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By Linda Hall

MURDERED Alicante business-woman Maria del Carmen Martinez's mobile phone allegedly connected to WhatsApp 30 minutes after investigators believe she was shot.

The widow of former CAM bank president Vicente Sala was shot at point-blank range last December at the Novocar showroom, a family-owned car dealership in Alicante City. Her son-in-law Miguel Lopez, remanded earlier this year and released soon afterwards, is the only suspect.

His defence lawyer Javier Sanchez-Vera now claims that an examination of Maria del Carmen's phone revealed that she must have been shot as she connected to WhatsApp at 6.55pm (18:55:23) without sending a message. His client was spotted on a CCTV camera at 6.38pm on

Timeline tangle Murder plot thickens



MURDERED: Maria del Carmen Martinez (inset) was shot at her car showroom.

the Ocaña road driving to his home, Sanchez-Vera pointed out in a document delivered to the Alicante City court investigating the murder. "It's as clear as crystal that Miguel Lopez could not have

fired the shots," Sanchez-Vera argued. Provincial media sources pointed out that the Novocar employee who found Maria del Carmen contacted the Emergency Services at 6.55pm (18:55:01)

and the workshop manager contacted Lopez a few seconds later.

Fatally wounded Maria del Carmen was surrounded by Novocar employees at 6.55pm and pathologists put the time of death at 7pm. When found she was no longer in the car and could not have reached her bag and phone on the passenger seat.

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Red hot October

LAST October was the sixth-driest since 1950 when records began, said Met office, AEMET. It was also hotter than normal with an average temperature of 20.4C compared with the usual 19.2C.

Multi tasking

THE province's fire brigades were called out 140 times for animal and wildlife emergencies. Tasks included removing 80 hives and bee colonies as well as removing a pigeon trapped inside a streetlight.

Town facelift

JIJONA will spend €450,000 on remodelling the Travel-Almarx district, renewing pavements as well as domestic water pipes and main drainage.

Sky's the limit
Iconic building sold on

By Benjamin Park

THE mortgage loan for Benidorm's famous InTempo building has been sold, and purchased by the SVP Global Fund from Spain's 'bad bank' SAREB (Asset Management Company from Banking Restructuring).

The loan, which is reportedly €108 million, has been sold to the leading global investment fund for a fee that could reportedly exceed €60 million.

Sareb first acquired the loan in 2012 from developer Olga Urbana, who was originally granted the loan by Caixa Galicia.

The skyscraper, which is the largest for residential use in Europe, stands at almost 200 metres tall and has 269 apartments.

The sale of the loan will now

reportedly ensure that renovation work continues on the building after it was stopped in 2014.

SVPGlobal, an American company who focus on high value-added investments, were founded in 2001 and have headquarters in London, Frankfurt and Tokyo.

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SKYSCRAPER: The Benidorm Building stands at a staggering 656ft.

Bicycles stolen to order

FOUR Spanish men and two Moroccans were arrested in San Juan for stealing bicycles that were later sent to Morocco. They have been charged with five robberies although the Guardia Civil believe the gang was responsible for taking at least 100 bicycles in Muchamiel, Campello, San Vicente and Alicante City as well as San Juan.

The group stole good-quality and high-end machines to order and would follow the owners of likely-looking cycles, later returning to their homes. Here they would climb walls or force garage and lockup doors to steal the machines which they loaded into their van.

The gang did not hesitate to use violence, the Guardia Civil said and on one occasion a minor was intimidated into handing over his bicycle.

The six men aged between 18 and 34 were released with charges, including one who has been arrested 18 times and linked to 237 offences in the past two years.

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No sex, please

NEW Elda bylaws dealing with issues not covered by existing municipal regulations include graffiti, xenophobia and teenagers' botellon outdoor drinking sessions. The new directives also ban nudity and having sex in public, both of which have prompted past complaints from residents, the town hall explained.

Failed getaway

THREE people were arrested in Alcoy and charged with stealing an iPhone, a laptop, computer items and photographic equipment worth €30,000. They were detained in the street by the National Police while trying to run away and hide the stolen articles after they were stopped.

Weather-wise

JORGE OLCINA, professor of Geographic Analysis at Alicante University and director of the university's Climatology Institute, was elected president of the Association of Spanish Geographers. Olcina maintains that geography studies society's greatest problems and says that drought requires a scientific and not a political solution.

Lift off

PEDREGUER mayor Sergi Ferrus met with Director General of the High Health Inspectorate of the Conselleria de Sanidad to request that a new health centre be built as soon as possible, pointing out the various deficiencies in the town's current centre, including the absence of a lift.

Tipping point

RESTORATION works have begun on the quarry in Benitachell that became a landfill. The land - in the green area of the Puig Llorenca - was converted into a shooting range and then people began fly-tipping there. The works are expected to take two months.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE... 35

THE Camino de Santiago, also known as the Way of Saint James, has been one of the world's most important religious pilgrimages for centuries, but its popularity has surged in recent years, writes Kat Ashton.

Holy moly!

THE origin of the Camino de Santiago stretches back to the ninth century, when the tomb of Saint James the Great was discovered in Santiago de Compostela.

Legend claims that the remains of the revered apostle were carried by boat from Jerusalem to be buried in the Galician capital.

Since then, millions have flocked to pay their respect to the apostle in the city's cathedral and many churches, monasteries and villages were built around the route.

However, the popularity of the journey began to fade during the 14th century as a result of wars, disease epidemics and natural disasters.

The route began to regain its appeal during the 19th century, but it wasn't until the 1980s, when the Council of Europe declared the site the first European Cultural Route, that the pilgrimage began to surge in popularity once more.



Photo credit: Matt Ford

STUNNING: The remains of Saint James the Great are believed to be buried in the Santiago de Compostela cathedral.

Now people from across the globe flock to complete the Camino each year and nearly 300,000 pilgrims made it to Santiago de Compostela in 2016 alone.

While some still make the journey for religious purposes, many just take the opportunity to test their endurance and explore the Galician countryside.

A long and winding road



Photo credit: Matt Ford

KNACKERED: Hikers abandon their shoes at 'world's end,' the pilgrimage's final destination.

THERE are many different paths that pilgrims can take to reach Santiago, including routes that start in other European countries such as France and Germany.

One of the most popular choices is the 'French Way,' which starts in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port on the French side of the Pyrenees border and making its way through Pamplona, Logroño, Burgos and Leon before it reaches Santiago de Compostela. The route stretches for over 800km and takes around a month to complete.

The true end of the Camino however actually lies at the Cabo Finisterre cape near the Galician fishing village Fisterra. True devotees tackle this extra 100km stretch from Santiago to worship in front of a sacred image of Christ and see the 'World's End.' It has also become tradition for travellers to abandon their destroyed walking shoes here or burn them in fires.

New routes

VALENCIA Airport in Manises - also known as Manises Airport - has introduced 18 new routes for the winter season. Holidaymakers can now travel

to Barcelona, Budapest, Edinburgh, Eindhoven, Frankfurt, Glasgow, Hamburg, Krakow, Marrakech, Marseille, Milan, Munich, Nantes, Naples, Palma, Rotterdam, Santander and Sevilla.

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THE phenomenal growth of *EWN* Online continues.

October was another record-breaking month for the *EWN*'s website and social media platforms which are now firmly established as the leading internet sources of Spanish news in English.

And the increasingly impressive statistics look set to go on during the year-end build up towards Christmas and New Year.

The website is now drawing ever closer to a staggering 900,000 page views per month, with a million clearly achievable in the weeks and

months ahead.

Meanwhile the Facebook page now boasts an amazing near 23,000 followers.

These figures have left all traditional rivals trailing in their wake, with the *EWN* Online team's reputation for round-the-clock, accurate reporting of the latest news increasingly being noted, appreciated, and followed.

The *EWN* has a brief to lead, both in Print and Online, while others appear merely able to follow.

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TOP ARTICLE: Cancellations.

479 new page likes for the month which takes us **UP to 22,469**
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Is it wrong not to wear a poppy ahead of Remembrance Day?

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Buzz Aldrin was not the first man on the moon but was however the first person to urinate there, according to National Geographic.

During the Second World War, the crew of British submarine HMS Trident kept a fully grown reindeer called Pollyanna aboard their vessel for six weeks after receiving the animal as a gift from Russia.

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Did you know?

A US ranger went into the Guinness Book of World Records for being struck the most times by lightning. Roy Sullivan was hit seven times throughout his life, in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.

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LIFT OFF: San Juan Hospital.

Take the stairs instead

THREE of the six lifts used by patients and the public at San Juan hospital are out of order.

Installed when the hospital opened 26 years ago, two have needed repairs since last July and a third broke down a month ago.

All the lifts are nearing the end of their useful lives and need constant maintenance and repairs, hospital sources revealed.

The two that stopped work-

ing in July needed replacement parts that should have arrived from Germany within 10 weeks, but have taken twice as long owing to a technical error. One of these lifts should be

working again this week but the other will not be ready until the end of this month.

The third lift should be repaired by the beginning of December, the hospital confirmed.

Bid to free prisoner dogs

ELDA residents are indignant about the living conditions of three incarcerated dogs.

A German shepherd, Rotweiler and Husky have been cooped up in the apartment in the Nueva Fraternidad district for two years, they complained.

Their owner, who allegedly has a drug addiction problem and whose partner is in prison, initially had them outside on the balcony in filthy conditions. She now keeps them indoors after neighbours complained about their constant barking and howling.


The Local Police have written 47 reports and issued four fines for serious breaches of bylaws. A petition, signed by more than 100 neighbours has had no effect, they lamented.

Paqui Serrano, spokeswoman for the Nueva Fraternidad residents, recently met Elda's Health councillor Nieves Lopez who maintained that there is insufficient evidence to accuse the woman of animal cruelty.

Lopez suggested that another petition and listing all the offences might give her department grounds to intervene, although nothing could be done without a court order, which could take a couple of years.

Paqui Serrano was unimpressed with the councillor's reasoning which she described as "outrageous" while asking where that left animal protection laws. "Is it because animals don't bring publicity or votes?" she asked.

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STEAMY: Hoult and Costa.

Born to be a star

SHE'S the Marbella-born actress who appears set to conquer Hollywood.

And *Stranger Things* star Millie Bobby Brown is well on the way to achieving her dream after the second season of hit series *Stranger Things* amassed over a record million mentions on Twitter within 48 hours of it being released.

The 13-year-old, whose parents hail from Boumemouth, is said to be worth more than €5.5 million after the first season of the supernatural drama garnered 22 million viewers in the United States alone.

It comes after the starlet appeared on the cover of *Teen Vogue* and was named in *Time Magazine's* Influential Teens of 2017.

She has now signed lucrative deals to promote Calvin Klein and Converse products after spending the summer filming upcoming blockbuster *Godzilla: King of Monsters* alongside Oscar nominee Vera Farmiga and English screen icon Charles Dance.



GOING PLACES: Millie Bobby Brown.



Cristi Pedroche/Instagram

RAUNCHY: Christina Pedroche.

Sheer delight!

SHE'S the actress and host who set tongues wagging after presenting Spain's televised New Year's Eve coverage in a transparent dress.

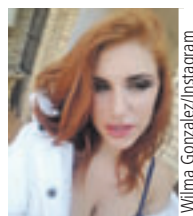
And Christina Pedroche, 29, again left little to the imagination as she put on an eye-popping display after taking to the catwalk during the 2017 Women's Secret Night lingerie show in Madrid.

She shared the runway with famous Spanish models including Rocio Crusset and Estela Grande at the glittering event presented by Hollywood star Elsa Pataky.

Hopping mad Playboy bunny mugged

A WELL-KNOWN Spanish glamour model has been robbed after having her clothes sliced open in Madrid. Wilma Gomez, 33, was at a train station when she realised that a brand new mobile phone and 600 USD were missing from her jacket.

"I went to buy a ticket and when I put my hand in my pocket there was a big hole," she said. "It's a very busy place and because I'm so clueless I thought I had



Wilma Gonzalez/Instagram

CHRISTMAS CRACKER: Wilma Gomez.

lost my cell phone or my money, which I was going to exchange for Euros. "They literally cut my clothes!"

But it was not all bad news for the 2007 Miss Playboy Spain, who currently stars on TV in Chile, as the stunner revealed that she was visiting her home country for a festive photo shoot. "I'll be on the cover of the Christmas edition of Playboy," confirmed the Mallorca-born bombshell. "The first time I did it was in 2008."

Hot and heavy

HE'S played an introverted schoolboy, a manipulative teenager and a mutant superhero.

But British actor Nicholas Hoult, 27, appears to have finally come of age after stripping off for a raunchy sex scene alongside 32-year-old Spanish actress Laia Costa in his latest film *Newness*.

The romantic drama premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival and has just been released worldwide via streaming service Netflix.

A bit Messi

FOOTBALL mega star Lionel Messi's wife Antonella Rocuzzo appeared to accidentally reveal that the pair's third child will be a boy. The blunder came in a birthday social media message to eldest son Thiago, who recently turned five. It comes after the 29-year-old last month confirmed that she was pregnant after tying the knot with the 30-year-old Barcelona striker in June.

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Be careful what you say on social media

AN Alicante Province man must complete 15 days' community work for describing his ex-wife as "a bitch" on his Facebook profile.

He criticised Spain's gender violence legislation and described himself as one of those fathers whose children had been set against him and who faced jail "without having done anything to deserve it."

Although he had not named her, a judge had ruled earlier that the insult clearly referred to his ex-wife and found him guilty of a minor offence of slander and unjust vexation.

The ex-husband appealed to the High Court, claiming that he had written a personal opinion and accusing his former wife of prying on his

Facebook page.

The High Court judge upheld the original sentence and ruled it was "irrelevant" that the insult could only be seen by Facebook friends.

"These expressions are likely to constitute an offence against honour if the injured party learns about it through a third party, as happened in this case."

It's third time lucky

SAN VICENTE Town Hall settled for third best after inviting tenders for municipal lighting.

The €4.4 million four-year contract will finally go to Gas Natural Servicios although the town hall's first choice was the Iberdrola.

The multinational energy company would have charged an annual €1.128 million but did not present the necessary paperwork within the stipulated 10 days.

Next in line was Nexus but the company withdrew its offer and asked to be excluded,

claiming that the price of electricity had gone up during the time that the town hall was examining the bids.

Gas Natural was third best, according to sources at the town hall's Contracts department, and had presented the requested documents which were all in order.

The company will provide the service for €1.125 million a year with the guarantee that all the energy it provides comes from renewable sources.

Sky's the limit

IN a recent meeting, Toni Mayor - President of hotel association HOSBEC - encouraged the building of more tower blocks in Benidorm, saying that the capital of the Costa Blanca "must maintain its commitment to skyscrapers."

He said the tourism sector "cannot be delocalised," continuing to say it "cannot be replaced by multinational giants like Amazon."

He gave the overnight collapse of Britain's longest-surviving airline, Monarch - which left all flights grounded with 110,000 passengers abroad - as an example in that Monarch's services were soon replaced by other companies with little to no effect on tourism.



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Olive crop doubled

DESPITE gloomy predictions of a disastrous olive harvest, Alicante Province now expects a crop of 40 million kilos.

Although some olive groves are still in a worrying condition, last winter's heavy rain reversed the "delicate situation" of most trees, said Julian Ubeda of La Unio growers' union.

This has allowed them to recover from three years of drought and he predicted that production would be high, with a 50

per cent increase on last year's harvest in Alicante Province.

Production has begun early this year, especially in El Comtat where Jose Miguel

Ferrando from the Millena processing plant confirmed that this year's harvest was an improvement on 2016's and of "extraordinarily good quality."

Valencia and Castellon provinces also expect a good harvest, with increases of between 60 and 70 per cent.

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OUR VIEW

Time to reflect

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Not every war is a formal declaration between two or more countries but in many ways, unofficial armed conflict is even worse as those taking part will often ignore what are known as the 'rules of war'.

There are no less than 44 recognised international armed conflicts where a minimum of 100 people were killed during the past 12 months and in a number of cases, such as Syria and Yemen, the conflicts are supported by foreign financial and military aid.

Representatives of the American government have recently made it clear that the only way to get North Korea to change its ways is by a full invasion and the industry of war benefits the taxpayers and economies of America and most of the European Union.

This ignores the atrocities that have been committed by Daesh on innocent civilians and which sadly can never be contained as a single madman driving a vehicle into a random crowd can never be contained.

Sunday is a time to reflect on the past and the future and to hope that our leaders do what they can to protect as many innocent lives as possible.

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The past was faster

DAMIAN UCLES, FGV's former Alicante Province delegate, recently blamed past haste for some of strike-hit Line 1's problems.

Despite "marvellous trams and magnificent installations" the journey between Alicante City and Benidorm now takes 30 minutes longer than before, Ucles told a Spanish interviewer.

"The curves are the trouble. The tracks' modern security systems and naturally-conservative train drivers only permit a maximum speed of 43 kilometres an hour," Ucles said. "You can't compete with cars that way."



SAN JUAN: Trams must sometimes wait to cross.

Between 1999 and 2003 the then-regional government rushed through plans for the electrified line that would substitute the diesel trenet as far as Benidorm, Ucles explained.

Modernisation included new rolling stock, stations and tracks but the route was unaltered. "The Generalitat's Public Works department was determined to go ahead although we insisted that some sections of the track needed to be rerouted in order to increase speeds."

Rails were replaced without changing the layout. "Nowhere trams can reach 65 kilometres an hour," Ucles lamented.

Nor does it help, he said that there are still some sections of single track and with two trams travelling in each direction, there are frequent five-minute waits at some stations.

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The first, and possibly most important step, is to choose your financial adviser. Ideally you want to find one who is well placed to deal with all your current and future financial issues. There are various aspects to consider:

- How much experience do they have advising UK nationals living in the Costa Blanca?
- Do they offer a range of expertise and services, with holistic solutions?
- Can they provide integrated advice for Spain and the UK?
- Will they be around for the



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

long-term?

- How are they regulated and what qualifications do they have?
- Have they taken the time to get to know you and your needs?
- When the time comes, can they help your heirs with their inheritance?

Blevins Franks has been providing tax and wealth management advice to UK nationals living in Spain for over 40 years. I have been living in Spain for over 20 years myself, having

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Professors applaud definitive Pativel

THE regional government has made final adjustments to its Territorial Action Plan for Green Coastal Infrastructure (Pativel).

With very few exceptions,

new construction is vetoed on a 500-metre strip measured from the shore and restricted on the next 500-metres.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 7,600 hectares of now-protect-

ed Valencian Community coastal land is located in Alicante Province. This is lower than originally announced and despite protests from many town halls and the property sector, most has never been zoned for development.

The regional government pointed out that Alicante Province has 12,275 hectares of land zoned for development, sufficient to cover the

demand for another 350,000 properties for at least 70 years.

Pativel's final version was applauded by Professors Fernando Vera and Jorge Olcina - both heads of department at Alicante University - who maintained that the legislation would assist in coping with climate change.

This was the first time in Spain that an authority has adopted prevention strategy in

the face of climate change, they added, and freeing the coast from further development would help to curb the effects of rising sea levels and coastal flooding.

This was usually caused by the intense storms common in the region but was aggravated by rivermouth developments and construction in the paths of watercourses, the professors said.



CLIMATE CHANGE: Flooding can be aggravated by construction in watercourses.

NEWS EXTRA

No more bullying

JALON Council has joined the project 'No mas vidas robadas ni personas anuladas' (No more stolen lives or people excluded) - a programme to prevent bullying and cyberbullying, launched by the Alicante Province Department of Education.

No access

A RECENT diagnosis commissioned by Ondara Council as part of its Municipal Accessibility Plan detected endless architectural barriers in the town such as narrow pavements and poorly located pedestrian crossings - works are being scheduled for the 2018 budget.

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On the run

FINESTRAT began its Health Week with a fundraising march to assist women with breast cancer.

The five-kilometre march was organised by the town hall's Health department and the Associació de Dones women's group.

"More than 100 people took part in the march and we are so pleased with this marvellous response and above all so grateful for the

donation that will help the cancer charity AECC in the fight against cancer," said Finestrat's Health councillor Victoria Curtis.

The Semana de la Salud has continued this week with a series of talks by local and regional medical experts on 'Prevention and Sport.'

Sport occupies a central role in this year's Health Week, Curtis said. "Finestrat

is a base for mountain challenges like Costa Blanca Trails that takes place this weekend," she continued.

"These are races where participants test their bodies in Ultra Trails of more than 100 kilometres over mountains like Puig Campana and Aitana. For this reason, we felt it was important to focus on what sportspeople should know about avoiding cardiovascular problems."



Photo by Finestrat town hall

CHARITY RUN: Finestrat raises money for breast cancer fight.

Minor land grab

HONDON DE LOS FRAILES Town Hall must pay a local couple €17,352 after building on land belonging to them.

Part of the town's Cultural Centre, built seven years ago, occupies 64 square metres of their land and a Novelda judge ruled that

they should receive its financial value.

Demolishing the building was unviable and anti-economic, the judge said, who dismissed the town hall's claim that the land was municipal property. Neither did he accept the argument that although construction began in 2010 and was finished the following year, the couple did not make a formal claim until 2013.

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Growers look forward to some compensation

THE regional government confirmed that agricultural growers affected by Xylella fastidiosa will receive compensation.

Specific sums were not mentioned but the Generalitat's Agriculture department has set aside a €2 million fund for payouts to Alicante Province growers that should arrive early next year. Between them they have lost 500 almond trees on a total of 20 hectares of land.

The first case of the deadly



SLOWLY DYING: Symptoms of Xylella Fastidiosa.

bacteria in mainland Spain was

confirmed in Guadalest last June. Three further cases were detected in the Marina Baja, Marina Alta and El Comtat where in compliance with EU directives, not only infected trees were felled and shredded but all those within a 100-metre radius.

This has prompted protests from growers and also the mayors of inland beauty spots and tourist attractions who feared towns and villages would soon

be stripped of vegetation.

The disease which kills trees by stripping them of all moisture and is spread by certain insects, appears to have been contained thanks to the stringent and unpopular measures.

"We are following regulations to prevent the situation from escalating," said Francisco Rodriguez, the Agriculture department's regional secretary. "We can't risk allowing the plague to spread."

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By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial



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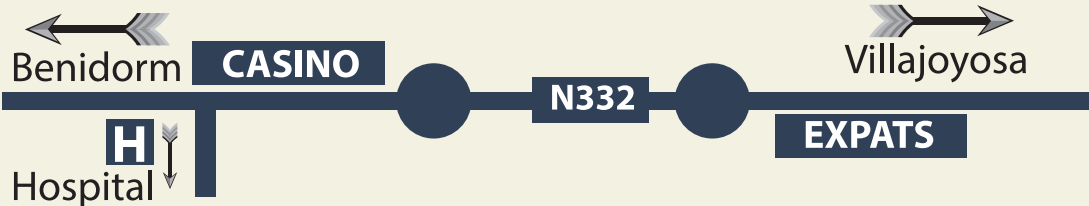


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Thrills and plenty pills

A 44-YEAR-OLD Norwegian man was arrested in Benidorm for crimes against public health after he was found to be in possession of over 2,500 pills which he planned to sell.

The detainee was hanging around a part of the city often frequented by drug addicts and known for drug trafficking.

As he noticed police on patrol, he attempted to flee the scene but officers gave chase and soon caught up with him.

They searched him and found the pills, mostly anti-depressants, which he confessed he intended on profiting from.



HAPPY PILLS: The pills were mostly anti-depressants.

e-Beni is working

IN September, Benidorm City Council processed over 20 per cent of cases electronically.

The figures were announced as part of a meeting earlier this week between the council and Lorca City Council (Murcia) as both administrations advocated the development of new technologies in public administration.

Of the 8,767 cases filed in September, Benidorm City Council processed 1,867 of them electronically and said it "helps to reduce costs and improve the service."

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Accused in the dock

A SPANISH restaurateur went on trial at Alicante Provincial Court in connection with non-payment of charges linked to his restaurant in Benidorm.

The accused is claimed to owe over €20,000 in management charges after the restaurant - located on Levante promenade - was abruptly closed in April 2016.

Speaking to the Spanish press, the restaurateur opposed the claims, maintaining he has no debts and 'everything was paid.'

The trial of the accused - who owns several restaurants in Spain - caused a stir amongst legal professionals in the province and is yet to reach a verdict.

€18.5k improvements

BENIDORM'S Department of Sports has made a series of improvements to the Antonio Lopez football fields in Rincon de Loix.

The €18,500 project has seen an area for gymnastics built along with a petanque court. Accessibility has been improved both to the toilets and around the track and protective fencing has been installed around the perimeter to ensure the safety of athletes.

Mayor Toni Perez and councillor of Sports Arturo Cabrillo visited the fields and confirmed that further improvements will be made to the floodlighting.

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NEWS EXTRA**Lost and found**

HIKERS on the Cabeço d'Or mountain raised the alarm after one of their party went missing from the group. A Fire Consortium helicopter found him within minutes thanks to his GPS-enabled smartphone.

New message

CAMPELLO installed seven tourist information panels giving details in braille. To make the town more accessible for those with disabilities, sign-language has been added to videos on YouTube and the Tourism department's website.

Track record

LOCAL POLICE in Valencia City moved on 100 cars from the cemetery car park to prevent illegal races. Fourteen drivers were fined for negligent driving, expired ITV inspections or driving without a licence.

Fire watch

FIFTY-TWO small Alicante Province municipalities will have four-strong fire prevention brigades coordinated by Valencia's Emergency Response and Safety Agency. The €12.3 million initiative will also provide employment in rural communities.

Road closed

THE seafront road between Altea and Albir will be closed until tomorrow, Thursday, while it is resurfaced for necessary repairs after last winter's storm damage.

More houses

ALCOY City Hall has granted 55 building licences for one-family houses since 2015. Compared with four licences between 2013 and 2015, this indicated that the market for new properties was reviving, the Territory department said.

FINESTRAT will pay one cent for every cubic metre of water treated at Benidorm's two purification plants.

This will only be necessary in cases of "extreme necessity" according to Finestrat mayor Juan Francisco Perez. The need arose last winter when the domestic water supply was cut after torrential rain and gale force winds stirred up sediment at the bottom of the Guadalest reservoir,

Water no longer under a cloud

which was at its lowest-ever level at that time. Although Finestrat's water is purified, it is not filtered and the water was considered too cloudy to be used for drinking, cooking or even washing.

After Benidorm offered the use of its installations near Terra Mitica and the

Sierra Helada, Finestrat decided to build pipelines to both plants. This will also benefit Benidorm, enabling its La Cala neighbourhood to connect directly to the Terra Mitica plant. Should there be a supply problem elsewhere in the municipality, this would ensure that La Cala still

continues to have domestic water. He considered that one cent per cubic metre was "a symbolic charge," said Juan Francisco Perez.

"It will barely have any effect on town hall accounts. Building a new plant would have been much too expensive and in the long run it would not have been worthwhile," the Finestrat mayor said.

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By Linda Hall

Water on tap for firefighters

MARINA BAJA fire brigades will soon have access to irrigation water when combating fires in rural areas.

An agreement between the Alicante Province Consorcio de Bomberos and the Canal Bajo del Algar irrigation syndicate will permit firefighters to use their water if

necessary.

This will cut the response time when called out to a fire on the outskirts of Altea, Alfaz, La Nucia, Finestrat, Villajoyosa or Benidorm.

A new network of pipelines

belonging to the Canal Bajo members, with 50 outlets in rural districts will be available to the Consortium.

At present when fire breaks out in rural areas, Marina Baja fire brigades often have to

go to the nearest town or urbanisation for water, which can sometimes be 15 minutes away.

Fire engines have to come and go between both or, if the fire is close enough, join sever-

al hoses together. In both situations, valuable time is lost in wooded areas where it is vital to stop fire from spreading.

This is the first time that this system will be used in Alicante Province and is possible thanks to

modern technology, as each outlet has been mapped and is GPS-locatable.

The first hydrants have now been installed in Alfaz, Callosa and Benidorm with Villajoyosa due to follow shortly.



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WOODLAND FIRES: All too common in the Marina Baja's rural areas.

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Search and rescue on home ground

By Linda Hall

THE Army's Military Emergencies Unit (UME) again chose La Nucia to train their rescue dogs.

La Nucia's specially-pre-

pared 'disaster area' filled with rubble, obstacles and subterranean passages was used by the canine unit from Betera (Valencia) during a combined training day earlier this year for 30 dogs from six

UME detachments.

"We returned to La Nucia where we can do a grand job on locating underground decoys," said Warrant Officer Juan Antonio Rubio. "This is one of the most complete training grounds we have visited."

The town hall's Maintenance department and non-government organisation USAR-13, which carries out search and rescue operations with its own

highly trained dogs, organised the logistics and prepared the terrain for the UME unit.

This included installing columns and underground galleries simulating the aftermath of an earthquake, enabling the unit to observe which of their dogs would be most suitable for rescue operations.

The 14-hour session began at 10am and continued with intermittent breaks to evaluate each

dog's skill at seeking out and rescuing trapped 'victims.'

USAR-13 also took part in joint exercises with the UME unit.

"Sharing a training ground and exercises is as enriching for USAR-13 as it is for the UME unit in improving the relationship between the handlers and their dogs," said Jose Luis Moreno from the ONG's La Nucia branch.



Photo by La Nucia town hall

TRAINING SESSION: Councillor Jose Cano with UME and USAR 3 dog handlers.

NEWS EXTRA

Cooking up a storm

COOKING STUDENTS from IES Maria Ibars in Denia will practise in kitchens of four UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy over the next two years, in Bergen (Norway), Gaziantep (Turkey), Ostersund (Sweden) and Parma (Italy).

Fatal smash

TWO people died as two vehicles collided head-on in Gandia - the incident occurred on the CV-675 that joins Barx and Marxuquera and drivers and passengers had to be cut out of the cars.

Female thief

A 53-YEAR-OLD woman was arrested in Valencia for mugging five people in six days - she mostly preyed on pensioners, stealing handbags, jewellery and mobiles.

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PAC PROGRAMME: Sports councillor Pepe Cano and a PE teacher at La Nucia's indoor pool.

Sporting chance to stem absenteeism

PUPILS participating in the Shared Classroom Programme (PAC) are having free sessions at La Nucia's indoor pool this month.

Coordinated by the Instituto and the town hall's Sports department, PAC is a special programme for pupils with an average age of 14 now in their second year of ESO.

The town hall is providing eight hours of pool time for the 15 pupils talking part in the 2017-2018 PAC programme that is included in the school curriculum.

Swimming and other sports activities have been introduced to combat absenteeism and

motivate pupils at La Nucia's Instituto who might otherwise abandon their studies too soon.

They share some of the class assignments but during other periods are offered enjoyable but more practical PAC activities.

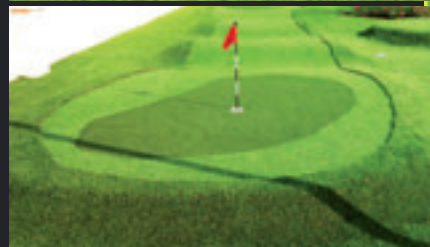
They practise a different sport each month and after Muay Thai and paddle tennis last month they are taking swimming lessons at the municipal pool. These activities are aimed at helping pupils to understand the value of self-control, organisation, effort and motivation which it is hoped they can then apply to their studies.

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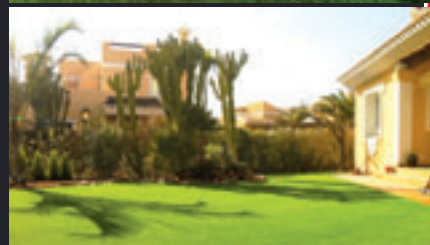
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Getting rid of asbestos

THERE are roughly 30,000 square metres of fibroce-ment containing deadly as-bestos in 46 Alicante Province schools.

Responding to calls from parents' associations, trade unions and residents, the current regional government is committed to eradicating the fibroce-ment but has met criticism that action cannot be taken in half the schools until 2019.

"The need to remove it grows by the day and we are strongly opposed to any delays," said local officials from the CCOO trade union, while stressing that there is no immediate danger for pupils or teachers so long as the fibroce-ment is not moved or has been damaged.

The Generalitat has not ruled out involving town halls in a bid to speed up



Photo credit: Campello townhall

ASBESTOS REMOVAL: Hazmat suits for workmen at a Campello school last summer.

the paperwork and red tape as removing the asbestos-laced fibroce-ment is hampered by "excessive bureau-cracy" according to the Education department.

Tenders to carry out the work at half the affected

schools have now been accepted or are being processed and work will be carried out during the school holidays at Christ-mas, Easter or next summer.

Apart from Elda, Beni-tachell, Ondara and Orba, most of these schools are in Alicante City or the southern Costa Blanca as are those which must wait until 2019.

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It's a matter of significant interest

ALTEA Town Hall will not have to pay €1.049 million interest on delays in paying for the Polideportivo sports complex.

In 2011 the courts ordered the town hall to pay Agricultores de la Vega for two outstanding construction certificates and €1.8 million for modifications to the original plans.

The sentence also included unspecified interest due on late payment of the construction certificates.

In 2012 the town hall, then controlled by the Partido Popular and CIPAL parties, paid the €4.156 million debt but not the interest.

In November 2015, with the current three-party coalition in-



Photo by Linda Hall

ALTEA POLIDEPORTIVO: Overran its budget.

stalled at the town hall, Agricultores de la Vega claimed the €1.049 million.

This came as a shock, municipal sources said, but the town hall applied to the government's low-interest Economic Incentive Fund for a

loan. At this point the Partido Popular pointed out that because the original debt was settled via the government's Suppliers' Payment Plan, the creditor had automatically renounced interest due on the debt.

The town hall suspended the loan application, declared the debt paid and has now received confirmation from the courts.

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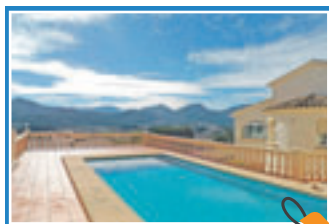
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Grand opening a grand success

By Tahnee Wright

THE grand opening of local artist Jenny Anne Morrison's week-long exhibition at L'om Bar & Restaurant on Calle Ramon y Cajal in Pego was a re-

sounding success.

A buzzing atmosphere filled the room as guests admired Jenny's paintings - a specially chosen selection for the exhibition which is in aid of APAC.

Inspired by the gift of the

camera, Jenny has travelled the world and seized the opportunity to interpret on canvas vibrant flamenco dancers, ballerinas, horses, landscapes, seascapes, sunsets, skies, people, places, feelings, faces; and indeed, anything that has captured her eye and imagination.

She commutes between Spain, Canada and London, and has a global list of clients who love her colourful collection.

After enjoying plenty of tapas, guests gathered out in L'om's stunning courtyard together with Jenny and volunteers from APAC as energetic Andre entertained the crowd and auctioned off a print in aid of the horses.

The print was auctioned for €80 and Jenny will also generously donate 20 per cent of all sales of her paintings to APAC.

A charity luncheon will be held at the restaurant tomorrow (Friday). Tickets are €15.

For tickets, get in touch with Jenny - 694 412 409 / info@jennyannemorrison.com.

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GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE: Generous Jenny with APAC volunteer Lois Ford and Andre La Masurier.

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‘We’re playing with democracy’

EX-CATALAN President Carles Puigdemont was released on bail in Belgium after the Spanish government issued a European arrest warrant in his name.

Puigdemont had fled to Brussels after Spanish authorities voted to impose direct rule on Cataluña following the illegal independence referendum on October 1.

Puigdemont, along with four of his ministers, handed himself into the Belgian authorities on Sunday but they were freed after a 10-hour hearing.

The court will now decide whether to act on the warrant.

Catalan officials face up to 30 years in prison on charges of rebellion, embezzlement of public funds, sedition and disobedience.

Eight members of the former parliament have already



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IN LIMBO: Carles Puigdemont must wait for Belgian officials to decide whether to extradite him.

been jailed following a hearing in Madrid, which Puigdemont refused to attend, pending the government’s enquiry into the controversial referendum.

Meanwhile, in an article he wrote for a British news-

paper, Puigdemont pointed out how the “leaders of this democratic project face the severest punishment possible - the same as for cases of terrorism or murder.”

“The Spanish state must honour what was said so

many times in the years of terrorism: end violence and we can talk about everything,” he declared. “We’re playing with much more than our personal futures: we’re playing with democracy itself.”

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Dog attack horror Victim has both legs amputated

A WOMAN is fighting for her life after being attacked by dogs in Galicia.

The 82-year-old from Covelo, Pontevedra, named as Maria Dolores AB, was set upon by two French mastiffs owned by a neighbour as she returned home from mass.

Horrified witnesses described how the animals bit her lower legs and scalp to the bone.

She was reportedly dragged for 30 metres and her injuries were so serious that surgeons were forced to amputate both her legs below the knees.

According to local media reports, the dogs had escaped from the garden of their owner’s home, with police now probing the incident after it emerged that residents had com-

plained about them being loose on several occasions.

The victim was taken to a hospital in Vigo where she remains in a critical condition.

One of the dogs is a pure French mastiff, also known as Dogue de Bordeaux and a breed considered potentially dangerous in Galicia, and the other a boxer cross, but neither had the mandatory microchip or health card.

Under Spanish law owners of dog breeds considered potentially dangerous, including rottweilers, pit bull terriers, and Staffordshire bull terriers must possess a mandatory licence and keep the animals muzzled and on a lead whenever in public.

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Unique Li!

Chinese officer goes viral

THE only Chinese member of Spain's Guardia Civil has become a social media sensation after the force tweeted his picture to demonstrate multiculturalism.

More than 10 nationalities are in the Guardia and 1,127 officers were born abroad.

The 35-year-old was born in the city of Zhenjiang in China but moved to Spain with his parents who were in search of a better life when he was just six-years-old.

After doing business studies Li joined the army in Spain, becoming the first Chinese person to do so.

But from an early age he wanted to be a policeman.

In 2004 he passed all the Guardia Civil entrance tests, except one.

"In the first measurement



Photo credit Guardia Civil

SENSATION: Guardia Civil officer Li.

they misjudged and said that I was only 1.68 metres tall. So they measured again and I was the minimum height of 1.70cm," he explained.

Li joined the Guardia Civil in 2004 and says: "I owe everything I have to the Civil Guard. It gives me the

bread of every day and I feel 100 per cent Spanish."

He has a Spanish DNI and has renounced his Chinese passport.

Li lives in Fuenlabrada, Madrid, with his Romanian wife, and has two children, Martín and Sofía.



Photo credit YouTube

SHOCKING: One of the youths holds the cat before launching it from a window.

Feline lucky

Cat survives cruel ordeal

OFFICERS from Spain's Guardia Civil are investigating youths who flung a cat from a second floor window in Torre del Mar, Malaga, and filmed it.

The police have identified the alleged abuser, aged 16, who already has a criminal record.

Although the cat survived the 15-metre fall a video of the incident sparked outrage on social media. At the start of the recording, that was widely circulated on WhatsApp and other social networks, the 14-year-old recording it and a third youth can be heard asking the 16-year-old not to do it.

But, amid laughter, they then encourage him to fling the cat from the balcony of the second-floor apartment into the street below.

Local Police from Velez-Malaga who visited the family home were told by an older brother of the alleged abuser that the cat "is alive and has not suffered physical damage."

Since the incident, believed to have been filmed on All Saints' Day, the mother of the boy contacted the Guardia Civil to complain about the harassment her son has since suffered on social media.

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In today's article we want to draw attention to the Cession of Credits, which has been widely used in Spain without individuals debtors knowing what was being done with their debts.

The Assignment or transfer of Credits is based on article 1112 of

the Spanish Civil Code (cc), which establishes the possibility of transmitting all the rights acquired by virtue of an obligation. More specifically article 1878 cc, establishes the transfer of mortgage credit to a third party.

In summary, through the Assignment of Credits, an Assignor, in this case, the creditor bank, cedes the credit to a third Assignee, who will become the new creditor, replacing the bank and in some cases without the consent of the debtor, being the debtor with a debt to a third party, without having received the required notice.

Normally these assignments of loans, credits and mortgage loans are made in bulk by the banks that sell them to what are known as vulture funds, for a value much lower than the actual

and current value of the debts.

Spanish courts have established that despite not being part of the assignment, the debtor has the important right of preference to accept or refuse such a transfer, meaning that the debtor may acquire the credit that the bank is trying to transfer to a third party, for the same value and in the same circumstances.

This means that the debtor could find a new option to fund the debt, which in most cases is usually of vital interest to the individuals' debtor, who must be notified of the Assignment and have a period of nine days to exercise their right of preference acceptance.

Thus, debtors who have a mortgage with a Spanish bank, if it was assigned to a third party, could ask to use this right and request the

right to purchase the credit for the same price as the fund, which would in most cases offer a very substantial reduction from the original value of the debt.

It seems possible that in the not too distant future the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) will have to decide on these transfers of credit throughout Europe and in the event of deciding that they have not respected the rights of the debtors, the transfers could be considered null and void.

In theory, this could have an extraordinary impact on the funds that acquired them and a benefit to the debtors.

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

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Parking firm folds

PURPLE PARKING, a major car parking firm that has operated at 25 UK airports including Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Stansted and Luton for 25 years has gone into administration.

They are the largest off-airport car park operator in the UK and have parked more than seven million cars.

The company called in administrators Duff and Phelps after it amassed debts of £2 million.

Some travellers returning from holidays abroad have reported lengthy waits for shuttle buses and delays collecting their vehicles.

Purple Parking's brand and website have been bought by travel firm Holiday Extras, which said all 36 online booking staff would keep their jobs.

The deal was completed via a pre-packaged administration sale following Purple Parking's inability to secure a buyer for the whole business.

In a statement Holiday Extras chief executive Matthew Pack said: "Our acquisition of Purple Parking's online assets is focused on providing continuity of service for Purple Parking's customers, suppliers and distributors.

"Whilst the pre-pack purchase sees us responsible for new bookings made from November 3 via the brand, we are also focused on ensuring that every customer that had an existing booking with Purple Parking, has their parking arrangements honoured.

"We are in discussion with all car parks and are very pleased with the response so far. Customers should travel as planned, Holiday Extras are here to answer any queries on 0800 083 9689.

"We intend to use our proven expertise to make the Purple Parking booking experience faster, easier to use, and an integral part of the Holiday Extras suite of services."

58.6% of Spaniards do not have a siesta, despite the country being famed for it according to a government study.

Reality TV sex abuse scandal

A CONTESTANT on the Spanish reality TV show Big Brother was kicked off the show after it was alleged he sexually assaulted a female co-star.

The show's producers reportedly got the police involved after booting out Jose Maria Lopez Perez, aged 24, along with his girlfriend Carlota Prado Alonso who was also on the show.

Officers in Madrid confirmed that one of the programme directors had made a formal complaint but revealed they had yet to hear from the woman in question.

The producers allegedly have video footage of the incident, reported to have taken place on Saturday evening, which they have handed over to the police to help their investigations.



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DESTITUTE: The offending plants and (inset) Robbie.

Going to pot

A MAN from Scotland who claims he was falsely accused of running a cannabis farm in La Linea de la Concepcion, near Gibraltar, has been left homeless after police seized his passport.

Robbie Miller, aged 24, had left Scotland to find a job as a software engineer in Gibraltar and rented a room in a shared flat with a British biker.

A few days later, officers raided the property in La Linea de la Concepcion and discovered six large cannabis plants weighing seven kilos.

Robbie was held by police for 24 hours before the court seized his passport and released him on bail.

The judge allegedly wasn't interested in hear-

ing his evidence that allegedly proved that the cannabis plants, which he claims must have been growing long before he arrived in the country, were nothing to do with him.

Robbie, originally from Hamilton in Scotland, has since been forced to sleep on a bench as he couldn't book another place to stay without a passport. He told media sources that he wanted to return back to Scotland as soon as possible, but this has also proved impossible with no passport and limited funds.

Mr Miller has hired a Spanish lawyer to represent him and hopes the judge will grant him an early hearing and dismiss the case as soon as possible.



SIZZLING: Hooters is known for its fried food and scantily-clad staff.

What a hoot!

US chain keeps abreast of Europe

EYEPOPPING US chain Hooters has confirmed it is to open its first diner in Spain.

The raunchy brand is famed for its chicken wings and beer served by young waitresses in revealing outfits, which have earned it the self-proclaimed 'breastaurant' moniker.

And with more than 430 eateries in 28 countries, the first Spanish Hooters will soon open in Castelldefels, Barcelona, according to the

company's Facebook page.

Hooters has come under fire for objectifying women due to its compulsory barely-there orange-and-white uniform consisting of tiny shorts combined with a cleavage-enhancing vest top, while the logo features an owl with its eyes replaced by nipples.

In the US, it has attracted further criticism for promotional events such as staff beauty pageants and calendars with

photos of girls in various states of undress, while female applicants are reportedly asked to reveal their measurements during the interview process.

It comes as Director of Operations in Spain, Julio Arias, moved to dismiss claims that the restaurant was forced to seek an alternative to its original site in Viladecans after being slammed by feminist groups, insisting that the switch was due to 'space issues.'

That's a bit rich!

Zara tycoon tops Forbes' ranking

AMANCIO ORTEGA has strengthened his position as the wealthiest person in Spain with a personal fortune in excess of €70 billion, according to the latest Forbes' Rich List.

It comes after the founder of Inditex fashion group - best known for its Zara chain of stores - briefly toppled Microsoft mogul Bill Gates to become the richest person on the planet in August this year.

The 81-year-old tycoon's assets are equivalent to the combined wealth of the 51 individuals who follow him in the annual Top 100 published by the Spanish edition of Forbes' magazine. Second place on the 2017 list is occupied by Ortega's daughter and heiress Sandra Ortega Mera who is estimated to be worth €6.5 billion, while third place is taken by Mercadona president Juan Roig with €4.8 billion.

The top 10 is completed by



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ROLLING IN IT: Amancio Ortega (inset).

boss of hotel group Iberostar Miguel Fluxa (€3.6 billion), president of infrastructure giant Ferrovial Rafael del Pino (€2.9 billion), OHL construction chief Juan Miguel Villar Millar (€2.7 billion), Roig's wife and Mercadona vice-president Hortensia Herrero (€2.6 billion), casino magnate Manuel Lao (€2.4 billion), Mango founder Isak Andic (€2.3 billion), and security firm Prosegur head Helena Revoredo (€2.3 billion).

But the influence of the famously reclusive Ortega - who has a 59 per cent stake in Inditex, the largest textile group in the world, plus a property empire managed via Pontegadea Real Estate - is such that if he is removed from the list the average net worth of the top 100 falls from €1.58 billion to €890 million.

Only 27 spots are occupied by women, who have between them amassed €24.5 billion.

Suspected terrorist recruiter held

A MAN has been arrested in Valencia over suspected ties with Daesh.

The 47-year-old would allegedly relay messages from the jihadi organisation to potential recruits and aid in sending them to conflict areas.

Police also found evidence directly linking the accused to a 26-year-old man who carried out a suicide attack in Iraq, killing 33 soldiers.

It is believed the deceased would often stay with the Moroccan man in his home in Sagunto where he was exposed to terrorist propaganda, converting him to extremist ideologies.

The accused also allegedly continued his recruitment efforts over the internet and would provide closely guarded Daesh files to potential recruits, meet up with them in secret and teach them how to hide their tracks online from authorities.

He was also described as

anti-social, and would generally avoid contact with people who did not follow his religion and ideals.

Since 2015 when the

Spanish Home Office raised the terror alert to four, authorities have arrested 206 jihadi terrorists in Spain.

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Zumba zooms in

THE municipal marquee set up for the Alfaz fiestas hosted an early-morning Zumba masterclass that was organised by the Alfaz Fitness club and the town hall's Sports and Fiestas departments. All money raised by the 200 participants has been donated to the Aspanion charity for children with cancer.

Lip synch battle

FIFTEEN fiestas associations took part in this year's edition of Playbacks l'Alfas 201, attended by an audience of 2,000. First prize went to the La Clau peña who performed a parody of Freddy Mercury's Barcelona as sung by Montserrat Caballe, Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras and Luciano Pavarotti.

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Just eat, drink and recycle

TOGETHER with glass recyclers Ecovidrio, Alfaz Town Hall launched an awareness campaign lasting throughout the fiestas.

Merrymaking generates large numbers of empty bottles and the peñas - the fiestas groups - were challenged to see who could recycle most glass. The peña judged the best recycler will win a pack of local products worth €100," announced Ecovidrio's area manager, Roberto Fuentes.

Giant scales and two igloos have been installed at the Health Centre roundabout where peña members have been lining up during the fiestas to weigh their glass before it went into the containers. Ecovidrio distributed bags to the different peñas' headquarters so the glass would be easier to carry and sent out an Eco-Patrol encouraging them to take part in the competition.

Last year Alfaz and Albir residents deposited 812,050 kilos of glass in the town's 131 green recycling igloos.

One hundred per cent of that glass was recycled and used to manufacture more bottles and containers.



Photo by Alfaz town hall

EQUALITY: Fiestas organisers pledge to banish machismo.

Machismo ban during fiestas

By Linda Hall

ALFAZ'S fiestas association has joined the #metachodemacho movement that tackles male stereotypes and backs equality during the fiestas.

The movement began in Navarra #Metachodemacho when a group of men committed themselves publicly to constructing a truly equal society following the notorious gang-rape of a young woman in the San Fermin fiestas in July 2016.

Since then the incident

has been uppermost in the minds of fiestas organisers anxious to prevent a similar outrage.

"Equality is not limited to women," Alfaz councillor Genoveva Tent declared during the meeting with the president of Alfaz's Asociacion de Peñas and representatives from the different peñas or fiestas groups.

"The Equality department hopes that joining #metachodemacho will raise awareness of gender equality and male violence by prompting people to think about their actions," Tent said. "These can range from the smallest and most subtle to those that are easily recognisable as machismo," Tent said.

The movement is gathering strength in Alfaz thanks to the Asociacion de Peñas which represents 40 peñas and has more than 800 members.

"All of the peñas have shown interest in joining this movement," said the associa-

tion's president Paco Mas.

"Ensuring that not one aggressor remains is the secret to put an end to gender violence," Tent added.

Calling all lovers of Swing

'POPPIES in Swingtime' is a concert for all fans of Swing which will be held on November 17.

As well as the last fundraising event for this year's Poppy Appeal this will be a night to remember and a great start to the festive party season.

The Big Band sound of Rommy Baker's famous musicians will have the extra bonus of a set from 'Swingtet' and a filmed tribute to the late Eric Delaney as well.

The venue is the Casa de Cultura in Alfaz, and the concert starts at 7.30pm, and tickets cost €10.

Cultural centre agreement renewed

ALFAZ'S mayor Vicente Arques and Matias Perez Such, president of the Frax Foundation recently ratified their existing agreement.

As well as an annual €20,000 allocation, Alfaz Town Hall also puts all its technical infrastructure at the Foundation's disposal, said Arques who was accompanied at the signing by Culture councillor Mayute Garcia.

The Frax Foundation is a driving force for Alicante Province culture, the mayor continued, and plays a fundamental role in disseminating art.

The Foundation aims to advance culture, the arts and sciences in ways that boost tourism while benefiting Valencian Community's culture and economy, Arques said. Year-round the Frax building on Albir seafront holds exhibitions of the work of established artists and newcomers in the 1,500-square metre Pedro Delso room, one of the region's most important exhibition halls.

The Ramon de Soto room, hall and other spaces often house temporary exhibitions and there is a year-round programme of courses, workshops, talks and concerts that are open to the public.



Alfaz town hall

DISSEMINATING ART: Vicente Arques, Matias Perez Such and Mayte Garcia.



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SWINGTIME: The Rommy Baker Big Band.

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Works complete

THE €8,000 improvement works at Moraira's Consultorio de Salud are now complete. Councillor of Health Rosana Caselles visited the clinic last week to check it out and especially admired the colourful murals painted on the walls in the children's area. The clinic was also dampproofed as the town prepares for the winter season.

A 41-YEAR-OLD Colombian man has been arrested for glassing a 36-year-old British man at a cocktail bar in Moraira.

A 41-year-old Dominican man also faces charges over his involvement in the brawl, which involved at least four more people.

The police investigation revealed that, earlier in the evening, the British man had a heated discussion with several people about parking, including the Colombian and the Dominican.

Later in the evening, the three crossed paths again at the cocktail bar and got into an argument, which soon spiralled out of control.

Punches and kicks were

Colombian arrested for glassing Brit in bar brawl



Photo credit: Guardia Civil

OFF WE GO: Guardia Civil officers march the offender to the station.

thrown before the Colombian man broke a bottle of beer and stabbed the British man with it three times - twice in his torso and again in one of his legs.

The British man was rushed to Hospital Marina Salud de Denia, where he was admitted with serious injuries.

The Colombian detainee will face charges for serious injuries by stabbing.

The Dominican man will face minor injury charges for bruises inflicted upon two other participants in the brawl and the British man will also face minor injury charges for kicking the Dominican man and breaking his wrist.

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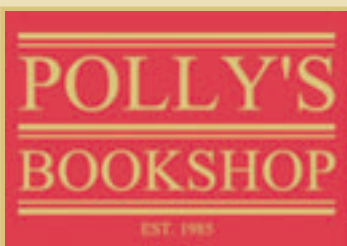
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Peak pictures

A COUPLE of months ago, AEMET launched a challenge on social media - asking followers to post photographs of the Montgo Massif taken from as far away as Valencia. Minerva GG (@minervagra) came out on top with a snap taken from Sagunt, more than 100 kilometres as the crow flies and 146 kilometres on the AP-7 motorway.



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Social integration support

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The council will grant a total of €1,000 to both ADIMA (Association of Disabled Persons on the Marina Alta) and ACOMAD (Association of the Marina Alta District of Aid to Drug Addicts) to support social integration and reintegration projects for people with physical and mental disabilities or those who have suffered drug addiction.

Mayor Jose Chulvi signed the agreement this week alongside councillor of Social Services Pepa Gisbert and representatives from ADIMA and ACOMA.



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

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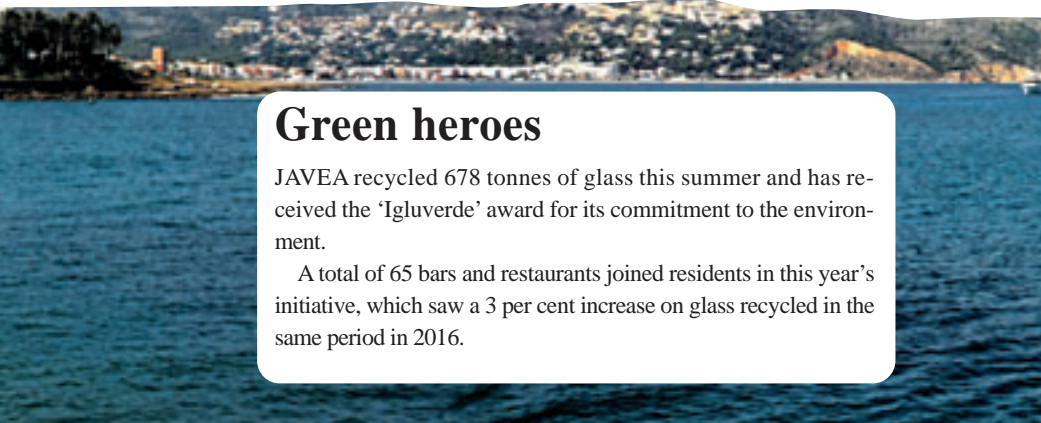
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Green heroes

JAVEA recycled 678 tonnes of glass this summer and has received the 'Igluverde' award for its commitment to the environment.

A total of 65 bars and restaurants joined residents in this year's initiative, which saw a 3 per cent increase on glass recycled in the same period in 2016.

Original Charity Shop and Library Christmas raffle

TICKETS are now on sale for the Original Charity Shop and Library Christmas Raffle.

Once again local businesses and sponsors have been very generous. There are lots of fabulous prizes to be won: A 122cm TV, a gorgeous hamper filled with Christmas goodies, a tablet, vouchers for hairdressing, beauty treatment and restaurants, wine, chocolates and many other great prizes. A strip of five tickets will cost you only €3, giving you the opportunity to win a great prize and at the same time support the campaign to provide Christmas gifts for the children attending the Raquel Paya School for children with special needs. The children are already looking forward to Santa's visit so your generous contribution will ensure they are not disappointed. The draw takes place on Friday De-

cember 22 at 12pm in the new shop on Carrer de Nancy 1, Javea. Tickets are available in the shop or the Library in Javea Park. The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

For more information please visit the web page: www.charityshoplibrary.com or contact info@charityshoplibrary.com.

Falling down

THE PP has condemned Javea Council as properties in the old town deteriorate to dangerous levels. They say it should be the responsibility of the council to enforce ITEs - a mandatory, periodic inspection that all buildings over 50 years must pass. The council says it is waiting for data from the land registry.

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Roy Anderson (right) with bar owners Ron and Pilar (centre).

RBL thanks Benidorm bar

DURING the launch of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal last year, one of the Orihuela Costa and District standard bearers, Roy Anderson, collapsed close to Rica's Beach Bar on the seafront in Benidorm.

The proprietors, Ron and Pilar, immediately went to his aid. They called an ambulance, took him into the bar where they laid him down and treated him until the paramedics arrived to take him to

hospital. Everyone agreed that it was a life threatening situation and if it weren't for the prompt action of Ron and Pilar the consequences could have been grave.

On Friday October 27 during the 2017 launch, Roy was able to pay a visit to the bar and, on behalf of himself, wife Ellen and the branch, present the couple with a 'Certificate of Commendation' for their actions on that day.

Ron said that he was delighted to see that Roy had made a complete recovery while Roy said that Ron and Pilar had done a great job.

"I could have easily died and I feel so grateful they were on hand and that they were able to stabilise my condition.

"Many people would have just left me where I lay but Ron and Pilar showed true compassion in taking the prompt action that they did."



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Freemasons hold charity barbecue

THE Freemasons of Arenal Deportiva Lodge held a barbecue for members and guests to raise much-needed funds for charity.

The original date was originally postponed due to rain but the fates were kinder the second time around and the barbecue went ahead in glorious sunshine. Almost 40 Masons, their wives and friends turned up for an afternoon of good food, good wine and good friends.

The event was held in the garden of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, WBro Ian Brown and his wife Eileen, who spared no effort to make the afternoon a great success.

Music was supplied by popular local entertainer Ian Henry, who played and sang for the entire afternoon and into the early evening.

Charity steward WBro Ray



SWEET SOUNDS: The talented Ian Henry provided the day's entertainment.

Guise-Smith organised several fundraisers, including a raffle, and the proceeds totalled a magnificent €452, which will be added to amounts raised at other events and donated to El Preventorio children's home in

Gandia at a later date.

A great round of thanks must be given to Ian and Eileen for sharing their home, the willing volunteers who made great efforts to keep everyone happy and to all the Masons and their

guests who raised so much for a very worthwhile charity.

If you would like to donate to this charity or, should you want more information about Freemasonry, please send an email to: prensa@glpvalencia.com.

In remembrance

THE Calpe Branch of the Royal British Legion will hold their annual Remembrance Day service on Sunday in the La Merced Church, Calpe.

The service will begin at 10.30am and will be led by Father Marcus Ronchetti of the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy.

The RBL would love you and your friends to join them at their very special service.

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U3A meeting roundup



TAX TALK: Daniel Herranz gives his advice on tax issues post-Brexit.

AT the last U3A Vall del Pop general meeting, Daniel Herranz gave a talk concerning the Brexit implications on inheritance and capital gains taxes in Spain. This talk followed on from his talk in April on Spanish taxes when it was anticipated the basic Brexit issues affecting expats would have been concluded by now, but as we know nothing has so far been concluded.

The members were also addressed by Tony Evans, on behalf of the British Legion, who explained the purpose of the Poppy Appeal and the services the British Legion offer to Services Men and Women who find themselves in need

of help and support. The Vall del Pop U3A asks you to continue to support the Poppy Appeal, and to not forget the services of remembrance which will be held in several churches in the region on Sunday.

The U3A is all about enjoyment and learning. The U3A Vall del Pop holds their General Meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Centre Polivalent in Murla and has a diverse range of groups for the interest of the members.

For further information on U3A Vall del Pop check out their website: www.u3avalldelpop.com.

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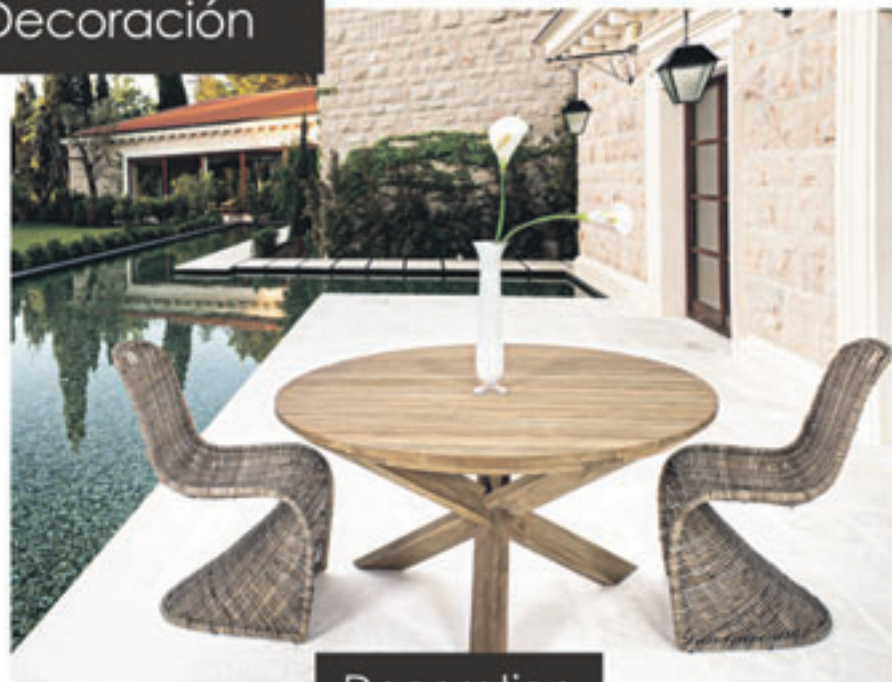
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Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph.

By John Smith

THERE are two specific dates associated with the end of the First World War, one of which is permanent and the other changes each year.

People all across Britain will observe a two minute silence at 11am this Saturday (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month), which is the time and date when hostilities formally ended after more than four years of battle during what is now re-

In memory of those who laid down their lives

membered as The Great War.

The nearest Sunday to November 11 is chosen as Remembrance Day where people gather together to remember and mourn the dead

in all wars, although in Britain and here in Spain, more emphasis is given to those who died during the 20th and 21st centuries.

In London, next Sunday will see

the usual massive ceremony at the Cenotaph which will be attended by members of the Royal Family, representatives of the Commonwealth and Overseas Territories,

politicians, veterans of various conflicts and serving military together with a huge audience of on-lookers.

Due to their advanced age, the Queen and Prince Philip will play a reduced role in the laying of wreaths as they cannot be expected to spend hours standing around in what is invariably a chilly morning.

As well as the main service in London, the laying of wreaths takes place all over the UK as well as the Commonwealth and there will also be many parades embracing ex-servicemen now settled in Spain plus the usual services in Gibraltar.

Poppies are worn as a symbol of respect and tribute on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day and funds raised from their sale go towards assisting ex-servicemen through the Royal British Legion.

The original concept of the wearing of poppies in remembrance - which was inspired by a Canadian military officer and poet who wrote 'In Flanders Fields' - actually came from America and was adopted by the American Legion before the concept came to the UK in 1921 from France.

Behind the poppy

IN the spring of 1915, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian doctor who had just lost a friend during the First World War (1914-1918), was inspired to write the poem 'In Flanders Fields' after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields where little else would grow.

The poem inspired Moina Michael, an American academic, to make and sell artificial red poppies which were later introduced in the UK by a French woman, Anna Guerin.

In 1921, The Royal British Legion ordered nine million of the poppies and sold them on November 11 to commemorate the end of the Great War. The first year alone, the poppies raised £106,000, a staggering amount of money in those days, which was used to help First World War veterans.

Nowadays poppies are mostly sold in the UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand to pay tribute to servicemen and women killed in conflict. The poppy is traditionally red to reflect the colour of field poppies and is considered a symbol of remembrance and hope.

Royal British Legion's Remembrance Sunday

By Benjamin Park

THE Royal British Legion (RBL) continues to provide a large number of services across Spain year after year.

Ahead of this Remembrance Day, we spoke to a few members of RBL branches around the country about what the occasion means to them and how they will be spending the day.

Jo Taylor, Chairman of the RBL Coin branch, first set-up the branch in 2006 having previously been a member of two other branches in Spain.

She spoke of how her branch chooses to honour loved ones on November 11.

"On Remembrance Day,

we provide a bell service," she said.

"People who attend speak of loved ones they have lost and it's not just in the First World War, we have people who speak about loved ones they have lost in Iraq, Afghanistan and other wars too.

"After people have told me of their loved ones, I read a piece about them and we hold a short moment of silence. We try to keep the service both public, but private at the same time."

Steve Taylor, who served in the Royal Air Force, was first a member of the RBL in Oxfordshire but transferred his membership to Mollina

when he moved to Spain 10 years ago, where he is now Chairman.

He said: "I have attended many Remembrance Day services in and out of uniform both in the the UK and many overseas locations.

"It is not only about the First World War but every loss of life up to today."

Dave Punshon, a member of the Mollina branch, said: "Though I never served in the armed forces, my father was a standard bearer and founder member of the legion club in my home town.

"As he died when I was 22, Remembrance Day is a time of reflection on two counts."

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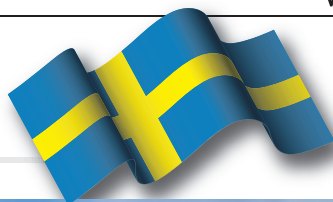
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Rail rise

THE number of people choosing to take the train over the Oresund Bridge between Sweden and Denmark has increased after police stopped carrying out ID checks on commuters earlier this year.



STRETCHING OUT: More people now choose to make the 16km commute over the Oresund Bridge by train.

Wise words

THE oldest blogger in Sweden, 105-year-old Dagny Carlsson, has expressed her support of the global #MeToo campaign which brings incidences of sexual harassment to light on social media.

Weapons raid

POLICE have detained three people suspected of possessing illegal weapons during an operation which involved setting off smoke grenades in the Stock-

holm hotel where they were staying.

against a Swedish driver who allegedly showed children as young as 10 a 'pornographic film' on a school bus when it emerged the film was actually just a romantic comedy.

Mix-up

CHARGES have been dropped

GERMANY



Job joy

UNEMPLOYMENT numbers in Germany remained at a record low of 5.6 per cent in October, according to a report by the Federal Labour Agency, which is the lowest level since the reunification in 1990.

weekend that costs fell to below zero and a new wind energy record was broken, according to Wind Europe.

€54 billion to €68 billion in the past year alone.

Wind power

GERMANY reportedly generated so much wind power over the

Hot spot

A NEW study has revealed that Germany has overtaken the UK as Europe's top destination for real estate investment, increasing from

Drugged up

A 52-YEAR-OLD 'natural healer' was taken to court after allegedly drugging a group of doctors at a convention in the town of Handloh, 27 of which had to be treated in hospital.

FRANCE



Father's say

NEARLY 58,000 people have signed a petition to call for paternity leave in France to be extended from the current limit of 11 days to six weeks.

Paris poem

FRENCH president Emmanuel Macron surprised a 13-year-old British girl on her birthday when he sent his response to a poem she wrote about the Eiffel tower and sent to the Elysee Palace.

Taking sides

IT has been revealed that only 10 per cent of French people have a positive view of US President Donald Trump while 25 per cent approve of Russian president Vladimir Putin.

Cutting back

FRANCE has announced plans to severely reduce the number of people given the 200-year-old Legion d'Honneur award each year, with officials saying that it will only be awarded in the future based solely on merit.

BELGIUM



Tragedy strikes

A BELGIAN mother of two was killed when a terrorist ploughed into cyclists in New York on Tuesday, while a further three Belgian nationals were injured in the attack which killed eight in total.

Party pooped

POLICE were sent to an abandoned warehouse in Engis in the early hours of last Wednesday morning to break up a rave party that was being held in secret.

Hostile hosts

BRUSSELS is looking into reports that the UK government is creating a hostile environment for European citizens living in Britain after 5,300 were expelled from the country during the previous 12 months.

Trouble makers

A BELGIAN mayor has banned far-right leaders from Dutch nationalist parties from holding a rally in Brussels' Molenbeek neighbourhood, which has a large Muslim community, over fears that it would disrupt the peace.

NETHERLANDS



Under watch

THE Netherlands will hold a referendum to decide whether to pass a new surveillance law, which will allow agencies to gather data from large groups of people at once, after nearly 400,000 signed a petition to oppose it.

Gender gap

THE Netherlands has dropped from 16th to 32nd place on the World Economic Forum's annual gender equality ranking, after it was revealed there is still a 16 per cent average wage gap between men and women.

Fungi found

A RARE fungus known as 'bishop's mitre' which has not been seen in the Netherlands for nearly three decades was spotted in a nature reserve in Twente, according to the Nature Today website.

Actor shamed

DUTCH bank ING has decided to drop Kevin Spacey as a speaker at their Business Boost event in Rotterdam later this month following multiple accusations alleging the actor committed sexual assault.

NORWAY



Free labour

A STUDY which analyses the pay gap between men and women found that women in Norway would stop being paid on November 6 if their wage was divided into the same amount earned by men each month.

Flying high

NORWEGIAN AIR has been named Europe's best low-cost airline for the fifth year in a row at the Airline Excellence Awards, and has been revealed to carry around 5.2 million UK passengers each year alone.

Going for gold

NORWAY has unveiled plans to bid to host the Winter Olympics 2026, which would allegedly cost the country €2.3 billion and would be the first time they have hosted the games in more than 30 years.

Fish threat

A SPECIES of trout that has lived in Norway's Bandak Lake since the Ice Age is reportedly under threat as a result of the development of hydropower in the area.

DENMARK



Cheery country

DENMARK has been included in list of the top 10 most positive countries in the world for the first time, which is based on the amount of positive actions and achievements accomplished over the past year.

Rained down

THE wet weather over the summer in Denmark turned out to mean bad business Carlsberg beer, which normally sees profits rise when it's sunny, as the annual turnover dropped by 1 per cent.

Green reach

THE green light has been given to build a 750-kilometre-long cable between Denmark and the UK to help the Danes export green power produced by wind turbines.

Auto theft

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Electric style



RARE BREED: One of the few Teslas zipping around Russia.

TESLA has more than doubled the number of its electric cars sold in Russia in the past year. The American giant is still looking for a Moscow showroom but has name value among the country's rich and famous. Billionaire Roman Abramovich is believed to have bought 20 Tesla cars for his friends.

Gulag life

A HUMAN rights group claims there are 117 'political prisoners' in Russian jails. The number has shot up by 15 in the past year say the Memorial NGO. It says the real number is "undoubtedly much larger." The Kremlin has previously denounced the organisation as a 'foreign agent.'

Swine threat

A SEVERED pig's head was dumped at the office of a businessman in Irkutsk. He had agreed to provide a meeting space to Alexei Navalny, the country's main opposition leader. Navalny met thousands of supporters last week in Siberia. The anti-corruption crusader is despised by Putin supporters.

Dead assassin

A CHECHEN accused of plotting to kill President Putin survived an assassination attempt in Kiev. A volley of bullets struck Adam Osmayev's car, injuring him and killing his wife. The couple fought as volunteers against Russian soldiers in east Ukraine. She had thwarted an earlier murder attempt by shooting dead the assassin.

Immortal photos

A NEW art project takes photos of young victims of the Soviet purges of the 20th century and re-imagines them as modern day hipsters. Hassan Bakhaev gained access to thousands of old photos from the Immortal Barracks database. He used computer technology to merge modern clothes into the frames.

Bye privacy

ANONYMOUS web browsing is now illegal in Russia. VPN software, which enables internet users to secretly access blocked websites, is heavily regulated. This makes it difficult for netizens to avoid their location being tracked as they surf the web, a trick used by the young and hackers.



Photo credit: Instagram

Officer swoon

A HANDSOME young policeman from St Petersburg has managed to attract 50,000 followers on Instagram. Roman, aged 23, accidentally drove the internet wild with simple photos of him in uniform near major attractions. Red-faced with the unexpected attention, he has since deleted his account.

DASHING: Young policeman driving Russian women wild.

Bank warns of growth slowdown

THE Spanish economy has steadily recovered over the past three years, allowing the government to be confident that it can meet financial targets set by the European Union.

The Bank of Spain however has indicated that unless the Catalan crisis is resolved quickly that economic growth could be threatened and in a worst case scenario be as low as 2.5 per cent against a forecast 3.1 per cent.

Check in and be weighed

By John Smith

AS airlines become increasingly more streamlined and cost aware, so they are anxious to become more efficient and two are now weighing passengers.

For years, those travelling on commuter helicopters in the USA were required to be weighed in order to ensure even distribution of people and baggage, but Air Samoa are now charging overweight passengers extra in order to affray fuel costs.

Now the concept has travelled across the Pacific and Atlantic to

Europe and Finnair has started asking passengers flying out of Helsinki to pop on the scales with their hand baggage.

This is voluntary and the more rotund will not be charged extra but the concept could well be copied by airlines across the EU although at already busy airports like Malaga, the extra time taken may delay the introduction of personal weigh ins.

A spokesman for the airline explained that whilst it was possible

for any airline to gauge the weight of any aircraft and checked baggage accurately, it had to rely on European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) passenger standard weight estimates which assume that a male weighs 84.6kg, a female passenger weighs 66.5kg and the average child under-12 weighs 30.7kg.

By checking on the actual weight of passengers the Finnish can then produce its own averages with the hope that it may be able to reduce the amount of fuel needed for each flight.

Freixenet decides to stay

IN an about face, Freixenet the Catalan-based cava producer has decided to keep its headquarters in the province.

Now that the Spanish government has applied Article 155 and dismissed the Catalan parliament, the president of the Freixenet board has made it clear that there is now no longer any need to relocate which it had seriously considered.

Quote of the Week

It isn't so much where inflation is now but where it is going that concerns us," commented Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England after it raised interest rates 0.5 per cent.



High speed train shortlist

THE UK Department for Transport has shortlisted five companies for a £2.75 billion (€3 billion) contract to build trains for the new HS2 rail network. The winner will design, build and service some 54 new high-speed trains and one of those selected Patentes Talgo is Spanish with its head office near Madrid.



Prototype high speed train.

The high speed trains which should have a top speed 225mph are due to be

ready to come into service by 2026.

After being criticised for giving lucrative rail contracts to overseas companies which may have resulted in British workers losing their jobs, the short list contains a number of companies with UK manufacturing bases. The fact that these companies have been short listed is important to them, but the tender

will not be issued until next year and contracts awarded only in 2019.

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Hi-energy

ENERGY Company Red Eléctrica de España (REE) made a profit of €495.5 million in the first three quarters of the year.

This is 5.1 per cent more than in the same period of 2016 and is in line with company forecasts.

Job losses

UNEMPLOYMENT in Spain increased by 56,844 in October which is considered to be a positive result considering that October is traditionally a bad month, with the average figure nearer to 90,000 over the past 10 years. November figures however may increase due to the Catalan crisis.

Oil boost

REPSOL, one of the major Spanish oil companies, has reported a profit of €576 million (higher than forecast) for the third quarter of the year. Overall debt at the end of September had reduced to €6.97 billion, thanks to higher oil prices.

Senate demands help for Jordan

THE Senate, the Upper House of Spain's Parliament has signed a document urging the Spanish government to give financial support to the Kingdom of Jordan.

In addition, it wants Spain to demand that the European Union also gives economic assistance to Jordan which is being crippled by the

cost of dealing with large numbers of Syrian refugees.

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CLOSING PRICES NOVEMBER 6

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,514.50	29.50	1.99	21,012.95
Associated British Foods	3,330.50	-2.50	-0.08	26,156.92
Admiral Group	1,861.50	-4.50	-0.24	5,310.59
Ashtead Group	1,973.00	-4.00	-0.20	9,655.03
Antofagasta	997.00	7.00	0.71	9,789.56
Aviva	507.25	-2.25	-0.44	20,657.71
AstraZeneca	5,175.00	-5.00	-0.10	65,221.68
BAE Systems	590.25	-0.75	-0.13	18,572.27
Babcock International Group	813.50	-4.00	-0.49	4,095.33
Barclays	181.15	-2.10	-1.15	31,532.23
British American Tobacco	4,986.50	-9.00	-0.18	113,992.39
Barratt Developments	654.50	0.00	0.00	6,646.20
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,710.50	11.50	0.31	5,064.53
British Land Co	598.50	-2.00	-0.33	6,060.38
BHP Billiton	1,449.50	22.00	1.54	30,530.00
Bunzl	2,314.50	-5.50	-0.24	7,762.94
BP	517.10	0.30	0.06	102,650.81
Burberry Group	1,910.00	-5.00	-0.26	8,076.00
BT Group	247.50	-2.30	-0.92	25,151.48
Coca-Cola HBC	2,639.50	1.50	0.06	9,326.86
Carnival	4,949.50	-25.50	-0.51	10,510.25
Centrica	167.80	0.10	0.06	9,344.79
Compass Group	1,659.50	-5.50	-0.33	26,111.13
Croda International	4,245.50	3.50	0.08	5,485.65
CRH	2,801.00	8.00	0.29	23,456.50
ConvaTec Group	190.20	8.20	4.51	3,634.35
DCC	7,270.00	5.00	0.07	6,373.13
Diageo	2,590.25	-3.75	-0.14	64,356.39
Direct Line Insurance Group	364.90	-0.60	-0.16	5,075.13
Experian	1,598.50	-5.50	-0.34	14,623.26
easyJet	1,317.00	3.00	0.23	5,282.87
Ferguson	5,362.50	2.50	0.05	13,398.98
Fresnillo	1,295.50	5.50	0.43	9,631.20
G4S	284.85	-1.65	-0.58	4,384.81
GKN	323.55	5.25	1.65	5,513.10
Glencore	382.38	3.53	0.93	54,851.16
GlaxoSmithKline	1,356.50	-4.50	-0.33	66,820.29
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,584.50	2.50	0.16	7,456.29
Hammerson	528.75	-1.25	-0.24	4,208.06
HSBC Holdings	737.20	-0.90	-0.12	147,514.65
International Consolidated Air Gr	621.50	0.00	0.00	12,988.12
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,323.00	-40.00	-0.92	8,135.38
3i Group	969.00	1.50	0.16	9,368.69
Imperial Brands	3,042.00	4.00	0.13	29,320.06
Informa	706.00	-2.50	-0.35	5,706.24
Intertek Group	5,372.50	2.50	0.05	8,585.98
ITV	160.10	0.30	0.19	6,472.86
Johnson Matthey	3,493.50	-9.50	-0.27	6,599.49
Kingfisher	316.90	-0.20	-0.06	6,720.46
Land Securities Group	955.75	-2.25	-0.23	7,121.51

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	272.90	0.10	0.04	16,200.32
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.54	0.15	0.22	48,890.81
London Stock Exchange Group	3,745.50	1.50	0.04	13,002.07
Micro Focus International	2,674.00	5.00	0.19	11,625.19
Mediclinic International	596.00	1.00	0.17	4,427.15
Merlin Entertainments	375.20	-2.60	-0.69	3,828.59
Marks & Spencer Group	327.05	-1.25	-0.38	5,350.27
Mondi	1,836.00	6.00	0.33	8,943.90
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	216.25	-2.75	-1.26	5,249.76
National Grid	918.40	-0.57	-0.06	31,092.65
NMC Health	3,156.50	67.50	2.19	6,050.94
Next	4,444.00	-29.00	-0.65	6,588.27
Old Mutual Group	193.40	0.10	0.05	9,613.27
Paddy Power Betfair	8,260.00	-5.00	-0.06	6,879.42
Prudential	1,866.00	-2.00	-0.11	48,278.64
Persimmon	2,824.00	-7.00	-0.25	8,758.90
Pearson	691.25	-2.25	-0.32	5,708.79
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,539.50	-43.50	-0.66	46,309.40
Royal Bank of Scotland Group (The)	277.55	-1.05	-0.38	33,709.59
Royal Dutch Shell	2,439.50	4.50	0.18	110,611.05
Royal Dutch Shell	2,472.25	0.75	0.03	92,700.80
RELX	1,737.00	-4.00	-0.23	18,281.66
Rio Tinto	3,793.50	68.50	1.84	50,928.72
Rolls-Royce Group	973.50	-3.50	-0.36	17,761.70
Randgold Resources	6,982.50	37.50	0.54	6,519.28
RSA Insurance Group	616.00	-1.50	-0.24	6,371.69
Rentokil Initial	325.85	-0.85	-0.26	6,008.08
Sainsbury (J)	233.40	-1.70	-0.72	5,190.67
Schroders	3,481.50	-15.50	-0.44	7,861.06
Sage Group (The)	760.50	-0.50	-0.07	8,055.21
Segro	547.00	-1.00	-0.18	5,445.88
Shire	3,736.50	13.50	0.36	33,937.67
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,387.50	1.50	0.06	5,639.30
Sky	943.75	-2.75	-0.29	16,339.26
Standard Life Aberdeen	434.60	-0.80	-0.18	13,046.86
Smiths Group	1,586.00	-3.00	-0.19	6,184.68
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	458.85	2.45	0.54	6,285.79
Smith & Nephew	1,408.00	-4.00	-0.28	12,104.38
SSE	1,368.50	1.50	0.11	13,945.33
Standard Chartered	721.00	-2.50	-0.35	23,921.77
St James's Place	1,179.00	-3.00	-0.25	6,348.78
Severn Trent	2,139.00	8.00	0.38	4,961.53
Tesco	178.38	-0.72	-0.40	14,709.44
TUI AG	1,357.00	-6.00	-0.44	7,936.76
Taylor Wimpey	200.00	-0.10	-0.05	6,599.59
Unilever	4,275.50	-2.50	-0.06	52,948.26
United Utilities Group	832.00	-3.00	-0.36	5,639.22
Vodafone Group	218.40	-0.95	-0.43	59,317.34
Worldpay Group	409.35	-0.15	-0.04	8,192.00
WPP Group	1,315.00	-3.00	-0.23	16,736.06
Whitbread	3,693.00	-12.00	-0.32	6,744.59

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	232,220	-0.00%	-0,010	138.294,25
AMERICAN EXPRESS	96,4300	+0.47%	0,4500	83.679,18
APPLE	172,500	+2.61%	4,390	890.898,53
BOEING CO	261,750	-0.34%	-0,880	155.815,25
CATERPILLAR	136,630	+0.12%	0,160	80.720,97
CHEVRON	114,99	-0.29%	-0,34	217.849,70
CISCO SYSTEMS	34,470	+0.76%	0,260	172.351,86
COCA-COLA	45,97	+0.20%	0,09	195.830,92
DOWDUPONT	71,16	-1.22%	-0,88	166.198,58
EXXON MOBIL	83,18	-0.42%	-0,35	352.476,93
GENERAL ELECTRIC	20,1400	+1.00%	0,2000	174.699,15
GOLDMAN SACHS	244,40	-1.00%	-2,48	94.509,73
HOME DEPOT	164,3900	+1.03%	1,6800	193.774,03
IBM	151,58	-1.15%	-1,77	140.294,43
INTEL CORP	46,3400	-1.61%	-0,7600	217.751,66
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	101,4100	-0.18%	-0,1800	351.758,19
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	140,0800	+0.11%	0,1500	375.894,16
MC DONALD'S CORP	168,6500	+0.33%	0,5500	136.581,63
MERCK AND CO. NEW	56,06	+1.25%	0,69	152.895,48
MICROSOFT	84,140	+0.11%	0,090	648.066,81
NIKE	55,71	+1.07%	0,59	72.549,61
PFIZER	35,5500	+0.25%	0,0900	211.368,79
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	86,580	+0.08%	0,070	219.624,46
TRAVELERS CIES	133,32	-1.02%	-1,37	36.480,92
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	121,07	-0.32%	-0,39	96.678,87
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	212,87	+0.84%	1,77	205.776,80
VERIZON COMMS	47,42	-0.08%	-0,04	193.365,50
VISA	111,36	+0.34%	0,38	202.397,94
WAL-MART STORES	89,6800	+0.99%	0,8800	267.772,76
WALT DISNEY CO	98,6400	+0.29%	0,2900	152.179,51

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CLOSING PRICES NOVEMBER 6

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Diana Containerships Inc.	\$ 11.21	8.71 ▲ 348.40%
Neos Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 12.90	2.75 ▲ 27.09%
Cerus Corporation	\$ 3.52	0.64 ▲ 22.22%
Aratana Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 6.54	1.08 ▲ 19.78%
Insulet Corporation	\$ 69.45	11.30 ▲ 19.43%
Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 16.32	2.64 ▲ 19.30%
Arbutus Biopharma Corporation	\$ 6.50	1.05 ▲ 19.27%
National Security Group, Inc.	\$ 15.3999	2.4299 ▲ 18.73%
Varonis Systems, Inc.	\$ 48.70	6.70 ▲ 15.95%
ViewRay, Inc.	\$ 8.31	1.10 ▲ 15.26%
Digitrad Corporation	\$ 2.45	0.323 ▲ 15.19%
Most Declined		
GenMark Diagnostics, Inc.	\$ 4.26	3 ▼ 41.32%
The KEYW Holding Corporation	\$ 5.17	2.58 ▼ 33.29%
Pacific Biosciences of California, Inc.	\$ 3.03	1 ▼ 24.81%
Financial Engines, Inc.	\$ 26.60	8.45 ▼ 24.11%
ePlus inc.	\$ 74.25	21.75 ▼ 22.66%
Stamps.com Inc.	\$ 171.25	50 ▼ 22.60%
Xperi Corporation	\$ 17.75	4.70 ▼ 20.94%
NanoString Technologies, Inc.	\$ 7.79	1.99 ▼ 20.35%
Frontier Communications Corporation	\$ 7.41	1.77 ▼ 19.28%
HMS Holdings Corp	\$ 15.57	3.31 ▼ 17.53%
Universal Electronics Inc.	\$ 51.20	9.55 ▼ 15.72%

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 €1.0794..... €0.0023
 £1.3236..... £0.0046
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As Spanish stores join in BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY APPROACH

THE concept of a special day of discounts goes back to 1932 when a number of US businesses realised that people were bored on the day after Thanksgiving.

America stops for the Thanksgiving public holiday held on the fourth Thursday of November every year and the next day, almost by default, is taken as an extra holiday by millions of people.

This year Black Friday falls on November 24 and American stores see this as the start of the Christmas season with many taking advantage of the discounts to commence their Christmas (and in many cases Hanukkah) gifts.

For decades, this phenomena was kept the other side of the Atlantic but as more and more US corporations became involved in owning business in Europe, so the concept of Black Friday moved over and now it is yet another excuse for sales in the UK and more recently Spain.

Amazon, the online giant started to trail their Black Friday deals at the beginning of November and also include a deal of the day in the run up to that Friday, although they have in the past launched Black Friday a week earlier and run their offers for two weeks!

Retailers ensure that there are a number of bargains in store but in previous years there has been chaos as consumers arrive hours in advance of opening and push and fight in order to grab the relatively small number of real bargains available.

Someone is always ready to dream up a bright alternative and now we also have Cyber Monday where other companies offer their goods at discount online with the downside being your computer



BLACK FRIDAY:
Crowds gather.

might crash but you won't be crushed.

Spain has come a little late to the party, but major chains and even some local stores are likely to participate although they tend to simply offer percentage discounts on items of clothing and electrical goods rather than making significant cuts on individual pieces seen in other countries.

OFFSHORE TAX HAVENS ARE BACK IN THE NEWS Paradise Papers hacked

THE hacking of a law firm based in an offshore tax haven, this time Bermuda, has highlighted the amount of wealth now estimated at €10 trillion lodged secretly around the world.

Even a 91-year-old woman and her 96-year-old husband are caught up in this investigation although a spokesperson for HM Queen Elizabeth II has made it clear the investment of £10 million (€11.25 million) in Bermuda and Cayman Islands is quite legal.

The United Kingdom is very much involved in these latest revelations as the law firm Appleby which is reported as being hacked is based in the Isle of Man with offices in the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, all British Overseas Territories and all with UK appointed Governors.

Britain's involvement with offshore tax havens has been long and for many years has attracted adverse reviews from countries such as the USA with stricter control only taking place recently.

When added to the fact that many British lawyers and fund managers are



**QUEEN ELIZABETH has money
in Offshore Tax Havens.**

heavily involved in advising clients as to legal means of avoiding tax, Britain is certainly far from innocent in its overseeing of the activities of its Caribbean Territories in particular.

It isn't just the Queen who has taken advantage of the situation according to the latest revelations

following the Appleby hack in what is now being called the 'Paradise Papers.'

It is suggested that the major shareholders in Arsenal and Everton, who have both worked together whilst making their money in Russia not only have investments offshore via Appleby but may also be sailing close to the wind with regards to rules concerning ownership of more than one Premier League club.

Others said to be involved include a close aid of Canadian Prime Min-

ister Trudeau who has campaigned against tax havens as well as American billionaire and recently appointed US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross who for years advised Donald Trump with many more names yet to be revealed.

The latest accusation is that the former mayor of Barcelona and current spokesman of the PDeCAT - which supports Catalan Independence - Xavier Trias Vidal de Llobatera has been a beneficiary of a family trust which had money in Switzerland for decades although he denies knowing about it.

The politicians in the Territories involved take the view that it is not their duty to collect tax on behalf of other larger countries and they are doing what they can to ensure the financial well-being of their fellow countrymen by keeping taxes to a minimum.

Following the major coverage of the previous 'Panama Papers' which resulted in many political resignations around the world, this latest scandal looks set to run and run.

Santander to reduce staff

BANCO SANTANDER is going to employ an independent company to advise it on how best to handle the staff it has inherited following the takeover of Banco Popular.

It has already confirmed that it intends to make redundancies in both bank's workforces and envisages the loss of several hundred positions over the next 12 months.

Having already closed 300 of the Popular branches and disposing of more than 2,500 staff soon after the takeover it now wants to try to integrate a number of the remaining inherited staff into its existing operation.

Santander now employs more than 200,000 staff in its combined Spanish and International branches which is a slight reduction in the workforce during 2017.

Government to review mortgage laws

WORK on legislation to bring Spanish mortgage rules in line with European Union directives is about to be undertaken which will give consumers greater protection.

It is expected that draft regulations will ensure that banks will be unable to evict homeowners who are in default on their loans as easily as they can currently and that there will be limits as to the percentage of default that has to be reached before action can be taken.

In addition, it is intended that companies will be prohibited from setting targets for those staff selling mortgages, as targets with commissions can sometimes encourage canvassers to allow those who can't afford repayments to be accepted.





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QUALITY PRODUCE: The new Market Boulevard store.

Carrefour still continues growth

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FRENCH supermarket group Carrefour continues to grow in Spain and is about to open its sixth store to remain open 24 hours a day.

Whilst the company has been opening superstores in suburbs of main towns and cities and even 'cash and carry' outlets Supeco, it is also looking to expand its gourmet Market outlets in affluent areas throughout Spain.

The new Carrefour Market Boulevard is described by the company as "one of the best supermarkets in Madrid" and is stocked with quality produce

of the type that might be found in specialist departments in Harrods or Selfridges.

With 12,000 products ranging from fresh fish to sushi, quality cheeses and meats and a fresh bakery, the Market even includes dedicated eateries, as well as a fine wine cellar.

Supermarkets generate huge amounts of income for their shareholders and have to be increasingly more innovative and focused on target groups in order to ensure that they maintain and increase their market share.

American agency expects house prices to rise in Spain

COINCIDING with the decision by the government to change mortgage regulations, an American credit rating agency is forecasting a surge in Spanish house prices.

One of the three main agencies, Moody's has reviewed pricing and building in various European countries and whilst Spain is not at the top of the league, it believes that prices will rise on average by 8.6 per cent over the next three years.

The main jump is expected to be in 2018 at almost 6 per cent and will then slow down for the following two years.

The main drivers of the price rise are low interest rates, a stronger economy and a larger number of

younger workers managing to find and retain employment according to the review.

Britain and Germany are the two leaders in growth of prices as well as new building, but Spain is certainly due to see some price hikes especially as there are likely to be more new buyers than new properties being built.

Prior to the crash, the construction industry was awash with cash and new builds were springing up all over the country, but many of these developments were never completed and although there is some sporadic new building, many buyers are having to look at older property.

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I've never had much respect for politicians

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OTHERS THINK IT



BACK in the 60's I saw a number of the 'Old Boys' club members with their trousers down, both metaphorically and in reality. Well I remember a prominent London MP rushing up to me at a party. Clad in a string vest and very questionable Y-fronts, he implored me to "take over upstairs."

Apparently, the 'blonde' nymphomaniac he was endeavouring to satisfy had become too much for him. I didn't accept his offer I may add! Another told me he thought smoking marihuana was 'such fun!' No, I'm afraid politicians in general have never impressed me much.

There is one overriding problem with the elder male occupants of the Westminster power corridors. The majority went to public school. Students from these male-dominated institutions never really learned to mix with the female of the species. Their only experiences with the opposite sex were annual school dances and overbearing Nannies.

This, accompanied by the odd grope of the slightly more promiscuous young ladies from the local St Trinians, left women reduced to nothing more than subjects of locker room



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PUBLIC SCHOOL POLITICIANS: Becoming dinosaurs?

humour and ribald banter in the dorms. The outcome of this attitude, resulted in the total absence of respect for those of a gender, they considered not only mere objects of sexual titillation, but also intellectually inferior and subsequently had no important standing in the

male-dominated corridors of their future political ambitions.

Many of these elder statesmen on the benches fall into this category, and still consider Westminster nothing more than an extension of their public school education and

debating societies. As attitudes change, and more and more women are elected into the house, these ex-public schoolboys are slowly becoming the dinosaurs of the political arena.

Frankly, apart from serious offences, racking up ancient knee brushings and somewhat innocuous schoolboy's sexist innuendoes, is a complete waste of time and energy. Time to get back to more serious issues, like running the country for example! Thank the Lord the Labour Party are also up to their proverbials, or else they would be using it as yet another weapon in their armoury of schemes and skulduggery to keep the government on the back foot till the next General Election!

Picked up a lovely piece of terminology this week; non-erotic cognitive distraction. This is the condition of ladies having their moment of intense sexual arousal being spoiled by suddenly remembering they'd missed a pedicure appointment, or something of that ilk. Apparently sufferers of this unfortunate 'malady' are encouraged to 'stay in the moment.' Stay with me luv, it'll only take a moment!

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6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Sam Smith at the BBC
10:00pm	The Week the Landlords Moved in
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	Life and Death Row

BBC TWO

7:30am	Women at War
8:15am	Getting the Builders in
9:00am	Council House Crackdown
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Secret Life of Walter Mitty
2:45pm	Permission Impossible: Britain's Planners
3:45pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	Operation Stonehenge: What Lies Beneath
5:15pm	Hebrides: Islands on the Edge
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Meet the Lords
9:00pm	MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00pm	Exodus: Our Journey Continues
11:00pm	Match of the Day
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	John Peel and Tommy Vance present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 9 November 1984.
9:00pm	Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley
10:00pm	Russia's Lost Princesses
11:00pm	Russia's Lost Princesses
12:00am	Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:40am	Empire of the Seas: How the Navy Forged the Modern World

CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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10:05am	Frasier
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11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	My Kitchen Rules
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Coast v Country
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Ugly House to Lovely House
10:00pm	Tru An American Dream
11:00pm	Angry, White and American
12:05am	999: What's Your Emergency?

CHANNEL 5

8:45am	Peppa Pig
8:55am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Rusty Rivets
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
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12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector Returns
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:15pm	All I Want for Christmas
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
9:00pm	Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool
10:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm	Bad Habits, Holy Orders
12:05am	Borderline

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11:00am	Black-Ish
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12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
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10:00pm	2 Broke Girls
10:30pm	Gameface
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00am	Live European Tour Golf
8:00am	Day one of the Nedbank Golf Challenge at Gary Player Country Club in South Africa.
3:00pm	Live Next Gen Tennis
3:00pm	Day three of the 2017 Next Generation ATP Finals in Milan, Italy.
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	A comprehensive round-up of the football headlines and all the day's sports news.
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Football
8:00pm	Northern Ireland v Switzerland.
11:15pm	My Icon
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	Racemax 2017

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9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Acid Attacks: How Scared Should We Be? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
10:00pm	The Murder of Becky Watts: Police Tapes
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	Undercover
12:45am	The 18-30 Stone
1:35am	Holiday Jackpot247

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8:10am	Dinner Date
9:00am	Emmerdale
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8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy
12:45am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
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4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
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9:00pm	Foyle's War
11:05pm	Lewis
1:00am	Inspector Morse
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3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
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9:00am	Storage Wars
9:30am	Cash Cowboys
10:30am	The Sweeney
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7:20pm	Storage Wars
7:45pm	Snooker
12:15am	Eraser
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7:15am	Spider-Man 3
9:40am	Rocky V
11:30am	300
1:30pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
3:30pm	Domino
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7:30pm	Spider-Man 3
10:00pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
12:00am	300

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7:45am	1941
9:50am	This Christmas
12:00pm	Billy Madison
1:40pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
3:50pm	Date Night
5:30pm	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan
7:00pm	Back to the Future
9:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
11:10pm	Date Night
12:45am	Little Man

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7:00am	Blade Runner 2049
7:30am	Voice From the Stone
9:20am	Let Me Make You a Martyr
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1:05pm	The Resident
2:40pm	Christmas in the Smokies
4:25pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
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sky sports football

9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Eredivisie
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6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Eredivisie
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	EFL Matters
11:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	Capital One Cup
12:00am	Final 2014/15

TECH FOR THE TIMID

Pedal power

E-BIKE batteries work hard, so they're expensive. And they're heavy.

Postmen where I live use a €500 e-bike with a monstrous lead-acid battery; not the way for the rest of us to go.

Most bikes use lithium-ion batteries, which recharge for just a few cents overnight and will take you 30 kilometres or more depending on your own pedal-power and hills. E-bikes don't (yet) generally recharge downhill.

For mega-trips you might even consider carrying a second battery - but beware of that extra weight.

How often you can recharge your expensive battery depends on how you treat it. Like any lithium-ion, it dislikes total discharges.

So treat it well with plenty of shallow charging and discharging and I can't resist saying it, you'll get hundreds of cycles.

On yer bike with a battery boost

In an era of batteries with everything, Terence Kennedy asks if tiny motors can get us back on two wheels.

WE all know Holland is as flat as the proverbial tortita. Indeed, my Dutch wife's home town even advertises its 80-metre 'mountain.'

So it's all the more surprising then in a country where cycling is so embedded, that last year for the very first time, the 'flat-earth' Dutch bought more e-bikes than those conventional clunkers.

Electrically-assisted bicycles, to give them their full name, are conquering the market at nearly 10 per cent growth a year, say the experts. Annual European sales have hit more than a million now and rising, and the world's main e-bike producer China already has some 220 million on its roads.

So when you 'get on yer bike' these days, should it be battery-assisted? Granted there's a fairly hefty

entry price: perhaps €700 for a modest machine, over €3,000 for one which could qualify you for the Tour de France if you don't get rumbled.

(In fact a French competition cyclist did just get caught using a hidden electric motor. He apparently did it 'to ease his sciatica.' Yeah, right).

E-bikes come in two flavours, essentially those which make you work (cheaper) and those which don't (time for a second mortgage).

The most popular are the 'pedal-assisted,' where you have to keep pumping or you'll grind to a halt. Depending on your budget and how hard you work, your battery may take you between 30 and 100 kilometres or more of actual powered cycling. Just don't expect a 'free



DUTCH COURAGE: A 1933 Junkers e-bike from Holland.

ride' when you hit a hill; getting up it is a shared endeavour between you and your battery.

Simple e-bikes have three boost settings (one, two and 'wheeee!'), and of course the usual traditional gears, from three to 21. E-assistance from the motor (usually in the front wheel hub) cuts out past 25 km/h to avoid over-enthusiastic riders becoming strawberry jam at the bottom of a hill.

Fancier e-bikes have regenerative braking, a hand-throttle, can fold or for the true road warrior, can even pull a trailer full of batteries.

As with electric cars, some governments now subsidise e-bikes as

part of their 'greening' policies.

So should you boost your pedal-power? As many of us know the European mainland is generally more bike-friendly than, say, the UK where unseating cyclists can be a national sport.

Our climate is conducive, that initial 'whoosh' as you pull away from cyclists on their prehistoric bikes is gleeful, and there's nothing to rival the wind in your hair and the insects in your mouth.

And simply as physical exercise, it's certainly a lot better than my previous regime: first-thing every morning up-down-up-down-up-down, then open the other eyelid...

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7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Sounds Like Friday Night
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Porridge
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Tracey Breaks the News
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Josh

BBC TWO

7:00am	The Hairy Builder
7:30am	Women at War
8:15am	Getting the Builders in
9:00am	Gardeners' World
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	On the Waterfront
2:45pm	Permission
3:45pm	Impossible: Britain's Planners
4:15pm	Family Finders
4:15pm	Operation Stonehenge: What Lies Beneath
5:15pm	Hebrides: Islands on the Edge
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Meet the Lords
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Only Connect
10:00pm	Extreme Wives with Kate Humble
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Snowfall
12:45am	Peaky Blinders
1:45am	Panorama
2:45am	Louis Theroux

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs chairs the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 2 January 1980.</i>
9:20pm	Top of the Pops
10:00pm	Top of the Pops
10:30pm	Storyville <i>Documentary which tells the unknown story of how the Beatles helped to destroy the USSR.</i>
11:30pm	Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution with Howard Goodall
12:30am	Arena <i>Arena presents the first part of the greatest Beatles story never told.</i>
1:30am	Top of the Pops
2:10am	... Sings the Beatles
3:10am	Storyville

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	Food Unwrapped
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates

CHANNEL 5

8:35am	Peppa Pig
8:45am	Peppa Pig
8:55am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
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2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	The March Sisters at Christmas
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	The World's Greatest Bridges
10:00pm	Eight Days That Made Rome
11:00pm	Conspiracy
12:05am	Babel: The Real Stairway to Heaven

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8:00am	Charmed
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Rules of Engagement
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11:00am	Black-ish
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12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
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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	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day two of the Nedbank Golf Challenge at Gary Player Country Club.</i>
3:00pm	SKY Sports News
4:00pm	SKY Sports News
4:30pm	Paddock Uncut
4:45pm	Live Brazilian GP: Practice
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football <i>Sweden v Italy.</i>
10:40pm	La Liga Greatest Games
10:50pm	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	SKY Sports News

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase <i>Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.</i>
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	International Football Live
11:15pm	ITV News
11:50pm	ITV News London <i>The latest news and weather from London and the South East.</i>
12:05am	International Football Highlights
1:00am	Play to the Whistle

itv2

7:00am	The Cube
7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Dinner Date
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Emmerdale
10:00am	Planet's Got Talent
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
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2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men <i>Popular US sitcom.</i>
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Knocked Up
12:30am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	Wild at Heart
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy <i>Emmy nominated reality courtroom series.</i>
11:20am	Inspector Morse <i>Detective drama featuring Colin Dexter's enigmatic chief inspector.</i>
1:35pm	Wild at Heart <i>Drama series set on an African nature reserve.</i>
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse <i>Detective drama series.</i>
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:05pm	Lewis
1:00am	Mr Selfridge

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:55am	The Chase
8:55am	The Protectors <i>Adventure series about a European crime-fighting team.</i>
9:25am	The Saint <i>Freelance troubleshooter Simon Templar embarks on another case involving action and intrigue.</i>
10:25am	The Sweeney <i>Classic detective series.</i>
11:30am	Cash Cowboys
12:30pm	Storage Wars
12:55pm	The Saint
2:00pm	The Avengers
3:05pm	Ironsides
4:05pm	Quincy, M.E. <i>Another case for the chief coroner of LA County.</i>
5:05pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars
7:45pm	Snooker
12:15am	A Dangerous Man

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10:05am	Rocky Balboa
11:55am	Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
2:25pm	Jason Bourne
4:35pm	Superman Returns
7:10pm	X-Men: The Last Stand
9:00pm	Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
11:30pm	Jason Bourne
1:40am	True Lies

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:25am	Patch Adams
9:25am	Me, Myself and Irene
11:25am	Brewster's Millions
1:15pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
1:35pm	Why Him?
3:35pm	Dad's Army
5:25pm	Paul
7:15pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
9:00pm	Why Him?
11:00pm	Sausage Party
12:35am	Paul
2:25am	Coming to America

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Let Me Make You a Martyr
8:50am	Aftermath
10:30am	The Hatton Garden Job
12:10pm	Christmas in the Smokies
1:50pm	Assassin's Creed <i>Michael Fassbender stars as a career criminal saved from death row by a shadowy organisation.</i>
3:50pm	Voice From the Stone
5:30pm	Aftermath
7:15pm	The Hatton Garden Job <i>A ragtag group of career criminals plot an audacious, multimillion-pound raid on an underground facility in London.</i>
9:00pm	Assassin's Creed
11:00pm	Fifty Shades Darker
1:20am	The Resident

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
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Football
1:15pm	EFL Matters
1:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
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11:00pm	La Liga Icons
11:30pm	La Liga Icons
12:00am	EFL Cup Finals 2016/17
1:00am	Football's Greatest
1:30am	Football's Greatest Teams



Attenborough serves up a not-to-miss blue treat!

TELEVISION highlights don't come much bigger than *The Blue Planet 2*, (BBC One, Sundays).

Laid back, knowledgeable and understated, David Attenborough delivers a feast of educational beauty that is inspiring, humbling and certainly never dull. Dolphins that surf 'for the fun of it' and giant trevallies that leap from the sea to snatch birds mid-flight, some scenes are reminiscent of the racer snake in last year's Planet Earth II offering. One that got away got a cheer in our household.

The distressing sight of walrus and their young crammed together on what's left of the icebergs and others desperately trying to find a piece of ice to rest on was sobering, given the Arctic has lost 40 per cent of its ice in the last 30 years.

It's a hope that the powers-that-be find a way out of the world's complacency in order to take action before it is too late.

This truly is one not to be missed. *The Great British Bake Off* (Channel 4, Tuesday) appeared to have survived the controversial

quarter final eviction of 'fans' favourite' Liam Charles, as well as Noel Fielding's fridge gag, but the grand final was still bestowed with one last gaff.

The more dedicated Bake Off fans may well have been alert to Prue Leith's error in tweeting the winner 10 hours before the programme was screened, citing her lack of time-zone knowledge as she was in Bhutan at the time.

The tweet was quickly deleted and despite this final faux pas Bake Off appears to have completed the move from the BBC without too much trouble with viewing figures up.

For the record, Sophie was crowned champion with appearances on This Morning and Sunday Brunch assured.

Is there any chance Weatherfield police could ask the local council to put CCTV up in *Coronation Street*



ATTENBOROUGH: Sunday feast.

(ITVI) given it appears to be the biggest crime hotspot since Oxford in the times of Inspector Morse.

Having had the contents of a factory emptied in broad daylight, the great 'non-existent-flat' scam that left residents owed thousands - not to mention murders in the street and bodies under Gail's converted



JESSICA: Constantly drunk.

garage 'cameras would definitely assist investigations.

Additionally, maybe the increasing body count at the hands of current 'businessman' Phelan, who appears immune to police interest, would also cease. We live in hope.

Having been a Forces' child, I looked forward to the life on an

army base abroad on *The Last Post* (Sunday BBC One), but the reality I recall is very different to the programme written by Peter Moffat and based on his own childhood memories.

Set in 1965 on a British military base in Aden, a port city in southern Yemen, it has lots of weekly drama with kidnappings and killings galore.

I cannot decide whether to feel sorry for Ed's wife Alison, played wonderfully by Jessica Raine (the slutty one) who is constantly drunk whatever time of day. However, she makes me laugh with her complete disregard for social niceties with the other wives and constantly tries to lead astray newcomer Honor, the new captain's wife (the naïve, innocent one) played by Jessie Buckley.

Charming overall in its old-fashioned manner, it provides a view of how army life affects the wives as the military police try to reconcile the British Empire with the rise of the Swinging Sixties.

It will actually be 50 years on November 30 since Britain withdrew from Aden, the former Crown Colony.

Critique: SC, Torrevieja, Costa Blanca

Pestminster crackdown or hysterical witch hunt?

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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DISGRACED: Kevin Spacey has been accused of sexual misconduct.

THERESA MAY 'begged for help' and the UK press has been inundated with tales of sexual shenanigans in Hollywood and Westminster.

First up, Hollywood. That people are no longer willing to accept disgraceful, predatory, controlling behaviour is welcome news and long overdue. Yet it seems that any accusation is immediately taken at face value. The guilt of the accused is automatically taken for granted, and mob justice prevails.

But shouldn't we be careful as a society? Historically, creative people often weren't very moral or very nice. Caravaggio, the painter, killed a love rival. Richard Wagner: an anti-Semite and serial adulterer. Byron: sexually very exploitative, apparently. If we reject the creative work of these people, aren't we depriving ourselves of something valuable?

Kevin Spacey is generally considered a fine actor. But should his career be destroyed over alleged incidents way back while maybe drunk? At the time of writ-

ing, they don't seem to compare with Harvey Weinstein's behaviour which appears to justify all the condemnation it's attracted.

Many of our own outstanding actors in the past led lives that were often controversial. If we're only prepared to accept the artistic creations of sexually well-adjusted, blameless individuals then our films, novels and other creative works could become quite bland too.

As for Westminster, MPs warn of "wild rumours" fuelling a witch hunt worse than the expenses scandal. And following that scandal, who wanted to become an MP? As a group, they're despised, distrusted and discredited.

Now only a few public-spirited individuals, the ambitious with sufficient outside income, and an army of incompetents fill the benches. Is it surprising our Brexit performance's been so pathetic?

Whilst in no way condoning sexual harassment by politicians of young aides and others fearful for their careers, it seems to me the few decent MPs left will be subject to another witch hunt. And there can't be many people without some incident in their past they'd rather forget!

After this lot of 'sinners' has been hounded out, who'll be left to deal with the single-most important challenge facing the UK in recent times?

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Albox

Forgotten your password?

I'M sure you know what I mean. That moment, no that dreaded moment, at the supermarket checkout, when you've put the password for your card into that hand held device, only for it to display everybody's nightmare phrase - password incorrect. You chance a guilty look behind and see the queue of shoppers, trolleys twitching with intent, growing by the second and all staring angrily at you, daring you to get it wrong for a second time.

What a nightmare passwords are. James Bond never seems to have a problem remembering or cracking them. He sees something once and that's it, he remembers it forever, well at least until the end of the two-hour film.

Yesterday I had a little time to spare and got to wondering, as you do, how passwords first came about? Unbelievably they've been around for a long time, there's one at the start of Shakespeare's well-known play about that Danish Prince, Hamlet.

But it seems that the real culprits were those Ancient Egyptians. Apparently, they had to give a password for getting into certain important places, having to negotiate their way past guards with seriously pointy spears.

When it comes to passwords, I thought that I was being clever by keeping them simple - 12345 or even, brilliantly I thought, password - but they are the most popular passwords of all.

But, what if we all change our passwords to 'Incorrect' then when we forget them, the machine will simply remind us! Crack that code if you can James Bond!

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Saturday Kitchen Live
11:45am	Lord Mayor's Show
1:05pm	Football Focus
1:35pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:15pm	Rugby League World Cup Highlights
3:00pm	Rugby Union
5:30pm	Escape to the Country
6:00pm	Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme <i>A fun, play-along family game show all about rhyming.</i>
6:35pm	BBC News
6:45pm	BBC London News
6:55pm	Pointless
7:45pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:10pm	Casualty
10:00pm	Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2017
11:40pm	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news from the BBC.</i>
12:00am	Mrs. Brown's Boys

BBC TWO

7:00am	Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
7:45am	Animal Park Summer Special
8:30am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
9:00am	Deadly 60
9:30am	Show Me What You're Made of
10:00am	Saturday Mash-Up!
12:00pm	Rick Stein's Long Weekends
1:00pm	Nigella: At My Table
1:30pm	Italy Unpacked
2:30pm	Wild Brazil
3:30pm	Flog It!
4:15pm	Mastermind
4:45pm	Cycling
5:45pm	Rugby Union
8:30pm	Rugby Union
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Effie Gray <i>Drama based on a true story.</i>
11:40pm	QI XL
12:25am	Private Peaceful <i>Wartime drama adapted from the Michael Morpurgo novel.</i>

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Natural World
9:00pm	The Mekong River with Sue Perkins <i>Sue Perkins embarks on a life-changing, 3,000-mile journey up the Mekong, south east Asia's greatest river, exploring lives and landscapes on the point of dramatic change.</i>
10:00pm	I Know Who You are <i>Spanish thriller series.</i>
11:15pm	I Know Who You are
12:35am	The Vietnam War <i>Ten years in the making, this immersive series tells the epic story of the Vietnam War, bringing the war and the chaotic epoch it encompassed viscerally to life.</i>
1:30am	Top of the Pops
2:05am	Top of the Pops
2:45am	Natural World

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
7:25am	Everybody Loves Raymond
7:50am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:15am	Frasier
8:40am	Frasier
9:05am	Frasier
9:30am	The Big Bang Theory
9:55am	The Big Bang Theory
10:20am	The Simpsons
10:50am	The Simpsons
11:15am	The Simpsons
11:45am	The Simpsons
12:15pm	The Simpsons
12:45pm	Come Dine with Me
1:20pm	Come Dine with Me
1:50pm	Come Dine with Me
2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
2:55pm	Come Dine with Me
3:25pm	A Place in the Sun
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Best Laid Plans
6:00pm	Grand Designs
7:00pm	Channel 4 News
7:30pm	Volatile Earth
8:30pm	Formula 1
10:00pm	Terminator Genisys
12:30am	G.I. Joe: Retaliation
2:40am	The Last Leg

CHANNEL 5

8:30am	Fireman Sam
8:40am	Olly the Little White Van
8:45am	Blaze and the Monster Machines
9:10am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Nella the Princess Knight
9:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:50am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Shimmer and Shine
10:20am	Digby Dragon
10:35am	Peppa Pig
10:45am	Peppa Pig
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	The Gadget Show
12:25pm	Coming Home for Christmas
2:15pm	Operation Christmas
3:55pm	All I Want for Christmas
5:35pm	Christmas Song
7:15pm	Our First Christmas
8:55pm	5 News Weekend
9:00pm	NCIS: New Orleans
9:55pm	NCIS: New Orleans
10:45pm	Live Boxing
12:45am	Football on 5

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7:00am	How I Met Your Mother
7:25am	How I Met Your Mother
7:55am	The Goldbergs
8:20am	The Goldbergs
8:55am	Made in Chelsea
10:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
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12:00pm	The Goldbergs
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2:25pm	Johnny English Reborn
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9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Bourne Legacy
12:40am	Gogglebox

sky sports main event

7:00am	SKY Sports News
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day three of the Nedbank Golf Challenge hosted by Gary Player from the Gary Player Country Club in Sun City, South Africa.</i>
3:00pm	Rugby Union <i>England v Argentina.</i>
6:15pm	Rugby Union <i>Ireland v South Africa.</i>
8:30pm	Football <i>Denmark v Republic of Ireland.</i>
11:00pm	Live Grand Slam of Darts <i>The opening day of the Grand Slam of Darts, hosted at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall.</i>
1:00am	SKY Sports News
2:00am	SKY Sports News
3:00am	SKY Sports News
4:00am	Live Fight Night International

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8:50am	Fangbone
9:10am	The Powerpuff Girls
9:30am	Thunderbirds are Go
10:00am	Wishart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
12:55pm	The Harbour
1:25pm	ITV News
1:30pm	The X Factor
3:20pm	Thunderbirds are Go
3:50pm	Midsomer Murders
5:40pm	Catchphrase
6:25pm	The Cruise
6:55pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
7:25pm	ITV News London
7:35pm	ITV News
7:45pm	You've Been Framed!
8:15pm	Ninja Warrior UK
9:15pm	The X Factor
10:45pm	The Jonathan Ross Show
11:45pm	ITV News
11:55pm	World Cup Play Off Highlights
12:55am	Run, Fat Boy, Run
2:30am	Jackpot247

itv2

7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:50am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:35pm	Take Me Out
1:50pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
2:20pm	See Spot Run
3:20pm	FYI Daily
3:25pm	See Spot Run
4:15pm	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
5:15pm	FYI Daily
5:20pm	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
6:20pm	Clash of the Titans
7:20pm	FYI Daily
7:25pm	Clash of the Titans
8:20pm	Pacific Rim
9:20pm	FYI Daily
9:25pm	Pacific Rim
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:15am	Family Guy
12:50am	Family Guy
1:20am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:45am	Heidi <i>Two part adaptation of the classic story about an orphan who is sent to stay with her reclusive grandfather in the Swiss mountains.</i>
10:55am	Carry on Follow That Camel
11:55am	FYI Daily <i>A round-up of the latest entertainment news.</i>
12:00pm	Carry on Follow That Camel
12:50pm	Wycliffe
2:00pm	Foyle's War
4:00pm	Foyle's War
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	The Syndicate
1:05am	Jane Eyre <i>Charlotte Bronte's classic story, adapted by Kay Mellor.</i>
3:10am	ITV3 Nightscreen

itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest: George Best
7:15am	World Superbike Championship Highlights
8:20am	Motorsport UK
9:20am	World Endurance Series
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Hat-Trick Heroes
11:50am	The Protectors <i>Adventure series about a European crime-fighting team.</i>
12:20pm	Fishing Impossible
1:25pm	The Big Fish Off
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Car Chasers
6:30pm	The Car Chasers
7:00pm	Storage Wars
7:25pm	Football's Greatest
7:45pm	Snooker
12:15am	6 Bullets <i>American action thriller.</i>
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	6 Bullets

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

11:25am	Underworld: Blood Wars
1:05pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
3:00pm	Days of Thunder
4:50pm	Air Force One
7:00pm	The Italian Job
9:00pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
10:50pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
12:25am	Rocky

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am	Click
10:10am	Dumb and Dumber
12:05pm	Groundhog Day
1:55pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
3:40pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
5:30pm	Zoolander 2
7:20pm	The Waterboy
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
10:45pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
12:35am	Couples Retreat

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Christmas in the Smokies
8:45am	The Top Ten Show 2017 <i>Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?</i>
9:00am	Aftermath
10:50am	Blade Runner 2049
11:20am	Almost Christmas
1:25pm	Assassin's Creed
3:30pm	The Hatton Garden Job
5:15pm	Aftermath <i>A hard-working construction worker is forced to deal with life-shattering loss and grief when his family are killed in a plane crash.</i>
7:00pm	Almost Christmas
9:00pm	Assassin's Creed
11:00pm	Fifty Shades Darker
1:00am	Voice From the Stone
2:45am	The Resident

sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Years
9:00am	Football
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
1:15pm	Football <i>Doncaster Rovers v Rotherham United.</i>
3:45pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday <i>Jeff Stelling is joined by studio guests to look over all the afternoon's football, with analysis of the scores, results and stories.</i>
7:00pm	Magical Messi
8:00pm	Football <i>Denmark v Republic of Ireland.</i>
11:15pm	One2eleven
11:30pm	Football Years
12:00am	La Liga Icons

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:20am	Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph
1:30pm	Women at War
2:30pm	BBC News
2:45pm	Flog It!
3:05pm	War Horse
5:20pm	Songs of Praise
5:55pm	Blue Planet II
6:55pm	BBC News
7:10pm	BBC London News
7:20pm	Countryfile
8:20pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:00pm	Blue Planet II
10:00pm	Howards End
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	BBC London News
11:30pm	Alan Shearer: Dementia, Football and Me
12:30am	The Women's Football Show
1:05am	Ronny Chieng: International Student
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:35am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:05am	Coast
7:50am	A to Z of TV Gardening
8:35am	Great British Garden Revival
9:35am	Countryfile Autumn Special
10:30am	Rugby League World Cup
2:00pm	Rugby Union
3:00pm	Tennis
5:30pm	Cycling
7:00pm	Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph
8:00pm	Big Life Fix
9:00pm	Robot Wars
10:00pm	Louis Theroux
11:00pm	Snowfall
11:45pm	Mock the Week
12:15am	Rugby League World Cup Highlights
1:15am	The Human Factor
3:10am	Question Time
4:10am	Holby City
5:10am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Hedd Wyn: The Lost War Poet
10:00pm	Shark
11:00pm	The Sky at Night
11:30pm	Horizon
12:30am	I Was There: The Great War Interviews
1:30am	War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme
3:00am	Balletboyz - Young Men
4:00am	Shark <i>A wildlife series on the sharks of the world.</i>
5:00am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind.</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Kevin Can Wait
7:25am	Kevin Can Wait
7:50am	Kevin Can Wait
8:15am	Frasier
8:40am	Frasier
9:05am	The Simpsons
9:30am	The Simpsons
10:00am	The Simpsons
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Homer Goes to College
1:55pm	Mr Plow
2:25pm	Homie the Clown
2:55pm	Homer Badman
3:20pm	Last Exit to Springfield
3:50pm	The Last Temptation of Homer
4:20pm	Homer the Heretic
4:50pm	Deep Space Homer
5:15pm	Homer the Great
5:45pm	Men in Black
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Britain's Forgotten Army
9:00pm	The Queen's Favourite Animals
10:00pm	Big Ben
11:30pm	Formula 1
1:45am	1: Life on the Limit
3:45am	The Supervet

CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Blaze and the Monster Machines
9:15am	Paw Patrol
9:30am	Nella the Princess Knight
9:50am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
10:00am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:10am	Shimmer and Shine
10:30am	Digby Dragon
10:45am	Peppa Pig
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:00pm	5 News Special
12:05pm	Football on 5
12:35pm	Another Cinderella Story
2:20pm	On Strike for Christmas
4:00pm	Dear Santa
5:45pm	A Christmas Star
7:15pm	Deck the Halls
9:00pm	Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	MTV Europe Music Awards 2017
12:00am	Due Date

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7:00am	Rules of Engagement
7:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm	Made in Chelsea
1:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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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	The Inbetweeners Movie
12:00am	The Inbetweeners
12:35am	The Inbetweeners
1:05am	Gogglebox
2:10am	Rude Tube
3:10am	Rude Tube

sky sports main event

7:00am	SKY Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals <i>A round-up of all the latest news from across the sporting world, with analysis of all the major headlines and stories from around the Premier League and beyond.</i>
9:00am	Live European Tour Golf
3:00pm	Live Grand Slam of Darts <i>Day two of the Bwin Grand Slam of Darts from the Wolverhampton Civic Hall.</i>
5:30pm	Football
8:00pm	Live Grand Slam of Darts
12:00am	Live NFL: Sunday Game
2:00am	Live NFL: Sunday Game <i>Carolina Panthers host Miami Dolphins at Bank of America Stadium in the NFL.</i>

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8:30am	Scrambled!
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:50am	Ben 10
9:10am	Mr. Bean
9:30am	Make it Pop
10:00am	Wishfart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Columbo
12:25pm	Tipping Point
1:25pm	ITV News
1:35pm	The X Factor
2:55pm	Midsomer Murders
5:00pm	Prince Harry and Meghan: Truly, Madly, Deeply
6:00pm	Sheridan
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:10pm	ITV News
7:30pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
8:30pm	The X Factor
10:00pm	Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song
11:30pm	ITV News
11:45pm	Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera
12:45am	Play to the Whistle

itv2

8:00am	The Cube
9:00am	Coronation Street Omnibus
11:00am	Guidance
11:30am	L.A. Story
11:45am	Ready, Set, Style
12:15pm	Third Wheel
12:40pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
1:10pm	Bean
2:10pm	FYI Daily
2:15pm	Bean
2:55pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
3:55pm	FYI Daily
4:00pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
4:55pm	Happy Feet Two
5:55pm	FYI Daily
6:00pm	Happy Feet Two
6:45pm	Despicable Me
7:45pm	FYI Daily
7:50pm	Despicable Me
8:40pm	Hellboy II: The Golden Army
9:40pm	FYI Daily
9:45pm	Hellboy II: The Golden Army
11:00pm	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Jane Eyre <i>Charlotte Bronte's classic story, adapted by Kay Mellor.</i>
9:00am	Heartbeat
9:55am	Heartbeat
10:55am	Murder, She Wrote
11:55am	Murder, She Wrote
12:55pm	Murder, She Wrote
1:55pm	Heidi
3:55pm	Columbo: The Conspirators
6:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	The Syndicate
11:05pm	Honest
12:10am	Chicago <i>Velma murders her husband and Chicago's slickest lawyer, Billy Flynn, is defending her.</i>
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Chicago
2:25am	The Knock
3:20am	Mr Selfridge
4:10am	Agatha Christie's Marple
5:45am	Judge Judy

itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:20am	The Avengers <i>60s style action adventure, with the bowler-hatted sleuth Steed and a slinky succession of glamorous female sidekicks.</i>
8:25am	The Avengers
9:35am	The Avengers
10:40am	The Sweeney
11:45am	The Sweeney
12:45pm	Storage Wars
1:10pm	Storage Wars
1:45pm	Snooker <i>The Ricoh Arena in Coventry plays host to the climax of the 2017 Champion of Champions.</i>
6:15pm	The Car Chasers
6:40pm	The Sweeney
7:45pm	Snooker
12:15am	Gascoigne
1:30am	FYI Daily <i>A round-up of the latest entertainment news.</i>
1:35am	Gascoigne

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8:55am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
10:45am	Ride Along 2
12:35pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
2:55pm	Behind Enemy Lines
4:45pm	Cast Away
7:10pm	The 13th Warrior
9:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
11:15pm	Ride Along 2
1:00am	Rocky II

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:20am	Julie and Julia
10:30am	How the Grinch Stole Christmas
12:20pm	Bridesmaids
2:30pm	Calendar Girls
4:30pm	As Good as It Gets
7:00pm	How to be Single
9:00pm	Calendar Girls
11:00pm	Bridesmaids
1:10am	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
2:50am	The Heartbreak Kid
	Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

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7:00am	Voice From the Stone
8:50am	Almost Christmas
10:55am	The Top Ten Show 2017
11:10am	Mum's List
1:05pm	Assassin's Creed <i>Michael Fassbender stars as a career criminal saved from death row by a shadowy organisation.</i>
3:15pm	Aftermath
5:05pm	Almost Christmas
7:10pm	Mum's List
9:00pm	Assassin's Creed <i>Fifty Shades Darker Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan return as the bookish Anastasia Steele and damaged billionaire playboy Christian Grey.</i>
1:25am	The Resident
2:55am	Voice From the Stone
4:40am	Blade Runner 2049

sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
12:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Ronaldo
1:30pm	Magical Messi
2:30pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
3:00pm	Football <i>AFC Wimbledon v Peterborough United.</i>
5:30pm	Football
8:00pm	Ronaldo
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:40pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	Football Years
12:00am	La Liga Icons

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

HE'S a bit of a coward is Carles Putzschdemont (someone else's joke, but too good not to share).

Cataluña's president Carles Puigdemont chickened out of announcing the Republic on October 10 as his separatist supporters expected. On the eve of UDI, faced with accusations of treachery, he chickened out of announcing the regional elections that could have halted Article 155 and suspending Cataluña's autonomous status.

Allegedly pushed by his Juntspel Si coalition partners, ERC, Puigdemont could not chicken out of the October 27 vote proclaiming the Republic to a half-empty parliament chamber and some serious Front Bench faces.

He looked more cheerful the next day going walk-about in Girona, where he was mayor between 2011 and 2016. He smiled for the inevitable selfies and said he would turn up for work as usual on Monday.

Instead he poddled off to Brussels with five members of his government to hire the lawyer Paul Bekaert who has defended members of the Basque terrorist group ETA and halted the extradition to Spain of Natividad Jauregui.

The next day Puigdemont said he would return to face the music, but "only if guaranteed a fair trial," so until he gets a 'get-out-of-jail' free card he will head a government in exile. Chicken.

Playing chicken



Credit: TG Post/Facebook

CHICKEN RUN: Ex-Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont fled the country after declaring independence.

Hare and hounds

UNTIL now Podemos leader Pablo Iglesias ran with the hare and hunted with the hounds regarding Cataluña.

Meanwhile the October Sigma Dos poll puts Unidos Podemos - the not entirely successful Podemos-Izquierda Unida merger - on 15.3 per cent of the vote, now fourth after Ciudadanos on 16.7 per cent.

Having tried to placate voters inside and outside Cataluña until now, Iglesias stayed with the hounds by calling to order Albano Dante Fachin, party leader in Cataluña, after at least one Podemos regional MP voted for independence on October 26.

Whether he likes it or not, that's where Iglesias must remain if Podemos wants any credibility in Spain's 16 other regions.

Sentenced twice over

ASAMBLEA NACIONAL CATALANA leader Jordi Sanchez is in Soto del Real prison, remanded for his part in organising demonstrations in Barcelona last September.

Shortly after he arrived, Sanchez asked to move after he heard a prisoner shout Viva España. The request was rejected as Sanchez's safety was not at risk, the prison authorities explained.

The trustee assigned to share his cell was luckier. After several days in Sanchez's company he confessed that he couldn't put up with the Catalan separatist a day longer.

He was always banging on about independence, he complained. "It was like being sentenced twice over."

Fortunately he was moved next day but he has our sympathies: we know just how he felt.

On benefits

THE Catalan crisis could not have come at a better time for Mariano Rajoy and his government.

Little attention has been paid to the Gurtel kickbacks and corruption trial involving leading Partido Popular politicians past and present.

The Public Prosecutor maintained that former Health minister Ana Mato benefited, through her ex-husband, from presents and commissions bestowed by Gurtel boss Francisco Correa. She read from the usual script, claiming she had no idea who had paid for the nice little extras that the family enjoyed.

So someone smart enough to become Health minister wasn't smart enough to query the origin of such generosity.

Or did she merely shrug her shoulders and fasten her seatbelt as she and the kids took off for Disneyland?

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Advertising feature

The LEGAL way to scrap your vehicle

HAVING worked in the trade on the Costa Blanca for over 10 years the staff at Bradley Breakers could tell a horror story or two about people who thought they had scrapped their 'old banger' only to find that the car was still registered many months later.

There are individuals who have faced large fines after the vehicle they thought they'd seen the back of was still driving around.

Unfortunately as long as your name remains on the document of ownership you are legally responsible for that vehicle. Here in Spain the system of scrapping a vehicle is far more complex than anything you are likely to face back in Ireland or the UK.

You also have the added complication of the language barrier so it is imperative that when considering disposing of a vehicle, you use a company in which you have complete trust.

You will find one such company in Bradley Breakers who have recently joined forces with the experienced and extremely reputable Spanish company Autos Deuscges Gomez.

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8:30pm	Panorama
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Children in Need
	Rocks the 80s
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit
	More News for You
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show

BBC TWO

7:00am	The Hairy Builder
7:30am	Women at War
8:15am	Getting the Builders in
9:00am	The Big Family
	Cooking Showdown
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Permission
	Impossible: Britain's Planners
3:00pm	Tennis
	ATP World Tour Finals
5:45pm	Talking Comedy
6:15pm	Street Auction
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
	Celebrities hunt for antiques across the UK.
9:00pm	University Challenge
9:30pm	Nigella: At My Table
10:00pm	The Boy with the Topknot
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Exodus: Our Journey Continues

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	A King's Speech - Martin Luther King on Tyneside
9:00pm	The Art of Scandinavia
	Democratic by Design.
10:00pm	Toffs, Queers and Traitors: Guy Burgess - The Charming Spy
	A Storyville documentary
11:30pm	Kim Philby - His Most Intimate Betrayal
12:30am	Kim Philby - His Most Intimate Betrayal
1:30am	Francesco's Venice
2:30am	The Search for Life: The Drake Equation
	Documentary about the equation used to estimate the number of extraterrestrial civilisations.
3:30am	The Art of Scandinavia
4:30am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	King of Queens
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7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	999
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	Naked Attraction

CHANNEL 5

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8:00pm	MotoGP
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	The second day of the 2017 Nitto ATP Finals, held at London's O2 Arena.
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8:40pm	Football
	Italy v Sweden.
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	Day three of the Bwin Grand Slam of Darts from the Wolverhampton Civic Hall.
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itv

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7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Harbour
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Gone to Pot
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:40pm	The Murder of Becky Watts: Police Tapes
12:40am	The Jonathan Ross Show
1:40am	Jackpot247

itv2

8:10am	Dinner Date
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	You've Been Framed!
10:00am	You've Been Framed!
10:30am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	Dinner Date
12:20pm	Dress to Impress
1:20pm	Emmerdale
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2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Ghosted
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:25am	Family Guy
12:55am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart
	Drama series set on an African nature reserve.
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:45am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
	The last ever episode of the detective drama.
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
	Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer.
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	Endeavour
1:05am	Inspector Morse
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:45am	Storage Wars
9:10am	Storage Wars
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:35am	Ironsides
11:40am	Quincy, M.E.
	Another case for the chief coroner of LA County.
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:45pm	The Avengers
2:50pm	Ironsides
	Detective drama series set in San Francisco.
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9:00pm	River Monsters
9:30pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Life Inside Jail: Hell on Earth
11:00pm	Death Wish 3
12:05am	FYI Daily

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

10:15am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
12:30pm	Vigilante Diaries
2:30pm	Beowulf
4:30pm	The Karate Kid
6:40pm	Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens
9:00pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
11:15pm	Beowulf
1:15am	The 5th Wave

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:10am	Starsky and Hutch
9:55am	Music and Lyrics
11:45am	Uncle Buck
1:30pm	The Back-Up Plan
3:20pm	Norbit
5:10pm	Sisters
7:10pm	Hail, Caesar!
9:00pm	The Back-Up Plan
10:45pm	The Boss
12:35am	Bad Santa
2:25am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
4:25am	Brüno
5:55am	Turner and Hooch

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Aftermath
8:50am	Almost Christmas
	Crowd-pleasing comedy about an extended clan gathering together for the holidays.
10:55am	Moana: Special
11:25am	Assassin's Creed
1:35pm	Drone
3:20pm	Voice From the Stone
5:05pm	Mum's List
	Heartfelt true-life drama starring Rafe Spall as a young father left to pick up the pieces after wife Emilia Fox succumbs to breast cancer.
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8:30pm	La Liga Greatest
8:40pm	Football
10:40pm	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	Soccer A.M.
12:00am	Championship Review



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	<i>Zoe Ball talks to the lucky couple who managed to avoid elimination at the weekend.</i>
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10:00pm	Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
11:00pm	Motherland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	NFL

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
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9:00pm	Border Country: The Story of Britain's Lost Middleland
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11:00pm	When Magic Goes Horribly Wrong
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8:30pm	International Football Live <i>England v Germany.</i>
11:15pm	ITV News
11:45pm	ITV News London
12:00am	England Friendly Highlights

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8:10am	Dinner Date
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7:00am	Coronation Street <i>More drama and turmoil from the residents of Coronation Street in the longest running TV Soap.</i>
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Wild at Heart
10:00am	Judge Judy
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11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
2:40pm	Heartbeat
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3:30am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	The Chase
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9:05am	Storage Wars
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:10am	Pawn Stars
10:40am	Ironsides
11:45am	Quincy, M.E. <i>LA County's sleuthing chief coroner stakes his reputation on another case.</i>
12:50pm	The Sweeney <i>Classic 70s police series.</i>
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9:00pm	River Monsters
10:05pm	An Audience with Billy Connolly
11:15pm	Stuck on You
12:15am	Green Street

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8:40am	The Legend of Zorro
10:55am	Eliminators
12:35pm	Independence Day
3:10pm	The Day the Earth Stood Still
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6:45pm	The Legend of Zorro
9:00pm	Independence Day
11:35pm	The Day the Earth Stood Still
1:25am	Domino
3:40am	Rocky IV

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8:00am	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
9:45am	Fred Claus
11:45am	Nine Months
1:35pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
3:25pm	Bad Neighbours 2
5:05pm	Did You Hear About the Morgans?
7:00pm	Trading Places
9:00pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
10:45pm	Bad Neighbours 2
12:25am	Bowfinger

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7:00am	Mum's List
8:55am	The Top Ten Show 2017
9:10am	Drone
10:55am	A Song for Christmas <i>Romance blooms between two single parents, but then they discover that their daughters are bitter rivals at school.</i>
12:40pm	Assassin's Creed
2:50pm	Almost Christmas
4:55pm	Blade Runner 2049
5:25pm	Mum's List
7:15pm	A Song for Christmas
9:00pm	Assassin's Creed
11:00pm	Drone
12:40am	Aftermath
2:20am	Voice From the Stone
4:00am	The Resident

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10:00am	Football
12:00pm	Football Years
12:30pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Soccer A.M.
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An easy way to get a grasp of just how many lives this city has lived is to take a trip up to Conception Castle which offers impressive views of the whole bay. Here you can see the Spanish warships anchored where Phoenician traders used to dock their boats, and the effortless blend of modernist buildings and ancient fortresses proves just how well the city has held onto its history as time has passed.



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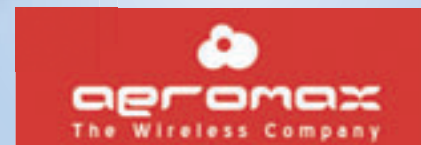
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12:00pm	Getting the Builders in
12:45pm	Fugitives
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Impossible
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Royal Recipes
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show <i>If it's got Britain talking then it will get talked about on The One Show. Presented by Alex Jones.</i>
9:00pm	DIY SOS
10:00pm	The Apprentice
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	Junior Doctors

BBC TWO

7:30am	The Housing Enforcers
8:15am	Getting the Builders in
9:00am	Nigella: At My Table
9:30am	Caught Red Handed
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Daily Politics <i>Jo Coburn presents live coverage of Prime Minister's Questions.</i>
2:00pm	Permission Impossible: Britain's Planners
3:00pm	Tennis <i>ATP World Tour Finals.</i>
5:45pm	Frankie Howerd
6:15pm	Street Auction
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00pm	Peaky Blinders
11:00pm	The Apprentice: You're Fired!
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Ireland with Simon Reeve

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
9:00pm	Gods and Monsters: Homer's Odyssey
10:00pm	Venus Uncovered: Ancient Goddess of Love
11:00pm	Detectorists
11:30pm	The League of Gentlemen <i>Black comedy about small-town life.</i>
12:00am	Sleuths, Spies and Sorcerers: Andrew Marr's Paperback Heroes
1:00am	Francesco's Venice <i>Documentary series telling the story of Venice, presented by Francesco da Mosto.</i>
2:00am	Gods and Monsters: Homer's Odyssey
3:00am	The Genius of Turner: Painting the Industrial Revolution
4:00am	Venus Uncovered: Ancient Goddess of Love
5:00am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	My Kitchen Rules
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Coast v Country
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6:30pm	Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm	Lifers Behind Bars
11:00pm	Man Down
11:30pm	Greg Davies: The Back of My Mum's Head
12:35am	999

CHANNEL 5

8:05am	Paw Patrol
8:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:35am	Peppa Pig
8:45am	Peppa Pig
8:55am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Rusty Rivets
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Naughty or Nice
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	All New Traffic Cops
9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Big Family Values: More Kids Than Cash
11:00pm	Left for Dead
12:00am	The Murder of Tia Sharpe: My Daughter

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8:00am	Charmed
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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Live Tennis: London <i>Day four of the 2017 Nitto ATP Finals, held at London's O2 Arena.</i>
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Live Grand Slam of Darts <i>Day five of the Bwin Grand Slam of Darts from the Wolverhampton Civic Hall.</i>
12:00am	SKY Sports News
1:00am	SKY Sports News
2:00am	SKY Sports News

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine <i>Join Lorraine Kelly and her celebrity friends for all the latest showbiz, news, style on ITV.</i>
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Gone to Pot
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	On Assignment
12:15am	Play to the Whistle
12:55am	Jackpot247

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7:00am	The Cube
7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Dinner Date
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8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Britain's Busiest Motorway
9:30pm	Britain's Busiest Motorway
10:00pm	Inside London Fire Brigade
11:00pm	Transporter 3 <i>Action sequel continuing the story of a man who works as a 'transporter'.</i>
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Transporter 3

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7:05am	Sahara
9:20am	The Terminator
11:20am	The Magnificent Seven
1:35pm	I Am Legend
3:20pm	Lawrence of Arabia
6:55pm	In the Heart of the Sea
9:00pm	The Rock
11:20pm	The Terminator
1:20am	I Am Legend
3:05am	Rocky V

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7:40am	The Top Ten Show 2017
8:00am	Loser
9:45am	This Christmas
11:50am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
1:25pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
3:05pm	Runaway Bride
5:05pm	Knocked Up
7:20pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
9:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
10:40pm	Runaway Bride
12:40am	Superbad

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7:00am	Mum's List
8:55am	Almost Christmas
11:00am	Assassin's Creed
1:10pm	A Song for Christmas
2:55pm	The Top Ten Show 2017 <i>Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond? Clips from the UK and US Top Ten show you the best of what's on offer on the big screen.</i>
3:15pm	Mum's List
5:10pm	Almost Christmas
7:15pm	Drone
9:00pm	Assassin's Creed
11:00pm	Frantz
1:00am	The Resident <i>Left alone to care for her baby in a creepy apartment, a new mother begins to learn unsettling details about the building's violent past.</i>
2:30am	Drone

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7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
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Audrey Hepburn - Actress



Famous quote

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Charles R Swindoll - American Clergyman

World of English

Parallelism - uses words or phrases with a similar structure - I went to the shop, parked the car and bought a pizza.

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' I WAS LUCKY, HE ONLY PUT HIS HAND ON MY KNEE WHEN I ASKED FOR HIS AUTOGRAPH! '

TOP 5

Spanish movies

HOLLYWOOD has been graced by a number of Spaniards over the years. From Penelope Cruz and Antonio Banderas, to director Pedro Almodovar among countless others, Spanish cinema has a lot to be proud of. Here are five of our favourite all-time Spanish movies.

• **All About My Mother (1999)**

What many consider to be director Pedro Almodovar's greatest film, Oscar-winning All About My Mother tells the desperately sad story of a grieving mother, Manuela, who is in search of her transvestite ex-husband to tell him of the passing of their son.

• **The Orphanage (2007)**

Starring Belen Rueda and Fernando Cayo, The Orphanage tells the story of former orphan Laura, who decides to raise her adopted son Simon at the former orphanage where she was raised herself. When Simon disappears, Laura feels the presence of other people in the house and tries to unravel the mystery.

• **Pan's Labyrinth (2006)**

Set in the falangist Spain of 1944, a

young girl, stepdaughter of a sadistic army officer, escapes into an eerie but captivating fantasy world where she is told that she is a princess, but must prove her royalty by surviving three difficult tasks. If she fails, she will never get to see her true father, the king, again.

• **The Sea Inside (2004)**

Starring Oscar winner Javier Bardem, The Sea Inside tells the factual story of Ramon Sampedro and his 30-year battle to win the right to euthanasia and his own right to die.

• **Open Your Eyes (1997)**

A very handsome man, Cesar, finds the love of his life, played by Penelope Cruz. Unfortunately, Cesar suffers a terrible accident and needs to have his face rebuilt by surgery after it is severely disfigured.

Not remembering how it happened he goes on a journey to find the truth.



Penélope Cruz.

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

A meeting midweek could mean a change to your finances for the better. In the short term, it may be necessary for you to rearrange money and appointments but try not to be too put out. Change is perhaps something that we become less tolerant of after a situation has gone on for a time.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Are you still patting yourself on the back for that recent achievement? Socially, this is a lovely week when old friendships are strengthened and new acquaintances prove to be relaxing. It is another mellow week but one in which you seriously consider making a major change.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

There is so much that has come to light in the past few weeks. It is no wonder that your mind is reeling. All will become clear in the weeks ahead and this cannot be rushed. However, there is a need to look after your health and get out in the fresh air. Any thought of joining a walking club or health group should be pursued.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Be your charming self this week without pushing too much. A natural approach when you are seeking a response is the best course of action. Simply being in the right place and under someone's gaze is all that is required. Are you getting itchy because an offer is not forthcoming? Well, if you absolutely must, then get a little bird to whisper in their ear.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

A pleasant surprise makes you a little more optimistic midweek. It is possible for you to take on negativity too quickly. The next time something does not go according to plan, hold fire. It is amazing what a little time and distance will solve.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

It is clear that you really love your hearth and home but, every now and again, there is a small voice calling. The good things in life appeal and, to have these, an effort is involved. Do not underestimate the amount of pleasure that you will enjoy when putting in that extra effort. It does, after all, involve other people. Some of those people prove to be quite fascinating.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Although last week was not run at the pace anticipated, now the pace certainly picks up. Finances are still firmly on the agenda, but this time you will be able to deal on a more relaxed basis. A contact made recently gives you the opportunity not only to make some money but also to enlarge your circle of friends.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Having put in extra effort to bring a zing into your life, it is important that you keep the impetus going. This is not only good for your health and wealth, but also your mind. Although trying something new brings a few odd remarks your way, try not to be side-tracked.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Make a point of putting on a happy face and your mood will stay high. There is still some more to be done to improve your social life and a recent offer of charity work may be just the thing. Avoid restricting the sort of folk who you are willing to mix with. Cultural differences apart, it is quite an eye-opener to find out how others live and think.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

There is still a strong accent on family matters and getting things sorted out. The way ahead is clear. If you are able to persuade someone that an idea was theirs and not yours, so much the better. Being in a practical mood serves you well because it is possible to get a lot done in the next few days. The weekend, however, is another matter.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Being considerably more relaxed about those things which cannot be changed has taken a weight from your shoulders. It is also easier to understand why others have taken this approach in the past.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

Your mind is still sharp this week and there are many questions that you would like answered. Doing a bit of research proves fruitful and also quite amusing. A recent contact may not come up with the proposition hoped for, but realise that it is still early days.

There is, however, a balance to be found. Don't be put off by people who have become sloppy in their approach because this is not going to affect you.

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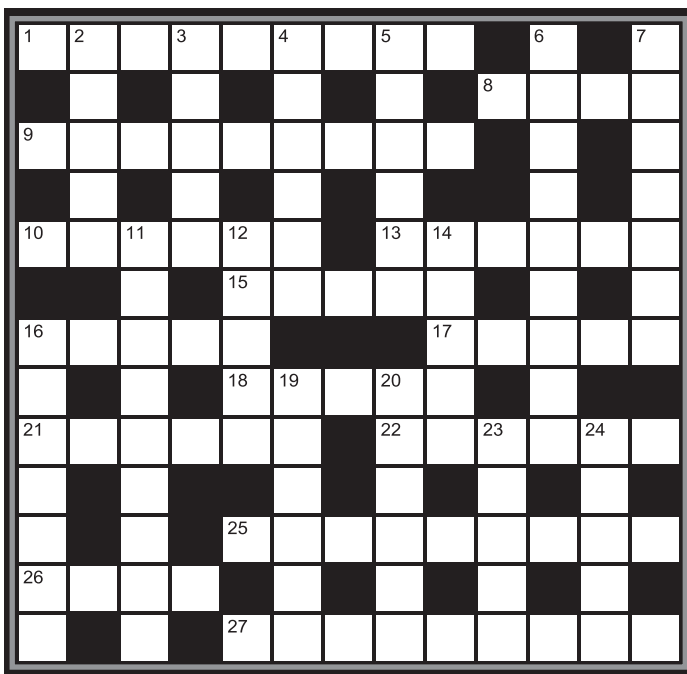
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Element from uncommon planet (4,5)
- 8 Crude oil's in store (4)
- 9 A cat and a lion wandering in Spain (9)
- 10 Cancel Royal Engineer's ding-dong (6)
- 13 Harridan's dead crafty (6)
- 15 Outer form, of course (5)
- 16 A healer from an insecure relationship (5)
- 17 Grant given to a section of a hospital (5)
- 18 Film award for first one seen crying about refugees (5)
- 21 Celebrity new owner has changed (6)
- 22 Formal and avant-garde art seen in school (6)
- 25 True novel about an unpaid worker (9)
- 26 Cocktail after meal in wood (4)
- 27 Drink to the crashing of Beetle car (9)

Down

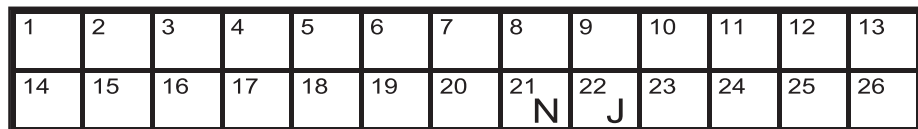
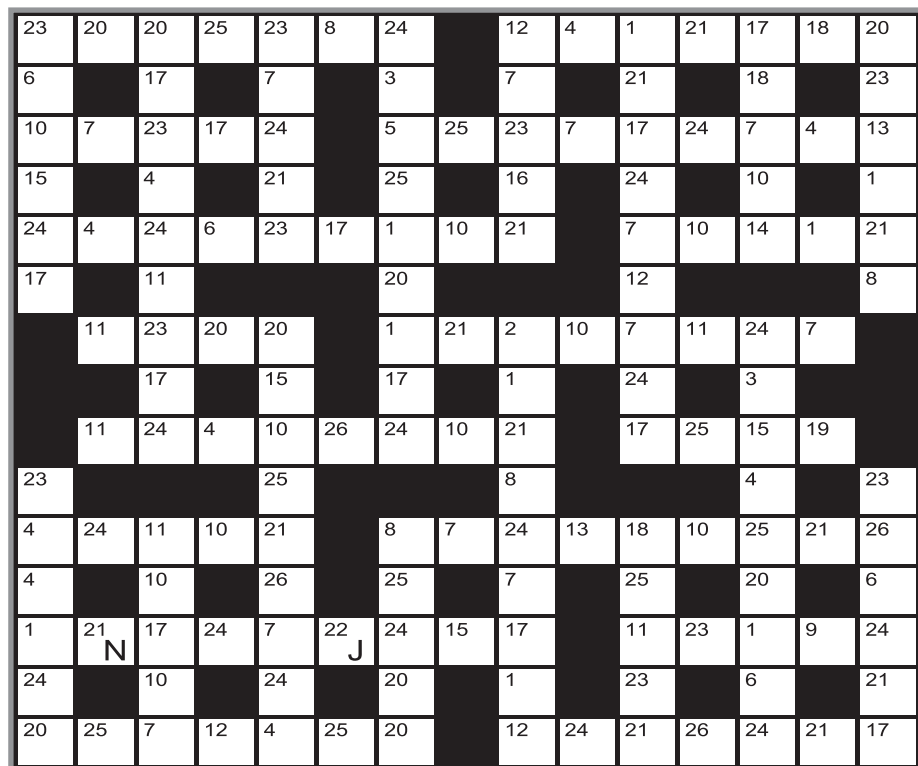
- 2 Conscious of a town in Herts (5)
- 3 Venezuela teacher demonstrates lift (5)
- 4 Some take a poll on who is God (6)
- 5 Dehydration results from a scruffy T-shirt (6)
- 6 Raids pier by mistake, as it's in poor shape (9)



- 7 Amassed a crowd outside Germany (7)
- 11 Repeated and rewritten in real pen (9)
- 12 A royal dispute for a missile (5)
- 14 Listen to team leader with compassion (5)
- 16 Greek city in the Adriatic or in Thessaly (7)
- 19 Doze off while ozone's dispersed (6)
- 20 Take for granted cook amuses (6)
- 23 Change old German sovereign (5)
- 24 Charlie and Henry eat shark (5)

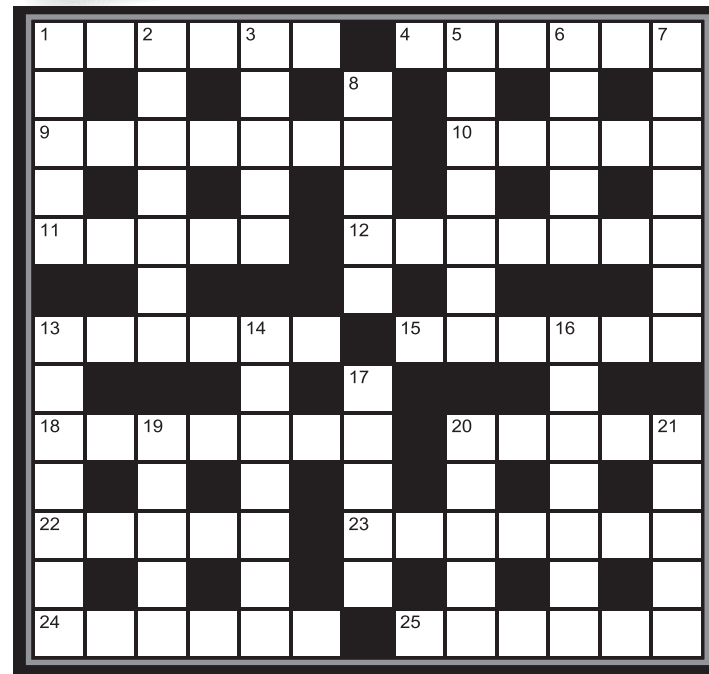
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 21 represents N and 22 represents J, so fill in N every time the figure 21 appears and J every time the figure 22 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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

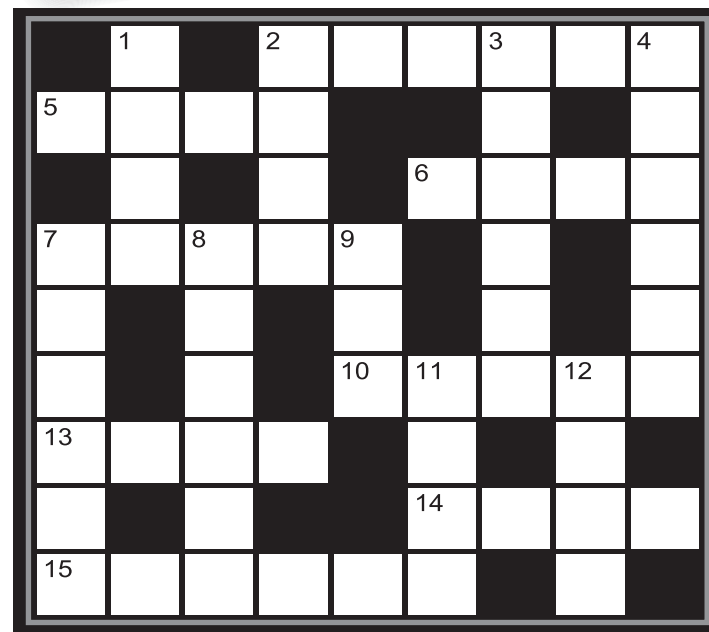
- 1 Young swan (6)
- 4 Tedious (6)
- 9 Covetousness (7)
- 10 Blemish (5)
- 11 Share of something (5)
- 12 Objectives (7)
- 13 Rigorous (6)
- 15 Periodic count of the population (6)
- 18 Bring to an end (7)
- 20 Clean with hard rubbing (5)
- 22 Distinctive, typically pleasant smell: (5)
- 23 Easily agitated (7)
- 24 Israeli currency (6)
- 25 Comes to an end (6)

Down

- 1 Talons (5)
- 2 Glassworker (7)
- 3 Expel from a country (5)
- 5 Watch closely (7)
- 6 Empty, void (5)
- 7 First book of the Bible (7)
- 8 God or goddess (5)
- 13 Distinguish oneself (7)
- 14 Assemble in proper sequence (7)
- 16 Grave (7)
- 17 Deceive by a mock action (5)
- 19 Range (5)
- 20 Rise suddenly (5)
- 21 Groundwork (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 2 Chairs (6)
- 5 Supper (4)
- 6 Well (for water) (4)
- 7 Wall (interior) (5)
- 10 Palabras (5)
- 13 Thing (object) (4)

- 14 Side (of person) (4)
- 15 Slice (6)

Down

- 1 Silk (4)
- 2 Venta (4)
- 3 To rain (6)

- 4 Piedras (6)
- 7 Lápiz (6)
- 8 Pasa (6)
- 9 Rocío (3)
- 11 Pan (for cooking) (4)
- 12 Doubt (4)

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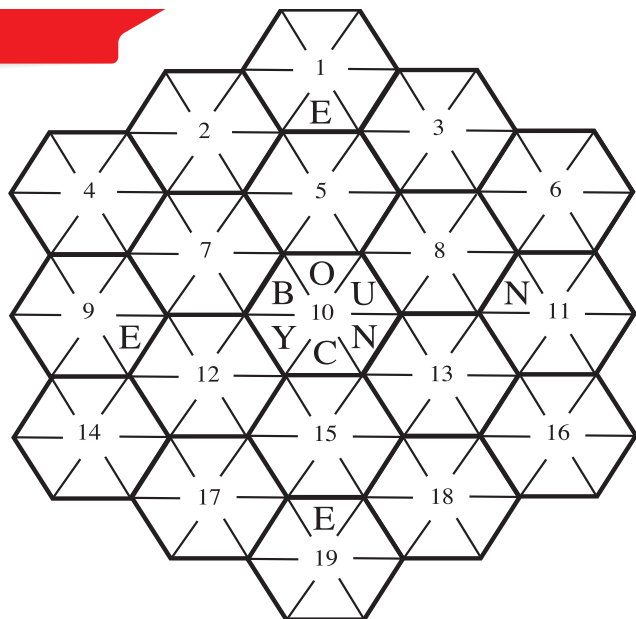
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Hexagram

- ALMOND
- ARMFUL
- AROUSE
- BLURRY
- BOUNCY (10)
- EASIER
- ENABLE
- ENCORE
- ENDURE
- FLIGHT
- LESSEE
- NINETY
- RECESS
- SEAMEN
- SORTIE
- SUBTLY
- TEETER
- TITIAN
- URGENT



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

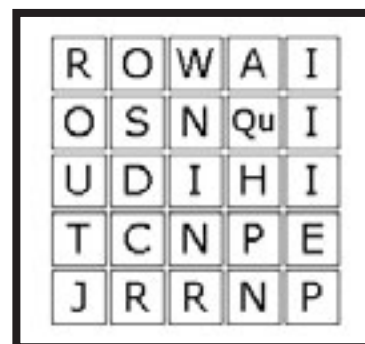
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Plenum 2 Squirt 3 Emerge 4 Touchy
- 5 Teeing 6 Relief 7 Before 8 Stride
- 9 Suffer 10 Bestow 11 Girdle 12 Curfew
- 13 Terror 14 Inhere 15 Scorch 16 Eerily
- 17 Coleus 18 Coerce 19 Psyche.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 18
- Good: 25
- Very good: 36
- Excellent: 47

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

that tart tarp target haft hart harp harpy fund fundi faith trap trait tryptic tufa tung tiptoe dung diary dice dicey dicot nudity raft rapt rapid raid path part parget paid pith pita pity piton picot icon graft grapy ghee yeti typic city cite cote notice note noetic otc once ounce unco

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



TARGET:

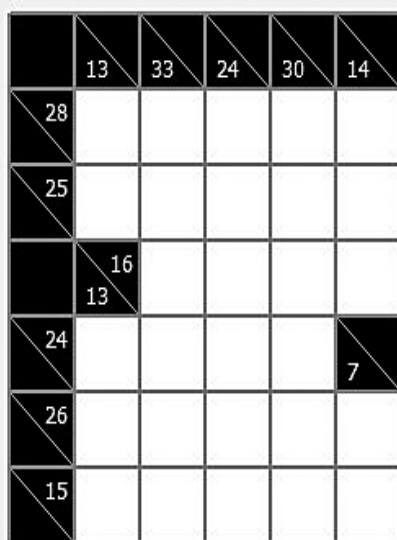
- Average: 9
- Good: 12
- Very good: 17
- Excellent: 22

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

alec calf caul clef clue cult felt flat flea flue fuel lace late leaf left luau lute tael talc tale teal cleat cleft fault fetal flute latte cattle cutlet cuttle tactful FLUCTUATE

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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Beetroot, 6 Sueca, 8 Ice, 9 Algo, 11 Aire, 13 Inks, 14 Orar, 16 Tap, 17 Clavo, 19 Estación.

Down:

- 1 Bastante, 2 Eye, 3 Real, 4 Onion, 5 Teaspoon, 7 Caer, 10 Girl, 12 Ropes, 15 Acta, 18 Ahi.

CODE BREAKER

1	G	2	B	3	O	4	F	5	S	6	L	7	R	8	Q	9	N	10	X	11	C	12	U	13	E
14	Z	15	A	16	D	17	T	18	M	19	H	20	W	21	K	22	I	23	V	24	Y	25	J	26	P

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Cleaver, 5 Trail, 8 Reeve, 9 Transit, 10 Case, 11 Pensions, 13 Euston, 15 Tender, 18 Sheraton, 19 Bait, 22 Retsina, 23 Lover, 24 Tyres, 25 Castles.

Down:

- 1 Coracle, 2 Ewers, 3 View, 4 Rather, 5 Teamster, 6 Abscond, 7 Lotus, 12 Notaries, 14 Shelter, 16 Retorts, 17 Mosaic, 18 Sprat, 20 Anvil, 21 Plus.

QUICK

Across:

- 7 Prerogative, 8 Angler, 9 Plenty, 10 Scared, 12 Actual, 13 Gun, 14 Unlike, 16 Casino, 18 Vienna, 20 Shandy, 22 Marchioness.

Down:

- 1 Open, 2 Pedlar, 3 Porridge, 4 Wasp, 5 Divert, 6 Restrain, 11 Confirms, 12 Ancestor, 15 Ignore, 17 Shares, 19 Ache, 21 Dusk.

App of the week



Piano Tiles 2018

Play all types of music on the piano in this highly addictive game. Tap on the black tiles while listening to music but make sure to avoid the white ones. Players can enjoy classical and pop music, challenge friends and improve tapping speed.



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A house full of secrets

AFTER Keira North falls to her death at a party, the incident initially seems like an accident. However, when Detectives Alex King and Chloe Lane are brought in on the case, they immediately become convinced that they are dealing with a murder.

When the detectives delve deeper into the investigation, they soon find that all of Keira's closest friends have secrets that someone might kill to keep.

As the detectives fight their own demons and struggle to stay on top of the case, Keira's killer is circling, and any one of her friends could be next

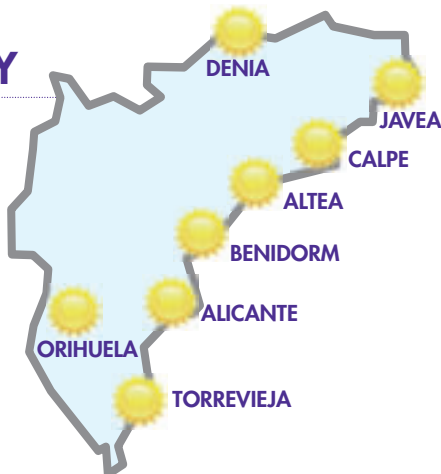
The First One to Die is a heart-stopping and shocking detective thriller that will have you gripped until the very last page. Perfect for fans of Patricia Gibney, Angela Marsons, and Val McDermid.

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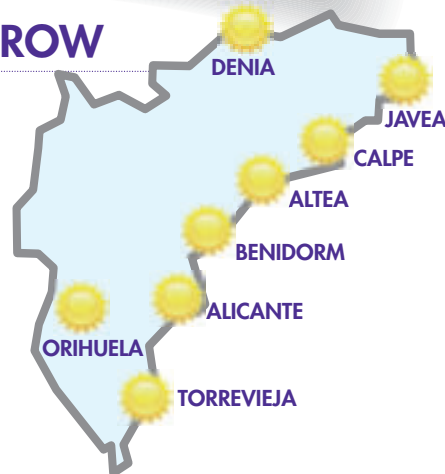
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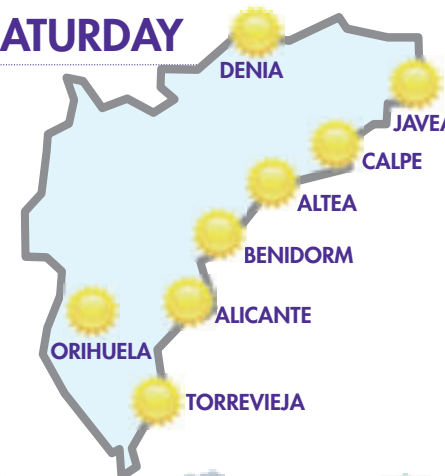
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

- **Lou Ferrigno, Actor, November 9, 66**
American body builder turned actor who is best known for his role as the Incredible Hulk in the long running TV series.
- **Ruth Lorenzo, Singer, November 10, 35**
Born in Murcia, this Spanish singer songwriter came fifth in the British X Factor in 2008 and then represented



Ruth Lorenzo.

- Spain in the Eurovision song contest in 2014.
- **Ellie Simmonds, Swimmer, November 11, 23**
An English Paralympic swimmer who won two gold medals at the 2008 Summer Paralympics at age 13 and then further golds in London and Rio.
- **Eddie Mair, Presenter, November 12, 52**

- The Scots born Mair is a British BBC radio and television presenter who fronts BBC Radio 4's daily news magazine PM and is an occasional presenter of Newsnight.
- **Gerard Butler, Actor, November 13, 48**
Another Scot, the actor found fame as King Leonidas in the film 300 and since then has been a regular lead in comedies and action movies.
- **Prince Charles, Royal, November 14, 69**
Oldest son of Queen Elizabeth who is outspoken about a number of environmental subjects is now married to Camilla Parker Bowles following the death of Princess Diana.
- **Jimmy Choo, Chef, November 15, 65**
After training in the UK, Malaysian born Choo became a fashion designer and is now renowned for the quality of his highly expensive shoes.

1851 - Moby Dick published
Herman Melville's classic novel about the voyage of the whaling ship Pequod, is published by Harper & Brothers in New York.

1889 - Brazil's last emperor deposed
After a 49-year reign, Pedro II becomes the last emperor of Brazil as he is deposed in a military coup.

1918 - World War I ends
At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the 'Great War' ended. In total, the First World War left nine million soldiers dead, with a further 21 million wounded.

1954 - Ellis Island closes
Named after merchant Samuel Ellis, the 'gateway to America' closes its doors after more than 60 years.

1965 - Goldenrod sets land-speed record
Brothers Bill and Bob sumners set an incredible world land-speed record of 409.277 miles per hour in a hemi-powered hot rod called Goldenrod.

1969 - Sesame Street Debuts
A show to teach children the alphabet how to count, Sesame Street made its broadcasting debut on November 10 1969.

1984 - Baby Fae dies
A month-old infant who became the first person to survive a baboon-to-human heart transplant dies after holding on for 20 days.

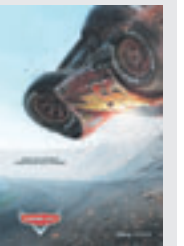
This week in history

DVD Race against the future

AFTER years at the top racing, Lightning McQueen finds himself threatened by a younger, faster more high tech rookie, Jackson Storm.

Lightning soon comes to realise that it is not just Jackson Storm who threatens his way of racing, but a new generation of racers are taking over and he must quickly adapt to avoid being pushed out of the scene.

After teaming up with a clever young race technician, and using inspiration from former coach, the legendary Hudson Hornet, Lightning works harder than ever to prove that he still has what it takes to compete at the top.



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.

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

Word Ladder

LIVE

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

TALK

- JO
- TALK
- TACK
- TALE
- TILE
- FILE
- FIVE
- LIVE
- Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Trivia Fact

Goldfish can't close their eyes as they have no eyelids.

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A kiss is sexual assault? Oh please

SIR,

I read Leapy Lee's recent article in *EWN issue 1687* and absolutely agree. This whole debacle has my eyebrows climbing my forehead and jaw dropping to my chest.

Tried to kiss me, says one, hand on knee, says another.

Please don't think I'm unsympathetic to reports of serious sexual assault, I'm not. However, claims of hugs, elbow holding, kiss on cheek will eventually have the knock on effect of stopping any physical contact between the sexes and mankind will resort to laboratories to procreate!

The march of feminism is being dealt a serious blow. People in positions of power who use their position to threaten or persuade minions for sexual favours are not the type of person we need to govern the country.

The whole Weinstein affair has opened floodgates. But what in the name of God were these girls thinking? Going to hotel rooms for auditions or work? Surely they're not that naive? Just look at the man! How else would

No home comforts

I HAVE for some years been paying €400 to €500 a month to rent a property in Spain. Rather than waste money like this, I would rather buy a cheap property that I can own. But I am now over 65 and as far as any Spanish lenders are concerned, I am one step from death so not worth lending to.

I live on my own. As well as a British state pension, I have a company pension, but it is difficult to save when I have to pay rent every month. I am not going to suddenly become unemployed, not going to have more children and don't smoke or drink, own my own car and have no depen-



EMPTY HOMES: An ongoing Spanish problem?

dents. I have no loans or credit cards. The loan would still be paid if I became injured or sick, and I am willing to take out life insurance.

But banks and lenders would sooner lend money to younger people who may default on them

or not be able to pay for any number of reasons, and if a family, they cannot be turned out of a house. No wonder why there are still so many empty properties (including those owned by banks) in Spain.

Michael Hill, Torre del Mar

that repugnant human being attract beautiful women except by force?

Anyway, I'm fed up with all these complaints. Put a Code of Conduct into place, get Human Resources to do their job, and get on with life.

Paula Mackie Senior, address withheld

The uniform (RAF)

I THINK of you! Wearing your suit of blue

So proud, so debonair, so strong
My heart would beat with so much pride

If then I had you by my side
But alas! The years have come between

The tears they flow, for what might have been

But think of tomorrow, not of the past,

Just remember, a love, that will always last.

Maggie, Albir

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Readers who have missed correspondence can see all letters - which can be edited before publication - posted on: www.euroweeklynews.com.

Free country?

I AM very concerned about the situation in Cataluña. How on earth was an illegal referendum allowed to happen? If Spain is so set on it remaining part of the country, why were they allowed to have their own police force plus TV and radio stations in their own language in the first place? Why should they not be allowed to form their own little country - I just feel so sorry for them!

Wendy Chisholm, Arroyo Medina, Almeria

Bright idea

WITH all the facilities on the Costa del Sol's beaches, including gymnasiums, massage beds and showers, isn't it time councils started to install changing rooms as well? There would only need to be three or four near the showers, with gaps at the top and bottom to prevent any funny business!

Name withheld, Fuengirola

Get a grip

SORRY Viv Forbe (*Letters 1687*), but we very much should be afraid of human-led global warming, which is a scientifically-proven FACT! And especially here in Spain, where we are running out of water at an alarming rate. Try reading some scientific reports on the issue rather than Fox News or whatever and maybe your opinion will change!

Anthony Purvis, Mallorca

Passengers held on return to UK

WHAT happened to freedom of movement within the EU???, should have just opened the exit door!!! *Julio*

This is what was voted for, stronger border controls, and until they have checked you through, legally you're not on British soil! They can refuse anyone from entry at this point, and send you back from whence you came. *George R Carman*

Brits wreck Benidorm hotel room

They should lock them up in Spanish prison for five years and ban them from ever returning to Spain again! They are an embarrassment to the British people! Disgusting cretins! *Julie Jones Peel*
Bet they don't behave like this in Russian hotels next year during the World Cup a week in a Russian prison and they will be crying for the British Embassy. *Michael Hearne*

They ought to have their passports confiscated, they are an embarrassment to decent people. We had a couple like this in our lovely hotel in Kefalos in July. *Kenneth Bartram*

What a bunch of pathetic, childish, mentally deranged idiots! They should be locked up and made to pay every penny it costs to repair that room. *Ellie*
I agree with Ellie they should be locked up what a disgrace.

Not all English people are like that but we all get

Comments from EWN online

tarred with the same brush.

Totally outraged get a life lads, would you do this in England?

I don't think so idiots. *Lesley*

At least 27 dead in church shooting in America

When oh when are the American people going to wake up. Tell the President to start protecting the population by legislation. *Jack Lawlor*

But don't touch the gun laws the second amendment protects them. More people die in America than in the war on terror through the stupid gun laws. *Gary Patrickson*

Teens throw cat from second-floor window

Seems as if the mother is as bad as the son. If my son had done that he would have gotten a good hiding from me. *Gerrie Lewis*

And the mother is upset that her little brat kid is being harassed on social media! He deserves a lot more than that! how about some punishment being handed out by the Guardia! *Christine van Baten*

I hope the people who did this get their just desserts. These people should be fined heavily and also put into prison. *Carol Patricia Nichols*

Arrest warrant issued for sacked Catalan leader

Just proves want to be dictators, can't just take over without agreement of the country the people or an election,

Spain was only looking after all of its citizens, He was only interested in himself.

Viva España. *Robert B Johnston*

It was a coup d'etat by avaricious elected individuals to try to remove one of Spain's most profitable areas. Cataluña is responsible for 20 per cent of Spain's GDP... the riches that abound in this area were funded by all of Spain not just from this area and built up over many generations... it was a money and power grab that could cost the perpetrators their liberty for a very long time... they deserve what they get for fooling the people into believing that they were acting in the interest of Cataluña... they are servants of the state of Spain. *Mike Aucott*

Advertising feature

Don't delay, book yourself in for your flu jab today!

Flu vaccinations at Medcare

THE seasons are now changing, with cooler nights and still warm days, and it is the time when germs begin to incubate.

As in the UK, Spain also has an annual influenza programme to ensure those who require vaccination are given the flu vaccine from September to November.

Don't take a chance....

Influenza or flu is a viral infection caused by the influenza virus. It is passed on when people breathe in liquid droplets containing the virus that have been sneezed or coughed into the air, or when people touch objects contaminated with the virus. Possible complications include pneumonia, which often needs hospital admission.

The flu can cause infections all year round but it is most common in winter. Anyone can get the flu and the more close proximity a person has with people who have the virus



FLU JAB: Those most at risk should have a vaccination every year.

the more likely it is to spread.

Who should have the flu vaccination?

- All persons over the age of 65 years
- All over age of six months with a chronic disease, such as heart, lungs, asthma, COPD, kidney, liver, diabetes and those with lower immunity.
- Anyone living in residential or nursing home accommodation.
- Carers, someone who is looking after an-

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other person.

Those most at risk should have a vaccination every year. This is because the flu virus itself changes slightly every year. The World Health Organisation monitors the spread of influenza viruses worldwide and recommends which strains to include in the vaccine to combat the likely prevalent strains.

Despite popular belief the flu virus does not give someone the flu as it does not contain an active virus. After having the vaccine some people experience symptoms of a heavy cold at the same time or just after, but should not take the flu.

Medcare is offering the flu jab for just €25 until the end of 2017!

Make an appointment now to avoid complications over the coming months.

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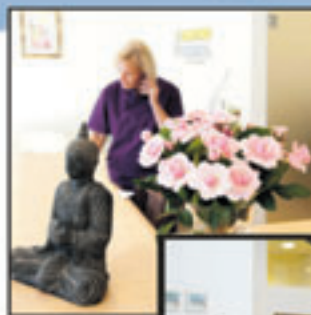
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Smell to get well



SAVVY SCENTS: Sniffing essential oils can help relieve the symptoms of some illnesses.

By Sally Underwood

WITH November in full swing, the build up to Christmas won't be far behind. What can be a magical and fun part of the year can also be stressful.

Ferrying children and grandchildren to parties, buying presents, all those last-minute preparations and the inevitable hangovers

can all lead to feelings of stress, lethargy or even anxiety.

While there are many ways to deal with stress, an easily accessible option which may help could be aromatherapy.

The study of aromatherapy sees essential oils used in different ways

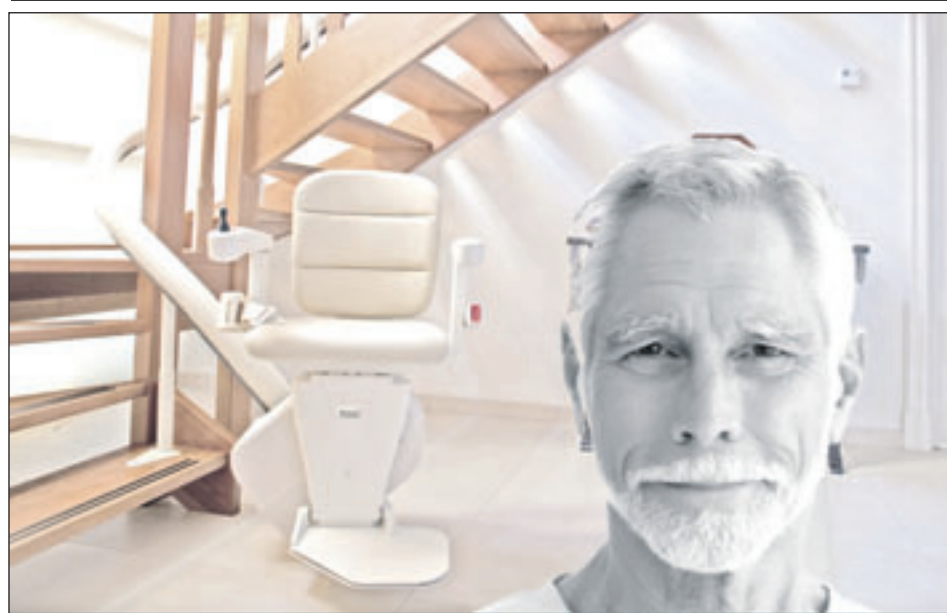
to balance emotions. The oils themselves are readily accessible either in health food shops or online and can be combined with 'carrier' oils to make their scent last longer.

For anyone dealing with stress, lavender is known to have a soothing effect. This oil can help promote calm-

ness and a sense of well-being, while ylangylang and rose oils are also said to relax the senses.

Try putting a few drops of an oil in your bath, or on your pillowcase before bed if you are struggling to unwind or sleep.

The festive season can also be tiring and if you want a healthier pick-me-up than caffeine, there are several oils which may help bring back your 'zing.'



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Teething



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

When do a baby's teeth start to grow?

A child's teeth usually start to grow within the first few months however this can vary greatly. Some babies will start to teeth when they are three to four-months-old whereas some don't start until after they turn one.

What are the symptoms of teething?

The main sign that your baby has started teething is when they want to constantly chew on something as their gums are irritated. Their gums will also be noticeably inflamed and they will drool a lot. Your child may also be irritable and in some cases also have a fever.

Are there ways to reduce the pain?

In general a baby will feel better when they have something to chew, you can purchase a teething ring which you can put in the fridge before giving it to your child which can also help soothe the pain. If it's not enough you can also use analgesics or anti-inflammatories such as paracetamol and ibuprofen.

When should you seek medical help?

Usually it is not necessary to go see a paediatrician unless the baby is extremely irritated or has a high fever as these could be signs of other problems.

“Oils are readily accessible either in health food shops or online and can be combined with 'carrier' oils.

Grapefruit, juniper berry, peppermint, lemon and bergamot oils are all uplifting and can be used with a carrier oil like avocado, jojoba or coconut oil to make a home-made body moisturiser which will offer you energising bursts of fragrance throughout the day.

Finally, if you have overindulged, ginger can be fantastic for settling the stomach.

Why not try making your own room diffuser using ginger oil mixed with orange and peppermint oils? The soothing smell will help calm feelings of nausea and have you onto your next party in no time!

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Advertising feature

British dental standards at Spanish prices

WHILST it is relatively easy for an English speaker with no Spanish to be able to order a meal or visit a supermarket, when it comes to discussing dental matters it is much more complicated.

Happily, Dr Chris Jones who is based at the Clinica Dental Alfaz del Pi, having qualified in Britain, practising in Spain for nearly 20 years speaks English and can offer the latest treatment no matter what the dental problem is.

He loves the life in Spain and realised after he had completed his training in Sheffield that Spain offered a great lifestyle but also an opportunity for him to help those who were in pain and had difficulty in explaining their needs.

Now well established in his own premises which he has occupied for the last five years, Dr Jones is able to offer a range of services from simple fillings to complicated implants.

Training for Dentistry in Spain was in the past somewhat haphazard as prior to 1991, dentists had to qualify as medical doctors before they could start studying dentistry which meant that their training was often shorter than those who qualified as dentists in the UK.

As with any part of the medical profession, he keeps up-to-date with latest discoveries and treatments and has been able to combine his UK training with an understanding of what patients in Spain, both local and expatriate are looking for.



BEFORE & AFTER: This patient did not like the look of her front teeth, but five visits and two weeks later she had a much better smile

The doctor emphasises the benefits of being a British dentist in an area where so many expats live: "Although patients can go to any clinic they want to, I think British people feel more comfortable talking to someone from their own country in their own language. There is much less risk of misunderstandings." His dental nurse Katia is also British, so there is never any trouble in calling and arranging appointments.

Some of the most advanced procedures available in dentistry are now available in Spain so he has continually trained and updated his skills during his professional life here with his clinic walls adorned with certificates in everything from bridges, implants and root canal treatment to surgery, aesthetics and cancer diagnosis.

Many people have also turned to Dr Chris for a second opinion when not happy with other treatment they have had elsewhere: "I had one woman who was told she needed implants

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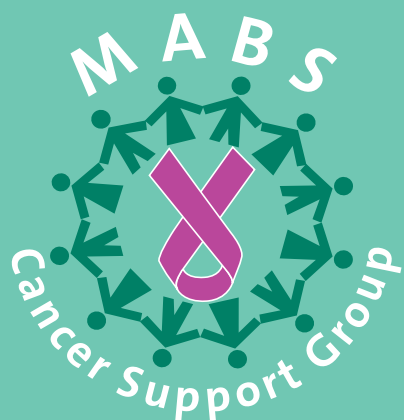
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Silky smooth winter hair

By Sally Underwood

WHILE summer can dry out and damage our hair, central heating can have the same effect in winter, leading to dull, tangled hair.

With Christmas coming up and with it a whole host of seasonal parties, we have put together some simple to use tips to keep your hair looking silky smooth and split end-free throughout the festive period.

No bubbles. The first part of your haircare regime starts with your shampoo. Most cleansers contain sulphates, which are the chemicals that froth, giving your shampoo bubbles. They can also be harsh, however, stripping away your hair's natural oils and moisture and meaning you use more conditioner and other products to compensate. There are now many sulphate-free shampoos on the market to suit every budget.

Mask must. Masks are not just for the face any more and


many hair care brands now sell hair masks, a heavier and more concentrated version of their normal conditioner. Once or twice a week, use a hydrating or repairing mask on towel-dried hair

after washing. Run the mask through with a wide-toothed comb and leave to absorb for around 15 minutes. For maximum benefits, wrap a hot, damp towel around your hair while the mask is on, helping it to penetrate deeper.

Get the gloss. Finish off your routine by running a serum or leave-in conditioner through your damp hair before blow-drying or styling. The product will help seal the hair shaft, giving a smoother appearance and preventing moisture loss.



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Waking up in Vegas

MAGNUM Charity Production's next concert - 'One Night in Vegas' - will take place at the Auditori Municipal, Ondara on Sunday November 19 and will showcase three of the best tribute artists around - honouring Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond and Tom Jones together with the Vegas Show Girls.

With a superb state of the art sound system and a stunning light show, this will be a night to remember.

Tickets are €15 and there will be a free bar and raffle.

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New life for iconic building in Alcoy

By Linda Hall

GENERALITAT president Ximo Puig pledged that the Centro de Arte de Alcoy (CADA) would "come to life."

Puig witnessed the signing of the agreement to initiate procedures to make CADA a subsidiary branch of the Valencian Institute of Modern Art (IVAM) and reopen to the public.

The future IVAM branch will be housed in one of Alcoy's most outstanding examples of the city's early 20th century Modernista architecture.

Designed by the Alcoy architect Vicente Pascual, the building was the headquarters of the Monte Piedad de Alcoy, a pioneer in promoting the city's burgeoning economy.



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CADA PLEDGE: Ximo Puig, Vicent Marza, Alcoy mayor Antonio Frances and Fundacio CAM president Luis Boyer.

The ground floor will be occupied by all that remains of the defunct CAM bank, its Foundation for Social Activities. IVAM will have the use of the second floor for annual

exhibitions but may also use the ground floor for temporary shows.

The second floor will be used by Alcoy City Hall for social and cultural purposes.



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CIRCUIT RICARDO TORMO: Has a capacity of 120,000.

Grand Prix this weekend

THE 19th Motul Grand Prix of the Valencian region kicks off tomorrow (Friday) with practice sessions through to Saturday before the main event on Sunday.

Motorcycling legends Valentino Rossi, Marc Marquez, Dani Pedrosa, Maverick Vinales, Hector Barbera, Jorge Navarro, Alex Marquez, Franco Morbidelli, Aron Canet, Joan Mir, Romano Fenati and many more will take to Circuit Ricardo Tormo as they go for gold.

Circuit Ricardo Tormo, also known as Circuit de Valencia and officially named Circuit de la Comunitat Valenciana Ricardo Tormo, is located in Cheste and was built in 1999.

The track has a main straight of 876 metres and is named after Spanish, two-time world champion Grand Prix motorcyclist Ricardo Tormo, who died in 1998.

Tickets for the main event are sold out, however various motorcycling events are being held in and around the city as it prepares to welcome over 120,000 fans.

Return of the dinosaurs

SIXTY-FIVE million years after they disappeared, dinosaurs are returning to Agost.

The Valencia Tourist Board (AVT) is installing six life-size replicas in the region's towns where dinosaur fossils have been found or there are strong links to them.

Amongst the latter is Agost where roadworks in 2004 revealed a two-to-three millimetre band in the rock.

This was enough proof for the Granada geologist Eustoquio Molina to confirm that a meteor which fell to earth thousands of kilometres away eventually wiped out the dinosaurs.

These included the eight-metre tall Lirainosaurus that will stand at Kilometre 9 of the old Castalla road, the CV-827.

Five more dinosaurs in Cinctorres, Villavana de Morella, Badina de Bejis (Castellon) and Tambuc del Millares and Corcolilla de Alpuente (Valencia), will be installed at the archaeological site linked to the fossils or a nearby and emblematic tourist attraction.

TRAVELLING away from Spain this week the focus turns on Buttafuoco Storico from Italy; a serious competitor to Barolo, Barbaresco, Amarone.

Little known outside Italy, it is reasonably priced and produced in the Oltrepo' Pavese, a beautiful hilly area 70km from Milan that has cold winters and warm, dry summers. Different type of soil - bottom gravel embedded in sand, compact sandstones and also clays - in the relatively small territory impart unique characteristics to the grapes.

Through fermentation of several indigenous grapes with different characteristics, the winegrowers produce a unique wine of structure that can age for years.

The blend is 50 per cent Croatina that brings the colour and hints of red fruit; 25 per cent Barbera with its acidity the backbone of the wine, plus Ughetta Canneto and Uva Rara that enrich

Hidden gem from Italy

BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



softness and fruit.

Buttafuoco Storico is produced by only 14 winemakers who adhere to strict rules, including being harvested by hand, aged at least 12 months in wooden barrels then a minimum six months in bottles embossed with the 'Mark of the Dawn Treader ship,' and only marketed three years after harvest.

Excellent with red meat and game dishes it also goes perfectly with blue and mature cheeses.

My favourite labels - all below €20 for a 2011 or 2013 vintage - are Vigna del Garlenzo - Az; Agricola Giorgi Franco di Giorgi Pierluigi; Vigna Montarzolo - Azienda Vinicola Calvi Davide; and Vigna Costera -



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Sinister, mysterious Phoenician burial

By Linda Hall

VILAMUSEU'S star exhibit this season was chosen for the proximity of Halloween and All Saints' Day.

They are amulets excavated at Villajoyosa's Phoenician necropolis and researched by Aranzazu Vaquero.

They date from the second half of the seventh century BC, a period when the Phoenicians were colonising Western Europe for the second time and founded settlements in Villajoyosa as well as Fonteta (Guardamar) and Ibsim (Ibiza).

The amulets discovered in an empty grave belonged to someone whose remains were buried elsewhere and they are Vilamuseu's most sinister exhibits, the museum's director Antonio Espinosa said.

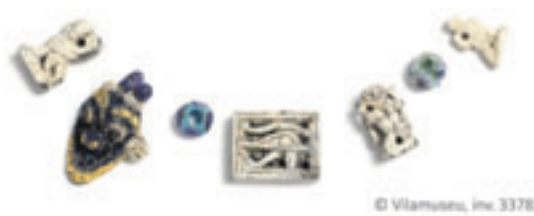
This grave contained a burnt wooden box with four soapstone amulets representing Egyptian gods that would have protected the dead person in life and also the afterlife.

But someone intervened, Espinosa explained. The amulets, once part of a necklace, were originally burnt on the deceased's funeral pyre,



Photo credit: Villajoyosa town hall

PHOENICIAN PAST: Villajoyosa's mayor and councillors view the amulets.



AMULETS: Defaced for a reason.

but afterwards they were scratched and burnt once more in the grave pit to invalidate their power.

On top of the box's remains was a small glass mask depicting a demon and beside this two glass beads, each decorated with four eyes, bestowing protection against the evil eye from all direc-

tions. Unlike the other objects, these beads had not been burnt but were added afterwards.

"What we are seeing is a curse, a ritual that punished the deceased to eternal retribution, depriving them of protection on their journey to the afterlife," the museum's director said.

Bagpipers will lead the way

ALTEA hosts a parade of Astures groups from all over the Valencian region this coming Saturday.

The groups model themselves on the Asturians who fought the Moors in the past and they continue to do battle centuries later during Moors and Christians fiestas.

This is the first time that Altea has hosted the Astures gathering, which is now in its eighth year, said Fiestas councillor Vicent Ripoll.

Members of Altea's Moors and Christians federations have been invited to join the parade which will set out with Asturian bagpipers at its head.

The parade along Avenida Jaime I, Altea's principal shopping street, is scheduled to start at 6pm.

Spoons at the ready

NOVEMBER is Spoon Food week in Callosa.

Throughout the month, four local restaurants are preparing set menus of food that is traditionally eaten with a spoon. This includes fideua - a type of paella made with noodles - rice-based dishes and stews as well as a first course and dessert.

"Callosa hopes to boost and promote our local cuisine where traditional flavours combine with innovation and the gastronomic vanguard," said Commerce councillor Lumi Puigcerver.

The participating restaurants are giving away entrance tickets with free parking to the Fuentes de Algar springs and pools for clients choosing the €20 menus.

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Headliner announced

RULO Y LA CONTRABANDA have been announced as headliners for 2018's MontgoRock Festival in May. An urban rock group formed in 2010, Rulo y La Contrabanda are led by Raul Gutierrez, better known as Rulo.

Spaniard Rulo formed his first band - Suizidio - in 1992 aged 14 with friends from his home town of Reinosa. In 1996, he founded his second band - La Fuga - with friend Adolfo Garmendia (Fito).

La Fuga played more than 500 concerts across

Spain and in several countries around the world, releasing eight albums.

Rulo left La Fuga to form Rulo y La Contrabanda, who have since released three studio albums and two live albums, playing in 11 countries around the world.

Tickets are already on sale for the festival, available via www.montgorock.es/.

Javea residents can enjoy a discount of €5 when purchasing tickets via the municipal tourist office.

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

DENIA Rock Choir will be getting into the festive spirit in their Christmas concert in Hostal Loreto's Social Salon in Denia. There will be two performances on Saturday December 2, one at 5pm and one at 7.30pm. Admission is free and donations will be welcome, to support the chosen charities: Help of Denia and Guardian Angels. These two Christmas concerts will be the last of several performances this year, not including the concerts for the Parkinson's association and the U3A of Denia later this month.

The choir is keen to support lo-



HIGH SPIRITS: The Denia Rock Choir will be treating guests to all the seasonal classics.

cal charities and is open to requests for future fundraising concerts. It is expertly led by Jan Dewland, a professional musical director. New members are always warmly welcomed and nei-

ther an audition, nor an ability to read music is necessary.

Singing sessions are held on Thursdays in the Hostal Loreto on Calle Loreto, Denia from 6pm - 7.30pm. Sessions cost €5.

Wine tasting

THE inauguration of Benitachell's 'MoscaTXell' event was held last weekend and the programme offers a variety of activities throughout the month of November.

Members of the public can enjoy wine-tasting every Friday from 6.30pm at the municipal market:

Friday November 10
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Cabrera
Friday November 17
Joan de la Casa and Les Freses de Jesus Pobre
Friday November 24
Xalo, Antonio Llobell and the Biomoscattell

On Monday November 20, a culinary workshop will be held.

The workshop will be held from 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

Hair do you do

FAMOUS hairdresser Carles Ruiz will host a Valencian hairstyle show in Denia on Sunday November 19 to raise funds for the Red Cross.

Ruiz is one of the most requested hairdressers in the community. At the show, organised by the Denia's Junta Local Fallera, Ruiz will demonstrate some of the most traditional Valencian hairstyles.

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Intelligent homes change lives

By Matthew Elliott

A SPANISH company hopes to make a splash in the smart homes sector. HogarTec wants to bring the intelligent homes, taking the American market by storm, to Spain.

Managing director Enrique Barrera has presented his vision to the Spanish Association of Domotics (Cedom). He waxed lyrical about a situation where an owner would return home, press a button and, within minutes, air freshener is released, heaters and lights are turned on, and personal preferences set in motion. These could be music, films or even food preparation.

“It self-manages by incorporating all of its elements into one entity, coordinated by a central power source, as though it were a living organism”, Barrera said of HogarTec’s intelligent homes.

At the touch of a button on their mobile phones, homeowners will be able to control all the equipment in their property. They will also be notified by text if there’s a leak or the security system is triggered.

But these homes won’t just wait for the owner to return to fix the problem. They will react to it



CONTROL: Owners expect homes to manage themselves.

themselves, even calling emergency services, or booking a plumber if it can’t be fixed on the spot.

Owners will save a great deal of money as the house adapts its energy output to suit the mood. Barrera claims 70 per cent can be saved on lighting and 40 per cent on air conditioning.

Homeowners interested in incorporating the new technology into their homes can expect to fork out anywhere from €2,500 to €150,000.

Housing discomforts

SPANIARDS spent more time and money on their cars than their homes. A new survey found that, on average, 5 per cent of the household budget goes towards car maintenance

This contrasts with just 3 per cent for the house, according to research from the I Want to Live Better report from the National Association of Distributors of Ceramics and Building Materials (ANDIMAC).

Despite devoting a tiny fraction of their budget to home upgrades, the survey found that a sizeable number of Spaniards are extremely dissatisfied with home life.

Chief complaints include noise pollution, specifically poor insulation separating them from the neighbour’s ruckus, artificial light pouring in from the outside, and winter warmth.

One in 10 of the 800 people surveyed said

that soundproofing their property would be the top priority for change. Nine in 10 complained that their homes used energy inefficiently, wasting heat that they sorely need.

Seven per cent don’t feel comfortable in their homes, arguing that older buildings aren’t suited to the needs, and size, of modern residents. One in 10 Spanish homes has no access to the internet, causing further disappointment throughout.

No Brexit crisis here

BREXIT will not affect British real estate investment in Marbella, according to Senior Financial and Economic Officer at the British Embassy in Madrid, Paul Clark.

There have been worries since the Brexit vote that the link between the Costa del Sol and the UK may be at risk. However, Clark moved to distance those fears and remained optimistic that a positive outcome can still be achieved.

Speaking at the 13th ICA Malaga Legal and Judiciary Conference, Clark said: “There is currently a great deal of optimism about the future.”



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PUMPKINS are a famous vegetable with a lot of virtues that are renowned for their long storage life and ease of growing.

They are traditionally grown on hills in the vegetable patch but can also be grown in large containers and grown vertically up a trellis if space is an issue.

There is a huge range of pumpkin varieties that allow you to grow just what you need. A lot of publicity is given to having the largest pumpkin but for practical reasons smaller varieties, such as butternut are more suitable to the domestic garden to have just enough for a meal rather than a week of the same pumpkin just to use it all up.

It is fun to grow some as decoration such as the miniature gourds that can be dried and keep as decoration or larger pumpkins to carve out designs highlighted by candles inside the pumpkin such as for Halloween.

The main reason for growing them however is their ability to be stored for months in the right condition to have rich thick soups and other warming recipes over the cold winter months when supplies from the garden can be limited.

To grow them you need a very compost enriched soil to retain moisture and provide

Plentiful pumpkins - not just for Halloween



nutrients as they are heavy feeders and need plenty of moisture around their roots but

not on their leaves and vines. Wetting the plants parts above ground encourages fungal

problems such as powdery mildew.

This year I had a bumper harvest from growing them in a patch that had my portable chicken coup on it the year before, with little work from my part as the chickens had done all the preparation.

You can grow them in a barrel or other large container of well composted soil mix and grow the smaller varieties up a trellis in a sunny position. If the pumpkins become very large you can put a sling around the growing pumpkin to give them support until harvest.

The way to tell if they are fully mature is

when their skin turns a deeper, stronger colour. Press your fingernail against the skin to test that it is hard and tap it to see if it has a hollow sound. If the skin is soft it is not ready and if it has a hollow sound it should be ready if the skin is hard.

Harvest the pumpkin by cutting the stem, do not tear it off, with plenty of stem still attached to the pumpkin so that it will preserve longer. Unless you are using the pumpkin straight away, the close cutting of the stem to the pumpkin invites deterioration of the pumpkin in storage.

After harvest keep the pumpkins in the outdoors to harden them off in the sun for a week before storage in a cool darker place with the individual pumpkins slightly separated from each other.

The best time to plant pumpkins in the Mediterranean is in early spring after danger of frosts has passed. The earlier the better as the mid-summer can sometimes be too hot for pumpkins so an earlier harvest is recommended.

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Keep the flame alive

ALTHOUGH the summer months are definitely over, you can still enjoy your outdoor space by investing in a fire pit or outdoor pizza oven.

The new garden must-haves are both attractive and practical and could keep you using your garden all throughout the winter.

With designs ranging from modern to traditional, a fire pit can become a focal point of your outdoors, providing warmth for a surrounding seating area or being used for roasting marshmallows with the children or grandchildren.

Something to consider when choosing your fire pit is whether you would like a gas or wood option. While wood provides a comforting crackling sound, as well as the smell of bonfire, gas alternatives can be much easier to replace and clean. More food for thought is just how multi-function-

al you would like your pit to be. While some only contain the fire itself, others double as a coffee table, offering a wide rim which can be used to hold food and drink.

Also providing both warmth and light to your garden are outdoor pizza ovens. While less of a central focal point, these fashionable accessories can offer you authentic Italian-style pizza in just minutes, with temperatures reaching up to 900 degrees. With wood burning, electric and gas options on the market, and with prices starting low, why not expand your kitchen space outdoors and make pizzas and barbecue foods all year round?

As with any fire, it is always important to never leave a fire pit or pizza oven unattended and to take all normal fire safety precautions.



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Keep cosy this winter

By Sally Underwood

WITH autumn quickly passing and winter fast approaching, now is the time to think about making your home as cosy as possible for those colder months.

Rearranging some of your existing home decorations can create a warmer environment, as well as lifting the spirits.

Here are some ways to use your furniture to make the winter both snugglier and more user-friendly.

Stack that wood. If you have an open fire or wood burner, get in enough logs to last for at least three or four days at a time so you don't have to worry about keeping your home warm.

Use an older picnic or wicker basket to store them next to the fireplace, creating a cosy arrangement.

A good read. According to Becky Harris, a contributor to Houzz, an interior design website, creating a great space to enjoy a book is key to staying cosy in winter.



WINTER READING:
Make yourself comfy.

She says, "Keep plenty of pillows, a quilt, a good light to read by, those materials you've been wanting to get to and a perch for a hot cup of something, all together in one place."

Blanket approach. Draping blankets over the backs and arms of chairs and sofas helps retain warmth and gives a snuggly winter look.

Plus, you will always have a quilt to hand to throw over your feet if you get chilly!

Feather your nest. Adding more cushions to your sofas and beds can also add a splash of seasonal colour while making the space more comfortable for the additional time spent indoors over the colder months.

Going thermal. And finally, if you really want to keep heat in and create a winter feel at home, you could replace your curtains with thermal-lined ones in a berry or gold shade, retaining warmth and adding a Christmassy feel all in one go. They will come in handy again next year too!

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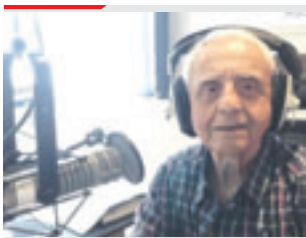
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Preparing your dog for vet's inspection



THE VET'S TABLE: Do not let your dog jump off alone.

It is essential that all dogs are regularly inoculated and wormed, that is; inoculations and boosters every year, worming treatments every three months as your vet will advise. The only effective worming products are available from your vet.

Many pet owners encounter problems at the vet. The dogs and cats do not like to be examined. From an early age, make it a pleasant experience for your pet to be handled and examined by different people.

Always do this while you are present, reassure and reward the dog with praise and titbits. Only ask sensible people, who are used to dogs to assist

you with this exercise.

Some if not most vets prefer to examine their patients on a table. So if you have a dog that can be lifted onto a suitable table, get the dog used to being put on the table. Hold him in a comfortable position for a few seconds, praising him and reassuring him, then give him a 'titbit' and gently lift him off.

Never let a dog jump off the table by himself. If you use a table, make sure a mat or cover is placed on it so that it is not slippery for the dog. There is no quicker way to make a dog hate being picked up and put on a table than to place it on a slippery surface.

Administering prescribed treatments:

Often following a visit to your vet

you will be required to continue a course of treatment at home. This can include: giving pills or liquid medicine (orally); applying ointments to eyes, ears, and skin; administering eye or ear drops.

The only reason dogs object to taking medicine is that they are not used to being handled. It is kinder to prepare your dog to the best of your ability for

the occasion when this will probably arise. This is best done by training your dog to allow you to handle it and examine any part of its body, under any circumstances, without any resistance from your dog.

Pills can often be given by disguising the pill inside a little piece of butter, margarine or cheese. There are many "Do Not's" associated with this sort of training, all of which are common sense, but you would be surprised how many dog owners have little of this precious commodity. Do not give dogs any medicine unless specifically prescribed for that dog by a vet.

If in doubt about your dog's health, consult a vet, never take advice from unqualified people; this includes pet shops, dog breeders, dog trainers, behaviourists and the person who had a dog with the same sort of symptoms.

Do not put anything in your dog's ear. Look, don't poke! Report discharges or smells to your vet. Do not put any drops or ointment into your dog's eyes. Do not interfere with any lumps, bumps, wounds, cysts, rashes or anything else on your dog's body. Consult your vet.

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Dog-less days are over

THE Furbo dog camera has finally arrived in Spain, allowing owners to check on their dogs and even give them treats while they are out of the house.

The camera, which has already been on the market in the US and the UK for several months, lets dog owners spy on their pooches by accessing the camera through an app on their phone.

It also has a microphone, meaning you can communicate with your pet and even has an interactive game setting that can give your dog treats.

All you have to do is connect the device, which is about the size of a water bottle, to your Wi-Fi at home and download the app. You also have to add the treats before you leave, and then you can choose when to give them to your dog throughout the day.

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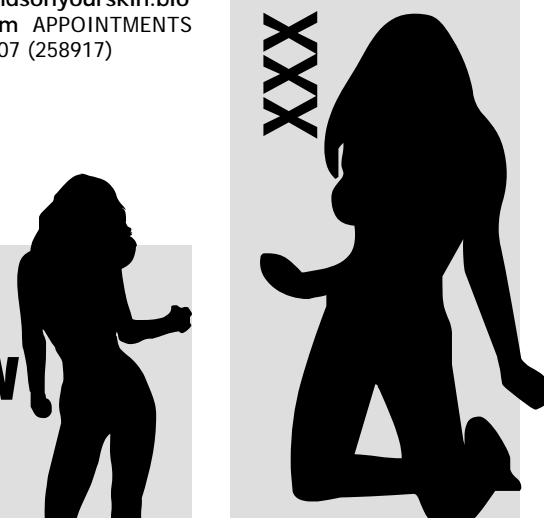
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Motoring shorts

Vanquish bows out

THE very last of the Aston Martin Vanquish S range has been released. The S Ultimate is the British firm's glamorous send off to the now iconic model.

Aimed at serious collectors, there are just 175 Ultimates up for grabs, with a starting price of £211,995 (€237,706).

There's little to improve on the monstrous 595bhp already offered by the regular Vanquish S. So this rare collectable instead focuses on style, with three new designer themes to choose from.

Ultimate black, a blueish grey, and white gold are the colour schemes, while buyers can be as picky as they like about the interior design.

All Ultimates feature carbon fibre brakes, treadplates, and grilles and are emblazoned with a rose gold 'Ultimate' badge.

Performance braking

by Matthew Elliott

FORD has a new solution for drivers who miss the old-fashioned hydraulic handbrake. Its Drift Stick goes against the modern obsession with the electronic handbrake.

The Drift Stick is a lever connected to the electronic handbrake in the new Ford RS Edition. Skilled drivers can use it to lock the rear wheels and slide, rally car like, while conducting a sharp turn.

The patented device slips easily into the car's diagnostics port. It was developed with the help of rally driver Ken Block, who showcases the Drift Stick in a YouTube video for Ford.

It works in unison with the

anti-lock system and is far easier to use than traditional hydraulic handbrakes.

That doesn't mean new drivers will suddenly be performing rally stunts on public streets.

Drivers will have to know how to drift before they can make any real use of the new technology. Not to mention the fact that drifting is illegal on almost all public roads.

Expert drivers will be able to make use of a USB stick, plugged into the Drift Stick, to monitor their performance. If they have access to



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DRIFT GIFT: Ford RS goes old school with drift stick.

one, they can take it down to the track and work on their drift with decent feedback.

Ford's Drift Stick goes on sale in December in the

United States. It will cost \$999 (€860) and be compatible with the RS Edition, a special edition of the acclaimed Focus RS, lauded for its mechanical

control.

Ford hasn't yet said whether or if the Drift Stick will be available in Europe and stresses that it is for track use only.

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THE Spanish government has announced a series of changes to the ITV test for private vehicles in 2018.

ITV test overhauled

Coming into force on May 20, an official statement said

that the MOT equivalent will be "more demanding" in or-

der to detect cases of manipulation regarding emissions in particular.

All centres will thus be equipped with new diagnostic reading devices which will connect to vehicles' onboard computers to analyse security systems and detect 'malicious software' or 'cheating.'

ITV inspectors must also hold a 'Superior Automotive Technician' qualification as a minimum.

In addition, if a vehicle

passed its technical inspection in any other European Union country it will remain valid in Spain until the next scheduled review.

Drivers may also book their test up to one month in advance of the suggested date.

Finally, if a vehicle fails the ITV test motorists will be able to choose a different centre for the second test rather than being forced to use the same one.

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Brazil tough nut to crack for England after Germany test

ENGLAND host Germany on November 10 and Brazil on November 14 in international friendlies at Wembley ahead of the 2018 World Cup Finals with manager Gareth Southgate throwing down the gauntlet.

"I don't think anybody can sit back and safely think they're going to be involved next summer," warned Southgate.

"In every position there's really strong competition," said Southgate, who has brought in Joe Gomez, Tammy Abraham and Ruben Loftus Cheek.

Southgate has left out Alex Oxlade Chamberlain, Daniel Sturridge, Jermain Defoe, Chris Smalling, Jake Livermore, Fraser Forster and Aaron Cresswell.

Reining World champions Germany, world cup winners four times, and five-time World



UK SPORTSCENE

with Andrew Atkinson

Cup winners Brazil are arguably England's toughest duo they could face as an indicator to their 2018 World Cup hopes.

It will be a real test of steel and nerves against Joachim Low's Germany - cruising to qualification from Group C - with nine wins out of nine.

Brazil are likely to field their strongest side, including stars Philippe Coutinho, Neymar and Gabriel Jesus, as they prepare for Russia, in a bid to clinch their sixth World Cup success.

Southgate will finalise the England squad - after friendlies against Germany and Brazil and games against Holland in Amsterdam on March 23, and

against Italy at Wembley on March 27.

"If I had to pick a squad tomorrow I know who I'd take. Over the next six months that could evolve drastically," said Southgate.

Phil Jones, John Stones and Gary Cahill are key defensive players and Southgate believes Jones, 25, is the best defender England have in their locker.

"Not just this season, but there was a long period in the middle of last season where Phil Jones has been the best defender," Southgate said of the Manchester United star.

"Phil has had great experiences - with both club and coun-

try - he organises and competes well and it's clear what he brings to the team," said Southgate.

England squad for the friendlies against Germany and Brazil: Tammy Abraham (Swansea City, loan from Chelsea), Dele Alli (Spurs), Ryan Bertrand (Southampton), Jack Butland (Stoke), Gary Cahill (Chelsea), Fabian Delph (Manchester City), Eric Dier (Spurs), Joe Gomez (Liverpool), Joe Hart (West Ham, loan from Manchester City), Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).

Phil Jones (Manchester United), Harry Kane (Spurs), Jesse Lingard (Manchester United), Ruben Loftus-Cheek (Crystal Palace, loan from Chelsea), Harry Maguire (Leicester City), Jordan Pickford (Everton), Marcus Rashford (Manchester United).

Danny Rose (Spurs), Raheem Sterling (Manchester City), John Stones (Manchester City), Kieran Trippier (Spurs), Jamie Vardy (Leicester City), Kyle Walker (Manchester City), Harry Winks (Spurs), Ashley Young (Manchester United).

*Northern Ireland play Switzerland in their first leg play-off on today, with the return second leg in Basel on November 12, in their quest to reach the 2018 World Cup finals in Russia.

F1: Lewis hams it up

LEWIS HAMILTON heads to Brazil on November 12 having won his fourth Formula 1

World Championship in Mexico last month.

"This year was a massive challenge I was looking forward to," said Hamilton, ahead of the penultimate race at the Autódromo José Carlos Pace, São Paulo, Brazil

Mercedes driver Hamilton, who has won three titles in four years, joins Sebastian Vettel, Alain Prost, Juan Manuel Fangio and Michael Schumacher as the only drivers to have won at least four F1 titles.

F1 title rival, Ferrari driver Vettel, has battled for the title with Hamilton this season: "Fighting against a great team in Ferrari with the highest decorated driver in the sport was a massive challenge.

"It's great to have two teams fighting - we need more of that - it pushes us all more to the limit, that's what's got us excited for the sport," said Hamilton.

The São Paulo race marks the 46th running of the Brazilian Grand Prix and the 45th time it has been run as a World Championship event - since the inaugural season in 1950 - along with it being the 34th World Championship event to be staged at Interlagos.

SPAIN Captain Sergio Ramos will get a taster of the 2018 World Cup Finals when they play hosts Russia in an international friendly game on November 14.

"We have never lost focus and been united on one aim to reach the World Cup. It will be my fourth World Cup and that fills me with pride," said Ramos.

Spain meet Russia in a friendly in St Petersburg at the 70,000 capacity Kretovskiy Stadium - dubbed the 'UFO' - to play on a pitch that has been relaid THREE times!

A third new pitch was laid in June, three weeks before the start of the Confederation Cup. Zenit FC played two league games on the second pitch laid, and chunks of turf were ragged up!

"Russia doesn't have experience with sliding pitches in football stadiums and that's a real challenge," said St Petersburg's Deputy Governor Igor Albin.

The Kretovskiy Stadium is one of 12 stadiums across 11 Russian cities that will host matches, including the 2018 World Cup semi-final and the third-place play-off games.

The Kretovskiy Stadium has been praised as one of the world's most advanced stadiums which took over a decade to build, reportedly costing more than 49 billion rubles (€950 million), seven times the amount announced in 2004 when original plans were drawn up.

Deputy Governor Albin said: "This multifunction sport and cultural complex is exploited all year round so we have a retractable roof and a sliding pitch. It's a reasonable price."

SPORTSCENE SPAIN

with Andrew Atkinson



■ SERGIO RAMOS: World Cup winner.

Ramos proud as Spain head to Russia

Before Spain head to Russia they host Costa Rica in Malaga on November 11, the first of a double-header friendly fixtures awaiting coach Julen Lopetegui's squad.

Spain defeated Israel 1-0 last month, to finish five points ahead of Italy in the World Cup qualifying Group G.

Spain qualified for the 2018 World Cup, beating Albania 3-0 in Alicante, in the wake of the disputed referendum in

Cataluña, that led to Barcelona defender Gerard Pique being booed.

"Many things have happened but we have focused on the best interests of the team," said Lopetegui, who has won eight out of nine competitive games since replacing Vicente del Bosque in 2016.

On qualifying for the 2018 World Cup in Russia, Lopetegui said: "We are delighted and proud of what we have achieved, it's very important for Spain.

"We've qualified for the World Cup, which was our primary objective," said Lupetegui.

Pique and national teammate Sergio Ramos put aside political differences to reach next summer's World Cup after Pique had been vocal in his support for Cataluña's referendum on independence.

Pique said he could quit, but a pact was made: "I have a very good relationship with Gerard - even though we think differently - we have no problem between us," said Ramos.

Márquez's fourth MotoGP title bid

SPAIN'S defending MotoGP World Champion Marc Márquez heads to Valencia on November 12 - needing only an 11th place finish - to win a fourth MotoGP title.

The 2017 MotoGP World Championship final race in Valencia sees Respol Honda Team's Márquez enter the last round of the season ahead of Ducati Team's Andrea Dovizioso.

Standings after race 17 of 18 see Márquez 21 points ahead of Dovizioso, after the Italian won the Malaysian MotoGP on October 29.

Márquez, who needs to score five points - if Dovizioso wins - an 11th place or better finish, was pointless in three races during the 2017 MotoGP World Championship, when crashing out in both Argentina and France.



NEXT week only in the Euro Weekly News. Sports correspondent Andrew Atkinson talks exclusively in-depth in Part 1 of a two-part interview with British born teenage swimming sensation, twice-Junior World Oceanman Female World Champion, Club Natacion Elche star, Zoe Connolly, 16.



RETRO: The new kit, modelled by Chelsea's Alvaro Morata, reportedly pays homage to the World Cup kit in 1994.

Kit controversy

By Benjamin Park

ADIDAS have caused controversy among Spanish social media users after many claimed the new Spanish National shirt contains features resembling the flag of the Second Spanish Republic.

The shirt, released by Adidas online on Monday, will be used by the National side at next year's World Cup in Russia, and reportedly pays homage to the shirt worn by the Spanish side during the 1994 USA World Cup.

The dominant colour of the shirt remains the usual red, while a new multi-coloured stripe appears down the side; a feature many claim bears

resemblance to the flag of the Second Spanish Republic.

One Twitter user reportedly said: "Boycott the republican national team shirt. Spain is a monarchy, not a republic," while another asked, "I guess the Spanish Republic is back?"

Adidas claim that the stripe is blue, not purple like that of the flag, and according to the RFEF's official website, the kit "sums up the courage and the red fury. It presents a different and dynamic graphic design consisting of red, yellow and blue diamonds, which represent the speed, energy and style of football that is associated with the Spanish national team."

Dani keeps Monte in safe hands

By Andrew Atkinson

CD MONTESINOS travel to Santa Pola on November 12 in the 1st Regional Group 8 of the Valencian League looking to consolidate their standing under coach Carlos Perez.

"Playing at a higher level will be more difficult this season," Carlos exclusively told the EWN.

The Los Montesinos, Alicante-based club has settled into the higher echelons of 1st Regional football, underlined with an emphatic 5-1 away win at CF San Gabriel, after suffering early season defeats.

Notable performances have come from goalkeeper Dani - who saved a spot-kick against CF San Gabriel - and strikers Vazquino and Carlos Ventura, who have netted a plethora of goals.

"We hope to consolidate our position in the 1st Regional this season," said Carlos.

Favourites for promotion UD Horadada - undefeated -

host Hondon Nieves at the weekend; CF San Gabriel meet Atco. Catral; Intercity Sant. host Rafal and Altet entertain Santa Pola CF.

San Miguel CF travel away

to Dolores, with struggling bottom club Torrevieja, who face CD Montesinos on November 19, hosting S Guardamar CF. Cox host Callosa Deportivo B.



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