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## Nurse crash

A NURSE died in a car accident on her way to work.

The 40-year-old pathology nurse from El Verger was driving to Denia hospital when her car hit a tree on the CV-722 road which links Ondara and Denia.

After colliding with one of the pine trees that lines the road, the car was smashed and firefighters had to cut her out of the vehicle but she died at the scene soon after despite attempts to revive her.

## Quarantine

DISINFECTIONS have taken place at an animal shelter after declared a quarantine status.

The kennels shared by Benissa and Teulada were cleansed with chlorine after parvovirus, a fatal disease in dogs, killed one of the puppies at the site.

Volunteers have given their services to aid bathing the 50 dogs that reside in the refuge, in order to prevent the spread of infection. Twelve other dogs are being treated with vitamins and fluids.

# Record breaker

## Stunning September forecast



**BENIDORM: Hotels fuller than ever.**

By Kat Ashton

Hotels in Benidorm are set for a stunning September with occupancy rates currently at 93.2 per cent.

This is an increase of around 1.3 per cent from August and 1.9 per cent from July - making September the year's best month for tourism so far.

While the British market remains a staple of the Benidorm tourism industry, there has also been a notable increase in French and Romanian visitors to the resort.

Three star hotels are shown to be the most popular, boasting a 93.6 per cent occupancy rate, but four star hotels are close behind with 93.1 per cent. This in-

crease in occupancy rates for these hotels has increased by 2.9 per cent, suggesting September attracts a more high-end tourist.

Anotnio Mayer, the president of hotel management in the Valencia Province, confirmed that September had been the best month of the summer in terms of numbers.

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**Fish out of water**

A TWITTER user tweeted a video of what he suspected to be a shark off Benidorm's Levante beach, but experts confirmed that it was almost certainly a large Bluefin tuna.

**Costly row**

**DANIELLA WEST-BROOK** has reportedly been hit with an €800 bill after a row with fiancé Alan Thomason led to them smashing up their room at the Hotel Benidorm City Olympia.

**Hands up**

A SPANISH man was caught red-handed in Benidorm as he attempted to steal a rucksack belonging to two Austrian tourists. The rucksack contained a watch, mobile phones and cash.

By Jay Emeny

RYANAIR has published a full list of the flights it is axing over the next six weeks after admitting it had "messed up" pilots' holidays.

On Friday the airline announced it would be cancelling 2,024 flights, between 40 and 50 daily.

Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary said in a press conference that the situation was a "mess" but said that anyone who is "entitled to compensation will receive compensation."

It is estimated that up to 400,000 people and 285,000 journeys are likely to be affected.

They are reportedly to be offered alternative flights or refunds, most within a day of their planned departure, but losses incurred when cancelling car or hotel bookings will not be covered.

But the budget airline still faces paying out €20 million to outraged customers.

Mr O'Leary said: "We made a mess and Ryanair holds our hands up when we make a mess."

"I'd like to apologise and say sorry for the short notice due to not having stand by crews."

"Ryanair is not short of pilots -

we were able to fully crew our peak summer schedule."

Rival budget carrier Norwegian Air Shuttle said it has recruited more than 140 pilots from Ryanair in 2017.

"Pilot recruitment is also underway for more pilots for our new Dublin base opening later this year," they added.

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# No fly zone

## Ryanair gaffe sparks travel chaos



**GROUNDING:** Over 2,000 flights have been cancelled.

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- Airlines have to offer full refunds, paid within seven days, or re-bookings for a flight cancelled at short notice.
- In addition, passengers can also claim compensation.
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€440 (£384) for medium-haul and €600 (£523) for long-haul.

- Passengers who reach their destination more than three hours late can be compensated from €200 to €600, depending on the length of flights and delay.

For full details on the cancellations including a comprehensive list visit the *Euro Weekly News* website and Facebook page.

## Further misery forecast

THE travel disruption that has hit Spain shows no sign of letting up.

It comes after French trade unions called fresh strikes to protest against new labour reforms.

Disruption to air, sea, and ground transportation are to be expected, with a knock-on effect in Spain.

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office warned, "On September 21 and 23, French unions have called for protests and strike action across France."

"This could cause disruption and delays to transport services including rail networks and some maritime ports. You should allow extra time for your journey and check your operator's website."

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## Camels say no

PLATAFORMA ANIMALISTA called for a ban on horses and camels in Villena's Moors and Christians fiestas.

"Each year there are episodes of animal ill-treatment before and during the parades," the animal protection group claimed. "The camels, which are particularly stressed, are forced to execute complicated manoeuvres and are struck with riding crops until they comply."

## In the bag

THE bags that protect the Vinalopo dessert grapes while they grow are no longer burnt, but recycled instead.

Aspe Council has installed a container where local growers are expected to leave approximately 70 tons of the bags which, as they are treated with paraffin and insecticide, are suitable for recycling into cardboard, not paper.

## Boy racer booked

A 24-YEAR-OLD was arrested for driving at 260 kilometres per hour on a Utiel (Valencia) road with a 70-kilometre limit.

He filmed himself driving with one hand while letting go of the steering wheel to beat time to music and was arrested after several people contacted the police on seeing the video on Facebook.

## No kidding!

A FEMALE kid, presumably from a nearby smallholding, walked through the automatic doors at A & E in Valencia City's La Fe hospital where staff attempted to corral her with wheelchairs. She was eventually found standing in a handbasin in the toilets and has now been taken to the Nazaret animal protection shelter.

## Swan swims on

AN animal protection agency in Altea has taken an injured swan under their wing. The swan, which has been named Paco, was injured on more than one occasion but has been making strides in the wild again thanks to the help of members of the Somos Gos organisation, volunteers and a local vet.

# Refusing to be cowed

A COW that escaped from a bull-running event during the Burriana (Castellon) fiestas was still at large two weeks later.

The animal was accompanied by another escapee that was located soon afterwards and returned to the corral.

The local population were asked to cooperate by ringing the 112 emergency line if they sighted the cow, but no calls were made. "It's all very strange," police said.

Despite the efforts of the fire brigade, police, a canine

unit, the Guardia Civil and an airborne drone, the remaining cow was impossible to track down.

Her whereabouts were eventually narrowed down to a specific area where it was hoped to lure her out with the cabestros (steers) using guide bulls into the ring or bull-run.

The cow has so far refused to cooperate and Burriana's Local Police finally announced there would be no more statements until the cow was back with its herd.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...30

When summer draws to a close and most of the high season festivities have ended, residents of Barcelona come together for one last giant knees-up as La Merce gets underway.

# Festival fever!

DEDICATED to Mare de Deu de la Merce, the patron saint of Barcelona, the celebration lasts for four days from tomorrow (Friday) until next Monday and is jam-packed with events spread across the city. Barcelona has celebrated La Merce in some form or another since 1687, when legend claimed the Virgin of La Merce helped to rid the city of a plague of locusts, but the festival didn't become an official celebration until 1902.

From concerts to traditional dancing, theatre performances to spectacular light shows, and even an eco-friendly funfair for children, it is impossible to attend everything on offer during La Merce, however there are several main attractions that should not be missed.

## Speak of the devil

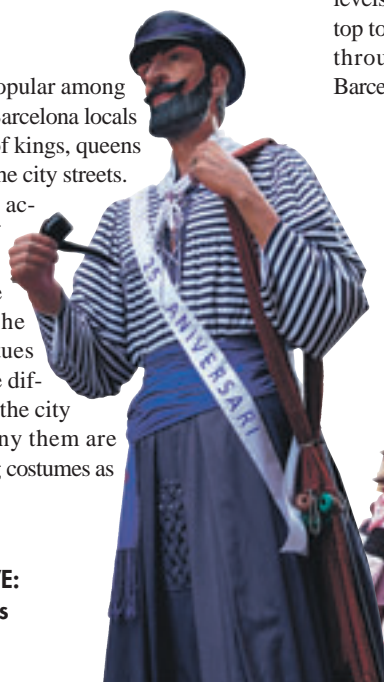
THE Correfoc (fire run) takes place at dusk, where one of the main roads (normally Via Laietana) is closed off and then opened to The Devils, a select group of locals who dress-up and behave like deviants.

## Giant jamboree

THE parade of giants is popular among adults and children alike. Barcelona locals promenade huge effigies of kings, queens and other nobles through the city streets.

The procession is usually accompanied by bands of musicians so the Giants can march and dance to the beat of their drums. The groups of impressive statues are brought in from all the different neighbourhoods in the city and those who accompany them are usually dressed in matching costumes as well.

**TOWERING ABOVE:**  
The popular Giants Parade.



**INFERNAL FLAMES:** During La Merce.

## Hold on tight!

ONE of the more breathtaking spectacles to take place during the festivities is the Castell - a variation on a human pyramid but with all the participants standing. The groups of Castellers aim to build human towers that can reach up to 10 levels high. A child is then tasked with climbing to the very top to add the finishing touch. These competitions are held throughout Catalunya during La Merce but the main Barcelona event is held in the Plaça de Jaume.



**NO VERTIGO:**  
Castellers reach for the sky.

## Limited expertise Storm throws punch

TWO Spanish men from Sax were accused of stealing five cars, all Fords, which they used to carry out dozens of thefts in the area, later abandoning the vehicles. They always stole Fords, they later explained to the Guardia Civil, because this was the only model that they knew how to hotwire.

STORMS in Denia threaten coastal houses and swallow the beaches.

After the strong waves devoured the small strip of beach in Les Doveses, they began to strike the houses and revealed just how unprotect-

ed homes are along this stretch of coast. The storm also damaged wooden walkways and left sea debris scattered on land.

## Crushed by crystals

A MAN was seriously injured in Pedreguer yesterday when a package of packed crystals, weighing around 1,200 kilos, fell on him. The accident happened while the worker, aged 37, was unloading a truck on a street in an industrial estate. The man was immediately taken to Denia hospital and remains in a critical condition.

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- 2 GROUNDED: 20,000 Ryanair passengers face misery as French air traffic controllers strike - **15,013**
- 3 UK - Spain flights face disruption from French air traffic control strike - **14,642**
- 4 Spanish airports to be hit by 25 days of strikes as unions announce dates - **11,456**
- 5 Spanish flights hit as Ryanair axe 40 to 50 flights a day for next six weeks - **10,448**



Strikes could cause delays for many travellers

## euroweeklynews.com Poll of the week

Given the short notice that many passengers received over flight cancellations, do you think Ryanair handled the situation professionally?

■ **LAST WEEK'S POLL:**  
 Given the number of incidents involving drunk travellers on planes heading to/from Spain, should an alcohol limit be introduced

Yes = 89%  
 No = 11%

## Top Social Media comments

**Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary admits 'We made a mess'** So his organisation can't do basic staff planning and rostering and he'd rather TOTALLY disappoint hundreds of thousands of customers than mess up Lyingairs historic good punctuality record and disappoint far fewer customers ... of course it's nothing to do with the autumn and flying with lower passenger yields ... the man must think we are all idiots. Disgusting business ethics. *Martin George*

So annoying! My mother is 89 and so excited about seeing her great grandchildren on Friday ... but instead is worried and anxious!!! *Nicky Summers*

**Twenty-one injured in Barcelona bakery explosion** - I'm not trying to second guess 'authorities' but flour is very dangerous, especially in bakeries. It has been known to explode before now on more than one occasion, and it would be 'unusual' for gas to explode twice. I do hope all the injured make a full recovery very soon, poor people just doing a day's work to make food for us, thank you and get well soon. *Elizabeth Saunders*

**British father in coma with serious injuries during stag party do in Magaluf** - So insurance company won't pay out because he had alcohol in his system? That would probably apply to everyone who is on holiday and travels! Terrible situation poor guy. *Pamela Doyle*

**More travel misery forecast in Spain as French strike again** - Everyone deserves good pay and working conditions but when you have paid a lot of money for your holiday and have been looking forward to it for over a year it's very frustrating. And people are bound to be upset about it. *Susan Richardson*

**Best free newspaper in Spain moves to heart of community** - Super publication.. a must for anyone on holidays in the Costa.. and it's FREE. *Mary O'Sullivan*  
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**Picador's dogs poisoned as revenge for Toro de la Vega celebrations in northern Spain** - So killing these poor dogs is supposed to be justice? Monsters and totally on the same level as the picador. *Margaret Rowse*

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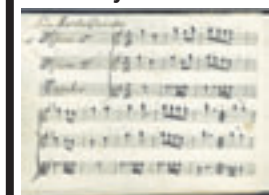
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The National Spanish Anthem, Marcha Real, is one of only four national anthems in the world to have no official lyrics.



Global warming helped settle a land dispute between India and Bangladesh. The island, called New Moore, fell below sea level during 2010.

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## Did you know?

Barcelona could have been home to the Eiffel Tower. If everything had gone according to Gustave Eiffel's initial plan, Paris' most famous landmark would now be in Barcelona. Unfortunately, the Spanish government rejected the architect's project, deciding it was too 'radical' for the city.

## Lost in translation



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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Jellyfish warning**

WARNING flags were raised on Benidorm beaches to announce the arrival of a considerable number of jellyfish to its shores. The jellyfish were first spotted in the waters last week but numbers appear to have grossly increased.

**Freewheeling**

AS cyclists may not use seafront pavements in Campello, the EU party is asking for a cycle lane network linking Playa de San Juan's existing track and Playa de Muchavista.

**Building up**

CALLOSA D'EN SARRIA plans to spend € 449,500 on a three-storey Multi-functional Centre in the Peita neighbourhood. The contract has been put out to tender and the building should be finished within 10 months.

**In the jar**

A SAN VICENTE pottery firm is flooded with orders for outsized 'Ali Baba' jars from town halls intending to use them as earth-filled planters to protect pedestrian areas from possible terrorist attacks.

**Fair shares**

POLICE and firemen from the SPPLB union in Sax will work to rule, providing a minimum service in their bid for "pay, working hours and conditions equivalent to those of other municipal employees."

**No deal**

THE businessman who tried to bribe the mayor of Benitachell faces two years in prison - he will go on trial in November for allegedly offering the mayor € 50,000 in exchange for speeding up the formalities of a lawsuit.

**Peace walks a tightrope**

By Linda Hall

MUCHAMIEL held its first annual homage to all victims of terrorism on September 16.

The five political parties on the town council unanimously backed the motion proposed last July "to demonstrate the unity of all democrats in the face of terrorism and our closeness to the victims and their families."

This date was especially significant as two Local Police officers and the owner of the local grua (tow-away truck) were killed by an ETA car bomb in Muchamiel on September 16 in 1991.

Shortly before 9am that day, the grua removed an abandoned car that had run into a building which was opposite the local Guardia Civil post in what was apparently a minor traffic accident.

Shortly afterwards, as the car was lowered to the ground once it was inside the municipal pound, it blew up as 50 kilos of explosives hidden in the boot killed the owner of the

grua and two Local Police officers.

A mural on the wall of Muchamiel's Municipal Market now honours these and all victims of terrorism. Named 'La paz funambulista' it represents the tightrope that Peace has to walk, explained its creator Segismundo Vilarsau.



Muchamiel town hall

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# Daring move

TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD songstress, Pixie Lott, has been photographed wearing a very daring high-cut swimsuit.

The blonde pop star was pictured partying with friends on a yacht off Ibiza while donning a flesh-baring black one-piece, which perfectly displayed her toned physique.

The Turn It Up singer was enjoying a break from her hectic schedule, relaxing with family and friends aboard the luxury vessel. Lott, who became engaged to her

long-term boyfriend, Oliver Cheshire, last November, showed off a huge sparkler on her ring finger.

The couple dated for six years before Cheshire got down on one knee in 2016, with Pixie explaining, "I'd had no sleep, so I just burst into tears. For once I was speechless!" Despite their busy lives, the pair managed to get some alone time together earlier this summer on a break in Capri.



| SIZZLING: Pixie Lott.

## Tooth fail

'HUMAN KEN DOLL,' Rodrigo Alves, lost three of his veneers while partying in Marbella. The 34-year-old, who is famous for his ambition to look like Barbie's boyfriend, Ken, explained, "I have been partying far too much and I guess that I must have had far too much to drink." The Brazilian has since had the veneers replaced.



| RODRIGO ALVES: Lost veneer.

## Besties again

TOWIE star, Megan McKenna, was filmed making amends with former pals Chloe Meadows and Courtney Green in Marbella.

The 24-year-old brunette was shooting scenes for *The Only Way is Essex* on the show's annual trip to Marbella when she was spotted with her two former best friends. The trio put aside their differences to enjoy a night clubbing.

## The Best of times

CALUM BEST, the 36-year-old son of football legend, George Best, has been spotted cosying up to a mystery brunette in Ibiza.

The reality TV star, who has previously appeared on *Celebrity Big Brother* and *Come Dine with Me*, is currently starring in Channel 4's *Celebs go Dating*. The show follows several celebrities who have joined up to the *Celebrity Dating Agency* in their quest for love.

Best has faced back-lash for his appearance, however, after standing up one date despite insisting he was ready to settle down. The heavily-tattooed beefcake now appears to have found romance on his own, holding hands with the brown-haired beauty on sun loungers on the White Island.

The star has previously been linked to Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan, as well as fellow football-legend offspring, Bianca Gascoigne.

## She's got front!

HOLLYWOOD starlet, Lindsay Lohan, has been photographed front row at Madrid Fashion Week. The 31-year-old *Mean Girls* actress wore a tight black leather dress and enormous black sunglasses as she enjoyed being guest of honour at the Pasarela Cibeles show. The day before, the star opted for a different look, wearing all white to a Devota & Lomba show.



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## Mating season mayhem

STAG-HUNTERS and poachers are preying on animals during the mating season on the Carrasqueta mountain near Jijona.

An excessive number of hunting licences have been granted this year, complained ADHIF, an association for the protection of grazing herbivores that help to prevent forest fires.

Deer and stags are not only present on Carrasqueta but also populate Peña Migjorn, Montes de Biar and Aitana and other inland Alicante mountain areas although ADHIF warned that they are all on the brink of extinction.

They could disappear unless steps are taken to guarantee their survival, a spokesman said.

Rutting began some days ago and the bellowing stags are attracting hunters and trophy-hunting poachers. The latter take advantage of the mating season when the males are distracted and the distinctive noise makes them easy to locate, ADHIF said.

Landowners on La Carrasqueta are concealing CCTV cameras in trees, the spokesman revealed, to identify poachers and prevent them from exterminating the stags.

Given the lack of vigilance on the part of the authorities, ADHIF also urged members of the public to call the 112 Emergency number if they see suspicious vehicles in mountain areas.

## The shootout that never happened

By Linda Hall

TWO drunken men, one carrying a pistol, were arrested in a Campello bar after intimidating customers.

The bar owner called the police when one of them lifted his t-shirt to reveal a pistol tucked into his waistband after a client tried to remonstrate with him.

When the Local Police arrived the gun was partly visible but its 55-year-old owner told them that he had a licence for it.

Asked why he was carrying a gun, he originally explained that he had been practising target shooting. He later admitted that he and a friend, who are both

from Novelda, had come to Campello after learning that a friend was having trouble with her ex-husband.

On examining the paperwork, the police found that the gun - an expensive Bul M-5 - was loaded and ready to fire.

A Guardia Civil patrol arrived to confiscate the pistol and take both men into custody at the local headquarters.

A Guardia Civil statement later reminded the public that citizens may not carry firearms if they have been drinking and that the Novelda man's licence permitted him to carry a gun only on a shooting range, not in a bar.

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OFFICIAL ASSURANCE: Mayor Josep Saval, Roger Llanes and Alfonso Puigcerver at Xylella Fastidiosa meeting

## No major losses for plagued growers

By Linda Hall

ROGER LLANES, the Generalitat's director general for Agriculture, Cattle and Fisheries, attended the latest meeting of Callosa's Agricultural Committee.

Principal topic was the Xylella fastidiosa problem and in particular the two cases in Callosa's Falset and Massatava districts.

Llanes once again outlined

the procedures that must be followed as the authorities battle to control and eradicate the plague that has devastated millions of olive trees in Italy.

He assured local growers and farmers that they would be compensated for the swathes of trees that must be felled and destroyed once Xylella fastidiosa is detected.

"By law, growers must be compensated. There is no

budget limit and no-one who is affected will be excluded," Llanes said.

"It is our duty to ring-fence this plague and prevent it from spreading," declared Callosa's mayor Josep Saval. "This is why we support the steps taken by the regional government although we shall be watching carefully to ensure that no-one misses out on compensation."

Llanes explained that so far all trees that tested positive for Xylella fastidiosa were almonds in the Marina Baja and Marina Alta al-

though the Agriculture department was also paying special attention to olives.

The Agriculture department has given the order to cordon off all Callosa trees within a 150-metre radius of those detected with the bacterium, 50 more than European Union regulations require.

They will then be treated with insecticide before they are shredded.

To date 300 almond trees covering a total area of 14 hectares have been eradicated in Alicante Province.

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The number of sardines that make up a standard 'espeto' (a skewer of grilled sardines, a tradition on Malaga beaches).

### OUR VIEW

## Hurricane devastation

AS many islands in the Caribbean try to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, they have barely had time to breathe before Hurricane Maria arrived.

The island of Barbuda which is part of the independent state of Antigua has been inhabited for 300 years but is now deserted with properties literally blown away and every single inhabitant dispossessed and evacuated to Antigua which escaped relatively lightly.

The first island to be hit by Maria was Dominica, like Antigua a former British colony and there has been considerable damage in the capital Roseau with the hurricane now due to roughly follow the trail of Irma as it moves inextricably towards the USA.

A number of islands are still vulnerable and a Royal Navy vessel is delivering relief supplies to a number of the British Overseas Territories in the area including Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands but when compared to the actions of other countries, it is suggested that this is very little, very late.

Living in Spain, we have to accept that it may become unbearably hot and water will either be in short supply or sometimes cause flash floods, but generally speaking we don't suffer from any of the major natural catastrophes that affect so many other parts of the world.

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# She’s hot stuff!

## Mallorcan crowned Miss World Spain

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Eli Tulian, as she likes to be known, won the sports test, but

other tests included talent, multimedia, top model, regional costume test, bathing costume and beauty with a purpose, so

she found herself on the night of the final against six other girls.

After a preliminary round, the final five were chosen, Eli triumphed, was crowned Miss World Spain and will now go forward to take part in the 67th Miss World competition which will be held in China in November with an expected 100+ contestants.



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SIZZLING: Maria strikes a pose.



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## “I just couldn’t understand why their financial advisor had recommended that fund!”

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial



Now the summer is coming to an end, Chorus has had an influx of people coming to see us to have their existing investments and pensions reviewed.

One such gentleman, we’ll call him Mr Smith, had a feeling all was not right with his portfolio. Around 18 months ago, Mr Smith’s advisor here in Spain had recommended he sell all the funds in his portfolio and buy a fantastic ‘exclusive’ fund his financial advisory’s company now had access to. To gain access to such a special fund would cost Mr Smith 5%, but Mr Smith was assured it would be worth it.

18 months later and Mr Smith hadn’t even covered that 5% entry charge, and despite strong markets his portfolio has gone down in value. So, what had happened?

One tool I use to research funds is a website called Trustnet. This is the World’s largest independent analyst of funds, and always a good place to start if you want to do a little research yourself. This ‘fantastic’ fund Mr Smith had had his retirement pot put into was in fact number 295 out of 314 funds in that particular fund class... so in the worst 6% of funds available! Whilst the benchmark fund in that category had returned 45% over 5 years, this particular fund had only returned 14% over the same period. It also carried a risk factor around 20% higher than the average fund in this class, meaning the client had been taking 20% more risk to make less than a third of the returns. Even worse was that this fund was costing a

whopping 2% a year, with the average fund cost in that category around 0.5%. I just couldn’t understand why their financial advisor had recommended that fund!

After our meeting, I decided to call the Fund-house offering this fund to find out what possible reason Mr Smith’s current advisor had for recommending such a fund. It turned out that all of the 5% entry fee had gone to Mr Smith’s advisor, and that of the 2% annual fee, half was being paid as a hidden ‘trail’ to Mr Smith’s advisor each year. This practice is illegal in the UK, but sadly still practised by the majority of firms out here in Spain.

I explained to Mr Smith that Chorus clients benefit from truly independent advice, and that when we choose funds for our clients we promise to never receive any fee from the fund provider. This means that our choice is based purely on the very best, most appropriate funds for our clients from thousands available worldwide, following extensive research, rather than one or two ‘in-house’ options that offer incentives to financial advisors.

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Why do they do it? Well, in 2014 a close family member

was diagnosed with terminal cancer and wanting to do something to help the lads came up with the idea of the first challenge; the kayaking.

Last year saw them visit 23 cities while travelling around Spain and raising the profiles of their chosen charities. They strongly support the Samaritans in Spain and Dave is also the patron for them.

This time the pair will cycle from Gibraltar to their homes in

Gran Alacant, some 800 kilometres in 10 to 11 days! Camping at night and again living with a €5 per day budget to feed themselves they will also meet up with friends and supporters as they head home along Spain's southern and south eastern coasts.

They will leave Gibraltar on October 24, having travelled down overnight on a bus, and head along the coast for their first night's rest on the road somewhere near to Marbella and then push on up the coast via Malaga and on to Nerja, Motril, Aguadulce and Almería.

From there they will hug the coast up to Mazarron then head to Cartagena before going to the end of the Mar Menor and then Torrevieja for the last leg.

It's a huge distance and covering 80 kilometres each day will not be easy but Dave and Mitch tell us they're ready for it, so good luck to them and we'll bring you more information as the time to begin this challenge gets closer.

Any donations to the causes can be done via their own websites (with the lack of a Just Giving type of site available in Spain) at the links below and

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# A very taxing situation

By Linda Hall

THE tourist tax question reared its head once more in the Valencian Community.

When the matter has been raised in the past, Tourism chief Frances Colomer made it clear that he opposed any tourist tax at all levels whether local or regional.

Hoteliers and businesses have systematically rejected the possibility of taxing visitors, an initiative that the Podemos party now wants to debate in the regional parliament.

The Podemos proposal re-



**TAX OPPONENT:** Frances Colomer (left) with the president of the Valencia Diputacion.

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ceived backing from the Compromis party but not the PSOE socialists who instead suggested that town halls should be free to fix the amount that tourists would be charged.

Colomer, who belongs to the PSOE, rejected any type of tax. "It would be impossible to bring anything in without the sector's coopera-

tion," he said afterwards to the nation daily *El Mundo*.

Should the debate on the advisability of a tourist tax go ahead, his own department would contribute its own arguments "and they would not be favourable," he warned.

In contrast, Vicent Soler who heads the Generalitat's Finance department regards the proposal as another source of income. Vice-president Monica Oltra from the Compromis party maintained that other Spanish regions imposed a tourist tax "which is habitual in Europe."

Colomer remained unwavering in his opposition and said that if, as the tax's advocates claimed, this would benefit the tourist sector "the sector should write the script."

The tax would need the blessing of the tourist industry, he added. "At present that is an illusion," he claimed.



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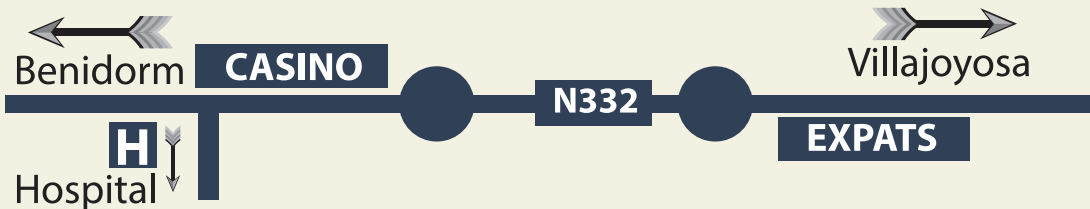
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## 11 arrested in fake handbag bust

ELEVEN people were arrested for selling counterfeit goods in Benidorm's Rincon de Loix market.

The investigation was triggered by complaints filed with the police by representatives of several sportswear brands, who warned of the sale of the fake goods. Officers visited the market in plain clothes and surprised the sellers - who were mainly of Senegalese nationality - before they had time to hide the counterfeit goods.

Officers arrested eight men - six Senegalese nationals and two Spaniards between 26 and 60 years old and three women 21, 29 and 52 years old as alleged perpetrators of crimes against industrial property.

They seized 1,084 items with a market value of €33,455, including handbags, wallets and watches made to look like those from designers such as Longchamp and Michael Kors.



Photo by Guardia Civil

**MARKET VALUE:** The items were worth €33,455

## 2017 Poppy Appeal launch

THE 2017 Poppy Appeal launch will take place in Benidorm on Friday October 27.

Playing an active part will be Mayor Toni Perez, Defence Attache Captain Mark Fieldsend RN and members of the British Consulate.

Representing The Royal British Legion - National Vice Chairman Una Cleminson, The President of District North - Nigel Hamilton-Hails and District Chairman Don Cubbon.

The Parade of Standards, led by the Torre Vieja Pipes and Drums starts at 12.00pm from Calle Castello, proceeding along the Paseo of Levante beach to the Dais at the Rincon de Loix.

The Royal British Legion is best known for the annual Poppy Appeal and its emblem, the red poppy.

## Elderly couple attacked

AN unprovoked attack on Avenida Jaime I left an elderly couple with substantial injuries.

According to the Information and Emergency Coordination Centre (CICU), a 79-year-old man and a 75-year-old woman were attended to by ambulances and taken to Clinica Benidorm.

The man is said to have broken his hip and the woman is said to have suffered brain damage and a possible fracture in her back.

## Unpredicted riot

FOOTAGE on social media showed police in riot gear moving between a number of establishments on Benidorm's main strip while people waited outside.

The apparent series of raids on unsuspecting nightclubs left tourists worried.

One Facebook user wrote "it's all kicking off on the strip, police blocked both ends"

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# Enjoy peaceful and respectful fiestas

By Linda Hall

AS Altea prepares to celebrate its annual fiestas, the town hall again launched its 'No means no - peaceful fiestas' campaign.

"During the fiestas, as well as all year round, it is essential to be respectful towards women," said Vicent Ripoll, councillor responsible for Fiestas and Public Safety.

"It is important to remember that each person is entitled to use their body as they wish," added Equality councillor Vicenta Perez, "Respect is fundamental and celebrating fiestas does not mean that anyone is exempted from their responsibilities."

Vicent Lloret, president of the Moors and Christians and San Blas associations thanked the councillors for their invitation to join the 'No means no - peaceful fiestas' initiative.



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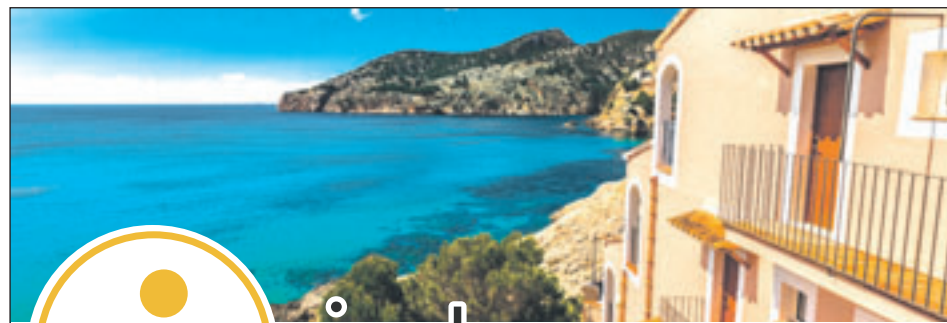
**FIESTAS: 'People do things they would not usually do.'**

"Sometimes people drink more than they should and do things they would not usually do," Lloret said. "It's necessary to stop and think first but if we do that, we can have peaceful fiestas."

A poster on the wall of the headquarters or clubhouse of every Fila or association will display telephone numbers pro-

viding assistance for the victims or witnesses of any type of aggression.

As well as the Emergency Services, Local Police and Guardia Civil numbers, the 016 helpline is also listed. This line for gender abuse victims is confidential, free and does not show up on telephone bills, the councillors stressed.



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**DRYING UP: Amadorio dam.**

# Drink, don't waste

By Linda Hall

THE Marina Baja Water Consortium asked Confederacion Hidrografica del Jucar (CHJ) for flexibility regarding reservoir levels.

As October approaches, regulations will require the Amadorio dam to send water the sea to maintain the reservoir's safety level should autumn bring torrential rain.

After three years of drought when water had to be brought in from outside the area, the Amadorio is technically too



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full but the Consortium doesn't want to waste one drop of it, said the Consortium's chief engineer Jaime Berenguer.

Unless the CHJ relents, the Consortium will have to re-

lease the water before the end of the month.

The Amadorio currently contains 9.19 cubic hectometres of water, 60 per cent of its capacity, but should store no more than 7.97 cubic after October 1.

"We shall ask for two week's grace," Berenguer said. "At the present rate we could have consumed around one cubic hectometre of water instead of wasting it."

Unless the CHJ relents, the Consortium will have to open the dam's sluice gates within a few days, the engineer said.

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## Bad bank's clean sweep

SAN VICENTE'S Local Police halted bulldozing at Valle del Sabinar while experts decide whether this affects a Cañada Real.

These drovers' trails, used to transfer cattle to and from summer pastures, are officially protected and Ecologistas en Accion complained that heavy machinery was threatening the ancient track and native plants. Clearing the site was ordered by Spain's 'bad bank' Sareb, which now owns the land that until the 'crisis' was to be developed as an urbanisation and golf course.



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The tournament will be held from 10.00am - 2.00pm and the club meets every Saturday at the same time.

For more information, head to the Palau Municipal D'Esport on Saturday or get in touch with Pascual - 654 887 301 / [subbuteo.marina@gmail.com](mailto:subbuteo.marina@gmail.com).

## NEWS EXTRA

### Tree falls

A 20-METRE pine whose roots were loosened by torrential rain fell and badly damaged a car in Novelda. No-one was hurt but firemen took three hours to remove the tree.

### On file

RELATIVES donated the personal papers of Altea-born Juan Navarro Ramon, the 'Valencian Picasso' who died aged 83 in Sitges in 1989 to Altea's municipal archive where they will remain following an Alicante University inventory.

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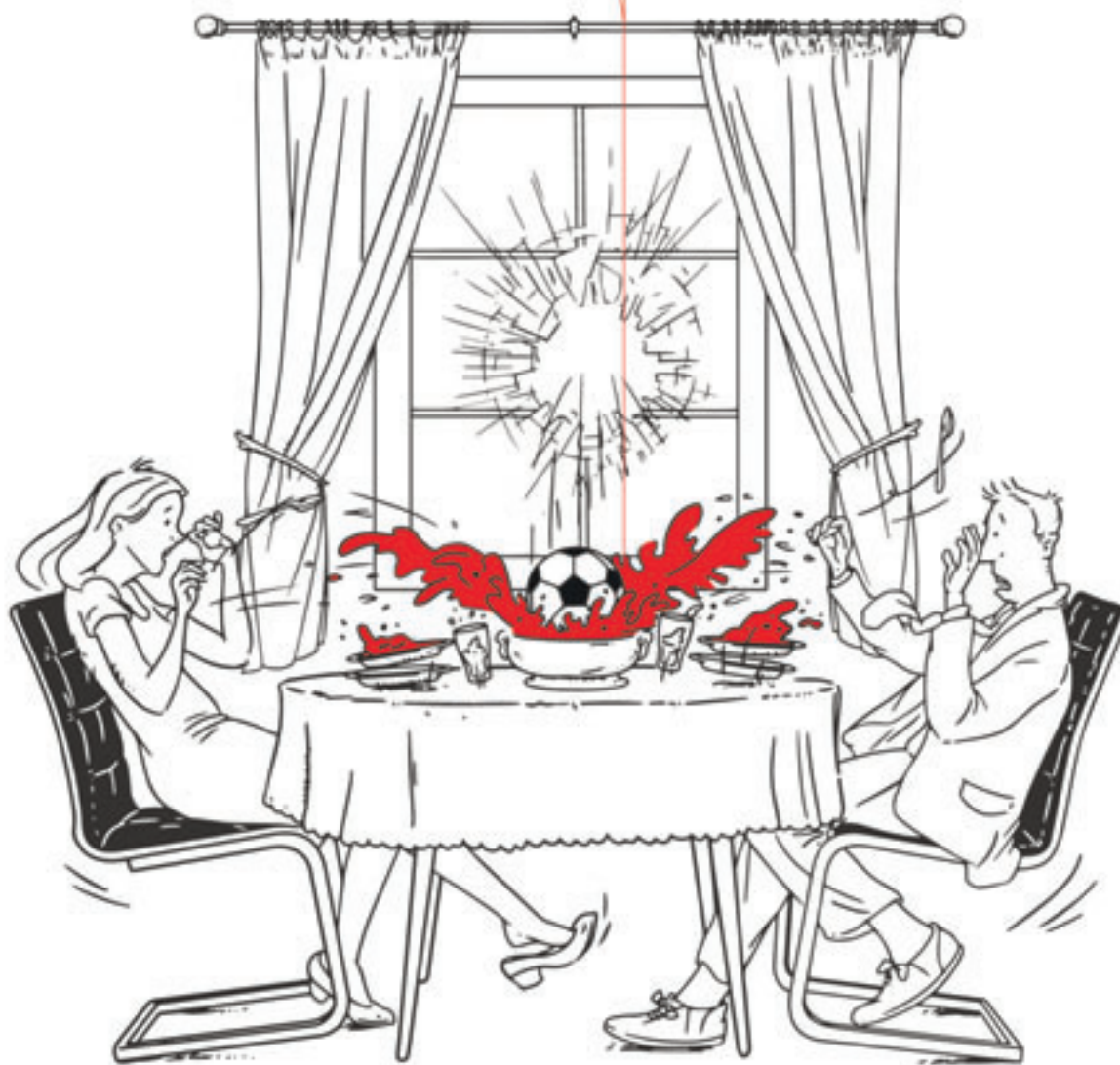
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## €225,000 to the Red Cross

JAVEA has renewed its collaboration agreement with the Red Cross.

The council will grant a total of €225,000 to the association in recognition of the help and support it provides citizens in the municipality.

Mayor Jose Chulvi signed the agreement alongside local Red Cross President Jose Luis Domenech, local technical director Maica Aranda and councillor of Social Services Pepa Gisbert.

The association has 1,115 members registered in Javea and more than 100 volun-



Photo by Javea Ayuntamiento

**ON THE DOTTED LINE:** Mayor Jose Chulvi signed the agreement earlier this week.

teers.

The mayor said: "for us, this is a priority - the social benefit generated is much greater than the cost of the

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# Flood case settled out of court

By Linda Hall

TWO former Finestrat mayors and a councillor accused of manslaughter and negligence have settled out of court.

Jose Llorca (PSOE), Honorato Algado (PP) and Tomas Gaspar Selles (PP) will each pay a €5,400 fine instead of facing four-year prison terms for allowing an open-air market to be held for years on the usually dry Barranco de La Cala.

In October 2011, the streambed flooded and swept through the market, taking the lives of British pensioners Kenneth and Mary Hall.

Llorca allowed the market to use El Barranco in 1984 when he was mayor without authorisation from the Confederacion Hidrografica de Jucar (CHJ) which controls Valencian Community waterways.

The market was run by a concessionary until 2009, when



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**AFTERMATH: La Cala market after the 2011 flood.**

it was taken over by the town hall when Honorato Algado was mayor and Tomas Gaspar Selles councillor for Public Safety.

The market remained on El Barranco, still without CHJ authorisation and, despite the flood risk, Llorca and later Algado asphalted and paved 706 metres of the streambed.

This was done without assessing the impact that paving the channel would have on the force and speed of stormwaters during heavy rain.

Finestrat town hall was fined in 2009 and ordered to return El Barranco to its original state but the market remained until 2011.

The market has since been moved.



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### Crime plunge

CRIMINAL offences in Callosa fell by 24 per cent between January and September but the 31 arrests made were the same as last year, owing to increased police presence, the authorities said.

### Olives lost

A COCENTAINA hailstorm damaged 500,000 kilos of olives ripening on trees in rural areas, affecting 30 per cent of what would have been an excellent crop after the winter rains.

### Sea for all

VILLAJOSYOSA'S accessible beach area for the disabled was used by 8,000 people this summer, 25 per cent more than last year. Facilities supervised by monitors included sturdy seating with sun awnings in the shallows.

### Speak up

FIFTY Alicante Province town halls will share in €1 million that the region's Education department allocated to promoting use of Valenciano for road and official signs, language courses and other activities.

### Paint job

TWENTY-SIX householders in Altea and Altea la Vieja's Old Quarters requested grants to paint façades. The town hall hopes to extend the offer next year to newer properties requiring attention.

### Bang on

PARTICIPANTS in the three mock battles during Ibi's Moors and Christians used two kilos of gunpowder each time. Distributed under strict security conditions, the explosives were kept in locked powder flasks until required.





**SUMMER FIRES:** Fewer in Alicante Province so far this year.

# Not such a burning

By Linda Hall

THIS summer, which officially ends tomorrow, Friday, has not seen catastrophic fires like those that ravaged Alicante Province last year.

There were 55 forest fires between January and August 31, 20 per cent fewer than last year and the 34.57 hectares burnt amounted to one-third of the total lost during the same period in 2016.

These are the best January-August figures for several years, according to the regional government's Environment department.

But Alicante is the only Valencian Community province where there were fewer fires so far this year, as Castellon had 45 compared with 39 in 2016 and Valencia had 162 instead of 39.

As in Alicante fewer hectares were destroyed in both provinces, bringing a regional total of 1,297 compared with last year's 5,600.

These statistics were especially encouraging, regional government sources said, as this summer's high temperatures meant that the fire risk was classed as 'high' 64 per cent of the time in June, July and August.

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**CHOICE:** Altea's mayor Jaime Llinares and councillors outline participation project.

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These are based on the suggestions that councillors most often receive from local residents, said Altea's mayor Jaime Llinares.

1. Change of location for the dog park
2. A pedestrian street linking Calle Filarmonica and Calle Empedrado
3. Gym equipment for senior citizens in the

Sant Pere gardens

4. Restoring Casa de l'Aigua
5. Improvements to Altea la Vieja's cemetery
6. Street lights for the Green Corridor
7. Children's park in Calle La Trompa's grass area
8. CCTV cameras at rubbish collection blackspots
9. Improvements to traffic lights

The vote, which closes on October 6, is open to all residents registered on the municipal Padron who are over 16. A ballot box has been installed at the town hall's Oficina de Atencion al Ciudadano for those without an internet connection.

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### Charity coffee morning

CANCER CARE JAVEA is holding a coffee morning next Friday September 29 outside the shops in Javea Park.

Everyone is invited to catch up over a cuppa, enjoy some gorgeous treats and help the charity make sure no one has to face cancer alone.

Refreshments are being provided by Clair and David at Mr Punch and cakes are being baked by volunteers and friends of Cancer Care Javea.

The charity was established in 1998 and since then has raised over €600,000.



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**MODERNISTA:** The old Monte de Piedad building will become an art centre.

# IVAM branches out

By Linda Hall

THE Centre d'Art d'Alcoi (CADA) art museum will reopen in 2018.

The president of the regional government, Ximo Puig confirmed the expected agreement between Alcoi City Hall, the regional government and the CAM Foundation that was first mentioned in December last year.

CADA is to become a secondary centre for IVAM, the modern art museum in Valencia City. IVAM's only branch outside the regional capital will be housed in the former Monte de

Piedad savings bank building, that was designed and built by Vicente Pascual in 1909.

A fine example of the Valencia region's Modernista style, this was the property of the CAM bank which founded in 2012.

It first opened as an art gallery in 2010 but closed in 2011 owing to CAM's financial problems.

Puig made the announcement during a debate in Las Cortes, the regional parliament, not long after Alcoi City Hall granted the CAM Foundation permission to carry out necessary reforms in the CADA building.

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**CASA GERALDA: 'Rural gem' claim.**

# Divided opinions over dilapidated mansion

By Linda Hall

VALENCIA City resident Antonio Marin has challenged definitive permission to pull down a 19th century mansion in Jijona. Although the Valencia region's Ombudsman shelved an earlier appeal from local cultural association Seixona Ancestral, Marin is now asking him to intervene once more.

The destruction of the rambling property would mean the

disappearance of Jijona's only remaining 'rural element' which Marin described as "possibly one of the most important in the province."

Accusing the town hall of "negligence and irresponsibility," Marin also complained that there is no catalogue of Jijona's protected assets. The ombudsman should order the town hall to remedy this without delay, he said.

Casa Geralda, which was

registered in 1865 but built between 1800 and 1825, has belonged to the municipality since 1990. It is structurally unsound and restoration would cost around €852,000, according to Jijona's municipal architect.

The town hall based its decision to raze the property on a report from Santiago Varela, a leading Alicante architect. Casa Geralda is of little historic or architectural value, he has said.

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## Putting a lid on it in the street

MANHOLE covers in San Vicente's remodelled Calle Torrent were lifted off during a short but fierce downpour recently.

The street in the town centre was temporarily cordoned off to prevent the unwary from falling into one of the unprotected holes, prompting residents to complain about the €241,00 makeover

that lasted six months. This included the storm drains but did nothing to solve old problems.

The town hall explained the covers corresponded to main drainage infrastructure and the storm drains had functioned correctly. In future, however, the manhole covers would be fitted with hinges to ensure they remained in place.

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VINCENZA: The Alfaz delegation at the last meeting.

## Mediation wins a prize

By Linda Hall

FIVE pupils participating in the l'Arabi High School's mediation programme travelled last week to Vincenza (Italy).

They were attending the final EASY Towns meeting, accompanied by the town hall's official delegation of three councillors and Felicidad Martin, the l'Arabi school's head teacher.

Eleven towns and cities from 10 EU member states have participated in this two-year project funded by the European Union's Europe for Citizens programme.

The scheme is based on themes of multiculturalism and integration and ultimately the programme hopes to have increased the capacity for dealing with integration issues while taking into account the

views of young people.

Alfaz's mediation programme was introduced in 2011 to improve relationships in the school environment and prevent bullying and the mediators have learnt to help fellow pupils solve conflicts without judging or criticising.

The five Alfaz pupils demonstrated their work with a short film, made with the collaboration of the town hall's Audiovisual Department, which showed them mediating in a fictional conflict.

Both the film and the l'Arabi programme were applauded by the EASY Towns' delegates who rewarded the Alfaz project a first prize.

She was very satisfied and very proud, Alfaz's Education councillor Isabel Muñoz said afterwards.

## NEWS EXTRA

### No more noise

DENIA'S Calle Loreto - known amongst locals as 'Tapas Street' - has been declared an Acoustically Saturated Zone (ZAS). Measures are already being taken to reduce noise pollution from the Plaza de la Constitucio to Calle Desamparats.

### Left alone

TWO children, aged 10 and 11, were rescued from the sea off les Rotes beach after they went swimming despite being warned not to by lifeguards. Their parents, who left them unsupervised, will be sanctioned.

### By hand

TO inaugurate the town's 'l'Arros de le Estrelles' gastrocultural week, farmers in Pego took to the rice fields in traditional dress, seeding the rice by hand - demonstrating how hard it once was before machinery was introduced.

### New school

"TODAY is a historic day for Beniarbeig," said CEIP Benicadim Director Vicent Molines as the all-new €3.3 million school opened its gates to some 160 awestruck students last week.

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# Brexit update

Pellicer & Heredia were kindly invited by campaign group BREXPATS IN SPAIN to join the meeting with the British Consul to talk about the one topic on everyone's mind since the referendum on June 23, 2016: BREXIT.

By Richard Hill

It was a very interesting meeting at the British Consulate between the Brexpats in Spain Valencia representatives Richard Hill and his assistant Helen, the Consul Sarah-Jane Morris and Brexpats' Valencia legal advisor Ignacio Pellicer from Pellicer & Heredia Abogados.

The official line is that the UK government wishes for things to remain 'as is' for expats who move to Spain before we exit the EU. The UK will continue to export and update the UK state pension within the EU, the EHIC card will still be available and medical care arranged via the S1 form.

Citizenship needs to be explained. Nobody is a citizen of Europe except by treaty which of course the UK is resigning from.

Many of us understand that while Britain allows dual nationality with Spain it is not reciprocated by Spain to the UK, however it is not that simple. Unlike many other countries if you choose to take Spanish citizenship then Spain does not require any proof that you have renounced your UK one. The UK allows both so technically you can keep both passports.

The Spanish may also be thinking of removing the need for Spanish language and cultural exams

to obtain citizenship in Spain for over 65's or reduce the standard.

Passports are still an unknown quantity. We don't know yet whether or not new UK passports will be phased in but there is nothing definite so again more on this later.

Freedom of travel within Europe is again at the moment unresolved.

For those in receipt of civil service, government or local government pensions including armed services reciprocal taxation is a very sore subject especially if you don't now have voting rights in the UK. According to the consul: "It is still the government's intention to remove the 15 year rule for voting." For those who choose to take citizenship it would be interesting in that you could then vote both in Spain and the UK!

The Consul is going to look into pet passports with the UK government. While the Consul was of course unable to comment, Ignacio put forward the potential legal standpoint that on leaving the EU unless a new agreement was made with the UK it would not be part of the European pet passport scheme.

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## The mind-body connection

YOGA with instructor Juan Pedro Martinez restarts at the Albir Social Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes have been split into two groups with 'gentle' and medium level from 6pm-7.30pm and medium-to-advanced level from 7.45pm until 9pm. More information is available on 609 773 607.

## Sing an old song

ALFAZ again sang and recited the traditional Couplets in honour of the Virgen de los Dolores.

Believed to be the oldest fiesta activities in Alfaz and surrounding areas, they were discontinued after the Civil War but revived in 1986, said Fiestas councillor Marisa Cortes who was among this year's singers.

# ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

## Peace through poetry and music

By Linda Hall

ALFAZ celebrates World Peace Day on September 30 with a free poetry and musical recital.

Members of Benidorm's Liceo Poetico will be participating in the recital while many local poets and musicians have confirmed they will be present at the event which begins at 7.30pm in the Casa de Cultura.

These include Alfaz guitarist Santiago, who is also a member of the local Choir, as well as the poet Annabel Villar and painter Goyo Perez.

The forthcoming event was announced by Alfaz's Culture councillor Mayte Garcia and Alfaz resident Rina Castelucci



Photo by Alfaz town hall

**RECITAL PLANS:** Mayte Garcia and Rina Castelucci discuss World Peace Day.

who is also president of the Association of Uruguayans and Friends of the Costa Blanca.

The World Peace Day event includes the presentation of *Tiempo de Cristales Rotos* (Time of broken glass) by Julio Pavanetti "an extraordinary

Uruguayan poet," Castelucci said. "The poems are committed to a social situation where broken glass is a metaphor for broken dreams and realities."

The Culture councillor also thanked Castelucci for her work with the Association.

## With a tune in their hearts

THE Orihuela Costa Male Voice Choir (OCMVC) returns to Alfaz on Friday, October 20.

The choir was a great success on their previous visit, giving their audience much pleasure and raising a big donation for the Spanish National Cancer Charity, AECC.

The choir's director Nigel Hopkins is a man of exceptional talent. After a career in opera and oratorio and with much concert experience, he became known as a conductor and musical director with famous orchestras and world-class soloists.

These included the English Symphony Orchestra (principal conductor Sir Yehudi



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**ALFAZ DATE:** OCMVC in full song

Menuhin) on two occasions, while Julian Lloyd Webber has been a soloist under Nigel's baton.

Since moving to Spain in 2009 Nigel has formed four high standard and very popular choral groups.

It is one of these, the 35 strong (OCMVC), which Nigel will be bringing to Alfaz,

both to entertain and raise funds for the local branch of the AECC.

To fill your heart with song, attend their concert at the Casa de Cultura in Alfaz on Friday October 20 at 7.30pm.

Entrance to the concert will be by donation. Enquiries to 966 860 735 or email [pdawson802r@cv.gva.es](mailto:pdawson802r@cv.gva.es).

## New prefabs for old

DRESSING rooms to replace the old and deteriorated prefabs at the Albir football ground are now ready for use.

Alfaz's mayor Vicente Arques, recently visited the new installation, accompanied by Sports councillor Luis Miguel Morant. While there he also inspected work carried out to solve the drainage problem along the side of the pitch nearest to the changing rooms.

The town hall has spent €50,000 on the new modules which include a changing room equipped with benches as well as four showers, two baths, lavatories, handbasins and mirrors.

"Children's football tournaments and amateur league games are played at this ground, which is also used by foreign teams attending winter training camps," Morant said.

There are also plans to replace the pitch's artificial turf through a leasing system, the councillor revealed.

## Scouting about

THIS Saturday at 11am Alfaz scout leaders will be talking about the group in the Casa de Cultura.

They will provide full details of the aims and activities of the Alfaz troop which was formed in 2013 and belongs to the Scouts Valencians and Spain's Federation of Scout Associations. There are 38 boy and girl members aged between five and 18 years of age, together with eight leaders who hold Wood Badge and Tiempo Libre Monitor qualifications.

Aaron Rivera, the coordinator of the fourth Alfaz Scout Group and Antonio Sanchis, assistant coordinator, recently met Marisa Cortes, Local Associations' councillor, to outline future activities. These include Alfaz's International Day and the Valencia Day celebrations on October 9.

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### Working it out

THE council is working to have its new 'Activa'T Mobiliza't' scheme in place by October.

The scheme has been designed to promote an active lifestyle, with advice and personal training from German Durillo.

At first, the access to the scheme will only be available to citizens referred by their doctor.

### Social boost

TEULADA-MORAIRA'S social services recently received a grant of €32,023.76 from the Diputacion de Alicante. The amount of €1,804.76 will be spent developing a counselling service for women and the rest will be put towards a home-help service, a memory workshop for the elderly and psychological care for citizens suffering from mental illness.

## Asociacion Benefica de Teulada Fayre

September 21, 10am-2pm Centro de Dia, C/Alacant, 9, Teulada

CONTINUING their collaboration with the Alzheimer Family Association in Teulada-Moraira, Pat Bramah, President of The Asociacion Benefica de Teulada recently presented Afa Alzheimer with a large television for the use of the patients.

Currently, patients are enjoying watching YouTube with music and songs of their era and will be singing one of these to celebrate World Alzheimer's Day on September 21. The Centre will also be purchasing programmes, exercises and games to help stimulate the memory.

To celebrate World Alzheimer's Day the Asociación Benéfica are holding a Fayre at the Day Centre to help bring awareness to this disease. Carmen and



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Sylvia will be on hand to give information about the centre, the various stalls to date include home baking, bric a brac, children's clothes and toys, tombola, jewellery, Fantasy Night Glow, chutneys and jams, Christmas cards and toiletries, Scentsy, good quality second-hand clothes (profits going to an orphanage in Sri Lanka), Marti Projects, Avalon, and Scottsdale Overseas.

Afa Alzheimer will have information, some hand painted cards, and items made by volunteers working with the patients.

Please do come along and support Afa Alzheimer whose catchment area covers Calpe, Jalon, Denia, Javea and Teulada-Moraira.

### Under new management



**KATH TAYLOR (left), Jenny Hart, President of the Association (right) with Marian and Rudd Lakerveld.**

THE Masonic Homes of Valencia were pleased to welcome new managers to the Moraira Charity Shop on August 31.

Kath and Chris Taylor had managed the shop very successfully for the past seven years, and now wished to retire. The presentation took place in the shop, when several gifts

were presented from the Board of Management and also from the shop volunteers who turned out in their numbers, after which the party continued over the road in the local cafe.

The new managers are Marian and Rudd Lakerveld. The shop is always pleased to receive donated items.

## AKIRA autumn events

OCTOBER 12 and November 6: Stall at the Canor Antiques Fair.

October 22: Take That Tribute Concert at La Senieta, Moraira. Free bar but donations welcome! Tickets can be bought from Maggie 965 744 449 until October 1 or from Pauline anytime as per poster details. €15.

November 22: Fashion show at Canor

November 25: Stall at the La Isla restaurant.

AKIRA desperately need somebody to drive the trailer down to the bookstall every second and fourth Friday in the month. This entails being at Moraira Market by 8am, setting up the stall and then returning at 1.30pm to close up for a small remuneration. If you think you could help please call Maggie 965 744 449.

### Supporting start-ups

THE Council, in collaboration with the agency AFIC-CREAMA, launched their new initiative promoting start-ups in Teulada-Moraira last week.

Councillor Nieves Rodriguez presented the plan, whereby the council will support 10 local start-ups with a grant of €5,000 each. Start-ups between November 1, 2016 and October 31, 2017 can apply for grants - application forms are available at the town hall and at the AFIC-CREAMA office.



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# JAVEA - XABIA NEWS

## Fire safety

TOMORROW (Friday) a presentation is being held at the Soler Blasco Museum since it has been just over a year since the Javea fires.

The presentation will start at 7.30pm where biologists and engineers will advise what measures have been implemented and what plans are in place to minimise future risk.

## Masons' treasure hunt for charity

ON SEPTEMBER 10 local Freemason's Lodge Puerto de Xabia 58 held a Treasure Hunt in the Javea area.

It was attended by more than 30 Masons, wives and friends. An excellent lunch

was taken at the restaurant Casa Pepe in Valcon al Mar. After lunch, which was enjoyed by all, the group was entertained by the band Hang-over Tuesday, who played many memorable rock tunes

from the 70's. These were enjoyed by everyone including other patrons attending the restaurant who were also having lunch.

During the break a charity raffle was held to raise money for the Master's chosen charity of the year. A cheque for €250 was presented to the Charity Steward, WBro Chris Stoneley, by Lawrence from the group on behalf of Mr and Mrs Sandford who, on returning to the UK, had left items with Lawrence to sell for charity.

A further €20 was donated by Dirk of the Lounge bar in Javea and €20 more came from a member of the public

who was enjoying the music.

With the proceeds from the raffle the Lodge was able to raise the grand sum of €517.

This money will be donated to the childrens' residential care home 'Les Rotes' in Denia. WM Nick Coates thanked everyone for attending and giving so generously and offered especial thanks to the group for giving up their free time and entertaining us all so well and at no cost.

If you are interested in the work of the Freemasons or would be interested in learning more please contact them by email at [prensa@glpvalencia.com](mailto:prensa@glpvalencia.com).

## Cultural councillor Javea Players' Open Day

JAVEA'S councillor for Culture, Quico Moragues, will attend a cava reception to open the Javea Players' Open Day on Sunday October 15.

The Open Day is being held at the Players' Studio Theatre on Calle Cronista Figueres Pacho No 6 from 12-4pm.

Over a glass of wine and some light snacks, the Players would like to bring you up-to-date with their efforts to make sure the expat community can enjoy really high quality theatre in English.



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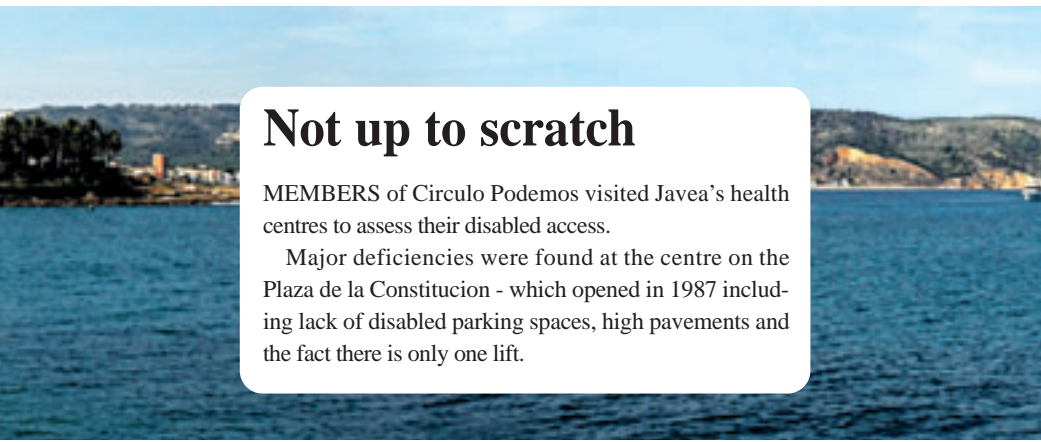
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## Not up to scratch

MEMBERS of Circulo Podemos visited Jávea's health centres to assess their disabled access.

Major deficiencies were found at the centre on the Plaza de la Constitucion - which opened in 1987 including lack of disabled parking spaces, high pavements and the fact there is only one lift.

## ... to open ... open Day

Big advances are being made to their workshop in Gata, affectionately known as The Shed. These include a new workbench, tool store and lighting equipment store.

Their much loved Studio Theatre in Jávea's Old Town now has new, infinitely more effective, air conditioning, emergency lighting, curtain tracks, back drops and backstage working lights.

For further information ring Bernard King on 966 462 385.

## A fitting farewell

LAST Sunday's 'Big Heart of Jávea' classic car and motor-bike event was chosen by biker friends and family of Noelle Wyman as the perfect location to say a final farewell to a true biker babe.

Noelle, (better known as Auntie Noelle to her listeners on Bay Radio) passed away in May this year having lost her fight with cancer.

With thanks to Telitec for their support, 100 blue balloons each carrying a message were released at the event.

"This was the first opportunity for the biking community and members of the public to show their love, respect and admiration for someone who al-

ways had a smile and kind word for everyone. She will indeed be sadly missed" said Peter Emmett.

Noelle's husband Bob James was delighted to join the Free Spirits Harley Davidson enthusiast group on the 'In Memory Ride' earlier that day before they roared into Jávea.

Noelle will be remembered for many things, not least helping Harley Davidson owners and riders on the Costa Blanca establish the Charity Biker Babe Appeal.

From June 2014 to December 2016, the Charity Biker Babe Appeal raised an astonishing €54,000 for the Children of Emaus.

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## U3A Vall del Pop What's On programme

September 28 - Ladies Pamper Day at Finestrat Mountain Retreat [Spa], treatment and lunch

October 5 - General Meeting. Speaker Byron Dawson - Astronomy

October 10 - U3A Vall del Pop Singers (renamed Casual Choir) performing 1960/70's music at a Cava and Cake afternoon at the home of their President from 4-6pm. Please contact TCET for tickets.

November 2 - General Meeting. Speaker Daniel Herranz - Spanish Taxes / Brexit Update

November 3 - Trip to Centina Medieval Fayre, held since 1346. Cost €8.50

December 2 - Xmas Dinner dance at Salon Canor, Tuelada. Being held with Calpe U3A. Entertainment by Sharni. Cost €33

December 9 - General Meeting, with Xmas Festivities

December 15 - Bring & Share Xmas party at Jalon Penisionista. Music from Mike. Cost €6

December 23 - 27 - Xmas 2017. Five days and four nights in Nerja, including trips to Malaga, Almuñecar and Frigilana

2018  
January - General Meeting. Speaker Tobias Laube - Reflexology

February 1 - General Meeting. Speaker Philip Ashley - Music Speaks Louder than Words

March 1 - Annual General Meeting

April 5 - General Meeting. Speaker Helen Siddal-Butchers - Psychotherapist and Counsellor

May 3 - General Meeting. Speaker Mike Rendell - The Golden Age of Piracy.

Visit the website, <http://u3avallpop.com>, for further details and group activities.

## Oliva U3A underway

THE new U3A year began on September 11 when groups resumed their activities.

The Oliva branch has groups with activities ranging from basic Spanish, dancing, singing, golf and green bowls. This is only a small section of what is on offer as there are 34 different groups running throughout the year. To find out more please visit the website <https://u3aoliva.wildapricot.org>. From the home page click on Groups, this will take you to the full list with the information required.

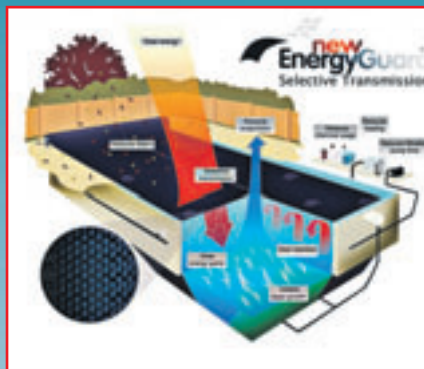
The first Monthly General Meeting will be held at the Polivalent in Oliva on September 28 starting at 11am. The speaker at this meeting will be Javier Llombart from the Cancer Charity AECC, all welcome.

In October the travel team has arranged a day out with an organised visit to the Borja Palace and Monasteries including lunch. There will be further trips and events organised throughout the year. The 10th Anniversary Celebration is to be held on November 11.

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**New Court Success with off plan payments being refunded following Residencial Santa Ana Del Monte (Herrada Del Tollo SI) liquidation**



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IN today's article we want to share with our readers the success that we have had in obtaining refunds or one or more Spanish off plan property deposits initially lost due to the disappearance or liquidation of the builder.

Fortunately, our office has been able to help dozens of people affected by this type of loss caused by the developer not completing the property and we have already been able to recover hundreds of thousands of euros for our clients.

Our latest success has been in respect of claims on behalf of those who purchased in the residential area of **Santa Ana del Monte**, promoted by the developer Herrada Del Tollo SI, which became insolvent.

Happily we are successfully recovering money paid by our clients through the court action against the **BBVA Bank** and the **Sociedad De Garantía Reciproca De La Comunidad Valenciana**, as shown by the recent Court Decision Order issued by the court of first instance nº 5 of Alicante, in the court process 686/2017, after recognition of its responsibility by BBVA.

The SGR and BBVA are responsible for returning the money paid to this developer, because they granted general policies to guarantee the money paid by buyers off plan in this complex, in accordance with law 57/68.

Even if they did not give individual guarantees to the purchasers, as the Supreme Court has repeatedly stated, for example in its judgement

number 322/2015, **although they have not issued individual guarantees, the entities, in this case BBVA and the SGR, must pay back the deposits paid by the purchasers, with interest, in accordance with the general bank guarantee granted.**

In the same vein other Supreme Court Decisions can be found, like the Orders of 15/6/2016, of 9/21/2016, sentence number 626/2016, etc.

In addition, those affected in Santa Ana del Monte usually paid their deposits and partial payments of the price into the bank account that the developer, Herrada del Tollo SL, held with BBVA, which means that in these cases BBVA has a double responsibility for paying back the deposit and money paid, as:

- 1) BBVA granted a general

policy as indicated above

2) In accordance with the law 57/68, article 1, second condition, the bank must make sure before opening the special account to receive these funds that the deposits paid by the buyers were properly guaranteed as required by law.

Therefore, if you have lost money in the purchase of a property off plan, in the complex of Santa Ana del Monte (due to be built by Herrada del Tollo) or any other development in Spain, **contact us and we will help you.**

We are experts who will only charge you if you win, once payment is made and generally our expenses will be paid by the other party, so it is possible for you to recover all of the money paid together with interest.

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## Local art group exhibition

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The show starts with a Preview Party with light refreshments on Thursday September 28 from 6.00pm - 9.00pm and entrance is free.

The exhibition is then open until October 14, Monday to Friday from 11.00am - 1.00pm and 6.00pm - 9.00pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am - 1.30pm and 6.00pm - 9.00pm.

Showcased will be many original paintings in all styles and subjects, as well as cards, prints and calendars.

The Painting for Pleasure Art Group was founded in 2008 and welcomes new members.

Meetings are held on Monday afternoons in Rafol d'Almunia and membership is only €24 euros per year.

For more information check out [www.artonoffer.com](http://www.artonoffer.com) or get in touch with Jan on 617 955 998.

## New floral year

THE Marina Alta Floral Club's new floral year starts on Thursday September 28 at the Salon de Actos, La Senieta, Moraira.

The club look forward to welcoming Lynn Picken to the club. A talented floral artist, Lynn comes from Cheshire and is also a member of NAFAS.

Lynn will be presenting 'Strictly Flowers.'

Flowers are supplied by the Paichi Garden Centre in Moraira and all exhibits will be raffled at the end of the afternoon.

Doors open at 2.00pm with everyone to be seated by 2.45pm. Members and non-members alike are very much welcomed - entrance costs €5 for members and €8 for visitors.

Memberships will be due for renewal and are the same as last year.

For further information contact Lynn on 966 405 426 or visit the club's website [www.marinaaltafloralclub.com](http://www.marinaaltafloralclub.com). You can also follow Marina Alta Costa Blanca Floral Club on Facebook.

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## HIV epidemic

■ AN average of 80 Russians die every day from HIV/Aids according to new statistics. There has been a 13 per cent increase in deaths this year. At least 1.1 million people carry the virus in Russia. Health authorities have described it as an epidemic.

## Slurry wars

■ PIG farmers in south-west Russia illegally blocked the highway to Kazakhstan after police confiscated computers used to automatically feed 28,000 pigs. Detectives are investigating possible subsidy fraud and seized the computers for three months. The farmers face heavy fines for blocking traffic with their tractors.

## Everest empire

■ THE Russian Embassy in London raised eyebrows when it described Mount Everest as Russian territory in a tweet. The statement was later deleted by not before some netizens pointed out the strange claim. In response the embassy tweeted 'digital sh\*t happens' alongside a picture of Forrest Gump.

## Chimney comrades

■ A WARNING was given to the Russian Consulate in San Francisco after it began burning rubbish in a giant fireplace. Black smoke sailed from the chimney leading to fears of a fire. But firefighters were told not to worry. The incident violates about 1,000 of San Francisco's famously green-friendly rules.

## Bomb scares

■ SCHOOLS and other public buildings were evacuated in dozens of Russian cities after a series of bomb threats. In just one day authorities across the country received 42 anonymous threats. An estimated 45,000 people were moved from buildings in Perm, Omsk, Chelyabinsk and other major cities.

## Forbidden film

■ A FILM about an affair between Tsar Nicholas and a Polish dancer will not be screened by Russia's biggest cinema group. Extremist Christian groups have burned cars and tossed Molotov cocktails outside cinemas daring to show 'Mathilde.' Tsar Nicholas II is considered a saint by the Russian Orthodox Church.



**BANNED:** Cinemas are cowing into religious groups over film.



## Public sector pay cap

A SPOKESPERSON for the Spanish Finance Ministry has announced that in order to comply with deficit containment requirements, public sector pay rises will be capped.

The maximum increase in any single year between 2018 and 2020 will be set at 2 per cent although there is no guarantee that even this figure will be agreed in every case. Unions are now awaiting a meeting with government negotiators to see what their members are likely to be offered.

# Escalating cost of death

IT'S costing more than ever to die in Britain and many people have to cut back on funeral expenses which can average more than €4,000.

London is the most expensive place to die with average costs exceeding €6,000 which is double the cost of a funeral in Northern Ireland according to the 11th Cost of Dying report published by insurers SunLife.

The funeral however only makes up less than 50 per cent of the average cost with the total hitting €9,000 when adding the cost of a wake, cars, flowers and a profes-

By John Smith

sional to administer the estate.

In the survey according to funeral directors and bereaved, a number of people have opted for the cheapest coffin, hold the wake at home and even considered burying their loved one in their back gardens.

Since the company first started the survey, they have seen costs increase by more than 70 per cent in England although Northern Ireland and Wales have seen a drop.

Many people now consider the advantage of taking insurance or making interim payments on guaranteed costs in order to save their loved ones from having the problem of funding their funeral after they have gone.

Those living in Spain will be able to find similar options in order to reduce the likely cost of a funeral and also need to consider whether their wills should specify that their estates should be distributed under Spanish law or the law of the country in which they were born.

## Energy shares fall

A REPORT issued by the investment bankers Goldman Sachs has frightened a number of corporate and private investors and hit the shares of Spanish energy companies. The twin reasons for this were suggestions that the Spanish government was likely to cut subsidies to the energy section and the increased amount of green energy will see prices tumbling.

### Quote of the Week

"We know perfectly well that relocation would become an exodus, Catalonia would enter into an economic collapse." Josep Bou President of Entrepreneurs of Catalonia on Catalanian Independence.



ON THE catwalk at London Fashion Week.

## Fashion sales grow online

WITH London Fashion Week just about to finish, shopping for clothes online is becoming a major market in the UK and increasingly in Spain.

In the past five years, UK spend online has doubled to £16 billion (€18 billion) although the overall growth in clothing sales is just over 1 per cent, suggesting that the customer base remains much the same but the method of purchase has changed.

So says Mintel, the world's

largest market intelligence agency with global offices in Europe, the Far East and Asia

Major retailers such as Inditex and Mango have spent a lot of time and money in developing their Spanish websites which can then be rolled out across the world whilst a number of British companies such as Debenhams and Marks and Spencer are making it much easier for English speaking residents in Spain to purchase their clothing.

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## Stronger pound

IN a recent edition of this newspaper it was suggested that sterling would be likely to recover against the euro and this is what has happened. At the time of writing, the exchange rate has exceeded €1.12 and could climb further.

## Unfair olives

SPANISH olive growers have now received a 150 page document from US Department of Commerce which they must fill in if they wish to keep tariff free imports. American olive growers accuse them of unfair competition supported by the Spanish government.

## Bitcoin falls

THE digital currency Bitcoin has lost 20 per cent of its value in September after tremendous rises in 2017. Despite this a single coin is still valued at around \$4,000 (€3,356) although Chinese pressure may hurt it in the future.

## Greater growth for Spain's economy

AFTER reviewing the way in which national accounting in Spain is undertaken, the authorities have now slightly upgraded 2015 and 2016 growth results. According to the National Institute of Statistics economic output grew by 3.3 per cent in 2016, up by 0.1 per cent over the figure reported in

March of this year whilst the 2015 figure is now reported as 3.4 per cent, up 0.2 per cent.

So pleased is the government with these adjusted figures that the ministry of the economy thinks it reasonable to expect the 2017 figure to be even better than 2016.

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# “Schhh... You Know Who” European Court to rule on tonic water

A WAR has broken out between Coca Cola and Japanese drinks manufacturer Suntory over the import of millions of bottles of Schweppes tonic water from Britain to Spain.

Schweppes Spain, owned by Suntory has taken action against companies selling British made Schweppes tonic water and a major importer.

So heated has the argument become that the main court in Barcelona has had to submit the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) the EU's highest court for an opinion before making a ruling.

Coca Cola owns the rights to produce Schweppes tonic water and other drinks in the UK and a number of other countries as does Suntory, but with the growth in popularity of gin and tonic across Europe, one Spanish distributor in particular decided that more money could be made by importing the quinine-based drink from the UK.

It is estimated that the import of British tonic accounted for 5 per cent of total Spanish sales and action was taken against wholesalers who supplied bars and restaurants with the tonic as well as the main importer who had 45,000 bottles seized at ports of landing.

Whilst Coca Cola has signed a private agreement not to send Schweppes tonic water direct to Spain, the distributor has argued that it is doing nothing wrong and that the Schweppes' brand is closely associated in the minds of consumers with Coca Cola.

The counter argument not only disputes this but points out that Spanish Schweppes tonic tastes different to the UK pro-



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duced version and even has different sized bubbles.

Once the CJEU completes its deliberations, their conclusion will be passed to Barcelona and a final decision will be handed down, so that one side will be able to relax with an enjoyable G&T.

Intellectual Property lawyers await the decision with interest as there are many branded items produced in different parts of the European Union where parallel imports are known to take place from Eastern Europe to wealthier States and precedence in law is always helpful.

## BUILDING A LOCAL CURRENCY FOR LOCAL PEOPLE New version of old concept

AN Israeli company, Colu, has attracted more than €10 million financial investment from corporate investors prepared to take a chance on new high tech start-up companies.

Originally formed to take advantage of the interest in digital currencies following the success of bitcoin, it has shifted its emphasis to introduce local online currencies for specific cities.

Starting in Israel and the UK, there is every likelihood that if the test cases are successful, we could see the same concept arriving in Spain.

The actual idea is quite simple and takes the previously tried concept of a local currency and digitises it so they now operate the Haifa Shekel and the Liverpool Pound.

Local companies agree to sign up free of charge to Colu and confirm that they will accept digital payment and consumers also sign up to convert their pounds on a one for one basis for the Liverpool Pound.

There are no charges to change money nor are there charges when payments are made but in order to prosper



Photo by Colu

**PROMOTING local shopping.**



Colu charges 1.5 per cent when the digital currency is cashed in.

The attraction for local business is that it pays no fees to accept digital payment and as membership - both business and consumer - grows so there will be an increasing market of local shoppers.

Research shows that large businesses such as supermarkets and major retailers move up to 70 per cent of in-

come earned out of the area to regional or main bank accounts whilst local businesses keep up to 65 per cent of income circulating within the area.

The concept is good, but there are potential drawbacks as there is only so much local business to business trade that can be undertaken before small companies need to 'cash in' their Liverpool Pounds which is when they lose 1.5 per cent of their total.

Equally, if businesses keep hold of all of their digital income, Colu won't make any income and could well 'pull the plug.'

None of the four trial areas have been trading for long enough to indicate whether this is a potentially viable option, but the fact that some major venture capitalists are prepared to help fund the company suggests that this could be the next big thing in the digital world.

If it does take off, then the only slight irony will be a concept that looks to support local shops for local people will see a percentage of the money earned disappearing to Israel.

## Spain boosts private pensions

THE Minister for the Economy, Luis de Guindos has made it known that the government is anxious to encourage investment in personal pension plans.

He therefore intends to put a draft Royal Decree before Parliament reducing the maximum management fee for plans from 1.5 per cent to 1.25 per cent of the value of the investment.

This is the second reduction since 2014 when the maximum fee was reduced from 2 per cent and will be criticised by investment managers who claimed that they lost €100 million of income then and could lose another €50 million if this law is approved.

From 2025 it will also be easier for individuals to release part of their pension investments.

## Winner of Ig Nobel prize

A RECENT Spanish development for unborn babies known as the Babypod is available for pregnant women at a cost of €149.95.

This small intra-vaginal device stimulates neural development in unborn babies through music.

The company which has been set up by four scientists says studies show that it encourages communication and vocalisation in babies before birth through the music streamed.

Babypod gives them their first musical and learning experience and is far more effective than other devices affixed to the stomach.

Not everyone agrees however as it has been singled out for an Ig Nobel in this year's annual awards presented by humorous American scientific magazine Annals of Improbable Research.

# BREXIT MAY HURT EXPATRIATE PENSIONS UK needs new agreement

CONSERVATIVE MP Nicky Morgan, Chairman of the UK Treasury Committee has written to the Chancellor regarding possible loss of pension payments and insurance for expatriates.

It appears that what are known as cross-border insurance policies may no longer be permitted following Brexit unless some form of agreement is reached between the UK and European Union.

In essence, a number of policies which run after March 2019 have been sold to customers under passporting arrangements which allow for the insurers to make payments into the EU but these arrangements will in theory be stopped post Brexit unless some form of agreement is reached.

Pensioners in particular should not immediately worry as it is believed state and other pensions paid into UK accounts should be safe but there may be some difficulty in respect of private pensions paid in euros into EU accounts.

The same may be true for other insurance policies also written in the UK

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**Nicky Morgan, Chair of UK Treasury Committee.**

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but covering properties, lives or other matters in Spain.

This is not some form of crafty trick by insurance companies but a situation which means that without some form of agreement, they will either have to withhold payment or risk breaking the law.

So far, the United Kingdom has indicated that part of the initial discussions involved cross-border sales of goods and

materials but according to the Treasury Committee, both the UK and EU appear to have overlooked these sales.

As it could take anywhere from nine to 18 months for legislation to be put in place to allow these transfers or for British insurers to either set up subsidiaries abroad or transfer their existing portfolios to third parties, the problem is quite urgent.

In her letter to the Chancellor, Philip Hammond, Miss Morgan said "The possibility UK providers may not be legally able to pay out pensions or insurance contracts to citizens in the EU - including UK expats - is a stark example of the consequences of a 'cliff edge' Brexit."

She went on to say that "It is therefore surprising there have been no position papers from the [European] commission or the government proposing how it might be addressed."

It is estimated there may be several hundred thousand contracts which could be affected and therefore this intervention by the Treasury Committee is clearly very timely.

## Catalan pension fears

AS the Catalan Independence Referendum row rolls on, employees and pensioners in the province are receiving mixed messages about the viability of an Independent state.

Whilst the Catalan government has been issuing comforting words to the estimated 500,000 existing pensioners, the government in Madrid suggests that there would be a shortfall of just under €4.7 billion to pay them.

With the largest number of workers falling in the 25 to 54 age category, the number of pensioners could well grow over the coming years which would put a further strain on the Catalan economy.

Without national support, the government suggests that the independent state could see job losses of at least 250,000 which would also reduce the pension pot and increase the drain on social service payments.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

**by Stone King**

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

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

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



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

### What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

### Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

### Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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# No one's laughing now are they?

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OTHERS THINK IT



IF the UK doesn't toughen up against the threat of potential terrorism we really can put our heads between our legs and kiss our proverbials goodbye.

The first thing the government has to come to terms with (and more importantly publicly admit), is that we are in a war. The second thing, imperative to any successful outcome, is to openly recognise that the active participants in this conflict are predominantly young men, who hail from ethnic backgrounds and are followers of Islamic beliefs.

Political correctness and the fear of being labelled a racist preventing us admitting who our enemies are is utterly ridiculous. The power to intercept internet use and freeze suspects' bank accounts, rescinded in 2011 due to some human rights infringement protest (surprise, surprise) must be restored. Internment must be brought back.

The 23,000 terrorist suspects presently at large in the UK have to be monitored more closely, including phone hacking and the eavesdropping of conversations. No individual convicted of terrorism should have access to public funds for leave



**ANTI-TERROR MEASURES: Must be intensified?**

to appeal and, where possible, immediate deportation should be in effect. Suspects' homes must be raided far more frequently. Mosques and schools, suspected of preaching radicalism, must be closed down and offending leaders jailed. Police have to be given much wider powers and not be in fear of recrimination for offending some religious ritual

or another. We are quite simply too damned soft.

The days of Geneva conventions and fair play is over. This enemy merely looks on any sign of decency as a weakness. These people kill women and children and even their own kind indiscriminately. They saw peoples' heads off and crucify others on social media. You can't possibly fight a

war against them shackled by political correctness or the fear that you may 'offend' somebody.

This war is also being fought on many fronts, including a growing number in high office, banner bearers who parade the streets and bleaters in the public media. The enemy is everywhere. Strange is it not, that when I warned of all this 20 years ago I was accused of being a ranting idiot and indeed often observed as a laughing stock? Well in the words of Nigel Farage to the European government. No one's laughing now are they?


I will finish this week on a somewhat lighter note. Ta ra!

Couldn't help laughing at a story I picked up during the week. It concerned the late great actor Yul Brynner. Apparently during the run of *The King and I* at the London Palladium in the 60's, one elderly fan waited at the stage door every night with a bunch of flowers for Mr Brynner. Every time they were offered the star declined.

On the final night the lady duly turned up and hit Brynner over the head with her bouquet. This was brilliantly observed in the piece I read as a memorable example of the 'fan hitting the s..t'! Ha ha. Got to laugh ain't ya?

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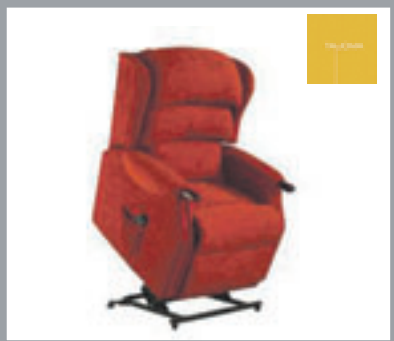
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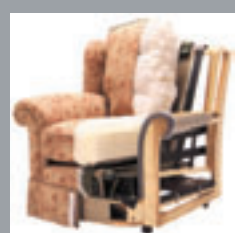
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# Bigger and better plus futuristic!

SUPERYACHTS are getting bigger, bolder and more futuristic. Bars, restaurants and even water slides are all expected on the biggest sea vessels.

Many support jet skis among their 'toys,' while others have helicopter pads, and a few go one step further and have a submarine in tow, or onboard Picasso or Rembrandt artworks.

Here is a roundup of the Top Seven biggest superyachts on the waters today:

## Azzam

**Size:** 180.6 metres  
**Cost (at purchase):** €450 million  
**Owner:** Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi  
**Manufactured:** Germany

## Fulk Al Salamah

**Size:** 164 metres  
**Cost:** Unknown  
**Owner:** Oman ruling family  
**Manufactured:** Italy

## Eclipse

**Size:** 162.5 metres  
**Cost:** €340 million  
**Owner:** Roman Abramovich, Chelsea owner  
**Manufactured:** Denmark

## Dubai

**Size:** 162 metres  
**Cost:** €338 million  
**Owner:** Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai  
**Manufactured:** Germany

## Dilbar

**Size:** 156 metres  
**Cost:** €335 million  
**Owner:** Arsenal shareholder Alisher Usmanov  
**Manufactured:** Germany

## Al Said

**Size:** 155 metres  
**Cost:** Unknown  
**Owner:** Qaboos bin Said al Said, the Sultan of Oman  
**Manufactured:** Germany

## Topaz

**Size:** 147.25 metres  
**Cost:** €400 million  
**Owner:** Sheikh Mansour, Deputy premier of UAE and Manchester City owner  
**Manufactured:** Germany

# Superyacht owners splash the cash but few

# Awash wit

*Peeping into the world of superyachts offshore in southern Spain and talking onshore to people in the know about the super-rich and famous provides an amazing eye-opener for land-lubber David Noon, including how to save a small fortune on fuel to spotting an on-board Picasso.*

**N**OTHING says rich like a superyacht. A Rolls-Royce or a stately home - even a private jet - pales in significance compared to the exuberance of wealth that a superyacht purports.

The superyacht is the ultimate toy to many A-list celebrities, Russian oligarchs and Middle Eastern royal families seeking out the high-life on the seas.

And so it could be safe to assume that the owners of the monumental vessels have little time - or need - to worry about the cost of their homes at sea.

Think again.

Just as the majority of us will shop around for the best mobile phone or flight deal, superyacht owners are keen to bag a bargain wherever they can.

In fact, a wise oligarch could be saved as much as €25,000 on a single tank full of fuel should he - or his hired crew - know where to stop off.

This is a fair old chunk of cash when you consider the cost of cleaners, maintenance, catering staff, and everything else in the world of yachting, where some cynics claim that the two best days in a boat owner's life are the

day that he buys... and the day that he sells!

Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich's best-known yacht (he has five in total), the Eclipse, reportedly has 70 staff to cater to the guests' every need and operate not only the superyacht but also its mini-submarine.

The world's largest superyacht, the Azzam (a staggering 180 metres, or 1.75 times longer than a standard football pitch), is estimated to set its royal Arab owner back an eye-watering \$60 million every year in upkeep alone.

Owning a superyacht isn't for the rich or even the super-rich. It is for an elite class so far up the wealth ladder that it's hard to imag-

The biggest superyachts have 50 bedroom suites accommodating around 100 people.



**WORLD'S BIGGEST:** The Azzam measures in at 180 metres long.

# Rising Sun a favourite with world's famous



From left: Barack Obama, Tom Hanks, Oprah Winfrey and Noel Gallagher.

**MEDIA** magnate David Geffen's Rising Sun superyacht often hosts the rich and famous, with Barack Obama and wife Michelle, US TV Oprah Winfrey and actor Tom Hanks, as well as pop supremo Bruce Springsteen, fashion designer Calvin Klein and ex rock-icon Noel Gallagher all spotted aboard, including in local waters around Ibiza.



**RISING SUN:** Chartered by the famous.

**43 metre superyacht:**  
**Fuel capacity:**  
**22,430 litres**  
**(around £15,000)**





# onshore ever witness how and where h money...



TALL STORY: Super Yacht A and (inset) owner Melnichenko.

## Rock stop to forget

WHILE there is undoubtedly cash to be saved from a stop-off in Gibraltar, one Russian billionaire will be wishing that his mega vessel had not put into Gibraltar earlier this year.

No sooner had the captain of Andrey Melnichenko superyacht berthed than the Gibraltar Port Authority impounded the €400m superyacht, Sailing Yacht A.

Seized, the tallest (and 10th longest) superyacht in the world, was held over unpaid fees, with German shipbuilder Nobiskrug claiming that the

Russian industrialist owed €15.3 million in overdue fees for the €143 million vessel.

Designed by French interior designer Philippe Starck (who has a place in Ronda in southern Spain), the Sailing Yacht A remained in the hands of the Port Authority for two weeks until Melnichenko and Nobiskrug reached an agreement and all potential civil charges were dropped against him.

Melnichenko also owns a superyacht called Motor Yacht A which is reportedly up for sale for around €200 million.

## Pricey plaything

FOR those deciding not to buy, superyachts are easily available for hire, though the average cost of chartering vessels costing between €300-500 million is €300,000 per week.

For this the owners throw in the full crew requirement and fuel, but not many aim to make a profit overall, for the cost of running such vessels over 12 months is around €40 million.

Whether being used solely by the owners, family and friends, or being chartered out to help offset running costs, many of the superyachts that use the Mediterranean in the European summer months head for the Caribbean from November to April.

This means the opportunity for further sunshine holidays afloat, for rest assured the super-rich are not tied to just a fortnight break once a year!

## It's show time

FOR some a trip to the Monaco Grand Prix can be a marker of success.

However it is the Monaco Yacht Show where those above the other half go to splash the cash.

Drawing in everyone from buyers and sellers to charters and interior designers, no stone is left unturned at the marquee event on the yachting

calendar, with even a submarine section for yacht owners who want to delve under the sea.

Come September 30, the harbour will again be full as this year's yachting community rolls into town, so if you have a spare €300 million or so, pack your bags and head for the south of France.

You won't be disappointed!



PACKED HARBOUR: The Monaco Yacht Show.

**Up to 2,000 engineers are required to build a superyacht costing between €300-500 million.**

ine. And because of this only 20 on average superyachts are commissioned each year.

Costing between €300-500 million with an average build time of three to four years, owning a yacht is a hobby for the top echelons of wealth.

And on top of the initial cost there are the countless extras to factor in: mini-submarines (as owned by Abramovich), support vessels, helicopters etc.

Add in upkeep, which in general is around 10 per cent of the build cost (between €30-50 million) each year - so yes an eye watering €3 - 5 million per annum - and the dizzying opulence of superyacht owning becomes clear.

While not all superyachts stretch as far as the Azzam, they are all still whopping great machines, and incredible savings can be made by fuelling up in the right places.

For example, a 37-metre boat (by no means the biggest sailing off southern

Spain and elsewhere in the Med) will have a tank which holds at least 42,500 litres and you don't get to own one of those sleek behemoths if you aren't aware of costs.

This is why Gibraltar has been attracting more superyachts than ever and is increasing the amount of dock space for them as diesel costs just 61c per litre and other chandlery goods as well as alcohol are considerably cheaper locally even than next door in Spain.

Clearly the likes of Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich isn't drawn to Gibraltar to visit Morrisons, nor does he have a strange affinity with the resident Barbary Macaques.

But money talks and superyacht calls to the Rock increased by 23 per cent in 2016 and continue to attract some of the world's largest and most expensive vessels.

Paul Gonzalez Morgan of Gibraltar Shipping states that the upturn in arrivals of superyachts is continuing to grow, as is the government's focus on

keeping them there.

He points to over 500 metres of deep berthing space for superyachts recently built as part of the Mid Harbour Marina as a sign of government commitment to making the Rock an attractive stop-off to world's superyacht skippers.

But it is not just Gibraltar that is on the map for cash-savvy yacht owners.

Malaga is also becoming an important stop for vessels that don't want to go as far as Gibraltar, but with diesel costing an average €1.05 per litre (and more in the other attractive marinas of Mallorca), it will cost an additional €18,700 in fuel to fill up.

Neighbouring France - the favoured offshore playground of many superyacht owners - offers some of the cheapest fuel if you can obtain it duty free at 45c per litre, but many owners have to pay duty and VAT which takes the price up to a whopping €1.45 per litre.

Sail down to the other end of the Mediterranean, and filling up will cost around €1.10 per litre in Turkey, which is cheaper than cash-strapped Greece which hovers around the €1.21 price.

**Some superyachts have up to 70 crew members.**

**The Arab royal-owned super-yacht Solandge that charters out for €1 million a week, moored in Marbella earlier this month.**



# Worth their weight in gold

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

ANNA GABRIEL is leader of the CUP anti-system party whose votes are vital to the Junts pel Si coalition that governs Cataluña.

She refused to attend the Barcelona ceremony that awarded city hall's Gold Medal of Civilian Merit to the police, firefighters, hospital staff and civil defence members who attended the victims of the August 17 terrorist attacks.

CUP did not want the medal to go to the Mossos d'Esquadra, the region's police force, on account of their 'extrajudicial executions' of the jihadi terrorists.

Presumably Gabriel would have felt the same if she had been strolling along Las Ramblas just before 5pm on August 17 or had gone for a drink along Cambrils seafront later that night.

## Hard to swallow

MARIANO RAJOY must wish now that his July 2006 appeal against the re-



Photo by cupnacional/Twitter

**CONTROVERSIAL: Anna Gabriel.**

formed Autonomy Statute approved in a Catalan referendum a month earlier had not been upheld by the Constitutional Tribunal.

That Statute, which had the blessing of Jose Luis Zapatero's government and the national parliament, was too much for Rajoy and the seven regions governed by the PP. Eight of the Statute's articles earned their censure and above all, the claim that Cataluña was a nation.

If only Rajoy and his party could have swallowed that then! Instead their past intransigence is subjecting roughly

half of Cataluña and the rest of Spain to chronic indigestion now.

## The trick rider

ON Cataluña's national day, the Diada, Podemos leader Pablo Iglesias declared "As a Spaniard who is proud to be one: Long live a free and sovereign Cataluña."

Iglesias resembles a circus performer trying to ride two ponies simultaneously, with a leg on each. He has to keep Podemos voters happy inside and out-

## Babbling away

WHY is Spanish increasingly and divisively described as Castellano?

Already common in bilingual autonomies, the term has crept into monolingual regions even though the definitive Diccionario Real de la Lengua Española clearly thinks the country speaks Spanish too.

Bilingual regions have every right to use their languages which, despite the views of many English-speakers, are not dialects. Except Bable in Asturias which needs only another B to demonstrate exactly how it's regarded both in that region and the rest of Spain.

side Cataluña although managing this feat without doing the splits will merely demonstrate that he's lying to someone.

## Seen to suffer

THE national government placed too much faith in the Catalan separatists' respect for the Spanish constitution.

Rajoy, who has weathered so many storms, underestimated his adversaries if he imagined he could ride out this one, too.

There was a misplaced Madrid belief that ambitious Oriol Junqueras, whose ERC party is one half of the governing Junts pel Si coalition, would cancel the referendum and press for regional elections once the Tribunal Constitucional

went to work on the Referendum and Disconnection Laws.

That might not have put paid to independence plans but, like all Cataluña's early elections, it would probably not have endorsed them.

Instead Junts pel Si and their CUP henchwoman claim that they will take orders only from the Catalan parliament, refusing to recognise any other authority.

Carles Puigdemont is not unlike a suicide bomber who wants to be a martyr. Nothing would suit the Cataluña president better than finding himself in prison and although he might not be willing to die for his cause, he would certainly like to be seen to suffer for it.



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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Children in cars

**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.



**BUCKLE UP:** Ensure your child seat or restraint is of the correct size.

IN Spain, all children measuring 135cm in height or less must ride in the rear seats of a vehicle, irrespective of their age, and in addition to the requirements of the correct seat being provided appropriate to their size and weight.

There are a number of exceptions to the rule, for example, when the vehicle does not have rear seats, when all rear seats are already occupied by others under the same characteristics, and where it is not possible to install approved child restraints in those rear seats. These are the only occasions when children may occupy a front seat, but they must always use the restraint system approved for their height and weight.

Child restraints must also be installed in the vehicle in accordance with the instructions provided by the manufacturer and the instructions that will indicate how and what kind of vehicles can be used safely.

In 2014, two of the 14 children under 12 years of age who were killed whilst travelling in vehicles were not wearing any safety device at the time of the accident. It was the same for nine out of the 82 children who were seriously injured,

they too were not wearing any kind of restraint.

The DGT has increased the powers of the traffic police in dealing with adults who fail to take necessary responsibility for children, including the immediate immobilisation of a vehicle where children are found to be travelling without appropriate safety restraints.

To make the matter even clearer, there are a number of Golden Rules that must be followed regarding children in vehicles.

Never carry a child in your arms or use the same seat belt that is protecting the adult. The use of child restraint systems (CRS) reduced the risk of death by 75 per cent and the severity of injuries by 90 per cent.

Make sure the seat is properly installed. It should not move and ought to be properly secured, the recommended option being the Isofix anchorage system. The child's head should never be higher than the back of the seat.

It is recommended you continue to use appropriate and approved child restraint system until the child reaches 150cm in height. When taller than 150cm, they must use the vehicle seat belt.

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## Will they pay inheritance tax?

**Q.** I am confused by the Spanish law on inheritance tax. I have a property in Almeria but I am not resident. I have a Spanish will which leaves my property to my son and my daughter equally.

They both live in the UK. Will they have to pay some high rate of inheritance tax that will leave them in debt?

*S W (Costa del Sol)*

**A.** Your property is in Andalucia, so we should not speak of Spanish law but of Andalucian law, because each of Spain's 17 Autonomous Regions has its own rules. Further, many of the Regions changed their rules in 2015 after the European Court of Justice ruled that the previous national law

**David Searl**

*You and the Law in Spain*



violated the equal rights of non-residents who are EU citizens.

In your case, the Andalucian inheritance law applies. Your son and daughter,

also EU citizens, each have an exemption of €175,000. If your property is valued at under €350,000, this means they will pay no tax at all. After Brexit, when your heirs are no longer EU citizens, they will face a tax bill of around €65,000 on a property worth €350,000.

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.

## We're a slippery bunch!

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



I LOVE a bit of shopping me. I can shop for hours. But, ha ha you knew there would be a but, didn't you? Otherwise I'd be Mr Happy wouldn't I? There are a couple of things that have put me off going to certain places to shop. The biggest culprit, for my dismay, is a certain chain of furniture shop.

It's not the things they sell - their quality and value is second to none and their meatballs are delicious. It's the way you are made to walk round the store like a herd of cattle. You can't just pop in and get something. You have to go round and round and, heaven forbid, you forget something when you get to the cash desk. It's a nightmare!

The other one this week was the big supermarket in the Myramar shopping mall who also have another branch down the road from where I live. Now in my local branch they have shopping trollies that clip on the front of wheelchairs so that if you are disabled you can shop more easily.

When I asked if they had any of these trollies at the Myramar branch the security man said I'd have to enquire at the

information desk.

So I went there and the lady said no, I'd have to go to the Myramar information desk and ask there. So, we went and there was no one there so now we had walked, not me of course because I'm in the wheelchair and poor Mrs S is pushing me, to the entrance of the supermarket, then all the way back to the store desk and then to the Myramar desk and now back to the supermarket desk where we tell the girl no one is at the mall information point.

She then picks up the phone and speaks to someone and a few minutes later another woman appears with a key, wanders off and then comes back with a wheelchair friendly trolley.

'Why is it locked up in a cupboard,' I ask. 'Because they get stolen,' I'm told which made me smile.

'So you are telling me that you have hundreds of able-bodied trollies, all over the place, that can be taken to car parks, streets and basically anywhere but the four that are used for us in wheelchairs have to be put under lock and key? Because we disabled lot are a slippery bunch and are more likely to run off with your trollies? I have to tell you disabled aren't too big on running anywhere in case you haven't noticed!'

I got the shrug and that was the end of that conversation.

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7:00am Breakfast  
11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live  
12:30pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food  
1:00pm Football Focus  
*A look ahead to this weekend's football action with interviews, expert opinions and highlights.*  
2:00pm BBC News  
2:10pm Weather  
2:15pm Bargain Hunt  
3:00pm Cycling  
5:00pm Final Score  
6:15pm BBC News  
6:25pm Regional News  
6:30pm Weather  
6:35pm Pointless  
7:25pm Strictly Come Dancing  
9:45pm Casualty  
10:35pm Mrs. Brown's Boys  
11:05pm BBC News  
11:20pm Weather  
11:25pm Match of the Day  
12:55am People Just Do Nothing  
1:25am Hollywood Homicide

**BBC TWO**

7:15am The NFL Show  
7:45am How We Won the War  
8:15am African Cats  
9:45am Kitty Foyle  
11:30am Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo  
12:00pm Coast  
1:00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends  
2:00pm Cheetahs  
3:00pm Flog It!  
3:30pm Mastermind  
4:00pm University Challenge  
4:30pm Only Connect  
5:00pm Cycling  
6:30pm Gardeners' World  
7:30pm The Big Family  
8:30pm Front Row  
9:00pm Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands  
9:30pm Dad's Army  
10:00pm Later...with Jools Holland 25th Birthday Show  
12:00am Brighton Rock  
1:45am The Stepford Wives  
3:10am This is BBC Two

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Incredible Human Journey  
9:00pm Wild China  
*Wild China explores the natural history of one of the world's most mysterious and diverse countries by looking at some its remotest reaches and most visually stunning scenery.*  
10:00pm Black Lake  
10:45pm Black Lake  
11:30pm James May: The Reassembler  
12:00am Top of the Pops  
*Special 20th anniversary edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 5 January 1984.*  
12:30am Top of the Pops  
1:00am Fleetwood Mac: Don't Stop  
2:00am Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities  
3:00am Wild China

**CHANNEL 4**

8:45am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:10am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:35am Frasier  
10:05am Frasier  
10:35am The Big Bang Theory  
11:05am The Big Bang Theory  
11:30am The Big Bang Theory  
11:55am The Simpsons  
12:25pm The Simpsons  
12:55pm Come Dine with Me  
1:25pm Come Dine with Me  
1:55pm Come Dine with Me  
2:30pm Come Dine with Me  
3:00pm Come Dine with Me  
3:30pm Homes by the Sea  
4:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun  
5:35pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun  
6:35pm Location, Location, Location  
7:30pm Channel 4 News  
8:00pm Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson  
9:00pm WWII's Great Escapes  
10:00pm Cowboys and Aliens  
12:20am Survivor

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am Milkshake!  
*Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.*  
11:15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
11:50am Make You Laugh Out Loud  
12:15pm Police Interceptors  
1:10pm Police Interceptors  
2:10pm Police Interceptors  
3:05pm Police Interceptors  
4:05pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords  
5:05pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords  
6:05pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door  
7:05pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door  
8:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
9:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
9:55pm 5 News  
10:00pm Football on 5  
11:00pm Football on 5  
11:30pm NCIS: Los Angeles  
1:00am Super Casino

**4**

7:50am Don't Tell the Bride  
8:50am Streetmate  
9:20am Couples Come Dine with Me  
10:25am Couples Come Dine with Me  
11:30am Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen  
1:10pm Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts  
1:30pm The Goldbergs  
2:00pm The Goldbergs  
2:30pm The Goldbergs  
3:00pm The Goldbergs  
4:00pm Don't Tell the Bride  
5:00pm The Great British Bake Off  
6:15pm The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
10:00pm Priest  
11:50pm Naked Attraction  
12:55am Celebs Go Dating

**sky sports main event**

7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:30am Live New Zealand NPC Rugby  
*Hawke's Bay v Taranaki.*  
11:20am Rugby Archive  
11:30am Soccer Saturday Pre-Match  
12:00pm Soccer Saturday Pre-Match  
12:30pm Football  
*Rangers v Celtic.*  
3:45pm Gillette Soccer Saturday  
4:15pm Live Super League Q8  
6:15pm Football  
*Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest.*  
8:40pm Football  
*Girona v Barcelona.*  
10:45pm Live PGA Tour Golf  
12:30am Football  
1:00am Through the Night  
2:00am Through the Night  
3:00am Live Fight Night International

**itv**

7:00am CITV  
10:25am ITV News  
10:30am Saturday Morning with James Martin  
12:25pm Hungry Sailors  
1:20pm ITV News and Weather  
1:25pm Midsomer Murders  
3:25pm The Chase  
4:25pm The X Factor  
5:25pm Little Big Shots  
*Variety show shining a spotlight on some of the world's most talented children.*  
6:30pm Local News and Weather  
6:40pm ITV News and Weather  
7:00pm The Family Chase  
8:00pm Cannonball!  
9:00pm The X Factor  
10:15pm The Jonathan Ross Show  
11:20pm ITV News and Weather  
11:35pm Nutty Professor II: The Klumps  
1:30am Jackpot247  
4:00am Hungry Sailors

**itv2**

7:00am Totally Bonkers  
Guinness World Records  
7:25am Emmerdale Omnibus  
10:00am Coronation Street Omnibus  
1:00pm The X Factor  
2:05pm Take Me Out  
3:20pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
4:15pm Babe  
5:15pm FYI Daily  
5:20pm Babe  
6:10pm The Smurfs  
7:10pm FYI Daily  
7:15pm The Smurfs  
8:15pm Gravity  
9:15pm FYI Daily  
9:20pm Gravity  
10:00pm 2 Fast 2 Furious  
11:00pm FYI Daily  
11:05pm 2 Fast 2 Furious  
12:15am Family Guy  
*Animated comedy series about the everyday trials and tribulations of family life.*  
12:45am Family Guy  
1:15am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am Judge Judy  
7:20am Murder, She Wrote  
8:20am Carry on Up the Jungle  
9:20am FYI Daily  
9:25am Carry on Up the Jungle  
10:10am Man About the House  
11:10am FYI Daily  
11:15am Man About the House  
12:10pm Columbo  
1:35pm Agatha Christie's Marple  
3:35pm Foyle's War  
5:50pm Foyle's War  
8:00pm Midsomer Murders  
10:00pm Midsomer Murders  
12:00am Sherlock: The Last Vampyre  
2:10am On the Buses  
*This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.*  
2:35am On the Buses  
3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen  
*Text-based information service.*

**itv4**

7:00am Goals of the 90's  
7:10am River Monsters  
7:30am Motorsport UK  
8:25am The Big Fish Off  
9:25am Monster Carp  
10:30am ITV Racing: The Opening Show  
11:30am River Monsters  
12:00pm Fishing Allstars  
12:30pm Fishing Allstars  
1:00pm British Touring Car Championship Highlights  
*Steve Rider presents the best of the action from Donington Park.*  
2:30pm ITV Racing Live  
5:20pm World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy  
5:35pm Ferris Bueller's Day Off  
6:35pm FYI Daily  
6:40pm Ferris Bueller's Day Off  
7:45pm Hornblower  
10:00pm Executive Decision  
11:05pm FYI Daily  
11:10pm Executive Decision  
12:40am Don't Say a Word

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am Twister  
8:55am Independence Day  
11:30am Independence Day: Resurgence  
1:35pm 2012  
4:20pm Armageddon  
6:55pm Independence Day  
9:30pm Independence Day: Resurgence  
11:35pm 2012  
2:20am Armageddon  
5:00am Twister

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

11:40am The House Bunny  
1:25pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
3:20pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
5:00pm The Top Ten Show 2017  
5:20pm Uncle Buck  
7:05pm Sisters  
9:05pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
11:05pm Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie  
12:45am Grimsby

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Ghostbusters: Special  
7:30am Love of My Life  
9:20am Sully  
11:00am Underworld: Blood Wars  
12:45pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special  
*Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world.*  
1:15pm The Accountant  
*Action thriller about a high-functioning autistic number-cruncher who moonlights as a money launderer for the mob.*  
3:35pm Southern Fury  
5:25pm Forsaken  
7:10pm Sully  
9:00pm The Accountant  
11:10pm Southern Fury  
1:00am Underworld: Blood Wars

**sky sports football**

7:00am Football  
10:15am SPFL Matters  
10:45am SPFL Greatest Games  
11:00am Soccer A.M.  
12:30pm Football  
*The SPFL Premiership season's first Old Firm derby arrives from Ibrox as Rangers take on Celtic.*  
3:45pm Gillette Soccer Saturday  
4:15pm Gillette Soccer Saturday  
6:15pm Football  
8:40pm Football  
10:45pm EFL Goals: Championship  
11:15pm La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid  
11:30pm Football  
11:45pm SPFL Greatest Games  
12:00am EFL Goals: Championship  
12:30am La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid  
12:45am Football  
1:00am Football

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## Healthcare a bitter pill to swallow

WE came to Spain five years ago.

Being under 65 years old we had to pay for private health care, which we have used and do understand, as our European Health Insurance Card will not cover us for long term future issues, only emergencies.

We never wanted to use them to get our residence paperwork, although they used this as a sweetener when we signed up.

We have not used the medical or dental cover for several months, and we understand that some people use this to get their residence and then cancel it once they have it, but we are not in this group.

We now want to leave Spain and have been asked to pay for the full amount of the remaining eight months, and according to our legal team this is correct!

So we either pay to fight or just pay the insurance company!

As we have not used the cover for

**Wonders will never cease**

**FOR once, and probably never again, I will totally agree with the Little Arrows man. What the hell will come up next? He's absolutely right, leave the children to be children, boys or girls. The same applies for men and women, we like being who we are!**

**Sexless, what a dreamt-up definition. I understand the other meaning of the word but to say we should all be neither men nor woman is stupid.**

**Somebody, man or woman or a team must come up with this**



**BOYS AND GIRLS: Let them work it out for themselves.**

**tosh, probably advertising executives trying to enhance their sexless product ranges!**

**Right Mr Lee, that's enough agreeing with you. Can you**

**write something for me to really have a go at next time? Trump's a good one, or maybe u-turn Queen May?**

*Philip, San Fulgencio*

the full term we feel that this is unfair and as a goodwill gesture our requests have been refused.

So, ask the right questions and choose your supplier wisely since the sales staff tend to be on commission and will certainly not fight your case as the customer.

*Mark Antony Lang, Vera*

### Costa's finest

A MASSIVE vote of thanks to Benidorm's much maligned Local Police department. Recently I have noticed a large police presence on every road with access to Levante promenade.

This is obviously a plan to avert the use of vehicles being used in terrorist attacks and it is very reassuring to know that our Local Police are on hand to prevent this happening.

It would be all too easy to imagine the carnage that would ensue if these terrorists were allowed access to one of the busiest pedestrian walkways in the town.

Thank you one and all.

*Alan Fenlon, Finestrat*

### Stop the hate

A FEW days ago, I wrote in a Facebook group that I had seen a boat coming dangerously close to a Marbella beach right among bathers, but others in the group told me to go back to my country if I don't like it!

Then, I saw an elderly Englishman being abused while trying to park his car at the supermarket until he got scared and drove away. What is happening? Things were never like this before!

*Christine Farnell, El Pinillo*

### Parking mad

THE new parking system at Malaga airport is nothing short of atrocious! Arriving to collect my father last week, I ended up in the 'new' short term car park (effectively a tarmacked area surrounded by cheap fencing) by accident due to a lack of signage.

I then had to pay €5 to get out despite having only been in 'the compound' for a total of three minutes!

*A grumpy expat, Coin*

### HAVE YOUR SAY

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## 'Hero' takes down rowdy passenger

**AN aggressive man was choked to the ground by a fellow passenger during a Ryanair flight.**

Well done! The guy knew what he was doing, he's martial arts trained and put a 'sleeper' on him, just enough squeeze pressure on the jugular till his knees buckle, and blood/oxygen slows down to the brain! Perfect! He'd have got a my foot right in the groin!! He should be locked up!

*Julie Jones Peel*

Don't need aggressive passengers, why can't they just behave, well done that guy who dealt with him. *Ann Gregory*

What were Ryanair crew doing, surely they should have kept control, not a passenger!!

*Annette Paterson*

May require security staff on certain flights or destinations; shouldn't need to but maybe as a precaution!

*Lynn Brown*

### Ryanair to axe 40-50 flights a day

**With less than 24 hours notice low-cost airline Ryanair has announced it will cancel 40-50 flights a day until the end of October 'to im-**

### Comments from EWN online

**prove its system-wide punctuality.'**

They should have their licence revoked. If you take bookings then operate your flights, I was considering them for a flight to Malta next year but this has changed my mind.

*Robert Baxter Johnston*

Text arrived at 6.35pm to cancel flight 9am next day. Tel no to contact them no answer and live chat not available .

Office closed 7pm, received email at 8pm with refund or rebook link, rebooked for following day after three attempts but had to pay for seats again. I'm hoping to get refund. Beware if you ask for a refund at once then Ryanair believe no compensation is payable.

I also had my flight cancelled during World Cup last year due to fly Marseille to Lille to follow England, offered a flight seven days later. I asked for hotel etc the lady on Ryanair desk called police over and accused me of being racist and abusive to her, total lie however when asked to leave airport gendarme turned at same

time she pointed me out to a colleague and smirked, he took me out and apologised.

*Brian Young*

### Airport unions 'fear the worst' but talks go on

**TALKS between the government and the airport unions have not gone as well as previous meetings, with some unions "fearing the worst" as key demands cause tension.**

They should fire them all and rehire. Lots of people wanting to work.

*Lisa Dandanell Ruggero*

Not so easy Lisa, some of those people have to be trained for years, IE air traffic control. You can't just instantly dismiss and rehire. Plus what we don't see from this story is... maybe the strike is the last straw for the workers who have a stressful and sometimes dangerous job to do.

*Alan Hill*

So cross we should be able to plan flights not an easy feat at the best of times

*Maureen Pearson*

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**BBC one**

10:15am Fake Britain  
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
12:00pm Neighbourhood Blues  
12:45pm Thief Trackers  
1:15pm Bargain Hunt  
2:00pm BBC News  
2:30pm Regional News  
2:45pm Doctors  
3:15pm The Boss  
4:00pm Escape to the Country  
4:45pm Garden Rescue  
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
6:15pm Pointless  
7:00pm BBC News  
7:30pm Regional News  
8:00pm The One Show  
8:30pm Invictus Games 2017  
9:00pm EastEnders  
9:30pm Invictus Games 2017  
10:00pm Relik  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:30pm Regional News  
11:40pm Weather  
11:45pm Professor Green: Living in Poverty  
12:40am Live at the Apollo  
1:25am Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

7:00am Flog It!  
7:30am Fake Britain  
8:15am Garden Rescue  
9:00am The Big Family Cooking Showdown  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
12:30pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm For What It's Worth  
2:45pm £100k House: Tricks of the Trade  
3:45pm Who Do You Think You Are?  
4:45pm Great American Railroad Journeys  
5:15pm Earthflight  
6:15pm Flog It!  
7:00pm Eggheads  
7:30pm Strictly It Takes Two  
8:00pm Antiques Road Trip  
9:00pm University Challenge  
9:30pm Upstart Crow  
10:00pm The Human Body  
11:00pm W1A  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:10am Weather  
12:15am Today at Conference  
12:45am World's Busiest Cities  
1:45am Countryfile  
2:40am Celebrity MasterChef

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm Through the Lens of Larkin  
9:00pm Tornado: Dangerous Earth  
9:30pm Iceberg: Dangerous Earth  
10:00pm The Vietnam War  
10:55pm The Vietnam War  
11:50pm Cold War, Hot Jets  
12:50am A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley  
1:50am She-Wolves: England's Early Queens  
2:50am The Art of Gothic: Britain's Midnight Hour  
*Series in which Andrew Graham-Dixon looks back at 19th-century Britain.*  
3:50am Tornado: Dangerous Earth  
4:20am Iceberg: Dangerous Earth

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am Countdown  
7:45am King of Queens  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:00am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:00pm Coast v Country  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm French Collection  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it  
5:00pm My Kitchen Rules  
6:00pm Come Dine with Me  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
8:55pm The Political Slot  
9:00pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food  
9:30pm Superfoods: The Real Story  
10:00pm The Undateables  
11:00pm First Dates  
12:05am Gogglebox

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am Milkshake!  
10:15am The Wright Stuff  
12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
1:10pm 5 News  
1:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
2:15pm Home and Away  
2:45pm Neighbours  
3:15pm The Mentalist  
4:15pm Guilty Until Proven  
6:00pm 5 News  
6:30pm Neighbours  
7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News  
8:00pm MotoGP  
9:00pm Police Interceptors  
10:00pm Paddington Station 24/7  
11:00pm Caught in the Act  
12:00am The Last Stand  
2:00am Super Casino  
4:10am Gotham  
5:00am Criminals Caught on Camera  
5:45am House Doctor  
*Home improvement series that works its magic on neglected homes.*

**4**

7:00am Hollyoaks  
7:30am Hollyoaks  
8:00am Charmed  
9:00am Melissa and Joey  
9:30am Melissa and Joey  
10:00am 2 Broke Girls  
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11:00am Baby Daddy  
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6:00pm The Goldbergs  
6:30pm Stage School  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm All Star Driving School  
9:00pm Knight and Day  
11:00pm Celebs Go Dating  
12:05am Celebrity Psych Test  
12:40am The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans  
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
11:00am Premier League Daily  
12:00pm Sky Sports Now  
1:00pm Sky Sports Today  
2:00pm Sky Sports Today  
3:00pm Sky Sports Today  
4:00pm Sky Sports Today  
5:00pm Sky Sports Today  
6:00pm SKY Sports News  
7:00pm SKY Sports News  
8:00pm Football  
12:00am Through the Night  
1:00am Through the Night  
2:00am NFL Season in Live NFL: Dallas @ Arizona  
5:45am NFL Masterclass

**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 Dickinson's Real Deal  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm Local News and Weather  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Coronation Street  
9:00pm Countrywise  
9:30pm Coronation Street  
10:00pm Liar  
11:00pm ITV News and Weather  
11:40pm 100 Year Old Driving School  
12:40am The Jonathan Ross Show  
1:40am Jackpot247  
4:00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

**itv2**

7:00am You've Been Framed Gold!  
7:25am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
8:15am Below Deck  
9:00pm Emmerdale  
9:30pm Coronation Street  
10:30am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
11:20am Below Deck  
12:20pm Dress to Impress  
1:20pm Emmerdale  
1:50pm Coronation Street  
2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
7:00pm Dress to Impress  
8:00pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
8:30pm You've Been Framed Gold!  
9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
9:30pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm Family Guy  
10:30pm Family Guy  
11:00pm American Dad!  
11:30pm American Dad!  
12:00am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am On the Buses  
*This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.*  
7:25am On the Buses  
7:50am Heartbeat  
*Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.*  
8:50am Where the Heart is  
9:45am Wild at Heart  
10:45am Judge Judy  
12:10pm George and Mildred  
12:40pm On the Buses  
1:50pm Bargaining Round  
Britain with John Sergeant  
2:15pm Heartbeat  
3:15pm Doc Martin  
4:15pm Wild at Heart  
5:20pm On the Buses  
5:55pm On the Buses  
6:25pm George and Mildred  
7:00pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Marple  
11:00pm Housewife 49  
1:00am Cold Blood  
2:25am On the Buses

**itv4**

7:00am The Car Chasers  
7:25am The Car Chasers  
7:45am Pawn Stars  
8:10am Pawn Stars  
8:30am The Saint  
9:35am Ironside  
10:35am Quincy, M.E.  
11:40am Minder  
12:40pm The Avengers  
1:50pm The Saint  
2:50pm Ironside  
3:55pm Quincy, M.E.  
4:55pm Minder  
6:00pm The Avengers  
7:00pm The Car Chasers  
7:35pm The Car Chasers  
8:05pm Pawn Stars  
8:35pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm Fishing Allstars  
9:30pm River Monsters  
10:00pm Car Crash Global  
11:00pm Assassins  
12:10am FYI Daily  
12:15am Assassins  
1:45am Motorsport UK  
2:45am Minder  
3:35am Tommy Cooper  
4:00am Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

10:15am Doctor Strange  
12:15pm Suicide Squad  
2:20pm Spider-Man  
4:25pm Spider-Man 2  
6:35pm Spider-Man 3  
9:00pm Doctor Strange  
11:00pm Suicide Squad  
1:05am Superman Returns  
3:40am Underworld: Evolution  
5:30am Rocky

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:00am The Tiger Hunter 1941  
9:45am Mean Girls  
11:50am Bridget Jones's Baby  
1:35pm Get a Job  
3:45pm The Night Before  
5:15pm Hail, Caesar!  
7:05pm Bridget Jones's Baby  
9:00pm Barbershop: The Next Cut  
1:10am Krampus  
3:00am Grandma  
4:30am National Lampoon's Animal House

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Born to be Blue  
8:55am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special  
*Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world.*  
9:25am Southern Fury  
11:15am The Top Ten Show 2017  
11:35am Away  
1:30pm Love of My Life  
3:20pm The Accountant  
5:30pm Born to be Blue  
*Haunting drama following legendary jazz musician Chet Baker as he struggles to launch a comeback.*  
7:15pm Southern Fury  
9:00pm The Accountant  
11:10pm Away  
1:10am We Still Steal the Old Way  
3:00am Heaven Knows What  
4:40am Love of My Life

**sky sports football**

7:00am EFL Greatest Games  
7:30am SPFL Greatest Games  
8:00am Football Years  
8:30am Football Countdowns  
9:00am Football's Greatest Teams  
9:30am Football's Greatest Teams  
10:00am EFL Greatest Games  
10:30am SPFL Greatest Games  
11:00am Football  
6:10pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:20pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:30pm Football Countdowns  
7:00pm Football  
7:15pm La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid  
7:30pm La Liga Highlights: Barcelona  
7:45pm La Liga Icons  
8:00pm Soccer A.M.  
8:30pm Football Years  
8:55pm Football  
11:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
11:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
11:30pm MLS Round Up Show  
12:00am Soccer A.M.  
12:30am La Liga Icons

## Spin, bluster and ex-prime ministers - is Blair turning over a new leaf

Nora Johnson  
*Breaking Views*

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THIS week I was planning to write about thermoluminescence dating. Quite brief. Provocative. And thrilling. You'd have loved it. But then something happened.

My blood pressure started rising rapidly. Again. After weeks of depressing news about fraught Brexit negotiations, Trump, Putin, Corbyn, hurricanes, who unexpectedly emerges from the woodwork? Yes. You guessed: Tony Blair.

As we veer into autumn, is Blair turning over a new leaf? Thirteen years after opening doors to EU migrants, he now claims we can clamp down on immigration AND stay in the EU! Additionally, he's urging MPs and Tory ministers to rise up against the government and oppose Brexit, hinting at plans for a new political party to offer a second referendum.

Perhaps Blair's most charming quality is his unquestioning trust in the promises made by his friends in Brussels. He once brought back a promise of Com-



TONY BLAIR: Pro-European passion.

mon Agricultural Policy reform in exchange for Britain returning much of Thatcher's hard-won rebate. Brussels still pockets Mr Blair's gift but never amended the CAP. Now he's visited his old mate Jean-Claude Juncker and claims the EU will 'meet' British concerns about immigration if Britain rejects Brexit.

It really wouldn't be surprising if Juncker's promised him a place at the top table of the gravy train for his efforts at causing Brexit unrest. He and Juncker: both 'has-beens' who won't accept their time is over.

So Toxic Tony hasn't given up on being European President! And why not? Didn't he do a cracking job as Middle East peace envoy, sending millions fleeing whilst the countries one after another descended into

chaos. His self-interest and arrogance are beyond belief.

How Blair evidently misses his time at the very top of government as PM! Which reminds me. Jim, a friend's father suffering from Alzheimer's, needed an assessment some years back to see if he could get into a care home. "What's the name of the prime minister?" the GP asked. "Blair," Jim replied, which got a firm tick... until Jim added: "Lionel."

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### THURSDAY THOUGHTS

Raymond Kearney, Alicante

## Why it went wrong

THE day after the lethal truck attack at the Berlin Christmas market in December 2016 the Spanish National Police (based in Madrid) instructed all police departments in Spain to place physical security barriers in public areas where large numbers of people are likely to gather.

The instructions clearly read 'Municipalities should protect these public spaces by temporarily installing large planters or bollards at access points to hinder or prevent the entry of vehicles.' In Barcelona the instructions were ignored and over 100 people were killed or injured during the recent attack.

Why were these instructions not followed? Was the reason lack of funds, a manpower shortage or for aesthetic reasons? NO. The Catalan police and authorities did not want to 'appear' to be doing what Madrid was instructing them to do. The newspaper *El Periodico De Catalunya* recently claimed there is a 'total absence of police collaboration between Mossos d'Esquadra (Catalan Police) and the National Police and Guardia Civil which translates into huge security deficiencies.'

Over the past decades the Catalan independence movement encouraged mass immigration of Muslims in the hope that they would adopt Catalan rather than Spanish as their new language and they would swell the numbers favouring independence.

Following the explosion at the house in Alcanar the Mossos d'Esquadra refused help from the Madrid-based bomb squad saying it was nothing to do with them and they could handle it. But how efficient is the Catalan police's intelligence network if they did not notice the movement of over 100 large gas canisters to a house occupied by Muslims and a Muslim cleric?

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**BBC one**

7:00am Breakfast  
10:15am Fake Britain  
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
12:00pm Neighbourhood Blues  
12:45pm Thief Trackers  
1:15pm Bargain Hunt  
2:00pm BBC News  
2:30pm Regional News  
2:45pm Doctors  
3:15pm The Boss  
4:00pm Escape to the Country  
4:45pm Garden Rescue  
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
6:15pm Pointless  
7:00pm BBC News  
7:30pm Regional News  
8:00pm Invictus Games 2017  
8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm Holby City  
10:00pm Doctor Foster  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:30pm Regional News  
11:40pm Weather  
11:45pm Reggie Yates: The Insider  
12:40am Ambulance  
1:40am Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

7:00am Flog It!  
7:30am Fake Britain  
8:15am Neighbourhood Blues  
9:00am Fake or Fortune?  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
1:00pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm Super League Show  
2:45pm £100k House: Tricks of the Trade  
3:45pm Who Do You Think You Are?  
4:45pm Great American Railroad Journeys  
5:15pm Earthflight  
6:15pm Flog It!  
7:00pm Eggheads  
7:30pm Strictly it Takes Two  
8:00pm Antiques Road Trip  
9:00pm Saving Lives at Sea  
10:00pm Horizon  
11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:10am Weather  
12:15am Today at Conference  
12:45am NFL  
1:35am How to Stay Young  
2:35am Without Limits: Vietnam

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm Timothy Spall Back at Sea  
9:00pm Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dream  
10:00pm Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer?  
11:00pm Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City  
11:00pm Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City  
*Author and historian Simon Sebag Montefiore presents a three-part series illuminating the history of Jerusalem.*  
12:00am British Gardens in Time: Great Dixter  
1:00am Black Lake  
1:45am Black Lake  
2:30am Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dream  
3:30am British Gardens in Time: Great Dixter Series which explores four iconic British gardens.  
4:30am This is BBC Four  
*BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.*

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am Countdown  
7:45am King of Queens  
8:10am King of Queens  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
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7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
9:00pm The Great British Bake Off  
10:15pm Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls  
11:20pm Surviving the Island with Bear Grylls  
12:25am Rich Kids Go Shopping

**CHANNEL 5**

12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
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4:15pm Heart of Murder  
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7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News  
8:00pm Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast  
9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet  
10:00pm Alaska - A Year in the Wild  
11:00pm Hotel Inspector: Checking in, Checking Out  
12:05am Cruising with Jane McDonald  
1:05am The Royals  
2:00am Super Casino  
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3:00pm Sky Sports Today  
5:00pm Sky Sports Today  
6:00pm SKY Sports News  
7:00pm SKY Sports News  
8:00pm Soccer Special Pre-Match  
8:30pm Live British Masters:Hero Challenge  
10:00pm Gillette Soccer Special  
11:00pm The Debate - Live  
12:00am Through the Night  
1:00am Through the Night

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8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Save Money, Good Health  
9:00pm Robson Green's Coastal Lives  
9:30pm Call the Cleaners  
10:00pm 100 Year Old Driving School  
11:00pm ITV News  
11:40pm Safe House  
12:40am Lethal Weapon  
1:30am Jackpot247  
4:00am Loose Women  
4:50am Nightscreen

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**itv3**

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7:40am Heartbeat  
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9:40am Wild at Heart  
10:40am Judge Judy  
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12:35pm On the Buses  
1:10pm On the Buses  
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2:10pm Heartbeat  
3:15pm Doc Martin  
4:15pm Wild at Heart  
5:20pm On the Buses  
5:55pm On the Buses  
6:25pm George and Mildred Comedy series following George and Mildred Roper.  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Midsomer Murders  
11:10pm My Boy Jack  
1:15am Cold Blood  
2:35am On the Buses  
3:05am ITV3 Nightscreen

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2:20am Minder  
3:15am Tommy Cooper  
3:40am Football's Greatest  
3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen  
4:00am Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:35am The Karate Kid  
9:45am Batman  
1:45pm Batman Returns  
3:55pm Batman Forever  
6:00pm Batman and Robin  
8:10pm The Dark Knight  
10:45pm Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice  
1:20am The Bourne Identity  
3:25am Lucky Number Slevin

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:00am The Grass is Greener  
9:50am Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby  
12:00pm Dumb and Dumber  
1:50pm Daddy's Home  
3:35pm Sausage Party  
5:15pm All About Steve  
7:00pm Miss Congeniality  
9:00pm Daddy's Home  
10:45pm Sausage Party  
12:25am Superbad  
2:25am The Heartbreak Kid

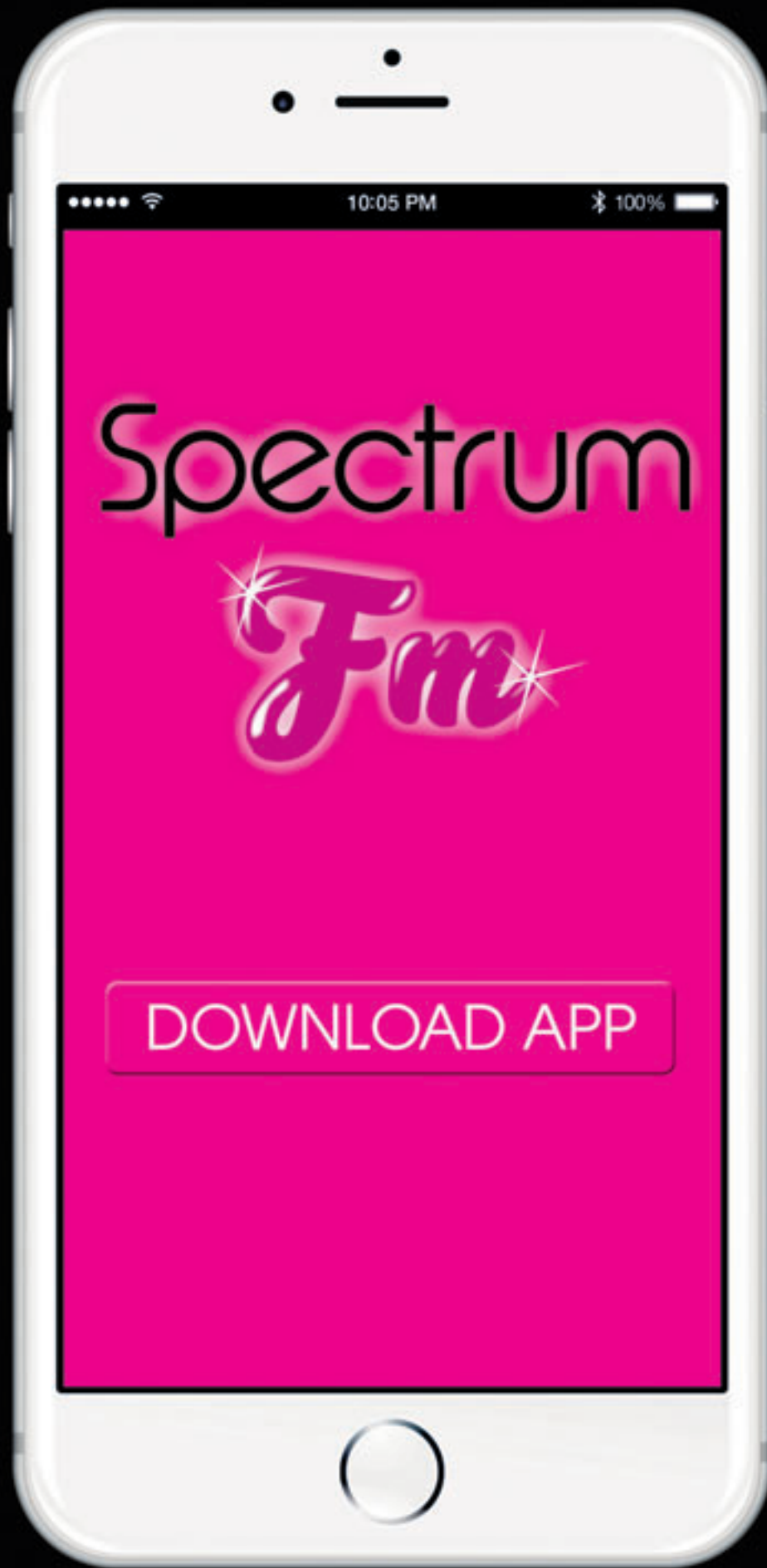
**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Born to be Blue  
8:45am Away  
10:45am Forsaken  
*Western about a former gunslinger who struggles to stay straight when a ruthless property developer terrorises his hometown.*  
12:25pm Girl Asleep  
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4:00pm Born to be Blue  
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3:00am Heaven Knows What  
4:40am Love of My Life

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10:00am Revista de la Liga  
10:30am Soccer A.M.  
11:00am Football  
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1:30pm MLS Round Up Show  
2:00pm Ronaldo: An Incredible Season  
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6:00pm Football Years  
6:30pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
6:45pm SPFL Greatest Games  
7:00pm Soccer A.M.  
7:30pm MLS Round Up Show  
8:00pm Soccer Special Pre-Match  
8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special  
10:00pm Gillette Soccer Special  
11:00pm Revista de la Liga  
11:30pm La Liga World  
12:00am SPFL Round Up 2017/18

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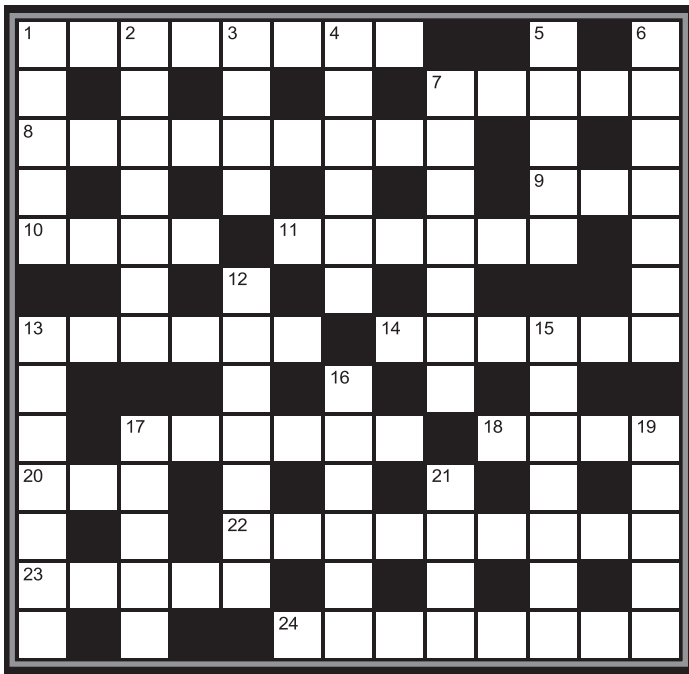
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Cryptic

- Across**  
 1 Wayward agent returns with a piece of poetry (8)  
 7 Big farm located in Lutheran church (5)  
 8 A clergies' mix-up results in blasphemy (9)  
 9 Large cask turning the head (3)  
 10 Authentic old coin (4)  
 11 It's horrible having nothing and 500 debts (6)  
 13 Oriental vessel is a mile in length (6)  
 14 Price fixing ring ruined claret (6)  
 17 Take no notice of ogre in trouble (6)  
 18 US possession of Antigua, maybe (4)  
 20 Meeting place in the old encampment (3)  
 22 Working exercise into speech (9)  
 23 Permit everyone to be in debt endlessly (5)  
 24 I let tots out to find a dagger (8)

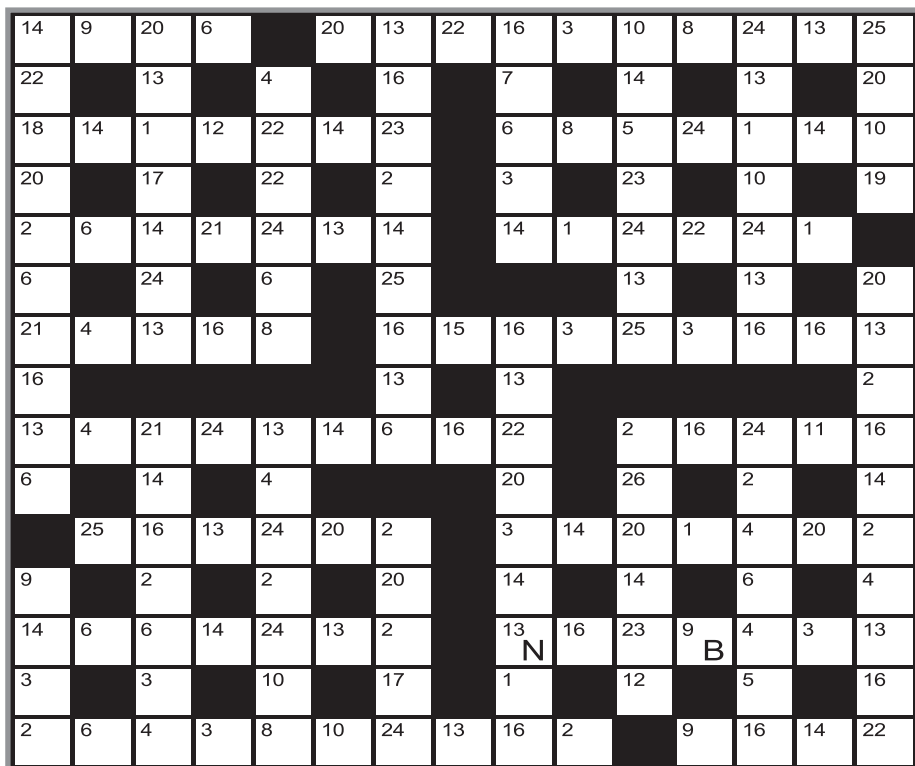


- Down**  
 1 Model answer to a tricky question (5)  
 2 Get back to work miracle (7)  
 3 Produce Time Out (4)  
 4 Firm dates set next year (6)  
 5 They secure the normal

- shipping rate (5)  
 6 Risk 50 in part of the church (7)  
 7 There's nothing to marvel about in a change of home (7)  
 12 Heavenly arch for artist in East London (7)  
 13 Athens and Baghdad contain ballast (7)  
 15 Sightseer in amongst our Istanbul visit (7)  
 16 Man of the cloth's a pain in the neck taking religious instruction (6)  
 17 Fireplace in middle part of King Lear (5)  
 19 Chap to leave with fruit (5)  
 21 Armour in the post (4)

Code Breaker

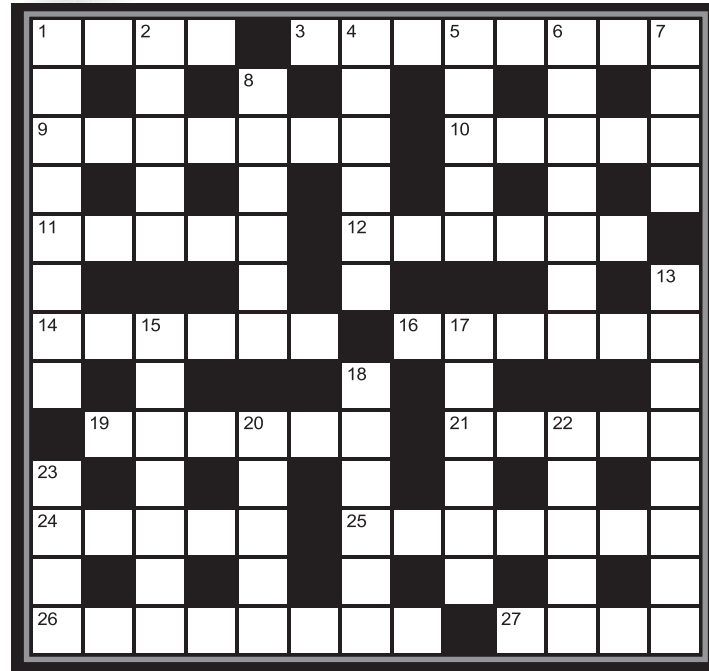
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 9 represents B and 13 represents N, so fill in B every time the figure 9 appears and N every time the figure 13 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	B	10	11	12	13	N
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		

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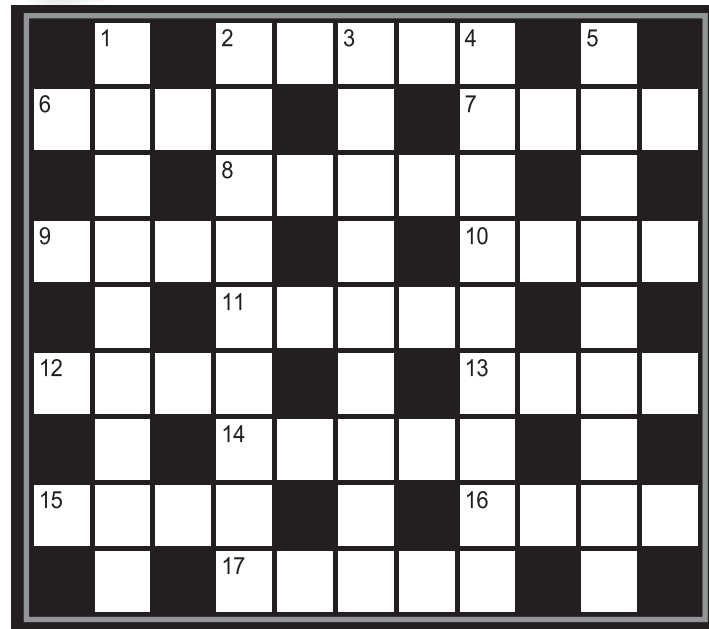


- Across**  
 1 Boring (4)  
 3 Female descendant (8)  
 9 Mythical being that is half man and half horse (7)  
 10 Leaves out (5)  
 11 White heron (5)  
 12 Cause to start burning (6)  
 14 Evening meal (6)  
 16 Calm (6)  
 19 Annoy persistently (6)  
 21 Drive off or back (5)  
 24 Once more (5)  
 25 Small pickled cucumber (7)  
 26 Egg dish (8)  
 27 Coloured eye part (4)

- Down**  
 1 Make smaller (8)  
 2 Pertaining to the moon (5)  
 4 Filled with fear or apprehension (6)  
 5 Indicate pain, discomfort or displeasure (5)  
 6 National flower of Scotland (7)  
 7 Move fast (4)  
 8 Armed engagement (6)  
 13 Leans in a recumbent position on back or side (8)  
 15 Make or get ready (7)  
 17 Gained by labour (6)  
 18 Giving out or reflecting much light (6)  
 20 Stretched tight (5)  
 22 Card game (5)  
 23 Lower part of a wall (4)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**  
 2 To take out (5)  
 6 Luxury (4)  
 7 Yesterday (4)  
 8 Seas (5)  
 9 Topo (4)  
 10 Árbol (4)  
 11 To bring (5)  
 12 Con (4)  
 13 Island (4)  
 14 In the same way (5)  
 15 Aturdir (4)  
 16 Parrot (4)  
 17 Greasy (skin, complexion) (5)

- Down**  
 1 Motorway (9)  
 2 Algo (9)  
 3 Lock (on door, box, safe) (9)  
 4 Rake (9)  
 5 Joyas (9)

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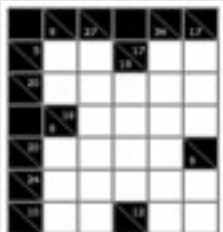
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**Kakuro**

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.



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



**TARGET:**

- Average: 17
- Good: 24
- Very good: 35
- Excellent: 45

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

aged aide amid dame damn dang deaf dean dime dine ding egad fade fend find idea idem made maid mead mend midi mind admen admin aimed amend amide deign denim famed fiend fined gamed imide indie maned media midge mined named aiding defang fading fanged gained imaged maiden median medina defaming imagined **MAGNIFIED**

**Sudoku**

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**CRYPTIC**

- Across:**
- 1 Testify, 5 Capon, 8 Glean, 9 Realtor, 10 Implore, 11 Glade, 12 Purse, 14 Acres, 19 Races, 21 Trample, 23 Cheroot, 24 Hoard, 25 Siren, 26 Hostage.
- Down:**
- 1 Tigris, 2 Sweep, 3 Igneous, 4 Yorker, 5 Clang, 6 Pottage, 7 Nerves, 13 Unclear, 15 Coaches, 16 Tricks, 17 Stitch, 18 Peddle, 20 Swoon, 22 Plaza.

**QUICK**

- Across:**
- 1 Sticky, 4 Boats, 8 Lemon, 9 Contact, 10 Contain, 11 Here, 12/18 Tip off, 14 Zero, 15 Robe, 21 Link, 23 Respond, 25 Nervous, 26 Right, 27 Steel, 28 Nectar.
- Down:**
- 1 Select, 2 Immense, 3 Kangaroo, 4 Band, 5 Aware, 6 Settee, 7 Scent, 13 Preserve, 16 Brought, 17 Blends, 19 Fresh, 20 Editor, 22 Nurse, 24 Foil.

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

- Across:**
- 1 Cuando, 4 Tail, 8 Sepia, 9 Agree, 10 England, 14 Carta, 15 Cabra, 16 Obey, 17 Oddest.
- Down:**
- 1 Casi, 2 Apple-tree, 3 Dia, 5 Agradable, 6 Lies, 7 Sala, 11 Goal, 12 Ocio, 13 Wait, 15 Cod.

**CODE BREAKER**

1	N	K	M	B	V	W	O	Y	Z	X	F	S	G
14	T	Q	U	P	L	D	E	A	J	R	H	C	I

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 29 35 4 11

Friday September 15

13 18 37 **BONUS BALL**  
 44 49 9 12

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1 5 7 **BONUS BALL**  
 10 25 44 4 6

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**  
 Sunday September 17

10 23 36 **BONUS BALL**  
 38 41 1

**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**

**AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19)  
 Cast your net wide this week and be prepared to take advantage of a state of freedom. With high energy and an expansive mind, you are in a good position. Avoid being thrown out of kilter by activities around you. It may be difficult to make real progress at times but that does not mean you are unable to plan.

**LEO** (July 24 - August 23)  
 Having been given a chance to take responsibility at the beginning of the month, you are determined to do your best. Certainly, it is a time to concentrate on any business matters which need attention.

**VIRGO** (August 24 - September 23)  
 A great light shines on your romantic life. Whether it is meeting up with old chums or a new date, there is electricity in the air for you. Equally, a business coupling is particularly fruitful and you count your blessings to have gone down a particular path.

**PISCES** (February 20 - March 20)  
 As the moon shines on you, it is almost possible to feel the light. After a few recent hiccups it is now possible to get down to achieving your heart's desire. Whether that is what you will want at the end of the day is neither here nor there.

**LIBRA** (September 24 - October 23)  
 The usually flamboyant attitude which is yours at this time of the year is now subdued, but this will not last for too much longer and soon things will be back to normal. You will be looking to spice up your romantic life and your partner will be only too willing to go along with your suggestions.

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)  
 There will be good news regarding an application or legal document. Following on from that your finances take a turn for the better and this could be long term. Having extra cash is great, but be wary of someone who would like to part you from it. At the weekend, events take a romantic turn but timing may be bad owing to other commitments.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22)  
 There is a lot going on and sometimes you need to take a step back. A feeling that you have covered some ground before is not unfounded. However, there are certain aspects of your life which need to be revisited. Only in this way are you able to see the real progress that has been made.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21)  
 Although you feel more in control as the week comes to an end, do not make the mistake of counting your chickens before they are hatched. If you do, you could end up with egg on your face.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21)  
 Expectations are high. With energy peaking early on, projects gain momentum and there are early results. A suggestion made to a loved one some time ago is now acceptable and there could be some excitement. Rather than setting down hard-and-fast plans, it may be better to be flexible.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)  
 Colleagues are far from helpful at the moment and you may even feel that matters are going backwards. It may be necessary to move away and leave them to haggle among themselves. Perhaps later you may step in and take control of the confusion. If your business life is far from good then it is more than balanced by harmony at home.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20)  
 Your love life is highlighted and, although you may be suspicious of your good luck, this is a new phase. Whereas before you had some reason to mistrust you are now able to have confidence. It is a great time to progress your inclinations on the romantic front.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)  
 Your mind is sharp and it is easy to spot problems before they arise. Some dispute regarding a trip is disappointing. However, you are not able to please everyone in this instance.

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THAT is the message behind Linea Directa's new brand Vivaz.

The product aims to become a benchmark in the fight against increasingly sedentary lifestyles, with 44 per cent of the Spanish population failing to undertake the minimum recommended amount of exercise, according to the Active and Healthy Living Observatory of the Rey Juan Carlos University.

This figure rises to 70 per cent for women, while one in four children is overweight.

Vivaz offers three distinct health products designed to cover specific needs. Essential Insurance is for those who seek the best private health care at an affordable price, Complete Insurance covers all healthcare essentials, while Dental Insurance is designed for those who value tooth-care but do not want to pay a fortune every time they visit the dentist.

The new brand is closely linked to new technologies, with clients benefiting from an app using which they have full access to all aspects of their insurance, including payments, booking appointments or requesting medical documentation.

There is also a second app named Vivaz Activity which is focused on improving the health of users, whether Vivaz customers or not.

On every day that users meet the 10,000 steps target, the recommended amount of daily exercise, Vivaz offers points that can be redeemed for discounts on new insurance bookings or re-

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newals, among other gifts.

For example, a discount of €150 is available on the Full Insurance products, and up to €75 on the Essential Annual Insurance package, making Vivaz the first health insurance on the market that rewards customers for living a healthier lifestyle.

Vivaz does not only aim to revolutionise the market via its digital strategy, since it also offers excellent value for money with the most complete private insurance packages for families up to €400 cheaper than the market average.

Under the slogan 'Ask more of your health insurance,' Vivaz thus focuses on comprehensive health care, with a medical team including more than 30,000 professionals and 1,000 clinics and other health centres.

It also offers a wide range of coverage from state-of-the-art diagnostic tests, surgery, preparation for childbirth, physiotherapy, and psychological sessions.

In keeping with its philosophy of simplifying procedures for the customer, Vivaz will reduce the number of tests requiring prior authorisation

by up to 60 per cent, and include a number of innovations in the app, including a digital health card, the ability to search for a specialist in a particular field, a 24-hour doctor's service accessible via chat, video call or phone, and online payments.

Linea Directa CEO Miguel Angel Merino said: "With this new line of business we want to boost the health insurance market, offering insurance of the best quality at a highly competitive price.

"Vivaz seeks to establish itself as an option for those who seek private healthcare as the perfect complement to our National Health Service.

"This new service is a further step in our strategic commitment to diversification and growth to achieve the goal of becoming one of the 10 largest non-life insurers in Spain."

Vivaz also sees the launch of a corporate responsibility strategy based on the three pillars of research, social action, health and happiness.

It will fund a series of initiatives including scientific studies, campaigns and training programmes with the overall objective of educating the Spanish population about the dangers of a sedentary lifestyle.

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# Ten tips for more beautiful nails

By Kat Ashton

KEEPING your cuticles in good condition can be tricky for many reasons. Nail health is influenced by many factors such as age, hormones and the seasons. Dry and brittle nails are the bane of many people's lives but by just following a few, simple rules of thumb, you could change your relationship with your nails for good.

Make sure to moisturise the nail beds and cuticles as keeping nails hydrated helps them to stay strong and grow faster.

File in one direction when tidying the ends as running the nail file back and forth can cause the nail to split. They are also strongest when you shape them into an oval.

Avoid acetone-based nail polish removers as they can make nails weak and brittle.

Limit professional manicures or applying false nails as the glue can also weaken the nail underneath and makes it harder to keep

them hydrated.

Although hand washing is good for hygiene, try not to overdo it as the more exposure nails have to water, the more prone they are to breaking.

Hence, buying hand soap and washing up liquid with added moisturiser could make all the difference.

Wear gloves when doing the chores as many cleaning products contain harmful chemicals that weaken nails.

Make sure you're wearing the right shoe size as toenails suffer when squeezed into tight spaces - for obvious reasons.

Try not to go barefoot in public spaces like swimming pools

and shoe stores as they are a breeding ground for fungi. Always make sure to bring along some thin socks or tights when trying on new shoes.

Eat foods that are known to be good for nail health such as almonds, lentils and natural yoghurt.

**“ Avoid acetone-based nail polish remover as it can weaken nails. ”**



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WINTER IS COMING... so make sure you're prepared.

By Kat Ashton

# Flu fighters

## All the best foods to keep those dreaded colds at bay

SUMMER may not feel over quite yet, but there's no doubt that flu season is officially round the corner. Now's the perfect time to start boosting your immune system with extra vitamins and minerals and the easiest way to do this is by filling your diet with nutrient-rich food.

Garlic has been scoffed to prevent colds for centuries, even before people knew about all the good stuff it contains. The smelly bulb has many antibacterial properties which help rid the body of toxins and bacteria so add an extra clove to your meal the next time you have the sniffles.

Although sweet potatoes aren't traditionally thought of for their cold-fighting properties, they are a great source of Vitamin A which helps to stop illnesses from entering your system. They're also a great winter com-

fort food.

Having the occasional curry night may not be as bad for you as you think, as many dishes contain the spice Turmeric - the next big super food. High in anti-oxidants and a natural anti-inflammatory, it cleanses the body of any bad stuff when taken on a daily basis.

Dark, leafy greens are great sources of Vitamin C, which reduces the symptoms and duration of a cold.

Foods rich in Vitamin D, such as wild salmon, are also critical for battling winter ailments as it helps to prevent sinus infections.

Eating any of these foods if you fall ill will also help you on the road to recovery, but it's important to drink lots of fluids while sick too. Hot beverages like tea will help to soothe a sore throat and fresh fruit juices will also give you that extra vitamin boost when it's most needed.

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**What causes an ingrown toenail?**

It comprises excessive growth of the skin around the nail, causing it to become red and inflamed, and even becoming infected with accumulation of pus.

**How do you treat an ingrown toenail?**

First of all you should ensure proper foot hygiene. You can reduce in-

flammation using warm salt baths or taking anti-inflammatory drugs, although in some cases this is insufficient and surgery may be required.

**What type of surgery?**

When surgical intervention is necessary the idea is to free the nail and eliminate any infected areas. In rare cases the infection can be so severe that antibiotic treatment is required after surgery.

**Can an ingrown toenail occur more than once?**

It can happen many times if you do not take care of your feet and use appropriate footwear.

**What can I do to avoid ingrown toenails?**

It is best to take care of your feet avoiding the accumulation of dirt or moisture. You must also choose footwear that does not rub when you are walking or running.

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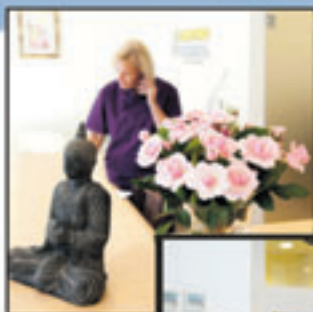
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By Kat Ashton

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Whatever your health issue, a spoonful of Manuka could help the symptoms go down. Doctors have used the stuff to treat tooth decay, IBS, sore throats, allergies and eczema.

The honey also has elixir-like properties which, if consumed every day, could make genuine improvements to your health and well-being. Due to its incredibly high concentration of nutrients, it can boost vitality, improve skin

tone and give you more energy.

It could also help you get a better night's rest. Manuka honey slowly releases glycogen which is needed for essential bodily functions during sleep - giving a whole new meaning to drinking some hot milk with honey before bed.

As Manuka has increased so much in popularity in recent years, there are many fake products pretending to be genuine on the market. To make sure you're getting the real deal, it can be quite pricey after all, check that the jar is clearly labelled by a licensed New Zealand company.

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The local drink tastes similar to coffee but is usually frozen into a granita-type slush and is a variation on a drink made from lemon and cane sugar that was popular in Villajoyosa after the Civil War.

The addition of toasted barley gives it a distinctive flavour but its principal manufacturer is careful not to reveal the exact recipe.

The Japanese visitors, who came from Murcia where they sampled paparajotes - a dessert of lemon-tree leaves fried in batter - also tried the firm's horchata, made from tiger nuts, and were impressed with turrón ice-cream. "They raved about it," family member Miguel Angel Verdu said.

**Crevillent is piling on the promotion**

THE city of Crevillent through the Department of Economic Development, Training, and Trade and the Local Development Agency, with the collaboration of the UNIFAM business organisation, is preparing the second fair of the carpet which will take place from September 29 to October 15 at the Centre Jove Juan Antonio Cebrian.

The fair takes place in conjunction with the festivities of Moors and Christians to promote the traditional local industry.

According to Promotions councillor Laura Gomis, this is an excellent opportunity to up-sell Crevillent as a city of carpet, highlighting on one hand the tradition and roots of the industry and on the other the pioneering and innovative craftsmen in the town, who



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make products that are manufactured and distributed all over the world.

Companies present at the fair include Alfombras Hispania SLU, Antonio Pérez Adsuar, SA (Alfombras y Moquetas Imperial), Delta Alfombras SLU, Naturtex SL, Sualfombra SA, Universal XXI SL, A+B Interior SL, Fenix Alfombras, Hilaturas Textiles Crevillene, SAL Picacarpets,

SL y Tapices, Alfombras, and Preparación Industrial (TAPISA).

The exhibition can be visited from 10am to 1pm and 4.30-9pm Monday to Saturday and 5-9pm on Sundays.

In addition, there will be guided tours available for groups which can be reserved by calling 965 401 526 extensions 305 and 306 or emailing [infoturisme@crevillent.es](mailto:infoturisme@crevillent.es).



**CALLOSA DANCES: Performed for centuries.**

**Strictly old time dancing**

THE region's official Tourism Agency confirmed that Callosa's centuries-old Danses de Sant Jaume are "Of tourist interest."

Callosa Town Hall received the announcement published in the Generalitat's Official Bulletin "with great pleasure and satisfaction," said Fiestas councillor Rosa Mari Savall.

"This will spur us on to continue working towards even greater distinctions," she added.

The town hall is now waiting for news that the dances, performed each year during Callosa's annual fiestas in honour of Sant Jaume, have also been declared an Asset of Intangible Local Relevance (BRL).

The first written mention of the dances goes back to 1819 although historians believe they are considerably older and could be pagan in origin. They are also a valuable living example of the Valencia region's traditional dances which should be "protected and encouraged," Savall said.

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SPANISH LEAD: Destined for Rome's water pipes.

# Shipwreck upset plumbers' plans

TWO coins found at the wrecked Roman galley off Villajoyosa indicate that it sank between 64 and 68 DC.

The Bou Ferrer cargo galley, named after the two divers who discovered it, was laden with amphorae containing garum fish sauce and ingots made from lead mined in the Sierra Morena (Jaen).

Archaeologist-divers exploring the wreck this summer found a sestertius and a dupondius, both showing the head of the emperor, Nero.

As well as the coins, they also located another lead ingot with the IMP GER AQVG (Imperator Germanicus Augustus) stamp of the Julio-Claudian dynasty.

This also bore the stamp of the official who would have ordered the lead that was shipped from Gades (now Cadiz) and destined for the water pipes needed for Rome's water supply.

The annual excavations were assisted by the Thetis, a boat belonging to the Catalan Subaquatic Archaeology Centre. This acted as an operations and logistics centre base for the archaeologists as well as volunteers and helpers from Alicante University, Villajoyosa Town Hall and the local Club Nautico.

This year's finds were crucial to unravelling the sunken galley's secrets, said Carmen Amoraga, the Valencia Region's director general for Culture and Heritage.

## IKEA shopping trip

SPACES are still available for a shopping trip to IKEA and the Bonaire Centre in Valencia on Wednesday October 4.

The coach will leave Javea's Arenal at 9.00am and tickets cost €13.50.

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There is a new Samba-Reggae School, plus the Franz Liszt Centre for Perfecting Musical Talent, directed by the pianist and teacher Isaac



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## MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS: From Samba to furniture restoration.

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"Last year the Auditorium's municipal schools had 500 pupils and numbers will continue to grow with these two addi-

tions," said La Nucia's mayor Bernabe Cano.

Full details are available on [www.lanucia.es](http://www.lanucia.es) or call 966 897 570.

# Get body-popping in Benidorm

TICKETS are still available to see American R&B and soul music vocal group Shalamar perform in an expected sell-out concert at the Benidorm Palace on Sunday November 19.

The men will take to the stage with special guest Ray Lewis, ex-Drifters vocalist.

The group, particularly active in the mid-1970s and throughout the 1980s, was originally a disco-driven vehicle created by Soul Train booking agent Dick Griffey and show creator and producer Don Cornelius.

They went on to be an influential dance trio, masterminded by Cornelius.

As noted in the British Hit Singles & Albums, they were regarded as fashion icons and trendsetters, and helped to introduce 'body-popping' to the United Kingdom.

Tickets available via [www.benidormpalace.com](http://www.benidormpalace.com).



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## LA SARGA: Rock shelter with paintings from 5,000 BC.

# Climbing up to visit the past

ALCOY'S Archaeological Museum is organising outings to the La Sarga rock art in Barranc de la Cova Foradada.

The rock shelter where the paintings were created between 5,000 and 7,000 years ago is now a UNESCO World Heritage site and can be visited on Sunday mornings until October 8.

The free conducted tours accompanied by an expert will set out from Alcoy at hourly intervals between 10.30am and 12.30 and it is not necessary to reserve places.

"Alcoy has a great heritage that it is our duty to conserve and also introduce to as many people as possible," said Alcoy's Culture councillor Raul Llopis. "We invite all members of the Valencian Community to take advantage of these tours and to learn more about this unique site."

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# Honouring feminine spirit

SHE'S THE FEST - the three-day music festival dedicated to female talent - opens for its third year in Valencia today.

The festival will take place until Saturday night at the Espai Rambleta and honours the feminine spirit, praising the creative work of women in different disciplines.

The impressive line-up features the likes of Maria Arnal i Marcel Bages, Christina Roseninge, Hinds, Iseo & Dodosound, Svper, Catnapp, Mynth along with Sona la Dipu as Odd Cherry Pie, Gem and The

Seafood Special.

She's the Fest took home an award at the Fest Awards last year for its efforts in promoting diversity and gender equality and improving the visibility of the creative work of women in different disciplines.

Doors will open from 8.30pm each night for the shows to start at 9.30pm.

Tickets are €10 for each night, with a three-day pass offering a discount at €20 - available via <http://www.larambleta.com/eventos/ver/shes-the-fest>.

# That sinking feeling?

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WITH GARRY WAITE

**A** HOTEL in Belfast opened last week. The 119-bedroom hotel owned and operated by Dublin-based Harcourt Develop-

ments, is a 'luxury experience with a Northern Ireland personality.'

'What's the name of the hotel?' I hear you ask. If I tell you that the hotel is situated in the former Harland & Wolff headquarters and historic drawing offices, it might make you think of the Titanic - and you would be right. Adrian McNally is to be the General Manager of the Titanic Hotel Belfast. The offices where the Titanic was de-

signed in the early 1900s have seen a £28m investment, including a £5m investment from the Heritage Lottery Fund, after having lain vacant for more than 25 years.

In a recent interview the proud GM said that the most challenging aspect of the restoration was the restoration of the drawing offices, which were in a 'dire state of disrepair.' The original ceiling plaster moulding, crafted by the same men

who built the Titanic and intended to showcase the craftsmanship of the Belfast ship makers by replicating the inside of cruise liners, had to be painstakingly redone by hand by artisan tradesmen.

"It was fundamental for the integrity of the Titanic hotel to be able to restore those to their absolute glory," said McNally.

The first drawing office is set to be the hotel's ballroom, while the second is the bar, which also features the same blue and cream Villeroy & Boch tiles used for the Titanic's swimming pool, which were salvaged from the bathroom floors in the Harland & Wolff office to line the side of the bar.

Bedroom wardrobes are replicas by what would have been in a first class ship cabin, and steel ceilings in the hallways are reminiscent of a ship's interior. Half of the 160-cover restaurant is in the historic side of the building and the other half in the new extension. Very Art Deco feel with banquette seating and floor to ceiling windows.

Obviously the hotel has been built in reverence to the famous, doomed liner. There are many quips I could make, but I think they would be in bad taste especially as it was such a tragic event in our history. But I am wondering whether, at the inauguration of the hotel, a Magnum of Champagne was not swung at the hotel with the immortal words, "I name this hotel the Titanic Hotel Belfast and may God Bless all that stay in her"

## Pensioners behaving badly



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**Pensioners that can drink to excess.**

IT is with some amusement I read that two pensioners who threatened and abused staff at the 47-bedroom Macdonald Loch Rannoch hotel in Kinloch Rannoch, Perthshire, have been fined nearly £5,000.

Perth Sheriff Court heard how 72-year-old Robert Fergus went on a naked rampage through the hotel's reception with a pair of scissors, and his wife Ruth, 69, threatened to shoot a member of staff in an alcohol-fuelled rage!

The couple were fined £4,100 and Mr Fergus was ordered to pay the hotel £800 compensation to cover the cost of damage. Needless to say the couple expressed their remorse and claim the alcohol induced incident was not in their normal character. I should think not! Leave that behaviour to the young 'uns!

Macdonald Hotels, which operates 54 hotels and resorts in the UK, Spain and Portugal, declined to comment about the case.

## And if they were not enough

**YOU** might have been hidden away these last few weeks to have missed the latest scam on this country's Costas and Islands. The 'ambulance chaser' act of persuading people they have food poisoning from eating in any of the local hotels, restaurants and other tourist destinations in return for compensation and obviously a 'kick back' to the 'agent' getting them to lodge a complaint. This practice has been jumped upon by the Guardia Civil and ABTA.

In the news lately a wealthy British grandmother living on Mallorca who has been detained by Spanish police investigating these fake food poisoning scams involving the UK.

Despite pleading her innocence, Debbie Cameron, 59, and her daughter Laura Joyce, were taken into custody after a raid on the family villa overlooking the Med on Tuesday.



**Glamorous Mother and Daughter - Partners in Scam?**

The operation was part of a series of raids on properties and businesses on the island in an investigation into allegations British holidaymakers have been filing false legal claims for food poisoning. The alleged fraud is said to have cost local hoteliers millions of pounds.

Laura Joyce remains in Spanish custody with her mother frantically trying to have her released from jail. Strangely enough Mrs Joyce's

husband Stephen, who runs and owns Heroes Sports bar on the island, declined to comment. "I have nothing to say," said Mr Joyce. Hmm? Me thinks he doth protest too little!! Needless to say that this practice has escalated and has reached the British press. We have to add that at this moment in time, everything is alleged. A leaked police document reported by the Diario de Mallorca said that a car registered to one of her companies had been used by individuals who visited local hotels to recruit tourists for fraudulent claims.

The investigation continues. Enough to make you sick isn't it?

(Some content from the *Caterer and Hotelkeeper* and the *Telegraph*)

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I went into McDonald's yesterday and said "I'd like some fries." The girl at the counter said, "Would you like some fries with that?"

Jay Leno

## Flippin' burgers

IT would appear that McDonald's has experienced its first ever UK strike. Staff at two sites in Cambridge and Crayford voted to strike over working conditions and the use of zero hours contracts. The action took place on September 4. The Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (BFAWU) said staff were demanding a wage of at least £10 an hour and more secure working conditions, as well as the recognition of the right to form a trade union as employees of the company.

In typical Corbynesque manner the British Labour leader said "Our party offers support and solidarity to the brave McDonald's workers in the BFAWU bakers' union, who are making history today.

They are standing up for workers' rights by leading the first ever strike at McDonald's in the UK. Their actions remind us that when people come together, organise and campaign for a better world, they can change history. Now it's the time for all fast food workers, the young, the low-paid and the unorganised to join trade unions and organise in their workplaces to improve their lives.

"Labour will stand with them as we build a country that works for the many not the few." Give us a break!!

McDonald's announced in April that workers would be offered the choice of flexible or fixed contracts with minimum guaranteed hours. The move was trialled in 23 restaurants and will be extended to 50 more sites before being rolled out nationally.

McDonald's, which employs around 85,000 staff in the UK, also promised that by May workers paid by the hour will have received an average hourly pay increase of 17 per cent over the past two years. Doesn't sound bad to me!

Following the vote for strike action, a spokesman for McDonald's said: "We can confirm that, following a ballot process, the BFAWU have indicated that a small number of our employees, representing less than 0.01 per cent of our workforce, are intending to strike in two of our restaurants."

**60€** million, the cost to Spanish hotels in 2016 because of the food poisoning scam.

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**Problem 1. Damp patches**

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**How to get rid of it?**

To avoid damp, pipe leaks should always be repaired as soon as possible. If what you have is condensation though, good ventilation is called for (using extraction fans when cooking, but also when cleaning or using the dishwasher, etc), as well as using dehumidifiers. If the problem is due to rising damp, the interior walls must be covered with a dry liner which improves insulation between the external and internal wall and in addition it is recommended that the paint

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used on the existing wall is antifungal. In the most difficult cases, it is best to obtain the help of a professional.

**Problem 2. Fissures or cracks?**

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## Stronger with less risk

SPAIN'S real estate sector now represents 12 per cent of the country's GDP, as the price of used homes has risen by more than 8 per cent in 2017 so far.

At the height of the property

market boom a decade ago, the sector represented 22 per cent of GDP, a figure now considered deeply out of whack.

The latest figures come from the 25th Spanish Hous-

ing Market Report from Tecnocasa.

CEO, Paolo Boarini, notes that the risk factors today are substantially lower than they were a decade ago.

Today mortgage rates average €375 per month which is around 25 per cent of the average buyer's income. At the height of the bubble people were forking out 60 per cent of their salary on mortgage payments.

The report also shows that the value of second-hand homes now equals the prices seen in 2011 and identify an 'enormous polarisation' between supply and demand.

Economic activity related to the residential real estate sector is concentrated around specific areas, while many others suffer from a scarcity of available homes.

Home sales in Spain's twin cosmopolitan cities, Madrid and Barcelona, and on the extensive Mediterranean coast are described as the 'driving force' behind the nation's economic recovery.

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The property is distributed across two floors. On the first, a spacious hall grants direct access to a large dining room. In the same room is the kitchen with a central island and equipped with appliances of the latest generation from Bosch. Next to the kitchen is a totally independent laundry room and pantry. On the same floor there is a bedroom with an en-suite bathroom as well as another small bathroom. From the living



**A LUXURY HOME:** Straight and clean lines help to create a visually harmonious silhouette.

room and the bedroom you can directly access a large terrace measuring 85m<sup>2</sup>.

Thanks to its spaciousness you can find a relaxation area next to a modern infinity pool measuring 36m<sup>2</sup> and featuring LED lighting. On one side of the house is a covered porch which facilitates parking.

Climbing to the top floor we find a further three bedrooms. The master bedroom features an en-suite bathroom, while the other two share a

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## Sales hit stratosphere

SALES shot up in July, with a 16.8 per cent year-on-year increase confirming that Spain's property market is in rude health. There were more than 38,000 home sales in the month, most of them used homes, though the number of new-builds sold also rose sharply.

Head of research at Fotocasa, Beatriz Toribio, said "the real estate sector is enjoying one of its best moments" since the crisis. "The outlook is very good in the medium term" she said in response to the summer sales figures.

Andalucia was the best performing Spanish region in terms of total sales volume. Adjusted for population, Valencia and the Balearic Islands topped the sales charts.

Pricing statistics are already in for August. At the end of the month the average value of a used Spanish property stood at €1,708 per square metre, a year-on-year increase of 4.9 per cent. That is the highest year-on-year price increase in a decade.

The Balearic Islands and

Catalunia clocked up the most substantial price increases at 16.2 and 11.6 per cent respectively. Houses are most expensive in the Madrid Community at €2,345 per square metre, and cheapest in Castilla La Mancha at just €1,077.

## Spanish confident in home prices

SPANISH homeowners are more confident than the European average that house prices will continue to rise over the next 12 months. Two in three Spaniards believe their homes will increase in value, compared to less than half of British residents.

A survey from ING International found that 66 per cent of Spaniards, 44 per cent of Brits and 59 per cent of all Europeans anticipate property prices to rise by 2019. The number of Spaniards confident in future price rises has risen 14 per cent in the last year.


Not all are happy with their predictions. One in five of those polled worry that they will struggle to buy a new home. Four out of 10 said they are already operating at the upper limit of their housing and mortgage budget. As more and more Europeans spend extra on mortgages and deposits, disposable income has plummeted. Around 30 per cent of those surveyed had no savings whatsoever.

Perhaps most alarmingly, less than one third thought the continent was heading in the right direction regarding the property market.



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to the latest trends. These include classic and modern prints, linens and lonetas, velvet and embossed fabrics and an extensive choice of plain, embroidered and coloured voiles.

The hand finished curtains are complemented by quality corded rails and an impressive choice of wood, stainless steel, brass and wrought iron poles and decorative finials in all styles.

The shop also provides an economical choice for holiday home owners and rental properties planning for the summer rental season with well-priced good quality fabrics and the same attention to detail and service.

Bill Cotterill is available to measure, consult and provide quotations without obligation, either at Kootenay Design's shop in the lovely village of Jalon, or in your own home.

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It's now possible to purchase



### Can a Canna Lily perk up your garden?

Cannas in most garden centres and all you have to do is plant the rhizomes (the root like structures) about 15cm deep and let the plants work their magic.

Cannas thrive most in a rich soil full of nutrients and natural matter. They can grow in poor

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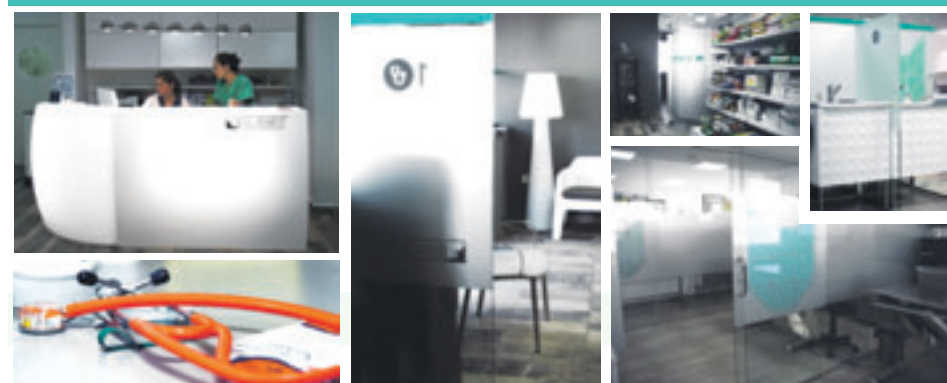
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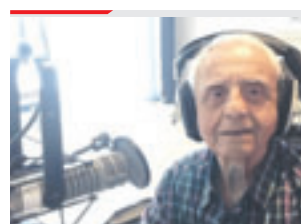
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### LIAM NEESON: Back from the brink.

THIS is Liam Neeson, "Some mornings I wake up and think, gee I look handsome today," he is a Spanish Mastin. Spain has not always been kind to Liam, Save a Mastin rescued him from the Valladolid Perrera, he had been abandoned, he was ill and had problems with his eyes.

Liam had ehrlichiosis, a tick borne infection. Liam was treated for the ehrlichiosis and is now free of the disease, but, sadly for Liam, his sight could not be saved. Liam is now totally blind and had lost all confidence; even going for a walk was a major event.

Liam went into foster in Malaga, but is now in foster in Hacienda Del Alamo, Murcia.

We, Liam's new fosterers, did some research into blind dogs and decided that an echolocation unit would be the best solution for Liam. Save a Mastin and Brigitte Jaquillard, did not hesitate and a BlindSight S2 was purchased from Jordy Candy Inc, in America.

This, as far as we are aware, is the first echolocation unit to be fitted to a dog in Spain. It is a wonderfully enabling device, what is better than enabling the blind to 'see?' Liam's confidence has grown immeasurably since he has been fitted with the BlindSight. He is able to navigate partially open doors! It is still early days and if he gets excited and moves too quickly he may still bang

his head. We are, however, delighted with Liam's progress with the BlindSight.

There must be many blind dogs in Spain who could benefit from a BlindSight device. Let Hacienda Del Alamo, Fuente Alamo, Murcia and Save a Mastin lead the way in enabling the blind dogs of Spain. People and dogs may have disabilities but it is society that disables them. It is people who park cars on the pavement, leave water meter doors open and allow their hedges to overgrow the pavement that disables blind dogs, blind people, wheelchair users and mothers with pushchairs. Save a Mastin and Liam want to raise awareness and funds so that many blind dogs may be helped.

"The eyes those silent tongues of love." *Miguel de Cervantes*

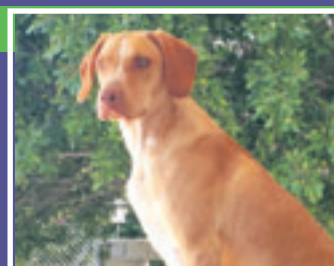
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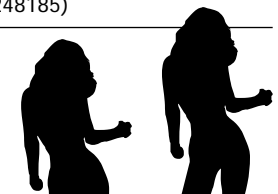
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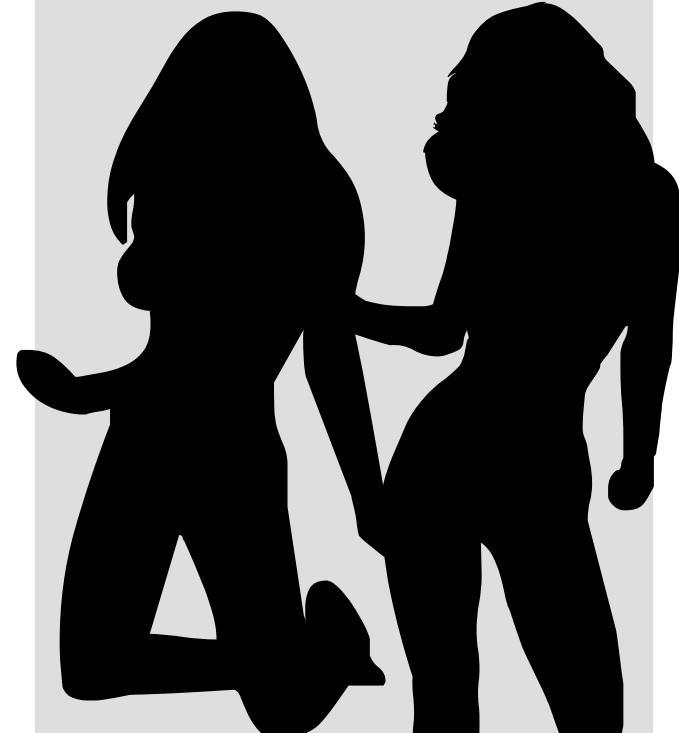
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Britain's RAC has written to Google and Microsoft asking them to follow suit.

Phone use while driving is today considered an even bigger safety risk than alcohol abuse.

Apple's Do Not Disturb function can be set automatically so that it turns on when the phone perceives that it is in motion at high speeds. Messages can also be pre-programmed to respond to people trying to communicate with the driver.

By Matthew Elliott

PEUGEOT boss Carlos Tavares has warned that the rush to go electric risks destroying the motoring industry.

His fiery remarks at the Frankfurt Motor Show come as European governments fall over one another with ambitious petrol-killing promises.

Tavares, who runs PSA Peugeot Citroen and Vauxhall/Opel, says governments will bear all the responsibility when it comes to safety and technology concerns.

Government interference in setting electric targets will kill creativity, he warned. State subsidies to boost the electric market will distort the industry's natural evolution.

"If you have ministers in Europe who say they will forbid the use of internal combustion engines, then I



“China suffers from stifling smog and pollution.”

have to comply and we will have to transform, re-engineer and retrain. But if electrification is not profitable in future, we all have a problem," he said.

Tavares may not be accounting for China muscling into the electric market and potentially reducing consumer costs.

The world's biggest car market last week announced plans to ban petrol and diesel-fuelled cars and focus solely on electric.

China suffers from stifling smog and pollution and already boasts a thriving electric bike industry.

**WARNING: Peugeot boss doesn't share electric enthusiasm.**

Last year the country built and sold 28 million cars, 500,000 of which were electric. Volvo has chosen China as the location to unveil its first entirely electric car in 2019.

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# Chiron screeches to speed record

FORMER Formula One icon Juan Pablo Montoya has broken a new speed record in his retirement. In front of stunned fans he managed to take a Bugatti Chiron to 400kph from a dead-start, then return it to zero, in just 41.96 seconds.

It took the Colombian 17 attempts to break the 42-second mark and get the video just right.

From a parked position to 400kph it took the 8.0 litre W16 quad-turbo Bugatti engine 32.6 seconds and 2,621 metres. It then took Montoya 9.26 seconds and 491 metres to screech the car to a halt.

Montoya sang the Chiron's praises afterwards, claiming the car ran

smoothly at 420kph in practice. During his competition days in the Indy500 the fastest he reached was 407kph.

It was the sporting highlight of the Frankfurt Motor Show which saw some of motoring's biggest names unveil their latest toys.

Mercedes, BMW, Bentley, Audi and Toyota made major statements of intent, while Honda won hearts with its cute, retro-themed electric hatchback due for release in 2019.

The latest incarnation of the Ford EcoSport failed to impress Twitter critics, and Greenpeace protestors made a scene, despite the overwhelming display of electric and hybrid vehicles.



**BEAST:** Montoya in his Chiron hitting 400kph.



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THE new Porsche 911 GT3 with Touring Package was unveiled at the 67th Frankfurt International Motor Show which is open until next Sunday.

This smart high-performance sports car is available exclusively with a manual six-gear transmission, and instead of the fixed rear wing it has a variable rear spoiler like the 911 Carrera.

The four-litre naturally aspirated engine taken from motorsport sprints from 0 to 100 km/h in 3.9 seconds and can reach a top speed of 316 km/h.

This option is aimed at fans of high-quality sports cars who particularly value an understated appearance and classic driving enjoyment.

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## Another addition to the Porsche 911 range

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911 GT3 costs €152,416 inclusive of VAT but it is expected that it will become available in other countries over the coming months.

The body of the GT3 remains unchanged in this version apart from the rear spoiler which means that it has large air intakes in the specially designed front end, as well as the air outlet that is typical of the 911 GT3 model, located in front of the luggage compartment lid.

The interior creates the feel of a classic sports car with manual transmission. In line with the character of a classic GT version the seats are supplied with a fine leather finish rather than Alcantara.

The seat centres are made of black fabric whilst the

headrests feature embossed Porsche crests and all seams in the partial leather interior are sewn in black thread. The finishing touch to the interior is the trim in black aluminium.

Fast on the corners, stable on the straights this elegant new edition to the 911 range comes with a rigid chassis and rear-axle steering.



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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

# Kia Rio is attractively stylish

KOREAN car maker Kia has upped its game in recent years, producing an enhanced range of well-built, good-value cars which all come with an industry-leading seven-year transferable warranty.

Its latest Rio is a fine example, a supermini hatchback taking on big-selling rivals from the likes of Ford, Opel-Vauxhall and Volkswagen. The Rio is attractively styled and while not too eye-catching, racks up a lot of points for interior space, standard equipment and low running costs.

Prices start at €13,297 (£11,995) for a 1.25 litre petrol model which comes with air-con, auto lights, Bluetooth, power front windows, remote locking, USB and AUX ports, adjustable steering wheel with audio controls, and a trip computer.

My test model was the mid-range 3 Eco, powered by a 1.4 litre 89 hp diesel engine. Top speed is 174 kph (108 mph), the 0-100 kph time modest by class standards at 11.6 seconds. But the bonus is 26.3 kpl (74.3 mpg) and emissions of just 98 g/km. This version costs €19,251 (£17,365) and is laden with kit including alloy wheels, privacy glass, cornering headlights, power windows, sat-nav, touch screen, DAB radio, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, reversing camera, autonomous emergency braking, lane departure warning and a gear-shift indicator.

The dashboard is smartly-styled and its logical functional layout means it is easy to understand and use. Longer and wider than the previous model, the cabin of the new Rio is roomy even for rear occupants and at 325 litres, the boot is 13 per cent bigger. Wide-opening doors give good access and the rear seats fold to allow bulky items, though like so many in the class, the load floor is not level.

Out and about, the Rio has light-touch controls for easy driving, with precise steering and an accurate manual gearbox. Ride quality is fairly typical of class standards, so too the general handling, so nothing to complain about. It drives and behaves like most

hatchbacks in the

sector, extremely competent though not too exciting.

Kia models are well built and well finished – hence that seven-year warranty – and the brand has well and truly shaken off the budget-car image it had a few years ago. It is a now a very respected marque offering genuine competition for big mainstream rivals – as the new Rio clearly demonstrates.



Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

## Stats panel

**Model:** Kia Rio 3 Eco  
**Engine:** 1.4 litre diesel  
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**RACY:** Bright red Urus SUV set to transform Lamborghini's fortunes.

LAMBORGHINI executives are wetting their pants with anticipation ahead of the release of the Italian powerhouse's new SUV. The date has finally been set for the grand unveiling of the Urus SUV, which 'creates a class of its own' according to a gushing press release.

The 'Super Sports Utility Vehicle,' or SSUV, will meet the public on December 4 in Sant Agata Bolognese, Italy, the fantastically named site of the firm's headquarters.

The Urus is Lamborghini's answer to an avalanche of groundbreaking new SUVs un-

leashed by Range Rover, Porsche and Bentley in recent months.

Globally, the SUV market is more competitive than ever, with Chinese manufacturers also looking hungrily at the profit margins.

By entering the SUV market Lamborghini expects to double its global sales and executives believe the Urus is the car to do it.

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Costa de Almeria

I'LL start by congratulating footballers Gareth Barry, Sergio Aguero and Celtic FC, Essex cricketers, F1 driver Lewis Hamilton and jockey Ryan Moore on their recent achievements. Well done men!

### SPORTS CALENDAR

- The week-long Invicta Games (founded by Prince Harry) starts in Toronto, Canada on Sunday.
- The first cricket ODI between England and the West Indies takes place today at Old Trafford; the second is at Trent Bridge on Saturday.
- Three 'home' riders could stand on the podium after Sunday's Spanish MotoGP in Alcaniz.
- The world sailing and cycling championships continue in Japan and Bergen respectively and there's Masters Golf in Portugal.
- This weekend's PL football matches include Leicester-Liverpool, Manchester City-Crystal Palace, Southampton-Manchester United, Stoke-Chelsea and

West Ham-Tottenham. It's Fulham-Middlesbrough, Leeds-Ipswich, Wednesday-United in Sheffield's 'steel derby' and Wolves-Barnsley in the Championship while Rangers play Celtic in the SPL.

### LAST WEEK'S ACTION

- Lewis Hamilton, driving superbly, won Singapore's first 'wet' night F1 Grand Prix to increase his lead over Sebastian Vettel in the championship to 28 points. For only the fourth time ever both front row cars crashed out on lap one and for the first time in F1 history two Ferraris (Vettel's and Kimi Raikkonen's) exited on lap one, as did Fernando Alonso and Max Verstappen. There are six races left.
- In cricket, the West Indies (176) beat England (155) by 21 runs in the T-20 blast at

Chester-le-Street. And Essex are this season's County cricket champions after beating relegated Warwickshire who will be replaced in Division One by Worcestershire!

• The 3-1 favourite Capri, ridden by Ryan Moore and trained by Aidan O'Brien, won the St Leger. Moore has now rode the winner of all five English classics. And Geoff Wragg, trainer of 1983 Derby winner Teenoso, has died, aged 87.

• In football's PL, there were wins for leaders Manchester City (6-0 at Watford with Aguero's 10th City hat-trick), Bournemouth (2-1 v Brighton), Manchester United (4-0 v Everton to ruin Wayne Rooney's return to Old Trafford), Newcastle (2-1 v Stoke) and Southampton (1-0 at Crys-

**RYAN MOORE:**  
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## Pego Golf Soc

THE greens at Oliva Nova were aerated last week, but that did not stop 36 members and guests from turning out for the Pairs Texas Scramble.

It is much more difficult to play Pairs than normal Texas Scramble with four people, so consequently the scores are always higher. It was very warm and sultry and sometimes difficult to get a breath, but everybody got round in one piece. The greens were bumpy all over, and running very slow.

The group was delighted to receive six guests in the form of Richard and Christina Sharpe, Gordon McBain, Miguel Moya, Steve Kirby and Tosh Robb, and all were warmly welcomed by Captain Malcolm Wise.

In the main part of the competi-

# Breaker Barry, top superstar Hamilton

tal Palace). The games between 10-man Chelsea-Arsenal, Huddersfield-Leicester, Liverpool-Burnley, Spurs-Swansea and WBA-West Ham were all drawn.

- Leeds still lead the Championship ahead of Wolves and Cardiff.

- SPL pacesetters Celtic beat Ross County 4-0 to extend their unbeaten run in domestic competitions to 55 matches.

- Gareth Barry (WBA) has equalled Ryan Giggs' record of 632 PL appearances. The first player to start 600 PL games, Barry should break Giggs' record

**GARETH BARRY:**  
Equalled Ryan Giggs record.



at Arsenal on Monday.

- La Liga leaders Barcelona won 2-1 at Getafe and Real Madrid beat Real Sociedad 3-1.

- There were recent Champions League wins for PSG (5-0 at Celtic), Chelsea (6-0 v Karabakh), Manchester United (3-0 v Basel), Manchester City (4-0 v Feyenoord), Spurs (3-1 v Dortmund), Real Madrid (3-0 v Apoel Nicosia) and Barcelona (3-0 v Juventus); Liverpool drew 2-2 with Sevilla.

- In the Europa League, Everton lost 3-0 at Atalanta and Arsenal beat Cologne 3-1.

- There have been FLC games this week including Leicester-Liverpool and Spurs-Barnsley (Tuesday) and Arsenal - Doncaster, Chelsea-Nottingham Forest, Everton-Sunderland, Manchester United-Burton and WBA-Manchester City (last night).

- Bibiana Steinhaus (38) became the first female to referee a top-flight European League game when taking charge of the Hertha Berlin-Werder Bremen Bundesliga clash.

- Northern Ireland's manager Michael

O'Neill has been charged with drink-driving.

- Valterri Bottas will sign a new contract with Mercedes and Fernando Alonso will stay with McLaren.

- Coach Tony Smith is leaving Warrington Wolves RLC after nine seasons.

- Harlequins ended Wasps' 20 match unbeaten home run in RU's Premiership, winning 24-21; Exeter now top the table... Munster and Scarlets head their respective Guinness Pro-14 groups... and New Zealand won their first three matches in the Southern Hemisphere Championship, scoring 128 points, including a record 57-0 victory over South Africa.

- The world middleweight fight between Gennady Golovkin and Saul Alvarez ended in a controversial draw and GB's Olympic champion Nicola Adams' bout with Alexandra Vlajic was postponed when the American failed a pre-fight blood test!

- Marc Leishman won golf's FedEx Cup in Illinois with Justin Rose and Ricki Fowler joint second. And Sweden's Anna Norqvist won the women's Evian competition in France.

- And finally, ex-footballer Jimmy Greaves (80) has remarried his ex-wife, Irene six decades after their first wedding.

## Valldigna Golf Society

THE society played at La Galina Campo de Golf for September's Matchplay Four Ball Better Ball competition.

What a great turnout for this one, 32 players pegged up for the home match at La Galiana. The order of the day was a new format for the members which seemed very well received.



**GREAT TURNOUT:** The players strike a pose.

The players were split into two teams, The Bears and The Bulls, but it turned out to be a bit of a whitewash for The Bulls who won 5.1/2 to 2.1/2.

The weather was slightly cooler with a gentle breeze making it a perfect day for golf. A few talent scouts had been planted obviously trying to get a heads up on Valldigna's team for September 28, but as with all teams with big matches coming up they didn't show their full

hand. Sorry Edetania lads you'll just have to wait for the big day!

It was great to see some overseas visitors back and on form as well as regulars hitting form just at the right time.

Nearest the pin winners were: Hole 3 Mike Zucker, Hole 5 Peter Nunn, Hole 14 Rob Spray, Hole 15 Keith White, Hole 16 Tigger, Hole 17 Steve Arnold.

## Society pairs texas scramble competition

tion, the results were as follows:

Pairs Texas Scramble Results

1st Place Score 68 David Blakeley and Richard Sharp

2nd Place Score 69 Shaun O Gorman and David Phillips

3rd Place Score 70 Russ Peters and Patrick Lynch

4th Place Score 71 Steve Boyes and Rob Westlands

All very close with only three shots between the top four teams, so well played to all, especially David and Richard with a net 68.

There were four two's, and they were by Steve Boyes, Colin Davies, Steve Blakely and Gordon Weston.

The Balls in the Water prize was not won so it is a roll over to next week.

Nearest the hole at Hole 3



**TOP TROOP:** Some of the day's winners.

with their tee shot was Steve Boyes with 1.40 metres, and at hole 16, the closest was David Blakely with the smallest of margins of 26 centimetres.

Player of the day was undoubtedly David Blakely, scooping three prizes.

In the semi final of the match play competition, John Guest convincingly beat Colin Foster by 6 and 5.

Next week, the society is

playing one of its major competitions, the Committee Plate, which will be in Stableford Format, and it would be good for all members to take part!

Should you be a visitor but would like to enter please contact secretary Penny Barden by emailing [pegohandicapsec@gmail.com](mailto:pegohandicapsec@gmail.com) or enter through the website [www.pegogolfsociety.com](http://www.pegogolfsociety.com). A warm welcome awaits you.

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