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And when Michel Euesden, CEO of parent company EWN Media Group, was advised about a potential conflict in Albir, she drove over 1,000 kilometres to get to the bottom of it.

It comes after Joseph Cañas of the Telc Shop in Albir Playa denied claims made by a local British homeowner following a visit to his shop premises.

"Not everything the woman has said is true. My staff at all times try to be polite. We have

Happy ending

been in business for 27 years and are reputable, friendly and somewhat different to what this woman said."

Jo Wright, 72, accused assistants of launching an expletive-laden rant and manhandling her after she tried to put credit on her mobile phone.

But having spoken face-to-face with Mr Cañas, whose



ALL SMILES: Joseph Cañas and Michel Euesden.

wife Rosa Maria owns the establishment, Mrs Euesden was happy to report that he is a family man running a great shop, while he expressed his appreciation at the opportunity to have a right to reply on the front page.

Jo Wright and her husband are invited to visit Mr Cañas on their next trip, when he will show them that the incident was a misunderstanding.

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Born in the USA

AMERICAN expatriates across Spain will today (Thursday) celebrate Thanksgiving, the traditional feast typically includes roast turkey, sweet potato casserole and winter veg topped off with pumpkin pie.

Wall falls

TWO people were injured when an interior wall collapsed on the second floor of an abandoned, half-finished Muchamiel building. Four youths had gone there late at night for unknown reasons.

Big things

A STUDY carried out by the University of Valencia has highlighted the internationalisation of the port of Gandia. Despite its small size, the port facilitates exports to over 20 countries.

EXCLUSIVE

By Darren James

MORE than 100 people attended the public meeting organised by Brexpaths in Spain held at the Miguel Hernandez University in Elche on Tuesday, to catch up with some of the latest information on Brexit.

HM British Ambassador to Spain Simon Manley was guest of honour, accompanied by British Consul Sarah-Jane Morris and members of Alicante Provincial Council. The top table was completed by members of Brexpaths in Spain including their president Anne Fernandez and legal team Pellicer and Heredia.

Simon Manley began his remarks by thanking everyone that had contributed to a wealth of information and opinions that had been gathered during around 70 meetings up and down Spain and on the islands that he and Sarah-Jane Morris had attended.

"They have enriched our understanding of the individual circumstances of the people living in Spain and everything has been fed back to London," said Simon. He believed that in the case of the subjects that were at the forefront of many minds - healthcare, pen-

sions, residence rights - the British government were in "touching distance of an agreement" and that they were "more or less settled."

The Ambassador expressed his disappointment that agreements hadn't yet been reached on future voting rights at local elections and the recognition of professional qualifications, explaining that the UK wanted to

UK ambassador attends Brexit meeting



Photo credit: EWN Media Group

NO DEAL 'NOT THE INTENTION': Ambassador Simon Manley addressed more than 100 visitors.

concrete answers could be given from any source. On the question of the status of British citizens in the case of the much muted 'no deal,' Simon said: "It is not the intention of the British government to leave without a deal."

What came through the gathering at every opportunity was the 100 per cent support from the mainly young Spanish attendees and from the Spanish politicians present.

They are also just as concerned for the future of their nationals living and working in the UK with similar worries. Jim and Geraldine, attending the meeting from their home in Altea said: "We both feel we understand the UK position at the negotiations a great deal more than before, but equally felt that overall we didn't learn anything new from the meeting."

guarantee such rights for EU citizens in the UK, but as yet it was something the EU weren't prepared to reciprocate on.

However, he said that Brexit Secretary David Davis has already stated that if agreement on these and a number of other issues cannot be negotiated with Brussels and the EU as a body, then bilateral negotiations will be entered into to maintain the status quo.

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"The Spanish politicians at all levels of government are very keen that there is no disruption to any Briton's day-to-day life here," Simon assured to those assembled.

"Healthcare, in particular, is not a controversial subject within the general negotiations as both sides want an agreement."

Questions from the floor covered a number of issues but no

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Car thief hijacked

A 30-YEAR-OLD Lithuanian man is in prison pending sentencing after he was arrested for 'carjacking' not one, not two, but three vehicles in the space of 24 hours. The criminal was arrested in Gandia having stolen the cars in Calpe, l'Alqueria and Bellreguard.

Same again

TRASMEDITERRANEA has confirmed it will run its ferry service from Gandia to Ibiza again next year. An alternative to the Balearia service from Denia to the 'white isle,' the 2.5-hour crossing will run throughout the Easter holidays and then again from June 15 to September 15.

Slow down

THE centre of Jesus Pobre has been declared a 30 km/h zone. The changes affect the following streets/squares from January 2018: Pare Pere, Major, Plaça del Poble, Escoles, Diagonal, Pinaret, Eres, Ametlers, Lluna, Bisbe Hervas, Portelles, Convent, Placa de l'Esglesia and Cases Noves.

Feeling blue

FOUR streets adjoining Novelda's municipal market and shopping area were added to the town's Blue Zone regulated areas where parking is free, but limited to an hour. Residents are unhappy but the town hall's Development councillor insisted that more parking spaces will benefit local commerce.

Fierce blaze

A FINESTRAT woman suffering from smoke inhalation was taken to hospital with burns to her hands and chest after a house fire. This began on the terraced property's ground floor but spread upstairs in a fierce blaze that obliged fire-

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...38

Spain is home to some of Europe's most endangered animals, such as the Iberian Lynx which is now on the brink of extinction.

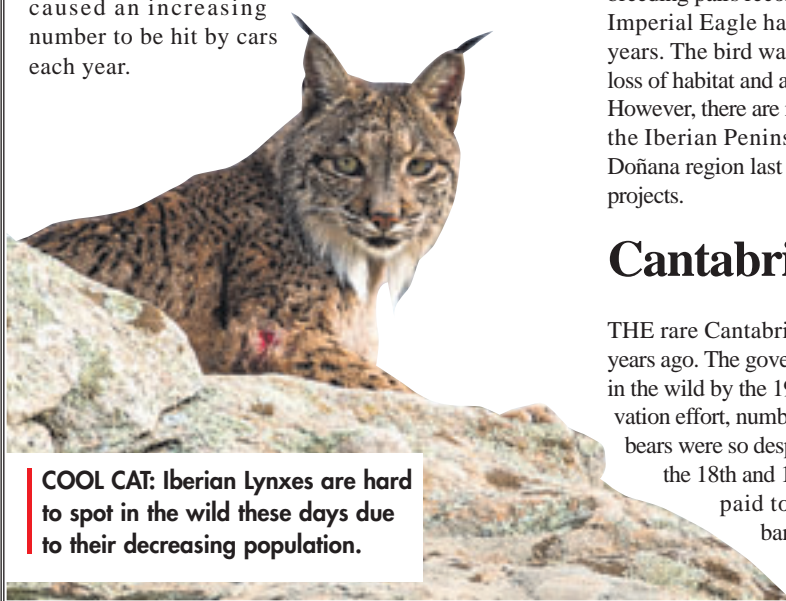
Fantastic beasts

THERE are more than 150 animal species in danger of extinction in Spain, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Overdevelopment of rural areas and coastal zones are blamed for destroying habitats and putting the lives of many species at risk. The environmental group Ecologists in Action warned that Spain has the most fragile biodiversity in Europe and has urged the government to tackle the destruction of habitats and protect the country's creatures. Some endangered wild animals worth keeping an eye out for include:

Iberian Lynx

REGARDED as the world's most endangered wild cat, there are fears that the Iberian Lynx may soon disappear for good. Recognised by its heavily spotted coat, long legs and short tail, this species of lynx is under peril because of a number of different threats. The lynx was once regarded as a hunting trophy, and was valued for its fur and meat. Although it became illegal to hunt them in the early 1970s, the cats are still victims of traps and snares set for other animals.

The Iberian Lynx's diet was severely impacted when the rabbit population was struck by a series of epidemics. It has also been affected by the development of roads and motorways, which has caused an increasing number to be hit by cars each year.



COOL CAT: Iberian Lynxes are hard to spot in the wild these days due to their decreasing population.



ON THE RISE: Spanish Imperial Eagle numbers are soaring once more.

Spanish Imperial Eagle

ONCE in immediate danger of extinction, with only 30 breeding pairs recorded in Spain in the 1960s, the Spanish Imperial Eagle has grown in population size in recent years. The bird was threatened by the decline in rabbits, loss of habitat and a high number of collisions with pylons. However, there are now an estimated 500 breeding pairs on the Iberian Peninsula, with 15 chicks born in Cadiz's Doñana region last year alone, due to several conservation projects.

Cantabrian Brown bear

THE rare Cantabrian Brown bear was nearly extinct 40 years ago. The government estimates that only six were left in the wild by the 1980s but, thanks to a significant conservation effort, numbers are now back up to around 200. The bears were so despised by farmers for destroying crops in the 18th and 19th centuries that hunters were actually paid to kill them. Hunting was eventually banned in 1968 and the bears became officially protected in 1973.

fighters to use a foam pump.

Nut case

THE Supreme Court threw out an appeal from a Biar man ordered to

pay compensation to the owner of premises he rented. He used it to store sacks of almonds and was clearly his fault that the floor collapsed under their weight, the tribunal ruled.

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- 2 Flights between UK and Spain likely to be hit as French air traffic controllers strike again - **13,431**
- 3 Ryanair launch new UK to Spain route with cheap flight offers - **6,567**
- 4 Brit issues warning after being robbed in broad daylight in Costa Blanca - **4,981**
- 5 easyJet offers Black Friday deals for thousands of flights from today - **3,774**



FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS:
 More misery for travellers.

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Amid air pollution fears in Spain, should cars be banned from city centres?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:
 Should Spain follow Thailand's example and ban smoking on its beaches?

Yes = 74%
No = 26%

Top Social Media comments

Southern Spain heading to driest November in decades - It's bad and desperate for farmers. They are the ones who have water restrictions. Stupid stupid. All towns and cities should be... WE do not water 24hrs a day. *Lydia Taylor*
 When we arrived in 1986 water cuts and we had a restaurant to run. The area wasn't as populated as it is now. *Stan Butt*
 Wish we could swap weather. Raining in the UK. *Barbara Clements*

British Airways passengers to board aircraft by ticket price - Well when I was daft enough to use this airline, the idea was that first class and business class got on last and off first so you spent less time on the plane. However as they are such a rubbish airline anyway they will copy the likes of Ryanair. *Christine Hanslip*
 Wonder which idiot thought up this PR triumph? *Rod Allcock*

Off-duty police officer tested positive for cocaine after death crash - I believe the policeman already had a few previous b4 this accident so I think jail will be right way. *Juan Gomez Banderas*
 Shocking and shameful... especially if the Guardia Civil knew about him - they are supposed to set a

good example!!!! What a joke. *Moira Palmqvist*
Tourists warned of heightened risk of Christmas terror attacks in Europe - Won't stop me going not worth worrying about... When it's your time it's your time. Until then I'm finding where they do those giant Yorkshire pudding wraps. *Matt Silver*
 They're probably safer in Europe than in the good ol' 'gun-totin' US of A. *Patrick Murphy*
Road to Spain's 'City of Dreams' are a nightmare claim residents - Loved Ronda. Went there last month. Road wasn't too bad. *Debbie Tobin*
 Drove it a couple times this summer. Drive wasn't too bad... just those crazy motorcycles who pass on a corner and cause near collisions. *Karen Ganzkow*
 You should have seen it 30 years ago or more. That was scary! *Sandra Russell*
Axarquía Council cat cull questioned - Spay them. They'll keep the rodent population down and if they're all spayed they'll die out naturally etc. If others come into the area spay those as well. *Tracy-Ann Kitching*
 Get them spayed, some places do this and then take a nick out of their ears to show they have been done. *Julie Clayton*
 Spayed cat colonies benefit any area. *Lisa Emeny.*

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Ethiopia still follows the ancient Coptic Calendar that is seven years behind the rest of the world.

Las Vegas casinos do not have clocks on display as the ploy is believed to make customers lose track of time and gamble for longer.



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An estimated 90 per cent of the world's fresh water is in the Antarctic.

Lost in translation



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 "I am in danger, not to happen!"
 "Ich bin in gefahr, nitch zu geschehen!"

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Little bits on the side

Fake your pick

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have reportedly confiscated more than 250 counterfeit items believed to be worth in the region of €30,000.

According to reports, a total of 272 items were confiscated from Denia market, including more than 200 pairs of shoes, as well as backpacks, caps alongside both branded and football tops.

Five men, four Senegalese aged between 30 and 36 and a Moroccan aged 29,

were unable to prove the origin of the garments and also did not have the brands' licence to sell the items when approached by police.

They have now reportedly been charged with crimes against industrial property as a result.

The news comes after the Guardia Civil and Local Police reportedly carried out a number of apprehensions of counterfeit products on beaches and promenades of Marina Alta, where imitations of branded sportswear are known to be sold regularly.



| SEIZED: The counterfeit goods.

Bees are collateral damage

INSECTICIDES used to fumigate trees in areas affected by Xylella fastidiosa are threatening thousands of beehives in Tarbena and Bolulla.

The insect-borne plague has so far affected only almond trees, but beekeepers fear that chemicals used to exterminate bacteria-carrying insects will also exterminate the bees and ruin production of nispero honey.

Apiarists in Tarbena and Bolollu are the most-affected by the insecticides being used to prevent the spread of the deadly disease known as 'tree ebola' and estimate that more than 5,000 hives are at risk from the 'collateral damage' of fumigation.

A local businesswoman who produces nispero honey from 400 hives in Tarbena argued that even if treated trees were hundreds of metres away from the

hives, bees cover an area with a three-kilometre radius and would still be affected.

Nisperos are now in flower and she said that she was appalled when she and her husband realised what the operatives from publicly-owned Tragsa were doing. "Nobody told us they were coming to fumigate trees," she complained.


"Our hives are out of sight because EU directives require them to be a certain distance from roads and other zones. But that doesn't mean they don't exist," she said.

The operatives agreed to give them five days to remove the hives although this deadline was an "unviable" deadline, she explained.

Before this was up, however, the regional government's Agriculture department agreed to suspend

fumigating areas with nispero plantations although this would resume to complete the prevention programme 'to the letter' at a later date.

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Chest a glimpse

SHE was once voted the 63rd sexiest woman alive.

And 33-year-old Spanish TV presenter Adriana Abenia caught the world's attention once again after flashing one of her breasts on the red carpet.

The wardrobe malfunction came as the stunner posed for photographers before the GQ Magazine Man of the Year Awards in Madrid.



Photo by: Adriana Abenia/Instagram

WHOOPS!
Adriana Abenia.

Rocking a dangerously plunging neckline, the presenter looked horrified as one of the loose-fitting straps fell aside, exposing her chest.

Abenia later proved she has a sense of humour though, taking to Instagram to laugh at the incident. Posting a photo of the embarrassing moment, she captioned the before-and-after photo: "I had another photo ready, but since this one is going to accompany me all my life... here you have it!"

TOTAL ANGEL:
Blanca Padilla.



Photo credit Blanca Padilla/Instagram

Heavenly creature

SHE'S the first Spanish model to appear in a Victoria's Secret Fashion Show twice.

And Blanca Padilla, 22, took to social media to express her delight in the wake of this year's extravaganza in Shanghai, China.

After sporting a giant pair of golden wings on the runway during the lingerie brand's flagship event she wrote: "If you ask me what my dream outfit would look like I can assure you it'd look a lot like this!"



Photo credit David Bisbal/Instagram

PECS FACTOR:
David Bisbal.

Sun's out, guns out!

HE'S the Spanish singer who rose to fame after finishing second on a reality TV show.

But David Bisbal, 38, really brought his A-game after displaying his rock hard torso on social media.

The platinum-selling artist received around 9,000 likes from swooning followers within hours of posting the raunchy snap.

The shot, taken in his home province of Almeria, was captioned "from the coast of

Almeria to the coast of Acapulco," with the singer currently on a tour of South America.

Since finding fame on the Spanish talent contest Operacion Triunfo in 2002, the crooner has gone on to sell more than five million records worldwide with hits including Esclavo de sus Besos and Oye el Bloom.

His current round of live shows will take him to Santiago de Chile, Uruguay's capital Montevideo, and Buenos Aires in Argentina.

Strictly pals

SHE'S the former Emmerdale star wowing the Strictly Come Dancing audience with her sultry moves.

And Gemma Atkinson, 33, has hinted romance with Spanish professional dancer Gorka Marquez, 27, might be on the cards "once the series is over."

The Iberian hunk is partnering singer Alexandra Burke, 29, and hit back at claims he and Gemma are dating.



Photo credit BBC

WAITING GAME:
Gemma Atkinson.

Fine ale

SPANISH pop legend Alejandro Sanz basked in the limelight after being honoured as Person of the Year at the Latin Grammy Awards.

A series of stars from the world of Latin music lined up to perform some of the 48-year-old's greatest hits at the glittering ceremony in Las Vegas.

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SHOPPING MANIA: Shoppers pour into stores for Black Friday discounts.

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Back to black

LIKE Halloween or Mother's Day, Black Friday is a 'born in the USA' commercial holiday where stores mark the official start of the Christmas shopping spree with discounts and low prices. Held the day after Thanksgiving, Black Friday has now spread across the globe with many retailers taking advantage of the opportunity to kick off their Christmas season with a bang.

Cyber Monday on the other hand is a fairly new concept and was only introduced worldwide in 2005. Retailers noticed their online sales increased substantially on the Monday following Black Friday, so decided to make the most of the opportunity by extending the sales. Queues of people often spend hours lining up outside stores to make the most of the limited discounts, and it is common to see people fighting in stores for the best items.

Although the concept is still relatively new to Spain, retailers have welcomed the

event with open arms and most major stores offer discounts across a range of their products.

Black Friday only became legally possible in Spain in 2012 when the government scrapped regulations de-

terminating when sales could be held. Only a few small shops participated the first year, but now all the major stores get involved.

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A CASTELLON High Court annulled a clause in a bank contract because it was unreadable.

The print was so small that it could only be read with a magnifying glass, a judge decided when the bank demanded interest on a client's unpaid credit card quotas.

The court accepted the bank's application to reclaim €4,600

from the client but rejected the demand for €766 interest.

The clause referring to interest-remuneration failed to comply with transparency requirements as it was on the other side of the page. It was also difficult to read, given the print was so 'minute' it could not be seen with ordinary reading glasses but needed a magnifying glass.

Illegal still closed down

A 60-YEAR-OLD man was arrested in Alboraya (Valencia) for making and selling moonshine.

The Guardia Civil impounded 700 litres of 50 per cent proof orujo made from the solids left after grapes are pressed for wine.

He acquired large quantities of colourless orujo in Galicia from private producers without any health checks or official authorisation, investigators found.

Once back at his clandestine still he macerated the spirits, producing several varieties of flavoured drinks that included Crema de Horchata.

1.16 million Spaniards are subscribed to the online streaming platform Netflix, more than double last year's number.

OUR VIEW

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Much was made of the fact that the then Princess had to save ration coupons in order to purchase the cloth needed for her wedding dress which was designed by Norman Hartnell.

Now with the Queen aged 91 and Prince Philip 96 they have become the longest wed couple in the history of the British royal family.

From time to time, Prince Philip has been known to make the odd gaffe and admits that he knows that he is regarded by many as 'a cantankerous old sod.'

Regardless of his sometimes erratic behaviour, he is regarded as having been a tower of strength in his support of the Queen and we at *Euro Weekly News* congratulate them on the longevity of their union.

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Drugs trio in the fertiliser

A SPANISH man and a Colombian couple who allegedly made €200,000 a year selling marihuana were arrested in Agost.

They were charged with drugs' offences, illicit possession of firearms, belonging to a criminal organisation, money laundering and fraudulent use of electricity.

They had been under surveillance for some time after the Guardia Civil suspected that marihuana was growing at the property which was guarded by nine dogs.

After the trio were seen buying large quantities of compost and fertiliser, Guardia Civil investigators from Novelda obtained a court order and searched the property in a

lightning raid.

Once inside the house, the man who appeared to be in charge unsuccessfully tried to reach a large calibre revolver on the bedside table which was loaded with dum dum bullets.

The officers impounded 542 plants, 17.5 kilos of ready-packed marihuana buds, 654 grammes of hashish and €3,000 in cash.

As well as three genuine pistols, three replicas and a replica rifle, the Guardia Civil also discovered a three-year-old child, the ringleader's son, who has now been returned to his mother.

The Colombian female, who had no residence permit, now awaits deportation.



ALL TOGETHER: Politicians and public want fair deal.

Region calls for fair shares

THOUSANDS have protested in Valencia, calling for fairer financial treatment from the national government in Madrid.

The demonstrators headed by union representatives, business-owners and civic groups marched from the gardens of the Old Hospital to the Serranos Towers.

Ximo Puig, president of the Generalitat Valenciana drew attention to the unity and harmony of Valencian Community residents at such a key moment.

"All Valencianos are here today so that we may finally have the same rights as everybody else. No more and no less," Puig said.

Equality opportunities was compatible with the

individuality between territories, the president said.

Together with the region's vice-president Monica Oltra, Vicent Soler - head of the region's Hacienda and Economy department - and other regional politicians, Puig carried a banner that declared, "The people of Valencia demand fair financial treatment."

Oltra also called for equal treatment and the same opportunities available to the rest of Spain.

"We have put our differences to one side in the interest of Valencianos," the vice-president said, pointing out that there were people at the demonstration who did not vote for the coalition that governs the region.

NEWS EXTRA

Driver rescued

AN 84-year-old man was rescued by police after he lost control of his car and ended up in a ditch in Gandia. It was not reported as to whether the driver sustained any injuries.

On the move

DENIA Town Council recently announced that its medieval market will be moved from the historic centre of the town to Calle Marques de Campo before Christmas, the idea being to benefit both the stallholders and local businesses.

Work delay

THE discovery of asbestos pipes has caused the planned works on Denia's Calle Sadunga to come to a halt. Works were supposed to start last month but the pipes were found when testing was carried out.

Dam remedy

COSTAS has begun building dams on Denia's beaches for added protection in the winter months - to curb erosion and prevent storms from swallowing the sand - the dams will be maintained by the town council.

Cut free

A YOUNG woman had to be cut free from her car when it ran off the La Nucia-Altea road and overturned early in the morning, with the driver taken to the Marina Baja hospital.

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ALZIRA MURDER: Regional government observes three-minute silence.

Oltra at war with gender violence

THE Valencian Community's new Children's and Adolescents' Law includes removing a father's parental rights in gender violence cases.

Monica Oltra, the Generalitat vice-president, also heads the regional government's Equality department and recently defended this clause.

It was included to prevent a repetition of cases like two-year-old Maya who was murdered by her father in Alzira, Oltra said.

Together with other mem-

bers of the regional government and representatives from all political parties, she joined the three minute silence held in Maya's memory.

"There is nothing more sadistic or perverse than killing a child in order to hurt the mother," Oltra said.

The vice-president called for the "free, democratic, safe and peaceful society" for women and their children that is envisaged in Valencia's Pact against Gender Violence and the Children's and Ado-

lescents' Law.

Children had the right to live in a home without conflict and parental rights and communications should be withdrawn whenever there was a danger that children could be exposed to gender violence, Oltra insisted.

"Aggressors should be aware that we are at war with them and the women of this country should know that we are with them, with their families and with all those they love," she declared.

NEWS EXTRA

More firemen

THE Alicante Province Consortium of Fire Brigades increased its personnel with 10 new sergeants and 30 corporals who have completed the selection process and will now start their training period.

Tram holdup

A LINE 2 Tram was delayed after it came to an unplanned halt in San Vicente while a man who fainted on the track was moved and received medical attention.

Law-abiding

CRIMINAL offences in the Valencian Community, did total 171,862 but dropped overall by 2.5 per cent between late June and September. Breaking and entering fell by 13 per cent.



YOU'RE PAYING HOW MUCH FOR YOUR INVESTMENT??

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial



Many of you will have read my article last week regarding financial advisors in Spain charging substantially more than the equivalent service in the UK. In just the last few days I have had several people come to my office to see if I can help them reduce the fees they're paying on their QROPS and Spanish Compliant Investment Bonds.

I saw a lady on Tuesday, we'll call her Sandra (as before, I've changed her name to protect her privacy). The first thing Sandra explained was that every few months her advisor would hand her another wad of pages covered in numbers, charts etc., bamboozle her with complex terminology, and she'd leave the appointment none the wiser as to why her QROPS hadn't grown over the last 4 years.

Well, finally she was sat in front of someone who would break it all down for her. One of my major concerns was that her advisor was changing her funds on a regular basis, and it was often costing the client between 3-5% to buy a new fund. I also questioned the fees on the funds she had been moved into, which were between 1.5%-2.5% per year – this is 3 to 4 times more than I'd expect a client to pay for a top performing UK fund, yet she was paying this for pretty average performing funds, which makes me question why they were chosen.

In addition, she was paying another 2% per year in combined fees to her advisor and bond provider. When we broke it all down, her annual fees were around 5% of the total amount she had invested, and I calculated that around 3.5% of this was going to her financial advisor, most of which was in hidden fees which would be illegal in the UK. I was astounded by the combined level of fees here, and it's safe to say, so was Sandra! The investment returns were barely covering her

fees, which is why Sandra had seen no growth after 4 years.

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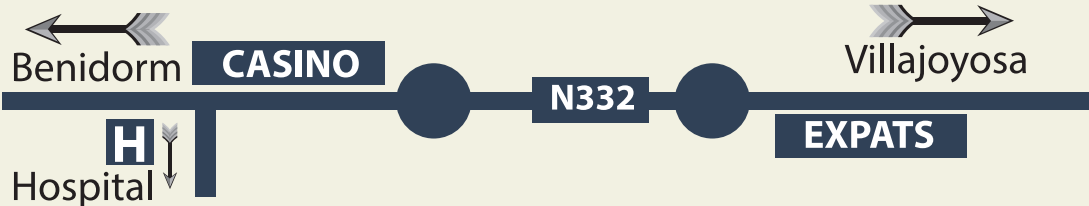


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Servigroup party

HOTELES SERVIGROUP staff were out in force at the Fancy Dress Party last week, with a medieval themed float partaking in the parade.

The parade brought the group's programme of Patron Saint Festival events to a close. Some of the city's best-loved acts having performed at the Terraza Calypso Bar and the Servigroup Orange Hotel including Dirty Bones, Purple Rose, Niko and John, Gaga and Michael, Peter Palace and Rocksody.

This year's Hoteles Servigroup offering was bigger and better than last year so watch out for next year's!



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PARADE: Fancy dress party fun.

Teacher investigated

BENIDORM CITY COUNCIL is currently investigating a clarinet teacher from the Conservatorio Municipal de Musica for allegedly harassing a minor.

The complaint against the male teacher was lodged a couple of weeks ago by another member of staff from the Conservatorio.

The victim of the alleged harassment is a 14-year-old female student who told the member of staff - in front of 14 other students - that the clarinet teacher made her do sit-ups whilst playing the instrument as he held her feet. The young student said she found this strange and explained the teacher only made the female students do this.

The complainant told the student to tell her parents and cooperated with the mother of the child in lodging the complaint.

Access improvements

PUBLIC TRANSPORT in Benidorm has been adapted for guide dogs and their owners.

The Llorente Bus and Radio Taxi fleets have adjusted platforms for blind people and their furry friends in an initiative together with Benidorm Lions Club.

The adaptations were revealed in a ceremony on the Plaza de SS. MM. Los Reyes de Espana last week, attended by councillors Angela Llorca and Jose Ramon Gonzalez de Zarate, Benidorm Lions Club President Marga Matarranz, Radio Taxi Benidorm President Jose Antonio Gomez and Pablo Delgado from Llorente Bus.

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The danger zone

NINE stretches of roads in the Costa Blanca North region have been named among most dangerous road sections in Spain, according to a report released by the European Automobile Association (AEA).

Five 'black spots' were found in Alicante, including the A-77 and the A-77A, kilometre 17 of the N-325, kilometre 153 of the N-332 and kilometre 686 of the N-340 were named among Spain's 190 most dangerous traffic stretches.

The list also includes Kilometre 33 1 of the N-232A in Castellon and Kilometres 237 and 256 of the N-3 and Kilometre 842 of the N-340, all in Valencia.

The most dangerous one kilometre stretch in the Costa Blanca North region, kilometre 237 of the N-3, has an average of 259 cars pass through daily, with a hazard index of 211.6 and has also seen two traffic accident victims in the past year, reports the AEA.

Since the year 2000, the DGT has defined a black spot as a "road site with a maximum separation between one and 100 metres, in which during a natural year, 3 or more accidents have taken place."

The AEA's study analysed a total of 26,329 kilometres of State controlled roads across Spain and revealed that black spots have reportedly increased by from 140 to 190 across the entirety of Spain in the past year.



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BLACK SPOT: Kilometre 153 of the N-332 was named among Spain's 190 'black spots'.

The hazard index is calculated by taking the number of accidents with victims (minor, serious or fatal injuries) in a one kilometre stretch over a period of five years and the average daily vehicle intensity. The average of Spanish roads is 9.6.

In the case of conventional roads, the most dangerous stretch of road is located at kilometre 358 of the N-122 at the entrance to Valladolid, which has an incredibly high hazard index, standing at 423 times more than the national average.



DANGER: Black spots.

The 10 most dangerous black spots

1. Km 358 of the N-122, Valladolid - 42 accident victims in the past year.
2. Km 57 of the N-632, Asturias - 21 accident victims in the past year.
3. Km 439 of the N-330, Zaragoza - three accident victims in the past year.
4. Km 467 of the N-330, Zaragoza - six accident victims in the past year.
5. Km 37 of the N-632, Asturias - two accident victims in the past year.
6. Km 359 of the N-122, Valladolid - 10 accident victims in the past year.
7. Km 16 of the N 204, Guadalajara - six accident victims in the past year.
8. Km 476 of the N-330, Zaragoza - eight accident victims in the past year.
9. Km 54 of the N-632, Asturias - 21 accident victims in the past year.
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Moving forward

OLIVA mayor David Gonzalez met with the Generalitat Valenciana and the Ministry of Health recently to sign over a 4,000sqm plot of land designated for the new health centre.

Tram jam

SIX new tram cars, costing €43 million, are being built in Valencia for Line 9 between Denia and Benidorm - they will be hybrid, able to operate on diesel or electric.

Thief held

POLICE arrested a 21-year-old Colombian man accused of committing the 'smash n' grab' robbery at the 'Montenegro' jewellery store in Denia - he was easily identified from the CCTV recording due to his extensive criminal record.



Photo credit: Altea town hall

MEDIAEVAL MILL: Imma Orozco and town hall officials inspect work in progress.

Shoring up the past

THE first phase of restoring the Moli dels Moros water mill in Altea is nearing completion.

Having reached agreement with the owners of the land where the mediaeval mill is located, the town hall was able to take action both from an archaeological as well as an architectural point of view, said Altea's Town Planning councillor Imma Orozco.

The mill is listed as an Asset of Local Relevance (BRL) and it has been

possible to shore up the building and avoid irreversible damage, Orozco explained.

Altea Town Hall hopes eventually to carry out all the measures specified in the mill's Adaptation and Consolidation Project and give prominence to a property that is important historically, educationally and also as a tourist attraction.

"If we hadn't intervened when we did, acting on the advice of specialists

who stressed the urgency of the situation, El Moli could never have withstood further episodes of rain like last winter's and Altea would have lost an important reminder of its past," the councillor said.

The second phase is due to start at the beginning of next year and should provide a definitive solution to the mill's structural stability: "This will allow us to carry out future work without any worries," Orozco added.

Man jailed for raping his former partner

A NOVELDA man is serving a 10-year prison term after being found guilty of raping his ex-partner.

Ignoring a restraining order he went to the bar where she worked in March 2016, the Alicante High Court heard.

He wanted to talk to his former partner of 15 years and the mother of their two children but soon became aggressive, witnesses said.

The customers quietened him down by threatening to call the police and prevented him from following when his ex-partner left the bar although he returned the next day.

Despite 'pushing her violently' he did not injure the woman and left her alone until May 2017 when he persuaded her to visit his home, supposedly to pick up some keys.

Once there he dragged her to the bedroom, telling her, "This is the last time I'm doing this," before he raped her.

Already imprisoned on remand, the Alicante High Court sentenced him to nine years for rape, nine months for breaching the restraining order and six months for ill-treatment.

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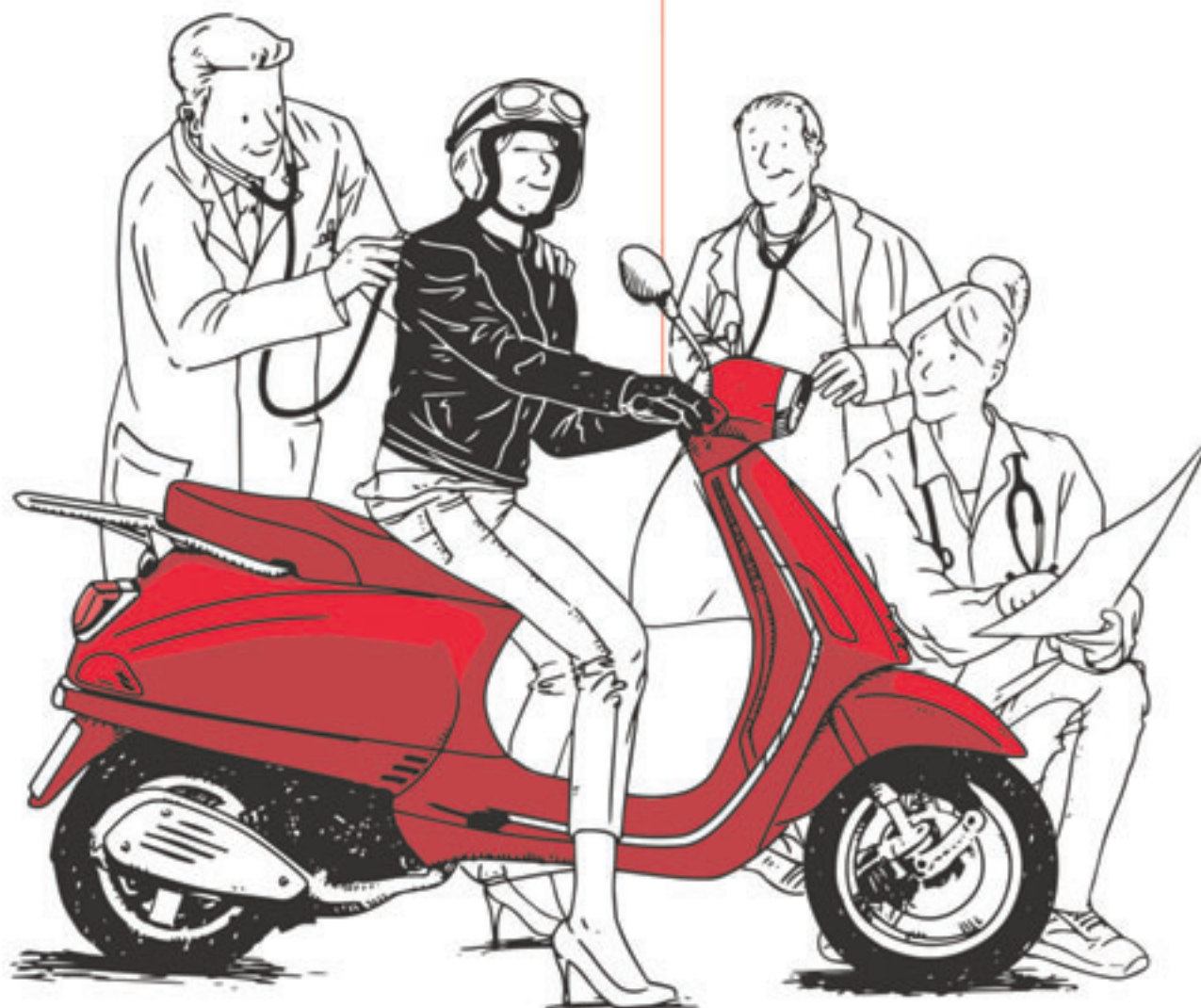
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ALTEA celebrated International Bird Day with an Open Day ringing session on the banks of the River Algar.

The first to arrive at 9.30am were able to watch in close up as ornithologist Toni Zaragoza ringed one of the kingfishers that sometimes show themselves along the river.

Zaragoza has been studying the birds that live on or visit the Algar for 27 years, extolling the river's biodiversity and importance to the many migratory species that stop there.

Ringing reveals details of a bird's age, length, weight and body fat as well as its health and migratory habits, Zaragoza explained to on-lookers.

The high point of the morning however was the release of an eagle owl, which was taken for treatment to the Wildlife Recovery Centre in Santa Faz



Photo by Vicent Llorens

CLOSE UP: Recovered eagle owl.

after it flew into a high tension cable.

Elias Gomis and Toni Mulet from the Spanish Ornithological Society, SEO/Birdlife, explained the threat that pylons and power

cables pose to birds.

They also stressed the role of recovery centres like Santa Faz which, through the 112 Emergency number will always collect injured wild animals.



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Local museum chosen to represent Spain

VILAMUSEU in Villajoyosa is one of the six museums chosen to represent Spain in the Ibermuseos network.

A total of 50 museums were selected from the 7,101 listed on the register of museums from 12 countries linked to the Iberoamerican General Secretariat.

Ibermuseos has administrative support from the Organisation of Ibero-American States (OEI) and financial backing from the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID).

The network invited Vilamuseu's director in 2009 to give sessions on accessibility at an international Ibermuseos seminar in Brazil and the president of the Ibermuseos Intergovernment Committee, Magdalena Zavala, has now written



Photo credit: Villajoyosa town hall

VILAMUSEU: Applauded for inclusion and accessibility.

to congratulate Vilamuseu on its inclusion.

This resulted from the museum's leading role in social, cultural, environmental and economic fields, Zavala said.

Accessibility and inclusion, public participation, recycling exhibition materials and low environmental

impact were amongst the strong points in Vilamuseu's favour.

Over the coming months Vilamuseu will take part in an international analysis of good practice in museums with in-depth video interviews with the Consultancy leading the work from Brazil.

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Jose Enrique Garrigos, president of the Turrón Regulatory Committee said "the outlook should be extraordinary."

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Teachers need more protection

ALICANTE Province teachers demanded that the Generalitat take steps to stop physical and verbal attacks from pupils' parents.

According to regional Education department statistics, each school year approximately 600 teachers are subjected to violence. One of the latest attacks occurred at the Gloria Fuertes school in Alicante City when a pupil's father walked in and without saying a word, felled Head of Studies Fernando Llorens with one punch.

They are defenceless in situations like these, said teachers and the unions that represent them.

Alicante Province accounts for 48 per cent of all physical and verbal attacks on teaching staff, followed by Valencia Province (45 per cent) and Castellon (6 per cent).

Many schools have already decided to revise their social

harmony procedures and introduce measures that can be taken if a parent or family member is violent.

A majority of teachers and the unions also maintained that the Education department should take immediate legal action against an offender without waiting for the victim to decide whether or not to prosecute, a choice often influenced by fear of reprisals.

Regional Education chief, Vicent Marza ruled out this option, insisting that existing measures are adequate. His department was 'totally' equipped to react in violent situations and existing measures were adequate, he said.

The unions disagreed: "Defence and backing, including legal protection, for our employers, the Education department, is unfortunately inadequate," a UGT union official lamented.

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UNEXPECTED CATCH: Probably belonged to a Spanish man-o-war.

Anchored in the past

A VILLAJOYOSA fishing boat had an unexpected catch of a centuries' old anchor weighing more than two tons.

The Pepe el Sargento was fishing between La Vila and Alicante when the crew snared the anchor in their nets and on reaching port they immediately contacted Vilamuseu.

The museum's director Antonio Espinosa went down to the harbour to inspect the anchor, which

is five metres long and 2.5 metres wide from fluke to fluke. It is the type of anchor used by Spanish warships in the 17th and 18th century.

After advising Guardia Civil headquarters in Alicante City, the anchor was winched ashore with a heavy-duty crane and taken to Villajoyosa's Club Nautica where it will remain until the regional government's Culture department authorises further action.



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Organised by the town hall's Social Welfare department with the three-to-12 age group in mind, the event will be held from 10am until 2pm in the car park at the entrance to the sports ground.

There will be more than 20 free activities and this year, for the first time, the children can make their own contribution to a mural on Children Rights.



Photo credit: La Nucia town hall

ACTIVITIES: Children's Day in La Nucia last year.

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As not everybody has Internet access, leaflets

are available at the town hall, municipal extension offices and the sports complex so that residents may make written proposals.

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This will shorten the time taken to complete the sale and will avoid future problems.

Our office will undertake due diligence on your property, so that you know its full legal situation and alert you to any aspects that could delay or put in risk a possible future sale. We will confirm if your property is ready for the sale or if that is not the case, identify possible problems and help you to solve or prevent them.

For this purpose we can assist you in obtaining the occupation licence, updating the cadastral and registration description, obtaining reports from the town hall to prove the correct urban situation of the property, as well as any other matters that need to be covered.

Coordination and legal assistance through proper sales channels

Whether you are in Spain

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Fiscal due diligence

Our office will help you review your tax situation in Spain to confirm if it is correct and inform you about the most efficient and effective way to proceed with the sale of the property.

Contracts and legal documents to be completed

We will draft, supervise and negotiate on your behalf the contracts and public deeds of sale to be signed, in order to make sure that they are adequate for the protection of

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In general, our office can represent your interests in Spain at the time of the sale of a Spanish property, giving an integral service for sellers, who will be constantly informed of the different options of sale, valuation of real estate, etc.

This action is advisable in order to ensure the protection of the owner's interests, who can sometimes, due to ignorance of the applicable legal regulations and the proper way of proceeding in Spain, end up selling a property assuming unnecessary risks, paying excessive expenses and commissions.

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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SICKENING: The video sparked outrage on social media.

Boar war

POLICE are investigating a video that appeared on social media showing a group of hikers pushing a wild boar off a mountain path in the north of Spain.

The sickening video showed a group of seven hikers surrounding the frightened, wild animal and prodding it with a stick while an eighth person records the footage on a mobile phone.

The jabali tumbles

down the mountainside onto rocks below from the Ruta del Cares in the Picos de Europa National Park. It is not known if the animal survived the horrifying fall.

Guardia Civil officers have opened an investigation to discover the identities of the walkers and

when the video was shot.

The animal rights and welfare political party PACMA (Animalist Party Against Mistreatment of Animals) said that although they would like to denounce the hikers for animal abuse the law does not protect wild animals.

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BUSTED: The investigation was led by Europol.

On the high seas

SPANISH police have arrested 40 people belonging to a criminal gang accused of drug trafficking and money laundering.

During the Europol-led operation, police seized more than four tons of cocaine, 105 kilograms of hashish, 18 high-end vehicles and more than €13 million in cash.

Two interlinked groups were dismantled, one in the Spanish enclave Melilla in Northern Africa and one in the Basque Country. Arrests were also made in Girona, Pontevedra, Madrid and Morocco.

The suspects included 34 men and six women of Spanish, British and Moroccan nationalities.

Police also confiscated a caravan and three boats that were used by the gang to traffic drugs.

It has been estimated the drug ring trafficked more than €103 million worth of drugs into Spain.

The operation began in Denia, Alicante when police learned that a group of people had been shifting drugs using recreational sailboats.

Officers intercepted one of these boats heading

from Venezuela to Cadiz, and discovered 400 kilos of cocaine stashed in a hidden compartment in the bow of the boat. It was then discovered the gang had connections in the Basque Country - who were responsible for trafficking the drugs by sea - and Melilla, where the money laundering aspect of the business was handled.

The group allegedly covered their operations under a fake wooden furniture shipping business and transported the money and drugs by sea hidden in furniture containers. In just one bust, police seized more than €8million in cash in Valencia's port.

The gang allegedly also used people with limited means to traffic money through airports by hiding the cash among their belongings.

Officers reported that more than €4 million had been intercepted in flights bound for Venezuela from Malaga or Melilla. Police also seized 870 kilos of cocaine in Pontevedra and 120 kilos in Lloret de Mar that was reportedly destined for the UK.

Due to the international nature of the crimes, the Spanish police also had help from US, German, Italian and Moroccan drug enforcement agencies.

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Slice is right

SIX Valencian Community bakers were listed in Spain's 2017 Good Bread Trail. Three are located in Valencia City, one in Mislata, one in Los Ibarsos (Castellon) and one in Alicante City.

Fire watch

FIREMEN took two hours to extinguish a fire on 5,000sqm of land adjoining the CV-656 road between Villena prison and Fontanars (Valencia). Forest rangers remained on watch to prevent another outbreak.

New wheels

SAN JUAN'S Local Police have two new hybrid automatics and two additional motorcycles. As well as enabling them to work more efficiently, the acquisitions will be cheaper to run.

Lift-shaft blaze clears building

A 10-STOREY Campello apartment block was evacuated after fire broke out in a lift.

Sixty people had to leave their homes while four others on the ninth floor had to take refuge on their apartment terraces as firemen fought the blaze in order to reach them.

Once the fire was extinguished they were taken to safety together with three dogs and a cat.

The building was soon filled with smoke seeping from the lift shaft and stairwell and two people had to be treated for smoke inhalation, Emergency Service sources said afterwards.

The blaze was extremely fierce on the ninth floor, creating intense heat, firefighters revealed. The damage was made even worse by wood panelling in the passageway that added to the intensity of the fire.

Work was going on in the building at the time and the lift had been covered with cork to protect it, provincial media sources reported later. Witnesses said that they had also seen a mechanic inspecting the lift that day.

Residents on the ninth floor are now waiting for Campello Town Hall to verify its state after firemen recommended that this zone should remain unoccupied until a thorough inspection could be made.

POLICE officers in Spain who raided the home of a married couple have discovered a hoard of several thousands of archaeological pieces.

At the property in San Fernando, Cadiz, Guardia Civil officers found coins from the Roman to the Medieval period, buttons, keys, beads, thimbles, rings, bullets and numerous pottery vessels.

The house had an exhibition area for the artefacts, a warehouse, a workshop and another building with computers from where they conducted their sales operation.

The couple were allegedly selling the stolen items via auction portals on the internet and it is estimated they netted more than €100,000 in two years, mainly from foreign buyers.

Police have handed the items to the Museum of Cadiz, who will make an inventory and catalogue the items.

Investigators are also trying to locate the lots that had already sold, most of

That's priceless
Couple stole ancient artefacts

them abroad, although they recognise that it will be 'quite complicated' for these items to be returned to Spain.

The investigation origi-

nated in the wake of the Dupondio operation in Murcia when 3,000 ancient coins and 20,000 archaeological pieces were recovered.



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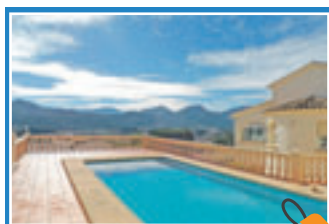
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DAVID GINER was named the winner of the Frax Foundation's Jose Miguel Iribas Awards named after the Basque sociologist who was a great influence on Costa Blanca tourism in the 70's. Giner, chosen from nine finalists, was recognised for his research on Social Media Marketing in Valencian Community Tourist Destinations.

Heavy stuff

MARINA BAJA weightlifters beat new records in the second Spanish Powerlifting Championship held at Alfaz's Pau Gasol sports stadium. This was the second consecutive year the event was held in Alfaz and the first prize went to the AFA team, an amalgamation of the Altea, Finestrat and Alfaz Powerlifting Clubs.

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WHEN you travel a great deal as do our staff at *Euro Weekly News*, one of the most important things on the agenda is to find a restaurant where you can feel comfortable and enjoy the food.

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The food tastes as good as it looks and this highly professional couple who combine German efficiency and Irish charm together with their willing staff offer a range of exceptional food guaranteed to suit every taste and each guest is made to feel as if they are at a home from home.

There are seafood platters served on sizzling

stones as well as home smoked ribs and some of the best steaks that you are likely to find anywhere in the area.

Open at Oscar Esplá 7 in Albir from noon until 11pm, seven days a week, reservations aren't always necessary but for those who like to be sure of a table, you can call 657 262 790, email sizzlerestaurant@gmail.com or even visit their Facebook page which shows a range of the delicious dishes available.

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Save-the-date for canines



CANICROSS: Councillors with three USAR-13 members.

THE fourth edition of Canicross will be held in Albir on December 10.

Once again the charity event for dog owners and their pets has been organised by USAR-13 with the cooperation of the town hall's Sports and Relationships with Associations departments. USAR-13 is a private, non-profitmaking organisation that uses and trains dogs for urban search and rescue operations. The group also generate programmes and social projects to improve the quality of life for the vulnerable.

The morning starts in Albir at the Los Carrascos park located in front of the old Carabineros headquarters with a march up to the lighthouse. This will be followed by a race for owners and dogs together.

Those wishing to take part need only turn up at the park at 9.30am on December 10. As in previous years, the entry fee is one kilo of non-perishable food which will be donated to Alfaz's Food Bank for distribution amongst local families that are in need.

"Anyone donating more than three kilos will also receive a commemorative t-shirt," said USAR-13 member, Miguel Angel Rodriguez.

Shortage of fiestas volunteers

ALFAZ Town Hall called on members of the local population to volunteer as mayorales (organisers) for next year's town fiestas.

The list would remain open until November 30 "to encourage residents and the peñas groups to volunteer," announced Fiestas councillor Marisa Cortes.

"The mayorales do an extraordinary job all year round and provide the best possible support for the fiestas queens," she emphasised.

Should the appeal fail, the Fiestas department would take on

the task of arranging the events, Cortes added.

As Alfaz's principal fiestas drew to a close, Cortes thanked the A patir a la Guerra peña for their efforts and dedication this year, as well as the Association of Peñas and the queens and their attendants.

"All the fiestas events went smoothly thanks to their hard work," the councillor said.

The names of the future mayorales, assuming that volunteers come forward, will be announced after Mass on the national holiday, December 8.

Pitch perfect (for football)

THE council has spent €9,000 on improvements to the Albir football ground. The grass pitch has been resown but remaining work will take several weeks to complete, Alfaz Town Hall's Sports department said. Alfaz's football teams use the artificial pitches for games and training and the grass pitch is used for winter training and holidays by football and athletics teams from Northern Europe.

Official competitions and training usually come to a halt between November and March in their own countries and the visiting sportspeople are a good source of low-season income, sources said.

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The future is bright

THE municipality is well on its way to becoming a UNICEF Ciudad Amiga (Child Friendly City).

In addition to the inauguration of the Teulada-Moraira children and adolescent council earlier this year, the council has organised a series of workshops for the fourth graders from ESO.

Part of the provincial programme 'Menos drogas, más de ustedes' (Less drugs, more of you), the workshops are designed to help teens develop a critical opinion, form values, and differentiate between positive and negative behaviour.

The workshops will run until May at the Centro de Exce-



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THE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT COUNCIL: Participating in a forum with councillors from the Comunidad Valenciana.

lencia in Benissa every Friday from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

In an excerpt from their website, UNICEF describe: 'with the Child Friendly Cities Programme, we want to contribute to improving the

living conditions of children and adolescents through the promotion and implementation of effective municipal policies that guarantee their integral development with a rights approach.'

Christmas short story competition

THE Council's department for adult education has opened entries for its fourth short story competition.

The goal is to stimulate reading and writing, discover hidden talent for literature and arouse imagination.

Stories must begin with 'La Navidad ha llegado a La Marina Alta...' (Christmas has arrived on the Marina Alta).

The competition winner will receive €200 in vouchers to be used at any local bookshops or stationers.

Participants must be older than 16 and entries must be submitted no later than December 17 to fpa@teuladamoraira.org.

Don't forget to include your full name, date of birth, DNI number, address and phone number.

www.teuladamoraira.org.

Party time in Moraira

THE Teulada-Moraira Lions Club will once again host their traditional Christmas party in Moraira's church square on Saturday December 2 - aptly named 'What a Cracker V.' There will be Christmas songs, the English choir, The Timbrells and lots of festive goodies to enjoy, including the ever-popular mulled wine.

The Christmas party is free but donations are welcome and will help support Javea's Salvation Army. The fun starts from 5.00pm.



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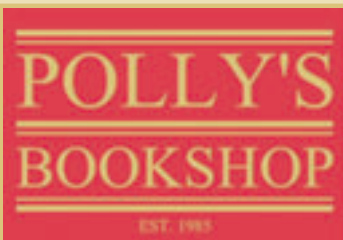
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Another plague of pigs

BACK in September, the Vietnamese pigs that plagued Javea's Muntanyar urbanisation seemed to have disappeared and it was rumoured that they had been rehomed in Madrid. But now, another family of 20+ pigs have set up home and residents have yet again urged the council to deal with the problem.



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'Casa Arnauda' was built in the 1850s and belonged to a wealthy family who found their fortune in the raisin industry.

Most striking about the Gothic style property is its sizeable watchtower - a sign of supremacy that makes it one of the tallest buildings in the town, surpassed only by the Sant Bertomeu Church.

Casa Arnauda - declared a 'Bien de Relevancia Local' (Site of Local Relevance) - has been empty for many decades.

Enquiries have already been made with Javea's Department of Urban Planning but as of yet, no licences have been granted.

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The road to improvement

OVER the next three months, 42,000 square metres of Javea's roads will be asphalted, costing the council just under €400,000.

Works have already begun in the Cabo de la Nau and the Cap Marti and will follow in the Montgo-Valls and the Luca-Tarraula, plus the town centre.

Mayor Chulvi bites back

JAVEA mayor Jose Chulvi released a statement last week to address the recent criticism directed at him by opposing politicians at Javea Council.

Mayor Chulvi was publicly accused by the group of 'neglecting Javea.'

He thanked his opposition for giving him the chance to provide deeper insight into what he does for the town, before talking in great detail about having never missed a plenary session in 10 years, reducing the municipal debt from €42 million to €7.5 million and past, present and future projects.

Mayor Chulvi ended the statement with:

"Of course, there is still a lot to do, but I don't think that anyone can doubt the importance I give to my commitment to Javea."

Immigrants arrested immediately

A BOAT arrived in Javea last Saturday and two immigrants of Arab origin were arrested on the spot.

Two further immigrants managed to flee, evading police. The detainees were treated by Red Cross medics and both appeared to be in stable health. A few hours later, police caught up with the other two immigrants and arrested them. The boat is the seventh to arrive on the Marina Alta this year. The immigrants will be passed to the National Police who will organise their repatriation.

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LIKE churches around the world, the Church of England on the Costa Blanca is preparing for Christmas. There are carol services and worship up and down the Costa Blanca, this year, as every year.

These services and celebrations happen all over the northern Costa Blanca. Beginning the Church year, Advent (from Latin meaning 'to come to') is the Church season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

This year, in the northern Costa Blanca, they have formed a special choir and will perform a special surprise rendition of 'The Gift' by Graham Kendrick. There is no charge and no need to book for these performances.

The performances are on the following four dates:

December 1, 7pm: The Gift - Javea Baptist Church

December 5, 7pm: The Gift - Calpe Church (La Merced)

December 8, 7pm: The Gift - Denia Church

December 13, 7pm: The Gift - Albir Church

Visit: costablanca-anglican-chaplaincy.org/churches-and-services-3 for the location.

Church of England parishes in Spain are entirely self-funding. Fundraising is essential to maintain the Church's ministry here, including funerals, pastoral care to the sick and the bereaved.

The activities of the seven local churches are in support of causes such as Caritas, Red Cross, EMAUS, World Vision and the Gandia Hospice. The Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy serves the community from Valencia to Alicante with services in eight different towns. For information on the activities of the church and the contact details and service times visit: costablanca-anglican-chaplaincy.org.

For services in the southern Costa Blanca (as far south as La Manga and Hondon de las Nieves) visit the site of the neighbouring chaplaincy: c-of-torre vieja.com.



TWINKLE TOES: Members of the Careline Theatre dance chorus.

That's entertainment

IT'S nearly panto time again at the Careline Theatre in Alcalali.

'Robin Hood: The Panto', directed by Marian Carter,

has all the traditional ingredients of the classic panto and with Careline's trademark professional touch, it's sure to be a hit with all the family.

Opening night is 'Party at the Panto' with a free glass of cava plus nibbles.

Donations from this production will be going to Help of Denia and Marina Alta, MABS and Jalon Valley Help.

Performance dates are Thursday January 18 to Sunday January 21 at 8pm, with matinees on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 at 3pm.

Seats are €12, with children under 10 years €8. Pre-paid groups of 10 or more adults are €11.

To reserve your tickets contact the Box Office on the new number 605 181 726 and at carelineboxoffice@gmail.com.

Getting into the festive spirit

JALON Valley Help have held their annual Christmas Bazaar and it was again an overwhelming success.

Entertainment was provided by the U3A Casual Choir, who sang seasonal music. There was a small fashion show and Jalon The Nomad performed his usual variety of songs and kept the party going.

The final figure raised is expected to be in the region of €5,400.

Elaine Horton, President of the charity has already circulated her thanks to the wonderful Jalon Valley Help volunteers and also thanked the number of visitors who attended the event.

The money raised will be used to help the sick and needy in the local area.

A very Calpe Christmas

THE Charity Shop of Calpe is getting into the Christmas spirit and holding its annual Christmas event.

This year it will be bigger and better than ever as it will run for a week, from Saturday to Friday December 1.

In addition, next Tuesday and Thursday, the shop will be open all day, from 10am to 5pm.

Alongside its usual range of clothing and household items, there will be homemade cakes for sale every day, a great range of Christmas gifts, party outfits, a Christmas raffle and special offers throughout the week.

You'll find the shop on Avenida Gabriel Miro (halfway up on the right hand side) inside the Galearias Mar Azul.

So get in the festive cheer, come along and get the festive season underway while helping to raise money for those less fortunate individuals at Christmas.



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HIGH PRAISE: The U3A choir at their last concert which raised €600 for the Centro Civico.

Carols for a good cause

THE U3A choir are now rehearsing for their Christmas Concert in aid of AECC, Calpe. This time they shall be joined by Spanish members of the Centro Civico and there will be many Christmas carols for the audience to join in with.

Do come and join in the Christmas fun on December 9 in the Salo Blau at Calpe's 'Casa de Cultura' on Avenida Masnou, 1.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost €6 and are available at the door, or by calling Lee 965 874 776 or Mary 645 424 137.

THE Moftag ladies in Calpe will be holding their Christmas Fayre at the Pub Delfin in Damara, Calpe. This ever popular event is one of Moftag's main fundraisers of the year.

There will be various stalls selling home-made produce, games for adults and children and a large raffle including beautiful hampers and super

Christmas cheer

gift vouchers from 10.30am on Saturday December 9.

It is recommended that you get there early as the favourite home-made goodies sell out quickly.

All the money raised is donated to various local chari-

ties like the food bank, the Red Cross, Gargasindi School and the Maite Boronat Centre.

Further information is available from the President, Jenny Godfrey on: 639 139 518.

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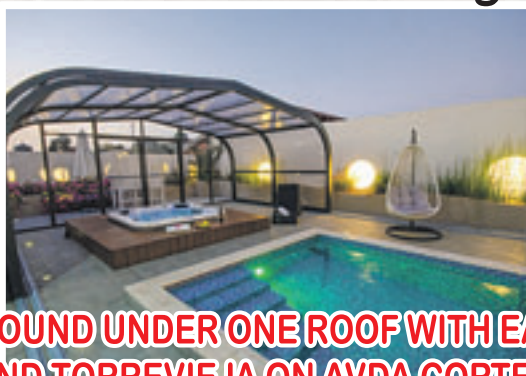
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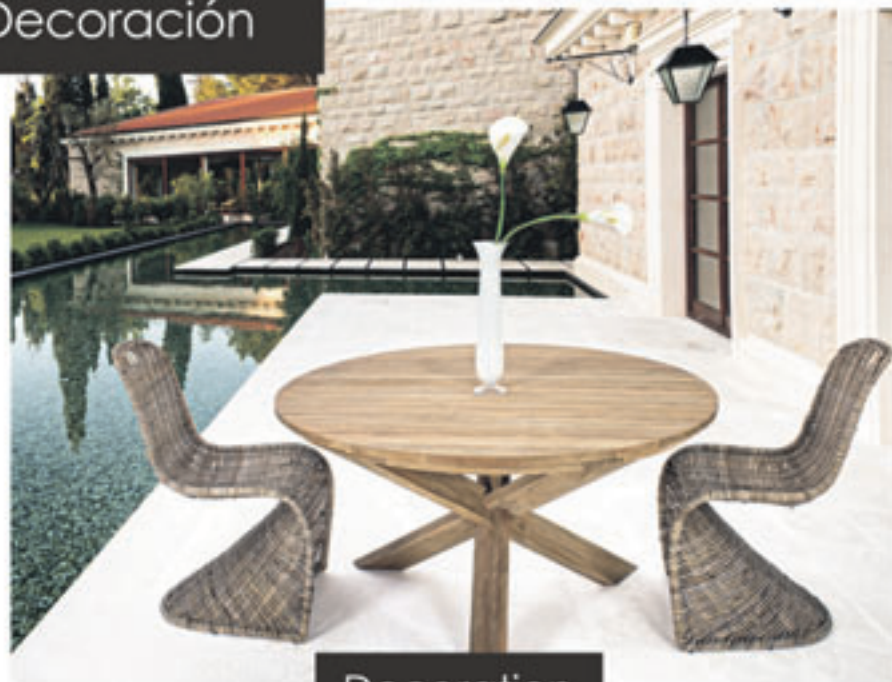
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DENMARK**Soccer success**

DENMARK celebrated Football World Cup qualification after beating the Republic of Ireland by five goals to one by soaking player Lars Jacobsen in a giant shower of beer.

Student set-back

DANISH universities have cut students on English-language programmes as a large number of international students allegedly leave the country without paying their student loans after completing their degrees.

Town unearthed

THE remains of a medieval farming village have been uncovered near the Danish town of Jelling, in central Jutland,



Photo by 8 Fact Football / Twitter

ECSTATIC: Denmark has made it through to the 2018 World Cup after a strong win over the Republic of Ireland.

with buildings dating as far back as 300 AD.

Panda around

THE Danish Prime Minister Lars

Lokke Rasmussen inaugurated the new panda enclosure to be built at Copenhagen Zoo, which will house two new pandas from China to mark the good relationship between the two countries.

**NETHERLANDS****Prison problem**

THE Netherlands are reportedly importing prisoners from abroad to prevent prisons from closing since the country's crime rate has plummeted and staff found their jobs to be at risk.

Gold scold

RUSSIA has threatened to stop museum exchanges with the Netherlands if it gives Ukraine ancient gold artefacts which were borrowed from Crimea before Russia annexed the region.

Crash cuts

AN Apache helicopter caused a power shortage after crashing into an electricity transmission tower near Zoelmond, which left 24,000 people without power in the region.

Striking out

A VIDEO has emerged showing a plane get hit by lightning at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport shortly after takeoff, but luckily no damage was caused and the plane continued on its journey.

**GERMANY****Smog suers**

THE EU is planning to sue Germany over the poor quality of air in its cities, according to media sources in the country, with capital Berlin facing a heavy fine if the case goes to court.

Irish error

TWO men from Ireland were arrest-

ed in Hannover for kicking in the door of a 95-year-old woman's apartment and causing her injuries, after mistaking it for their own.

Meat mystery

LOCALS in Berghausen, near Karlsruhe, have been left baffled after portions of raw minced meat kept ap-

pearing behind a fence outside the railway station at regular intervals.

What a boar

HUNDREDS of passengers had to abandon a high-speed train between Munich and Berlin after it collided with some wild boars and became unfit to drive.

**NORWAY****Eco-war**

CLIMATE activists are suing the Norwegian government over their decision to hunt for oil in areas of the Arctic Ocean, which they say may endanger the lives of future generations.

Party renters

TEENAGERS in Norway are allegedly renting out properties on Airbnb to use for parties, after it was revealed more than 80 people between the ages of 13-18 attended a rave held in a rented house in Kristiansand.

High voltage

THE European electricity company E.ON has unveiled its plans to build a new 'electric highway' which will have 'ultra-fast charging stations' for electric cars and will run from Norway to Italy.

Strange flash

SEVERAL people reported seeing a strong flash of light lasting for three or four seconds, believed to have been caused by a small meteor, in the night sky over Norway's Finnmark county.

**FRANCE****Treasure trove**

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have discovered more than 2,000 medieval coins and gold objects during routine excavations in the Cluny abbey in France, but said it remains a mystery why the hoard was hidden there.

Beefed up

THE French public has voted Boeuf Bourguignon as the country's favourite 'national dish,' which comes as no surprise given the Burgundy meat stew was even given UNESCO heritage status in 2010.

Rugby win

FRANCE will host the 2023 Rugby World Cup, even though they finished behind rival bidders South Africa in an evaluation report, 16 years after they last hosted the event in 2007.

House rules

HOMESHARING app Airbnb has put rental limits on apartments in central Paris, to bring the site's flats in line with the French capital's legal limit of 120 nights a year.

**BELGIUM****Footie threat**

A FRIENDLY football match in Bruges between Belgium and Japan was almost called off because of a terrorist threat, but police stepped up security measures instead.

Music mayhem

YOUTHS clashed with police during riots in Brussels, shutting down a major metro station and damaging a vehicle, after a rapper was stopped from shooting a music video illegally.

Coughing up

VIDEO communications company Skype lost its appeal with a Belgian court over a €30,000 fine for not handing over user messages during a police investigation into a criminal organisation that used the service to communicate.

False alarm

PASSENGERS and staff present in Brussels' North station all had to be evacuated from the premises for 15 minutes after the fire alarm was accidentally set off.

**SWEDEN****Sore losers**

ITALIAN football fans have called for a boycott of IKEA after Sweden knocked them out of the World Cup qualifiers, making it the first time the team won't compete in 59 years.

Helping elk

MORE than 50,000 people signed a petition to save a white elk spotted in Sweden's Varmland region after authorities considered putting it down when it charged at a woman out walking her dogs.

Pricey pad

THE most expensive house in Sweden was sold in Stockholm for 125 million kronor, which is about €12.5 million, to Katarina Martinson, a close friend of Sweden's Princess Madeleine.

Happy workers

SWEDEN'S unemployment levels reportedly sank to a record-low during October according to the Swedish Public Employment Service, and now stand at just 7.4 per cent.



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HOMOPHOBIC: Chechen leader Ramzam Kadyrov accused of hate.

Strong stuff

■ A CHECHEN man who gave interviews to German media saying he was gay and there was a vicious crackdown on homosexuals in Chechnya has apologised. Movsar Eskarkhanov claims he was 'set up' by western journalists and only said he was gay because he was on strong epilepsy medicine.

Drug disaster

■ AN HIV epidemic is gathering pace in Crimea after a drug treatment programme was axed by the Russian authorities. Heroin users could access methadone while the territory was under Ukrainian control. But Moscow prohibited the drug and the UN estimates 120 Crimeans have died as a consequence.

Fallen soldier

■ A RUSSIAN mercenary was killed in action in Syria. Yuri Ebel was employed by the Wagner group which deploys ex-soldiers in various hotspots of interest to the Kremlin. Having previously served in Crimea, it was his third tour of duty. He

was the 36th Russian killed in action in Syria.

Info wars

■ CNN and other international media outlets could be deemed 'foreign agents' by the Kremlin. A new bill is before Russian politicians who are responding to the United States' designation of Russia Today as a foreign agent. The news comes amid heightened information warfare between the two countries.

Whoops a daisy

■ RUSSIA'S Ministry of Defence was mocked for describing video game footage as 'irrefutable evidence' that the US is supporting Daesh in Syria. A still allegedly showed American troops working with Daesh terrorists. In reality the picture was a screengrab from a video game. The Kremlin said "mistakes happen."

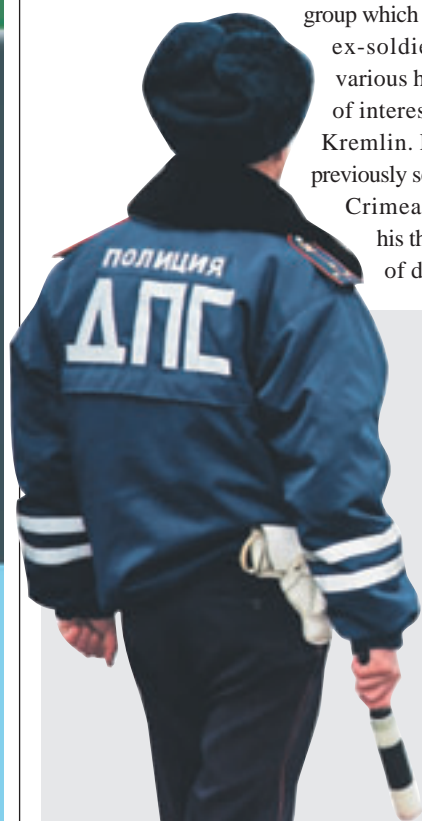
Fantasy football

■ THE second batch of tickets for the 2018 World Cup went on sale. More than half a million sold in days after the first batch was released in October. These went chiefly to Russian residents who get a discount. The World Cup begins on June 14, with the final on July 15.

Back scratch

■ ONE in three Russians has paid a bribe according to a new poll from Transparency International. The 2017 Global Corruption Barometer found that 34 per cent of Russians had paid for help with education, health and traffic services. Most considered it socially unacceptable to report paying a bribe.

PAYING BRIBES:
Popular amongst
the Russians.



Damages awarded

A JUDGE has awarded €1.6 billion in damages to the Spanish state after a probe into the 2002 Prestige oil spill.

The regional court in A Coruña, Galicia, also handed €1.8 million to Galician authorities and €61 million to France, with the captain of the ship and a British insurance firm among those fined.

The disaster saw 63,000 tonnes of oil leak into the sea, causing huge environmental damage across almost 3,000 kilometres of coastline in Spain, Portugal and France affected.

Hotel mega deal

A MERGER could see Spain's biggest hotel group created.

It comes as Madrid-based NH Hotel Group confirmed a possible multi-billion Euro takeover bid by rival company Grupo Barcelo.

NH, which operates nearly 400 hotels in 31 nations, has an estimated value of €1.75 billion.

Privately owned Barcelo - headquartered in Mallorca and with over 230 hotels in 21 countries on its portfolio - would own a 60 per cent stake and assume a board majority in the merged group, NH said in a statement to the

By Matt Ford

Spanish stock exchange.

And with predicted annual revenues of around €3.7 billion, the new alliance is forecast to become Spain's largest hotel group ahead of Melia Hotels, which at the end of 2016 controlled 375 hotels with 96,369 rooms.

But NH has reportedly received the offer with a degree of scepticism after confirming receipt of 'an unsolicited, preliminary and non-binding interest' from Barcelo.

The firm also said that its board of

directors has recently approved a three-year strategic plan "with an independent, fast-growth project that remains valid today."

The statement added that should this position change, an announcement to the stock market would follow.

NH last year voted to remove a co-chairman and three board members appointed by its largest shareholder, Chinese conglomerate HNA.

The sackings came amid allegations of a conflict of interest after HNA took over the Carlston-Rezidor Hotel Group.

Bank to pay former chief

SPANISH banking group Santander has agreed to pay a former chief executive more than €590 million.

It comes as Santander Consumer USA (Scusa), the company's sub-prime auto-lending subsidiary, moves to forget its underperforming history.

Thomas Dundon, 46, was a co-founder of Drive Financial, a motoring finance company that Santander acquired in 2006 and later rebranded.

He stepped down as CEO in 2015, with the exit package for severance and his near 10 per cent stake in the firm, stating that he will not compete with or hire anyone from Scusa until 2019.

Quote of the Week

Neither the business nor the education sector in Spain have collaborated sufficiently." Gas Natural board member Francisco Belil discusses the need for educational reform amid concerns over high youth unemployment.



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UP FOR GRABS: Football rights and (inset) Javier Tebas.

Online giants to stream football?

AMAZON and Facebook are likely to enter the bidding for Spanish football streaming rights.

The tech giants have both expressed an interest in attending the next round of talks for deals, set to be awarded for the 2019-2022 seasons and expected to be worth an eye-watering €2.3 billion per season.

Spanish league president, Javier Tebas confirmed the pair have been in contact at a press conference in which he said: "We will listen to everybody."

The rights are expected to be sold in early 2018 and Tebas added that the league is looking to ramp up the price compared to the last three year deal which covers 2016-2019 and generates €1.6 billion per season.

"I think we're going to reach €2.3 billion... that's the goal I'm proposing.

"There will be TV operators who tell me that I'm like a goat, well they told me that four years ago and I wasn't wrong then," the official added.

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Air we go

IRISH budget airline, Ryanair has opened a state of the art digital and IT innovation hub in Madrid. It is the carrier's third such centre after Dublin and Wroclaw (Poland) and is expected to create around 250 jobs, with 50 positions already filled.

On the tiles

SCOTTISH industrial group, Victoria Carpets has acquired Keraben, a tiles manufacturer based in Castellon. The deal is worth €274 million and comes three years after the Spanish company was bought by US investment fund, Tensile Capital Management.

Out of gas

SPANISH utilities firm Gas Natural Fenosa has sold a 59.1 per cent stake it held in Colombian retail distribution company Gas Natural SA ESP. The shares have been snapped up by Canadian asset management specialist Brookfield Infrastructure for €482 million.



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Shoe fits for US brand's expansion

US footwear firm, Deckers has big plans for the Spanish market.

The news comes as the company, which also owns UGG, Teva and Sanuk, struck a distribution deal with Dr Martens' Spanish partner Comercial Udra.

The agreement will see its Hoka One One running shoes, which retail at around €150 per pair, sold in 400 stores across the country and effectively doubling the brand's reach.

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People power success

THIS LITTLE PIG DIDN'T GO TO MARKET

A CONTROVERSIAL campaign to promote the consumption of pork was suspended in Madrid ahead of schedule according to animal rights activists.

With Jamon being such a staple of the Spanish diet and pork meat still being regularly eaten in different forms, organisers, Interporc thought that the Pork Lovers Tour would be an immediate success encouraging even greater consumption of the meat.

What they had not expected was the fact that cities such as Barcelona and Bilbao refused permission for them to park their tour bus in the centres and Madrid only allowed them at one shopping centre.

Where they did manage to stop, even for a few hours, animal rights activists turned up and picketed the bus, carrying placards decrying the intensive farms which often supply large amounts of meat to the market.

The activists under the banner of AnimaNaturalis clearly caused a great deal of embarrassment to the organisers and whilst the concept of the tour was to promote the pork industry, protestors carrying images of allegedly ill-treated animals didn't help.

In addition, the protestors explained to potential visitors that according to their research, pork meat was potentially one of the most hazardous meats to eat due to the fact that not only were factory farmed pigs fed large amounts of antibiotics but contained parasites which are not always killed during the cooking process.

"We do not know for sure if they have suspended the campaign but the truth is that not even their social networks announce their routes," explained Lucio Kacic, coordinator of AnimaNaturalis in Madrid.

"They give the impression of not being very proud of what they are do-



PROTESTORS: Is pork meat potentially hazardous?

ing and it is very controversial to promote the consumption of pork meat when all studies and organisations like the WHO recommend reducing or eliminating their consumption," he added.

The organisation intends to picket any further promotions within Spain although according to Interporc, the tour has ended with stops at 28 different spots in Spain and the United Kingdom, attracting a total of 7,200 visitors.

BANKIA PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO HAUNT THE ECONOMY

Rodrigo Rato fraud charge

THE former head of Bankia, Rodrigo Rato who was previously found guilty for misuse of company credit cards is now to be tried for fraud.

A massive case has been approved by the courts in Madrid which will see Rato together with 30 former Bankia executives alongside Bankia itself and its parent company as well as international accountants, Deloitte and one of its employees, all being charged.

The case will hinge on alleged investor fraud as well as falsification of Bankia's 2010 and 2011 accounts which was undertaken in order to ensure that the newly formed bank could obtain a stock market listing.

Bankia was formed by the merger of seven regional savings banks and was headed by former government minister and head of the IMF, Rodrigo Rato but within one year of being launched on the stock exchange, the bank had to be rescued.

So devastating was the impending failure of Bankia that the entire Spanish banking sector was in danger of crashing leading to the government



FRAUD CHARGES: Rodrigo Rato.

having to raise €41 billion from foreign loans in order to support all of those banks caught up in what had become a major financial crisis.

Bankia is today the fourth largest bank in Spain but is effectively owned by the Spanish government. It is in the process of repaying tens of thousands of small, private investors who were persuaded to buy shares when they were launched due to the fake accounts and reports of prosperity.

The prosecutors in this case have

argued that as CEO of Bankia, Rato had to have known the true state of affairs of its finances and have called for a five year jail sentence if he is found guilty as charged.

He has already been sentenced to four years and six months imprisonment for his improper use of credit cards and personal expenses during his roles at Caja Madrid and then Bankia.

When he was questioned about the Bankia flotation during this first trial, he declared that all of the decisions concerning the placing of shares were made by the Spanish government which should accept all responsibility for the date of the launch and the subsequent need to support the bank.

The former IMF chairman who was expelled from the ruling Partido Popular in 2014 was found guilty in February 2017, immediately put in an appeal and has spent very little time in prison although he had to lodge large amounts of his personal fortune with the courts.

Decision day over EMA base

THE race to take over the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and its 700 jobs from London originally saw Barcelona the clear favourite but not any more.

Recent events in Cataluña have meant that its capital was not awarded the prize of one of the current 38 European Union agencies scattered around Europe although Spain with five agencies, employing 1,400 is currently the EU leader.

The other loss for Britain following Brexit will be the European Banking Agency, although no Spanish city entered a bid to take over that operation, which currently employs 160 members of staff.

Ministerial meeting to strengthen ties

A VISIT to Spain by Saudi Foreign Minister, Adel Al-Jubeir led to a meeting with his Spanish counterpart, Alfonso Dastis.

The pair confirmed that the visit was intended to deepen bilateral cooperative relations and they exchanged views on increasing bilateral cooperative relations in various areas.

At the meeting, the two ministers agreed to strengthen political dialogue and economic and trade relations.

Saudi Arabia is Spain's leading trading partner in the Near East, the second leading Arab investor in Spain and the second leading destination for Spanish investments in the Arab world.

Whilst there was agreement over financial matters, Spain was not happy with the Saudi backing of the civil war in Yemen. There was, however, accord over the fight against terrorism.





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DEAD BUSINESS: Is your company one?

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THE production departments in film and TV companies have been promoting entertainment based on Zombies, however, less recognised but more important are eurozone zombie companies.

There are a number of definitions of such companies but they have generally been established for 10 years or more and have large debts on which they can pay the interest but are unlikely to ever be able to clear their indebtedness.

The number of such companies is growing thanks to low

interest rates and European Central Bank (ECB) financial support for countries such as Italy and Spain where it is estimated that as many as 10 per cent of all companies can be classified as Zombies.

There is a major fear now that as the ECB cuts back on support and interest rates increase, those technically dead but still animate companies run the risk of finally failing which in turn could increase unemployment and restrict economic growth.

Plastic brick business sees profits breakdown

WHILST Lego has enjoyed regular profit increases over the years, the first half of 2017 has seen a downturn to just €455 million, a drop of 3 per cent.

Although not likely to make a major dent in the profit reduction, the Danish company has just opened its first dedicated store in Spain, in the La Vaguada Shopping Centre, Madrid.

The word Lego itself came from the Danish words 'leg godt' which means 'play well' but in a perfect example of happy coincidence, it was later discovered that in Latin the word Lego comes from the words 'to gather' and the owners had taken it to mean 'put together'.

Originally founded as a producer of

wooden duck toys, it wasn't until 1949 that the company came up with the concept of producing plastic bricks and from this simple concept, a complex empire was created which has earned a fortune for the family which owns it.

Some astute decisions including the creation of theme parks, purchases of licences for movies like Star Wars and Harry Potter and most recently the launch of Lego-based films has seen it become the most financially successful toy company in the world.

Sales are down for the first time in a decade but time will tell whether this is a short term hiccup or if popularity of the plastic bricks is on the wane.

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If it ain't broke, it don't need fixing...OK?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT



OTHERS THINK IT

THE problem with the female 'libber' brigade is that their aspirations and 'causes' are almost exclusively in the hands of women who are in the public eye.

These women, by the very nature of their chosen paths and careers have more access to public pedestals and media outlets than the majority of the fair sex can ever, or often even want to become involved with. Consequently, we only ever hear the views of women who are, in the main, just as about as far removed from the normal female homemakers and domestic Mums as it is possible to be.

This creates the misapprehension that the majority of women are not happy with their lot and are all lusting after rebellion and change. I believe this is quite simply not the case. In my opinion the vast silent majority of ladies are perfectly happy and indeed extremely proud in their homespun, often sexy wife roles, and indeed why shouldn't they be?

As a single parent, I am totally aware of the responsibilities and sheer hard work it takes to organise a household and keep a happy loving family life running as smoothly as possible.



WOMEN'S LIB: Not speaking for all.

Ladies who choose this homelier and utterly commendable path are widely talented, needing to have the stamina of an athlete, the negotiating talents of a politician and be basically competent at everything from psychiatry to plumbing.

Quite frankly I consider the career orientated female libber of the species, are actually taking

the easy way out! (And don't tell me some do both. That precarious path NEVER works satisfactorily!) Many of the wives I have spoken to are a bit bewildered and often quite angry at the presumptuous few who take it on themselves to arrogantly give the impression that they speak for such large numbers of the fair sex.

The problem with libbers is that many simply want to take over the roles of men. Some of them would actually rather be men. Well, my message to them is that the creator of the human race made men and women physically and mentally different for a vast cross section of reasons. To encourage changing homo sapiens' life roles to a point when we see women working building sites and wielding sledgehammers and men rushing home from the shops to get the dinner and feed the baby, is arrogant, presumptuous and brainwashing to a point of criminality. So, my message to the often insecure, indecisive minority, who seek to change the nature of men and women, do wherever you think fit, and the best of luck.

But don't presume the majority of ladies are of the same mind, because they are not. Leave those who prefer a more conventional way of life to simply be happy in their chosen existence. After all it has kept the human race ticking over since the stone ages. If it ain't broke, it don't need fixing. OK? So, with my reinforced jock strap firmly in place and my eyes firmly placed in the back of my head, I bid you all a fond farewell for another seven.

Keep the faith

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Spending income to the benefit of all

NOW that we enter an AGM free period, Stephen Lewis, Managing Director of LPL Commercial Services takes a breath to look back on what it all means in his world of Community Management Fees Debt Collection.

For most residential communities in Spain we have just come out of perhaps the busiest time for Management Committees and their appointed Administrators - the AGM. Dreaded by many, relished by some, stressful for most.

For expats and holiday owners alike it is an opportunity to air grievances, discuss the poor quality of gardens, litter, decoration, should we pay for security gates and on and on it goes. But nearly everything discussed at any AGM always comes down to one question - How much money does the Community have to spend?

Then the real discussion and arguments start. Who owes what, how much and for how long and more importantly: Why are those residents that pay their management fees subsidising those that do not? It is a sad fact that for years many communities suffer this problem, shout about it at the AGM and discuss the very same subject at the next AGM and often about the same debtors at the next AGM and the next and the next...



THE AGM: Who owes what?

It has always been a strange paradox that with most worldwide accounting systems we carry over 'Debtors' as an asset. We kid ourselves that the balance sheet is very healthy, as soon as all the overdue monies come in. Whether communi-

ties in Spain or businesses elsewhere it's the same story. Unfortunately we have seen in our lifetimes what can happen when we get too

complacent about monies owed on the balance sheet, as was proven through the European and almost world wide banking crisis of 2008

One of the biggest problems besetting communities is not the fact the money does not always come in on time, it's the fact that many are actually too hesitant to do anything about it. By the time a decision is made the property owner, living outside of Spain, may have moved or incurred other circumstances making it far more difficult to contact them and collect. Worse still some debts are so old that they then become uncollectible because of the Statute of Limitations, which in Scotland is five years and England and Wales in particular six years, as an example.

There is no good reason to delay strong collection action on debts of one year, or even sooner. After all why should the well intentioned prompt payers suffer for the misdeeds of those that really don't care about their Community or worse still are deriving income from renting out their property and are still shirking their payment responsibilities.

Wouldn't it be great to discuss how we can spend Community income to the benefit of all as we have the money in the bank... or better still reduce next year's charges for a change!

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Dubbed the 'gateway to Europe' by drug cartels, is Spain doing

Cocaine nights and days

With more than 20 tons of cocaine seized in Spain last year, it is time to talk about the white stuff. David Noon takes a deeper look into the nation's coke habit to find out where it is coming from, where it is going and most importantly, what is being done to stop it.

IF in Spain and after cocaine, you shouldn't find it too hard to come by.

While the sea ports in the north and south see more than 20 tons seized each year, a whole lot more slips through the net and seeps into the country and on to the wider continent.

Known as the drug trafficker's gateway to Europe, Spain sees more coke shipped onto its shores than any other country in Europe.

And while not all of it stays in Spain, locals have undoubtedly developed a taste for the drug.

In fact, Spaniards are the second-highest consumers of the white stuff in Europe.

With 9.1 per cent of Spaniards (aged 15 - 65) openly admitting to taking cocaine at one time or another they sit just behind the Brits (9.7 per cent) in terms of consumption, according to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) of fiscal 2017 European Drug Report.

In terms of world consumption, Spaniards are fifth, while the Brits are one place higher, with Albania topping the charts just ahead of the Scots, according to the latest information on the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime website.

Surprisingly Colombians are down in 34th, as while they are the number one manufacturer of cocaine they ship most of what they make.

While Spain ranks high, the country is (slowly) tackling the problem.

Between 2005 and 2013, daily cocaine use in Spain dropped 37 per cent and demand fell for recovering addicts.

Nowadays, only 1 per cent of the nation's population are regular users, however a delegate for the government's drug prevention unit (the GDNPD), Francisco Babín, believes more can still be done. "For a long time, we topped the tables for cocaine use and although we are now in second place [in Europe], we

**Brits held in one of Spain's largest ever cocaine busts
NOVEMBER 2017**

can't be complacent," he says. "For instance, the EMCDDA's Statistical Bulletin shows Spain still has the highest score for the 'prevalence [of use] in the last month category. It's pretty worrying, although consumption has dropped in the last decade," adds Babín. "Cocaine was in the spotlight for a long time because there was an epidemic," he says.

"However, its prevalence and the consequences of use of the drug have led the GDNPD to suggest we are on the brink of a second epidemic."

When you think of drugs and Spain, you automatically think of happy-go-lucky holidaymakers revelling in haunts renowned as party towns.

The likes of Ibiza, Puerto Banus and Magaluf have a reputation - like it, or not - for being party zones where the good times flow and drugs are available on tap. And while a fair amount of the white stuff may be consumed in Spain's tourist-filled party resorts, that is just the tip of the iceberg. In reality, cocaine is consumed up and down the length and breadth of the country.

And while it may be prevalent on the dance-floors it is at the country's ports where the drug begins its journey across the Iberian peninsula.

Every week, jaw-dropping seizures of amounts of coke are made at ports from Algeciras in the south to Vigo in the Galician heartland.

Earlier this month, more than a ton of cocaine bound for Algeciras was intercepted in Germany on its way from Colombia.

With a street value of €75 million, the interception was just the latest example of the Drug

Ramsay's cocaine nightmares

IT is hardly the natural follow-on from his successful 'Kitchen Nightmares' show.

Swapping the kitchen for the jungle, foul-mouthed celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay launched into getting to the bottom of Europe's drug problem.

He was driven to take on a topic close to his heart after a 'dear friend' lost his life to cocaine addiction, paying particular attention to the cocaine culture which apparently is rife within the catering trade.

Claiming that he has been offered coke by customers, seen chefs taking it on the job, Ramsay even claimed to have been asked to sprinkle cocaine on top of a soufflé by celebrity clients.



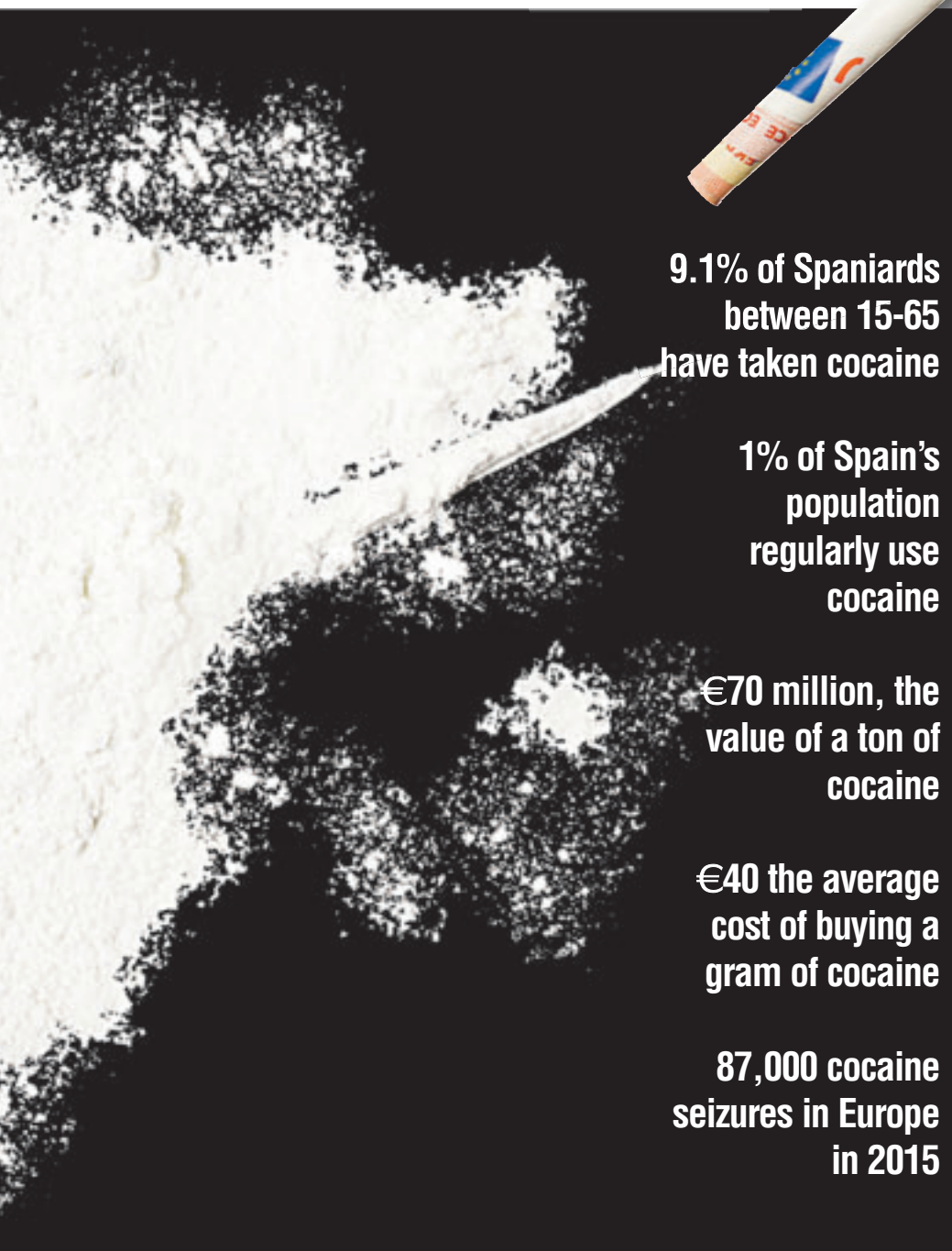
IN THE JUNGLE: Gordon Ramsay.



CORRUPTION: Galician leader with known drug lord

**Ship loaded with €220 million cocaine haul halted on way to Spain
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enough to tackle its problem?



9.1% of Spaniards between 15-65 have taken cocaine

1% of Spain's population regularly use cocaine

€70 million, the value of a ton of cocaine

€40 the average cost of buying a gram of cocaine

87,000 cocaine seizures in Europe in 2015

Enforcement Agency (DEA), in the US, working with respective bodies around Europe to prevent the South American product from entering Europe.

And yet, while seizing a ton of cocaine is not to be sniffed at (excuse the pun), far more is getting into the country than is being intercepted.

In 2015 more than 60 per cent of all drug seizures in the European Union were reported by just three countries; Spain, France and the United Kingdom.

Spain alone accounted for 70 per cent of all cannabis resin coming into Europe, the majority of seizures taking place in the ports along the south coast with the product shipping in from Morocco. And when it comes to cocaine, Spain again tops the charts when it comes to seizures.

In total, around 87,000 seizures of cocaine were reported in the European Union in 2015. Together, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy and Portugal account for 78 per cent of the estimated 69.4 tons seized.

The situation has remained relatively stable for the last 10 years, although both the number of seizures and the quantity held increased between 2014 and 2015 by around 3 per cent.

While Spain continues to be the country seizing the most cocaine (22 tons), Belgium (17 tons) and France (11 tons) also held large amounts in 2015.

So why is Spain such a popular destination for

SAY what you will about drug smugglers, their creativity cannot be denied. The days of lining suitcases with cocaine are long gone as gangs come up with ingenious ways to transport their product. Here are some of the most surreal drug busts disguised on Spain's shores.



FRUIT CASES: Coke hidden in bananas.

Surreal smuggles

GOING BANANAS
In March the Guardia Civil intercepted 17 kilos of cocaine inside banana skins. Hidden inside cardboard boxes on their way to Malaga and Valencia, 57 simulated resin bananas containing cocaine were hidden among real bananas. It resulted in the arrest of two men; a Spaniard and an Italian.

ORANGE ALERT
Just last month, two containers of Brazilian oranges were seized at the port of Algeciras. Hidden among the fruit were 250

camouflaged packages of cocaine, dyed orange to avoid detection. Police recovered 290 kilograms of cocaine and were able to link it to a South American supplier.

NUTS!
They may be dubbed a 'super food' but one batch of almonds had a secret ingredient stashed inside its container. Delivered to a plant in Alicante in September, police seized around 200 kilos of cocaine hidden beneath the nuts. Shipped from California the Guardia Civil are hoping to

use the seizure as part of a wider investigation.

MORE NUTS!
It is not just Spain's ports that receive hidden drug packages, the airports confiscate their fair share of suspect items too. In June, 48 kilos of liquid cocaine was found inside a coconut at Madrid airport, hidden among 65 boxes of coconuts from Colombia. The coconut had been drained and refilled, with the seizure leading to two Colombian men and a Venezuelan woman being arrested.



LOCKED UP: Robert Dawes.

Colombian cocaine cartel smashed by Spanish police MARCH 2017

smugglers looking for a way into Europe?

Up north in Galicia, the ports are renowned as the gateway to Europe in terms of drugs entering from South America.

The Galician Mafia - a collective term for the numerous clans (mainly Galician, some British) that reside in the area - set up strong connections to the narco-traffickers in Colombia during the 1980s and '90s, as well as establishing strong ties to cannabis smugglers in Morocco. And like anywhere in Spain, where there is crime there is corruption.

Allegations of political corruption arose when pictures were found of Galician leader Alberto Núñez Feijóo on holiday with convicted smuggler Marcial Dorado.

The People's Party of Galicia has also been accused of being financed with narco money.

And some local politicians, including Alfredo Bea Gondar (mayor of O Grove 1983 - 1991) and José Ramón Barral Martínez 'Nene' (mayor of Ribadumia 1983 - 2001) have been sentenced for crimes relating to drug gangs in the past.

Meanwhile, in the south, along the Costa del Sol, the Costa Blanca and Costa de la Luz as well as on Spain's islands the expat gangs - be it Russians, Brits or Irish - have long set up camp.

Barely a week goes by without a report of an expat

drug gang being split up.

In December 2015 it was the turn of British drug lord Robert Dawes, whose multi-million euro cocaine-fuelled empire came crashing down when the Guardia Civil stormed his home in Benalmadena in dramatic fashion. Dubbed 'Europe's biggest drug lord' Dawes, originally from Nottingham, was extradited to France where he faced charges of transporting a ton of cocaine.

He is also wanted by the police in the Netherlands in connection to a number of murders.

Earlier this year, a British drugs gang was again rumbled on Spanish soil. Accused of flooding the Balearic Islands with cocaine and supplying holiday-makers with their fix, 12 Brits from Manchester and Liverpool were arrested in a raid in Mallorca.

The gang reportedly shipped their product around Spain's islands using speedboats to capitalise on the summer surge in demand from young holidaymakers. No doubt there will be more tales of expat - and local - gangs busted for dealing enormous amounts of cocaine.

The unfortunate reality is, that while the demand remains high and the supplies keep coming, dealers will continue to operate.

Where one drug lord falls, another steps into his shoes.



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9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
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12:00pm Live Drivers Press Conference
1:00pm Sky Sports Today
2:00pm Sky Sports Today
3:00pm SKY Sports News
4:00pm SKY Sports News
5:00pm SKY Sports News
6:00pm Live NFL: Minnesota @ Detroit
10:00pm Live NFL: La Chargers @ Dallas
2:00am Live NFL: NY Giants @ Washington
Thanksgiving Day in the NFL concludes as Redskins meet New York Giants at FedExField.
5:45am Cricket

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9:30am Lorraine
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
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4:00pm Tenable
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6:00pm The Chase
7:00pm ITV News London
7:30pm ITV Evening News
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8:30pm Tonight
9:00pm Emmerdale
9:30pm Coronation Street
10:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm ITV News London
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1:00am The Jonathan Ross Show
1:50am Jackpot247
4:00am Tonight
4:25am ITV Nightscreen

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7:00am The Cube
7:45am Dinner Date
8:35am Emmerdale
9:00am Coronation Street
9:30am Coronation Street
10:00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am Dinner Date
11:50am I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
12:50pm Planet's Got Talent
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1:50pm Coronation Street
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10:50am Judge Judy
11:20am A Touch of Frost
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2:40pm Heartbeat
3:40pm Coronation Street
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7:00pm Heartbeat
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Shopping from home.

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9:25am Pawn Stars
9:55am Pawn Stars
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11:25am Quincy, M.E.
12:25pm The Sweeney
1:25pm The Avengers
2:40pm Ironside
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5:50pm The Avengers
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8:25pm Pawn Stars
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3:10am Ax Men
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1:20am Face/Off

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9:00pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
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7:00pm In a Valley of Violence
9:00pm The Great Wall
10:50pm The Girl in the Book
12:30am Upside Down
2:30am The Hollow One
4:15am Tramontane
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Taking away the stress of a funeral

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SOME years ago, my father sadly passed away in Spain. At the time my mother and I had no plans in place for his funeral and had to rely upon the people around us to get everything organised. Whilst things went perfectly, my mum sometime later felt she did not want me to have to deal with all of this on my own.

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So my mum called a very helpful young agent called Emma, at Golden Leaves to come and talk her through their plans. It was a very easy process, they offered ‘a pay in full option,’ which my mum took or you could pay over a period of time, I was skeptical at the time but understood it was my mum’s decision.

A few months ago we had a very

sad event take place, my mum had always been a fun loving bubbly person, threw many parties and had lots of friends. She had a sensitive side and was always happy to help anybody if they needed it. My mum took things in her stride and lived life to the full.

Unfortunately, she was advised that she needed to be admitted into hospital for a small operation, things took a turn for the worse and she became critically ill. Fortunately, I had flown over to Spain to stay with her whilst she was in hospital, which should have been a couple of weeks.

However, mum ended up staying in intensive care for nine weeks and after a courageous battle, we were advised by the medical team that there was no longer any hope of her surviving. I made the dreaded phone call to Emma at Golden Leaves to update them with the circumstances, Emma gave me her mobile number and advised me to call her directly.

After some heart-breaking hours, I made the call to Emma who immediately took over. Having Emma as my



| SERVICE AND FLOWERS: Exactly what mum would have wanted.

contact took the stress and worry out of what needed to happen next. This was invaluable at this incredibly upsetting time for both my family and myself.

Emma held my hand throughout. She came with the funeral director, Maria, to where I was staying. She organised extra days so that family members could fly out, the flowers and of course,

helped with the service itself.

The entire process was efficient, professional and most importantly very caring. Emma and her team at Golden Leaves were exceptional throughout. I would also like to mention Maria from the funeral directors in Mojacar, who was compassionate and an enormous help at this very distressing time. I cannot thank them both enough for their expertise,

which was greatly appreciated by myself and my family.

The service and the flowers were exactly what my mum would have wanted. I was amazed and overwhelmed at the amount of people who attended my mum’s funeral.

Everybody said that they would miss her so much, but they would especially miss her laugh. She had been a very important part of the community and seeing how much she was loved and had touched so many people’s lives.

Mum taking out the Golden Leaves plan totally took away the stress of having to organise everything.

I cannot thank Emma and her team enough for being there for me at this most distressing time. They took away all the organisational worries for myself and my family. I would recommend anybody to contact them and take out a plan.

Thank you once again Emma.

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| 12:00pm | The Housing Enforcers |
| 12:45pm | The Sheriffs are Coming |
| 1:15pm | Bargain Hunt |
| 2:00pm | BBC News at One |
| 2:30pm | BBC London News |
| 2:45pm | Doctors |
| 3:15pm | Armchair Detectives |
| 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 |
| 8:30pm | Sounds Like Friday Night |
| 9:00pm | EastEnders |
| 9:30pm | Still Open All Hours |
| 10:00pm | Have I Got News for You |
| 10:30pm | Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special 2016 |
| 11:00pm | BBC News at Ten |
| 11:25pm | BBC London News |
| 11:35pm | The Graham Norton Show |
| 12:25am | Would I Lie to You? |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | An Island Parish |
| 7:30am | Claimed and Shamed |
| 8:15am | Royal Recipes |
| 9:00am | Natural World |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire |
| 12:00pm | BBC Newsroom Live |
| 1:00pm | The Daily Politics |
| 2:00pm | Rugby League World Cup Semi-Final Highlights |
| 2:45pm | Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip |
| 3:15pm | Going Back Giving Back |
| 4:00pm | WPC 56 |
| 4:45pm | Oxford Street Revealed |
| 5:15pm | Wartime Farm |
| 6:15pm | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 7:00pm | Strictly - It Takes Two |
| 7:55pm | Match of the Day Live |
| 10:00pm | Extreme Wives with Kate Humble |
| 11:00pm | QI |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight |
| 12:05am | Snowfall |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i> |
| 8:30pm | Great Continental Railway Journeys |
| 9:00pm | The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs presents the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 9 July 1980.</i> |
| 9:50pm | Sounds of the Seventies |
| 10:00pm | Top of the Pops |
| 11:00pm | Gregory Porter's Popular Voices |
| 12:00am | Crooners at the BBC |
| 1:00am | Madness Live at Eden |
| 1:55am | Top of the Pops |
| 2:55am | Gregory Porter's Popular Voices |
| 3:55am | Crooners at the BBC |
| 4:55am | This is BBC Four |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:15am | King of Queens |
| 7:40am | King of Queens |
| 8:05am | King of Queens |
| 8:30am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 8:55am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:25am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:55am | Formula 1 |
| 11:35am | Frasier |
| 12:05pm | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 1:55pm | Formula 1 |
| 4:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun |
| 5:00pm | Coast v Country |
| 6:00pm | Four in a Bed |
| 6:30pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 9:00pm | Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast |
| 10:00pm | Gogglebox |
| 11:00pm | The Last Leg |
| 12:05am | First Dates |
| 1:05am | Boyhood |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:35am | 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 |
| 12:25pm | Christmas Child |
| 2:10pm | 5 News Lunchtime |
| 2:15pm | Home and Away |
| 2:45pm | Neighbours |
| 3:15pm | NCIS |
| 4:15pm | Christmas Hero |
| 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 | the Garden of Eden: Revealed |
| 12:05am | Area 51 |
| 1:00am | Super Casino |
| 4:10am | When Calls the Heart |
| 5:35am | Access |

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| 7:00am | Hollyoaks |
| 7:30am | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00am | Charmed |
| 9:00am | Charmed |
| 10:00am | Rules of Engagement |
| 10:30am | Rules of Engagement |
| 11:00am | Black-ish |
| 11:30am | Black-ish |
| 12:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 1:00pm | New Girl |
| 1:30pm | New Girl |
| 2:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
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| 3:30pm | The Goldbergs |
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| 6:00pm | The Goldbergs |
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| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:30pm | First Dates Abroad |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | The Mechanic |
| 11:50pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 12:25am | The Big Bang Theory |

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| 7:00am | Cricket |
| 12:15pm | My Icon |
| 12:30pm | Sky Sports Daily |
| 1:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 1:30pm | Paddock Uncut: Abu Dhabi |
| 1:45pm | Live Abu Dhabi GP: Practice |
| 4:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 5:00pm | Csa T20 Challenge |
| 8:30pm | Football |
| 11:30pm | Carling in Off the Bar |
| 12:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 1:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 2:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 3:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 4:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 5:00am | Cricket |
| 5:00am | <i>Day two of the second Test between India and Sri Lanka from the VCA Stadium in Nagpur.</i> |

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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 |
| 7:00pm | ITV News London |
| 7:30pm | ITV Evening News |
| 8:00pm | Emmerdale <i>Bernice is stunned. Bob is mortified. Robert faces an ultimatum.</i> |
| 8:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 9:00pm | Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears |
| 9:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 10:00pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 11:30pm | ITV News |
| 12:00am | ITV News London |

itv2

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| 7:00am | The Cube |
| 7:45am | Dinner Date |
| 8:35am | Emmerdale |
| 9:30am | Coronation Street |
| 10:00am | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 10:50am | Dinner Date |
| 11:50am | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 12:50pm | Planet's Got Talent |
| 1:20pm | Emmerdale |
| 2:20pm | Coronation Street |
| 2:50pm | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 3:45pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 7:00pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 8:00pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 9:00pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 9:30pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 10:00pm | Family Guy |
| 11:00pm | Family Guy |
| 11:30pm | I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp |
| 12:30am | Family Guy |
| 1:00am | American Dad! |
| 1:30am | American Dad! |
| 2:00am | Ghosted |
| 2:30am | Plebs |

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| 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 | A Touch of Frost |
| 1:30pm | Wild at Heart |
| 2:35pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:40pm | Coronation Street |
| 4:15pm | Coronation Street |
| 4:45pm | A Touch of Frost |
| 7:00pm | Heartbeat |
| 8:00pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 9:00pm | Doc Martin |
| 10:00pm | Endeavour |
| 12:00am | Blue Murder |
| 1:30am | The Theory of Everything |
| 2:30am | FYI Daily |
| 2:35am | The Theory of Everything |
| 3:40am | A Touch of Frost |
| 5:25am | Wycliffe <i>When a local climber is killed in a fall, an unreliable informant claims he was pushed.</i> |

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| 7:00am | The Chase |
| 7:50am | The Chase |
| 8:50am | Storage Wars |
| 9:20am | Pawn Stars |
| 9:45am | Pawn Stars |
| 10:15am | Ironsides |
| 12:20pm | The Sweeney |
| 1:25pm | Hat-Trick Heroes <i>Short film featuring some of football's three-goal specialists.</i> |
| 1:45pm | Darts |
| 6:00pm | Storage Wars |
| 6:30pm | Storage Wars |
| 6:55pm | The Darts Show |
| 8:00pm | Darts <i>The evening session on day one of the Players' Championship in Minehead will be busy.</i> |
| 12:00am | Passenger 57 |
| 1:00am | FYI Daily |
| 1:05am | Passenger 57 |
| 1:45am | The Professionals |
| 2:50am | Bear Grylls: Mission Survive |
| 3:50am | ITV4 Nightscreen |

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| 7:10am | Rocky Balboa |
| 9:00am | In the Heart of the Sea |
| 11:05am | Jason Bourne |
| 1:15pm | The Lost World |
| 3:30pm | Jurassic Park III |
| 5:10pm | I-Spy |
| 6:50pm | The A-Team |
| 9:00pm | Jason Bourne |
| 11:10pm | The Lost World |
| 1:25am | Jurassic Park III |
| 3:00am | The Goonies |

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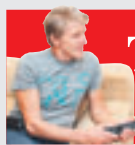
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| 8:50am | The Cable Guy |
| 10:30am | Fred Claus |
| 12:30pm | Rush Hour 2 |
| 2:05pm | Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates |
| 3:50pm | Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie |
| 5:30pm | 27 Dresses |
| 7:25pm | Liar Liar |
| 9:00pm | Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates |
| 10:45pm | Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie |
| 12:25am | Liar Liar |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | Upside Down |
| 9:00am | Moana: Special |
| 9:30am | In a Valley of Violence |
| 11:20am | 12 Days of Giving |
| 1:05pm | Justice League: Special |
| 1:35pm | Collateral Beauty |
| 3:20pm | The Great Wall |
| 5:20pm | The Girl in the Book |
| 7:00pm | Upside Down |
| 9:00pm | Collateral Beauty |
| 10:45pm | The Great Wall |
| 12:40am | In a Valley of Violence |
| 2:40am | The Hollow One |
| 4:30am | Tramontane <i>A blind Lebanese musician embarks on a journey of self-discovery when he learns that his true heritage has been kept from him. Award-winning drama.</i> |

sky sports football

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| 12:30pm | EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2 |
| 1:00pm | Eredivisie |
| 2:00pm | La Liga Show |
| 2:30pm | EFL Matters |
| 3:00pm | EFL Midweek Goals: Championship |
| 3:30pm | EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2 |
| 4:00pm | Football's Greatest Teams |
| 4:30pm | Football's Greatest Teams |
| 5:00pm | La Liga Show |
| 5:30pm | EFL Matters |
| 6:00pm | EFL Midweek Goals: Championship |
| 6:30pm | EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2 |
| 7:00pm | SPFL Matters |
| 7:30pm | EFL Matters |
| 8:00pm | EFL Midweek Goals: Championship |
| 8:30pm | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 8:40pm | Info not available |
| 10:40pm | SPFL Matters |
| 11:15pm | EFL Matters |
| 11:45pm | SPFL Greatest Games |
| 12:00am | SPFL Greatest Games |
| 12:15am | SPFL Greatest Game |



TV Couch Critic

Celebs (perhaps), real bugs plus start to festive season

IT'S back!

I'm *A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here* (ITV 1) swept in from the Australian jungle last Sunday with an eclectic group of celebrities, in the widest possible interpretation of celebs.

Living in the jungle and eating bugs, with Ant and Dec at the sharp end of watching over them all, if such an idea was pitched to a TV executive today, would it fly?

I'm not sure, but the format clearly works given the viewing figures.

If you are among the millions of fans, don't forget to also catch *Get Me Out of Here Extra Camp* (ITV2) that follows each main Celebrity episode.

In the Extra show, Scarlett Moffatt is the rose between two thorns in the guise of Joe Walsh and Joel Dommett.

Tune in and expect lively debate and an opportunity to put questions direct to campmates via social media and the App.

For me and one friend, the first note of Christmas used to be the beginning of *Once in Royal David's City via Carols from Kings* (expected on BBC2, Christmas Eve).

With that said, now the first festive note seems to be various retailers' seasonal adverts. Keeping it brief, but that carrot again, seriously!

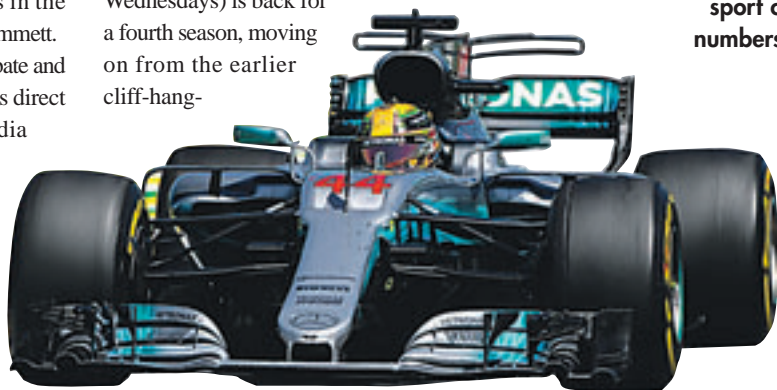
Enough to say I'm disappointed by most, don't really understand a certain bear in the snow but I love the interpretation of Cinderella (although why aren't the key players wearing warm clothes in the snow?)

The monster under the bed must also get a mention, despite for me having no bearing on the glass slipper story.

Peaky Builders (BBC2, Wednesdays) is back for a fourth season, moving on from the earlier cliff-hang-



F1 ACTION: A sport of numbers!



er ending.

If the start of the latest series is anything to go by, with the story back to Birmingham and more problems for the Shelby family to deal with, some good viewing ahead.

Cilian Murphy continues to delight as Thomas Shelby and the return of Tom Hardy as Alfie Solomons can only be a good thing.

And now to close, have you ever wondered what TV Must-See you might be missing simply because you do not think a show or series

will appeal?

That was me with *Formula One*, with the final 2017 race in Abu Dhabi due this Sunday live on *Sky Sports F1* and *Channel 4*.

Friends on the coast regularly hold Grand Prix parties and a great hit, so I checked out ever-keen not to skip a good party due to TV ignorance!

I cut my teeth on the Brazilian Grand Prix; to summarise, billed as a sporting event covering at least 305km not exceeding two hours in length. I was near exhausted just getting my head around the numbers.

Imagining F1 cars roaring up the A7 from Malaga and screeching to a halt somewhere south of Cartagena, no such luck.

The super cars circled around a track like an overpowered Scalextric set, I had a siesta and someone seemed to win (in fact Sebastian Vettel, just to show I watched the end).

F1 has a massive following, and while this TV offering simply isn't me, for those watching on Sunday, enjoy and don't forget to check out the Teams' Tyre Choices before viewing.

But I am left wondering just how many F1 fans also tune in most nights to catch the latest in *I'm a Celebrity*?

Critique: AWL, Casares, Costa del Sol.



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BBC one

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| 7:00am | Breakfast |
| 11:00am | Saturday Kitchen Live |
| 12:30pm | Nigella: At My Table |
| 1:00pm | Football Focus |
| 2:00pm | BBC News |
| 2:15pm | Rugby League |
| 3:00pm | Rugby Union |
| 5:30pm | Final Score |
| 6:15pm | Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme |
| 6:45pm | BBC News |
| 6:55pm | BBC London News |
| 7:00pm | Pointless |
| 7:50pm | Strictly Come Dancing |
| 9:10pm | Michael McIntyre's Big Show |
| 10:10pm | Casualty |
| 11:00pm | BBC News |
| 11:20pm | Match of the Day |
| 12:45am | The NFL Show |
| 1:15am | Obsessed |
| 3:00am | Weather for the Week Ahead <i>Detailed weather forecast.</i> |
| 3:05am | BBC News |

BBC TWO

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| 8:30am | Naomi's Nightmares of Nature |
| 9:00am | Deadly 60 |
| 9:30am | Show Me What You're Made of: UK |
| 10:00am | Saturday Mash-Up! |
| 12:00pm | Natural World |
| 1:00pm | Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes |
| 1:30pm | Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well |
| 2:00pm | Coast |
| 2:20pm | Talking Pictures |
| 3:10pm | Daddy Long Legs |
| 5:15pm | Britain Afloat |
| 5:45pm | Rugby Union |
| 8:30pm | Rugby Union |
| 9:30pm | Dad's Army <i>Classic wartime sitcom.</i> |
| 10:00pm | Joe Orton Laid Bare |
| 11:20pm | QI XL |
| 12:05am | Insert Name Here |
| 12:35am | Albert Nobbs |
| 2:20am | Chances Are |
| 4:05am | This is BBC Two <i>Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.</i> |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | Natural World |
| 9:00pm | The Mekong River with Sue Perkins <i>Sue Perkins continues her epic journey up the Mekong, south east Asia's greatest river.</i> |
| 10:00pm | Witnesses <i>Audrey Fleuret, Marie Dompnier, Jan Hammenecker, Judith Henry, Guillaume Durieux, Steve Driesen.</i> |
| 10:55pm | Witnesses |
| 11:50pm | The Vietnam War |
| 12:50am | What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment |
| 1:50am | A Blackpool Big Band Boogie |
| 2:50am | Natural World |
| 3:50am | The Mekong River with Sue Perkins <i>Sue Perkins continues her epic journey up the Mekong, south east Asia's greatest river.</i> |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:05am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 7:30am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 7:55am | Frasier |
| 8:20am | Frasier |
| 8:45am | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:10am | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:35am | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00am | The Simpsons |
| 10:25am | The Simpsons |
| 10:55am | Formula 1 |
| 12:25pm | F1 Meets... Niki Lauda |
| 12:55pm | Formula 1 |
| 3:45pm | World's Most Expensive Cars |
| 4:45pm | A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun |
| 5:30pm | Best Laid Plans |
| 6:30pm | Grand Designs |
| 7:25pm | Channel 4 News |
| 7:45pm | The Day After Tomorrow |
| 10:00pm | Ex Machina |
| 12:05am | Lone Survivor |
| 2:15am | The Last Leg |
| 3:10am | Hollyoaks Omnibus |
| 5:20am | Location, Location, Location |

CHANNEL 5

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| 10:00am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 10:20am | Shimmer and Shine |
| 10:35am | Digby Dragon |
| 10:50am | Peppa Pig |
| 10:55am | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles |
| 11:30am | The Gadget Show |
| 12:25pm | Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud |
| 12:55pm | A Christmas Reunion |
| 2:40pm | Santa Who? |
| 4:25pm | Angels in the Snow |
| 5:25pm | 5 News |
| 5:30pm | Angels in the Snow |
| 6:15pm | Love You Like Christmas |
| 7:15pm | 5 News |
| 7:20pm | Love You Like Christmas |
| 8:00pm | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 9:00pm | Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! |
| 9:55pm | 5 News Weekend |
| 10:00pm | Football on 5 |
| 11:00pm | Football on 5 |
| 11:30pm | NCIS: New Orleans |
| 12:25am | NCIS: New Orleans <i>US crime drama.</i> |

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| 11:00am | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 12:00pm | How I Met Your Mother <i>When Robin and Loretta's conflict escalates, Barney is caught in the middle.</i> |
| 12:30pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 1:00pm | Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel |
| 2:50pm | Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts |
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| 7:00am | Cricket |
| 12:15pm | My Icon |
| 12:30pm | Soccer Saturday Pre-Match |
| 1:00pm | Football |
| 3:45pm | Rugby Union |
| 6:15pm | Rugby Union <i>Ireland meet Argentina at the Aviva Stadium in the final match of the Guinness Series.</i> |
| 8:40pm | Live La Liga 2017/18 <i>A match from Spain's La Liga.</i> |
| 10:45pm | La Liga Icons <i>Remember some of the best goals from La Liga's greatest players.</i> |
| 11:00pm | Sky Sports News at Ten <i>Round up of all the day's sports news.</i> |
| 12:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 1:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 2:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 3:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 4:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 5:00am | Cricket |

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| 8:35am | The Tom and Jerry Show |
| 8:50am | Fangbone |
| 9:10am | The Powerpuff Girls |
| 9:30am | Thunderbirds are Go |
| 10:00am | Wishfart |
| 10:25am | ITV News |
| 10:30am | Saturday Morning with James Martin |
| 12:25pm | Gino's Italian Coastal Escape |
| 12:50pm | ITV News |
| 1:00pm | The X Factor |
| 2:30pm | ITV Racing: Live from Haydock |
| 5:00pm | Thunderbirds are Go |
| 5:25pm | The Harbour |
| 5:55pm | The Chase |
| 6:55pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 7:20pm | ITV News London |
| 7:25pm | ITV News |
| 7:35pm | Ninja Warrior UK |
| 8:30pm | The X Factor |
| 10:10pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 11:10pm | ITV News |
| 11:30pm | Rambo: First Blood Part II |
| 1:20am | Jackpot247 |

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| 7:00am | Emmerdale Omnibus |
| 9:30am | Coronation Street Omnibus |
| 12:50pm | Take Me Out |
| 1:50pm | Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule |
| 2:25pm | Beethoven's 2nd |
| 3:25pm | FYI Daily <i>A round-up of the latest entertainment news.</i> |
| 3:30pm | Beethoven's 2nd |
| 4:10pm | Step Up |
| 5:15pm | FYI Daily |
| 5:20pm | Step Up |
| 6:20pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 7:50pm | Inception |
| 8:50pm | FYI Daily |
| 8:55pm | Inception |
| 10:40pm | Family Guy |
| 11:10pm | I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp |
| 12:10am | Family Guy <i>Animated comedy.</i> |
| 12:40am | American Dad! |
| 1:10am | American Dad! |
| 1:40am | Release the Hounds |
| 2:40am | Viral Tap |

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| 7:00am | Judge Judy |
| 7:20am | Murder, She Wrote |
| 8:10am | Murder, She Wrote <i>Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer.</i> |
| 9:10am | The Baby and the Battleship |
| 10:15am | FYI Daily |
| 10:20am | The Baby and the Battleship |
| 11:10am | Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express |
| 12:10pm | FYI Daily |
| 12:15pm | Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express |
| 1:50pm | Columbo |
| 3:50pm | Agatha Christie's Marple |
| 6:00pm | Margery and Gladys |
| 8:00pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 10:00pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 12:05am | The Syndicate <i>Drama series.</i> |
| 1:10am | The Blonde Bombshell <i>First of a two-part drama based on the life of Diana Dors.</i> |
| 3:10am | ITV3 Nightscreen |

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| 7:20am | The Avengers |
| 8:20am | Motorsport UK |
| 9:20am | World Endurance Series <i>Highlights from the ninth event of the 2017 season, the 6-hour race from Bahrain.</i> |
| 10:30am | ITV Racing: The Opening Show |
| 11:30am | Hornblower |
| 1:45pm | Darts |
| 6:00pm | Nijinsky's Triple Crown |
| 6:05pm | Pawn Stars |
| 6:35pm | Pawn Stars |
| 7:05pm | Pawn Stars |
| 7:30pm | Darts |
| 8:00pm | Full Metal Jacket <i>A powerful study of warfare, from basic training to the killing fields of Vietnam.</i> |
| 1:00am | FYI Daily <i>A round-up of the latest entertainment news.</i> |
| 1:05am | Full Metal Jacket |

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| 7:00am | 2012 |
| 9:40am | Jack Reacher |
| 12:00pm | Drop Zone |
| 1:55pm | The Karate Kid |
| 4:10pm | Rocky |
| 6:20pm | 2012 |
| 9:00pm | Jack Reacher |
| 11:15pm | Rambo |
| 12:50am | Conan the Barbarian |
| 3:05am | The Karate Kid |
| 5:15am | Rocky V |

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| 7:45am | Get Santa |
| 9:30am | Back to the Future |
| 11:30am | Paul |
| 1:20pm | Bridget Jones's Baby |
| 3:30pm | Daddy's Home |
| 5:15pm | The Back-Up Plan |
| 7:05pm | Calendar Girls |
| 9:00pm | Bridget Jones's Baby |
| 11:10pm | Daddy's Home |
| 12:50am | Paul |
| 2:40am | Road Trip: Beer Pong |
| 4:20am | This Christmas |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | 12 Days of Giving |
| 8:45am | The Top Ten Show 2017 |
| 9:05am | The Great Wall <i>Epic action adventure about a mercenary pulled into a centuries-old battle between Chinese warriors and giant, lizard-like monsters.</i> |
| 11:05am | Collateral Beauty |
| 1:00pm | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 3:10pm | Upside Down |
| 5:10pm | In a Valley of Violence |
| 7:10pm | The Great Wall |
| 9:00pm | Collateral Beauty |
| 10:45pm | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 12:55am | In a Valley of Violence |
| 2:55am | The Girl in the Book |
| 4:40am | The Hollow One |

sky sports football

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| 10:30am | SPFL Matters |
| 11:00am | Soccer A.M. |
| 12:30pm | SPFL Matters |
| 1:00pm | Football |
| 4:00pm | Gillette Soccer Saturday |
| 6:15pm | Football |
| 8:40pm | Live La Liga 2017/18 |
| 10:45pm | EFL Goals: Championship |
| 11:15pm | EFL Greatest Games |
| 11:30pm | EFL Greatest Games |
| 11:45pm | EFL Greatest Games |
| 12:00am | EFL Greatest Games |
| 12:15am | EFL Greatest Games |
| 12:30am | EFL Goals: Championship |
| 1:00am | Football <i>A round-up of all the goals and action from the weekend's games in the Sky Bet Championship.</i> |
| 1:00am | Football <i>Sheffield United take on Birmingham City at Bramall Lane in the Sky Bet Championship.</i> |
| 3:25am | EFL Goals: Championship |

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| 7:00am | Breakfast |
| 8:30am | Match of the Day |
| 10:00am | The Andrew Marr Show |
| 11:00am | Fern Britton Meets... |
| 12:00pm | Sunday Politics |
| 1:15pm | Bargain Hunt |
| 2:00pm | BBC News |
| 2:15pm | Elizabeth and Philip |
| 3:15pm | Mary Berry's Country House Secrets |
| 4:15pm | Songs of Praise |
| 4:55pm | Alan Shearer: Football, Dementia and Me? |
| 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 | Match of the Day 2 |
| 12:30am | Ronny Chieng: International Student |
| 12:55am | Weather for the Week Ahead |

BBC TWO

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| 7:05am | Coast |
| 7:50am | A to Z of TV Gardening |
| 8:35am | Monty Don's Secret History of the British Garden |
| 9:35am | Countryfile |
| 10:30am | Saturday Kitchen Best Bites |
| 12:00pm | Food and Drink |
| 12:30pm | My Life on a Plate |
| 1:15pm | MOTD2 Extra |
| 2:00pm | Rugby Union |
| 3:00pm | Natural World |
| 4:00pm | Demolition |
| 5:00pm | Escape to the Country |
| 5:45pm | Flog It! |
| 6:45pm | Turkey with Simon Reeve |
| 7:45pm | Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day |
| 9:00pm | Robot Wars |
| 10:00pm | Expedition Volcano |
| 11:00pm | Snowfall |
| 11:40pm | John Carter |
| 1:40am | Question Time |
| 2:45am | Holby City |
| 3:40am | This is BBC Two |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | Great Continental Railway Journeys |
| 8:30pm | University Challenge |
| 9:00pm | Nigel Kennedy at the BBC |
| 10:00pm | Shark |
| 11:00pm | Natural World |
| 12:00am | Naples '44: A Wartime Diary |
| 1:20am | Nigel Kennedy at the BBC |
| 2:20am | Shark |
| 3:20am | Natural World |
| 4:20am | This is BBC Four |

CHANNEL 4

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| 6:40am | The Parent Trap |
| 8:55am | Frasier |
| 9:25am | Frasier |
| 10:00am | Sunday Brunch |
| 1:00pm | Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix |
| 1:35pm | Formula 1 |
| 4:10pm | Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Live Reaction |
| 5:35pm | Speed with Guy Martin |
| 6:35pm | Channel 4 News |
| 7:05pm | Men in Black 3 |
| 9:00pm | Coastal Railways with Julie Walters |
| 10:00pm | Guy Martin v the Robot Car |
| 11:00pm | RoboCop |
| 1:10am | Good Kill |
| 3:00am | The Supervet |
| 4:00am | Trump: An American Dream |
| 4:55am | Location, Location, Location |
| 5:50am | Gillette World Sport |

CHANNEL 5

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| 10:00am | Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 10:20am | Shimmer and Shine |
| 10:35am | Digby Dragon |
| 10:45am | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles |
| 11:20am | Football on 5 |
| 12:10pm | Football on 5 |
| 12:40pm | Chilly Christma |
| 2:20pm | Winter Wedding |
| 4:10pm | A Christmas to Remember |
| 5:10pm | 5 News |
| 5:15pm | A Christmas to Remember |
| 5:55pm | Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest |
| 6:55pm | 5 News |
| 7:00pm | Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest |
| 8:55pm | 5 News Weekend |
| 9:00pm | Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights |
| 10:00pm | Fury |
| 11:00pm | 5 News |
| 11:05pm | Fury |
| 12:35am | Flight of the Phoenix |
| 2:40am | Super Casino |

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| 7:00am | Rules of Engagement |
| 7:25am | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 8:20am | Couples Come Dine with Me |
| 9:25am | Hollyoaks Omnibus |
| 12:00pm | Made in Chelsea |
| 1:00pm | Don't Tell the Bride |
| 2:00pm | Diary of a Wimpy Kid |
| 3:55pm | Rude(ish) Tube Shorts |
| 4:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 4:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 5:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
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| 9:00pm | Ghostbusters II |
| 11:05pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 11:35pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 12:05am | Gogglebox |
| 1:10am | Rude Tube |
| 2:15am | First Dates |
| 3:20am | Gogglebox |
| 4:15am | Rude Tube |

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| 7:00am | Cricket |
| 12:00pm | Goals on Sunday |
| 1:30pm | Live Nissan Super Sunday |
| 4:30pm | Live Nissan Super Sunday |
| 7:30pm | Live NFL: Game |
| 10:00pm | Live NFL: Sunday Game |
| 2:00am | Live NFL: Green Bay @ Pittsburgh |
| 5:30am | Cricket |

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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 | Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears |
| 11:00am | Peston on Sunday |
| 12:00pm | Save Money: Good Food |
| 12:30pm | Tipping Point |
| 1:30pm | ITV News |
| 1:45pm | The X Factor |
| 3:20pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 5:10pm | Les Dawson Forever |
| 7:05pm | ITV News London |
| 7:15pm | ITV News |
| 7:30pm | The Chase Celebrity Special |
| 8:30pm | The X Factor |
| 10:00pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 11:30pm | ITV News |
| 11:45pm | Peston on Sunday |
| 12:45am | The Day Kennedy Died |

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| 7:15am | Totally Bonkers |
| 7:40am | Guinness World Records |
| 11:00am | Coronation Street Omnibus |
| 11:15am | Ready, Set, Style |
| 11:30am | Third Wheel |
| 11:40am | Third Wheel |
| 11:55am | Third Wheel |
| 1:30pm | The X Factor |
| 3:00pm | Take Me Out |
| 4:05pm | You've Been Framed and Famous! |
| 5:05pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 6:05pm | Despicable Me |
| 6:10pm | FYI Daily |
| 7:00pm | Despicable Me |
| 7:00pm | Evan Almighty |
| 8:00pm | FYI Daily |
| 8:05pm | Evan Almighty |
| 9:05pm | Wrath of the Titans |
| 10:05pm | Wrath of the Titans |
| 10:10pm | FYI Daily |
| 11:00pm | Family Guy |
| 11:30pm | I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp |
| 12:30am | Family Guy |
| 1:00am | Family Guy |

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| 7:00am | The Baby and the Battleship |
| 8:05am | FYI Daily |
| 8:10am | The Baby and the Battleship |
| 8:50am | Heartbeat |
| 9:50am | Heartbeat |
| 10:55am | Murder, She Wrote |
| 12:00pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 1:05pm | Wycliffe |
| 2:15pm | Columbo |
| 3:50pm | Lewis |
| 5:55pm | Agatha Christie's Marple |
| 8:00pm | Housewife 49 |
| 10:00pm | Endeavour |
| 12:05am | The Blonde Bombshell |
| 2:15am | Heartbeat |
| 3:05am | The Knock |
| 4:00am | The Knock |
| 4:55am | Wycliffe |

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| 7:00am | Football's Greatest |
| 7:10am | The Avengers |
| 8:10am | Fishing Impossible |
| 9:15am | The Big Fish Off |
| 10:20am | Shed and Buried |
| 11:20am | Storage Wars |
| 11:50am | Pawn Stars |
| 12:15pm | Pawn Stars |
| 12:40pm | The Darts Show |
| 1:45pm | Darts |
| 6:00pm | Pawn Stars |
| 6:30pm | Pawn Stars |
| 7:00pm | River Monsters |
| 7:25pm | River Monsters |
| 8:00pm | Darts |
| 12:00am | Crank |
| 1:00am | FYI Daily |
| 1:05am | Crank |
| 1:45am | The Sweeney |
| 2:45am | The Avengers |
| 3:45am | ITV4 Nightscreen |

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| 7:05am | The Legend of Zorro |
| 9:20am | True Lies |
| 11:45am | Jack Reacher |
| 1:45pm | Pearl Harbour |
| 4:50pm | Once Upon a Time in Mexico |
| 6:35pm | True Lies |
| 9:00pm | Jack Reacher: Never Go Back |
| 11:00pm | Last Action Hero |
| 1:15am | xXx2: The Next Level |
| 10:20am | The Top Ten Show 2017 |
| 10:40am | Date Night |
| 12:20pm | Sausage Party |
| 2:00pm | A Street Cat Named Bob |
| 3:50pm | The Waterboy |
| 5:30pm | My Best Friend's Wedding |
| 7:20pm | My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 |
| 9:00pm | Date Night |
| 10:35pm | Sausage Party |
| 12:15am | The Blues Brothers |

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| 7:00am | 12 Days of Giving |
| 8:45am | The Top Ten Show 2017 |
| 9:00am | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 11:10am | Collateral Beauty |
| 1:00pm | Burn Country |
| 2:55pm | In a Valley of Violence |
| 4:55pm | The Great Wall |
| 6:50pm | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 9:00pm | Collateral Beauty |
| 10:45pm | Burn Country |
| 12:40am | The Great Wall |
| 2:40am | The Hollow One |
| 4:25am | The Girl in the Book |

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| 8:30am | Football Countdowns |
| 9:00am | Football's Greatest |
| 9:30am | EFL Goals: Championship |
| 10:00am | EFL Goals: League 1 and 2 |
| 10:30am | The Sunday Supplement |
| 12:00pm | EFL Goals: Championship |
| 12:30pm | EFL Goals: League 1 and 2 |
| 1:00pm | Football |
| 3:45pm | SPFL Greatest Games |
| 4:00pm | EFL Greatest Games |
| 4:15pm | Info not available |
| 6:15pm | Live La Liga 2017/18 |
| 8:20pm | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 8:30pm | Info not available |
| 10:35pm | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 10:45pm | La Liga Icons |
| 11:00pm | EFL Goals: Championship |
| 11:30pm | EFL Goals: League 1 and 2 |
| 12:00am | 20 Years of El Clasico |

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

DOES Carmen Forcadell, Speaker of the Catalan parliament, speak with a forked tongue?

Forcadell avoided being remanded along with the eight members of the regional government who didn't run off to Brussels by claiming that Cataluña's UDI was symbolic.

She also told the examining judge that if she remained active in politics she would do so "within the constitutional framework."

But don't let's forget that before becoming Speaker Forcadell was president of the ardently pro-independence Asamblea Nacional de Cataluña which has been behind separatist politicians - and sometimes ahead of them - on the road to UDI.

It now turns out that Forcadell will be Number Four on the Esquerra Republicana (ERC) voting list in the December 21 elections.

Could be that remanded ERC leader Oriol Junqueras is sincere when he said recently that the secessionists had miscalculated with their premature UDI declaration.

But they're all playing a long game,

Masterclass in doublespeak



Credit: España no se rompe / Facebook

DETERMINED: Is Carmen Forcadell, Speaker of the Catalan parliament, playing the long game?

Forcadell included. They are no less committed to independence but willing to wait a little longer, that's all.

Short memory

CARLES PUIGDEMONT who believes he is Cataluña's president in exile, said in a *Le Soir* interview that he was "always open to another relationship with Spain" and believed "an alternative to independence was still possible."

He had always sought formulas for avoiding a break with Spain, he de-

clared, but omitted to mention his speech on taking over as Catalan president in 2016. This was when he promised to follow the route map for independence set out by his predecessor Artur Mas "to the letter" and lead Cataluña to independence.

Puigdemont was either lying then or is lying now and with his PDeCAT party shunned for the December 21 elections by the other pro-independence parties, he could be trying to hedge his bets.

He's wasting his time. If the independence parties won the regional

elections would they want Puigdemont at their head after the hash he made of UDI?

Show the flag

THE Spanish football team's customary World Cup red shirt has a yellow and purple stripe down one side.

Adidas insists the offending streak is petrol blue, but red and blue combine to make purple and it looks as though the kit celebrates the old Republican flag.

The national government in Madrid is understandably not impressed but not nearly as unhappy as football fans as the shirt costs €150.

A load of bull

BORIS JOHNSON irritated Spanish guests at a dinner meant to strengthen Anglo-Spanish links when he described a bullfight ban as "political correctness gone mad."

The Spanish can make up their own minds about bullfighting Boris. Meanwhile stick to Brexit and what you know. Oh, wait a moment...

Call to arms

JUNTS PEL SI was in thrall to the anti-everything CUP party.

Because it needed the party's votes for its parliamentary majority, the ERC-PDeCAT coalition agreed to introduce a sugar tax on fizzy drinks and contaminating vehicles.

According to an internal memo dug up by Guardia Civil investigators, the government hoped that both would be overthrown by the Constitutional Tribunal, the same court whose authority they ignored by passing last September's Referendum and Disconnection Laws.

Another Junts pel Si document suggested reintroducing Military Service to staff the region's own armed forces.

How would CUP have reacted to that? Manning barricades is heroic if you're wearing jeans, but selling out to the system once you're in uniform.

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| 7:00am | Breakfast |
| 10:15am | Claimed and Shamed |
| 11:00am | Homes Under the Hammer |
| 12:00pm | The Housing Enforcers |
| 12:45pm | The Sheriffs are Coming |
| 1:15pm | Bargain Hunt |
| 2:00pm | BBC News at One |
| 2:30pm | BBC London News |
| 2:45pm | Doctors |
| 3:15pm | Armchair Detectives |
| 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 |
| 8:30pm | Panorama |
| 9:00pm | EastEnders |
| 9:30pm | Would I Lie to You? |
| 10:00pm | New Tricks |
| 11:00pm | BBC News at Ten |
| 11:30pm | BBC London News |
| 11:45pm | Have I Got a Bit More News for You |
| 12:30am | Michael McIntyre's Big Show |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | An Island Parish |
| 7:30am | Claimed and Shamed |
| 8:15am | Armchair Detectives |
| 9:00am | Women at War |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire |
| 12:00pm | BBC Newsroom Live |
| 1:00pm | The Daily Politics |
| 2:00pm | The Link |
| 2:45pm | Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip |
| 3:15pm | Going Back Giving Back |
| 4:00pm | The Indian Doctor |
| 4:45pm | Oxford Street Revealed |
| 5:15pm | Wartime Farm |
| 6:15pm | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 7:00pm | Eggheads |
| 7:30pm | Strictly - It Takes Two |
| 8:00pm | Celebrity Antiques Road Trip |
| 9:00pm | University Challenge |
| 9:30pm | Nigella: At My Table |
| 10:00pm | Employable Me |
| 11:00pm | Insert Name Here |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight |
| 12:15am | Blitz |
| 1:15am | Countryfile |
| 2:10am | Blue Planet II |
| 3:10am | This is BBC Two |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | Beyond 100 Days |
| 8:30pm | Christmas University Challenge 2015 <i>Jeremy Paxman asks the questions in the Christmas-themed quiz for distinguished university alumni.</i> |
| 9:00pm | Building the Ancient City: Athens and Rome <i>Documentary series exploring the ancient cities of Athens and Rome.</i> |
| 10:00pm | The Other Pompeii: Life and Death in Herculaneum |
| 11:00pm | Last Men in Aleppo |
| 12:30am | From Scotland with Love |
| 1:40am | Sir Gawain and the Green Knight |
| 2:40am | The Other Pompeii: Life and Death in Herculaneum |
| 3:40am | Building the Ancient City: Athens and Rome |
| 4:40am | This is BBC Four |

CHANNEL 4

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| 7:20am | King of Queens |
| 8:35am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:30am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 10:00am | Frasier |
| 11:05am | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 12:00pm | Undercover Boss USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 2:05pm | Kirstie's Handmade Christmas |
| 3:10pm | Countdown |
| 4:00pm | Lost and Found Ep1 |
| 5:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun |
| 6:00pm | Four in a Bed |
| 6:30pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 9:00pm | Paul Hollywood |
| 9:30pm | Supershoppers |
| 10:00pm | 999: What's Your Emergency? |
| 11:00pm | First Dates |
| 12:05am | Don't Tell the Bride |
| 1:10am | One Born Every Minute |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:05am | Paw Patrol |
| 8:20am | Noddy: Toyland Detective |
| 8:35am | Peppa Pig |
| 8:50am | 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 |
| 12:35pm | GP's: Behind Closed Doors |
| 1:30pm | The Gadget Show |
| 2:25pm | 5 News Lunchtime |
| 2:30pm | Neighbours |
| 3:00pm | Christmas Mail |
| 4:45pm | A Perfect Christmas |
| 6:30pm | 5 News at 5 |
| 7:00pm | Neighbours |
| 7:30pm | 5 News Tonight |
| 8:00pm | Weather Terror |
| 9:00pm | Sinkholes |
| 10:00pm | Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys |
| 11:00pm | Secrets of the Tube: Going Underground |
| 12:05am | Inside the Mega Twister |

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| 7:00am | Hollyoaks |
| 7:30am | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00am | Charmed |
| 9:00am | Charmed |
| 10:00am | Rules of Engagement |
| 10:30am | Rules of Engagement |
| 11:00am | Black-ish |
| 11:30am | Black-ish |
| 12:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 1:00pm | New Girl |
| 1:30pm | New Girl |
| 2:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 2:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 3:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 3:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 4:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 5:00pm | New Girl |
| 5:30pm | New Girl |
| 6:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 6:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:30pm | First Dates Abroad |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | Made in Chelsea |
| 11:00pm | Tattoo Fixers |
| 12:05am | The Big Bang Theory |

sky sports main event

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| 7:00am | Cricket |
| 12:15pm | My Icon |
| 12:30pm | Sky Sports Daily |
| 1:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 2:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 3:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 4:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 5:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 6:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 7:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 8:00pm | Sky Sports Tonight |
| 8:30pm | Football |
| 11:00pm | The Debate - Live |
| 12:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 1:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 2:00am | NFL Masterclass |
| 2:15am | Live NFL: Houston @ Baltimore <i>Baltimore Ravens take on Houston Texans at M&T Bank Stadium in the NFL.</i> |
| 5:45am | Cricket <i>Day five of the second Test between India and Sri Lanka at the VCA Stadium in Nagpur.</i> |

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| 7:00am | Good Morning Britain |
| 9:30am | Lorraine |
| 10:25am | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 11:30am | This Morning |
| 1:30pm | Loose Women |
| 2:30pm | ITV Lunchtime News |
| 2:55pm | ITV News London |
| 3:00pm | Judge Rinder |
| 4:00pm | Dickinson's Real Deal |
| 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 | The Martin Lewis Money Show |
| 9:30pm | Coronation Street |
| 10:00pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 11:00pm | ITV News at Ten and Weather |
| 11:30pm | ITV News London |
| 11:45pm | Killer Women with Piers Morgan |
| 12:45am | Life Inside Jail: Hell on Earth |

itv2

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| 7:00am | Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records |
| 7:20am | Planet's Got Talent |
| 7:45am | Dinner Date |
| 8:35am | Emmerdale |
| 9:00am | Coronation Street |
| 10:00am | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 10:50am | Dinner Date |
| 11:50am | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 1:20pm | Emmerdale |
| 1:50pm | Coronation Street |
| 2:50pm | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 3:45pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 7:00pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 8:30pm | You've Been Framed! |
| 9:00pm | Two and a Half Men |
| 10:00pm | Family Guy |
| 10:30pm | Ghosted |
| 11:00pm | I'm a Celebrity... |
| 11:30pm | ITV News London |
| 11:45pm | Killer Women with Piers Morgan |
| 12:45am | Life Inside Jail: Hell on Earth |

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| 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 <i>The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.</i> |
| 11:15am | A Touch of Frost |
| 1:35pm | Wild at Heart |
| 2:35pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:40pm | Coronation Street |
| 4:15pm | Coronation Street |
| 4:45pm | A Touch of Frost |
| 6:55pm | Heartbeat |
| 7:55pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| 9:00pm | Doc Martin |
| 10:00pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 12:00am | Blue Murder |
| 1:35am | A Touch of Frost |
| 3:20am | ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i> |
| 3:30am | Teleshopping |

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| 7:00am | Snooker v Darts |
| 7:05am | The Chase |
| 7:55am | The Chase |
| 8:40am | Cash Cowboys |
| 9:30am | Storage Wars |
| 9:55am | Storage Wars |
| 10:25am | Ironsides |
| 11:30am | Quincy, M.E. |
| 12:35pm | The Sweeney |
| 1:35pm | The Avengers |
| 2:50pm | Ironsides |
| 3:55pm | Quincy, M.E. |
| 5:00pm | The Sweeney |
| 6:00pm | The Avengers |
| 7:05pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 8:05pm | Pawn Stars |
| 8:35pm | Pawn Stars |
| 9:00pm | River Monsters |
| 9:30pm | River Monsters |
| 10:00pm | Die Another Day |
| 11:05pm | FYI Daily |
| 11:10pm | Die Another Day |
| 12:45am | The Road |
| 1:45am | FYI Daily |
| 1:50am | The Road |
| 2:55am | Motorsport UK |
| 3:50am | ITV4 Nightscreen |
| 4:00am | Teleshopping |

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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| 10:55am | Xxx: Return of Xander Cage |
| 12:45pm | The 5th Wave |
| 2:45pm | The Great Wall |
| 4:40pm | Twister |
| 6:40pm | Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World |
| 9:00pm | The Great Wall |
| 10:50pm | Xxx: Return of Xander Cage |
| 12:40am | Lethal Weapon |

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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| 8:00am | Billy Madison |
| 9:40am | Rush Hour 2 |
| 11:20am | Almost Christmas |
| 1:20pm | Central Intelligence |
| 3:20pm | Big Daddy |
| 5:00pm | Two Weeks Notice |
| 6:50pm | Bridesmaids |
| 9:00pm | Central Intelligence |
| 11:00pm | Miss Congeniality |
| 1:00am | Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous |
| 3:00am | How to Lose Friends and Alienate People |
| 5:00am | Hot Shots! |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | The Top Ten Show 2017 |
| 7:20am | In a Valley of Violence |
| 9:20am | 12 Days of Giving |
| 11:05am | The Night is Young |
| 12:50pm | Collateral Beauty <i>When a New York exec Will Smith tips into depression, his scheming partners plan to use his letters to Love, Time and Death against him.</i> |
| 2:45pm | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 5:00pm | Upside Down |
| 7:00pm | Burn Country |
| 9:00pm | Collateral Beauty |
| 10:45pm | The Night is Young |
| 12:25am | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 2:40am | The Girl in the Book |
| 4:25am | Upside Down |

sky sports football

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| 9:30am | Football's Greatest Teams |
| 10:00am | Scottish Cup Greatest Games |
| 10:15am | Scottish Cup Greatest Games |
| 10:30am | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 10:45am | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 11:00am | Info not available |
| 5:15pm | Scottish Cup Greatest Games |
| 5:30pm | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 5:45pm | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 6:00pm | Football Years |
| 6:30pm | Football Countdowns |
| 7:00pm | Info not available |
| 7:30pm | La Liga Icons |
| 7:45pm | La Liga Icons |
| 8:00pm | Soccer A.M. |
| 8:30pm | Football |
| 11:00pm | SPFL Round Up 2017/18 |
| 11:15pm | SPFL Greatest Games |
| 11:30pm | Soccer A.M. |
| 12:00am | Football Years |
| 12:30am | Football Countdowns |



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BBC one

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| 7:00am | Breakfast |
| 10:15am | Claimed and Shamed |
| 11:00am | Homes Under the Hammer |
| 12:00pm | The Housing Enforcers |
| 12:45pm | The Sheriffs are Coming |
| 1:15pm | Bargain Hunt |
| 2:00pm | BBC News at One |
| 2:30pm | BBC London News |
| 2:45pm | Doctors |
| 3:15pm | Armchair Detectives |
| 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 |
| 8:30pm | EastEnders |
| 9:00pm | Holby City |
| 10:00pm | The A Word |
| 11:00pm | BBC News at Ten |
| 11:30pm | BBC London News |
| 11:45pm | Drugsland |

BBC TWO

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| 7:00am | An Island Parish: Falklands |
| 7:30am | Claimed and Shamed |
| 8:15am | Armchair Detectives |
| 9:00am | Great British Menu |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire |
| 12:00pm | BBC Newsroom Live |
| 1:00pm | The Daily Politics |
| 2:00pm | The Link |
| 2:45pm | Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip |
| 3:15pm | Going Back Giving Back |
| 4:00pm | The Indian Doctor |
| 4:45pm | Oxford Street Revealed |
| 5:15pm | Wartime Farm |
| 6:15pm | Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is |
| 7:00pm | Eggheads |
| 7:30pm | Strictly - It Takes Two |
| 7:55pm | Match of the Day Live |
| 10:00pm | MasterChef: The Professionals |
| 11:00pm | Motherland |

BBC FOUR

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| 8:00pm | Beyond 100 Days |
| 8:30pm | Christmas University Challenge 2015 |
| 9:00pm | Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey |
| 10:00pm | From Andy Pandy to Zebedee: The Golden Age of Children's Television |
| 11:00pm | Arena |
| 12:00am | A303: Highway to the Sun |
| 1:00am | The Maharajas' Car: The Story of Rolls-Royce in India |
| 1:55am | Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century |
| 2:55am | Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey |
| 3:55am | Arena |
| 4:55am | This is BBC Four |

CHANNEL 4

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| 9:00am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 9:30am | Everybody Loves Raymond |
| 10:05am | Frasier |
| 10:35am | Frasier |
| 11:05am | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA |
| 12:00pm | Undercover Boss USA |
| 1:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 1:05pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 2:05pm | Kirstie's Handmade Christmas |
| 3:10pm | Countdown |
| 4:00pm | Lost and Found |
| 5:00pm | A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun |
| 6:00pm | Four in a Bed |
| 6:30pm | Come Dine with Me |
| 7:00pm | The Simpsons |
| 7:30pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:00pm | Channel 4 News |
| 9:00pm | The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds |
| 10:00pm | Grand Designs |
| 11:00pm | The Robot Will See You Now |

CHANNEL 5

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| 8:35am | Peppa Pig |
| 8:45am | Peppa Pig |
| 8:50am | 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 |
| 12:35pm | 40 Below and 5 News Lunchtime |
| 2:25pm | Neighbours |
| 2:30pm | The Christmas Switch |
| 3:00pm | Snowmance |
| 4:40pm | 5 News at 5 |
| 6:30pm | Neighbours |
| 7:00pm | 5 News Tonight |
| 7:30pm | Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild |
| 8:00pm | Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens |
| 9:00pm | Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild |
| 10:00pm | The 90s: Most Shocking Celebrity Moments |
| 11:00pm | |

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| 11:00am | Black-ish |
| 11:30am | Black-ish |
| 12:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 12:30pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 1:00pm | New Girl |
| 1:30pm | New Girl |
| 2:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 2:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 3:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 3:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 4:00pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 4:30pm | How I Met Your Mother |
| 5:00pm | New Girl |
| 5:30pm | New Girl |
| 6:00pm | The Goldbergs |
| 6:30pm | The Goldbergs |
| 7:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 7:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 8:00pm | Hollyoaks |
| 8:30pm | First Dates Abroad |
| 9:00pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 9:30pm | The Big Bang Theory |
| 10:00pm | Tattoo Fixers |
| 11:00pm | Rude Tube |

sky sports main event

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| 1:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| | All the news from the Premier League and beyond. |
| 2:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| | All the news from the Premier League and beyond. |
| 3:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 4:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 5:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 6:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 7:00pm | SKY Sports News |
| 8:00pm | Soccer Special Pre-Match |
| 8:30pm | Gillette Soccer Special |
| 11:00pm | Info not available |
| 12:30am | Revista de la Liga |
| | A round-up of all of the latest action and goals from Spain's La Liga. |
| 1:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 2:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 3:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 4:00am | SKY Sports News |
| 5:00am | 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 | Judge Rinder |
| 4:00pm | Dickinson's Real Deal |
| 5:00pm | Tipping Point |
| 6:00pm | The Chase |
| 7:00pm | ITV News London |
| 7:30pm | ITV Evening News |
| 8:00pm | Emmerdale |
| 8:30pm | Save Money: Good Food |
| 9:00pm | How to Spend it |
| | Well at Christmas with Phillip Schofield |
| 10:00pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 11:05pm | ITV News at Ten and Weather |
| 11:35pm | ITV News London |
| 11:45pm | On Assignment |
| 12:20am | Lethal Weapon |
| | Action-packed police drama series based on the film franchise. |

itv2

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| 8:35am | Emmerdale |
| 9:00am | Coronation Street |
| 9:30am | Coronation Street |
| 10:00am | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 10:50am | Dinner Date |
| 11:50am | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 12:50pm | Planet's Got Talent |
| 1:20pm | Emmerdale |
| 1:50pm | Coronation Street |
| 2:20pm | Coronation Street |
| 2:50pm | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 3:45pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 4:50pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 5:55pm | The Jeremy Kyle Show |
| 7:00pm | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! |
| 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 | Family Guy |
| 11:05pm | I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp |
| 12:00am | Family Guy |

itv3

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| 7:00am | Judge Judy |
| 7:20am | Coronation Street |
| 7:45am | Coronation Street |
| 8:10am | Heartbeat |
| 9:15am | Wild at Heart |
| 10:10am | Judge Judy |
| 10:40am | Judge Judy |
| 11:05am | Judge Judy |
| 11:35am | A Touch of Frost |
| 1:35pm | Wild at Heart |
| 2:40pm | Heartbeat |
| 3:40pm | Coronation Street |
| 4:15pm | Coronation Street |
| 4:50pm | A Touch of Frost |
| 6:50pm | Heartbeat |
| 7:55pm | Murder, She Wrote |
| | Murder mystery series about a sleuthing writer. |
| 9:00pm | Doc Martin |
| | Comedy drama series about the famously curmudgeonly GP. |
| 10:00pm | Midsomer Murders |
| 12:05am | Blue Murder |
| | Caroline Quentin returns for a new series as DCI Janine Lewis. |
| 1:35am | A Touch of Frost |
| 3:20am | ITV3 Nightscreen |

itv4

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| 7:00am | British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes |
| 7:10am | The Chase |
| 8:00am | The Chase |
| 8:45am | Cash Cowboys |
| 9:35am | Pawn Stars |
| 10:00am | Pawn Stars |
| 10:30am | Ironsides |
| 11:35am | Quincy, M.E. |
| 12:35pm | The Sweeney |
| 1:45pm | The Avengers |
| 2:50pm | Ironsides |
| 3:55pm | Quincy, M.E. |
| 5:00pm | The Sweeney |
| 6:00pm | The Avengers |
| 7:05pm | Cash Cowboys |
| 8:00pm | Pawn Stars |
| 8:30pm | Pawn Stars |
| 9:00pm | The Chase: Celebrity Special |
| 10:00pm | FilmPassenger 57 |
| 11:05pm | FYI Daily |
| | A round-up of the latest entertainment news. |
| 11:10pm | FilmPassenger 57 |
| 11:50pm | FilmMars Attacks! |
| 12:50am | FYI Daily |
| 12:55am | FilmMars Attacks! |

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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| 10:55am | 12 Rounds |
| 12:55pm | Rogue One: A Star Wars Story |
| 3:15pm | The Goonies |
| 5:15pm | In the Heart of the Sea |
| 7:20pm | Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer |
| 9:00pm | Rogue One: A Star Wars Story |
| 11:20pm | Hanna |
| 1:15am | Air Force One |

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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| 8:20am | Norbit |
| 10:10am | Hitch |
| 12:15pm | Fred Claus |
| 2:15pm | Liar Liar |
| 3:50pm | Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie |
| 5:30pm | Keanu |
| 7:15pm | The Boss |
| 9:00pm | Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie |
| 10:40pm | Liar Liar |
| 12:15am | Keanu |
| 2:00am | Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan |

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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| 7:00am | The Night is Young |
| 8:35am | Burn Country |
| 10:20am | The Girl in the Book |
| 11:55am | Winter Wedding |
| 1:40pm | Collateral Beauty |
| 3:20pm | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 5:30pm | Burn Country |
| | An aspiring Afghan journalist moves to small-town California and begins investigating the disappearance of a local. Mystery drama. |
| 7:15pm | Winter Wedding |
| 9:00pm | Collateral Beauty |
| 10:45pm | Escobar: Paradise Lost |
| 1:00am | The Night is Young |
| 2:45am | The Hollow One |
| 4:30am | The Girl in the Book |
| | A junior editor must confront difficult memories when she crosses paths with the writer who took advantage of her as a teen. |

sky sports football

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| 3:15pm | SPFL Greatest Games |
| 3:30pm | Soccer A.M. |
| 4:00pm | Football's Greatest |
| 4:30pm | Football's Greatest Teams |
| 5:00pm | Scottish Cup |
| | Greatest Games |
| 5:15pm | Scottish Cup |
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| 5:30pm | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 5:45pm | La Liga Greatest Games |
| 6:00pm | Eredivisie |
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| 9:30pm | Soccer A.M. |
| 10:00pm | Ronaldo |
| 10:30pm | La Liga Icons |
| 10:45pm | La Liga Icons |
| 11:00pm | Revista de la Liga |
| 11:30pm | La Liga World |
| 12:00am | Eredivisie |



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BBC one

7:00am Breakfast
 10:15am Claimed and Shamed
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
 12:00pm The Housing Enforcers
 12:45pm The Sheriffs are Coming
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
 2:00pm BBC News at One
 2:30pm BBC London News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm Armchair Detectives
 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
 9:00pm Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
 10:00pm The Apprentice
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
 11:30pm BBC London News
 11:45pm Match of the Day
 1:25am Junior Doctors
 1:55am Weather for the Week Ahead
 2:00am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am An Island Parish: Falklands
 7:30am Claimed and Shamed
 8:15am Armchair Detectives
 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
 2:00pm The Link
 2:45pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip
 3:15pm Going Back Giving Back
 4:00pm The Indian Doctor
 4:45pm Oxford Street Revealed
 5:15pm Wartime Farm
 6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 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 Employable Me

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days *The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.*
 8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2015 *Jeremy Paxman asks the questions in the Christmas-themed quiz for distinguished university alumni.*
 9:00pm How the Wild West Was Won with Ray Mears
 10:00pm Digging for Britain
 11:00pm Detectorists *Comedy series about two metal-detecting friends.*
 11:30pm The League of Gentlemen *Black comedy series about small-town life.*
 12:00am Premium Bond with Mark Gatiss and Matthew Sweet
 12:55am Looking for Mr Bond: 007 at the BBC

CHANNEL 4

7:20am King of Queens
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:00am Frasier
 10:35am Frasier
 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 12:00pm Undercover Boss USA
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Come Dine with Me
 2:05pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm Lost and Found
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
 6:00pm Four in a Bed
 6:30pm Come Dine with Me
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
 10:00pm The Channel
 11:00pm Man Down
 11:35pm How to Build a Robot
 12:40am 999: What's Your Emergency?
 1:40am Pokerstars Championship

CHANNEL 5

7:25am Bob the Builder
 7:35am Fireman Sam
 7:50am Thomas and Friends
 8:00am The Secret Life of Puppies
 8:05am Paw Patrol
 8:20am Noddy: Toyland Detective
 8:35am Peppa Pig
 8:45am Peppa Pig
 8:50am 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
 12:45pm A Bride for Christmas
 2:25pm 5 News Lunchtime
 2:30pm Neighbours
 3:00pm Last Chance Holiday
 4:40pm My Christmas Love
 6:30pm 5 News at 5
 7:00pm Neighbours
 7:30pm 5 News Tonight
 8:00pm Traffic Cops Special
 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 10:00pm Wallis: The Queen That Never Was
 12:00am Mobo Awards 2017

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7:00am Hollyoaks
 7:30am Hollyoaks
 8:00am Charmed
 9:00am Charmed
 10:00am Rules of Engagement
 10:30am Rules of Engagement
 11:00am Black-ish
 11:30am Black-ish
 12:00pm How I Met Your Mother
 1:00pm New Girl
 1:30pm New Girl
 2:00pm The Big Bang Theory
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 3:00pm The Goldbergs
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 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 8:00pm Hollyoaks
 8:30pm First Dates Abroad
 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
 10:00pm A Good Day to Die Hard
 12:00am The Big Bang Theory
 12:30am The Big Bang Theory
 1:00am Rude Tube

sky sports main event

7:00am Total Goals *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.*
 8:00am Total Goals
 9:00am Total Goals
 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 11:00am Premier League Daily
 12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
 1:00pm SKY Sports News
 2:00pm SKY Sports News
 3:00pm SKY Sports News
 4:00pm SKY Sports News
 5:00pm Csa T20 Challenge
 8:30pm Football *Rangers host Aberdeen at Ibrox in the SPFL Ladbrokes Premiership. The Dons won on their last visit to their rivals at Ibrox back in May, 2-1.*
 11:00pm Info not available
 2:00am SKY Sports News
 3:00am SKY Sports News
 4:00am SKY Sports News

itv

7:00am Good Morning Britain
 9:30am Lorraine
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 11:30am This Morning
 1:30pm Loose Women
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
 2:55pm ITV News London
 3:00pm Judge Rinder
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
 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 I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:30pm ITV News London
 11:45pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
 12:45am Play to the Whistle
 1:25am Jackpot247
 4:00am May the Best House Win
 4:50am ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
 7:20am Planet's Got Talent
 7:45am Dinner Date
 8:35am Emmerdale
 9:00am The Cube
 10:00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 10:50am Dinner Date
 11:50am I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
 12:50pm Planet's Got Talent
 1:20pm Emmerdale
 1:50pm The Guide to You've Been Framed!
 2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 7:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
 8:00pm You've Been Framed!
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
 10:00pm Family Guy
 10:30pm Family Guy
 11:00pm I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
 12:00am Family Guy

itv3

7:00am Judge Judy
 7:20am Coronation Street
 7:45am Coronation Street
 8:10am Heartbeat
 9:15am Wild at Heart
 10:10am Judge Judy
 10:40am Judge Judy
 11:05am Judge Judy
 11:30am A Touch of Frost
 1:35pm Wild at Heart
 2:35pm Heartbeat
 3:40pm Coronation Street
 4:15pm Coronation Street
 4:50pm A Touch of Frost
 6:50pm Heartbeat
 7:55pm Murder, She Wrote
 9:00pm Doc Martin *Last in the current series of the comedy-drama series about a curmudgeonly GP.*
 10:00pm Midsomer Murders
 12:05am Blue Murder
 1:35am A Touch of Frost
 3:20am ITV3 Nightscreen
 3:30am Teleshopping *Shopping from home.*

itv4

7:00am The Chase
 7:50am The Chase
 8:40am Cash Cowboys
 9:30am Pawn Stars
 10:00am Pawn Stars
 10:30am Ironside
 11:30am Quincy, M.E.
 12:35pm The Sweeney
 1:40pm The Avengers
 2:50pm Ironside
 3:55pm Quincy, M.E.
 5:00pm The Sweeney
 6:00pm The Avengers
 7:05pm Cash Cowboys
 8:05pm Pawn Stars
 8:35pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm River Monsters
 9:30pm Britain's Busiest Motorway
 10:00pm Inside London Fire Brigade
 11:00pm Crank
 12:05am FYI Daily
 12:10am Crank
 12:50am Hot Tub Time Machine 2
 1:55am FYI Daily
 2:00am Hot Tub Time Machine 2
 2:40am Ax Men
 3:35am The Protectors
 4:00am Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:45am 300
 10:45am Lawrence of Arabia
 2:20pm Underworld: Blood Wars
 4:00pm True Lies
 6:25pm Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
 9:00pm 300
 11:00pm Underworld: Blood Wars
 12:35am Hitman

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:05am Dad's Army
 9:50am This Christmas
 11:50am Bad Santa
 1:35pm Bridget Jones's Baby
 3:45pm Couples Retreat
 5:45pm The House Bunny
 7:30pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
 9:00pm Bridget Jones's Baby
 11:10pm Calendar Girls
 1:10am Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
 2:45am Grimsby
 4:15am Our Brand is Crisis

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Winter Wedding *Couple Hallie and Lucas hold a small town winter wedding in the snow after their original plan for a breezy wedding in the tropics is cancelled by family conflict.*
 8:45am Escobar: Paradise Lost
 10:55am The Girl in the Book
 12:30pm Collateral Beauty *When a New York exec Will Smith tips into depression, his scheming partners plan to use his letters to Love, Time and Death against him.*
 2:10pm Burn Country
 4:00pm Winter Wedding
 5:45pm The Night is Young
 7:20pm Collateral Beauty
 9:00pm Escobar: Paradise Lost
 11:10pm Creepy
 1:30am Burn Country
 3:20am The Night is Young
 4:55am The Girl in the Book

sky sports football

10:00am Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 10:30am La Liga Greatest Games
 11:00am Revista de la Liga
 11:30am La Liga World
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 1:00pm Revista de la Liga
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 3:00pm Revista de la Liga
 3:30pm La Liga World
 4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
 4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
 5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 5:15pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
 5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
 6:00pm Football Years
 6:30pm Football Countdowns
 7:00pm Revista de la Liga
 7:30pm La Liga World
 8:00pm Football's Greatest
 8:30pm Football
 11:00pm Eredivisie
 12:00am Football Years
 12:30am Revista de la Liga
 1:00am La Liga World

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Let's not forget our Christmas past

IN response to an article in UK media saying scripture union are taking out any reference to the Bible in this year's nativity, I would like to say this.

I have lived in Spain for 27 years and when I first came Father Christmas was unknown. Christmas was a celebration of the Bible story with the Three Kings bringing the presents. Since then I have seen Santa arrive and slowly take over.

He now rides with the Three Kings, it is he that is promoted in shops where children visit him, and the Nativity story is slowly disappearing. In a few years' time it will no doubt just be a secular, commercial holiday with no mention of Jesus.

We have had Father Christmas in the UK for so long that we are not aware of the damage he has done to the truth of Jesus. If the church promotes fictional characters to children, when they find out we lied to them how will they believe in Jesus? This year, let's be aware of who we are promoting in our Christmas celebrations.

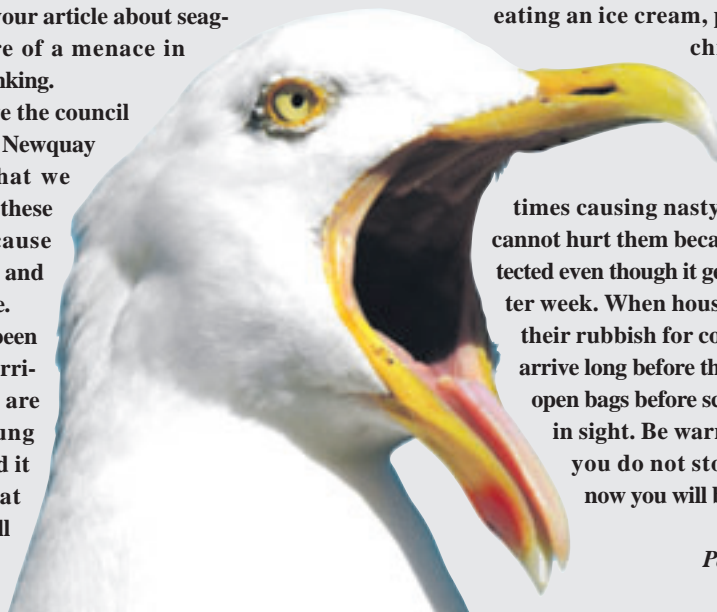
Rev Howard Coley, Iglesia Evangelical Elim Pentecostal

Peck off, seagulls

I WAS reading last week's issue earlier today outside a bar in Javea, and your article about seagulls becoming more of a menace in Benidorm got me thinking.

I would like to give the council some advice. I live in Newquay and can tell you that we have an epidemic of these flying rats. They cause trouble and damage and leave filth everywhere.

People have even been attacked by these horrible birds when they are nesting or have young chicks on a roof, and it is documented that they have killed small dogs in private gar-



dens. Families walking down the Main Street eating an ice cream, pasty, or fish 'n' chips will be swooped upon and all food torn from their hands, sometimes causing nasty injuries, yet we cannot hurt them because they are protected even though it gets worse week after week. When householders put out their rubbish for collection the gulls arrive long before the binmen and rip open bags before scoffing everything in sight. Be warned Benidorm, if you do not stop and curb this now you will be sorry!

Paul, Cornwall, UK

Yes, Leapy

LEAPY LEE is right. There I've said it. His piece on the ludicrous situation of a Somali convicted criminal receiving almost 80 grand of public money after being put inside over a dozen times in 15 years only highlights that the world has gone absolutely stark staring mad.

You have to think there is more to this surely. How can something be so obviously wrong!?

Philip, San Fulgencio

No, Leapy

SO Leapy Lee thinks a good reason for the UK leaving the EU is because they have ruled someone has to be given money for being wrongly imprisoned? This is only a drop in the ocean compared to the billions the Spanish tax man would have pocketed from inheritance tax had not the EU intervened and ruled it illegal!

There are a lot more positive rulings from the European courts than the silly cherry picking oddments that Leapy seems to relish in.

Ray Osborne, Los Alcazares

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Ryanair cancel flights due to French air traffic strike

F... French. Always too few for them. Always on strike... ALWAYS. They have such high salaries. So much protection.. and it is always TOO FEW.. *Kasia*

They cancel for the slightest reason - what's next: someone sneezed and they took down half the timetable! *Geoff Kerr*

Having been caught up in the chaos on October 10, I feel for people affected by this!!

Mandy Cooke

Police investigate biker for reckless driving

I recently saw a biker drive straight through a line of pedestrians on a zebra crossing, also been overtaken on zebra crossings many times by bikers. It's as though the laws don't apply to some bikers here! *S D*

There should be more of this action taken especially when motor cyclists drive with their feet off the pedals and using them as a balancing act. The police could have a field day. *Trisha Rodgers*

If you want to ride like that go to the Isle of Man during the TT on mad Sunday. *Michael Hearne*

Comments from EWN online

French air traffic control strike likely to affect UK-Spain flights

And this is the country that won the bid to host an Olympic Games - athletes and spectators could find themselves in a pickle because they're sure to take advantage of this! *Tina Sexton*

Never fail do they. Ought to make these dates national holidays. *Richard Taylor*

12-year-old girl pregnant by boy same age

How sad as she is only a baby herself. *Kath Dickman*
Babies having babies, not good. *Carol Garrington*

British Airways passengers to board by ticket price

No point to booking early at the lesser fares then! I used BA last June from LHR to Murcia. Reserved seat wasn't honoured (paid extra and didn't get any form or priority in the queue). This new system has reinforced my view that they are no better than Ryanair. Are BA thinking it ok to provide punitive boarding priorities simply because a few others do it? A race to the bottom begins! That's two airlines off my list now that may force me to put my carry on bag in the hold. Why risk laptop, cameras and lenses, and other dear personal effects down there? *Dave Arnold*

BA has gone to pot! Try and get a drink when you sit at the back of the plane! Had four trips didn't get a drink. easyJet is far better. *Peter Urquhart*

Who's the mug? The one that got on first. They paid more for their flight, last on got the cheapest deal, I'll take that every time. *Stephen Jordan*

Puzzle plea

NOT A complaint because I enjoy your paper, but if you want to make it even better please publish the answers to the puzzles the same week. We all try but if the puzzles are beyond us no one can retain an interest in the answers until the next issue. I know loads of people who can't be bothered having a go because of this.

Norman, address withheld

Editor's note: Many thanks for the feedback. Is this something others would like to see? Please write in with your views.

Just shocking

THE recent hysteria over a series of small earthquakes and their potential to generate a mile-high tsunami in Tenerife beggars belief. People should spend less time reading nonsense 'shock' journalism and more time worrying about real issues like the drought here in Spain.

Alan Smith, Canary Islands

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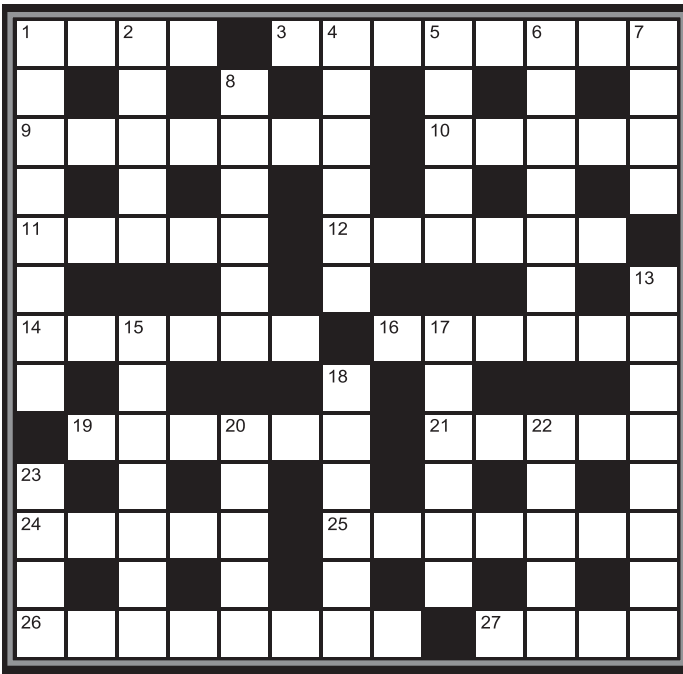
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Luxuriant drinker (4)
- 3 Plant organised my appeal (3,5)
- 9 The root vegetable's a standard crop (7)
- 10 Publication for children (5)
- 11 Forbidden love in abandoned boat (5)
- 12 Wears down queen with poems (6)
- 14 Could start card game, it's cheap (6)
- 16 Withhold food from pop star vegetarian's diet (6)
- 19 Repeated words from Brahman tradition (6)
- 21 Al meets Jack at the table (5)
- 24 Fear some Territorial Army recruits (5)
- 25 For a change, respect the royal staff (7)
- 26 Dotty, Sue, Pearl, Joy (8)
- 27 Soundly study the plant (4)

Down

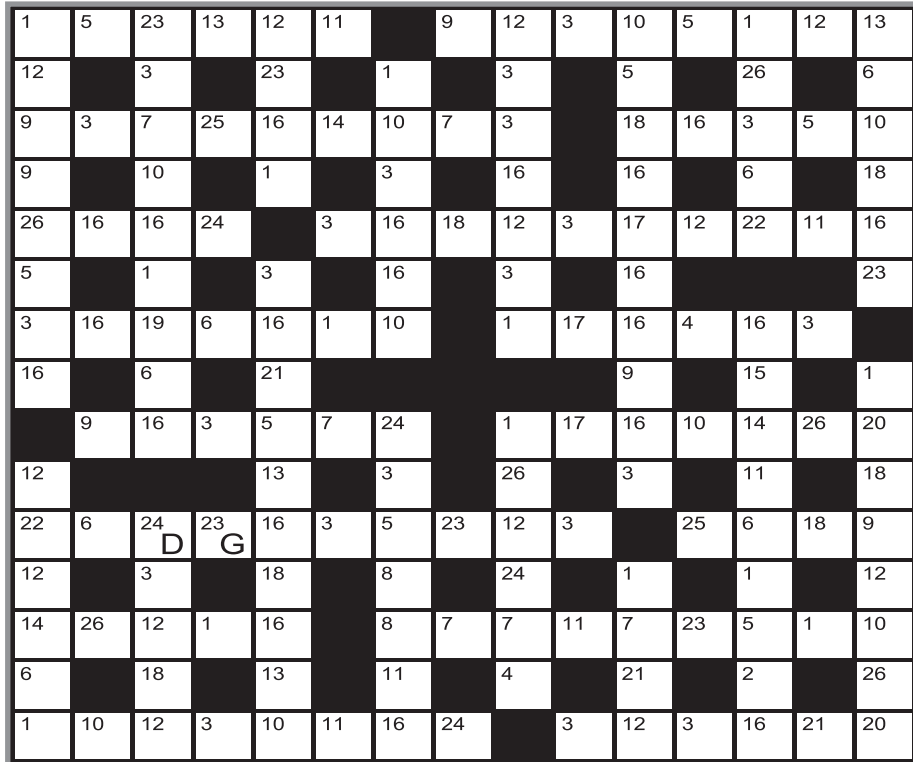
- 1 Make up building pick list (8)
- 2 Wash thoroughly inside disc rubber (5)
- 4 Fruit is the result of an afterthought plea (6)
- 5 Written about in blog, I'm another Spanish friend (5)
- 6 French chemist tears up design (7)
- 7 Good lookers get the favourable votes it's said (4)



- 8 Teach where the pupils are? (6)
- 13 Take care of confused brief at the end (8)
- 15 Unsuspecting, a French female hides a conflict (7)
- 17 Isle that includes central Kent, oddly enough (6)
- 18 Was confused in her cable (6)
- 20 The newspaper items are poorly written (5)
- 22 Bird with the French name (5)
- 23 Insect that used to be quiet (4)

Code Breaker

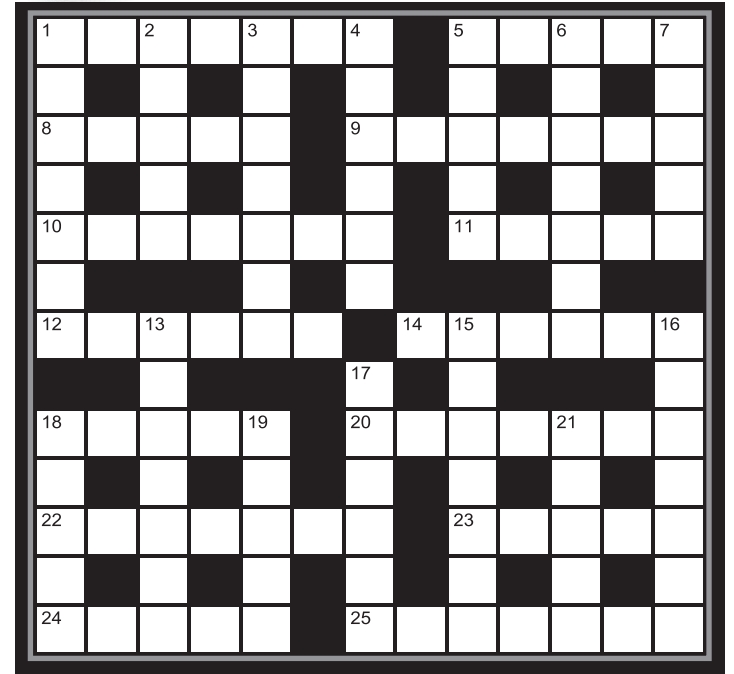
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 23 represents G and 24 represents D, so fill in G every time the figure 23 appears and D every time the figure 24 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

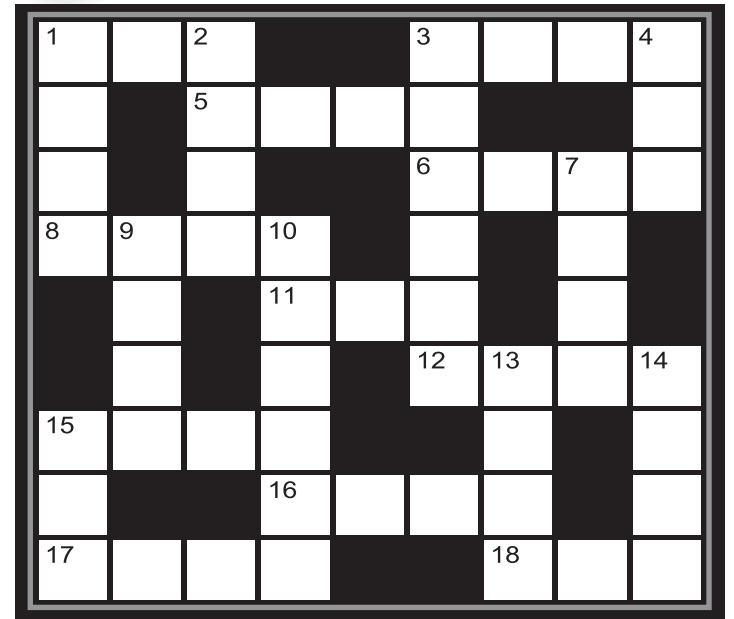
- 1 Hobby (7)
- 5 Flashy, ostentatious jewellery (5)
- 8 Devoutly religious (5)
- 9 Traveller's luggage (7)
- 10 Lean back (7)
- 11 Appears (5)
- 12 Feel pain (6)
- 14 Deep gorge or ravine (6)
- 18 Small carnivorous mammal of the weasel family (5)
- 20 Break into many pieces (7)
- 22 Building (7)
- 23 Be in accord (5)
- 24 Garment worn around the head, neck or shoulders for warmth or decoration (5)
- 25 Meet the requirements or expectations of (7)

Down

- 1 Ancient writing material (7)
- 2 Unemotional person (5)
- 3 Heighten or intensify (7)
- 4 Symbol device or badge (6)
- 5 Fraudulent (5)
- 6 Mental pictures (7)
- 7 Expect to be true (5)
- 13 State in southeastern US between the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico (7)
- 15 Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind (7)
- 16 Room in a house for children (7)
- 17 Evaluate (6)
- 18 Garden buildings (5)
- 19 Stealer (5)
- 21 Revolves (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1/4 Borrar (3,3)
- 3 Tail (of dog, bull, ox) (4)
- 5 This (4)
- 6 Blando (madera, droga, agua) (4)
- 8 Laugh (4)
- 11 Cama (3)
- 12 Classroom (4)

Down

- 1 To gnaw (4)
- 2 Abejas (4)
- 3 Pink (6)

4 See 1 Across

- 7 Caída (4)
- 9 Plancha (utensilio) (4)
- 10 Grandmother (6)
- 13 Feo (4)
- 14 Brazos (4)
- 15 Gold (metal, commodity, currency) (3)

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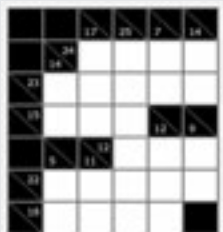
MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' ANTONIO - WOULD YOU RECOGNISE A CRASHED CHINESE SPACE STATION? '

Kakuro

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



Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case G) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



TARGET:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

alit dale deal deli dial evil idle lade laid late lava lave lead leva lied lite live tael tail tala tale teal tile vail vale veal veil vela veld vial vile viled viald vialve vialv valid veldt vital viald detail dialed dilate laddie tailed alidade availed dilated validate VALIDATED

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| 5 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| 6 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 1 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Across:

- 1 Casks, 4 Exploit, 8 Raiment, 9 Troll, 10 Indicate, 11 Grin, 13 Spells, 14 Padres, 17 Rest, 19 Decrepit, 22 Adage, 23 Entwine, 24 Suggest, 25 Exact.

Down:

- 1 Corgi, 2 Swindle, 3 Stencils, 4 Estate, 5 Path, 6 Odour, 7 Talents, 12 Magritte, 13 Streams, 15 Replica, 16 Bereft, 18 Slang, 20 Treat, 21 Bede.

QUICK

Across:

- 1/23 Pipe down, 3 Solution, 9 Stipend, 10 Sushi, 11 Obese, 12 Attain, 14 Elope, 16 Eczema, 19 Bistro, 21 Scare, 24 Otter, 25 Spaniel, 26 Narcotic, 27 Zero.

Down:

- 1 Pushover, 2 Poise, 4 Ordeal, 5 Upset, 6 Inspire, 7 Nail, 8 Recess, 13 Waterloo, 15 Aviator, 17 Casual, 18 Bonsai, 20 Torso, 22 Alike.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Escarcha, 6 Egg, 7 Mayor, 9 Esos, 11 Caro, 12 Neat, 14 Foot, 16 Spots, 18 Ave, 19 Crystals.

Down:

- 1 Exercise, 2 Cogger, 3 Remo, 4 Hoy, 5 Brothers, 8 Asno, 10 Soft, 13 Etapa, 15 Osos, 17 Oir.

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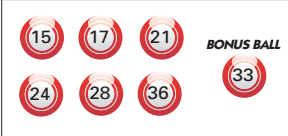


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UK NATIONAL LOTTERY
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LA PRIMITIVA
 Saturday November 18



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 Sunday November 19



YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)
LEO (July 24 - August 23)

The pleasure you will get from helping in the home this week should not be underestimated. What you have been thinking of as a chore turns out to be a great ball of fun. Youngsters may be involved at the weekend, so plan ahead to give them a festive surprise.

Keep energy levels high by being at the hub of any social activities. Accept all invitations, however dull you feel that they may turn out and allow yourself to be surprised. Continue with any check-ups on your health, eating sensibly if you overindulged during the holiday. There is no better time to make that special effort.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)
VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Your relationships to others linked to the home environment are going well. Aim to build on that this week because the chance to make a real change to your surroundings opens up. Comfort is top of your agenda and the continuing sales give scope. Restlessness can be channelled into an energetic response when others seek help. Taking on a small charitable task makes you smile and brings satisfaction.

As you have decided to rearrange both your business and home life, it is a busy time, indeed. You enjoy a challenge so it will not worry you that other people have different ideas. Although you are not inclined to listen to silly whims, some things crop up time and again and have to be dealt with at some point.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)
LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

Your mind is as sharp as a razor this week, so woe betide anyone who tries to trick you. It's a great time to use your talents fully, particularly in regard to a business venture. It is possible that your strengths are a little unrecognised so don't be afraid to try something entirely new. A strong urge to take control keeps others on their toes.

Concentrating on hearth and home gives you great satisfaction. As a born home-maker, you relish the idea of making something beautiful. This week it may be possible to show more of your skills when someone seeks your advice. You could end up helping with appearances.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

This week is mainly concerned with financial matters, and it is easy to both save and make extra money. Keep your energy levels high by making the most of chances to exercise and get out in the fresh air.

Making a new start is not always the exciting thing that people imagine. When there are still old matters to be resolved, it takes the edge off the pleasure. It may be worth cooling off a new relationship until your social life is more settled. An urge to move around could be caused by your not facing a problem straight on.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

The repayment of a favour should see you with extra money in your pocket. Holding on to it is your best bet. Trying to change someone close is so obviously not going to work that it is surprising you tried for so long.

Get both business and personal plans sorted out in the coming week. Thereafter, changes to your routine may be necessary, which is disruptive. The best-laid plans can need adjustment, so don't beat yourself up over that.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

A social gathering turns up an old friend who makes an offer. Although you may feel unworthy, please be reminded of the times in the past when you have given them support. It will be through others that real progress will be made.

Someone close has ideas about how things should be at home this Christmas. Although you wish to show an interest, and should, they may be more 'hands on' than you. Do whatever your talents allow to help because this will not be forgotten.

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Let's get on with life

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I LIKE to keep my eye on what's going on in the USA because, to be honest, at the moment, in my opinion, the place is currently coming across on TV like a bad soap opera.

This week I've been following a couple of news items in particular. One was about an American comedian and politician called Al Franken who was on a tour to entertain the US troops overseas.

There was a young lady in the show with him and during a rehearsal he kissed her and also a photo appeared of him looking at the camera laughing and appearing to touch her boobs through body armour whilst she was asleep. Now this is wrong and totally out of order - end of - no excuses.

The other story was about a baseball player called Yulieski Gurriel who was born in Cuba and who made a gesture to a Japanese pitcher after hitting a home run off one of his pitches. As he ran round he looked at him and used his fingers to stretch his eyes toward his ears and appeared to say a word in Spanish usually used to mock Asian people.

Now here's the thing. In both cases these gentlemen apologised unreservedly to the offended parties. The baseball player got a five game suspension and the comedian / politician may have a senate investigation.

Both injured parties have said 'apology accepted, now let's get on with life' and this is where things go a bit wonky. It has all become very political with groups calling for the baseball player to be sacked and banned.

Here's the deal folks - nobody is allowed to be more offended than the person that was the subject of the original offensive remark or action. If they say it's sorted then let it go.

They are adults and they have decided how to react to the comment or action directed at them. Donald Trump is tweeting and calling Al Franken Al Frankenstein demanding he be hung, drawn and quartered because he's a Democrat.

Meanwhile he's not saying a word about the Republican preacher politician, Roy Moore, who has been accused by at least 10 women of sexual assault. But what would you expect from the man that has over 20 accusations of sexual assault against him and a recording from 2005 telling Billy Bush how he treats women. How this man is still POTUS is beyond me.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Alcohol limits and penalties

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



STAY SAFE: The best option is not to drink at all.

IT is often not realised that the maximum permitted alcohol limit in Spain is considerably lower than many other European countries, including the UK.

It is also worth noting that these limits are precisely that, a maximum that is permitted. Alcohol affects people differently and the only real safe limit is zero.

That said, in Spain the maximum legally

permitted alcohol limit is in general 0.25 mg/l (or 0.15 mg/l if you are a learner driver / professional drivers). If the amount of alcohol exceeds this limit, the driver will be heavily fined and lose several points from their licence.

In the event such amount of the breathalyzer exceeds 0.60 mg/l, the driver becomes subject to a criminal proceeding and will be arrested.

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| (2) PROFESIONALES | 0'1 gr/l | 0'15 mg/l |
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The fines

Professional / novice drivers - 0,15-0,30mg/l - €500 + 4 points, from 0,30mg/l - €1,000 + 6 points. Other drivers - 0,25-0,50mg/l - €500 + 4 points, from 0,50mg/l - €1,000 + 6 points.

A blood test is only available when you have finished the alcohol test and you disagree with the result. Refusal to co-operate is also considered a criminal offence.

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

Can only Agenda items be voted?

Q. Is it correct that Spanish community AGMs do not have an official section for Any Other Business, that they have instead a sort of Questions period at the end of the meeting? Is it correct that anything in this section is not an Agenda item, and so cannot be the subject of a proposal, resolution or vote? Items must be on the Agenda to be voted in the meeting? Can items not on the Agenda be put in the Minutes?

R M (email)

A. Article 19 of the Law of Horizontal Property regulates the official Book of Minutes. The minutes must give the time and place of the AGM. They should list the names of all in attendance or by proxy, with

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



their quotas, and it must contain the Agenda. The book must record the results of the

votes on Agenda items and it may need to list the names and quotas of those who voted for or against a proposal. Any other matters can certainly be recorded in the Minutes, but it is not a legal requirement.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID

The 3-2-1 diet

3-2-1 is bulletproof: three backups of your data, on two different types of media, one of them off-site.

Too much trouble? Then download a free backup program, from simple file duplicators like SyncFolders, to full hard-disk copiers like Easus ToDo, Macrium Reflect or the horribly-named Aomei Backupper. Or just use the backup program which came free with your system.

Some are even 'just set and forget': tell it where to backup your data and when, click and hasta la vista baby: automatic backups daily, weekly, monthly into infinity and beyond.

Or you can be thoroughly modern and backup to the 'cloud' - but beyond a certain volume of data you'll pay, and you need seriously good broadband come the day you need it all back again.

Every hard disk is guaranteed... to crash

Blessed are those who backup, for their data will be safe on the day of failure, says intrepid backer-upper **TERENCE KENNEDY**.

A MACHO colleague always insisted with a smirk that 'Real men don't backup.' Then he got hacked. Oops.

Sadder was the fate of two friends who lost their family photos forever, simply because their computer crashed.

Whether through exhaustion, a virus or an unplanned act of gravity, devices fail. They even have an official 'MTBF' (Mean Time Before Failure) which used to be advertised but now isn't because it might scare us.

Human MTBF is about 600,000 hours. You're doing well if your hard-disk manages even a 10th of that.

I'm constantly astonished at how many people never even think about

backing up their data. Probably because watching YouTube cat videos is more fun. But safe storage really is a doddle.

Step 1: Choose it so you don't lose it: 'consolidate' your documents, e-mails, photos, music and those priceless kitten videos somewhere you can easily locate them on your computer, eg a Documents folder (the default in most systems), E-mails, Photos, Music. Or Cats.

Step 2: Find something to backup to - a physical device like a USB memory stick, an old SD card or an external hard-drive. Not just somewhere else on your existing hard-drive or computer. That's like keeping your spare front-door key on your



BACKUPS: Practising safe storage.

keyring with the existing one.

These days you can pick up an external hard drive for €100 or so, or loads less for a USB flash drive if your needs are more modest.

Step 3: Backup, then backup your backup. Well, okay, that's only for the real pessimists, or the true professionals who insist that you can never have enough backups, with three as the absolute minimum.

It's the work of minutes, with any of the dozens of (free) back-up programs available online, or those built into your device's operating system.

Step 4: Store your backup somewhere safe. Not on or in your desk.

Not even, if you are truly anal, on the same premises.

Bitter techno-trauma and tears have moulded my own backup regime: my laptop data gets copied to an SD card as I create it, to a USB stick at the end of every working day, to an external hard drive at the end of every week, and to a second hard-drive kept off-premises every month.

Sadly, there's more. I also clone my entire hard-drive to an identical copy of itself every week so when the wotsit hits the ventilator I can be up and running again in the flash of a screwdriver. But the rest of you probably have lives to live.

Should TV reboots be given the boot?

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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



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WE'RE living in an age of endless TV reboots with news that the comedy classic *Four Weddings and a Funeral* is being remade, as is the 1980's series *Magnum PI*.

But reboots are invariably disappointing because the original was part of its time that can't be recreated second time round. Everyone's moved on and the world's a completely different place today. Alternatively, they weren't brilliant shows even back then.

In theory, I've nothing against remaking movies or TV shows. It's not unlike a fresh restaging of a Shake-

IT'S BACK: Iconic TV show *Dynasty* was given the reboot treatment this year.

speare play - if there is a point, of course, and something new and different is added to the production. In practice, though, the major problem with reviving 80's TV is that our tastes have fundamentally altered as have our TV viewing habits.

In the 80's, there were very few channels so shows like *Dallas* and *Dynasty* (likewise rebooted) became popular because there wasn't much else -

and provocative, challenging, creative TV's moved on from the predictability of the hourly slot where the same thing happens every week. And in *Magnum PI* the same thing did happen every week.

Most of these revivals are just the result of creative laziness, because either nobody can dream up any fresh ideas, or the bean counters in charge won't take the plunge with new ones. They'd rather just

rely on re-writes and hope that enough people have been born who can't remember the old series and will be presented with something 'different.'

Basically, recycling old themes rarely works; shows that were popular by default not merit then, rarely 'ignite' now. There are plenty of new concepts to exploit, but everyone's too frightened of 'offending' the easily offended, so nobody takes chances anymore.

Which reminds me, the arctic blasts currently hitting the UK must be due to Global Warming, right? Or possibly Brexit? (Though my money's on Putin!) But it's not all bad - it should suit the snowflakes, provided they've some safe spaces where the temperature's mild and nobody's allowed a platform to talk about this, umm, 'offensive' weather.

Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) from Amazon. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

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THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By *Graham Braben, Albox*

No goodies at the top

WE were in Ikea last week, just for a coffee and those cinnamon rolls. No shopping. No self-assembly nightmares. Or that's what I thought. It turns out we were on a mission to find curtain rails. Now in my world, you go in and choose the first set you come to and that's it!

But according to my wife and daughter, I know nothing. The first thing we had to do was measure them, taking into account drop, width and some other things that I'd never heard of, so we picked up one of those paper tape things and that's when I perked up!

It's funny the way our minds work. Apparently, the Nepalese government aren't sure how tall Everest is now after recent earthquakes, so they've commissioned professional measurers to produce a definitive figure.

It got me thinking, well the curtain rails did. We had to measure one of them and my job was to hold the measure at one end. Unfortunately, every time it was pulled tight, I let go.

Okay I admit it, I'm not a fully qualified rail measurer and to make things worse, I wasn't paying the slightest bit of attention either! All I got for my incompetence was a very hard stare and the threat of no cinnamon roll. Imagine what would happen if the same thing happened on Everest.

Which brings me to the point of this. If you have to go to Ikea against your will this weekend, take comfort, you could be over 20,000 feet up in the freezing snow, measuring a mountain rather than curtain rails, and there are no drinks and goodies at the top!

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Diabetes is a disease in which your blood glucose or blood sugar levels are too high. Glucose

Beware diabetes



| DOCTOR: Dr Hussain.

comes from the foods you eat. Insulin is a hormone that helps the glucose get into your cells to give them energy. With type 1 diabetes your body does not make insulin. With type 2 diabetes, the more common type, your body does not make or use insulin well. Without enough insulin, the glucose stays in your blood. Over time, having too much glucose in your blood can cause serious problems. It can damage your eyes, kidneys and nerves. Diabetes can also cause heart disease,



| NURSE: Susan McCrossan.

stroke and even the need to remove a limb. Pregnant women can also get diabetes called gestational diabetes.

What are the warning signs for diabetes?

- Sometimes type 2 diabetes can develop without any warnings signs. In fact, about a third of all people who have type 2 diabetes don't know they have it. That's why it's important to talk to your doctor about your risk for diabetes and determine if you should be tested.

Common warnings signs of diabetes include:

- Increased thirst
- Increased hunger (especially after eating)
- Dry mouth
- Frequent urination or urine infections
- Unexplained weight loss (even though you are eating and feel hungry)
- Fatigue (weak, tired feeling)
- Blurred vision
- Headaches
- Diabetic coma (loss of consciousness)

If you have any of the above mentioned warnings signs of diabetes, give Medcare a call and schedule a diabetes test.

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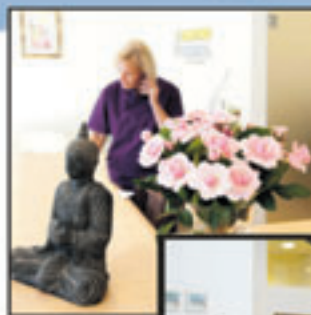
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The blow out

IT happens so easily. It's cold and wet outside and you just want to enjoy an evening in but you remember you've got plans to see friends that can't be put off. Getting dressed up becomes a hassle when you're chilled

through and the thought of blow drying your hair to perfection an unnecessary irritation.

Luckily, website, *Buzzfeed* has come up with ingenious life hacks for getting the locks of a goddess (or god) in no time.

The site suggests using kitchen roll to absorb the majority of the moisture from your hair before you even begin drying it. According to *Buzzfeed*, this surprisingly effective tip will reduce the amount of time you need with your hairdryer. The website also advises cutting down on the number of sections you dry your hair in, suggesting just four.

Simply divide your hair into one section at the front, one at the back, one at each side and clip it off. This will make hair easier to manage and take some of the hassle out of drying.

There are also several products available which will help reduce drying time. Why not try a roller brush which incorporates small amounts of microfibre cloth which draws water away from the hair?

Or how about investing in an Ionic dryer, which uses negative ions to break water molecules down, allowing them to evaporate faster?

Finally, there are several blow dry accelerator sprays on the market which claim to wick water away from hair, reducing the time you dry your hair.

So why not give some of these tips a go and reap the benefits of glossy, bouncy hair all winter?

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Hernias



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

WHAT is a hernia?

A hernia is nothing more than a weakening of the muscles in an area in the body which allows an internal part to pass through. Most typically these occur in the groin and abdominal area.

How do hernias occur?

The weakening of muscle walls or physical strain can force internal parts to move from one place to another. For example, an inguinal hernia can occur when fatty tissue or a part of your bowel pokes through into your groin at the top of your inner thigh.

What are its symptoms?

The main symptom is the appearance of a lump in the groin or abdominal area. This lump tends to be soft and can sometimes be simply pushed back in. Sometimes they can be painful and in certain cases they can cut off the circulation to the intestine which will require surgery.

How do you treat them?

In general hernias need to be operated on to avoid complications. If you decide not to undergo surgery, compressive straps and avoiding physical strains can prevent them from appearing, or growing larger.

Should you seek medical help?

You should always go see your doctor if a hernia appears so they can refer you to a surgeon.

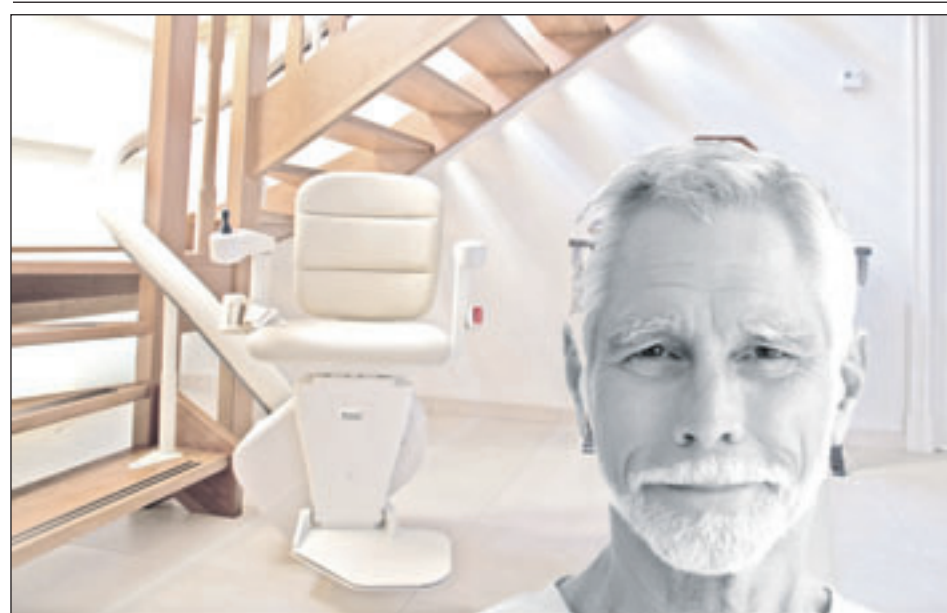
Do they tend to come back after the first time?

After a hernia has been operated on it is difficult for it to appear in the same place, however they can appear elsewhere.

Are there ways of preventing them?

Avoiding heavy lifting and other strenuous activities, as well as core muscle exercises which can prevent them from appearing, however they can still form despite these measures.

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BEAUTY BATH: Are milk baths really the key to youthful skin?

IT was good enough for Cleopatra and now Holly Willoughby has said she is also a fan of a milk bath. The presenter shared the beauty tip in an interview last month, swearing by the cheap and simple trick to give her soft, glowing skin.

The craze also has some valid science behind it with skin specialist, Dr David Jack, telling one publication, "milk contains lactic acid, which is a member of the family of alpha-hydroxy acids (AHAs) that break down the bonds between dead skin cells, removing them from the skin's surface, so there is a gentle exfoliating effect.

The sugar chain molecules that milk contains are also a

Bathe like a queen

humectant - attracting water to the skin to boost hydration." Now the weather is colder, what better time could there be to enjoy a relaxing soak in the tub using your own home-made milk recipe?

For skin that shines like an A lister, website, www.juliebanner.com recommends mixing one part powdered milk with a quarter part corn starch and a quarter part baking soda. The last two ingredients allow you to add an essential oil to the mixture while it maintains its powder form. Add a favourite essential oil to your preferred

quantity, bearing in mind it will become diluted once in the bath.

Ginger essential oil is shown to reduce pain and anxiety while lifting the mood, whereas lavender oil - Holly's choice - is a natural disinfectant and helps boost circulation while its scent is naturally relaxing. Both oils are good choices for masking the smell of the powdered milk, making your bath more spa time and less milkshake!

For a final royal touch, add a handful of fresh or dried rose petals to your mixture. The result will be a skin boosting treat fit for a queen.

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Pain in the Buttock into the leg

Patients regularly complain about pain in the buttock area. They describe this pain as flowing from the buttock to the lower back, leg, hip, groin and front of the thigh towards the knee. Sitting in a hard (Spanish..) chair can be difficult and painful. A pinching feeling can sometimes be felt when sitting too long with pain radiating into the leg. A common misconception among patients is that these complaints are caused by wear and tear or arthritis in the hip or lower back.

A thorough examination will often show, however, that the root cause of all the discomfort is a misaligned pelvis. The hip joint, which is part of the pelvis, is sometimes forced into an awkward position to compensate for a particular movement or posture made by a patient.

The pain in the buttock is caused by constant irritation of the pelvic joint, the so-called sacro iliac joint, together with muscle spasms in the glut area. This inflammation and muscle spasm can cause the typical sciatic pain or pins and needles in the affected leg if the sciatic nerve also becomes irritated. The resulting pain in the buttock area often



makes lying on one's side and turning in bed almost impossible. This change of position in the pelvis reduces the space in the groin area, which can cause a muscle, the Psoas, to become trapped underneath a ligament. The result is an irritated and inflamed tendon and so pain in the groin as well.

This seemingly straightforward

complaint is, in fact, a complex disorder made up of a variety of biomechanical relationships and resulting aches and pains. An accurate and extensive diagnosis is essential to handle this complaint properly. Our clinic examines the whole biomechanical chain to get to the cause of the problem.

Unfortunately, chiropractic practice in

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TOOTHY TRUTH: Always visit your dentist if you have pain in your tooth.

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While it is always best to see a dentist, there are some things you can do to treat a tooth before you see a professional. If the tooth just has a minor chip and no nerves are exposed, it may be that you need to cover a jagged edge be-

fore you see a dentist. You can fill a chip temporarily yourself to avoid lacerating your tongue on the broken edge.

According to Sarasota Dentistry, ask your pharmacist for temporary filling material to cover the gap for a short time or alternatively use wax. If your tooth is in a lot of pain, however, you may have a more serious chip and should see your dentist immediately to avoid damaging the dental pulp and potentially losing the tooth. If you have knocked your tooth and it is now loose, see a dentist as soon as possible. Your dentist may be able to put it back in its original position.

If your tooth comes out completely, you may be able to save it if you respond quickly. Make an immediate appointment at your dentist and pick up your tooth by the crown without touching the roots. Clean it with saliva or cold water and place it back in its socket, holding it in place with a clean cloth until you get to the dentist.

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CURRENTLY showing in English at Cine Javan in Javea is American romantic comedy 'The Big Sick.'

Based on the real-life courtship between Kumail Nanjiani and Emily Gordon, The Big Sick tells the story of Pakistan-born aspiring comedian Kumail (Nanjiani), who connects with grad student Emily (Kazan) after one of his stand-up sets.

However, what they thought would be just a one-night stand blossoms into the real thing, which complicates the life that is expected of Kumail by his traditional Muslim parents.

When Emily is beset with a mystery illness, it forces Kumail to navigate the medical crisis with her parents, Beth and Terry (Holly Hunter and Ray Romano) who he's never met, while dealing with the emotional tug-of-war between his family and his heart.

The film shows at 8.00pm each night - for more information get in touch with the cinema on 965 790 147.

A classical Christmas

THE CORAL CLASICA JAVIENSE (Javinese Classical Choir) will take to the stage at the church of Loreto in Javea Port on Sunday December 3 for their annual Christmas Oratorio Concert.

The choir, together with the Orquesta de la Marina Alta, will perform the second part of the well-known, Christmas Oratorio by Johann Sebastian Bach.

The concert will be directed by Director and Founder of the Orquesta de la Marina Alta, Francesc Estevez, with the choir led by Director Asuncion Tarraso.

Tickets at €15 on the door or in advance from Humpty Dumpty (Javea), Libreria Europa (Calpe) and Letters R' Us (Moraira).

Heavy metal heroes announce tour date for Valencia in April

AMERICAN heavy metal band Machine Head have announced a raft of EU and UK tour dates in support of their forthcoming ninth studio album 'Catharsis' and will take to the stage at Sala Republicca in Valencia on April 6 next year.

The group was founded by vocalist/guitarist Robb Flynn and bassist Adam Duce. The current lineup of the band comprises Flynn, drummer Dave McClain, guitarist Phil Demmel and bassist Jared MacEachern. Machine Head is one of the pioneering bands in the new wave of American heavy metal.

Machine Head has been mainly described as groove metal and thrash metal. The band is influenced by Californian thrash metal bands such as Vio-lence, Metallica, Exodus, Slayer and Testament, crossover thrash bands Suicidal Tendencies and Cro-Mags, groove metal bands Pantera and Exhorder, and grunge bands Nirvana,



WE DON'T SMILE FOR THE CAMERA: Machine Head.

Soundgarden and Alice in Chains.

Machine Head is one of the bands that support the New Wave of American Heavy Metal and influenced bands such

as Slipknot, Hatebreed, Lamb of God, Shadows Fall, Bullet for My Valentine, DevilDriver, Gojira, Trivium, Hatriot, Killswitch Engage, Chimaira, The

Black Dahlia Murder, Throwdown, Rise to Remain and Suicide Silence.

Tickets are on sale now via www.livenation.es.

MY recent comments on Tempranillo led to requests from readers for additional information which I am happy to provide.

It is useful when buying Tempranillo to understand the four legal ageing terms listed on most Spanish wine bottles as they affect quality and flavour.

- Vin Joven: rarely aged in oak, they are released young, intended for immediate consumption, and are not very common outside Spain.

- Crianza: reds aged for two years with six months in oak, traditionally American which is stronger than other types (ie French).

- Reserva: reds aged three years, with one year in oak, resulting in a higher quality with richer, round flavours.

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Tempranillo: What's in a label...

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by Lorenzo Barbareschi



AGEING TERMS: Affect quality and flavour.

Depending on the region, Tempranillo is known under various names: Tinta del País in Ribera del Duero, Tinta de Toro in Toro, Ull de Llebre in Catalonia, Cencibel in Valdepenas where it is the predominant red grape and Tinto Fino in other regions.

Tempranillo is most commonly blended with Garnacha, Mazuela, Merlot, Monastrell and Cabernet Sauvignon; is the major component of the typical Ri-

oja blends and constitutes 90-100 per cent of Ribera del Duero wines.

Reasonably-priced labels of Tempranillo 'vin Joven' include Rioja 2016 Pagos del Rey by Castillo de Albai; Crin Rioja; and Senorio de Los Llanos by Garcia de Carrion.

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Just passing through

JOSE SANFELIU who returned last month from the Himalayas recently visited Villajoyosa Town Hall.

Sanfeliu is a municipal employee but this time to meet the mayor Andreu Verdu and the councillors for Sports and Economy.

He was accompanied by three companions from Ibi who cycled up to the 5,416-metre Thorong-La pass with him last month.

The four sportsmen took only seven days to complete the ascent, part of which they completed on foot when the terrain obliged them to carry their bicycles.

They began their journey on October 5 at an altitude of 600 metres and reached



Photo credit: Villajoyosa town hall

THORONG-LA: Jose Sanfeliu, Jose San Juan, Juan Guillen and Francisco Guillen.

the highest point of the pass on October 12.

The worst part of the journey, they said, was the last 400 metres owing to the alti-

tude despite training hard last summer to withstand the extreme temperatures and physical demands of the ascent.

A week of concerts

CALLOSA'S Music Week in honour of Santa Cecilia, patroness of musicians, begins tomorrow, Friday.

The first concerts organised by Amics de la Musica de Callosa (AAM) begins at 7.30pm in the Casa de la Musica Salvador Segui with the AAM's Chamber Orchestra.

Saturday: the La Primitiva Brass Band parades through the streets at 5pm, collecting from their homes the musicians who joined the band this year.

At 6.30pm the musicians will accompany the statue of Santa Cecilia from the Casa de la Musica to San Juan Bautista church, where a combined Mass and concert starts at 7pm.

Sunday: Choir concert (Casa de la Musica) at 7.30pm.

Wednesday: Combo and the AAM Big Band (Casa de la Musica) at 7.30pm.

Thursday November 30: The AAM Banda de Educandos (Casa de la Musica) at 7.30pm.

Saturday, December 2: La Primitiva Brass Band (Casa la Musica) at 7.30pm.

Sunday December 3: Colla l'Algar (Casa la Musica) at 7pm.



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NICE RICE: Not a case of too many cooks...

Grand paella competition

By Linda Hall

THE Paella Competition held each year during La Nucia's town fiestas was won by the El Peña Nuciers group.

This was the 18th edition of the Paella competition that always follows the Santissim procession and as usual it was held in the Les Nits car park. The contest also included a

dessert-making category that was won by members of the Peña l'Aldarull fiestas group.

After the paellas and desserts had been judged and eaten, it was time for the traditional tournaments of the Brisca and Truc card games while the children were entertained with workshops and bouncy castles.

Shop till you drop

PORTAL DE LA MARINA Shopping Centre in Ondara has extended its opening hours for the Black Friday weekend this weekend. The centre will be open until 11.00pm tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday and there will be a raffle held each day in which the winners will take away two gift vouchers worth €500.

Children's icons Tadeo Jones and La Momia will be at the centre each day from 5.00pm to 8.30pm, encouraging the little ones to have a photograph taken and to talk about Tadeo's latest adventure.

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Uniting the people of three towns

By Linda Hall

ALFAZ is now collaborating with the Associacio II Centenari de l'Ermida de Sant Vicent del Captivador.

The town hall has contributed €1,000 to the association, which was created in 2001 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the San Vicente chapel.

El Captivador where the chapel is located, was a Moorish settlement until 1609 and according to some sources Moors were kept captive there, awaiting expulsion from Spain.

The land was taken over by the inhabitants of surrounding villages and others from farther afield and El Captivador grew as more houses were built.

In 1802 the hamlet applied for permission to build the



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COLLABORATION: Mayor Vicente Arques, Associacio II Centenari president Jose Soler and Culture councillor Mayte Garcia.

chapel in honour of San Vicente Ferrer and the first Mass was celebrated there in 1803.

Visiting the chapel was a popular excursion for Marina Baja residents, especially those from La Nucua, Alfaz and Altea, and that custom is still alive today.

The Associacio II Centenari de l'Ermida was formed to maintain this tradition, unite the people of the three towns and

maintain the chapel and its surroundings.

The feast day of San Vicente Ferrer, patron saint of the former Kingdom of Valencia, held on the first Sunday after Easter, is the chapel's most important annual event. The celebrations are arranged each year by the mayorales (organisers) of the La Nucua, Alfaz and Altea fiestas.

A breath of mountain air

FINESTRAT'S Tourism department added Puig Campana to its conducted tours that can be reserved via WhatsApp.

The department's WhatsApp number is 648 653 219 and tours can be booked from Monday to Sunday. Reservations can also be made by emailing touristinfo@finestrat.org.

"The Discover Finestrat routes with guides who give information in several languages have functioned well since introducing them a year ago," said Finestrat mayor Juan Francisco Perez.

"It will be possible to climb Alicante Province's second-



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PUIG CAMPANA: Conducted tours are now available.

highest mountain or follow routes adapted to visitors' needs," Perez said. "We have been working for months to increase the number of visitors to the town centre," added the

mayor who hopes to establish Finestrat as one of the province's most-visited inland municipalities. "Meanwhile La Cala de Finestrat has some of the best occupancy figures."

The Nutcracker in London

ON Tuesday December 5, ballet-lovers can enjoy a live transmission of The Nutcracker from the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden at the Condado Gastro Show Club in Denia.

Recommended by Concerts Costa Blanca, Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker is a classic Christmas story.

The origin of the Nutcracker is a fairy tale ballet in two acts centred on a family's Christmas Eve celebration. Alexandre Dumas Père's adaptation of the story by E T A Hoffmann was set to

music by Tchaikovsky and originally choreographed by Marius Petipa.

The story centres on a young girl's Christmas Eve and her awakening to the wider world and romantic love.

The composer selected eight of the more popular pieces before the ballet's December 1892 premiere, forming what is currently known as the Nutcracker Suite.

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THIS is a glorious time of year to take a break; kids are back at school, prices are lower; and if you are lucky, depending on where travel, you might still catch a spectacular autumnal riot of colour as you venture outdoors.

If you're hankering for a mini holiday to fortify yourself for the festive season, why not meet two needs with one deed and head for a Christmas Market?

Europe has the best selection of Christmas Markets, where you can wrap up warm, indulge in steaming hot drinks (mulled wine, or hot chocolate anyone?), find original

gifts, whilst taking in the sights and sounds of some of the most beautiful places in Europe.

Here are some of our favourites for you to combine festive fun with some unforgettable historic hotspots. Let us know if we've missed your favourite and we will tell readers about the most popular ones next month.

Rothenburg ob de Tauber is our favourite of the spectacular German Christmas Markets, because whether it's Christmas or not, this town is straight out of Hansel and Gretel.

It's the most impeccably preserved Bavarian medieval town in Europe and is picture-perfect for this Christmas Market, which dates back 500 years. Robust stone town walls that surround the town with their creaking wooden walkways offer uniquely outstanding roof top vistas of the town's half-timbered houses and red-tiled roofs.



GERMAN MARKET: The spectacular Rothenburg ob de Tauber.

Runs from December 1 to 23.

Strasbourg boasts the oldest Christmas Market in France, first held in 1570. With 300 stalls, across 12 locations, this is one of Europe's most popular Christmas markets. Strasbourg's spectacular Gothic Cathedral nestles at the heart of this fabulously festive location.

Market runs from November 25

to December 31.

Bath city centre with its Roman Baths and glorious Abbey becomes home to 170 Christmas stalls from the end of November. This year is bigger than ever with over 200 wooden chalets. The market offers ceramics, toys, gifts, decorations and food with over 80 per cent of produce sourced locally.

There's an ice rink and glow-in-the-dark crazy golf course at nearby Royal Victoria Park. Market runs from November 23 to December 10.

Winchester's beautiful medieval centre offers a slightly more modest, but equally delightful Christmas Market with around 100 wooden chalets offering decorations, jewellery, artwork, gifts, and all the usual irresistible food fayre. Visit the open air ice-rink and Winchester Cathedral.

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Best ways to heat your casa

By Matthew Elliott

HOMEOWNERS across Spain are turning to new techniques to help warm their houses in winter. Home reform platform, Habitissimo reports more and more Spaniards are seeking help in bringing down the bills and staving off the chilly weather.

More than 15,000 homeowners requested information on heating their home last year, suggesting a huge appetite for sound advice.

The average family in Spain spends €1,454 per year heating their home. Those using natural gas average between €760 and €928, while those using electricity stump up around €2,000. Most people can easily cut their expenses by 20 per cent by being smarter in their choice of heating system.

Habitissimo offer advice on the smartest ways for homeowners to keep warm. Programmable thermostats can slash electric bills by 10 per cent. Paying an engineer to adjust the boiler is a sound investment, which can reduce costs by 15 per cent in the long run.

The most in-demand heating system among Spaniards is gas. More than one in three prefer gas, compared to the 19 per cent who favour the simplic-



TOASTY: Spaniards are sick and tired of cold cascas.

ity of electric.

A trend growing in popularity is for heated floors. These provide uniform heat throughout the house and don't create a dry or stuffy environment. Heated floors offer long term savings of between 10 and 30 per cent. Installation costs around €6,500 on average, but can rise to as

much as €15,000 if the floors have to be raised.

One in five who ask for help from Habitissimo end up choosing heated pellets. This is a biofuel formed from compressed sawdust that offers a greener way of heating the home. It can be expensive though, with heating a big house possibly demanding a kilo of pellets be burned every hour.

Communal living comforts

THE number of housing complexes which cater to the needs of smaller families has risen in Spain in recent years.

While it used to be more common in Spain to have one big house with many generations living under the same roof, families are now choosing to live in smaller houses, preferably in complexes where they have everything they need under one roof.

These cohousing communities often have shared facilities such as a pool, garden and tennis court. They tend to be built outside cities with access to good transport links.

According to a recent study by Casaktua, most families consider a swimming pool essential when looking for a new house.

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The rise of new companies hasn't gone unnoticed by traditional real estate agents, keen to stay competitive in a market worth some €54 billion.

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Autumn leaves are falling down

A perfect time to remake your garden

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THE onset of the colder weather brings a lot of changes to the garden.

It is much easier to work in the glorious autumn sun to clean up the garden by pruning the summer flowering shrubs and preparing the soil for winter herbs, flowering annuals, new shrubs and trees.

It is the perfect time to plant new additions to the garden and start off new plants in pots so they can be well established before the next summer's heat.

If you are plagued by autumn leaves falling, it is useful to know that you can take advantage of this natural annual event to improve your garden with richer soil from the autumn leaves which are a free source of organic material.

The simplest way to manage autumn

leaves is to rake or blow them into natural soil garden beds to act as a mulch. It can look attractive and breaks down quickly over winter to add humus and other nutrients to the soil.

I also gather the leaves to surround newly planted trees and shrubs to provide insulation from the cold in winter while they are getting established. It works well even though it has usually broken down by the next summer and I have to use additional mulch for summer water conservation and heat insulation of the roots.

If you have stone mulches on your garden beds this method of mulching does not work as the stone mulches are better left without buildup of organic material as it will encourage weeds.

Instead you can make a simple pen in a corner of the garden to pile the collected leaves and allow them to break down naturally over winter or



AUTUMN LEAVES: Don't waste them.

add them to your compost as fresh layers with additional organic material between each collection of the leaves over autumn. The composted material can be added where it is needed later.

If you are preparing new garden

beds that require cultivation, the leaves can be added to the soil and dug in. Leaves decompose very rapidly in the soil so they will improve the texture and organic content quickly to make the soil better for es-

tablishing new plants.

The leaves help to keep the soil aerated, with better drainage over winter and gives the soil greater water holding capacity in summer after they have broken down into humus.

So for the gardener, the autumn leaves are a blessing in the annual cycles of the seasons to prepare for the changes to come. Gathering the autumn leaves up from the terraces and paths, to add to the soil and protect the plants, makes them an asset rather than a burden.

I love to see the fresh autumn leaves as they fall and decorate the ground so I usually only collect them weekly. The warm autumn sun on the coloured leaves in the brisk autumn breezes, provides a different aspect of the garden from other seasons that can be enjoyed and worked with to improve the quality of the garden year round.

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Winter garden

SPAIN has one of the best winter climates of Europe. So why not take advantage of this fact to get some winter gardening in?

According to *Permaculturenews.org*, winter can be the best time to grow some crops because of the natural rainfall.

While fruits including tomatoes and peppers should still be saved for summer as they need to ripen in the sun, many vegetables can be grown at this time of year.

Carrots can easily be planted in winter in mild Mediterranean climates and can be harvested in early spring, just in time for all those soups and roast dinners.

Other crops you can plant now include rhubarb, artichoke, chayote, lemon balm, currants, fennel and gooseberries. Or why not try

broad beans and snap peas?

A longer term project will be garlic and shallots which will be ready in the summer in time to make a chilled gazpacho soup. Bulbing onions, green onions, chives and leeks will also fare well if planted now, as well as asparagus.

Permaculturenews.org recommends sowing your seeds as soon as possible to make the most of the warmer weather and planting some less hardy crops indoors in a window sill planter. Brussels sprouts, cabbage and lettuce will all thrive indoors at this time of year, as will fava beans, lentils, cauliflower and celery.

So why not make extra time this winter and make the most of Spain's great weather and grow your own? They'll be ready to harvest in the spring.



CARROT GOLD: Plant your carrot crop now to harvest in time for spring.

IF you have limited space in your garden or want to protect some of your plants when temperatures drop, it's worth investing in some stylish pots.

Potted plants really brighten up a space and allow you to have a garden that blooms all year round. You can use them to grow anything from climbing and flowering plants to vegetables and herbs.

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Growing in pots

portable garden, as they allow you to bring plants which are susceptible to frost inside during colder months.

Generally speaking, the bigger the plant, the bigger the pot but you need to make sure that it

drains well and won't overheat your plant. You can also get creative, by using anything from old teapots and welly boots to wooden barrels. Also make sure you keep in mind what the downfalls might be of using pots made from certain containers.

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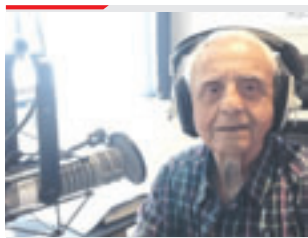
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PET PALS: Rescue dogs provide great company and make great additions to the family.

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Being responsible for caring for an animal often gives new meaning to someone who is living alone or who is far from loved ones. Pets can help elderly people keep an active lifestyle and may help fill a

void left by living alone or away from family.

Working families thinking of adopting a rescue animal should take into consideration if they have time for the new family pet. Children should be encouraged to help

and go to dog training classes which are educational, social and really a lot of fun.

Seniors may want to consider adopting an older, adult animal instead of a puppy, kitten or rambunctious 'teenage' pet. Older pets are

more likely to be calm, already house trained and less susceptible to unpredictable behaviour.

Animal shelter staff can help potential adopters find the most suitable animal for their lifestyle.

Seniors should not be encouraged

to take on a large dog, as many take on a dog far too powerful for them, which becomes unmanageable. Obviously if you live in an apartment then you should have a small dog.

Dog's lives revolve around odour; I always recommend bathing a rescue pet as soon as possible. By doing this you wash away the old identity and allow the dog to get his new identity. Most dogs will roll in the ground to get their new identity.

Take your new pet for a walk around the area of your street near your home as soon as you are able. This allows your pet to learn the new smells of the area.

Ensure that all doors, gates etc. to the home are secure and that you have a microchip and a tab on the collar with your telephone number.

Emotionally you will feel very sorry for the little fellow and often new owners can overdo the attention.

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IF you are thinking about getting a dog for the first time or have just taken the plunge and welcomed a new four-legged friend into your life, you should be aware of a few mistakes that are common among first-time owners but are also easy to avoid.

Small mistakes in the beginning could have a big impact on a dog's health and behaviour in the long run. As it is likely your dog will spend a significant amount of time at the vets or dog groomers, start handling your new dog as soon as you get her (or him). This will make it easier for them to tolerate any checkups or attention from strangers in the future.

Also make sure you brush your dog's teeth from the first day you get her. The sooner she gets used to it, the more she'll be accepting of it in the long run. It's also important to measure how much food you give your dog, especially one that is still growing, as if they fill out too fast this could lead to health problems later on.

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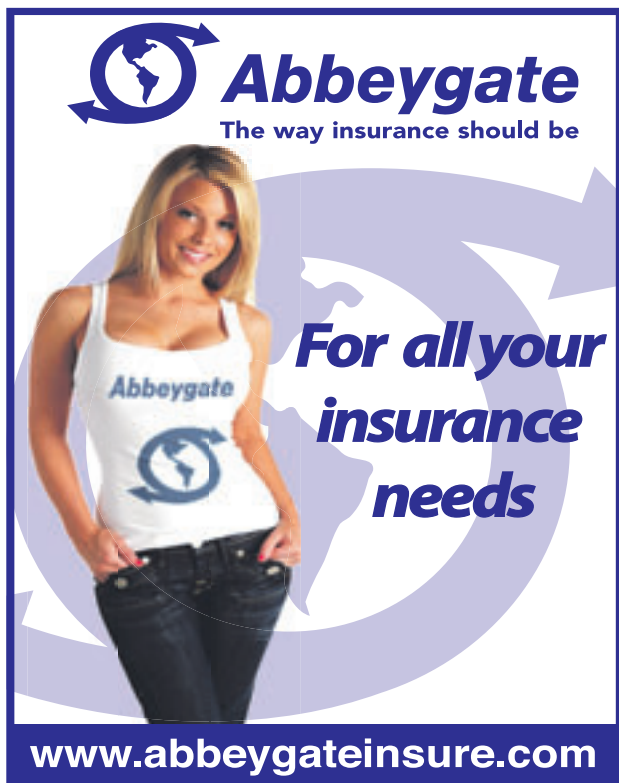
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By Matthew Elliott

WOMEN love the Hyundai Ioniq. The hybrid was declared Supreme Winner of the Women's World Car of the Year awards.

The first car to boast three electrified powertrains was selected by an all female cast of 25 motoring journalists. The Supreme Winner is the car that 'really stands out' according to Sandy Myhre, who is in charge of the awards process.

"The Women's World Car of the Year award once again proves that the world's first car offering hybrid, plug-in hybrid and all-

Femme fatale

Women's top car revealed



SLEEK: Hyundai Ioniq a hit with the ladies.

be more different to the car declared World Car of the Year last month. The Jaguar F-Pace SUV won what could be called the 'men's awards.'

The Mazda CX-5 won the family car award, the Ford Fiesta was the best budget, and the Peugeot 3008 won best SUV. The BMW 5 Series easily won best luxury car and the Honda Civic Type R scooped the performance award.

There was also a special award for the best 'Dream Machine' for women. For the second year running McLaren won the dream car award. The 720 S edged out tight competition from the Maserati Levante and Aston Martin DB11. On the rear view mirror is etched a quote from McLaren founder Bruce McLaren and reads: "Life is measured in achievement, not in years alone."

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electric powertrains in a single body type is a real champion," said Andreas-Christoph Hofmann of Hyundai Motor Europe.

Judges voted on six categories: budget, family car, SUV, luxury, performance, and green. The green category was also won by the Ioniq.

The sleek and mobile Hyundai Ioniq could hardly

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Other managers cry - I don't cry - Jose

MANCHESTER UNITED gaffer, Jose Mourinho, who host Brighton in the Premier League at Old Trafford on Saturday, says other managers 'cry' when hit by player injuries.

"Other managers cry when players are injured - I don't cry -" said Mourinho, who has had a plethora of injuries this season.

United suffered another injury scare when Phil Jones pulled out of the England squad to face Brazil after a thigh injury sustained in the international friendly against Germany.

Mourinho could turn to summer signing, Victor Lindelof to replace Jones, should the defender suffer a recurrence that could keep him on the sidelines this weekend.

Liverpool, who host champions Chelsea on Saturday, are in the hunt to sign Barcelona star, Javier Mascherano in the January transfer window.

Argentine midfielder, Mascher-



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with Andrew Atkinson

ano, 33, who departed Anfield for the Nou Camp in 2010, sees his contract at Barcelona end in less than two years.

Liverpool full back, Nathaniel Clyne will be sidelined for another three months after surgery in the wake of the England international where he picked up a back injury.

Dominic Solanke's England surprise call-up for the international friendly against Brazil could cost Liverpool £10 million: "It came as a surprise, really but anything can happen as a footballer," said Liverpool striker, Solanke.

Solanke, 20, who left Chelsea in a move to An-

field in the summer, will have his value decided by tribunal. Liverpool offered £3m, which was rejected.

Liverpool star, Sadio Mane, dogged with a hamstring, is set to head to the 2018 World Cup following Senegal's first qualification since 2002.



JOSE MOURINHO:
Doesn't cry.

THE first of five Ashes Tests between Australia and England gets underway today in Brisbane with England captain, Joe Root saying: Bring it on!

"I've heard chat about targeting me, in particular. We'll be targeting every single one of them. Bring it on," said Root.

Aussie spinner, Nathan Lyon has singled out Root after Australian opener David Warner labelled the series as 'war'.

"There's been a lot of talk - some of it is a load of rubbish - especially from some of the Aussie players. The more you say, the more it can backfire on you," said Root.

Alastair Cook, England's all-time leading Test run scorer, vice-captain, James Anderson, England's highest Test wicket-taker and Stuart Broad are among key figures.

"The great thing about Ashes cricket is that you have to get in a battle, so I tend to be a better bowler,"

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Cricket: Ashes Tests

Bring it on! Joe rooting for Ashes

said Broad.

England all-rounder, Moeen Ali will be fit for the Ashes after a scare when he suffered a side strain. Fast bowler, Steven Finn, who misses the Ashes after sustaining a torn knee cartilage, is replaced by Tom Curran. Jake Ball is a doubt for the first Test, with strained ankle tendons.

Ben Stokes is absent due to an ongoing police investigation after his alleged altercation in Bristol during the one-day series against West Indies in the summer.

England haven't won the opening Test of an Ashes series in Australia since 1986. Australia are 4-5 favourites to win the Ashes, with England 5-2, with odds of 9-2 for a draw.

"It is a great part of the

Ashes series, a great part of the rivalry," said Broad, in his third Test Series.

"We're not going to blast the Australians out. We have to do what we do, adjust our length a bit. If you bowl that slightly fuller length, you get belted," said Broad.

"I've done some good work leading into the first Test. I feel like my time is coming," said Broad.

Is the Ashes Tests series a war?: "It's a game of cricket - not war - one I believe we can win," said Broad.

Ashes Tests: November 23-27, 1st Test, Brisbane; December 2-6, 2nd Test, Adelaide; December 14-18, 3rd Test, Perth (Waca); December 26-30, 4th Test, Melbourne; January 4-8, 5th Test, Sydney.

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with Andrew Atkinson

My parents have always believed in me. I couldn't ask for better role models

Euro Weekly News sports correspondent, Andrew Atkinson talks in-depth in Part two of an Exclusive interview with British born teenage swimming sensation, twice-Junior World Oceanman Female World Champion, Club Natacion Elche star, Zoe Connolly.

ZOE CONNOLLY'S quest is to meet Spanish Olympic, world and European champion swimmer, Mireia Belmonte - the first female Olympic champion in the history of Spanish swimming - considered to be the greatest Spanish swimmer ever. "The person I would like to meet the most is Mireia Belmonte - she is an excellent swimmer - who swims so many different races and very good at long-distance," said Zoe.

Dedicated teenage ace, Zoe has achieved successes in her fledgling career, that has lead her to becoming the Open Water Junior World Oceanman Female World Champion, in 2016 and 2017: "I am grateful to my parents who pay to stay in hotels," said Zoe.

"Competition swimming costumes are expensive - up to €400 a suit - wetsuits for open water run into hundreds of euros," said Zoe.

"It also costs money for entries into competi-

NERVOUS:
Zoe at the
start of the
2017 World
Half
Oceanman.



tions, along with training with the swimming club each month," said

Zoe, whose entrance fees for travesias - sea swims - were over €200 in 2017.

"My parents have always supported me - given me everything I needed - to achieve what I have achieved. They have always believed in me and helped me through the hard times," said Zoe.

"No matter what happens they are always there for me - helping me through school - and swimming. I couldn't ask for better role models," said Zoe. Away from the water, Zoe is busy studying: "I am studying my first year of 'Bachillerato' in 'Almoradi Antonio Sequeros'," said Zoe.



DREAM MEETING: Mireia Belmonte - Spain's No.1.



CHAMPION: Zoe finishing the 2017 World Half Oceanman.

"I intend to continue studying by attending University to study physics and mathematics," said Zoe, studying to take the entrance exam next November, for either Oxford or Cambridge Universities.

Despite her huge success, Zoe has had disappointments: "My biggest disappointment was being one place short of achieving Elite Athlete Status in 2017 in the open water Spanish Cup," said Zoe.

Zoe, who has a coach, for both Fin Swimming and normal swimming, as part of her local swimming club, Club Natacion Elche, says swimming in open waters has its dangers and injury woes.

"I have sustained various injuries throughout the years, due to my tendons that did not grow at the same rate as my bones," said Zoe. "The biggest danger in sea swimming is the jellyfish. I have been lucky - only been stung a few times - and it has never been serious," said Zoe.

Zoe, whose favourite meal is pasta with chicken, listens to music and reads books to relax: "I listen to the top hits, although I do like Shawn

Mendes, Ed Sheeran and Arianna Grande," said Zoe. "I find swimming quite relaxing - it helps get rid of stress - especially throughout exam weeks. I also find reading quite relaxing too," said Zoe, who dreams of an exotic holiday.

"I would love to visit somewhere exotic - Thailand or Tahiti - it would be nice to learn about different cultures," said Zoe. "But, honestly, I would go anywhere with nice beaches. I love the sea and it would be great to swim and scuba dive, to see all the different wildlife," said Zoe. "Swimming is amazing, such a big part of my life. It's good for stress relief and very good for your health and it has helped my education, concentration and time management," said Zoe.

"Sometimes training sessions can be hard, but nothing beats the feeling of accomplishment when you've finished. Overall it improves your mood," said Zoe.

"In 2018, I am thinking about becoming a swimming coach/trainer, in which I will have to take another course, with more exams," said Zoe, who worked as a lifeguard in the summer.

Carp-R-U's report

THE final round of the Autumn Series was fished on the town centre stretch of the Rio Segura in Murcia.

A lot of work has been going on at this venue to help alleviate problems when the river floods, the path along the side of the river is now gravel instead of mud, which is nice, but much of the bankside vegetation has gone and this seems to have affected the carp fishing.

As a result, the 'bleak bashers' topped the weights (although Doug included a couple of carp in his weight). First was Doug Hornblow with 10.40kg (whip and maggot plus carp on the method feeder), second was Dave Hoare with 7.78kg, third was Alan Smith with 6.98kg and fourth Steve Fell with 3.96kg.

Dave, Alan and Steve all fished the whip and maggot.

This result means the Autumn Series was won by Steve Fell with 159 points, second was Steve Collins with 156, third Roy Butress with 133 and fourth Tom Marshall with 113. Well done all who took part and it was good to see the eight matches in the series produce seven different match winners.

The club is always keen to get new members. If you are interested contact the secretary, Steve Fell, on 634 379 081.

Further information about the club can be found on its website www.carp-r-us.weebly.com or on our Facebook page *Carp-R-U's Fishing Costa Blanca*.

Counting the days until Spain vs Brazil

AFTER the announcement of Spain vs Brazil in the Stadium of Rugby Villa-joyosa, the expectation of the fans continues to grow.

The Test match will take place on Saturda and is scheduled for a 4pm kick off.

The club is working on preparations for a number of different acts and presentations ahead of the match, with two activities having already been announced for the same day.

In the morning, there will be school rugby matches with zone teams and with others such as the Andemen Tatami and Cisneros of Madrid, who will play the day after the Test Match against the team of the La Vila Rugby for the Heineken League in the Vila Stadium.

There will also be a school competition of wheelchairs taking place, organised by the 'Proyecto Relevo Paralímpico,' driven by 'Fundación Trinidad Alfonso' and managed by the Spain Paralympic Committee.

Spanish international César Sempere, who has more than 50 caps, will take part in the event, collaborating in the Wheelchair Rugby Clinic, alongside the national co-ordinator of Wheelchair Rugby.

This event will have place in the 'Maisa Lloret

Pabellón' next to the Vila Stadium and is open to everyone. To participate in the event, send an email to relevoparalimpico@gmail.com.

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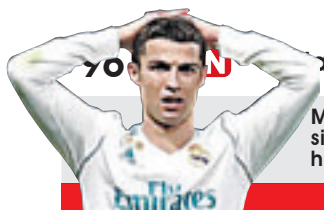
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MADRID rivals Real and Atletico played out the first 0-0 draw between the two sides in La Liga since 2005 at the weekend, leaving both sides 10 points behind Barcelona in the title race.

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Javea Green Winter League team extend their lead at the top of the table

JAVEA GREEN BOWLS CLUB welcomed Greenlands on Wednesday with high expectations of a good result and were not disappointed.

Always a pleasure to play against such professional bowlers, three Javea rinks took an early lead and maintained it throughout. The remaining two rinks started

well but dropped shots on several consecutive ends to make it an interesting finish. The overall result was 12-0 to Javea which sees them six points ahead at the top of the league table.

Next match at home to Emerald Isle whom they beat on Sunday to go through to the next round of the Premier 20's.

Javea Green's Northern league teams had mixed results with Onyx losing 6-4 to Bonalba, Opal losing 10-0 at home to El Cid Swords, the only winning team this week was Quartz who had an excellent 8-2 win against El Cid Sabres away from home.



VICTORIOUS: The NTP winners, Sheila, Sandy and Kai.

TMGS members play at El Valle

FORTY members and guests assembled at El Valle for this week's Stableford competition.

The first group teed off on time at 11.36 only to find a large group in front of them. El Valle has quite a walk between some of the holes, so inevitably it took them five hours which put a little pressure on the final groups, with the last two groups playing the last two holes almost in darkness.

The course was in good condition

with the greens being a little on the tricky side and despite there being six birdies on the par three's, only one person managed to break par.

Results:

NTP's

Hole 6 Sheila Dean, Hole 9 Sandy Hill, Hole 12 NADA, Hole 15 Kai Krog.

Two's winners: S Dean, A Alm, K Alm, M Kennedy, L Jernberg, K Hunter.

Best visitor: T Svensen 31 pts.
Bronze cat: 3rd T Finne, 27 pts. 2nd M Mhyrvold, 32 pts. 1st A Alm, 36 pts.
Silver cat: 3rd K Krog, 30 pts. 2nd M Kennedy, 31 pts. 1st A Alm, 36 pts.
Gold cat: 3rd H Arvesen, 31pts. L/H 2nd K Winton, 32 pts. 1st S Sonesen, 33 pts.

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