the chicory part that is used as a coffee substitute when ground up, but not always - it's not that simple.

With so many varieties and types of Cichorium available the names are often varied in use and there are many other names used to describe the parts of the plant used and grown in different ways.

This makes the Cichorium plant fascinating in that so many possibilities exist to grow and prepare it. A species of the

wild Cichorium grows naturally in Spain and other areas of Europe and is known as blue succory. You can find it in rural areas when it displays its characteristic blue flower in late spring.

With the interbreeding and selection of plants from other countries it has become difficult to relate what is now available to the original plants.

Well-known developments from Cichorium include Radichio, French endive, sugarloaf/witloof/Brussels chicory, Belgian (red) endive, red chicory, succory, Chioggia, Verona, Treviso, Castelfranco (types), curly endive, escarole, broad-leaved/Bavarian endive,

Batavia endive, grumolo, chicory/frisée and scarola.

Cichorium is naturally bitter in taste so much of its selection and growing methods are designed to make the taste more pleasant. The principal way to do this is through blanching.

Some varieties can self blanch by their outer leaves, sometimes assisted by tying them closed, protecting the inner part that is the usable part for salads and cooking.

You don't need a lot of space to grow Cichorium and they are generally very hardy.

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Owner Tom Cotter said the company was developed from his own need to provide quality blinds for the frontage of his previous business. Struggling to find anything that was within a reasonable price he extensively researched the market to find what he was looking for. Realising



many others were having the same problem, Your Blinds In Spain was formed and has since provided blinds to hundreds of happy customers.

They import and source the products from all over the UK, Spain and France so they know the industry inside out and are able to give their customers the best choice of the best products available.

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# Feng shui brings opportunities to your door

THERE is not usually a great regard for how our homes could reward us with a better life as far as welcoming in opportunities, but we could incorporate some ideas from Asian culture into the home.

Feng shui has been around for centuries and originates from the East where everyday lives are predominantly ruled by harmony and superstition.

The philosophy is that a home should be inviting, allowing a path for free flowing energy to move around the space that's available.

In general, a house should be free of clutter and contain only the things that we love. There should be an abundance of good quality air and light, including open windows and air-purifying plants.

The first aspect that visitors will encounter is always the entrance, but if this area looks as if it's uncared for, then it only makes sense that people will be a bit hesitant about enter-

ing the home. Our homes are a reflection of our lives and if presented and arranged correctly, you may get visitors and maybe encourage good energy in all aspects of your life.

If you're a beginner, it would be wise to consult the 'Bagua,' or Feng shui energy map that explains which area of the house is connected to particular areas of your life, including career, relationships and money.

The first thing to focus on though, is the door, because that is where the eye is drawn to on entering. The area around the door can be improved with a touch of paint, a wind chime nearby, some colourful plants and better lighting.

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## Meet Hudson, the friendly lab

AS a regular reader of this column you may have noticed that the pets we feature are simply beautiful, though it has to be said that each week I face the extremely tough task of choosing just one pet to bring to your attention.

This week I couldn't resist Hudson who is new on our books. And the housesit he comes with is available for two weeks in July in a charming and characterful village in Oxfordshire, England.

If you are living in Spain and you have such experience, and you fancy an escape from the Spanish sun in July why not register as a house-sitter with HouseSitMatch and contact the owner? The price of our Standard annual membership still costs only £35 per year and your accommodation comes free in exchange for caring for Milo.

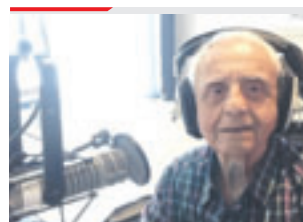
Do get in touch, we, and Hudson's owners would love to hear from you soon.

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# Summer safety



HEAT STROKE: If your dog starts to pant, stop and give water.



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DURING the summer months responsible dog owners must take vital precautions to protect their pets from the season's many hazards.

Dogs have inefficient cooling systems compared to humans. With sweat glands in its tongue and paw pads, a dog primarily sweats by panting. If something such as a muzzle or a respiratory blockage interferes with its ability to pant, a dog may overheat quickly.

A high temperature of more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit can produce rapid panting, bright red gums, tongue and other mucus membranes, vomiting, watery and bloody diarrhoea and staggering. Thick saliva is also a sign of impending heat stroke. If a dog is not treated immediately it is possible that coma, respira-

tory collapse and death can ensue.

If your dog shows any signs of heat stroke, cool it off by submerging the dog in tepid water and immediately take it to your vet. Cooling a dog that is in shock too fast can cause further problems, and it can actually go hypothermic, which is too low in temperature.

Using ice water to cool your dog may actually prove to be a detriment, it can cause a narrowing of the arteries to the skin, and thus the animal will retain the heat longer. It is also a good idea to make a breeze like a fan, blowing towards the animal; this will allow gradual cooling.

Overheating can occur at any time when a dog is subjected to hot temperatures, humidity and exercise. I do not recommend leaving dogs in cars even with the windows down and certainly never to allow them to travel with their heads out of the car windows.

If ever you see a dog in a car unattended for more than five minutes call the police, the owners will be fined. It is advisable to carry water in the car, keep the water in the boot of the car and out of the sun; dogs do not drink warm or hot water.

Pay attention to exercise if

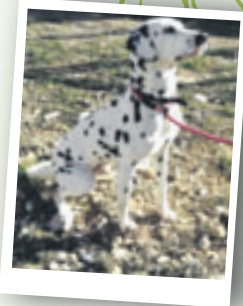
your dog starts to pant, stop and give water. Sand on the beaches will burn his paws; the pavements can fry an egg, and will also burn your pet's paws. If you are off for the day to the mountain areas pay special attention if the dog has never been above sea level. Some owners condition themselves with a run around the block and expect their dog to run, this is unwise. Never allow your dog to run behind a car, one day he will run behind another and you will either loose him or he will be killed by other cars.

Exercising young or small dogs needs special attention. One must realise that small dogs take 10 steps to our one, young dogs under 18 months need most of their energy for growing! Dogs in kennels need plenty of shade and water and it is a good idea to hose down your dogs a couple of times every day with the hose, not on the head or ears.

Finally a lot of thought should go into grooming and clipping your pet. Many owners think it better to clip their pets short in hot weather. I recommend that dogs are not clipped too short otherwise their skins will burn. Dog's coats are for protection against cold weather and the sun.

## Dai The Dalmation

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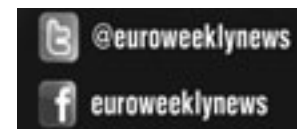
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The innovative idea looks set to take over showrooms in places like Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo and Dubai where space is in short supply, but there is a huge appetite for luxury cars and a personal consumer touch.

# Apple & Android revolution

By Matthew Elliott

THE new 2017 models of MINI’s Clubman and Countryman will come fresh off the production line equipped with Ap-

ple CarPlay connectivity incorporated into the cars’ infotainment systems. The BMW brand has wheeled out a variety of changes for all cars in the two ranges produced from the summer on-

wards following customer surveys.

Driver friendly adaptations to the fuel gauge and MINI driving modes button are responses to customer requests. There is also a new driver alertness monitor which checks your reaction times and general technique to ensure you’re not about to fall asleep at the wheel.

pretty much everything they can on their phone in the car while driving and using voice commands.

Car-phone connectivity beyond simply playing music is fast becoming a must-have for all new models, demanded by customers from airport car rentals to everyday car showrooms. At the moment Apple is ahead of the curve but manufacturers are set to make Android connectivity just as ubiquitous.

Volvo is working closely with Google to establish Android Auto in all of its new cars within the next two years. There are rumours that the Swedish brand will incorporate new technology that allows autonomous driving applications to be downloaded on phones and easily used while driving.

An example would be the self-park technology already rolled out by BMW. It allows drivers to simply press a button on their phone ordering the car to park perfectly in even the tightest of spaces.

But undoubtedly the synchronicity with Apple’s hugely popular CarPlay smartphone system is the big MINI news of summer. By simply plugging their iPhones into the car’s USB port, an Apple-style touchscreen will appear allowing drivers to do



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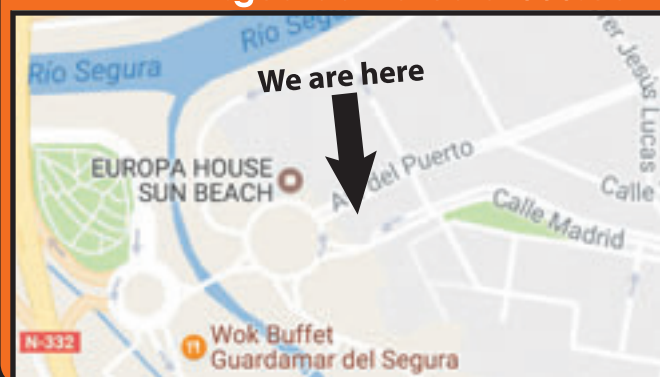
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## New BMW 8 Series

EXCITING reports confirm that BMW has given the go-ahead to production of a brand new 8 Series. The German manufacturer has been toying with the idea for months, if not years. They've finally decided to give the M8 the green light and mount a serious challenge to Mercedes' hugely successful S-Class Coupe.

It has been almost two decades since the original 8 Series came to an end. Immensely popular among drivers, calls for a modern update have been nagging away at BMW's top brass for years.

A teaser trailer for the new M8 is due for official release tomorrow. Industry insiders who have seen clips report a low profile with powerful wheels and eye-catching ergonomics.

Chief executive Harald Kruger said the new 8 Series will follow BMW's "tradition of luxurious sports coupes and add a genuine dream car to our line-up."

Tomorrow's release will show a concept version of the car, which will likely undergo radical changes before it debuts in Geneva sometime in the next few years.

**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Audi A5 S Line

REFINED high performance luxury coupes are a niche market and aimed at very discerning buyers who demand outstanding driving dynamics and cosseted comfort.

Brands such as Mercedes Benz, BMW, Jaguar and Lexus occupy this territory and so too does Audi whose latest sleekly-styled A5 model offers plush techno-laden cabin and sharp performance and handling in an overall package very hard to resist.

The new A5 is slightly longer and a tad narrower

than its predecessor, with subtle styling details giving it a potent yet classy image.

Prices start at €37,677 (£32,140) and every A5 comes with xenon headlamps, cruise control, 17-inch alloys, climate control, LED running lights, Bluetooth connectivity and Audi's MMI infotainment system.

There are various petrol and diesel engines in the line-up and my test model utilised the 2.0 litre 187 hp diesel mated to a seven-speed auto gearbox and in sporty S Line

trim. This version is priced at €44,664 (£38,100). The 0-100 kph time is just 7.7 seconds, top speed 235 kph (146 mph) and the fuel economy 23.8 kpl (67.3 mpg).

Use of aluminium and other lightweight materials means the A5 is 60kg lighter, and with its revised sports chassis gives wonderfully assured handling.

The engine is eager yet smooth and quiet and the power delivery through the auto gearshift feels immediate and effortless. Suspension is understandably firm but still provides excellent ride comfort and some versions have the option of adaptive damping.

Inside, the cabin has a premium look and feel, and the

Audi virtual cockpit - a €293 (£250) option - replaces the analogue dials with a screen version which adds a futuristic touch.

Seating is exceptionally comfortable and the rear seats are roomy for two adults, with decent head room despite a sloping roofline. The boot space is wide and deep at 465 litres - the largest in the class.

Overall, the A5 S Line, with its purposeful looks and engaging driving dynamics, makes a strong statement and given that the Audi brand has cooler street cred than its main rivals, in latest form the A5 has a telling edge in a sector which is fiercely fought.

**AUDI A5 S LINE:**  
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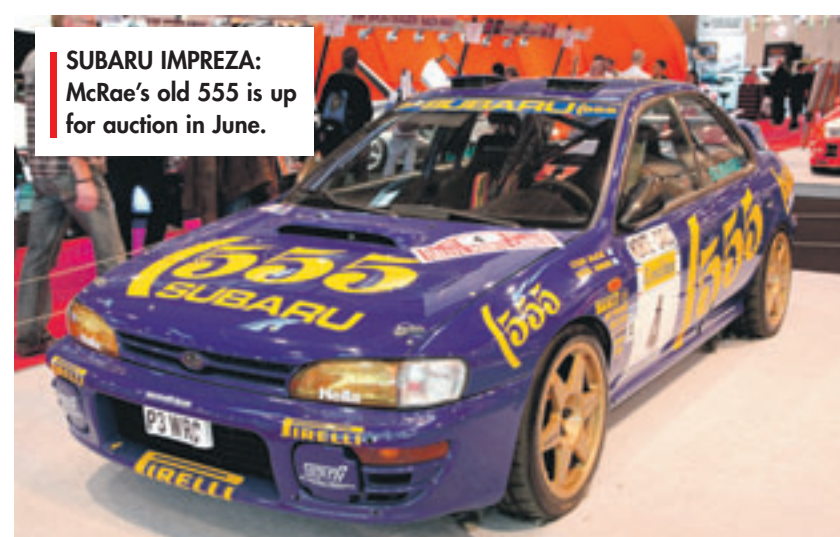
RALLY legend Colin McRae's Subaru 555 is going up for auction. The 1997 Impreza is expected to fetch at least €250,000 as one of the most iconic collector's items available in the sport.

The Impreza series won three consecutive world titles from 1995-1997 with the 1997 model being the first developed for the new WRC class. It was driven by the late Scotsman during his final season with Subaru before going on to achieve some of the highest honours in Rally Racing.

It was actually tested in Spain where McRae spent weeks getting a feel for the 555 ahead of the Monte Carlo race. He told press at the time that he couldn't wait to take it on the French track.

He left but Italian driver Piero Liatti duly won first at Monte Carlo in the new car's, and his, first major victory.

That year also saw wins for the 555 in



**SUBARU IMPREZA:**  
McRae's old 555 is up for auction in June.

Sweden, Kenya and across France, clocking up 19 victories. Two years later in 1999 with McRae out the Subaru picture, it was even driven by Valentino

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# Harry 'Kanes' them to claim Golden Boot as Real win La Liga and Maverick

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A former player, Tony is now the world's most prolific author of football books with 150 published since 1975. He has also been a PE teacher and a policeman, and is now a quiz-organiser, fund-raiser, for various charities, and sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Start with football and tonight it's Dundee United v Hamilton in the SPL play-off final at Tannadice... on Saturday we have Arsenal v Chelsea in the FA Cup final and Aberdeen against Celtic in the Scottish Cup final... Sunday sees the FL1 play-off final between Blackpool and Exeter, followed 24 hours later by the Championship play-off final involving Huddersfield and Reading - both games are at Wembley. And we have the Copa del Rey final - Barcelona v Alaves - this weekend as well.
- The second one-day England-South Africa cricket international is also on Saturday, at Southampton; the first was at

Leeds yesterday; the third takes place at Lords on Monday.

- The French Open tennis Grand Slam tournament starts at Roland Garros without Roger Federer and Maria Sharapova, but Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic, who lost to Alexander Zverev in the singles final of the Italian Open recently, will be there. Djokovic with have new coach Andre Agassi with him.
- Around 37,000 fans will attend Sunday's Monaco F1 Grand Prix 'live' where Lewis Hamilton will be aiming to repeat last year's victory.
- The two-day IAAF Diamond Athletics League meeting takes place in Oregon, USA tomorrow and Saturday.
- After their respective semi-final victories over Saracens and Leicester, Exeter will play Wasps in Rugby's Union Premiership final at Twickenham on Saturday.
- And on Monday, the World Table Tennis championships begin in Germany and England's cricketers play their third

one-day international against South Africa at Lords.

### FOOTBALL ROUND UP

- The final fixtures of 2016-17 produced 37 goals as the top five PL teams were Chelsea (5-1 winners over Sunderland), Tottenham (who hammered Leicester 6-1 and Hull 7-1 in their final two matches), Liverpool (3-0 victors over Middlesbrough), Manchester City (who won 5-0 at Watford) and Arsenal (3-1 winners over Everton). Unfortunately, the Gunners missed out on a Champions League place for the first time in 20 years.
- Manchester United boss Joe Mourinho fielded the youngest-ever team in PL history last Sunday against Crystal Palace, average age 22 years and 284 days and substitute Angel Gomez became the club's youngest PL player, aged 16 years and 263 days.
- Celtic won the SPL by 30 points, 106-76 from Aberdeen and remained unbeaten in all 38 matches. Now for the treble!
- Over 53,000 fans saw Millwall beat Bradford City 1-0 in last Saturday's FL1 play-off final while York defeated Macclesfield 3-2 in the FA Trophy final.
- Last night, Ajax played Manchester United in the Europa League final in Stockholm.
- England

were knocked out of the Euro U17 Championship on penalties by Spain

- Besiktas (Turkey), FC Copenhagen (Denmark), Cork City (Ireland), Monaco (France), Real Madrid (Spain) and Spartak Moscow (Russia) are the latest clubs to win League titles.
- Harry Kane, scorer of seven goals in Spurs' last two PL games, has won this season's 'Golden Boot' with 29 goals.
- As PL champions, Chelsea receive £38m; Spurs, second, pick up £36.1m, Manchester City third, get £34.2m and demoted Sunderland receive £1.9m.
- Watford will sack manager Walter Mazzarri while Birmingham boss Harry Redknapp wants Kevin Bond as his assistant. Bond's dad, John, was in charge at St Andrew's in 1986-87.
- Ross Barclay will cost £50m if and when Everton sell him; Nolito is set join Real Betis from Manchester City and Red Bull Salzburg are keen on Chelsea teenagers, Jadon Sancho and Dominic Solanke.
- Uzbek-born Russian businessman Alisher Usmanov who owns 30 per cent of shares at The Emirates, wants to buy Arsenal outright for £1 billion. "It could be a great move" said ex-Gunner Ian Wright.
- And 'divers' in football next season will be banned!

### SPORT IN GENERAL

- Spain's Maverick Vinales won last Sunday's French MotoGP; Johann Zarco (France) was second with Dani Pedrosa (third).
- Ex-USA World MotorGP champion Nicky Hayden (aged 35) has sadly died in hospital after being hit by a car while cycling in Italy. And former GB Olympic discus thrower, Philippa Roles has died, aged 39.
- Spain's Fernando Alonso has had his first practice session for the Indianapolis 500.
- American, tennis star Nikita Kryvonos, has been banned for 10 years and fined €18,000 after being found guilty (with others) of attempting to fix the outcome of certain matches.
- Paris and Los Angeles are the likely venues for the 2024 and 2018 Olympic Games respectively.
- New Zealander Adam Milne has been recognised as the fastest bowler in world cricket - sending down deliveries

of 94.8 mph. England's Tymal Mills speed ball is 94.5 mph and Ben Stokes' 93mph.

### HARRY KANE: Has won the 'Golden Boot.'



## DID YOU KNOW?

With a total of 368, soccer genius Cristiano Ronaldo has now scored more goals in European League football than anyone else in the history of the game. Recently he broke Jimmy Greaves' 46 year-old record of 366 and has now netted 616 times for three clubs, CP Sporting, Manchester United and Real Madrid, and Portugal in 889 games since 2002.

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**SAN MIGUEL STROLLERS: Held an invitation competition.**

SAN MIGUEL STROLLERS WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB has just celebrated its first year as a team by holding an invitation competition at the San Miguel football stadium, where they play on Wednesday evenings.

The invitation competition had eight teams playing this all day event and teams participating came from Hondon, Deja Vieja La Marina, Playa Flamenca and San Miguel. The competition was played be-

tween two leagues of four with a semi-final and a final.

The semi-final for second and third place was played between Frails Fliers and Pilar Horadada and went to a penalty shoot-out with Pilar the eventual winners to finish third and pick up the Plate. The final was played between San Miguel Strollers first team and Playa Flamenca Walking Wanderers, with Playa Flamenca the outright winners taking the Invitation Cup.

With all teams playing the game in good spirit referees Bill, Mick, and John were able to keep the games flowing with whistles blowing mainly for overdoing the walking and breaking out into a run.

Should you want any further information on this rapidly growing Sport, do not hesitate to contact Bob or Maggie at [byg2542@hotmail.com](mailto:byg2542@hotmail.com) (Playa Flamenca) or Bill Whitehouse at [smstrollers@gmail.com](mailto:smstrollers@gmail.com) (San Miguel).

## CD Montesinos' coach adds to squad

CD MONTESINOS coach Carlos Perez and his assistant Angel Ivan will not be getting carried away following promotion to the first regional division of the Valencian football league.

"Next season will be one of settling in to the first regional league," Carlos exclusively told me.

Speaking at the annual Player of the Year awards, the Los Montesinos-based club manager said: "I am looking at finishing mid table in the 2017-18 season, but any higher will be a bonus."

Former CF Torrevieja player Carlos, who replaced sacked Camacho in October, lead CD Montesinos to the Championship title of the second regional group this season.

"I will be looking to strengthen the squad with an additional four players during

the summer," Carlos said.

The former Valencia CF reserve team player added: "The first regional league will be much more difficult to play in next season, there are many big clubs we will face."

Looking ahead Carlos, who has committed himself to CD Montesinos in the wake of rumours that he may be poached by interested clubs following his success, confirmed: "I will be at CD Montesinos next season. I am looking forward to the challenge."

Carlos who went into management at Bigastro, Guardamar and Torrevieja after his playing career ended concluded: "After the first season in the first regional we can then look ahead and maybe push forward into another promotion thereafter. But it won't be easy."



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