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# Stash smash



**HAND GUN:** The weapon seized by police.

## Family link snare Aguilas drug gang

By Harrison Jones

Police have smashed an Aguilas drugs 'family' and seized a huge stash of drugs, cash, cars and other valuable goods.

The Guardia Civil of Murcia say they have arrested 12 gang members - some from the same family - on suspicion of drug trafficking, possession of weapons and money laundering.

Around two kilos of marijuana was seized alongside a small stash of cocaine, according to Spanish media.

The authorities also reportedly took possession of €10,000

in cash, four cars, a motorcycle, numerous jewels, a semi-automatic pistol, several boxes of ammunition and mobile phones.

Four Spanish family members - two men and two women, between 25 and 35 - were arrested. Eight other Spaniards, aged 25 to 52, were also detained, while a further

two people are believed to still be under investigation.

Police enquiries have been ongoing since June, when the Guardia Civil suspected a link between the family and widespread drug trafficking.

Two brothers are thought to be at the centre of the operation, which brought in around

€10,000 a week in drug sales.

Around 50 police officers were involved in the four-house bust, which also required the go ahead of a local court.

The gang were believed to be operating a sophisticated network of informants to keep their activities hidden from police.

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have arrested four people in Almoradí believed to be behind a number of robberies and scams. They have been charged with 15 crimes and two of those detained have already been sent to prison.

### Caught red-handed

The crimes included a series of robberies from both homes and vehicles and investigations began when there was a noticeable increase in

the amount of robberies with force being reported.

## Tourists trapped in Bali

THIRTY-FIVE Murcians have been stranded in Bali amid travel chaos in Indonesia.

Volcanic ash from Mount Agung closed the popular tourist destination's airport, leaving travellers scrambling to get home.

Andres Soto told Spanish media that his group were fine but "nervous."

Tens of thousands of locals have to be told to evacuate. The volcano's last major eruption was in 1963.



**STRANDED:** The group before panic broke out.

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San Javier

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**Plan off the rails**

IT has been announced that the rail track which runs between Castellón and Tarragona will not be high-speed and thus will affect the time of the journey from Alicante to Barcelona.

**Big boom**

ONLINE purchasing has boomed in the Alicante Province with a number of distribution centres expecting to handle more than 4,000 items per hour until January 6.

**On the beat**

CARTAGENA'S mayor Ana Belén Castejón has announced that the city will soon have 19 additional Local Police officers. These were part of a plan included in the 2016 public employment offer.

**Fatal crash**

A 45-YEAR-OLD Spanish man has died after his car left the RM-605 motorway in Cartagena and then crashed into another vehicle as he rejoined it close to the La Aljorra exit.



**DEMONSTRABLY SPANISH:** Pro-Spain demonstrators on Constitution Day last year and (inset) a Christmas market.

By Harrison Jones

SPAIN is looking forward to two national holidays.

Next Wednesday marks Spanish Constitution Day, but in the wake of controversy surrounding Catalanian independence, the public holiday may have a different feel to other years.

Traditionally, the day is one of national pride, with plenty of patriotic displays.

Yet with the constitution and the national flag now widely seen as a symbol of Spanish repression in Cataluña, the anniversary could be used as an opportunity for further defiance from the region.

In early October, Catalonians voted overwhelmingly in favour of independence in an illegal referendum, which sparked ugly scenes in Barcelona.

In the rest of Spain, most of the public spend the day quietly at home.

# Holiday time!

## Spain set for 5-day weekend

December 6 marks the day Spaniards approved a new constitution in 1978, following the overthrow of General

Franco, the Fascist dictator who ruled Spain for 36 years.

In the build up to next week's 39th anniversary, schoolchildren have had extra lessons on Spanish history and politics. Each year, a small number are invited to read from the constitution in Madrid parliamentary buildings, which have a special public opening

close to the anniversary. Another public holiday

with many Spaniards taking the Thursday off to enjoy a five-day weekend. The December 8 holiday is a

Catholic event, known as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

It is an ideal time to visit one of the many Christmas markets springing up around the coun-

try since it is typically viewed to mark the start of the festive season.

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**19%** of students in Spain drop out before finishing secondary school according to an EU report.

## Do you know Jean Driffield?

AN Australian couple have launched a desperate plea to find their missing friend.

Pat and Trevor Correa from Tralgon in Victoria, Australia, have lost contact with their friend Jean Driffield, whose last known address is: Block5c, Vista Azul, Cabo Roig 03189, Alicante.

They last heard from Jean in 2012, and she has lived in Spain for at least 15 years.

Jean hails from Leeds, had a dog named Oscar and her birthday is November 1, although the couple could not confirm the year or provide any photos.

The three met in Malaysia decades ago and have been friends ever since.

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## Motorbike crash death

A 26-YEAR-OLD motorcyclist has died after leaving the T-312 road in Cartagena. His body was found at around midday, but it's believed that the body of the young man - who lived in the city - had been lying there for several hours between Los Beatos and El Algar.

## Full mast

FIREFIGHTERS in Cartagena have installed the Spanish flag at the top of their practice tower, despite the local mayor, Francisco Aznar, refused to place the symbol on municipal offices following the controversial referendum in Cataluña. A councillor said they were unaware the flag had been raised.

## Debt free

SAN MIGUEL has approved the municipal budget for 2018 - €5.2million - but because they will now pay off loans ahead of time, they have been able to save €415,000 in interest payments due until 2022. The budget was supported by the PP and UPyD and they are now debt free.

## Illegal supply

ELECTRIC company Iberdrola has uncovered a series of illegal connections to the grid of 84 homes in Alcantarilla. National Police were called to escort representatives of Iberdrola when they arrived to cut off the supply. It's understood the alleged fraud lasted for two years and amounted to €130,000.

## Ramped up

ROJALES has spent €11,000 to provide a ramp to the market that allegedly doesn't comply with accessibility regulations. It's understood that it cannot be used for loading and unloading since it's not big enough for the trucks... and the slope prevents those

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...39

In the build up to Christmas, hordes of Spaniards spend hours queuing outside to buy tickets for El Gordo, the €2.3 billion festive lottery that has become the richest draw in the world.

# Feeling lucky?



Credit: BarcexFlickr

**FULL OF HOPE:** A queue of people waiting to buy lottery tickets in Puerta del Sol, Madrid.

'EL GORDO' - or the 'the fat one' - is the nickname given to Spain's unique annual Christmas lottery, also known as el Sorteo Extraordinario de Navidad.

According to state figures, around 70 per cent of the population take part each year, with each person spending an average of €60 on tickets, while the total prize money in 2017 is forecast to be €2.38 billion.

The draw started more than 200 years ago in 1812, and is held every year on December 22 at the Teatro Real de Madrid in Madrid.

A group of 40 children, aged between eight and 14, from the Colegio de San Ildefonso school in Segovia are chosen to select the numbers each year. The school used to be an orphanage and the winners of the lottery traditionally donate a portion of their winnings to the school.

Many people flock to watch the ball be drawn live, with many dressing up in lottery-themed clothing for luck.

The numbers are drawn from two giant golden drums, one with the numbers of the lottery tickets and another with the prize amount, and the children traditionally sing the results as they're drawn.

The prize fund is split among thousands of prizes ranging in value. Unlike other traditional lotteries, it's not possible to pick your own numbers. When you buy a ticket, the number is already printed on it and can range from 00000 to 99999. A full 'billete,' or ticket sheet, costs €200, but most people buy a 10th of a ticket, or a 'decimo,' for €20; meaning they win a 10th of the prize money allocated to the winning number. This can be split up further into 'participaciones' worth €1.

## A fat chance

IT is not uncommon for people in the same location to win at the same time if they buy 'decimos' or 'participaciones' from the same place. Last year the first prize of €4 million was split between 10 people who all bought their tickets from the same lottery shop in Madrid.

In 2011, all but one of the 250 residents in the tiny Spanish village of Sodeto won a share of €120 million,

with people collecting prizes worth between €100,000 and €1 million depending on how many tickets they had bought. This was the first time in history that an entire village won the prize.

The unlucky man who missed out was a Greek man who lived on the edge of town and allegedly didn't realise what a big deal the Christmas lottery was.



Credit: Madrid Director/Twitter

**SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING:** The draw is chanted by schoolchildren.

with reduced mobility from using it.

## City of tremors

LORCA has once again experienced a number of mini-earthquakes. In the

space of 24 hours, the city felt three tremors with none of them registering more than 2.0 on the Richter scale. The first recorded a magnitude of 1.7 and the subsequent two both registered 2.0.

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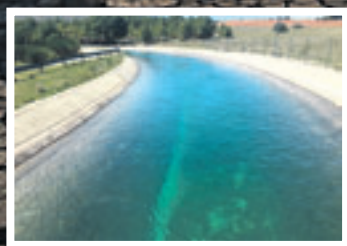
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# Crisis deepens

## 'Spain has lived as if it were water rich'



**DRY AS A BONE:** The Entrepeñas reservoir, the Tajo-Segura transfer (inset left) and its course (inset right).

**By Matt Ford**

THE longest river in the Iberian Peninsula is drying up.

It comes as a series of dramatic images showing the extent of the crisis gripping the Tagus river emerged.

Known as the Tajo in Spain and Tejo in Portugal, the river rises in Aragon, northern Spain passing close to Madrid before forming a length of the border with Portugal and eventually emptying into the sea at Lisbon.

Along its 1,000 kilometre length it is dammed 51 times, but its current problems arise at the headwaters.

And they are likely to exert a knock-on effect in expatriate strongholds on the Mediterranean slope.

Constructed between 1966 and 1979, the 292-kilometre Tagus-Segura transfer is a concrete canal designed to carry water from the upper Tagus to the Segura river basin, where it is used to irrigate crops in Alicante, Murcia and Almería.

But much of the channel is open to the air, meaning tens of thousands of litres of water are lost to evaporation before reaching their destination.

Environmental organisation Greenpeace this week published a scathing report on water management in Spain, as the country continues to battle its worst drought for two decades.

The study, entitled Drought, Something More Than a Lack of Rain, concludes that 75 per cent



Photo credit Pedro Armesire/Greenpeace

**WINTER IS COMING: Temperature plummet, strong winds and rain forecast for most of Spain**

Parts of Spain braced for the cold and wet weather.

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## Poll of the week

With Black Friday out of the way, have you already finished your Christmas shopping?

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**

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

Yes 51% No 49%

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# Harry to marry!

## Prince and Megan Markle to tie the knot

By John Smith

THE announcement of the engagement of Prince Harry to actress Meghan Markle hardly came as a surprise.

The Prince is, on the face of things, making a ground breaking choice as far as the Royal Family is concerned as he is marrying a divorced American actress of mixed race.

It was 81 years ago that the Duke of Windsor gave up the throne for the love of a divorced American woman and then in 1955, Princess Margaret decided not to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend also a divorcee, although in this case, it was not because of political pressure but because she was unsure of her love for him.

Despite the fact that the Queen and Prince Philip have just celebrated 70 years of marriage, their children have not been so successful with only Prince Ed-



Prince Charles @Charles\_HRH Twitter

**HAPPY COUPLE:** Announcing the engagement to the press.

ward still with his first wife.

Ms Markle had a history of involvement in charitable causes long before her blind date meeting with the Prince and she has declared that once married, she will give up acting and concentrate on humanitarian work.

It has been confirmed that the wedding will take place in St George's Chapel in Windsor, the same location for the wedding of Prince Edward and Sophie Countess of Wessex and

for the Service of Prayer and Dedication following the civil wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Duchess of Cornwall.

Unlike certain previous Royal Weddings, it has been indicated that there will be no public holiday to celebrate the event.

The Government of Gibraltar on learning of the engagement announcement immediately sent the couple their best wishes and invited them to visit the Rock.

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## Strutting her stuff

SHE'S the philanthropic model who got her big break posing for Calvin Klein.

And now Toni Garrn, 25, has lent her looks to fashion brand Calzedonia.

The leggy star wowed in a short dress with a see-through chest panel over pear fishnet tights which perfectly showcased her endless legs.

With her golden hair falling over her shoulders, the stunner wowed at the company's 25th anniversary in Madrid.

The German model, who spends her spare time raising money for girls' education in Zimbabwe, showed off her tanned skin and chiselled cheekbones as she posed for photographers.

Garrn made headlines in September when she was spotted dining with former flame Leonardo di Caprio in New York. The stunner previously dated the Hollywood star for 18 months between 2013 and 2014.



Photo credit Toni Garrn/Instagram

**SHEER DARING:** Toni Garrn.

## Purr-fect hostess!

SHE'S one of the most desired women in Spain.

And actress Blanca Suarez, 29, showed why she leaves others in the shade as she appeared as brand ambassador for British car manufacturer Jaguar at the launch of the new E-type in Madrid.

After slipping into an eye-popping, multi-coloured mini-dress combined with thigh-skimming stiletto boots, the TV star posed for a series of racy snaps with the car.



**LAWSUIT:** Nick and Holly.

## Millionaire's row

HE'S a super-wealthy property developer married to a former star of Australian soap Neighbours.

But multi-millionaire Nick Candy is suing a former good friend whose wife filmed him being 'drunk and embarrassing' in Ibiza.

Emma Hollyoake, partner of his ex-business associate Mark Hollyoake, allegedly refused to erase the footage from her mobile phone, leading to a court battle.

The property tycoon, who tied the knot with Australian actress Holly Valance in 2012, is said to have 'engaged in some embarrassing behaviour when heavily intoxicated' at a party on Ibiza in 2010 as friends filmed him. He now claims his privacy and data protection have been breached.

Candy, who is said to have a joint worth of €1.6 billion with his twin Christian, shares two children with his wife.

## Neigh joke

SPANISH actress Elsa Pataky has a new best friend.

The Madrid-born star, 41, took to Instagram to show off her new horse Dolly as she enjoyed an afternoon of riding near Byron Bay in Australia, where she lives with actor husband Chris Hemsworth and their three children.

A smiling Elsa appeared to be fully-recovered after a recent trip to Spain.



**HORSY:** Elsa Pataky.

## Crown glory

SHE'S the monarch with a taste for high fashion. And Spanish Queen Letizia did not disappoint as she attended a Jubilee Year celebration in Caravaca de la Cruz, Murcia.

The mother-of-two slipped into a glamorous grey jacket and snakeskin heels, together with diamond earrings.

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# Lack of passing trade causes shop closures

A NUMBER of shopkeepers in Santa Pola are suffering from a loss of custom since the area where their businesses are located was pedestrianised.

Calle Almirante Antequera was closed to traffic in the Costa Blanca town four months ago, but since October four established shops have shut down due to a lack of business. Traders in Santa Pola have taken a look at their takings since the work was completed in the summer with many

of them having experiencing record losses. Those that haven't pulled down their shutters and walked away are already concerned that with the busy tourist season over they may struggle to make it through to next summer.

The areas most affected are those around the castle and the main roundabout where not only are some the roads for pedestrians only, many have had their priorities and directions altered. Antonio Aznar, owner of the El Pedal

bar on Calle Almirante Antequera said that his takings had halved during the summer and considers that the pedestrian zone was the final trigger for his business needing to close one month ago. "People used to pass us in their cars, pull up outside and come in. I know of three other shops in the vicinity that have given up and closed down," said Antonio.

Pepa Garri, who represents the traders said: "All we ask is that the road can be opened to traffic until 6pm to allow people to support the area and put in parking spaces accordingly." Delivery lorries are only permitted to load and unload until midday.

The commerce department in the council point out there will be a number of changes during 2018 that will see more car parking spaces close to the Plaza del Castillo, and that they will continue to promote the pedestrian zones.



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## Self-defence classes

TWENTY women have been learning self-defence in Torre Vieja Hospital with the aim of increasing the safety and security of patients. The initiative was carried out to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Domestic Violence.

The women involved in the self-defence workshop, under the instruction of Jorge Conejo, have learned a number of techniques to aid their personal security and to be able to defend themselves if they end up in a violent confrontation.

Figures available show that between January and October this year, 201 cases of gender violence was reported throughout the area covered by the Torre Vieja health authority that includes not only Torre Vieja but Pilar de la Horadada, San Miguel, Orihuela Costa, Guardamar, San Fulgencio, Benijófar, Rojales and Los Montesinos as well.

## OUR VIEW

# It's time to save water

THE ongoing water shortage is a crisis that has been lurking in Spain's shadow for decades. But the country appears to have no plan or will to deal with it.

And as a Greenpeace report claims that Spain has 'lived and legislated as if it were a water-rich country,' then it certainly appears time to address a problem which is long in need of a solution.

As reservoirs lie at their lowest levels since the 1990s, and state weather office AEMET forecasts a mild and dry winter, a natural fix may not be close at hand after the third driest year on record behind 1981 and 2005.

Ill-advised infrastructure projects such as the Tajo-Segura transfer, largely created during General Franco's era, are wasteful and woefully inadequate for a country as rich as Spain. Golf courses and public green spaces are typically irrigated with drinking water, while a number of towns and cities continue to pump raw sewage into rivers including the Tagus and Ebro.

As climate change continues to show that it is far from a future problem, Spain must find a way to use its precious water resources more efficiently or suffer the inevitable consequences brought about by a perfect storm of rapidly-warming planet, over-exploited aquifers and unchecked pollution.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Worker abuse**

A MAN has been sentenced to three months in prison for abusing a co-worker after a company dinner in Torre Vieja. He entered a woman's room and abused her while she slept.

**Tax online**

FINANCE councillor for San Javier, Carlos Albaladejo, has announced a new system for the payment of a number of taxes through the internet via credit or debit cards.

**Drunk... not**

A MAN has been acquitted in Murcia after being found drunk at the wheel of his car as he'd only moved his vehicle at the request of the police.

**Road fire**

FIREFIGHTERS have put out a fire in a car on the A-7 motorway close to Lorca on the Andalucía-bound carriageway following a number of 112 emergency calls made.

**Day of rosé**

JUMILLA has hosted their second wine fair which featured 16 wineries from the famous wine producing area. Participants paid €5 which allowed some tasting... and to drink the wines.

**New town**

THANKS to 3D radar technology, an underground settlement that could date between the 1st and 5th centuries has been discovered next to the Santa Pola cemetery and the market.

**Long task**

MORE than 70 students have taken part in a marathon session in Torre Vieja relating to tourism issues. The 'Hackathon' lasted for a total of 36 hours.

A YOUNG woman has been killed by a train in Cartagena close to Las Tejeras. Her companion, a 25-year-old man was seriously injured in the accident.

According to witnesses, the couple were seen walking along the railway tracks close to the go-karting circuit shortly before the incident took place just before 6.30pm on Sunday evening.

The train had left Cartagena station at 6.19pm heading for Madrid

**Young woman killed after trespassing on railway track**

and those that saw the tragedy unfolding said they didn't hear any warning signal or horn from the train before the impact happened.

At this point on the route, the train would be travelling at some speed. The conclusion was that the driver didn't even see the couple on the line

as it was dark at the time and this particular area wasn't lit.

At first, the injured man - who was found conscious after falling down an embankment about three metres high - was treated by a nurse who was enjoying a day off at the go-kart circuit. He was later taken to Santa Lucia Hospital

by ambulance and the latest reports suggest that he's not suffering any life-threatening injuries.

It appears that the only way the young couple could have accessed the railway line was to climb over a metal fence that is over two metres high.

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# Cannabis seized from a sinking ship

OFFICERS belonging to the Maritime Service of the Guardia Civil intercepted a shipment of drugs between two boats in Cartagena.

Three men have been arrested for alleged drug trafficking and a total of 1,300 kilos of cannabis resin has been seized off the Murcia coast.

The operation began when a regular patrol, undertaken by the Guardia Civil, spotted two vessels sailing close to each other near to Cartagena. As the patrol boat moved in closer one of them separated from

the other, suspicions were raised further and they followed one of them.

Some eight nautical miles off Cabo de Palos, they intercepted a large motorboat flying a Spanish flag. As the officers tried to board,

the occupants attempted to sink the boat by opening the taps.

There were three people on board - all men aged 28, 36 and 48 - one of whom was Spanish and lives in Los Nietos, Cartagena. The

other two were Moroccans.

Several suspicious packages were found on deck which were later discovered to be cannabis resin and the men were arrested accordingly. The boat - which also contained further

amounts of drugs in several cabins - had to be towed into Cartagena as it had slowly begun to sink following the earlier action taken by the alleged traffickers to stop the Guardia Civil boarding.

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## City cracks down on air pollution

MURCIA'S city council has asked their citizens to use their cars less due to the quality of the air.

They have set in motion a series of actions and recommendations to improve the city's air quality which include permanent controls of pollution levels and traffic measures by Local Police.

During a period of six days - from November 18 - the levels of the PM10 particles that were recorded by the San Basilio air quality measurement station far exceeded the recommended daily limit.

What are not helping the levels at the moment are the persistent anticyclones that are affecting this part of Spain and causing unfavourable air quality.

In view of the data that was recorded by the San Basilo monitoring station, combined with the prediction that such weather conditions are due to

continue for a while the Murcia authorities were left with no choice but to take action.

Local Police will be instructed to ensure that traffic in the city is allowed to flow and to do all they can to prevent jams.

They will be asked to step in to stop van or lorry engines running for long periods when they're loading or unloading or stopped at traffic lights for a long time.

Other measures include asking citizens to only use their vehicles when it's absolutely necessary, use public transport where possible and cycle and walk to more places.

Drivers are also asked to consider car sharing and also use less energy in their homes, such as overuse of oil heaters and wood stoves.

Further measures will be adopted should the current levels persist or worsen in the coming days.

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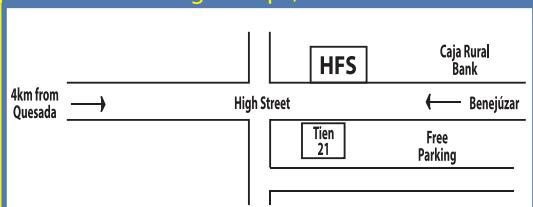
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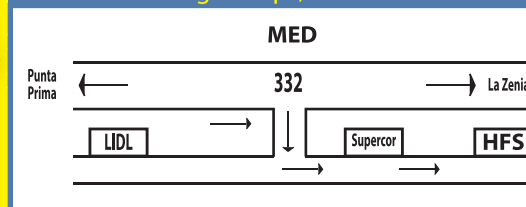
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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Deutsch sprache?**

CLASSES in German are being held at the Higher Technical School of Industrial Engineering in Cartagena to prepare students for future expansion into wider markets. Eighty people have enrolled.

**Parlez vous?**

THE Alliance Française de Cartagena, in conjunction with the council, is developing a number of courses to encourage people to take up learning the French language.

**Same tactics**

A MAN has been arrested by the Guardia Civil after nine robberies from parked cars on public roads in Jumilla. Investigators discovered a similar 'modus operandi' in all the incidents.

# Time to 'bee' rescued

FIREFIGHTERS were called to the Castillo de San Fernando de Alicante (Alicante Castle) to remove a bee hive that had made itself a home on the side of the rock.

Two fire engines and a crew of six firefighters - accompanied by an experienced beekeeper - arrived at the scene, established where the hive was and set up an extendible ladder to remove it as safely as possible.

What appeared to be a straightforward task ended up taking three hours. The firefighters and the beekeeper -

dressed in appropriate protective clothing - ensured that the bees could be taken to a point outside the town and thus prevent them stinging the locals.

The hive and its bees - believed to contain around 4,000 in the swarm - are also now in a place where it can continue its role in nature without coming to any harm.

This is the first action of its kind since the spring when emergency services responded to a number of requests to remove honeycombs both in the city and in some of the parks.



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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Local heroes**

THE village of Cabezo de Torres in Murcia has welcomed the unveiling of Calle Las Parrandoleros, named after a local that has been at the heart of the village.

**Garden plan**

RESIDENTS of the Murcia village of San José de la Vega will see their gardens and parks reformed thanks to a comprehensive plan that will include children's play areas.

**Go to jail**

THE CTSSP group on Cartagena Council has insisted that the old San Anton prison is still "recoverable" and therefore able to be reformed to enable the local people to enjoy the space.



**PROMOTION:** Guardamar port looking to increase its fishing fleet.

# Council hoping to catch more fishermen

GUARDAMAR Council has launched a series of initiatives aimed at promoting the local fishing fleet and securing its future.

Councillor Jesús Tenza said the main objective is to maintain the number of boats and fishermen engaged in this traditional activity that has been synonymous with Guardamar for generations.

There are currently seven boats making up the fleet with 15 active fishermen and the plan is to bring to the attention of both locals and the wider world their work and their heritage.

With a number of the fishermen getting older, the municipality hopes to attract more people - and more fishing boats - to take up this career, but first it's necessary to achieve an increase in the

fishermen's income as well as being able to secure guarantees for competitive prices in a fluctuating market.

"Hence our advertising campaigns to keep customers loyal and to remind new and old customers that you can find fresh, wild and locally caught fish every day in Guardamar's fish market," underlines Jesús Tenza.

"This is an initiative where we must look at the advantages and disadvantages of the fishing industry in Guardamar and to see how our fishermen can benefit," he continued.

The council are also considering offering training courses to those interested in pursuing a career in fishing.

A TWO-year-old girl was admitted into the Los Arcos Hospital in San Javier having accidentally taken drugs.

According to the Guardia Civil, she ingested a small portion of cannabis that belonged to her parents, and was discharged from hospi-

# Toddler unconscious after taking cannabis

tal less than 24 hours later. The Guardia Civil were notified by medical staff at the Los Arcos Hospital when the girl was admitted unconscious caused by possible cannabis intoxication.

They arrived at the hospital and met with doctors and the girl's parents to determine whether or not it was an accident. It appears that the girl took it herself and swallowed the narcotic.

The parents, both Spanish and resident in San Pedro del Pinatar, acknowledged that they were users of cannabis and that the girl had indeed accidentally ingested the substance.

For now, no arrests have been made in this case and the Guardia Civil has referred it to the legal department responsible for young children for a decision as to the next step.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Skating around**

AS part of the Christmas attractions in Alicante City centre, an outdoor - but covered - ice skating rink will open tomorrow (Friday) in the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, Isabel Ramón.

**New plan**

**THE plan to make the Civil Registry in Elche an independent body has been unanimously rejected by the magistrates, and instead reinforce their claims for an extra two courts.**

**Itchy winner**

*THE ONCE lottery has brought a pre-Christmas smile to someone in Orihuela who has won € 250,000 on a scratch card... the highest available prize on this particular game.*

# Cancer unit planned for city centre

HOSPITAL group IMED, based in L'Alfàs del Pi, has announced the construction of a new radiotherapy centre for the centre of Murcia. It's planned to open at some point during next year.

It will be located in the north of the city - alongside the Nueva Condomina - where the IMED already has a 10,000m2 plot. The hospital group will be making an approxi-

mate investment of €7,000,000 and while it's being built, the available services in Murcia will be transferred to Torrevieja and Elche. The works are expected to last for nine months.

IMED was adjudged to be offering the best value for the project from the two that were offered when the public tender period came to a close, and it's understood that the contract



Photo by IMED Hospitals

**BENCHMARK: IMED to construct new radiotherapy centre.**

will be signed in the coming days. If everything goes to plan and once Murcia

City Council give their permission, the construction will begin during December.

The radiotherapy centre will be built on an area that a hospital was originally planned for

and will consist of a single floor and a basement.

The IMED Hospital group will be able to boast a state-of-the-art Oncology Unit in the new centre, in line with those already existing in Elche or Valencia, with the very best medical treatment technology available. The ultimate aim of the IMED is to become a European benchmark in the comprehensive treatment of cancer.

ALICANTE'S city council has placed new stickers on the garbage bins to make it clear the times that the rubbish can be left and the fines for incompliance.

Over the past three months, 126 fines have been issued and hundreds of reports of different incidents recorded that have violated Alicante by-laws.

The announcement was made by the councillor responsible for cleaning in the city, Fernando Marcos, explaining that the stickers were already on some bins

## There's a time and a place for rubbish

and action is being taken to those that have already broken the law. "We need to sanction those whose actions have an impact on the image of our city, while at the same time keeping our streets and parks clean." It's anticipated that all the bins will have the information notices on them at the beginning of January.

The stickers remind residents and

business owners that it's forbidden to dump rubbish in the bins outside the permitted hours. From October to April, the hours are from 8pm to midnight and from May to September, 9pm to midnight. In the larger estates where rubbish collections take place during the day, the bins can be used between 8pm and 8am.

People that don't comply with these schedules by depositing their waste in containers outside the official times, failing to place the rubbish in plastic bags, and leaving rubbish in open bags could face fines of €780.

Plain-clothes officers will be deployed to help with the monitoring, control and enforcement of these new hours.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Model company**

TRANSPORT company, Disfrimur was visited by local councillors to see the latest example of a 21st century company that is committed to innovation and using natural gas equipment.

**Green light**

A NEW 'Urban Plan for Cartagena' will be ready in the next 18 months. The green light will be given by the City Council for construction to begin in Escombreras.

**Open eating**

A NEW concept of a minimalist restaurant has been unveiled in Alicante. 'Open Kitchen' has been set up in the central market area of the city in an old pub premises.

# Promenade task back on track

TORREVIEJA'S city council has approved a modified redevelopment project that had been delayed.

Now, thanks to some changes to the budget, the plans for the Paseo de Punta Margalla in the city can now get underway. The budget has been increased by 9.75 per cent to a total of €1.2 million and was intended to be part of the 2016 expenditure plans.

The start date for the programme of works is expected to be between December this year and January 2018.

The renovation project will take place along the promenade between Avenida de la Purisima and the monument, Las Columnas next to Playa del Cura.

The initiative aims to improve the image of the area, used by thousands of people on a daily basis, all year round and more so



**DELAYED:** Work to begin next month or January at the latest.

during the tourist influx in the summer. The success of the area has been proved by the increase in the number of bars and restaurants along the seafront in recent years.

Work will include renovation of the pavement, signposts and new

LED lighting. It will also work on adapting the current public space between the promenade and the beach that will not only improve access but avoid problems along this particular stretch from flooding caused by heavy rainfall.

## CCTV being installed as part of crime crackdown

THE city council of Pilar de la Horadada has launched a new initiative to increase security in the area and eradicate crime.

Under the banner of "Un Pilar seguro" (A secure Pilar), the project will see a number of new CCTV cameras installed and a major campaign of information for the residents to explain what they will be used for. These will include drug detection, drunk driving, people not wearing seat belts and driving without a valid ITV (MOT) certificate.

Pilar councillors, Jose Tomas Saura and Jose Francisco Albaladejo said that they would be collaborating with the installation of new signposts, improved road markings, and luminous zebra crossings. They aim to complete these works as soon as possible. They also assure that there will be more police patrols during the night along the coast and in the town of Pinar de Campoverde.

The Local Police are asking for more help from the locals in their aims to clampdown on crime in the municipality and ask that any suspicious noises and unusual activity shown by cars and individuals in the neighbourhood should be reported immedi-





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# Water quality tests described as 'excellent'

TORREVIEJA'S swimming pools and beaches have 'excellent' water quality.

That's according to the findings of a programme of monitoring that took place in the town during the summer season. Eight different locations were studied between June 1 and September 15.

Making the announcement, Councillor Javier Manzanares, quoted data from the report issued by the Hydraulic Resources and Water Quality Planning and said that 62 samples had been taken during 14 weeks of the monitoring.



LOS LOCOS: One of the eight 'excellent' beaches and swimming pools in the municipality.

The eight locations used were the beaches of Torrelamata, Cabo Cervera, Los Locos, and El Cura; and swimming pools in Paseo Juan Aparicio, Los Náufragos, Mar Azul and Cala Piteras. The overall results have been classed as 'excellent.'

Manzanares said: "These findings make us very proud, especially as our beaches are one of the main tourist attractions in our municipality. In addition to the quality of the water, we have high standards in cleaning our beaches and an impeccable lifeguard service."

Weather conditions suffered in the area didn't affect the results of the monitoring project. "I think we can be satisfied with the work done this summer after Torrevieja suffered two major storms that left beaches devastated," continued the councillor. "For that reason, I want to thank the people for all their hard work that's led to such excellent results."

On the official scale, the quality of water is classified as 'excellent,' 'good,' 'sufficient' and 'insufficient'; in the case of Torrevieja all tests were classed as 'excellent.'

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## Centres of culture to get a much-needed revamp

ORIHUELA City Council will be spending €89,000 to spruce up the cultural centres in the municipality.

The programme of work will focus on the cleaning and reforming of the Teatro Circo Atanasio D'Á, the Biblioteca Municipal María Moliner, the Auditorio La Lonja and the Casa Museo Miguel Hernández.

Some of the work has already begun and the work will be completed before the end of the year.

Councillor for Culture for Orihuela, Mar Ezcurra, said: "These buildings are part of our city's culture and a number of urgent actions need taking due to the amount of use these venues get."

Work in the Teatro Circo is already underway where the exterior columns are getting a complete clean and revamp.

In addition, all the outside wooden features are being repainted, the seats inside will be reupholstered, and the main carpet will be repaired. A brand new air conditioning / heater unit will also be installed.

The María Moliner Library will undergo work to close in the area of the ground floor between the opening and the reception so that those working and using the area aren't exposed to the elements in the future. The stones in the courtyard will be taken away and replaced with a wooden platform and the multi-use public room will be completely remodelled.

And finally, in the Auditorio La Lonja, the entire lighting system will be replaced and brought up-to-date and the leaks in the Casa Museo Miguel Hernández will be repaired.

# Coastal route to get a better bus service

STUDENTS and the unemployed in La Manga are about to benefit from cheaper bus fares. Users of the routes will also notice a number of improvements in the day-to-day operation of the service.

The priorities were agreed at a joint meeting between Cartagena and San Javier, as both councils have received a series of requests to make the bus cheaper for certain sections of the population.

Councillors María José Soler and Antonio Marcelo Martínez agreed to a number of measures for students and retired people holding the relevant documentation as a first step to enable them to improve the bus service across the board.

Since September discussions have taken place as to



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**IMPROVEMENTS:** Bilateral agreements for bus route changes.

how to better the La Manga routes, with more buses on the service being a priority particularly on Line 20 that goes between Cartagena and La Manga. The plan is for

buses to run every 15 minutes during the summer compared to the current half hour gap and for them to run with greater punctuality.

Cartagena Council also wants to ensure that Line 20 buses stop at Playa Paraíso from next year in the La Manga direction on a permanent basis; a concession that has been demanded by coastal-based residents for the past two years. Until now, the stop has only been used between mid-July until September.

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## NEWS EXTRA

### Leaking problem

CALLOSA DE SEGURA council has carried out a series of urgent works to repair Calle Saltire. The road has been closed for two years after leaks from underground pipes were discovered.

### What a drop!

ROJALES topped the list for local municipalities in the Alicante Province to suffer from a dramatic drop in temperatures. In the space of 24 hours, the daytime temperature dropped eight degrees.

### New career

EMERGENCY services in Alicante organised a meeting and exhibition of their work - including the dog unit - to encourage young people to consider a career in the police or fire service.

### Brighten up

MORE than €80,000 has been set aside to improve a number of streets in Cartagena. It will improve street lighting in Ciudad Jardin, Calle Picasso and Calle Valle Inclán.

### Fresh signs

CALLOSA Council has undertaken a project to renew the name plates of more than 20 streets in the town which have suffered from a combination of deterioration, vandalism or simply theft.

### Cars collide

A 57-YEAR-OLD man has died and three people were injured when two cars collided on the A-7 in San Isidro. Emergency services took four hours to release the passengers who were trapped.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Electric avenues**

MORE than €25,000 has been budgeted to improve the lighting in and around the Cabo de Palos. Work is already underway on the Paseo Alarcón and Calle Coral de Fuego.

**Annual task**

**CARTEGENA** City Council has launched a pre-Christmas campaign to promote responsible adoption of dogs and cats, and to remind citizens that a pet dog isn't just for Christmas.

**Drug fines**

*PROSECUTORS in Lorca have asked for seven years imprisonment and a €500 fine for the six people accused of using underage children to help with their alleged drug trafficking.*

# Consum opens its latest store...with more on way

POPULAR supermarket chain Consum has opened its newest branch. The latest expansion - taking the total number of stores in the Alicante Province to 75 - is in Dolores and the fourth such new opening scheduled for this year.

The Dolores supermarket has created 60 jobs and is located in Calle Juan XXIII, taking up 1,150 square metres and scheduled to open to the public from Monday to Saturday, 9am to 9.30pm. It has specialist sections dealing in fish and meat and a separate delicatessen, alongside a wide selection of fruit and vegetables. The store will also have its Consum perfumery section with expert and personal attention available and exclusive brands. There is also a home shopping service.

The new supermarket has a pioneering system of negative temperature refrigeration installations, fed with CO2, which reduce greenhouse gas emis-



Photo credit: Twitter

**NEW STORE: Consum Supermarket in Dolores.**

sions and uses 40 per cent less energy than a conventional supermarket. Consum is leading the way in this kind of technology as one in every three such installations of this type in Spain belong to the company.

With a combination of their own brand and a number of

franchises, Consum plan to take the number of supermarkets in the Alicante Province to 80. New stores have recently opened in Elche and Benidorm and will shortly be joined by those in El Pinós, La Vila, Alicante, San Vicente del Raspeig and La Romana.

# November...the month of simulated disasters

WEEKS after disaster simulations have taken place at the Alicante-Elche and Murcia-San Javier Airports, the REPSOL gas terminal in Cartagena has joined the list.

Collaboration between all the emergency services and specialised units of the Port Authority enabled an exercise to fully test the responses in the event of an accident in the REPSOL plant.

The scenario was a broken petrol line on a cargo ship docked in the REPSOL terminal which spilled into the sea and caught fire, threatening the buildings and surrounding ships.

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# Hybrid car sales speeding up... gradually

SALES of hybrid cars have rocketed in the Murcia region by almost 85 per cent this year.

Between January and October, 962 types of this increasingly popular method of getting about town have been registered in the region, representing a rise of 84.6 per cent compared to the same period last year. Already, hybrid cars account for more than 5 per cent of car purchases made in Murcia.

According to data supplied by Faconauto, more and more car brands are betting on hybrid technology for the future and explains the increase of them across a number of dealerships, and uses a combination of electric and fuel in such a way that emissions are reduced and saves on petrol or diesel consumption.

Despite this revolution, diesel is still the preferred vehicle in Murcia since 58.6 per cent of all registrations are of that type. This year so far, 12,479 vehicles have been sold but represents a drop of 2.9 per cent compared to the first 10 months of 2016.



**CLEANER:** €20 million scheme to encourage hybrid car buyers.

Sales of petrol cars have grown by 30.2 per cent - accounting for 8,007 vehicles - and making up 36.8 per cent of all sales.

Government initiatives to encourage the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles currently have a budget of €20 million as part of the

MOVALT scheme.

Raul Morales, communication director of Faconauto, said: "This latest data proves that this gradual expansion in

the sale of hybrid vehicles, co-existing alongside traditional petrol and diesel models, shows no sign of slowing down."

## NEWS EXTRA

### Reduced to ruins

TORREVIEJA City Council has begun to demolish a five storey building - known to locals as 'La Belena' (The Whale) that has been empty for more than 11 years.

### Tower action

SANDBAGS have been placed in the sea and around the base of the Torre La Mata to help in its reconstruction and to prevent it from collapsing during the building work.

### Extra spaces

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# Local poet celebrated

EMILIO BASCUÑANA, mayor of Orihuela, was on hand to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of poet Ramón de Campoamor. He unveiled a plaque at the Civic Centre on the Orihuela Costa in honour of the poet.

The mayor was joined on this special occasion by fellow councillors Sabina-Goretti Galindo, Luisa Boné, Sofía Álvarez and Mariola Rocamora alongside representatives of a number of associations that regularly use the Centre.

These included the Campoverde Theatre Group, Bulgarian association 'Edinstvo,' the Education and Cultural Vakus Association, the Mesa Alemana German group, Orihuela Costa Community Care, Playas de Orihuela Parents Association, the Caboverdiana Cultural Association of Torreveja.

Before unveiling the memorial plaque, Emilio Bascuñana said: "We have managed to revive this space which now houses different associations from the coast, who for



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**BICENTENARY: Ramón de Campoamor honoured.**

many years have been demanding some installations where they can carry out leisure, cultural and educational activities."

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**WELL-DESERVED:** Mr Manley (left) makes presentation to Annette English.

# British Ambassador presents honours

BRITISH AMBASSADOR to Spain, Simon Manley presented two British residents in Alicante Province with honours awarded by Her Majesty The Queen in the 2017 Birthday Honours List.

Annette English, resident in Alicante, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her services to child welfare. Mrs English has dedicated her retirement to improving the conditions of the Elche Children's Care Home, close to where she lives.

Sylvia Tatnell, a resident in Teulada-Moraira, has been awarded the BEM for her services to British residents and the wider community in Alicante, where she was a local councillor for 25 years and Head of Social Services. Mrs Tatnell also supports local charities in the area to help the most vulnerable residents.

Honours lists are published twice a year, on the Queen's official birthday in June and at New Year, and recognise extraordinary achievement and service to the UK. Following a nomination process, an honours committee reviews all the submitted nominations.

The Queen then awards the honour. In the cases of Sylvia Tatnell and Annette English, their outstanding achievements ensured they stood out amongst the many nominations received for this year's Birthday Honours list.

Annette English said: "I feel very honoured to have received this award. Fundraising for the children keeps me active and I receive so much back from them. I want to give a special mention to my husband, Dave, without whose support, none of this would have been possible. Never would I have imagined I would be receiving an award from

the Queen."

Sylvia Tatnell said: "I am overwhelmed with this. I decided to go into politics 25 years ago because I felt I could be of help to fellow British residents in Spain. I am deeply honoured to have received this award, which is a fantastic encouragement to continue assisting people in need."

Speaking after the award ceremonies, Mr Manley said: "I was delighted to present these two honours to Sylvia and Annette this week, for their work in Alicante. Their outstanding dedication and commitment to making others' lives better are an inspiration.

"There are some 300,000 British residents in Spain, and there are many examples of how British people, like Annette and Sylvia, are working hand in hand with Spanish people in their local communities to improve the lives of others. A testimony to the strong people to people links between our two countries."

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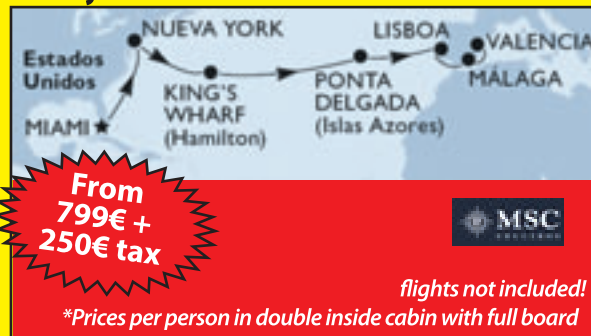
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By Kat Ashton

# Are you registered?

## Why it's important for expats to get on the 'Padron'

THE 'Padron' is the town hall's list of everyone who lives in the vicinity. It is the local authorities' way of keeping track of how many people live in the area without delving into their financial affairs. Everyone who lives in Spain is legally required to get themselves on this list, yet there are many expatriates who have yet to do so, or are not aware this is something they need to do.

### What are the benefits?

There are many benefits of 'Empadronarse' - the act of registering yourself on the 'Padron' - which could make a significant difference to your time in Spain.

As the residence certificate ('Certificado de Empadronamiento') is your official proof of address, you will need it if you want to register for healthcare, enrol your children in Spanish schools or get Spanish number plates for your car.

You can only have access to certain benefits and social care services provided by the town hall if you are registered on this list. It also helps to improve local services, such as health centres, fire department and schools, if you register as the Spanish government allocates money to different towns depending on how many people are on the 'Padron.'

It is also required if you want to take part in local or European elections as this is how the census office gets their information to



**ON THE LIST:** There are a multitude of benefits.

put together the electoral register.

### What do you need to register?

To get on the 'Padron' list, you just have to take the following documents to your lo-

cal town hall:

- Your passport and a photocopy.
- NIE certificate or residency card issued by the National Police Foreign Office.

- Proof of ownership of property (either your deeds or a rates receipt in your name and a photocopy).

- If you are renting a property, bring the rental contract in Spanish and a photocopy.

- If you don't own a property and are not renting, you need to bring the owner of the dwelling in order for them to sign the registration form to authorise you to register at the property.

- All family members over the age of 18 must sign the registration form in person. For children, the birth certificates and passport have to be presented, but the form can be signed by parents.

The procedure takes approximately 10 minutes, and then you will be issued with a certificate of registration with your name, NIE number and address on it. The information you provide when you register is kept confidential and is protected by data protection laws.

You will need to renew the certificate again every two years if you registered with a passport or NIE number or five years if you registered with your residence card.

If you are asked to provide the certificate under any circumstances, the date of issue should not be older than three months. If this is the case, you can ask the town hall to print you a new one.

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SPANISH beauty queen Sofia del Prado declared herself "not entirely satisfied" despite a top 10 finish in the Miss Universe 2017 pageant.

The 22-year-old from Albacete in Castilla-La Mancha followed up her victory in September's Miss Universe Spain by wowing the judges at the international extravaganza at the Planet Hollywood resort in Las Vegas.

She performed particularly well in the swimsuit section but was let down by her evening gown score.

And the stunner took to In-

# She's a total knockout!

stagram in the wake of the glittering event - famously owned by Donald Trump until 2015 - to review the experience.

"A top 10 place is quite good considering there were 90 contestants," she wrote.

"But I think I could have finished higher."

The competition was won by South Africa's Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters, while British entrant Anna Burdzy, 25, also did herself proud after placing in the top 16.



Photo by Miss Universe/Twitter

**SIZZLING:** Sofia in the swimsuit lineup.

## Head for heights?

ONLINE tickets for the first few months of 2018 for Malaga's stunning Caminito del Rey walkway, suspended precariously 100 metres high along the steep walls of a narrow gorge in El Chorro, near Ardales will go on sale soon.

Once described as the most dangerous footpath in the world, tickets for the months of February, March, April and May went on sale on Tuesday.

The Caminito del Rey has already received 600,000 visitors during the first two years of its operation so the tickets are likely to go like hot cakes as it is now one of the major tourist attractions in Andalucia.

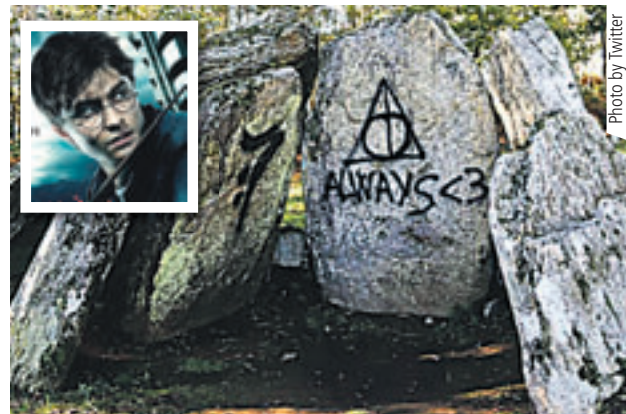


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**VANDALS:** Megalithic tomb has 'Deathly Hallows' spray painted onto it.

## Muggles behaving badly

A 4,000-YEAR-OLD megalithic tomb in Vigo, Galicia was vandalised with the 'Deathly Hallows' symbol from J K Rowling's Harry Potter series.

The symbol, which represents the 'Resurrection Stone,' the

'Cloak of Invisibility,' and the 'Elder Wand' in the books, was spray painted onto the ancient monument along with the word 'Always.' The ancient monument is considered one of the top tourist attractions in the town of

Vigo, Galicia, and is a renowned example of megalithic stone building from the Spanish occupation by the Moors.

The tomb is allegedly located on private property but is managed by local officials.

According to Spanish media sources, authorities are on the hunt for the culprits, who could face a fine of up to €150,000.

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**TENS OF ARRESTS:** More than 30 people have been held.

## €1m benefits scam

POLICE have held 32 people accused of defrauding more than €1,000,000 in unemployment benefits in Gran Canaria.

The accused allegedly benefited from social security funds designated to the unemployed and those in need, while also pretending to be employed by companies that did not need their services.

The companies involved in the plot reportedly employed more people than they needed in order to claim employment subsidies, while the workers received unemployment benefits at the same time.

The companies also allegedly did not pay into the Spanish Security System for the workers they supposedly hired, as is required by law.

Those arrested were accused of forging fraudulent documents and scamming money from public funds.

# Going cheap

## Flat owner rents murder scene

A HOMEOWNER has advertised her flat for rent in a trendy suburb of Valencia at half the going rate.

But there is a chilling reason for the bargain price.

Her neighbours say the owner has been too honest about the reason for the rent reduction.

An advertisement posted by a middle-aged 'Anglo-Saxon' woman called Cathy, who works at a local school, read, 'Apartment for rent in Calle Sueca, Valencia. €580 a month. 120 square metres, four bedrooms, second floor.'

"In September there was a murder in the flat. That's why it's cheap."

Furious neighbours told the *El Pais* newspaper, "Everyone here is trying to put this behind us and we don't understand how an educated person can do something like that."

The advertisement has since



**FLAT BARGAIN:** Calle Sueca in Valencia and (inset) Pierre Danilo Larancuent.

been removed from the Idealista website.

The previous tenant of the flat was Swedish citizen Pierre Danilo Larancuent who murdered his boyfriend, Alberto Enrique Ferrer, a 42-year-old hairdresser, by stabbing him through the heart before chopping up his body and hiding the torso in a suitcase.

At the time a downstairs

neighbour said he saw a red stain appear on his ceiling.

Police said the murderer cut up his victim in the bath before getting rid of the body parts.

Once the suitcase was found, police traced bloodstains back to Larancuent's apartment.

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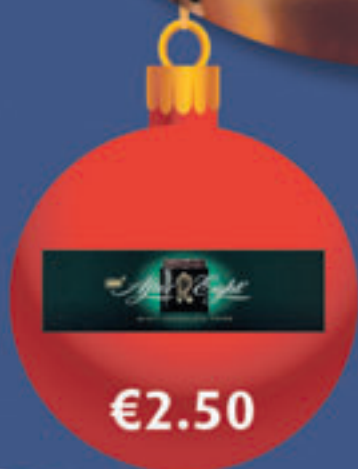
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**NATURE PRIZE:** Good Morning Damian Shan by overall winner Jesus M Garcia.

# Eyes on the prize

## Spanish snappers claim top spots

SPANISH photographers have finished first and second in a major international contest.

It comes as Jesus M Garcia from Castilla-La Mancha in central Spain was crowned the 2017 Photographer of the Year in the Epson International Pano Awards.

His stunning shots of the sun rising over Damian Shan in China, a foggy night in his home city of Toledo, and Whuzi Hill in China saw him bag the trophy.

The Damian Shan photo also scooped the Open Award for nature and landscapes, while the built environment and architecture gong was won by fellow countryman and overall runner-up Javier



**STUNNING:** Toledo City Foggy Night by Jesus M Garcia.

de la Torre for his brooding capture of Shanghai, China.

And the 2017 Major Amateur Winner was British lensman Darren Moore, who triumphed with an image of a row of beach huts in Essex.



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**ON THE MARCH:** The protest in Malaga City.

# Abuse awareness

PROTESTERS in more than 50 cities across Spain marched to protest violence against women.

To commemorate the 2017 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, people took part in demonstrations across Spain to rally against violence against women and girls.

As well as holding marches through the streets of all major towns and cities, including Barcelona, Madrid and Malaga capital, organisers also arranged talks, presentations and minutes of silence held in memory of the victims who lost their lives to gender violence.

While speaking to the Spanish press, Pedro

Sanchez, leader of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) denounced violence against women and girls, saying that "each murder is a failure of society as a whole."

The PSOE leader also condemned the murder of a German woman in Vinaros, Castellon last Friday, saying that the high number of deaths from gender violence each year was proof of "how much remains to be done to achieve effective equality between men and women."

More than 1,000 women in Spain have been murdered by their partners or ex-partners since 2001, according to data collected by a Spanish media outlet, including 45 deaths this year alone.



Photo by Youtube/Diario de Avisos

**FLOOR COLLAPSE:** Emergency workers in the basement.

# Dancefloor horror

## 40 injured as nightclub floor collapses

A NIGHTCLUB in Spain was evacuated after a floor collapsed leaving 40 people injured, two seriously.

Partygoers plunged four metres (12 feet) into the basement at the Butterfly Disco Club after part of the floor at a nightclub in Adeje, on the holiday island of Tenerife, collapsed.

A British tourist, two French nationals, a Belgian and a Romanian were reported among those hurt.

Emergency services rushed to the nightclub in the south-west of Tenerife at 2.30am after reports that roughly four square metres of the floor had collapsed.

The regional government of Spain's Canary Islands said in a statement, "After the floor collapsed, the people who were inside fell to the basement from the height of approximately one floor."

Firefighters evacuated the nightclub, and the 22 injured were taken to hospital, including two of them in serious condition.

The injuries included broken legs, ankle sprains and bruises.

# Moroccan 'migrant' held

NATIONAL POLICE officers in Algeciras have detained a Moroccan man wanted for murder.

He was found hiding on a boat carrying migrants that was intercepted by coastguards near Barbate in the Cadiz Province of Andalusia in southern Spain.

Police investigations showed he was carrying false documents.

It alleged that he is wanted for the murder of an elderly gentleman who he strangled to death in Madrid in 2012 after robbing him of money and jewellery.

Authorities believe he fled back to Morocco after the crime but wanted to return to Spain and thought would go undetected in a boat carrying migrants.

Thirteen other similar crimes are being investigated where the Moroccan man used the 'near naked choke' which can cause temporary unconsciousness in a few seconds.

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# On a knife edge

## Chinese ham demand causes shortage

SPAIN is in danger of running short of one of their most beloved delicacies.

According to Spanish media sources, Chinese consumers have developed a love for the top-of-the-range Iberian ham, but their demand for the product is now threatening to exhaust supply.

As the best quality ham takes a long time to produce, the increase in exports of China have put pressure on producers and raised prices by nearly 10 per cent.

The priciest ham on the market, jamon iberi-

co de bellota - made from pigs that graze on acorn-rich pastures for months on end - is reportedly the most in-demand in China but is also cured for the longest amount of time.

To try to speed up the process, the Chinese have allegedly started to import frozen ham legs and cure it themselves but the result is often much saltier.

The country have become such aficionados of the gourmet product that they have even opened specialised academies to train their own ham slicers.

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# Back on the map

## Spain's 'retro' Costa Brava tipped for comeback

TOUR operator, Thomas Cook says 'retro destinations' like Spain's Costa Brava are making a comeback with holidaymakers.

The travel company giant is selling holidays to Spain's Costa Brava for the first time since 2009 as the destination has worked hard to develop a reputation for food and wine.

The region was a firm favourite with UK holidaymakers in the 1980's but its popularity dropped as accommodation became dated.

But now Thomas Cook believes the high number of top class restaurants and Gaudi-inspired architecture will attract tourists to its new and refurbished hotels.

Managing director, Chris Motershead said: "We've seen destinations move up and down the popularity stakes and next year we're predicting that the Costa Brava will catch the attention of holidaymakers who perhaps didn't think they ticked the right



**PLACE TO BE SEEN: Tossa del Mar on the Costa Brava.**

box for their needs.

"From Michelin star restaurants in Costa Brava to music festivals in Malta and outstanding natural beauty in Madeira, these retro destinations really will challenge holidaymakers' misconceptions."

The Costa Brava (Wild Coast) is a coastal region of Cataluña in north eastern Spain that stretches from the town of Blanes, 60 km

(37 miles) northeast of Barcelona, to the French border.

The climate of Costa Brava is typically Mediterranean, mild and temperate, characterised by hot, dry summers and moderately cold winters. The annual, average, temperature ranges from seven to 28 °C, while the highest temperatures are recorded in the months of July and August.

# Haven't got the energy

DRUG dealers and other criminals are stealing millions of kilowatts of public electricity every day according to Endesa.

The electricity company estimates that 59 million kilowatts were siphoned off from illegal hook-ups last year alone.

That is equivalent to the amount Almeria City would consume in an entire month. Most of the illegal hook-ups are found in El Puche, Los Almendros, Pescaderia and Torrecardenas.

Residents of these neighbourhoods suffer frequent electricity cuts due to criminal activity, predominantly in the marihuana growing business.

Endesa says thousands of its clients are affected. In Almeria Province, the company has recorded an 89 per cent increase in electricity fraud in the past two years.

Last year there were 5,471 confirmed cases. So far in 2017, there have been 1,950 supply cuts due to fraudulent hook-ups, the vast majority outside Almeria City.

Endesa engineers are now working with the police to uncover illegal hook-ups and, by default, dozens of marihuana plantations.

Power cuts aren't the biggest risk for neighbours. A badly connected hook-up fuelling the growth of 70 marihuana plants caught fire in Roquetas in September, forcing 30 innocent people to evacuate their homes.

In the Pescaderia neighbourhood alone, Endesa have forked out more than €75,000 to repair damage caused by criminals this year.

Across Spain the gangs steal roughly €150m of electricity a year.



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## Dancing the night away

THE Hondon Valley Branch of The Royal British Legion held its annual Poppy Appeal Ball at Ya Restaurant in Aspe.

Over 120 members, friends and guests were welcomed into the Ball Room, which had been decorated for the occasion by the organisers Neil and Lucy Pavitt.

During the meal, local opera singer, Manuel Lazaro serenaded the guests with a number of well-known songs from Il Divo and The Three Tenors, much to the delight of those attending.

Following the meal those who felt energetic were able to dance to the Caribbean music of Greg Bannis, the ex lead singer, of Hot Chocolate. Branch member, Dave Sparks also entertained us with 'Sparky's Disco'.

Once again, a well organised and very enjoyable evening, thanks to Neil, Lucy and their helpers. Following a bumper raffle, Neil was delighted to announce the evening had raised a total of €1,000 for the Poppy Appeal and thanked everyone for their support.

The Branch are organising an extensive programme of events for 2018 and anyone who would like to come along and get involved in all the activities will be made most welcome.

They have new members joining each month and you do not need to have an Armed Forces background to take advantage of the social events. For further information, please contact: *secretary:hondonvalley3577@gmail.com* or visit the website: *www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/hondon-valley*.

## Reach for the stars

THE recent Reach Out Christmas Fayre at the Marina Bar, Torrevieja exceeded all expectations by raising €2,322.

Organisers, David and Lorraine Whitney from the Reach Out shop were over the moon with the result and the support shown by all who attended.

Rita and Dave Monaghan from the Marina Bar, along with their trusty staff, helped to support the event. One staff member, Nick, even had his

beloved beard shaved off to raise money for the charity. There was a raffle, tombola, many stalls and a performance from The Rascals, as well as a surprise visit from Santa himself.

Special thanks goes to Bev Jones for her cake donation, David Hicks of Razorsedge for shaving off Nick's beard, Dima Arte, Torrevieja for the portrait voucher and El Patio Restaurant for the meal voucher.



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**Samaritans in Spain has its headquarters in Punta Prima (Torrevieja).**

Owing to resignations and a restructuring of the Board there are currently vacancies. In addition to the general requirements for trustees, some particular qualifications are sought within areas of

managing legal issues, corporate governance, business development, raising awareness or management of front line services such as our charity shop. But the precise role descriptions will be adjusted to suit the successful candidates and fit with the current responsibilities of the existing members of the Board.

**Trustee positions are voluntary; only expenses are payable.**

Applications are welcome from English speakers of any nationality. Some Spanish language ability would be helpful. Own transport is essential.

If you are interested in this opportunity to join the Board please contact Secretary Ole Jung: [o.m.jung@gmail.com](mailto:o.m.jung@gmail.com), as soon as possible for an

application form and further information. Please note that references will be required for background checks due to the sensitive nature of the Samaritans service.

The closing date for the submission of completed applications will be Sunday 31st December and it is expected that interviews will be held in early January.

For further information about the charity's work please visit [www.samaritansinspain.com](http://www.samaritansinspain.com) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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# A great find

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The name comes from the concept that people will find what they need in life through buying quality goods at competitive prices, through donating surplus items, through volunteering and by taking part in future community activities.

The shop will be located at 18 Calle Murillo in Los Belones, next to the Launderette and the Taverna Murillo, and

will open on Tuesday December 4 at 10am.

Opening hours: 10am to 2pm - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

It will be run entirely by volunteers and endeavour to keep operating costs to a minimum. All surplus profits will be given out to charitable causes.

The charity will publish open accounts on the website ([www.yo-encuentro.org](http://www.yo-encuentro.org)) and in the shop so people can see how their donations are handled.

The shop is seeking quality

new or used items for resale. Items such as men's and women's clothing, all kinds of household items (that will go in a small van - no large items), golf equipment, children's items, general bric-a-brac, jewellery, etc.

For more information contact:

Bob and Mary Barham (La Manga Club) on: 693 806 043 or [bob@yo-encuentro.org](mailto:bob@yo-encuentro.org).

Mike and Rowie Opper (Los Urritias) on: 634 311 084 or [info@yo-encuentro.org](mailto:info@yo-encuentro.org).

CANTABILE LADIES CHOIR will be presenting two performances of their Christmas concert 'Joy to the World.'

The first is on Friday December 1 at the Centro Rural de Algorfa (The Old Railway Station) in Urbanisation Montebello, Algorfa at 6pm.

# Full of joy

The second concert will be on Thursday December 14 at 3pm in the Los Balcones Church, Torrevieja. Entrance to both concerts is free but there will be a voluntary col-

lection at the end.

Many of the carols may be unfamiliar as they are a change from the traditional ones, but all are very melodic.



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# Four-legged festive fun

HAPPY ANIMALES SPANIEN is organising a Christmas party on Saturday December 9 from 1pm.

There will be music by Pat Ricio and Jurgen Rost, flea markets, an auction, paella, cakes and drinks. Please come along and help us to raise money for the animals at Finca San Miguel de Salinas in Orihuela Costa, so they can have a wonderful Christmas as well.

Happy Animales Spanien is a non-profit charity which supports 50 animals that live at Finca San Miguel de Salinas. This year they also rescued 36 animals, 35 of which then found homes in Spain, England, Germany and Switzerland. Volunteers are al-



**ANIMAL LOVERS:** From left, Kathleen, Patrick and Sol from Finca San Miguel de Salinas.

ways welcome.

For more information, you can become a member of the Facebook

group: [fincasanmigueldesalinas](https://www.facebook.com/fincasanmigueldesalinas), call: 616 792 355 or email: [nicosolm@hotmail.com](mailto:nicosolm@hotmail.com).

A GROUP of up to 20 ladies from the Torre Vieja U3A Group took part in a six-week taster course to learn about the ancient art of Egyptian and Turkish Belly Dancing. The course was a great success, so much so that another course is expected to be run in the early part of next year.

## Dancing queens

Should any readers have a skill or pastime that they feel they could demonstrate and would be of interest to others, they will be more than wel-

come to come along and present their talents to their membership. It can be a one-off experience or a short or long term course.

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# Stars in their eyes

THE Networks Theatre's charity concert 'Star' will be held at La Lonja in Orihuela.

All the money raised will go to help Orihuela's animal refuge managed by the association ASOKA. It's a chance for everyone to look back at the amazing work that ASOKA has achieved for Orihuela during the year.

While the choir performs Christmas songs, images will be projected to make it a night to remember to help raise money for the animals of the refuge before Christmas.

Tickets for the event on December 16 at 7pm can be bought from the Networks Theatre, San Agustin or on the door for €5.



**FESTIVE FUN:** The Rojales Pantomime group all dressed up for one of their previous performances.

# It's panto time!

ONCE the presents have been opened, the Christmas tree has been taken down and the Three Kings have been and gone, the season will be almost behind us.

Before it vanishes in a puff of smoke, come and join the Rojales Pantomime group who continue the festive fun as they present their 2018 Pantomime Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.

This brand new version of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves is packed with comedy, adventure, romance, and audience participation. The perfect treat for all the family.

The Panto will be performed at the Escuela de Musica Cultural in Los Montesinos. Show dates are Thursday January 11 and Friday January 12 starting at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday January 13 at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost €7 for adults and €5 for children and can be purchased from various outlets. The proceeds will go to local charities.

For more info or to reserve tickets, call Christine on: 678 212 034 or email: [shimserv@gmail.com](mailto:shimserv@gmail.com).

## Oh, what a night!

AGE CONCERN held one of their many fundraising events at the Coopers Arms in Dona Pepa.

All 95 people who attended enjoyed a tasty meal after which they danced the night away with the fabulous Reef Band. A huge €315 was raised from the proceeds of the raffle which will immediately go to continuing support, in so many ways, to people who are in need of any of the services offered by Age Concern.

They would like to praise Chanade Cooper and all her staff at Coopers Arms who welcomed them so warmly and for working closely with Age Concern for their worthwhile charity events.

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## NORWAY

### Off the hunt

WOLF hunting in Norway has been temporarily suspended after the World Wide Fund for Nature sued a court in Oslo, demanding they examine current laws on controlling the wolf population.

### Raised voices

MORE than 1,000 Norwegian artists have condemned sexual assault and harassment in a new manifesto published by the national media, claiming the problems are as prevalent there as in other countries.

### Black protest

THE owner of an online shop in Norway has announced he will double his prices on Black Friday to protest 'irresponsible'



**LEADING THE PACK:** The wolf population is on the rise in Germany, while hunters in Norway have also been banned from shooting them.

conduct by retailers.

### Royal recovery

KING HARALD of Norway was submitted to hospital to receive treatment for an infection, but the 80-year-old is now believed to be in good health.

## GERMANY

### Cut short

THE life expectancy in Germany was revealed to be significantly lower than that in many other European countries as the 80.7 year average ranked 18th among the 28 EU countries.

showing that there are now 60 packs of wolves living across the country; 13 more than last year.

was reported by a member of a pro-life organisation.

### Packed full

THE wolf population in Germany is reportedly on the rise, with research

### Grey matter

A DOCTOR faces up to two years in jail for providing financial information about abortions on her website - ruled illegal in Germany - after she

### Killer owns up

A 40-YEAR-OLD truck driver has confessed to murdering a 27-year-old jogger in Freiburg, and is also suspected of killing a French exchange student in Austria in 2014.

## FRANCE

### Smoked out

A FRENCH senator has demanded that smoking in films be banned as she suggests that seeing film stars indulging in the deadly habit on screen makes it seem cool.

### Xmas threat

PILOTS from the French budget airline Hop! have threatened to strike over Christmas if their request for better working conditions is not met, which could affect thousands of people.

### Attraction axe

COUNCILLORS in Paris have voted to get rid of the city's riverside Ferris wheel to protect the area's 'historic visual appearance,' after already scrapping the Champs-Elysees Christmas market because they felt it looked too 'tacky.'

### Job success

CONFIDENCE in French business confidence hit a near 10-year-high in November according to French statistics agency INSEE, following President Emmanuel Macron's decision to push through a major reform of French labour law.

## BELGIUM

### Waffle woes

A HUGE fire at a waffle factory in Brussels caused delays on the Eurostar train between London and the Belgian capital, while residents were warned to close their windows due to the potentially toxic smoke.

### Safe haven

BELGIUM has issued visas to 150 Syrian refugees on humanitarian grounds, whose stay will be funded by religious groups, in an effort to stop human trafficking.

### Gone to pot

POLICE busted a huge cannabis farm in Jurbise and seized 2,100 plants that were spread across four growing rooms, but have yet to arrest those responsible.

### Pricey present

AN opinion poll from the myShopi app revealed that the average Belgian family with three children spends around €150 on presents from Father Christmas each year.

## NETHERLANDS

### Big move

THE European Medicines Agency has decided to relocate 1,000 of their London-based staff to Amsterdam as the EU organisation will be unable to stay in their current UK headquarters after Brexit.

### Hot spot

TOURISM in the Netherlands increased by 5.5 per cent last year, according to reports by Statistics Netherlands and the World Tourism Organisation, beating the European average of 2.4 per cent.

### Roof rip-off

A MAN from Cork, Ireland is on trial in the Netherlands for allegedly running a roof repair fraud scheme that scammed several senior Dutch citizens.

### Housing boom

HOUSE prices in the Netherlands were 8.2 per cent higher in October than they were at the same time in 2016, marking the biggest increase since 2002 according to Statistics Netherlands.

## DENMARK

### Sympathy vote

A COPENHAGEN councillor who resigned from her post after it emerged she used the city hall for her wedding reception free of charge was voted back into power in local elections.

### Flight fright

THE Independent Police Complaints Authority is investigating an incident which saw an Algerian man lose consciousness onboard an aircraft and die in hospital two days later after a struggling with police who were deporting him.

### Fluffy find

VOLUNTEERS from an animal protection organisation found 46 rabbits running freely around a small apartment in Denmark - many of which were injured - living in less than ideal conditions.

### Balanced out

DENMARK has been revealed to have the best work/life balance after a survey from TotallyMoney studied which countries offered the highest amount of leisure time and minimum working hours.

## SWEDEN

### Slavery stopped

TWO men have been sentenced to more than four years in prison for operating a human trafficking network which lured people from Bulgaria to Sweden then forced them to beg on the streets.

### Santa scrapped

THE Santa Winter Games in Sweden have been cancelled this year due to urban development in the town where they have been held since 2003 due to multiple construction projects.

### Case buried

A CASE against a Sweden Democrat politician, who allegedly sexually assaulted one of his colleagues, was dropped due to a lack of evidence, saying it was "word against word."

### Higher power

THE Church of Sweden has urged its clergy to use gender-neutral language when referring to God as they have agreed that God is "beyond our gender determinations" and "not human."



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# A winter wonderland

CHRISTMAS ice-skating has opened at Moscow's Gorky Park. British music stars Maribou State and Holly Walker performed at the opening ceremony. The new rink is cube shaped and, like a Russian doll, has nine smaller rinks inside. There are 15 kilometres of LED strip lights.

Outraged conservatives in the Russian parliament demanded he apologise for insulting Soviet forces.

## Rail birds

SAKHALIN island will be connected to the Russian mainland in a huge infrastructure project. The 580-kilometre railroad will include a tunnel and will cost almost €10 billion. There has long been talk of connecting Sakhalin to the Japanese island of Hokkaido, creating a rail link between the two countries.

## High-rise Pisa

TOY cars are rolling from one side of the room to another in a Nizhny Novgorod high rise now being described as Russia's very own leaning tower of Pisa. More than 200 worried people live in the bendy building which began to tilt two years ago.

## Health and safety

HUNTING and gun sales will be banned in Yekaterinburg during the 2018 World Cup. The safety precaution will also see gun-owning residents banned from travelling with their weapons. Terrorist group Daesh have pledged to attack the summer football tournament, leading to a security crackdown.

## Sex scandal

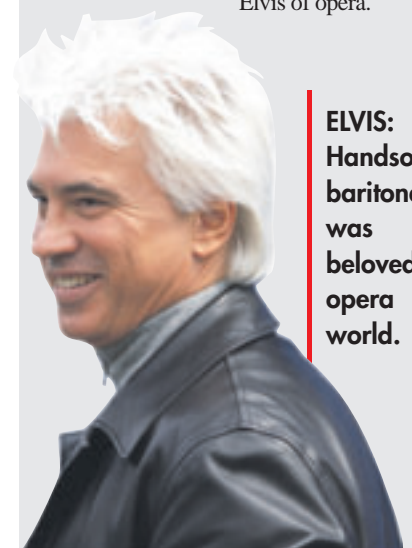
A MOSCOW university has been accused of a cover-up. A female student was threatened with expulsion unless she retracted allegations of sexual harassment. Other students have suggested that the Higher School of Economics is trying to avoid the embarrassment of a sex scandal.

## Speech furore

A TEENAGE student from Novy Urengoy who gave an anti-war speech in the German parliament has received threats. Nikolai Desyatenko expressed sadness over the fate of German POWs who perished in Soviet camps.

## Elvis of opera

ONE of the world's greatest opera singers died in London. Dmitry Hvorostovsky, an acclaimed baritone from Krasnoyarsk, passed away from brain cancer aged 55. He performed Russian classics across the world, was best known for playing Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin, and was described as the 'Elvis of opera.'



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## Investment bond lasts a millennium

A COMPANY in Denmark has seen its latest bond offer five times oversubscribed, even though the bond cannot be cashed in for 1,000 years.

Orsted which builds wind farms is offering 2.25 per cent annual interest and could have raised €2.5 billion whilst analysts are surprised at how popular it has been.

There is of course no guarantee that the company will still be trading in 3017 or that descendants of bond holders will still be around.

# Uber ethics under question

By John Smith

UBER, the private hire company which is surrounded by controversy, may face an EU fine of up to €20 million if they fail to alert consumers to security breaches again.

The company which has seen its licence to operate rescinded in London and taxi drivers all over Spain striking because of its presence, recently admitted that it had been hacked and lost data covering 57 million customers and drivers.

This is not the first, nor likely

to be the last, group to have information compromised in this way, but what has horrified regulators around the world is that it kept the hacking secret for more than a year after reportedly paying a ransom of \$100,000 (€84,000) to the hackers to have the data deleted.

It is claimed by the company that no financial information had been taken and the head of security has since been dismissed

with offers of assistance being made to drivers but nothing to customers whose information was taken.

A new General Data Protection Regulation is due to be enacted by the EU early next year which will require that companies have to notify data regulators about a breach within 72 hours of becoming aware of a hack.

In the event that they don't, then they can be fined 4 per cent of their global annual turnover or €20 million whichever is higher.

## USA to tax olive imports

DESPITE the recent warm meeting between Mariano Rajoy and Donald Trump, 'Olivegate' continues to be a problem and could result in annual import duties of up to €4.3 million. Following a complaint from Californian olive growers that Spanish exporters were receiving unfair subsidies of between 2.3 and 7.2 per cent, the US Commerce Department has agreed and will impose equivalent import duties on ripe Spanish olives entering America.

Although the duties have been announced, it has been decided the matter is subject to final ratification in May 2018 alongside a number of other new duties aimed at protecting American producers.

### Quote of the Week

*"The challenge for us as a nation is to prove them wrong," said British Chancellor Philip Hammond after the Office for Budget Responsibility slashed its 2017 growth forecast from 2 per cent to 1.5 per cent.*



Photo by ICCI

DR ALI (in tie) being greeted at ICCI.

## Pakistan promotes EU trade

THE Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Pakistan in Spain returned to Islamabad to encourage local businessmen to expand their exports to the EU using Spain as a base. He made it clear that Spain was an ideal partner both as a stepping stone for exports and as a customer for IT and marble products in particular.

Advising those attending a meeting at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Counsellor Dr Muhammad Hamid Ali observed that the Mobile

World Congress would be held in Barcelona next February and urged that the Pakistani business community of relevant sectors should take active participation in this event to explore new business opportunities.

In addition it was suggested that as law and order had become much stronger in Pakistan that inward investment from Spain should also be encouraged and that the Pakistan Embassy and the ICCI would consider ways of assisting exporters to encourage increased trade with Spain.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Bank jobs

SANTANDER Bank has reduced the number of redundancies that it expects to make following the takeover of Banco Popular from 1,585 to 1,384. Whilst this has been welcomed by the unions, they have asked the bank to consider keeping more staff in work.

## Price drop

DESPITE the fact that the average cost of luxury properties in Barcelona has dropped by 20 per cent, the actual market has collapsed by 50 per cent. This figure has been calculated by estate agents Barnes and covers the six weeks since the Catalan referendum.

## EU support

THE European Union, taking into account the potential financial losses to the Spanish economy since the Catalan crisis has accepted the forecasts for the next two years may be reduced. There is no plan to threaten penalties if this is the case.

## Giving Tuesday suggested

FORGET Black Friday says Giving Tuesday, a global movement supported by ecologists in Spain who last year raised €558,617 for 321 projects. The concept that they have is that the Tuesday following Thanksgiving should cele-

brate the action of giving food, money, time, second-hand objects or even blood to those worse off than oneself. With Black Friday and Cyber Monday, only Wednesday and Thursday are left without titles.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,450.00	-10.50	-0.72	20,373.85
Associated British Foods	3,202.50	159.50	5.24	24,328.15
Admiral Group	1,917.50	31.50	1.67	5,405.37
Ashtead Group	1,881.00	-38.00	-1.98	9,600.11
Antofagasta	967.00	-11.50	-1.18	9,661.40
Aviva	497.50	-1.90	-0.38	19,895.58
AstraZeneca	5,065.00	82.00	1.65	63,291.11
BAE Systems	540.00	-2.00	-0.37	17,313.94
Babcock International Group	733.25	67.25	10.10	3,450.70
Barclays	189.25	-0.10	-0.05	32,171.40
British American Tobacco	5,030.00	26.00	0.52	115,804.34
Barratt Developments	619.00	18.50	3.08	6,286.81
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,464.00	-211.00	-5.74	5,050.99
British Land Co	616.50	-2.00	-0.32	6,208.18
BHP Billiton	1,400.00	-10.50	-0.74	29,790.77
Bunzl	2,160.00	24.00	1.12	7,279.23
BP	499.08	-2.22	-0.44	99,156.58
Burberry Group	1,755.00	15.00	0.86	7,465.41
BT Group	257.40	10.95	4.44	24,695.27
Coca-Cola HBC	2,509.00	91.00	3.76	8,882.39
Carnival	4,980.00	22.00	0.44	10,481.38
Centrica	138.50	-0.50	-0.36	7,722.04
Compass Group	1,555.50	45.50	3.01	23,912.79
Croda International	4,257.50	-45.50	-1.06	5,640.69
CRH	2,773.50	124.50	4.70	22,176.69
ConvaTec Group	212.50	17.00	8.70	3,864.66
DCC	7,292.50	202.50	2.86	6,332.99
Diageo	2,640.00	17.50	0.67	65,299.53
Direct Line Insurance Group	395.00	38.10	10.68	4,900.50
Experian	1,560.00	-18.00	-1.14	14,343.45
easyJet	1,364.00	-1.00	-0.07	5,465.58
Ferguson	5,317.50	-2.50	-0.05	13,403.94
Fresnillo	1,454.00	89.00	6.52	9,948.06
G4S	275.00	17.60	6.84	4,029.49
GKN	307.00	0.90	0.29	5,269.22
Glencore	362.50	0.15	0.04	52,404.05
GlaxoSmithKline	1,298.25	0.75	0.06	64,213.39
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,620.50	-2.12	-0.13	7,612.81
Hammerson	519.50	5.00	0.97	4,132.70
HSBC Holdings	739.25	3.55	0.48	146,138.53
International Consolidated Airlines Group	598.50	2.50	0.42	12,225.70
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,320.00	-24.00	-0.55	8,247.47
3i Group	933.00	3.50	0.38	8,891.98
Imperial Brands	3,132.50	1.00	0.03	29,978.11
Informa	703.50	-56.50	-7.43	6,192.40
Intertek Group	5,152.50	1.87	0.04	8,343.89
ITV	153.95	3.55	2.36	6,134.72
Johnson Matthey	3,080.00	-3.00	-0.10	5,937.61
Kingfisher	318.50	2.40	0.76	6,948.76
Land Securities Group	923.00	6.00	0.65	6,828.64

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Legal & General Group	263.00	-3.00	-1.13	15,842.83
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.99	-0.10	-0.15	47,293.26
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,803.50	27.50	0.73	13,123.42
Micro Focus International	2,565.00	-90.00	-3.39	11,690.47
Mediclinic International	672.50	152.00	29.20	3,870.53
Merlin Entertainments	362.40	0.50	0.14	3,652.11
Marks & Spencer Group	300.00	2.20	0.74	4,853.10
Mondi	1,796.00	45.00	2.57	8,540.89
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	212.50	0.30	0.14	5,018.95
National Grid	879.00	12.40	1.43	29,344.25
NMC Health	2,859.50	-6.05	-0.21	5,858.91
Next	4,362.50	56.50	1.31	6,409.84
Old Mutual Group	201.15	8.55	4.44	9,583.87
Paddy Power Betfair	8,560.00	-250.00	-2.84	7,204.40
Prudential	1,908.50	25.50	1.35	48,679.45
Persimmon	2,590.00	34.00	1.33	8,181.76
Pearson	705.00	-3.00	-0.42	5,737.20
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,460.00	-10.00	-0.15	45,169.60
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	268.00	-2.80	-1.03	32,250.20
Royal Dutch Shell	2,348.00	10.50	0.45	106,293.86
RELX	1,610.00	-154.00	-8.73	18,779.81
Rio Tinto	3,650.00	-5.00	-0.14	49,748.92
Rolls-Royce Group	817.50	-69.00	-7.78	16,390.46
Randgold Resources	6,520.00	-760.00	-10.44	6,825.02
RSA Insurance Group	632.50	29.00	4.81	6,192.71
Rentokil Initial	326.90	-0.48	-0.15	5,969.50
Sainsbury (J)	229.60	2.20	0.97	5,011.07
Schroders	3,535.00	78.00	2.26	7,852.02
Sage Group (The)	844.75	40.25	5.00	8,714.77
Segro	557.75	0.65	0.12	5,606.35
Shire	3,710.00	-1.00	-0.03	33,937.67
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,327.50	-39.50	-1.67	5,565.87
Sky	962.50	22.50	2.39	16,175.95
Standard Life Aberdeen	420.25	1.25	0.30	12,597.28
Smiths Group	1,525.00	22.00	1.46	5,963.09
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	460.60	-3.40	-0.73	6,507.78
Smith & Nephew	1,372.50	53.50	4.06	11,659.06
SSE	1,330.00	-14.00	-1.04	13,823.61
Standard Chartered	738.05	-1.85	-0.25	24,262.12
St James's Place	1,113.00	-73.00	-6.16	6,237.68
Severn Trent	2,186.50	80.50	3.82	5,046.59
Tesco	193.50	0.90	0.47	15,892.91
TUI AG	1,336.00	-20.00	-1.47	7,819.35
Taylor Wimpey	198.50	6.30	3.28	6,442.54
Unilever	4,142.50	-118.50	-2.78	52,270.88
United Utilities Group	778.75	-10.75	-1.36	5,400.56
Vodafone Group	225.00	-0.50	-0.22	60,122.76
Worldpay Group	414.75	-1.11	-0.27	8,296.00
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BOEING CO	265,880	0.28%	0,730	158,352,42
CATERPILLAR	137,390	-0.45%	-0,620	81,737,92
CHEVRON	116,51	0.52%	0,60	221,296,06
CISCO SYSTEMS	36,490	0.11%	0,040	182,451,97
COCA-COLA	45,88	0.09%	0,04	195,479,42
DOWDUPONT	71,16	0.79%	0,56	166,513,71
EXXON MOBIL	81,42	0.39%	0,32	344,985,18
GENERAL ELECTRIC	18,1900	0.22%	0,0400	157,745,23
GOLDMAN SACHS	235,95	-0.20%	-0,48	89,000,69
HOME DEPOT	172,3300	0.16%	0,2700	201,238,12
IBM	151,84	0.05%	0,07	140,599,94
INTEL CORP	44,7500	0.22%	0,1000	210,280,25
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	98,3200	-0.32%	-0,3200	341,143,42
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	138,0100	0.52%	0,7200	370,766,63
MC DONALD'S CORP	169,1100	0.04%	0,0600	134,812,05
MERCK AND CO. NEW	54,35	-0.04%	-0,02	148,073,14
MICROSOFT	83,260	0.18%	0,150	641,288,84
NIKE	59,32	+0.42%	0,25	77,250,82
PFIZER	35,4900	0.17%	0,0600	211,545,50
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	88,450	0.14%	0,120	224,393,94
TRAVELERS CIES	129,83	-0.14%	-0,18	35,533,94
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	116,91	0.15%	0,18	93,392,75
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	212,51	+0.61%	1,29	205,965,60
VERIZON COMMS	47,01	-0.19%	-0,09	191,856,10
VISA	111,97	+1.04%	1,15	203,561,46
WAL-MART STORES	96,6200	0.22%	0,2100	288,623,42
WALT DISNEY CO	102,6400	-0.10%	-0,1000	158,422,89

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ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 74.56	11.21 ▲ 17.70%
ATA Inc.	\$ 5.10	0.60 ▲ 13.33%
Corvus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 11.51	1.27 ▲ 12.40%
Flexion Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 26.32	2.83 ▲ 12.05%
Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 7.23	0.77 ▲ 11.92%
Great Elm Capital Group, Inc.	\$ 4.20	0.40 ▲ 10.53%
Videocon d2h Limited	\$ 9.39	0.89 ▲ 10.47%
Compugen Ltd.	\$ 2.80	0.25 ▲ 9.80%
IRIDEX Corporation	\$ 8.58	0.76 ▲ 9.72%
Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.25	1.35 ▲ 9.71%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
SMART Global Holdings, Inc.	\$ 36.20	4.45 ▼ 10.95%
Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.	\$ 10.945	1.335 ▼ 10.87%
Editas Medicine, Inc.	\$ 25.80	2.45 ▼ 8.67%
Tuniu Corporation	\$ 8.78	0.69 ▼ 7.29%
Xencor, Inc.	\$ 20.36	1.45 ▼ 6.65%
Hibbett Sports, Inc.	\$ 17.90	1.25 ▼ 6.53%
Coherus BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 8.75	0.60 ▼ 6.42%
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Novelion Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 3.77	0.25 ▼ 6.22%
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#### Latest currency news

The pound lost much of its strength at the beginning of November, but GBP was able to rebound from its lowest levels as the month progressed. Over the past two weeks GBP/EUR has trended between a high of €1.13 and a nine-week low of €1.10.

GBP/USD, meanwhile, has seen even choppy trading, moving between lows of US\$1.30 and a three-week high of US\$1.32.

Over the same period, EUR/GBP fluctuated between £0.88 and £0.90 while EUR/USD ranged from US\$1.16 to US\$1.18.

#### What's been happening?

The pound has largely recovered from the significant GBP sell-off inspired by the November 2 Bank of England (BoE) interest rate decision.

Although the central bank increased interest rates at the November gathering, policymakers made it



#### CURRENCY MOVEMENT: The pound could climb if UK/EU trade negotiations get underway.

clear that borrowing costs wouldn't be increased again for a considerable period, leading to widespread pound losses.

Political scandals also rocked market confidence in the government and its ability to deliver a smooth Brexit, further weakening the pound. Theresa May was faced with mounting pressure from within her own party to sack Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Secretary for International Development Priti Patel following separate diplomatic incidents. Then it emerged that 40 Tory MPs were prepared to sign a letter of no confidence in May.

Since then positive Brexit news has given the pound a lift, with hopes that trade negotiations could progress bolstered by reports the UK plans to up its offer to the EU for the Brexit bill.

The UK Autumn Budget turned out to be a bit of a non-event, having little impact on GBP exchange rates.

The euro, meanwhile, was caught between positive economic data and a less rosy outlook for monetary policy. The latest Eurozone data continues to largely suggest that the currency bloc economy is in robust health and is headed for its strongest year of growth since the financial crisis.

However, the European Central Bank (ECB) is unlikely to make any positive adjustments to monetary policy for some time, somewhat limiting the euro's strength.

The euro also came under pressure in response to the news that German coalition talks collapsed, leaving the nation without a working government two months after the election.

#### What do you need to look out for?

Over the next couple of weeks, the euro will be responsive to any political developments in Germany.

If it looks as though the nation will have to head to the polls again, the euro could be pressured lower.

The pound, meanwhile, could climb if it looks as though UK/EU trade negotiations will finally get underway.

UK data to look out for includes the nation's consumer confidence figure and Markit's Manufacturing PMI, while the Eurozone is set to publish inflation figures and German employment data.

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## BBVA TESTS BLOCKCHAIN New technology could speed up commerce

NEW technology is being tested by BBVA which could speed up international transactions by days rather than hours.

Many payments are made by use of a letter of credit which requires a great deal of physical work to actually set up and if there are any errors in the document then payment may be withheld.

In the case of an agreement between a Barcelona-based company and a Mexican company for the purchase of 25 tons of frozen tuna, the bank issued the letter of credit using Blockchain technology.

By allowing digital information to be distributed but not copied, Blockchain technology created the backbone of a new type of internet. Originally devised for the digital currency, Bitcoin, the tech community is now finding other potential uses for the technology.

Initially, the most well-known example of Blockchain technology was Bitcoin the computer generated currency



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#### BLOCKCHAIN: IEEE Computer Society Techgnite conference 2017.

which started as being worth less than the cost of a pizza and is now a whisker away from \$10,000 (€8,377) for a single coin.

Analysts believe that using the Blockchain procedures, a whole new and more efficient form of secure internet connectivity could be achieved in the not too distant future and this test by BBVA Bank is a major step forward in international commerce.

In this particular transaction, the entire documentation was completed in just two and a half hours rather than the normal seven to 10 days that a traditional letter of credit would take to be completed.

Not only was the activity safe and made the entire transaction much more efficient, it allowed all parties to be able to view the documentation at the same time and to note any changes in delivery.

Spain is particularly advanced in the use of new and developing technology and a recent European Union report which was very critical of the level of unemployment in Spain acknowledged that the number of students studying computers and programming was high and they were leaving university with much-needed skills and in demand.

This innovative test by the bank could well pave the way for a massive increase in the use of Blockchain technology to speed up worldwide commerce.

## Congress expected to approve new payment law

A LAW proposed by the Ciudadanos political party which could see fines as high as €819,780 for late payment of invoices is expected to be approved by Congress.

Research suggests that the larger the company, the later that payment is made and in some cases it can take as long as 120 days when the legal requirement is to settle within 60 days.

Within the European Union, late payment occurs with 30 per cent of purchasers but in Spain the number is believed to be as high as 60 per cent which can have a crippling effect on the cash flow of smaller companies.

Persistent offenders will face fines ranging from €406 to €819,780.

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# PROPOSED URANIUM MINE STILL CLOSED Greens oppose opening

THE Spanish arm of Australian mining corporation Berkeley has had an appeal against an environmental group stymying its €454 million uranium project rejected.

A Madrid court reviewed a number of complaints raised by the company against Ecologistas en Acción and political party Equo which had started a legal attempt in 2016 to stop the company from operating an open cast mine in Retortillo, Salamanca.

According to the environmentalists, the mining company's environmental assessment failed to recognise that the uranium processing activities and nuclear debris disposal at the mine could potentially cause health problems to the residents of surrounding towns.

Berkeley had seen a previous appeal rejected by the judges at the court of National Audience and the current decision highlighted the fact that the presentation was weak in



Photo by Berkeley

**EQUIPMENT:** Ready for use at Retortillo.

defending its position and was similar to the previously rejected appeal.

The proposed mine is a major financial opportunity for the company which Berkeley has stated will show significant profits in the long run, especially as the local area has benefited from EU development funding and therefore initial investment is lower than normal.

According to its forecasts, the company expects to produce 4.4 million pounds of uranium each year for the next 10 years and will make between \$5 (€4.21) and \$21 (€17.70) per pound over that period.

There is already a ready demand for material from the mine, if it gets the go-ahead, as it has entered into a non-binding agreement with the Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) to cede 35 per cent of its uranium activity in Salamanca in exchange for a \$70 million (€59 million) investment.

In addition, there has been a further investment of \$120 million (€101 million) in the project from the Sultanate of Oman which means that the approval for the opening of what will be the largest open uranium mine in Europe is attracting a great deal of interest worldwide.

On one hand the environmentalists are fighting against the mine which is close to a river and a protected area as well as a number of towns, whilst the company is anxious to start converting its investment into hard cash.

Politicians are also involved in the debate with a Podemos spokesman suggesting that the Castilla and Leon authorities would make things easy for the opening of the mine whilst the president of the Junta has responded that he has no personal opinions about the opening of the mine other than wishing to ensure that the entire project respects the law.

## Should do better

BASED on information collected across Europe in 2016, the EU acknowledges that whilst Spain's economy is improving, it could do better.

Although it acknowledges that many countries, especially those in the east of the Union, are suffering from significant problems with unemployment it has highlighted Spanish inequality in income and the consistently high number of young unemployed.

As the economy continues to improve and unemployment drops (often due to part-time contracts) Spain still has the second highest number of unemployed at 17.3 per cent after Greece at 21.6 per cent.

Youth unemployment however at 40 per cent in Spain compares exceptionally badly in comparison with the EU average of 18.7 per cent whilst the average age of school leavers continues to drop.

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# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

**Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?**

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

The advice we give to our clients at Stone King, is that if you have assets in both Spain and the UK, your only safe option is to appoint attorneys in both jurisdictions.





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# You really couldn't make it up could you?

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**

**OTHERS THINK IT**



APPARENTLY, the term Black Friday refers to the chance for businesses to get back into profit (black ink) after being in the red for the rest of the year. Ah well, each to his own.

The only thing that has surprised me, is that some luvvie committee or another has not declared the term to be somehow non-PC! Well just about everything else has. This past week really has taken the whole ridiculous tin. Caring surgeon Colin Baillie was chastised when he praised a toddler's father for acting 'manfully.'

The child's Mother accused him of 'promoting sexism' and demanded an apology from the surgeon's bosses. Girl Guide leader advisors ruled that teenage boys who identify as girls would be allowed to use the girls' changing rooms and showers. (Probably one of the best excuses for declaring gender confusion to date!).

A woman was banned from giving a University lecture because she, quite acceptably, stated that young children, who are somewhat sexually confused, should not immediately be labelled as transgender. A terror suspect was awarded thousands of pounds in legal aid to overturn his travel ban, as it prevented him taking his children to a



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**DIANE ABBOT: 'The savvy of a senile sea sponge.'**

(non-halal!) McDonald's. The whole, almost unbelievable debacle simply went on and on. We learned that re-arrested child killer and monster Jon Venables, has cost the taxpayer over five million pounds for his 'rehabilitation'! Another scintillating snippet told us that last year, every six seconds, an immigrant won the right to stay in the UK (and they were only non-EU individuals!).

And of course, the greatest humdinger of all, the woman who wanted Sleeping Beauty banned because she considered the Prince, kissing the sleeping beauty without her permission, was tantamount to sexual assault! Sorry love chucking a bucket of water over her royal highness, just doesn't have the quite the same romantic ring to it. Oh no it doesn't. You really couldn't make it

all up, could you?

The only true bit of sanity to emerge this week was the doubling of Oscar Pistorius's laughable sentence for the brutal murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. I always said the whole case involving this spoiled psychopathic brat, was a struggle of money and power versus justice and was delighted to see the rule of law finally emerged as the victor in this previously unsatisfactory example of the South African legal system.

'Dumb, Dumber' award of the week has to go to the producers who selected Diane Abbot to partner the razor-sharp Paul Merton on 'Have I Got a Bit More News for you.' This awful, incompetent political pretender, proved that with the personality of a plank and the savvy of a senile sea sponge, she could probably lose any future election of the Labour movement totally unaided. Sitting there with a blank, albeit slightly panicked expression (ala her mathematical budget gaffe) she was an embarrassment to all concerned.

Keep at it love, the way you're going, you could possibly get more votes for the Conservatives than Theresa May (the way things are going, not that difficult!).

*Keep the faith.*

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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 DIY SOS The Big Build  
10:00pm Love, Lies and Records  
11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
11:30pm BBC London News  
*The latest news, sport and weather from London.*  
11:45pm Question Time  
12:45am This Week

**BBC TWO**

7:00am An Island Parish  
7:30am Claimed and Shamed  
8:15am Royal Recipes  
9:00am DIY SOS  
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  
5:30pm Oxford Street Revealed  
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 Blitz  
11:00pm Live at the Apollo  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:15am Expedition Volcano

**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 SAS: Rogue Warriors  
9:55pm The Farthest: Voyager's Interstellar Journey  
11:30pm The Beginning and End of the Universe  
12:30am The Beginning and End of the Universe  
1:30am SAS: Rogue Warriors  
2:30am Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century  
3:30am Moominland Tales:

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am King of Queens  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:05am 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 Crafty Christmas  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm Lost and Found  
5:00pm A Place in the 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 Great Canal Journeys  
10:00pm Trump: An American Dream  
11:00pm The Sex Robots are Coming  
12:05am Naked Attraction

**CHANNEL 5**

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  
12:45pm Christmas Mix  
2:25pm 5 News Lunchtime  
2:30pm Neighbours  
3:00pm Finding Mrs Claus  
4:45pm The Christmas Angel  
5:30pm 5 News at 5  
6:30pm 5 News at 5  
7:00pm Neighbours  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm UK's Strongest Man 2017  
9:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool  
10:00pm Seventh Son  
11:00pm 5 News  
11:05pm Seventh Son  
12:05am Sinkholes

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7:00am Hollyoaks  
8:00am Charmed  
10:00am Rules of Engagement  
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12:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
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12:10am The Big Bang Theory  
1:05am Rude Tube

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7:30am Live European Tour Golf  
9:30am Total Goals  
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
11:00am Premier League Daily  
11:30am Live European Tour Golf  
2:30pm SKY Sports News  
3:00pm SKY Sports News  
6:00pm SKY Sports News  
6:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf  
10:30pm Sky Sports Tonight Cricket  
*Day one of the first Test as New Zealand take on the Windies at Basin Reserve in Wellington.*  
1:30am Live NFL: Washington @ Dallas  
5:50am Cricket  
*Day one of the first Test as New Zealand take on the Windies at Basin Reserve in Wellington.*

**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 Elderly Theft: Robbing the Relatives - Tonight  
9:00pm Emmerdale  
9:30pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs  
10:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!  
11:30pm ITV News  
12:00am ITV News London  
12:15am Car Crash Britain  
Caught on Camera  
1:15am Parking Wars  
2:05am Jackpot247  
4:00am Elderly Theft

**itv2**

7:00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records  
7:20am Planet's Got Talent  
7:45am Dinner Date  
8:35am Emmerdale  
9:00am Coronation Street  
9:30am Coronation Street  
10:00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
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8:00pm You've Been Framed and Famous!  
9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm Family Guy  
11:00pm Family Guy  
11:30pm I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp  
12:30am American Dad!  
1:00am American Dad!  
1:30am Plebs

**itv3**

7:00am Judge Judy  
7:20am Classic Coronation Street  
7:45am Classic Coronation Street  
8:15am Heartbeat  
*Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.*  
9:20am Wild at Heart  
10:15am 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 Classic Coronation Street  
4:15pm Classic Coronation Street  
4:45pm A Touch of Frost  
6:50pm Heartbeat  
7:55pm Murder, She Wrote  
8:55pm Doc Martin  
10:00pm Midsomer Murders  
12:10am Blue Murder  
1:35am A Touch of Frost  
3:25am ITV3 Nightscreen  
*Text-based information service.*  
3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am The Chase  
7:50am The Chase  
8:40am Cash Cowboys  
9:25am Pawn Stars  
9:55am Pawn Stars  
10:25am Ironside  
11:30am Quincy, M.E.  
12:35pm The Sweeney  
1:35pm The Avengers  
2:50pm Ironside  
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 Steve McQueen: Motorcycle Movie Star  
10:00pm Bullitt  
11:05pm FYI Daily  
11:10pm Bullitt  
12:20am The Road  
1:20am FYI Daily  
1:25am The Road  
2:30am The Professionals  
3:35am Tommy Cooper  
*Comedy and magic from legendary Tommy Cooper.*  
4:00am Teleshopping

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9:15am Stealth  
11:20am Green Zone  
1:20pm Lethal Weapon  
3:20pm The Great Escape  
6:15pm Troy  
9:00pm Green Zone  
11:00pm The Rock  
1:20am Bloodsport  
3:00am Face/Off  
5:25am Rocky V

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:40am Julie and Julia  
9:50am How the Grinch Stole Christmas  
11:40am The Waterboy  
1:20pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
3:10pm Why Him?  
5:05pm Meet the Parents  
7:00pm How to be Single  
9:00pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
11:00pm Why Him?  
1:00am The Escorts  
2:40am Knocked Up  
5:00am Brüno

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am The Top Ten Show 2017  
7:20am Burn Country  
9:15am Escobar: Paradise Lost  
11:30am 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.*  
1:20pm At the Devil's Door  
3:10pm Winter Wedding  
4:55pm Burn Country  
6:50pm Escobar: Paradise Lost  
9:00pm Collateral Beauty  
10:45pm At the Devil's Door  
12:30am The Night is Young  
2:15am Creepy  
4:45am 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.*

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12:00pm La Liga Icons  
1:00pm Football's Greatest Teams  
1:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
2:00pm La Liga Icons  
3:00pm 20 Years of El Clasico  
3:45pm La Liga Icons  
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  
6:00pm Football Years  
6:30pm Football Countdowns  
7:00pm 20 Years of El Clasico  
7:45pm La Liga Icons  
8:00pm EFL Matters  
8:30pm EFL Greatest Games  
9:30pm EFL Matters  
10:00pm 20 Years of El Clasico  
10:45pm La Liga Icons  
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9:30pm	Still Open All Hours
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special 2017: Chez Mummy
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

7:00am	An Island Parish
7:30am	Claimed and Shamed
8:15am	Royal Recipes
9:00am	Anglesey
9:30am	Britain Afloat
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	Match of the Day Live
5:30pm	Oxford Street Revealed
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Mastermind
8:30pm	Match of the Day Live
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Snowfall
12:45am	Panorama
1:15am	Saying Goodbye
2:15am	Army: Behind the New Frontlines

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2015 <i>Jeremy Paxman asks the questions in the Christmas-themed quiz for distinguished university alumni.</i>
9:00pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs presents the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 6 August 1980.</i>
10:00pm	Top of the Pops 1980 Top of the Pops collection.
11:00pm	Gregory Porter's Popular Voices
12:00am	Truth Tellers at the BBC
1:00am	Bastille Live at Eden
1:55am	Top of the Pops

CHANNEL 4

7:20am	Kevin Can Wait
7:45am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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 Homemade Christmas
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the 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	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates

CHANNEL 5

8:05am	Paw Patrol
8:20am	Thomas and Friends
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
12:45pm	A Country Christmas Story
2:25pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm	Neighbours
3:00pm	Wishin' and Hopin' at Christmas
4:45pm	A Family for Christmas
6:30pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Greatest British Bridges: The Severn
10:00pm	Eight Days That Made Rome
11:00pm	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace
12:05am	Nazi King: Royal Conspiracy

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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
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
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	Oblivion
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

7:00am	Live Rugby Sevens: Dubai
10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
11:30am	Live European Tour Golf
2:30pm	Sky Sports Today
3:00pm	Live Rugby Sevens: Dubai
6:00pm	Ram Slam T20 Challenge
8:30pm	Football <i>Leeds United take on Aston Villa at Elland Road in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Cricket <i>Day two of the first Test as New Zealand take on the Windies at Basin Reserve in Wellington.</i>
4:50am	Cricket <i>Day one of the third Test as India host Sri Lanka in Delhi. This is the final Test in this series.</i>

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	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
12:15am	Total Recall
2:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Storage Hoarders
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
9:30am	Planet's Got Talent
10:00am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
10:50am	Dinner Date
11:50am	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
1:20pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Emmerdale
2:20pm	Planet's Got Talent
2:50pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	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
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:30am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Coronation Street
7:45am	Coronation Street
8:15am	Heartbeat
9:15am	Wild at Heart
10:15am	Judge Judy
10:40am	Judge Judy
11:10am	Judge Judy
11:35am	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	Midsomer Murders
12:05am	Blue Murder
1:40am	A Touch of Frost
3:35am	Margery and Gladys
5:20am	Judge Judy
5:40am	Judge Judy <i>The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.</i>

itv4

7:00am	Sporting Funnies Humorous sporting moments.
7:10am	The Chase
8:00am	The Chase
8:50am	Cash Cowboys
9:45am	Pawn Stars
10:15am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	Ironsides
11:50am	Quincy, M.E.
12:55pm	The Sweeney
1:55pm	River Monsters
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Newbury
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Road Racing Series
10:00pm	Die Another Day
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Die Another Day
12:40am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber
3:00am	The Sweeney
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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7:15am	Twister
9:15am	Charlie's Angels
11:00am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
12:50pm	Death Race
2:50pm	The Magnificent Seven
5:00pm	Fearless
6:50pm	Air Force One
9:00pm	Death Race
11:00pm	The 13th Warrior
12:50am	Fearless

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:00am	The Meddler
9:50am	Dumb and Dumber
11:45am	50 First Dates
1:30pm	Sisters
3:30pm	Bad Neighbours 2
5:15pm	Almost Christmas
7:15pm	Uncle Buck
9:00pm	Sisters
11:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
12:45am	Beverly Hills Cop
2:35am	Beverly Hills Cop II
4:25am	Beverly Hills Cop III

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The Night is Young
8:45am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
9:15am	Collateral Beauty
11:05am	Escobar: Paradise Lost
1:15pm	Mine
3:15pm	Burn Country
5:10pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
5:25pm	Winter Wedding <i>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.</i>
7:10pm	Collateral Beauty
9:00pm	Mine
10:50pm	Escobar: Paradise Lost
12:55am	At the Devil's Door
2:35am	The Night is Young
4:10am	Creepy

sky sports football

10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	EFL Matters
11:30am	La Liga Show
12:00pm	La Liga Icons
1:00pm	EFL Matters
1:30pm	La Liga Show
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	EFL Matters
3:30pm	La Liga Show
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 Show
6:00pm	La Liga Preview 2017/18
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	MLS Round Up Show
11:45pm	SPFL Matters
12:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30am	SPFL Matters
1:00am	Football



# Sticking the knife into poncey, chefy 'theatre on a plate'

**Nora Johnson**

*Breaking Views*

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THE 'sainted Delia' (Smith) was recently roundly attacked online for complaining that: "Cooking has become very poncey, very chefy. If I get one more plate put in front of me with six dots of sauce on it, I will go mad."

Personally, I can't stand Michelin-style minute portions, the emphasis being on minute, with artfully arranged drizzles of coloured spots or smeary daubs.

I go out to eat, not admire the lavish plate decoration when more time's plainly been spent on appearance than on how the food tastes. And don't get me started on seasonal tasting menus with wine flight - I'd have more fun at the chiroprapist, getting my

corns removed. If I get served one more, I'll have the chef up before The Hague...

The problem with present-day cookery that we see on shows like 'Masterchef' is the idea of deconstruction. This turns food into something less about the pleasure of eating, more about the chef's creativity. 'Good' cooking invariably reflects the established ways of making the dishes.

That's why old-fashioned TV chefs like Keith Floyd were so much fun to watch. He wasn't a creative genius

**'SIX DOTS OF SAUCE': Michelin-style food and (inset) critic Delia Smith.**

but was devoted to tasty dishes made traditionally.

Nowadays, everything's rushed: chopping, pressure cooking, pan frying, pre-cooking in a water bath. What's become of long slow roasts, braising, stews? Chefs produce 'theatre on a plate,' traditional cooks produce tasty, comforting food full of flavours and tantalising smells.

But that's 'reality' TV for you: everything's instantaneous. A garden can be 'made over' in days, an entire house in a week.

Unlike in real life...

Benny Hill had it right. Diner sees sign in Diner: 'Home Cooking Just Like Mother Made.' Diner orders meal which he finds disgusting. He complains that he expected more from 'Mother's Home Cooking.' Chef responds: 'Nobody said my mother was a good cook!'

So, good, traditional 'home cooking' best done, yes, at home and you avoid the salt, sugar and fat, plus all the added preservatives most people can't spell let alone pronounce. You got this one so right, Delia!

*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) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99;£0.99) and iBookstore.*

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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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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Nigella: At My Table
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:15pm	Snooker
3:00pm	Rugby Union
5:30pm	Final Score
6:25pm	Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme
6:55pm	BBC News
7:05pm	BBC London News
7:15pm	Pointless
8:05pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:10pm	Michael McIntyre's Big Show
10:10pm	Casualty
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Match of the Day <i>Gary Lineker presents Premier League highlights, including Arsenal v Manchester United.</i>
12:50am	The NFL Show
1:20am	Lay the Favourite
2:50am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:55am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:15am	Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman
8:00am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
8:30am	Deadly 60
9:00am	Show Me What You're Made of: UK
9:30am	Rugby League World Cup Final 2017
12:30pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well
1:30pm	Operation Snow Tiger
2:30pm	Mastermind
3:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Rugby League World Cup Final 2017 Highlights
8:00pm	Front Row
8:30pm	Natural World
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Imagine...
11:00pm	QI XL
11:45pm	Insert Name Here
12:15am	Snooker

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings
9:00pm	The Mekong River with Sue Perkins
10:00pm	Witnesses <i>Audrey Fleurot, Marie Dompnier, Jan Hammenecker, Judith Henry, Guillaume Durieux, Steve Driesen.</i>
10:50pm	Witnesses <i>Audrey Fleurot, Marie Dompnier, Jan Hammenecker, Judith Henry, Guillaume Durieux, Steve Driesen.</i>
11:45pm	The Vietnam War
12:40am	What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment
1:40am	Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song
3:10am	The Mekong River with Sue Perkins
4:10am	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am	Adventure Racing
7:45am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Frasier
9:35am	Frasier
10:05am	The Big Bang Theory
10:35am	The Big Bang Theory
11:00am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:55am	The Simpsons
12:25pm	The Simpsons
12:55pm	Come Dine with Me
1:25pm	Come Dine with Me
1:55pm	Come Dine with Me
2:30pm	Come Dine with Me
3:00pm	Come Dine with Me
3:35pm	A Place in the Sun
4:35pm	A Place in the Sun
5:35pm	Best Laid Plans
6:35pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Can We Live with Robots?
9:00pm	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
11:25pm	I, Robot
1:40am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:30am	The Last Leg

**CHANNEL 5**

8:55am	Paw Patrol
9:10am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:25am	Shimmer and Shine
9:40am	Peppa Pig
10:00am	FIA Formula E: Hong Kong
11:45am	The Gadget Show
12:45pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
1:10pm	A Christmas to Remember
2:50pm	Merry Kissmas
4:35pm	Annie Claus is Coming to Town
5:35pm	5 News
5:40pm	Annie Claus is Coming to Town
6:25pm	A Dream of Christmas
7:25pm	5 News
7:30pm	A Dream of Christmas
8:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:05pm	NCIS: New Orleans
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Live Championship Boxing.
1:00am	Super Casino

**4**

7:00am	How I Met Your Mother
7:55am	Rules of Engagement
8:25am	Rules of Engagement
8:55am	The Goldbergs
9:30am	The Goldbergs
10:00am	Made in Chelsea
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
2:55pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	A Good Day to Die Hard
12:00am	Gogglebox
1:00am	Gogglebox
2:05am	Tattoo Fixers

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Cricket <i>Day one of the third Test as India host Sri Lanka in Delhi. This is the final Test in this series.</i>
12:15pm	My Icon
12:30pm	Football <i>Chelsea entertain Newcastle United at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Live Rugby Sevens: Dubai <i>Day two of the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series stage from The Sevens Stadium in Dubai in the UAE.</i>
6:00pm	Rugby Classic
6:15pm	Football <i>Bristol City meet Middlesbrough at Ashton Gate in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
8:40pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
11:00pm	Cricket
4:50am	Cricket

**itv**

8:30am	Scrambled!
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:50am	Fangbone
9:10am	The Powerpuff Girls
9:30am	Thunderbirds are Go
10:00am	Wishart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
12:55pm	ITV News
1:00pm	The X Factor
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Newbury
5:00pm	Thunderbirds are Go
5:25pm	The Cruise
6:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
6:25pm	You've Been Framed!
6:55pm	ITV News London
7:00pm	ITV News
7:10pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:05pm	The X Factor
10:10pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:15pm	ITV News
11:35pm	Rambo III
1:25am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:25am	The Cube
8:10am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:50am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:45pm	Take Me Out
2:45pm	The Lake House
3:45pm	FYI Daily
3:50pm	The Lake House
4:50pm	You've Been Framed!
5:50pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
7:15pm	Evan Almighty
8:15pm	FYI Daily
8:20pm	Evan Almighty
9:10pm	Wrath of the Titans
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	Wrath of the Titans
11:15pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:15am	Family Guy
1:45am	American Dad!
2:15am	American Dad!
2:40am	Release the Hounds
3:35am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

**itv3**

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:40am	Murder, She Wrote
9:40am	Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four
12:00pm	Columbo
1:40pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
3:45pm	Santa Claus
4:50pm	FYI Daily
4:55pm	Santa Claus
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:05am	Midsomer Murders <i>Feature-length rural detective drama.</i>
2:10am	Wydliffe <i>Detective drama series.</i>
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

**itv4**

7:00am	Barcelona's European Glory
7:10am	The Protectors
7:35am	The Avengers
8:30am	The Sweeney
9:25am	Motorsport UK
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Fishing Impossible
12:30pm	Road Racing Series
1:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:55pm	Pawn Stars
3:25pm	Storage Wars
3:55pm	Storage Wars
4:25pm	Superman
5:25pm	FYI Daily
5:30pm	Superman
7:20pm	Nacho Libre
8:20pm	FYI Daily
8:25pm	Nacho Libre
9:10pm	The Nutty Professor
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	The Nutty Professor
11:00pm	16 Blocks
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	16 Blocks
1:05am	Senna
2:05am	FYI Daily

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:30am	Hitman
9:10am	Stealth
11:15am	The Great Wall
1:05pm	300
3:05pm	The Mask of Zorro
5:25pm	xXx2: The Next Level
7:15pm	Hitman
9:00pm	The Great Wall
10:50pm	300
12:50am	End of Days
2:55am	The Rock
5:15am	Rocky V

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:45am	The Top Ten Show 2017
8:00am	Borat
9:30am	Love Actually
11:50am	How the Grinch Stole Christmas
1:40pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
3:20pm	Central Intelligence
5:15pm	Fred Claus
7:15pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
9:00pm	Central Intelligence
11:00pm	Knocked Up

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Winter Wedding
8:45am	Burn Country
10:35am	Collateral Beauty
12:20pm	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
1:45pm	Mine
3:35pm	Winter Wedding
5:20pm	Escobar: Paradise Lost
7:30pm	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
9:00pm	Mine
10:50pm	Collateral Beauty
12:35am	Escobar: Paradise Lost
7:45am	The Top Ten Show 2017
8:00am	Borat
9:30am	Love Actually
11:50am	How the Grinch Stole Christmas
1:40pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
3:20pm	Central Intelligence
5:15pm	Fred Claus
7:15pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
9:00pm	Central Intelligence
11:00pm	Knocked Up

**sky sports football**

7:00am	Football
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
12:55pm	Football
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30am	EFL Greatest Games
12:45am	EFL Greatest Games
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
1:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
1:30am	Football
3:55am	EFL Goals: Championship
4:30am	Football Countdowns



**TECH FOR THE TIMID**

# Fake it till you make it

MY favourite TripAdvisor review, for a really appalling hotel, said its best feature was the car park. And that was written by the manager.

Well no, it wasn't. But it could have been, because it turns out - shock, horror - that by one professional estimate, up to 40 per cent of all online reviews are fake.

There's even a new word for it: astroturfing, or 'the deceptive practice of presenting an orchestrated marketing or public relations campaign in the guise of unsolicited comments from members of the public.' In simpler words: 'Will lie for cash.'

A recent trawl by an American consultancy unearthed 650 reviewers who had posted 40,000 fake reviews involving up to 6,000 businesses. Produce a new product or service and just over €4 buys you a good review.

In the early days you could pretty much count on a review being genuine. So much so that when a couple logged a terrible review of

**Would you buy a product with a one-star review? No, neither would Terence Kennedy, but you might both be wrong**



**FAKE REVIEWS: Scourge of the internet.**

Blackpool's Broadway Hotel ('a rotten stinking hovel'), the hotelier was deluged by bad publicity after adding a £100 (€112) fine to their bill for reputational damage.

Now tens of thousands of more flattering hotel and restaurant reviews are written by the owners themselves. Amazon is struggling under a deluge of fake reviews and has launched more than a thousand

rearguard legal actions.

The reviews may be fake, but in another twist to the tale the reviewers themselves often aren't. Companies increasingly pay (okay, bribe) real customers to write good reviews, giving them products, perks and discounts.

Why should it matter to the rest of us? Because the stakes are so high: online, 70 per cent of cus-

tomers read reviews before buying.

Any number of websites offer tips beyond the ability of most of us to perform, to discover whether a review might be real or a rip-off. Google, Amazon and others put their faith in algorithms and Artificial Intelligence to sniff out patterns, serial reviewers and obvious inconsistencies like a whole rash of great reviews coming out just as a product hits the warehouses.

But until someone creates that digital magic bullet, all the rest of us can do is sample as many reviews as we can to glean what might or might not be a realistic assessment of the product or service under review, take away the review you first thought of, and hope.

Things were so much simpler when a journalist friend managed to sink a truly awful movie about an elephant almost single-handed in his home town. All he wrote was: 'They say elephants never forget. Let us hope they forgive.'

## Fake vs funny

ONE thing fake reviews don't do is 'funny.' Little could match this real review of a Kim Kardashian book: 'It's a little uncomfortable, but it doesn't leave pieces behind when you wipe, like other toilet paper brands.'

Would you stay where 'The owner kept trying to sell me the hotel?'

From a 'dissatisfied' buyer: 'I measured the TV and it was actually 104.6 inches not 105 so I returned it.'

An Amazon grocery review for Tuscan Whole Milk: 'Has anyone else tried pouring this stuff over dry cereal? A-W-E-S-O-M-E!'

Or one I confess to writing myself after visiting the lost city of Petra in Jordan: 'The tourist brochure says you approach the ruins, becoming more beautiful the further you go. Well I did, and I didn't.'

**Advertising feature**

## Nowadays hearing loss sufferers need suffer no more



**VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE: Hearing aid with directional microphone.**

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These signals are then sent to the brain, which subsequently decodes the incoming messages and makes sense of them. When we have normal hearing, our brain routinely filters out the background noise and other non-important information to allow us to focus on speech and other important signals.

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Nowadays, hearing aid advancement means that hearing loss sufferers need suffer no more. At Apple Hearing & Healthcare, we are proud to introduce a virtually invisible hearing aid with directional microphone.

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Quesada or Benidorm to benefit from our FREE, NO OBLIGATION hearing test.

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
8:25am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	Fern Britton Meets...
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	BBC News
1:30pm	Flog It!
1:50pm	Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
2:50pm	FA Cup Final Score
5:15pm	Songs of Praise
5:55pm	Blue Planet II
6:55pm	BBC News
7:10pm	BBC London News
7:20pm	Countryfile
8:20pm	Strictly Come Dancing
9:00pm	Blue Planet II
10:00pm	Howards End
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	BBC London News
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	Ronny Chieng: International Student
12:55am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:00am	BBC News

## BBC TWO

8:05am	Gardeners' World
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	Snooker
7:00pm	Match of the Day
8:00pm	Turkey with Simon Reeve
9:00pm	Robot Wars
10:00pm	Expedition Volcano
11:00pm	Snowfall
12:40am	Snooker Hazel Irvine introduces highlights from Sunday's second-round matches at the UK Championship.
1:30am	Snooker
3:30am	Question Time
4:30am	Holby City
5:30am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Classic Quartets at the BBC
10:00pm	Natural World Wildlife film. South African naturalist Mike Rutzen is crazy about great white sharks.
10:50pm	Natural World
11:40pm	Mull: Eagle Paradise The story of the white-tailed sea eagle is one of the great successes of British conservation.
11:50pm	Shearwater Island
12:00am	Taxi Tehran
1:20am	Classic Quartets at the BBC
2:20am	Natural World
3:10am	Natural World
4:00am	This is BBC Four BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind.

## CHANNEL 4

7:20am	Kevin Can Wait
7:45am	Kevin Can Wait
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Paul Hollywood
2:00pm	F1: Grand Prix
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	The Simpsons
3:55pm	The Simpsons
4:25pm	The Simpsons
4:55pm	Arthur Christmas
6:50pm	Shrek
8:30pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Coastal Railways with Julie Walters
10:00pm	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
12:35am	I, Frankenstein
2:15am	Morning Glory
4:00am	Trump: An American Dream
4:55am	Gillette World Sport
5:25am	KOTV Boxing Weekly
5:50am	Mobil 1 The Grid

## CHANNEL 5

8:55am	Paw Patrol
9:10am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
9:25am	Shimmer and Shine
9:40am	Peppa Pig
9:55am	FIA Formula E: Hong Kong
11:40am	Football on 5
12:25pm	Finding Father Christmas
2:10pm	The Christmas Secret
3:55pm	On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
4:55pm	5 News
5:00pm	On the Twelfth Day of Christmas
5:45pm	Northpole 2: Open for Christmas
6:45pm	5 News
6:50pm	Northpole 2: Open for Christmas
7:30pm	Call Me Claus
9:15pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	The Paul O'grady Story
11:30pm	When Reality TV Goes Horribly Wrong
2:30am	Lip Sync Battle UK
2:55am	Super Casino

## 4

7:00am	Rules of Engagement
7:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
12:00pm	Made in Chelsea
1:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
2:00pm	Marmaduke
3:45pm	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
4:30pm	The Goldbergs
5:00pm	The Goldbergs
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Ted
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Gogglebox
2:05am	Rude Tube
3:10am	First Dates
4:05am	Rude Tube
4:35am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Cricket Day two of the third Test between India and Sri Lanka in Delhi.
12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
1:30pm	Football Aberdeen meet Rangers at Pittodrie in the SPFL Ladbrokes Premiership.
2:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday Manchester City take on West Ham United at the Etihad Stadium in the Premier League.
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf Day four of the Hero World Challenge from New Providence in the Bahamas.
10:00pm	Live NFL: Sunday Game
2:00am	Live NFL: Sunday Game
5:30am	Cricket

## itv

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
11:55am	The Martin Lewis Money Show
12:25pm	Save Money: Good Food
1:00pm	Tipping Point
2:00pm	ITV News
2:05pm	The X Factor
4:10pm	Midsomer Murders
6:05pm	How to Spend it Well at Christmas with Phillip Schofield
7:05pm	ITV News London
7:15pm	ITV News
7:30pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
8:25pm	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	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera

## itv2

12:25pm	Take Me Out
1:40pm	You've Been Framed!
2:10pm	Merry Christmas Mr Bean
2:45pm	The Smurfs: A Christmas Carol
3:15pm	Beethoven's Christmas Adventure
4:15pm	FYI Daily
4:20pm	Beethoven's Christmas Adventure
5:05pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
6:10pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
7:15pm	FYI Daily
7:20pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
8:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
9:20pm	FYI Daily
9:25pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote
8:20am	Murder, She Wrote
9:15am	Heartbeat
10:20am	Heartbeat
11:25am	Santa Claus
12:30pm	FYI Daily
12:35pm	Santa Claus
1:40pm	Columbo
3:45pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
5:50pm	Midsomer Murders
7:55pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Endeavour
12:00am	Lewis
2:00am	The Knock
3:05am	The Knock
4:00am	Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four
5:50am	Judge Judy The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge, Judge.

## itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:10am	The Sweeney
8:00am	The Big Fish Off
8:50am	Storage Wars
9:25am	Storage Wars
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:15am	Pawn Stars
10:40am	Pawn Stars
11:05am	Pawn Stars
11:35am	Pawn Stars
12:00pm	Pawn Stars
12:30pm	Superman
1:30pm	FYI Daily
1:35pm	Superman
3:25pm	The Dam Busters
4:25pm	FYI Daily
4:30pm	The Dam Busters
8:05pm	Nacho Libre
9:05pm	FYI Daily
9:10pm	Nacho Libre
10:00pm	The Dictator
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Dictator
11:40pm	Hot Tub Time Machine 2
12:40am	FYI Daily
12:45am	Hot Tub Time Machine 2
1:30am	Mars Attacks!
2:30am	FYI Daily

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

7:00am	Avengers Confidential: Black Widow and Punisher
8:30am	In the Heart of the Sea
10:35am	The Goonies
12:35pm	Troy
3:20pm	Lawrence of Arabia
6:55pm	In the Heart of the Sea
9:00pm	Braveheart
12:00am	Last Action Hero

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

12:25pm	27 Dresses
2:25pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
4:00pm	A Street Cat Named Bob
5:50pm	Airplane!
7:25pm	Airplane II: The Sequel
9:00pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
10:35pm	Airplane!
12:10am	Airplane II: The Sequel
1:40am	Brüno

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Escobar: Paradise Lost
9:15am	Winter Wedding
11:00am	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
12:30pm	Red Dog: True Blue Mine
2:15pm	Mine
4:05pm	Collateral Beauty
5:45pm	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
7:15pm	Red Dog: True Blue Mine
9:00pm	At the Devil's Door
12:45am	Escobar: Paradise Lost 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.
2:55am	The Night is Young
4:40am	At the Devil's Door

## sky sports football

9:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
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	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Football
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:30pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
12:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid



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## It's nothing to do with the EU

SIR,

I see Leapy Lee adding weight to the argument that the most ardent Brexiteers are those with least knowledge of the European Union. In his last column he gleefully cites the case of a Somali criminal as absolute justification for leaving the EU because of the decision of the much maligned European Court of Human Rights.

Although it has the word 'European' in its title, this court is NOT an EU body, and is part of an entirely different legal system to the European Court of Justice with which it is constantly confused.

It was set up after the war by the Council of Europe to uphold the Convention of Human Rights and in fact the UK was one of the first members to ratify the Convention when it passed through Parliament in 1951.

The EU has actually decided not to be bound by the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights

*Elaine, Torremolinos*



STAR APPEAL? From left, Nicky Minaj, Nicole Scherzinger and Gorka Marquez.

### Strictly cobblers

I WOULD be interested to know how your editors decide what news is worth including in this publication, because I see no obvious logic.

Anybody ever heard of Nicky Minaj, Nicole Scherzinger or Gorka Marquez? Er... who? Yet for some reason we are informed of their activities and of other non-entities in your page labelled Celeb Focus. Sorry, this does not qualify as news. No way! By publish-

ing this nonsense, the *Euro Weekly* is simply playing into the hands of those press agents who will do anything to get publicity for their talentless clients.

Please, *EWN*, use your valuable space to give us real news!

*David Baird, Frigiliana*

*Editor's note: Since introduction, the celebrity page has been warmly welcomed by thousands of EWN readers.*

*Editor's note: This is correct, and was noted by other readers. The error slipped through due to pressing deadlines in the editing process, and we apologise.*

### What a puzzle!

A reader wrote in asking for puzzle answers to be printed the same week, sparking a deluge of replies. Here is a selection.

### The case for...

I THINK putting puzzle solutions in the same week as set would be a bad move, as often I find that the answer is so obvious I wonder why it took me so long. If you get a majority response to include answers, will you please put them on a different page so that they are not seen accidentally!

*Les Johnston, address withheld*

### HAVE YOUR SAY

All letters by email or post should carry the writer's address, NIE and contact number though only the name and town will be published.

Readers who have missed correspondence can see all letters - which can be edited before publication - posted on: www.euoweeklynews.com.

## Woman rescued above busy road

Firefighters worldwide are all heroes. With love and gratitude to each and every one of you. *Irene Margaret Weston*

Good job. Hopefully she will get the help she needs.

*Jeni Potter*

### Gibraltar 'to fall out of the single market'

'Blow for the UK leaving the EU!' You are totally mistaken! It is a blow for EU, UK leaving the EU! That is the reason that EU put up all the obstructions, they can find, in the 'Brexit' negotiations! They know, that UK leaving the sinking ship, will mean the beginning to the end, for EU!

*Carsten Thorvald*

It's a blow for everyone Carsten Thorvald but it will be a bigger mistake for the UK singularly and every indicator is showing this to be the case - nothing positive is jumping out to show us that leave is the way forward. As for sinking ship, well all the predictions of collapse, capitulation and other members queing up to leave haven't transpired and if anything Brexit has galvanised the other members to stick together. Obstructions? The EU negotiators have made it clear what is required to move this forward, the obstructions to progress are internal caused by a divided government that is wasting more time and energy from belligerent in-fighting, and power positioning. The only ship sinking is the Britannia!

*Dave Syd*

### Comments from EWN online

#### Police reopen toddler death

I said before that there is no way a three-year-old could walk 4km on her own at night without something happening. *Debbie Tobin*

Strange, all of it. Something doesn't add up. Keep delving more and see what the outcome will be.

*Jay Ellis*

Something doesn't add up!!

*Karen Joy Harley*

#### Spain defends holding migrants in prison

Here in Malta they are sent to detention centres for two years!

*Moira Palmqvist*

Yes, sounds like they are warm, dry and being fed, what's the problem?

*Madeline Wilson*

Best place. Can keep track and process... well done at least they know where they are and if not eligible for staying

they can be returned from whence they came.

*Susannah Washington*

Spain is battling this type of immigration virtually on its own. Eleven thousand arrived in boats on the shores of southern Spain this year alone to date. The problem is the trafficking mafias in their home countries, that is where the solutions should start.

*Carl Venvulgen*

#### Passengers 'quarantined' after flight from Spain

Better still, a dab of Vaseline in each nostril will catch the germs. Most throat and chest problems are caught when breathing through the nose. I always take a cotton handkerchief with tea tree oil on it and inhale it regularly, as it's antibacterial. I do this in hospitals as well.

*Jeni Potter*

Just returned from trip to UK and back. I think I have picked up every germ on those planes. People will get on, sit down and put the air-con on... Don't they realise that just spreads everyone's germs around.

*Clare Lloyd*

Wear a mask on every trip. The amount of people that have nasty colds when flying to and fro from the UK is terrible. The air circulation/aircon units are crap.... Thank god I don't fly these days...

*Sian Foster*

REGARDING the letter from Norman (November 23-29) - no, no, no - please DON'T publish the answers to the puzzles in the same issue, it takes all the fun away! Sometimes it can take me two-three days to complete the cryptic crossword and people should have a little patience to wait for the answers to be given the following week.

*Barbara, Alhaurin de la Torre*

### ...and against

I AM one of the loads of people and I definitely agree with last week's reader! It is infuriating not to be able to check the answers to the puzzles immediately. I particularly like the crosswords and even using a dictionary I cannot find one or two of the answers so have to wait.

*Muriel, Algorfa*

I AM writing with regard to the puzzle answers being printed in the same issue. My partner and I take two papers every week so that we can each do the Codebreaker and puzzle. We both feel that it would be much easier for most of us if the solutions were in the same issue, obviously printed on a different page, otherwise we might peek.

*Lynn Hopkins, Fuengirola*



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**BBC one**

10:15am	Island Medics
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Claimed and Shamed
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	The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas
5:30pm	Money for Nothing
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	The Real Marigold on Tour
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**

7:00am	An Island Parish: Falklands
7:30am	Claimed and Shamed
8:15am	Royal Recipes
9:00am	Mary Berry's Country House Secrets
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:30pm	Strictly - It Takes Two
8:00pm	Match of the Day
8:30pm	Wild Cameramen at Work
9:00pm	University Challenge
9:30pm	Nigella: At My Table
10:00pm	Employable Me
11:00pm	Insert Name Here
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Snooker
1:05am	Snooker
3:05am	Countryfile
4:00am	Blue Planet II
5:00am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Christmas University Challenge 2015
9:00pm	Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life
10:00pm	The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
11:00pm	Handmade in Mexico <i>An intricate look at the creation process of three Mexican art forms.</i>
11:30pm	Britain's Lost Masterpieces
12:30am	Mugabe and the Democrats
2:00am	Pappano's Classical Voices
3:00am	How to be a Surrealist with Philippa Perry
4:00am	The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers
5:00am	This is BBC Four

**CHANNEL 4**

7:20am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
1:25pm	A Christmas Proposal
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Lost and Found
5:00pm	A Place in the 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
1:05am	Life Stripped Bare
2:20am	One Born Every Minute

**CHANNEL 5**

8:25am	Milkshake! Festive Fun!
8:30am	Peppa Pig
8:50am	Floogals
9:00am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
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
1:25pm	The Gadget Show
2:25pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:30pm	Neighbours
3:00pm	Christmas Cookies
4:45pm	The Christmas Calendar
6:30pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Weather Terror
9:00pm	Sinkholes
10:00pm	Concorde
11:00pm	JFK's Secret Killer: The Evidence
12:05am	JFK Jr: The Crash That Killed a Kennedy

**4**

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	Kevin Can Wait
6:30pm	Kevin Can Wait
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**

7:00am	Cricket
12:15pm	My Icon
12:30pm	Sky Sports Daily
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	SKY Sports News
7:00pm	SKY Sports News
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Football <i>Birmingham City meet Wolves at St Andrew's in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
11:00pm	Info not available
12:00am	Cricket <i>Day five of the first Test between New Zealand and the Windies at the Basin Reserve in Wellington.</i>
2:15am	Live NFL: Pittsburgh @ Cincinnati
5:45am	Cricket <i>Day four of the third Test between India and Sri Lanka at Feroz Shah Kotla Ground in Delhi.</i>

**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	The Martin Lewis Money Show
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
1:15am	Life Inside Jail: Hell on Earth
2:05am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

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
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Ghosted
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	Wild at Heart
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	Wild at Heart
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	A Touch of Frost
6:50pm	Heartbeat
7:55pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Foyle's War
12:00am	Blue Murder
1:35am	A Touch of Frost
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

**itv4**

7:50am	The Chase
8:40am	Cash Cowboys
9:30am	Pawn Stars
9:55am	Pawn Stars
10:25am	Ironsides
11:30am	Quincy, M.E.
12:35pm	The Sweeney
1:35pm	The Avengers
2:45pm	Ironsides
3:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:55pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Live and Let Die
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Live and Let Die
12:30am	Senna
1:30am	FYI Daily
1:35am	Senna
2:40am	Motorsport UK
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

9:20am	Drop Zone
11:05am	I Am Legend
12:50pm	The Bourne Identity
2:50pm	Domino
5:00pm	Once Upon a Time in Mexico
6:50pm	Superman 2
9:00pm	The Bourne Identity
11:00pm	I Am Legend
12:50am	Universal Soldier
2:45am	The Punisher: War Zone

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:15am	Our Brand is Crisis
10:10am	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
11:50am	Hail, Caesar!
1:45pm	The Boss
3:30pm	The Back-Up Plan
5:20pm	Hitch
7:25pm	Liar Liar
9:00pm	The Back-Up Plan
10:45pm	The Boss
12:35am	Jackass: The Movie
2:10am	Jackass: Number Two
3:50am	Jackass 2.5
5:05am	Three Amigos!

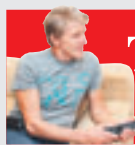
**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
8:35am	Mine
10:30am	Winter Wedding <i>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.</i>
12:15pm	Non-Transferable
1:55pm	Red Dog: True Blue
3:40pm	Escobar: Paradise Lost
5:45pm	Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine
7:15pm	Red Dog: True Blue
9:00pm	Mine
10:50pm	Non-Transferable
12:30am	The Night is Young
2:15am	At the Devil's Door
4:05am	Burn Country

**sky sports football**

7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Info not available
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
1:45pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
2:00pm	La Liga 2017/18
4:05pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	La Liga 2017/18
7:05pm	Magical Messi
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	20 Years of El Clasico
12:45am	La Liga Greatest Games





**TV Couch Critic**

# Kay raises the smiles but its heartache from rubber ducks

HOW could Kay Mellor make the day-to-day running of a register office interesting? Simply through her usual brilliant writing.

Welcome to *Love, Lies & Records* (BBC1), her latest creation situated at Leeds City Hall and starring Ashley Jensen as Kate, a Superintendent Registrar who combines chaotic home surrounds with her professional life.

It may be a cliché but Kate doesn't always play by the rules and where work is concerned it's very successful. There was the man registering his baby's birth, born to a mother with cancer who refused treatment to save the child.

They are not married, but as Kate does weddings as well, cue the resulting tears.

Staff wise, Registrar James announces plans to work dressed as a woman, with all are pleased except Judy who happens to have been passed over when Kate was promoted to superintendent.

Popular with everyone except Judy, Kate is particularly liked by Rick, especially after they sidled off

to a storeroom for some festive fun at the Christmas party.

But Judy had a copy of the CCTV recording their event in full, with this leading to a proposal from Kate to her partner Rob, a detective investigating the local murder of a young woman.

This will no doubt be linked to one of the future story lines in a comedy drama series that is yet another triumph for Mellor, making Thursday evening one to look forward to.

*Blue Planet II* (BBC 1) was a bitter-sweet highlight with the consignment of 7,000 plastic duck bath toys ready to embark on their various journeys after being tipped from a container ship in high seas off Alaska.

The star performer landed off the west coast of Scotland, but then there was the sad sight of tons of discarded plastic, endangering

and killing the blue world, including a whale carrying dead offspring, thought to have been poisoned by pollution.

It was truly heartbreaking and

thought provoking as usual.

*I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here* (ITV) is beginning to scrape the barrel for so-called celebrities, though many viewers clearly still enjoy it and it's good to see Ant fit and well and self depreciating about his personal life over the last six challenging months.

The sight of the first five contestants meeting and not knowing who each other was served up amusing viewing. But the camp mates discussing each others' fame with Rebekah Vardy claiming recognition for her charity work (really?) and Hollyoaks 'star' Jamie Lomas telling Made in Chelsea 'star' Georgia Tofolo "that's what your talent is, being yourself," was another matter.

Boxer Amir Khan's frightened reaction to pulling out a snake thinking it was a rope, however, was priceless... showing there is still potential for comedy gold.

*Would I Lie to you* (BBC1) is back

for a new series. Arguably television's funniest panel show is as good as ever, but why put it on Monday evening opposite Coronation Street which is a traditional graveyard slot?

Meanwhile *The A Word* (BBC1) is back for a second series and as good as ever. This time around it follows Joe's move to a more specialised school and the effect this has on his dysfunctional family.

The separation of Alison and Paul, Joe's mum and dad, while travelling to his new school leads to problems between them and the inter-action between Paul's own father and music teacher Maurice and Louise is both amusing and sad as he tries to support her during her cancer fight whilst bringing back memories of his previous wife's death from the same disease.

Eddie (Alison's brother) and Nicola pretend to her parents that they haven't separated, with this leading to amusing moments, and as always some brilliant music is a theme throughout with the talented actor Max Vento having an encyclopaedic knowledge of the songs and lyrics as he sings along to them.

*Critique: SC, Torrevieja, Costa Blanca*

**BRILLIANT WRITING: Kay Mellor.**



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**BBC one**

7:00am Breakfast  
10:15am Island Medics  
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
12:00pm Claimed and Shamed  
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 The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas  
5:30pm Money for Nothing  
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**

7:00am An Island Parish: Falklands  
7:30am Island Medics  
8:15am The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas  
9:00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
1:00pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm Snooker  
6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is  
7:00pm Celebrity Eggheads  
7:30pm Strictly - It Takes Two  
8:00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
9:00pm MasterChef: The Professionals  
10:00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico  
11:00pm Motherland  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:15am NFL  
1:05am Snooker  
1:55am Snooker  
3:55am The Apprentice

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2015  
9:00pm Armada: 12 Days to Save England  
10:00pm Invasion! With Sam Willis  
11:00pm The Vikings  
12:00am The Turner Prize 2017  
12:30am The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank  
1:30am Pappano's Classical Voices  
2:30am Armada: 12 Days to Save England *Three-part drama documentary series.*  
3:30am Invasion! With Sam Willis  
4:30am This is BBC Four *BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.*

**CHANNEL 4**

8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:00am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
12:00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas  
1:25pm Nanny for Christmas Countdown  
3:10pm Lost and Found  
4:00pm A Place in the Sun  
5:00pm Four in a Bed  
6:00pm Come Dine with Me  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
8:55pm The Political Slot  
9:00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas  
10:00pm Finding Me a Family  
11:00pm Extraordinary Teens: My Gay Life  
12:05am Naked Attraction

**CHANNEL 5**

8:30am Peppa Pig  
8:50am Floogals  
9:00am Digby Dragon  
9:20am Noddy: Toyland  
9:35am Shimmer and Shine  
9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
10:05am Mofy  
10:15am The Wright Stuff  
12:35pm Film Christmas Angel  
2:25pm 5 News Lunchtime  
2:30pm Neighbours  
3:00pm Film The Christmas Apprentice  
4:40pm Call Me Claus Film  
6:30pm 5 News at 5  
7:00pm Neighbours  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild  
9:00pm Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens  
10:00pm Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild  
11:00pm The 00s: The Most Shocking Celebrity Moments  
2:00am Super Casino

**4**

10:00am Rules of Engagement  
11:00am 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  
4:30pm How I Met Your Mother  
5:00pm New Girl  
5:30pm New Girl  
6:00pm Kevin Can Wait  
6:30pm Kevin Can Wait  
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  
12:05am The Big Bang Theory  
12:35am The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

12:30pm One2eleven  
2:00pm Eredivisie  
3:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
3:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
3:30pm Football Countdowns  
4:00pm Soccer A.M.S  
4:30pm Football's Greatest  
5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
5:15pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:00pm Eredivisie  
7:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
7:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
7:30pm Soccer A.M.  
8:00pm Football Years  
8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special  
11:00pm Revista de la Liga  
11:30pm La Liga World  
12:00am Eredivisie  
1:00am Revista de la Liga

**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 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!  
11:30pm ITV News  
12:00am ITV News London *The latest news and weather from London and the South East.*

**itv2**

7:20am Planet's Got Talent  
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!  
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!  
8:30pm 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  
11:00pm Family Guy  
11:30pm I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp  
12:30am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am Judge Judy  
7:20am Coronation Street  
7:45am Coronation Street  
8:10am Heartbeat  
9:15am Wild at Heart  
10:15am Judge Judy  
10:40am Judge Judy  
11:05am Judge Judy  
11:35am 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  
6:50pm Heartbeat  
7:50pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Doc Martin  
10:00pm Foyle's War  
12:00am Blue Murder  
1:30am A Touch of Frost *A ruthless, calculating man holds a supermarket chain to ransom with the life of a young boy.*  
3:20am ITV3 Nightscreen *Text-based information service.*  
3:30am Teleshopping *Shopping from home.*

**itv4**

7:00am The Chase  
7:50am The Chase  
8:40am Cash Cowboys  
9:35am Pawn Stars  
10:00am Pawn Stars  
10:30am Ironside  
11:35am Quincy, M.E.  
12:40pm The Sweeney  
1:45pm The Avengers  
2:50pm Ironside  
3:50pm Quincy, M.E.  
4:55pm The Sweeney  
5:55pm The Avengers  
7:00pm Cash Cowboys  
8:00pm Pawn Stars  
8:30pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm The Chase Celebrity Special  
10:00pm The Man with the Golden Gun  
11:00pm FYI Daily  
11:05pm The Man with the Golden Gun  
12:35am Bullitt  
1:35am FYI Daily *A round-up of the latest entertainment news.*  
1:40am Bullitt  
2:55am Ax Men  
3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

1:00pm The Bourne Supremacy  
3:00pm The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen  
5:00pm Fearless  
6:50pm Superman III  
9:00pm The Bourne Supremacy  
11:00pm The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:00am The Top Ten Show 2017  
7:20am Hot Shots!  
9:00am Runaway Bride  
11:00am This Christmas  
1:00pm Julie and Julia  
3:10pm Splash  
5:10pm Almost Christmas  
7:10pm Dragnet  
9:00pm Splash  
11:00pm Big  
12:50am Date Night  
2:30am Jackass 3  
4:10am Jackass 3.5  
5:40am Music and Lyrics

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Winter Wedding  
*Miranda (Erin Krakow) travels to small-town Vermont hoping to spend the perfect Christmas with her long-lost family, but an anonymous text threatens to derail everything.*  
8:40am Non-Transferable  
10:20am Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine  
11:55am Red Dog: True Blue  
1:40pm Mine  
3:40pm Detour  
5:30pm The Top Ten Show 2017  
5:45pm Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine  
7:15pm Red Dog: True Blue  
9:00pm Mine  
10:50pm Detour  
12:35am Non-Transferable  
2:05am At the Devil's Door  
3:45am The Night is Young  
5:20am Winter Wedding

**sky sports football**

11:30am Football Countdowns  
12:00pm Soccer A.M.  
12:30pm One2eleven  
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2:00pm Eredivisie  
3:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
3:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
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7:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18  
7:15pm SPFL Greatest Games  
7:30pm Soccer A.M.  
8:00pm Football Years  
8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special  
11:00pm Revista de la Liga  
11:30pm La Liga World  
12:00am Eredivisie



## LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Classic cars in Spain

**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.



**NO RULE CHANGE:** Classics subject to same road laws as newer cars.

ROYAL DECREE 1247/1995, deals with the laws for historic vehicles, or classic cars, under article 10 of the circulation rules.

First and foremost, unless rules are specifically in place for this type of vehicle, classic cars are governed by the same laws and rules as normal vehicles, including the requirement of liability insurance.

The rules relating to the technical inspection and registration are also applicable, as per normal vehicles. The period of the technical inspection also remains the same, unless otherwise indicated in the official report.

Those vehicles which, on account of their age or constructive characteristics, do not have lights or indicators as are normally required by law, are not allowed to travel between sunset and sunrise, or in circumstances which would normally require use of lights and indicators.

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cient, or, alternatively, as close as possible to the right outside edge of the roadway, except when overtaking or turning left, manoeuvres which may force other drivers to abruptly change the direction or speed of their vehicles. Historic vehicles are not allowed on the motorway if they are unable to reach a speed of at least 60 kilometres per hour.

The General Directorate of Traffic also reserves the right to prohibit classic cars on certain dates and routes, if they are not able to exceed the speed of 80 kilometres per hour.

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## How does he pay CGT?

**Q.** I read your article in the *Euro Weekly News* concerning inheritance tax. If I sell my house in Spain for €225,000, how is the CGT paid or can I roll this into another property?  
*M C (by email)*

**A.** You have left out some important information from your question. So, let us first suppose that you are a non-resident who lives in the European Union. You pay Spanish capital gains tax at 19 per cent. You file Form 210 within 30 days of the sale.

If your profit is € 50,000, your tax will be € 9,500. If

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



you are tax resident in Spain, and the house is your principal residence, where you have lived for three years, and you use all of the amount of the sale to purchase a new principal residence, you are free of capi-

tal gains tax. If, in addition, you are more than 65 years old, you are completely free of CGT.

If you are resident but the house is not your principal residence, you must pay Spanish CGT on your profit at a slightly higher rate than the non-resident, declaring on your next year's income tax declaration.

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## It's a complete wind up

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



WE have inherited a few things from the USA but this Black Friday nonsense is a complete wind up. First of all it's the day after Thanksgiving - a holiday that doesn't even exist in the UK or Spain. Secondly, it goes on for two weeks so it should be called Black Fortnight.

I suppose you could say it's a good time to start your Christmas shopping but I think December 24 is fine for me. In fact, I now prefer to go Christmas shopping after Christmas when the real sales start, not this Black Friday nonsense.

Having said that, my daughter wanted a cordless vacuum cleaner and asked me to research some for her as she is a very busy lady and well, to be honest, I do absolutely nothing. In fact, if doing nothing was a sport, I'd play off scratch. So I got online and typed in 'best cordless vacuum cleaner' and that's when the fun started.

This make, that make, then there's the different models within the makes, then there's the different prices. I get four or five different ones up on screen and it has a comparison fea-

ture. This model has loads of tools but needs charging every 30 minutes, another one lasts for 60 minutes without charge but has no tools. Another weighs a bit more than the other two but has got a shoulder strap and on and on it goes.

Then there's the model numbers. Fifteen digit numbers and letters which are impossible to remember and probably even too complicated to use as an Apple password and, believe me, that's saying something! When I was younger you had a Hoover. That was it - no different models; just a Hoover. You might have had a choice of colours and every couple of years they might bring out a slightly different model.

I also quite like the Henry. That's simple - you went in the shop and asked for it by name. They should just make it a simple model number 1, then 2, then 3 so you can just look at it and know if it's the latest model or not. It ticks me off big time when I buy something and then find out it's a deleted model.

I sent my daughter all the information and said it was now up to her and what did she do? She ordered the only one that didn't have any discount on it and wasn't in the Black Friday sale! KIDS!!

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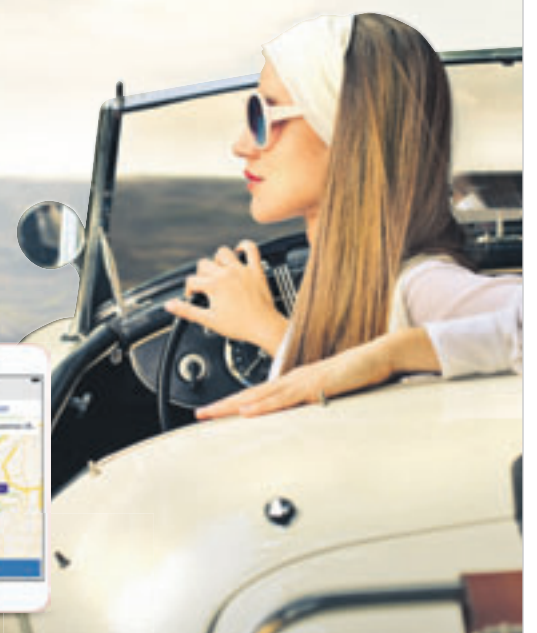
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**BBC one**

7:00am Breakfast  
 10:15am Island Medics  
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
 12:00pm Claimed and Shamed  
 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 The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas  
 5:30pm Money for Nothing  
 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 A Question of Sport  
 12:15am Junior Doctors  
 12:45am Jamie: Drag Queen at 16  
 1:45am Weather for the Week Ahead  
 1:50am BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:00am An Island Parish: Falklands  
 7:30am Island Medics  
 8:15am The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas  
 9:00am See Hear  
 9:30am Nigella: At My Table  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
 12:30pm The Daily Politics  
 2:00pm Snooker  
 6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is  
 7:00pm Celebrity 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 Snooker  
 1:05am Snooker  
 3:05am See Hear  
 Topical magazine series for deaf and hard-of-hearing people.  
 3:35am Rick Stein's Road to Mexico

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
 8:30pm Christmas University Challenge 2015  
 9:00pm How the Wild West Was Won with Ray Mears  
 10:00pm Digging for Britain  
 11:00pm Detectorists  
 11:30pm The League of Gentlemen  
 12:00am The Undiscovered Peter Cook  
 1:00am Spike Milligan: Assorted Q  
 1:30am Spike Milligan: Assorted Q  
 A further selection of sketches from the legendary Spike Milligan's irreverent sketch shows.  
 2:00am Pappano's Classical Voices  
 3:00am How the Wild West Was Won with Ray Mears  
 4:00am Digging for Britain  
 5:00am This is BBC Four  
 BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.

**CHANNEL 4**

8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 10:00am Frasier  
 10:35am Frasier  
 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
 12:00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast  
 1:00pm Channel 4 News  
 1:05pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas  
 1:25pm Christmas Land  
 3:10pm Countdown  
 4:00pm Lost and Found  
 5:00pm A Place in the 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  
 8:55pm The Political Slot  
 9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo  
 10:00pm The Channel  
 11:00pm Gogglebox  
 12:05am The Mega Brothel  
 1:05am Random Acts

**CHANNEL 5**

7:35am Fireman Sam  
 7:50am Thomas and Friends  
 8:00am The Secret Life of Puppies  
 8:05am Paw Patrol  
 8:20am Thomas and Friends  
 8:30am Peppa Pig  
 8:40am Peppa Pig  
 8:50am Floogals  
 9:05am Digby Dragon  
 9:20am Noddy: Toyland Detective  
 9:35am Shimmer and Shine  
 9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
 10:05am Mofy  
 10:15am The Wright Stuff  
 12:45pm The Christmas  
 2:25pm 5 News Lunchtime  
 2:30pm Neighbours  
 3:00pm Spirit of Christmas  
 4:45pm Marry Me at Christmas  
 6:30pm 5 News at 5  
 7:00pm Neighbours  
 7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
 8:00pm All New Traffic Cops  
 9:00pm GPS: Behind Closed Doors  
 10:00pm My Son: The Serial Killer  
 11:00pm Levi Bellfield Left Me for Dead

**4**

8:00am Charmed  
 9:00am Charmed  
 10:00am Rules of Engagement  
 10:30am Rules of Engagement  
 11:00am Black-Ish  
 11:30am Black-Ish: Just Christmas, Baby  
 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 Kevin Can Wait  
 6:30pm Kevin Can Wait  
 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 Prometheus  
 12:25am The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

11:00am Revista de la Liga  
 11:30am La Liga World  
 12:00pm One2eleven  
 12:45pm One2eleven  
 1:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 1:30pm La Liga World  
 2:00pm La Liga Icons  
 2:45pm La Liga Icons  
 3:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 3:30pm La Liga World  
 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 Years  
 8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special  
 11:00pm EredivisieEredivisie  
 12:00am Magical Messi  
 1:00am EredivisieEredivisie  
 2:00am One2eleven  
 2:30am One2eleven

**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 UEFA Champions League Highlights  
 1:15am Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story  
 2:05am Jackpot247  
 4:00am May the Best House Win

**itv2**

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!  
 1:20pm Emmerdale  
 1:50pm 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!  
 8:30pm 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  
 11:00pm I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp  
 12:00am Family Guy  
 12:30am Family Guy  
 1:00am American Dad!

**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  
 11:35am A Touch of Frost  
 A ruthless, calculating man holds a supermarket chain to ransom with the life of a young boy.  
 1:35pm Wild at Heart  
 Drama series set on a South African nature reserve.  
 2:40pm 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 Foyle's War  
 12:05am Blue Murder  
 1:35am A Touch of Frost  
 Detective drama series.  
 3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am Snooker v Darts  
 7:05am The Chase  
 7:55am The Chase  
 8:50am Cash Cowboys  
 9:35am Pawn Stars  
 10:00am Pawn Stars  
 10:30am Ironside  
 11:35am Quincy, M.E.  
 12:40pm The Sweeney  
 1:40pm The Avengers  
 2:50pm Ironside  
 3:50pm Quincy, M.E.  
 6:00pm The Avengers  
 7:00pm Cash Cowboys  
 8:00pm Pawn Stars  
 8:30pm Pawn Stars  
 9:00pm Devon and Cornwall Cops  
 9:30pm Devon and Cornwall Cops  
 10:00pm The Spy Who Loved Me  
 11:00pm FYI Daily  
 11:05pm The Spy Who Loved Me  
 12:35am Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber  
 1:35am FYI Daily  
 1:40am Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber  
 2:55am Ax Men

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:30am The Bourne Ultimatum  
 1:30pm Lawrence of Arabia  
 5:05pm The Mask of Zorro  
 7:25pm Superman IV: The Quest for Peace  
 9:00pm The Bourne Ultimatum  
 11:00pm Conan the Barbarian  
 1:15am Wanted  
 3:10am Uncommon Valor

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:30am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special  
 8:00am Hot Shots! Part Deux  
 9:35am Whiskey Tango Foxtrot  
 11:35am Superbad  
 1:35pm Sausage Party  
 3:10pm How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days  
 5:10pm Fred Claus  
 7:10pm Dad's Army  
 9:00pm Sausage Party  
 10:35pm Superbad  
 12:35am Brüno  
 2:05am Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am Mine  
 Stranded in the desert after a mission falls apart, lone US soldier Armie Hammer must battle both his enemies and the hostile environment. Thriller with Annabelle Wallis.  
 9:00am Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine  
 10:35am Winter Wedding  
 12:20pm The Top Ten Show 2017  
 12:35pm Red Dog: True Blue  
 2:20pm Non-Transferable  
 4:00pm Detour  
 5:50pm Louis and Luca and the Snow Machine  
 7:20pm Red Dog: True Blue  
 9:00pm Mine  
 11:00pm The Deal  
 12:50am Detour  
 2:45am Non-Transferable  
 4:40am At the Devil's Door

**sky sports football**

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 12:00pm One2eleven  
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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'TAKE A GOOD LOOK GIRLS - A MALE GENDER SEX CHANGE WOULD RUIN THE LOOK OF YOUR JEANS!'

## Trivia from around the world



**HANDS FULL: Ziona Chana and family.**

- ZIONA CHANA is head of the world's largest family. Chana has 39 wives, 94 children, 14-daughters-in-law and 33 grandchildren, who all live in a 100-room, four-storey house in India.
- Beer was not considered an alcoholic beverage until 2011 in Russia, where it was previously

- classified as a soft drink.
- Approximately 2,500 left-handed people die a year as a result of using equipment designed for right-handed people.
- The United States has the most prisoners in the world with more than 2.2 million inmates, which is 21 per cent of the global total according to the

website [prisonstudies.org](http://prisonstudies.org).  
Germany has the most McDonald's restaurants in Europe with 1,470 outlets.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
It would take over 1,000 years to watch every video on the video platform website YouTube.

### Women's wit

"I have learned that as long as I hold fast to my beliefs and values - and follow my own moral compass - then the only expectations I need to live up to are my own."

*Michelle Obama, American First Lady*



### Famous quote

"It always seems impossible until it's done." Nelson Mandela, Statesman

### World of English

"Litotes - makes an understatement by denying the opposite of a word that may have been used - The terms of the contract are not disagreeable to me."

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
(January 21 - February 19)

When you are at home this week I would like you to consider how you view your surroundings. This is a good week to make changes and have discussions about future directions. It is assumed that those close are happy with the status quo, but this may not be the case.

**PISCES**  
(February 20 - March 20)

Pat yourself on the back for all of your efforts of recent weeks. Looking back just a few months, would you have thought so much progress could be made? Because of your efforts, home life is enhanced and you are more appreciated. Give yourself a break at the weekend and do something with a loved one that you have not done together for some time.

**ARIES**  
(March 21 - April 20)

Rarely has your mind been as sharp as it is at the moment. There have been some awkward and downright bad periods in the recent past, but this week everything falls into place. Why, you wonder, have you worried so much about things which could not be changed?

**TAURUS**  
(April 21 - May 21)

For all of the things that you want to do, there are three others that you wish to do. Maybe they are waiting for their own time to come. During the course of this week you will be thinking of what the future could hold, even though dealing with practical issues.

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)

When it isn't possible to change something, often it is just as effective to rearrange it. That is the solution which comes to you this week. Instead of being frustrated at a delay, try changing the conditions or times. This may mean that you save money or delay a payment to your advantage.

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 23)

When we have long-standing friendships, these are often taken for granted and yet often we could make so much more of them.

**LEO**  
(July 24 - August 23)

Consider what is the most important thing to you at the moment? Is it wealth or social position? Your work, or how it may be possible to afford that new conservatory are minor considerations compared with your greatest asset which is your health.

**VIRGO**  
(August 24 - September 23)

As the saying goes, 'no one ever said it would be easy'. In the past few months you have found this to be true. Hard work is not alien to you, but there is a point where you want to shout 'enough'. It may be that business or home life needs some rearranging, or that someone is moving job and the routine is severely disrupted.

**LIBRA**  
(September 24 - October 23)

As a home-loving Libran, you are torn between making changes to your surroundings and getting some cash in on the business side. Apparently, it is not possible to do both because energy levels fluctuate.

**SCORPIO**  
(October 24 - November 22)

There is so much in you that is determined and looking forward to a fresh start, but something that you are trying to get rid of, or give up, may be giving you more trouble than anticipated. Some things have to be done alone, or so you think, but others have gone through this before you so they are able to give support.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(November 23 - December 21)

Is playing the waiting game really to your advantage? Your Sagittarian character naturally leads you to be optimistic, and why not? Even so, it won't hurt to hurry someone along rather than having them go at their own pace. Bear in mind that, in letting someone get away with sloppiness, you are doing them no favours at all.

**CAPRICORN**  
(December 22 - January 20)

The enthusiasm of your bright Capricorn mind is also capable of making you restless. There are mixed feelings about being at or near home this week, with thoughts of more progress being possible elsewhere. Your need to make things better for those round you may not make you money but it can bring great joy.

## LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday November 25	Saturday November 25	Tuesday November 21	Friday November 24	Saturday November 25	Sunday November 26
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<b>BONUS BALL</b>	<b>BONUS BALL</b>	<b>LUCKY STARS</b>	<b>LUCKY STARS</b>	<b>REINTEGRO</b>	<b>REINTEGRO</b>
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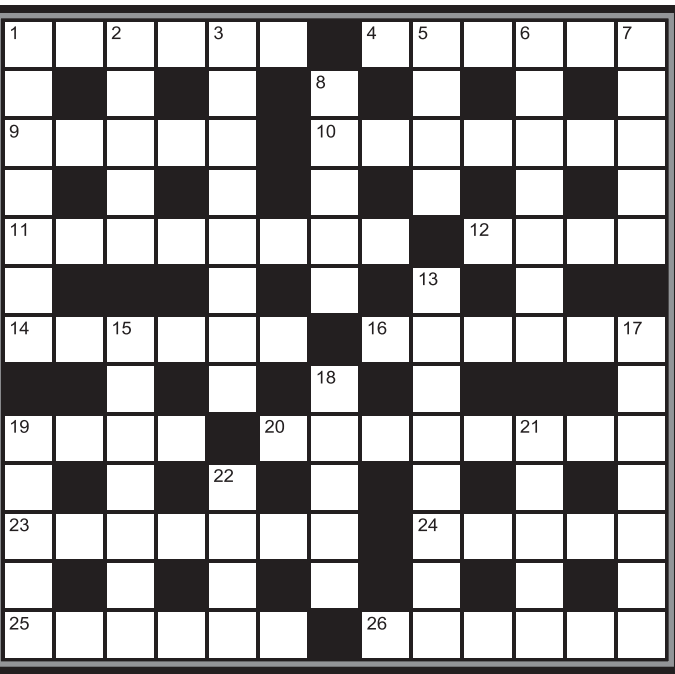
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Corporal revised by lido (6)
- 4 Improves barracks around the street (6)
- 9 Distant from pedalo off the coast (5)
- 10 Scottish town's tune has dire arrangement (7)
- 11 Broad squadron leader is in tears (8)
- 12 Five hundred sick, Herb? (4)
- 14 Animator Sidney's upset (6)
- 16 From and to Kensington for souvenirs (6)
- 19 Voice quality begins to offend nearly everybody (4)
- 20 Naval ice breaker in Spanish city (8)
- 23 Company chief ordered to get a small house (7)
- 24 Withdraw yearbook, it has a letter missing (5)
- 25 Father's address is now in a closer Monaco villa (6)
- 26 Prevents the desert crumbling (6)

**Down**

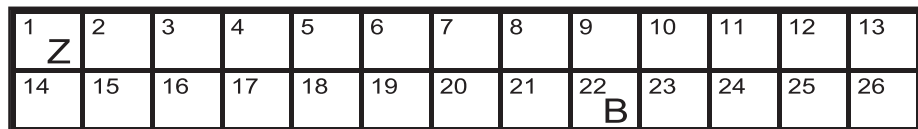
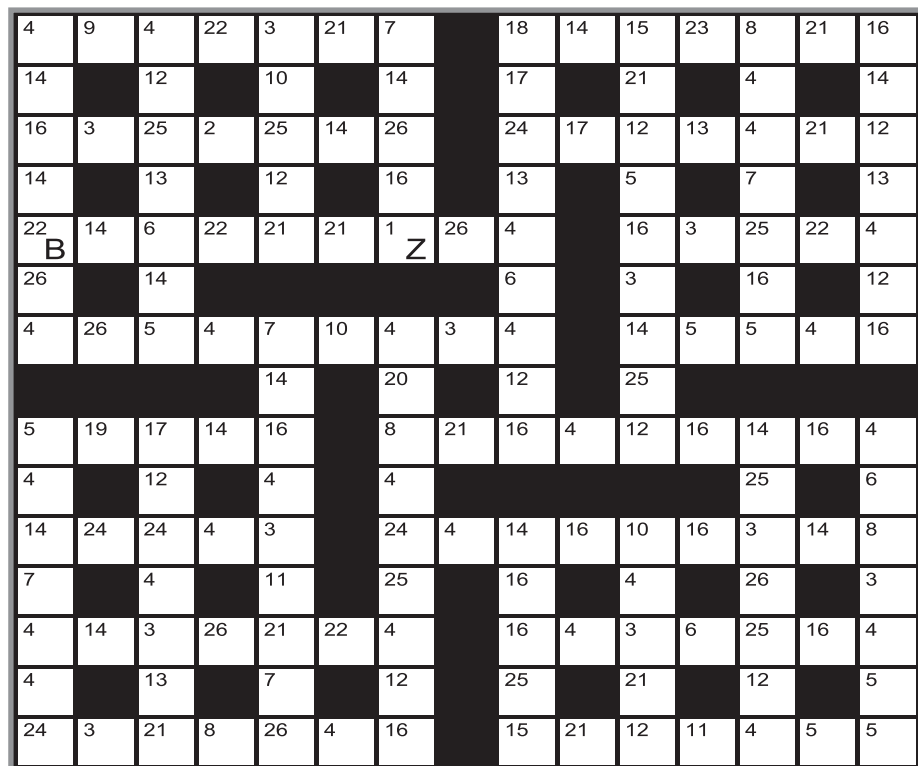
- 1 Fresh bread is cooked (7)
- 2 Doctor has a small aircraft (5)
- 3 Nobleman might feel pier shake (4,4)
- 5 Blades appearing when people have a row (4)
- 6 Presume serum is destroyed (7)
- 7 It's metal crime, reportedly (5)



- 8 Fashionable to be covered in fat? That's hard to see (5)
- 13 Average fashion cost (8)
- 15 Failure to snare legislator (7)
- 17 Small pieces of furniture for farm buildings (7)
- 18 Rubbery stuff of recent times (5)
- 19 They secure money for the government, so we hear (5)
- 21 Stick nothing in boat (5)
- 22 Bermuda dollar contains part of a wall (4)

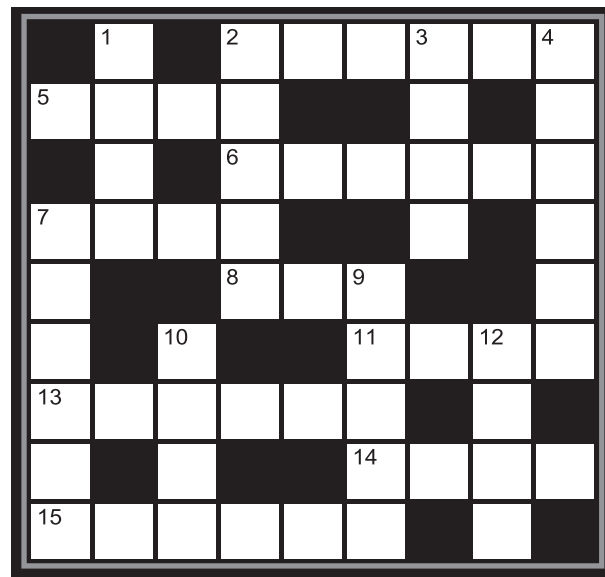
**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents Z and 22 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 1 appears and B every time the figure 22 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

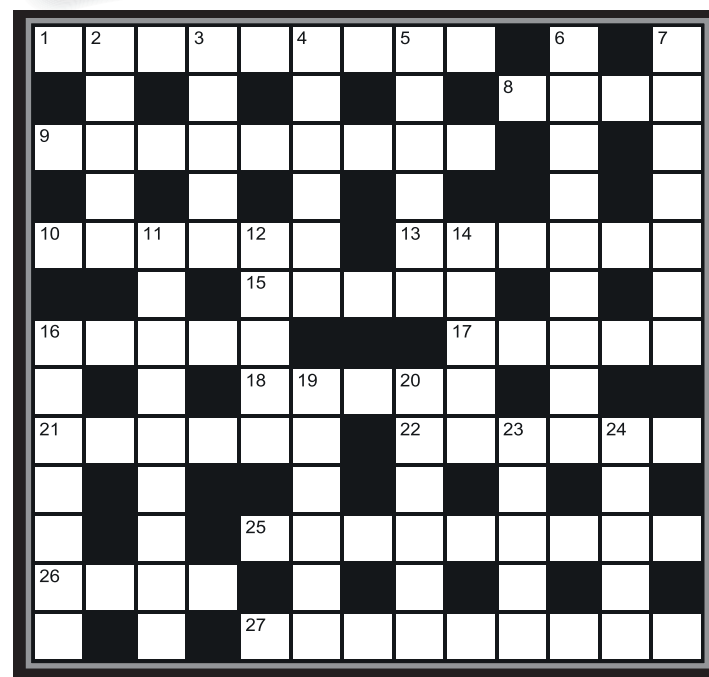
- 2 Annoy continually or chronically (6)
- 5 Second letter of Greek alphabet (4)
- 6 Eyeball membrane (6)
- 7 Weapons (4)
- 8 See 1 Down
- 11 Fewer (4)
- 13 African country (6)
- 14 Dreary (4)
- 15 Long for (6)

**Down**

- 1/8 Rough, tight embrace (4,3)
- 2 Rough (5)
- 3 Dry (4)
- 4 Plays for time (6)
- 7 Ludicrous (6)
- 9 Open space in a wood (5)
- 10 Go across or through (4)
- 12 Counterfeit or pretence (4)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Dump (hovel) (9)
- 8 Hueso (4)
- 9 Courgette (9)
- 10 Botella (6)
- 13 Suitcase (6)
- 15 Seaweed (5)
- 16 To owe (5)
- 17 Peludo (5)
- 18 Guante (5)
- 21 Raffle (draw) (6)

**Down**

- 2 Used (stamp, syringe) (5)
- 3 Corazón (5)
- 4 Viajar (6)
- 5 Language (6)
- 22 Mirror (6)
- 25 Amusing (9)
- 26 Yesterday (4)
- 27 Locutor (entre programas, en anuncios) (9)

- 6 Ama de casa (9)
- 7 Alemania (7)
- 11 Stools (seats) (9)
- 12 Grande (5)
- 14 Cenizas (5)
- 16 Recogedor (7)
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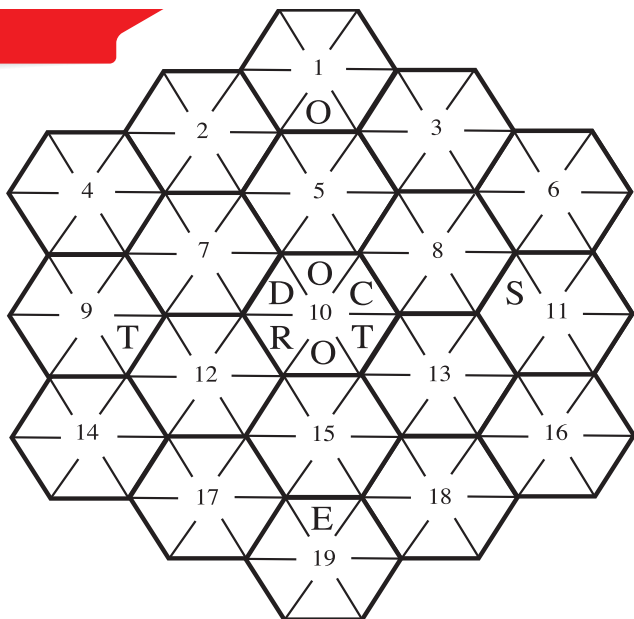
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## Hexagram

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- HECTOR
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- METEOR
- MOROSE
- RASTER
- RETORT
- SCANTY
- SPEEDY
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- TEETHE
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- TETHER
- THIRST



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

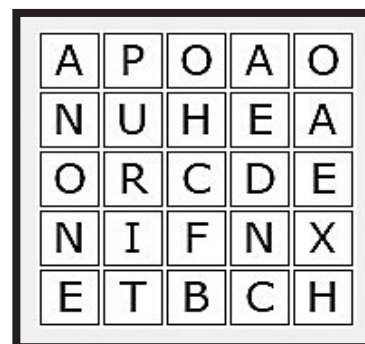
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Ransom 2 Series 3 Bounty 4 Seamen
- 5 Nimble 6 Subtly 7 Endure 8 Barfly
- 9 Oxcart 10 Defect 11 Trauma
- 12 Astute 13 Sherry 14 Depose
- 15 Cheese 16 Treaty 17 Breast
- 18 Arrest 19 Teeter.

## Boggled

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

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



### TARGET:

- Average: 24
- Good: 33
- Very good: 48
- Excellent: 62

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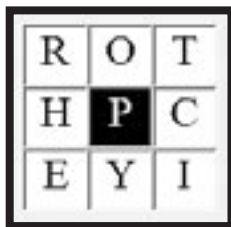
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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



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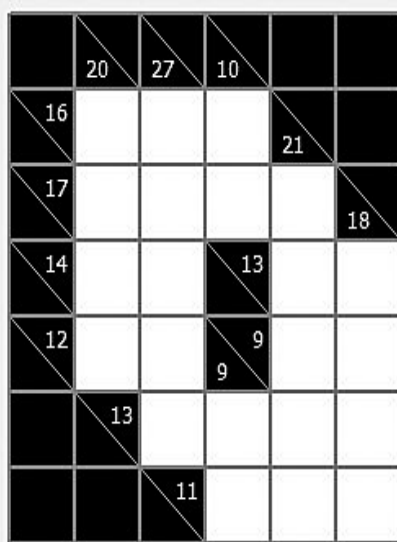
- Average: 13
- Good: 19
- Very good: 27
- Excellent: 34

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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## Kakuro

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



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1/4 Rub out, 3 Rabo, 5 Esto, 6 Soft, 8 Risa, 11 Bed, 12 Aula, 15 Once, 16 Leal, 17 Onda, 18 Yes.
- Down:** 1 Roer, 2 Bees, 3 Rosada, 7 Fall, 9 Iron, 10 Abuela, 13 Ugly, 14 Arms, 15 Oro.

### CODE BREAKER

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14	C	15	X	16	E	17	K	18	M	19	Q	20	Y	21	F	22	B	23	G	24	D	25	J	26	H

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Lush, 3 May apple, 9 Parsnip, 10 Issue, 11 Taboo, 12 Erodes, 14 Crummy, 16 Starve, 19 Mantra, 21 Altar, 24 Alarm, 25 Sceptre, 26 Pleasure, 27 Reed.
- Down:** 1 Lipstick, 2 Scrub, 4 Apples, 5 Amigo, 6 Pasteur, 7 Eyes, 8 Inform, 13 Befriend, 15 Unaware, 17 Thanet, 18 Hawser, 20 Times, 22 Title, 23 Wasp.

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Pastime, 5 Bling, 8 Pious, 9 Baggage, 10 Recline, 11 Seems, 12 Suffer, 14 Canyon, 18 Stoat, 20 Shatter, 22 Edifice, 23 Agree, 24 Scarf, 25 Satisfy.
- Down:** 1 Papyrus, 2 Stoic, 3 Inspire, 4 Emblem, 5 Bogus, 6 Imagery, 7 Guess, 13 Florida, 15 Adamant, 16 Nursery, 17 Assess, 18 Sheds, 19 Thief, 21 Turns.

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# Don't be lonely this Christmas

WHILE for many people the winter season is a time for parties, friends and families, it can be an isolating time for others.

Every year, thousands of lonely older people contact helplines just to hear a human voice. Charity Silver Line, which offers friendship and advice to the elderly, was so busy this January, it received 1,200 calls in one day alone.

But loneliness does not just affect older people, and according to charity Mind, it can have an enormous impact on our mental health.

Luckily, the organisation has offered advice for anyone feeling alone and suggests first considering what is making you feel this way. If you are often around others but still feel lonely, you could be suffering from depression and may benefit from visiting your doctor.

If you rarely have contact with others, however, there are lots of ways to increase your support network.

Spain's mild climate means there are plenty of group activities on offer throughout the

year and it can be hugely beneficial to join in doing something you love, whether that is painting, walking or reading. Joining a group will introduce you to new people and lift your spirits by doing something you enjoy.

If you feel overwhelmed joining in a new group, Mind suggests asking the organiser whether you can simply observe your first time or ask a friend to join you. Online communities also provide a convenient way of chatting to others who share your interests.

The charity also recommends volunteering in your community. Not only will you meet new people but helping others can also provide a sense of well-being and raise self-confidence.

Finally, if you are away from loved-ones this season, why not set up Skype or FaceTime dates so you know you will have regular contact with friends and family?

For details of what's on in your area, flick through to the *Euro Weekly News* Social Scene and Community pages.

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# Junk food overload

A DIETICIAN has warned some so-called 'superfoods' could be as bad for us as junk food.

Australia-based nutritionist, Lyndi Cohen, has told one publication there are several junk foods disguising as healthy options.

Lyndi's first victim are acai salads which are commonly mentioned as a superfood. According to the dietician, "while they do contain good nutrients and have the same amount of antioxidants as an apple, they are simply not worth paying the extra money - just because they are a so-called 'superfood'," adding, "in fact, acai bowls can be incredibly high in both sugar and calories."

Instead she says, "swap the acai berries for one banana and a cup of frozen blueberries and top with a handful of seeds and nuts."

Next on the list are rice cakes. Lyndi explains, "they might be low in calories, but they are not a healthy op-



**CALORIFIC:** An acai salad.

tion," explaining they, "offer fast-burning carbohydrates without much fibre or nutritional value." Her alternative? Grainy brown bread topped with avocado of cheese.

Finally, prepare to forgo your favourite fruit juice. According to the nutritionist, "while a whole piece of fruit is healthy, fruit juice is really high in sugar without the ben-

efit of fibre to help slow how quickly it's digested." She adds, "it can also take six to seven oranges to squeeze one cup of orange juice, yet you'd never just sit down and eat seven tangerines." Lyndi argues this makes the calorie content high, explaining, "it might be better than a soft drink, but it's not a healthy option." Instead she suggests a vegetable juice or water.

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BEFORE AND AFTER: Lulu Adams.

# Beat the bulge

IT takes nine months to put it on and can easily take nine or more to take it off.

But celebrity personal trainer, Lulu Adams, has offered one publication simple tips on how to safely return to your pre-baby weight after giving birth.

The professional, who helped Made in Chelsea star, Binky Felstead, get back into shape after giving birth five months ago, starts by explaining it is important to appreciate your body has been through a lot of change and take workouts slowly.

She goes on to add it takes around eight to 10 weeks for the abdominal muscles to heal after giving birth, explaining exercise should focus on re-strengthening the core and pelvic floor muscles.

Suggested training includes contracting abdominal and pelvic muscles on an out breath and relaxing them on an in breath. You could also try gentle stomach crunches by lying on your back with bent knees before slowly raising your

head to your chest while engaging your core muscles.

Lulu also recommends sticking to low-impact training for six months after giving birth and avoiding weights to prevent healing muscles and organs from being placed under too much pressure as well as upping your water intake to help cells renew.

**“New mothers should be relaxed about returning to pre-baby weight.**

The trainer suggests further boosting your body's cells with healthy fats, including those found in coconut oil and oily fish, as well as taking a multivitamin to ensure you are getting all the nutrients you need as you heal.

Finally, Lulu tells new mothers to be relaxed about returning to their pre-baby weight and not give themselves a hard time, advising, “just have some faith and be patient!”

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## More than just cold fingers



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

THIS week, the doctor answers our questions on Raynaud's phenomenon.

**What is Raynaud's Phenomenon?**

Raynaud's Phenomenon is a condition whereby cold temperatures or strong emotional reactions lead to vascular spasms which block blood flow temporarily. If when you are out in the cold or at emotional times find that your fingers, toes, ears or nose turn white, then blue, then red over a period of a few minutes or up to a few hours, you may have Raynaud's.

**When does it happen and what is the cause?**

This phenomenon is usually caused by low temperatures and stress.

There are two types: primary Raynaud's, where the cause is unknown and most patients have few symptoms, and secondary Raynaud's, which is associated with autoimmune diseases, artery problems, certain medications, infections and heavy smoking among others.

**Can I beat it without having to take drugs?**

These steps can help keep Raynaud's under control: keep your body warm, avoid exposure to the cold

in any form, use gloves when outside or touching ice or frozen food, avoid getting cold after active sports, stop smoking as this causes blood vessels to narrow, avoid caffeine and medicines which cause blood vessels to spasm. If these measures are not enough to control the problem, you should see a Specialist in Internal Medicine for evaluation who may prescribe medication if necessary. It is important to treat the cause of the phenomenon.

**Who does it usually affect and why? When does it appear?**

Primary Raynaud's usually appears in women under the age of 30. Secondary Raynaud's is associated with other conditions and generally appears in the over 30s.

**Can it cause other health problems?**

Primary Raynaud's Phenomenon is usually related to other illnesses and only appears due to cold or stress. Secondary Raynaud's however is associated to other conditions. In any case, patients suffering symptoms of Raynaud's should see a specialist in Internal Medicine for evaluation

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:  
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# Don't suffer this winter

AFFECTING one in 12 adults, eczema is an uncomfortable - and sometimes painful - skin condition.

Often exacerbated in winter when the air is drier due to heating, the eczema can cause skin to become red, swollen and itchy. The consequences can be lower self-confidence, an inability to wear certain clothes which chafe, and an intolerance to certain skin creams.

So what you can do to avoid or reduce the impact of eczema?

If this is the first time you have suffered from the condition, it may be that you have contact eczema, where your skin is reacting to a particular irritant. This particularly affects the hands if they have been in contact with harsh chemicals and can be treated with prescription or over-the-counter steroid creams to reduce inflammation. A strong non-allergy moisturiser such as E45 will help to restore skin's hydration levels, reducing your symptoms.

If you have been suffering from eczema for some time, however, and



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find your symptoms flare up time and time again, there are some home remedies to improve the condition.

According to the *Express* newspaper, the most important thing is to take steps to lock moisture into the skin and avoid irritation. This begins with lowering the temperature on your bath or shower. The hotter the water, the more moisture is drawn out of the skin and high temperatures can also cause itching.

Similarly, the newspaper suggests ditching scratchy fabrics for smoother ones, including replacing wool with cotton or cashmere and swapping man-made polyesters for breathable, natural fabrics like linen.

Finally, keep your skin hydrated by moisturising before and after showering and swap harsh shower gels for kinder soap substitutes.

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Looking at studies carried out between 2001 and 2015, the group debunked claims coffee can cause heart disease and dementia in reasonable quantities. Instead, coffee has been found to improve brain function and reduce inflammation.

Dr Eric Hentges, executive director of the International Life Sciences Institute, led the report which considered coffee's impact on bone, heart, brain and reproductive function, as well as its toxicity.

He explained, "this provides evidence that furthers our understanding of caffeine on human health," adding, "also, this provides the research community with data and valuable evidence to support the development and execution of future research on caffeine safety that will impact public health."

Dr Hentges went on, "we concluded that



**BREW UP:** Coffee is not harmful in moderation.

the previously-defined levels of caffeine intake in a healthy caffeine consumer (400mg) were not associated with overt, adverse effects," adding, "the complete transparency with which the data has been

shared will encourage other researchers to build upon this work."

While this news will be welcomed by coffee drinkers, there are many other drinks which include caffeine, and it is important

not to unwittingly breach daily guidelines. Coffee contains around 95mg per serving, while tea has around 26mg, coke 30mg, a bar of dark chocolate 50mg and an energy drink around 90mg.



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# Nickelodeon Adventure leisure centre opens

THE first Nickelodeon Adventure will open in Murcia tomorrow.

The children's leisure space has a number of play areas, educational centres, and a driving school and birthday parties can be held in the 5,000 square metres of the Thader Shopping Centre.

Tickets for the Nickelodeon Adventure can already be purchased with special discount packages available for large groups and those made up of senior citizens and disabled people. Depending on the day of the week required, tickets cost between €8.95 and €15 and can be obtained via their website.

The first of its kind in the world, the children's leisure park will shortly be followed by similar ventures in Madrid, Lisbon and London during the next two years.

As from tomorrow, the little ones can learn with Dora the explorer, watch with the Paw Patrol, helping Patricio to capture jellyfish in the Bikini Bottom or helping Jimmy Neutron with his inventions and are just some of the activities available to allow the young ones to be surrounded by



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**ALL SMILES:** The shopping centre team meet the Paw Patrol.

some of their favourite TV characters.

Nickelodeon Adventure also offers a wide range of catering services so that both adults and children can enjoy lunch and dinner at the venue with different types of menus to suit all tastes and budgets.

Construction work for the start of the family leisure centre began in May when the foundation stone was laid at a ceremo-

ny featuring Manuel Gil, senior vice president, general manager of VIMN Spain; José María Letamendía, business development director of Parques Reunidos; and Victor Fernandez Zapata, asset manager of MERLIN Properties SOCIMI, who announced then that Nickelodeon Adventure would open its doors to the public in the autumn.

## Jurassic park on campus

THE largest ever exhibition of robotic dinosaurs will be visiting Murcia.

'Jurassic Expo' is open until Sunday December 17 and feature the biggest exhibition of 22 life-size dinosaurs.

The Expo is being hosted by the FICA campus in Murcia and will include an interactive area so that children can have the opportunity to play at being palaeontologists and discover replicas of dinosaur bones.

Visitors can also visit a section of the exhibition with replicas of real-life fossils.

The 'Jurassic Expo' is open Monday to Friday - 5pm to 9pm and Saturday, Sunday and holidays from



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**NATIVITY:** Elche Town Hall features as part of the traditional display.

# Will you find Jesus this Christmas?

THE Elche association of Belenistas (Belen = Bethlehem) are putting together a contest on social media for this year's Christmas Nativity display.

Beginning next Friday December 8, they are encouraging people to try to find a number of surprises hidden among the figures and landscapes in the 'Belen' display in the Elche city centre in the tradition of 'Where's Wally?'

Clues will be given on social media as to what pieces people should look for when they visit the traditional biblical scene and they must answer

questions when they find them.

Association members have been working on the construction of the Belen for some time and all will be ready for the official inauguration on Friday December 8 during the afternoon.

Around 15 to 20 people come down to the location every day to work on the site overnight from 7.30pm through to first light, distributing, assembling, cutting and placing the intricate elements of landscape and all the figures that make up the Belen; some 450 to 500 different pieces of various sizes.

## Spanish value

TORO is a Spanish Denominacion de Origen (DO) for wines produced in the Castile and León areas of Zamora province.

The DO takes its name from the town of Toro with wines made locally since 100 BC and where King Alfonso IX in 1300 year later granted lands to religious orders with the obligation to plant vines. Many of the 40 churches that still exist in Toro - which sits above the Río Duero and boasts medieval architecture and the site of Spain's first university - were built through wealth generated by the wine trade.

Producers established underground bodegas to ensure more effective temperature control, as many vineyards sit at 600 - 750 metres above sea level amid sand, clay and calcareous soils that suffer climate changes from winter lows of -11c to



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and excellently valued wines that pair well with meat dishes.

Most of Toro's best wines are 100 per cent Tinto de Toro, although those with just 75 per cent of the variety and blended with Garnacha, also qualify for DO status.

Tempranillo Colegiata by Bodegas Fariña (100 per cent Tinto de Toro) and Caño Tempranillo-Garnacha (Blend) by Bajorz are among my recommendations.

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## One more week of San Javier fiestas

SAN JAVIER is in the middle of celebrating its patron saints fiesta in honour of San Francisco and will continue until Friday December 8. There are many events planned during the three weeks in total that include the coronation of the fiesta queens, concerts, processions, fancy dress parade and fireworks.

The major remaining events are:

**Saturday December 2:**

7.30pm - Flower Offering to San Francisco Javier in the Plaza de Espana

**Sunday December 3:**

8am - Parades through the streets of San Javier

11.30am - Mass in honour of San Francisco

1pm - Concert by the Band of the Academia General del Aire at the Centro Civico in the Parque Almansa

7pm - Procession in honour of San Francisco, followed by a firework display in the Plaza de Espana.

**Friday December 8:**

12 Midday - Free tasting of the traditional Pastel de Cierza and performance by the group 'In Vivo' in the Plaza de Espana.

4pm - Carnival and Fancy Dress Parade from Plaza Espana along Avda. Aviación Espanola

12 Midnight - Traca (large rocket) to mark the end of the fiesta in the Parque Almansa.



**MUSIC MASTERS:** The Torre Vieja Symphony Orchestra will play some well-known classics.

## A sweet symphony

THE Torre Vieja Symphony Orchestra will perform a range of baroque and classical period music during their first concert of the new 2017-18 season at the Torre Vieja Auditorium

To start things off, the orchestra will play Bach's Concerto for Violin and Oboe, BWV 1060R. This arrangement was transcribed from a lost manuscript presumably written for two violins in the style of Vivaldi, a composer admired by Bach.

The orchestra will continue with 'The Four Seasons,' probably the most well-known of Vivaldi's works. They will play two of the four concertos in total: 'Spring' and 'Summer.'

The second half will start with Mozart's 'Jupiter' No. 41 Symphony, the last one he composed in C Major to give it a more uplifting vibe, as opposed to the nostalgic No. 40 Symphony.

The concert will feature standout performances from the likes of vio-

lin soloist Stanislav Tkach, who has released nine solo albums, oboe soloist Maria Dolores Cases Garcia, who has also performed with The World Orchestra, and director, composer and oboe master Jose Francisco Sanchez Sanchez.

The concert will be held on Sunday at 7pm. Tickets range from €7 to €20 and can be bought at the Torre Vieja Auditorium box office two hours before the concert, or online from: [www.orquestasinfonicadetorrevieja.com](http://www.orquestasinfonicadetorrevieja.com).

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This is a great place for Christmas parties and there is a very exciting New Year's Eve

special costing just €40 per person which includes poppadoms, a special starter, a choice of main course plus rice and naan bread.

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# Christmas market round-up

IT'S the time of the year when many municipalities announce their Christmas markets. Take a look below for those nearest to you or perhaps you fancy a trip a little further afield...

## Murcia

The 33rd Artisans Christmas Market will be taking place from Tuesday until January 5.

The market will be located on Paseo Alfonso X El Sabio and there will be around 70 stalls covering than 30 types of crafts, with lots of great products which will make ideal Christmas gifts for your friends and family, or even yourself!

The stalls will be offering ceramics, jewellery, natural honey products, lace items, meats, cheeses, presentation boxes, cane and bamboo furniture, natural cosmetics, hand-bound books, candles, soaps and of course nativity figures and traditional scenes.

Opening times:



CHRISTMAS MARKET: Stalls will be selling all types of crafts.

11am to 2.30pm and 5pm to 9.30pm

Closed for the afternoon session on Sunday December 24 and Sunday December 31 and closed all day Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

## Rojales

Rojales will be all festive for their Christmas Market held between Friday December 15 and Sunday December 17.

This will be the 11th year that the seasonal market in the municipality is taking place and will be located beside the town hall in the indoor market hall where a variety of stalls will be selling all sorts of Christmas goodies.

Opening times:  
 Friday December 15: 6pm to 9pm.

Saturday December 16 and Sunday December 17: 10.30am to 2pm and 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

## Biar

Biar's third Christmas Fair is being held from today until Sunday and will feature a number of stalls and much more besides in the Plaza de la Constitucion.

Biar is a longer than usual drive just for a market, but the beautiful scenery on the journey and in the town itself makes it worthwhile.

Biar is off the A-31 road between Sax and Villena (take the CV-799 just before Villena).

Opening times:  
 Friday December 1: 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
 Saturday December 2: 11am to 9.30pm  
 Sunday December 3:

11am to 9pm

## Los Montesinos

Los Montesinos will be getting into their own Christmas spirit with their seventh Christmas Market being held tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday.

Known in Spanish as the seventh Feria de Navidad, the market will be located along the Avenida de la Marquesa.

There will be stalls selling all sorts of Christmas related products, goods, treats and presents as well as live music, food, drinks and much, much more!

Opening times:  
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It comes after a report revealed that property sales to foreigners in Spain have increased by 13.4 per cent from last year.

For the first time in history, the number of purchases by expatriates exceeded 50,000 between January and June of this year, according to the General Council of Notaries.

More than 46 per cent of the foreign transactions were carried out by non-residents, an increase of 5 per cent from last year, while the rest was made up from those already living in the country. This figure was the highest it's been since 2011.

The highest amount of sales occurred along the Mediterranean coastline, with the Canary Islands taking the top spot with around 42 per cent of the purchases, the Balearic Islands were next with nearly 38 per cent, followed by the provinces of Valencia (35.5 per

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## Expatriate property sales up by nearly 15 per cent



**BEACH LIVING:** La Manga is a popular seaside resort in Murcia.

cent), Murcia (26.9 per cent) and Andalucia (19.4 per cent).

While the biggest increase in sales amongst the hotspots was in Valencia Province (12 per cent up from last year), the highest increase nationwide

was actually in the lesser-explored La Rioja region, which saw a whopping increase of 74 per cent in property sales to foreigners this year.

The buyers with the biggest share of the market was once

again revealed to be the British, making up nearly 14 per cent of the total purchases, closely followed by the French (8.8 per cent), Germans (8.2 per cent), Italians (7.7 per cent), Romanians (6.9 per

cent) and Belgians (6.2 per cent).

The average amount spent per square metre by foreign buyers turned out to be €1,667 per square metre, another increase of 2.9 per cent from last

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A SWISS real estate platform is making major inroads into the booming Spanish property market. Stoneweg, a Geneva-based firm, has been gradually increasing its investments in Spain for two years.

Earlier in 2017 Stoneweg decided to open a physical presence in the country, with new offices in Madrid and Barcelona.

It has now announced that it will invest €750 million in residential property developments along the Mediterranean coast, Madrid and Barcelona, in the next three years.

The Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca and Costa Brava will benefit from more than 1,000 new homes built with Stoneweg funding across around 30 developments.

The nationwide project begins in Madrid, where Stoneweg are investing in the 'mature markets' of the capital's most exclusive neighbourhoods.

On Spain's popular Mediterranean coast, Stoneweg will concentrate on the second home market, looking to attract foreign residents and wealthier Spaniards from major cities who want a seaside retreat.

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**MADRID: Site of Stoneweg's initial investment and (inset) CEO Joaquin Castellvi.**

States, Stoneweg are now a major force in European real estate. They have signed agreements with Banco Sabadell, BBVA, Santander

and La Caixa as part of a long-term Spanish investment strategy. CEO of Stoneweg Spain, Joaquin Castellvi, said: "We trust

Spain's continual economic growth and capacity to attract tourists in search of a second home."



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## Three Brexit questions to ask before buying Spanish property in 2018

We're fast approaching the New Year - a time when many people reassess their dreams and vow to make them a reality. But if you're determined to realise your ambition of buying a home in Spain in 2018, you won't be able to avoid thinking about Brexit, and how it could affect your purchase. Here's a look at some key moments in the tentative Brexit timetable, and how they might affect your Spanish property purchase in the year ahead.

### Who will lead the UK to Brexit?

Theresa May's turn as Prime Minister has been beset by complications at every turn. She called a snap election to capitalise on the Conservative Party's poll lead over Labour, only to see her advantage collapse and be left relying on the DUP for a parliamentary majority.

Labour describe themselves as the 'government in waiting' and EU officials are allegedly preparing for negotiations with a UK Prime Minister who is not Theresa May. Everyone else seems prepared for an election; can Theresa May last an entire year without calling one?

### Will there be trade tribulations?

Once trade talks actually begin and we start being subjected to rumours regarding the type of deal we will end up with, the pound will become even more volatile.

From a market perspective, the best type of Brexit is a 'soft Brexit', where the UK retains access to the EU single market and customs union, which would allow tariff free trade to continue uninterrupted.

Markets will therefore judge the evolving deal in terms of how far away it is from the best case scenario; signs that the UK is drifting towards a polar opposite 'hard Brexit' could have a profoundly negative impact upon the pound, making your Spanish property purchase a lot more expensive.

### Can negotiations really wrap up in October?

Chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier said that he wanted talks finished within 18 months of the triggering of Article 50, which would mean October 2018 if things run to plan.

This deadline is already in question, considering the UK and EU spent several months making no progress on the issue of the divorce bill.

However, things could still be rescued and the deal sent to national parliaments to ratify.

Even though many complications would lie ahead, it would be a positive sign if talks were indeed finalised on schedule, and the pound would be expected to gain in response, allowing you to get more euros than you do currently when you transfer sterling to the Eurozone.

### Predicting GBP/EUR movement in 2018

Unfortunately, as uncertainty regarding the future is the very thing the pound is reacting negatively to, it's impossible to say what the overall outlook for GBP/EUR and EUR/GBP is for 2018.

Regardless of what happens, it's worth bearing in mind that the currency markets are driven by the whims of large-scale investors, such as pension funds and asset managers. They're looking for good returns, so anything that threatens the UK economy will negatively affect their appetite for the pound, weakening Sterling.

Therefore, if the development seems to be moving the UK towards a soft Brexit or some kind of free trade deal, the pound is likely to strengthen, while anything that moves towards the implementation of tariffs or quotas will undermine Sterling, raising the costs of Spanish property from the point of view of UK buyers.

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**POWER COUPLE:**  
Shakira (right)  
and long term  
partner Gerard  
Pique.

# FOOTBALL PLAYER PADS Gerard Pique and Shakira



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**MANSSION:** The three-storey Barcelona home reportedly cost the couple €5 million.

WHO wouldn't be jealous of Gerard Pique and Shakira?

Barcelona star Pique, 30, has won all there is to win in football and pop sensation Shakira, 40, is reportedly the highest-selling Colombian artist of all time.

As if that wasn't enough, the couple also have a beautiful three-storey mansion in the Pedralbes area of Barcelona where they live with their two children Milan and Sasha.

The 1,500 square-metre villa is surrounded by acres of private gardens and dense trees but has stunning panoramic views of Barcelona City from both the first and second floor.

The seven bedroom house is equipped with two kitchens, a gym, a spacious game/living room and a swimming pool with a waterfall feature.

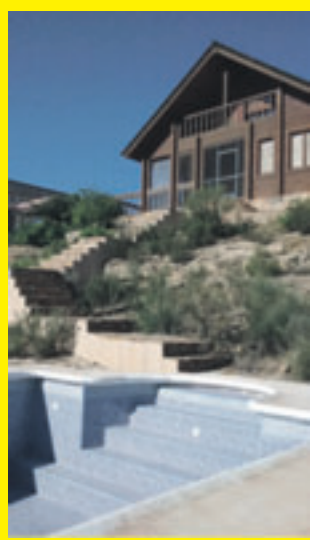
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# Roses

## A challenge for the Mediterranean gardener

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ROSES are one of the most favourite flowers for their wonderful form and beautiful scent.

To grow a rose plant in the Mediterranean is a challenge though as they prefer cooler summers and winters to be at their best. There are ways to improve the ability to grow them.

The most important difference in the Mediterranean climate is to provide summer shade for roses for at least half of the day, preferably shaded from the afternoon sun.

The normal requirements for growing roses applies in terms of providing a rich soil with soil amendments of compost, manures

and other fertilisers suited to alkaline soil. Alkaline soil is predominant in the Mediterranean regions.

Roses prefer neutral to acid soil but will tolerate a degree of alkalinity.

Applying mulch around the rose plants will also help to keep their root zone cooler in summer, so a thick layer is recommended to provide the most insulation. Organic mulches are the best for roses as they allow greater aeration for the soil to breathe.

If you apply the organic mulch after the start of the hot weather it should last through summer and even if it breaks down by winter it does not need renewing until the next spring. Allowing the mulch to thin out over winter permits the colder weather to affect the rose

plants to become dormant and rest before the spring awakening.

Planting roses adjacent to buildings can keep the rose plants too warm in winter so they are better planted in rose beds in zones more exposed to the winter cold but protected from strong winds.

Roses have the advantage in the Mediterranean of having a spring flush of flowers and a second flush in autumn. They often reduce their flowering over summer due to the heat and may have some flowers over winter, although it can make the plants stronger to remove the winter buds, it is also wonderful to be able to get roses at that time.

Pruning is best done at the start of spring to create a good framework for the coming flower season and another pruning at the end of



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**A FAVOURITE:** The beauty that is a rose.

summer to reduce height and remove crossing branches, but leaving many of the new shoots that have grown over summer to support the autumn flower display which can often be their best display if treated in this way.

Spring and summer removal of rose hips is also a good idea to make the plants stronger and more attractive.

Aphids can be a problem in late spring but a 50/50 mix of pharmacy type alcohol and water sprayed

on them can clean them up easily and it is safer than many chemical products. Caterpillars usually attack at the end of summer.

They can be sprayed off with water from a hose. I leave a lot of them though so that the air is full of butterflies in autumn at the cost of perforated rose leaves for a month. The rose plants always recover quickly and they seems to flower better or at least the flowers stand out better for their perfect form and beauty.

WHILE some of us may be lucky enough to have a garden, many of us simply have a patio or balcony.

And although this may seem to offer fewer options for planting out, there are many things you can do to make the most of a small outdoor space.

If you are a grow-your-own fan, don't be put off, you can still grow several fruits and vegetables by maximising the space you do have. One of the most efficient ways to grow several plants in one go

# A feast of fruit salad

is by grafting one to another.

An example of this is so-called 'fruit salad' trees which can combine up to six fruits on one plant. Stone fruits including plums, apricots, peaches and nectarines can all be grown on the same tree, while citrus fruits like lemons, limes, oranges and grapefruits can also share a plant.

While fruit salad trees can be bought in garden centres

and online, you can create your own and enjoy all the benefits of a country house garden on your balcony!

Start by buying or using an existing root of a fruit tree measuring around one inch thick. Then take up to five cuttings of plants from the same family - like stone fruits, citruses or apples - which each measure around ¼ inch thick and four inches long.

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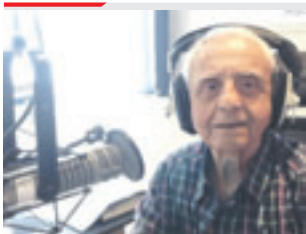
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### Q. My dogs like to eat grass and mushrooms. Is this a problem?

A. There is no definitive answer as to why dogs and cats eat grass. Three veterinarians will most likely give three answers. Theories range from their stomach is upset to the need for vegetation in their diets.

The fact is grass has no nutritional value for pets. The most plausible



### ROUGHAGE: A dog eats grass.

explanation is that it is a habit dating back to their ancestors where a certain amount of roughage was required for normal bowel activity.

Present-day dog and cat foods contain varying amounts of fibre

making grass eating unnecessary. It is most likely an instinct that has just not faded away with time.

It is true that too much grass can be irritating to the stomach lining, which can cause vomiting. Although some

dogs enjoy eating grass, it is best to discourage them from grazing like cows.

Some mushrooms can indeed be very toxic to pets. Most cause gastric irritation resulting in vomiting

and diarrhoea. Others can cause damage to the heart, liver and kidneys. In some cases, seizures and death can occur. The best advice is to identify the species of mushrooms in your garden. If they are safe for human consumption, they will not be harmful to your pet.

Remove all poisonous and unidentifiable mushrooms from your pets' environment. Cats are finicky and less likely to ingest mushrooms.

The potential for ingesting such toxic agents is another reason to keep your dog from roaming freely.

Owners should constantly inspect their pets' outdoor environment for potential toxins.

These include garbage, dead animals, dangerous mushrooms and toxic plants. Remember pets, especially dogs, are non-discriminating when it comes to potential food. Items such as rotting garbage and dead birds may appear disgusting to us, but they can be filet mignon to some pets.

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## Leaders of the pack

NEW research has suggested that those who own dogs are less at risk from developing serious illnesses than those who don't.

Scientists studying heart disease came to the conclu-

sion after examining data from more than 3.4 million Swedish nationals between the aged of 40 and 80.

As registering a dog and going to the hospital both require Swedes to present their

national identification number, scientists were able to analyse the records of people over a 12-year period to see if there was any correlation between the two factors.

They discovered those who had registered a dog in the system were less likely to be treated for heart disease in the long run if they had not shown any previous symptoms of the illness.

Although the research did not draw any conclusions why this was the case, scientists suggested that it might have something to do with the fact that having a dog gives people more motivation to do exercise.

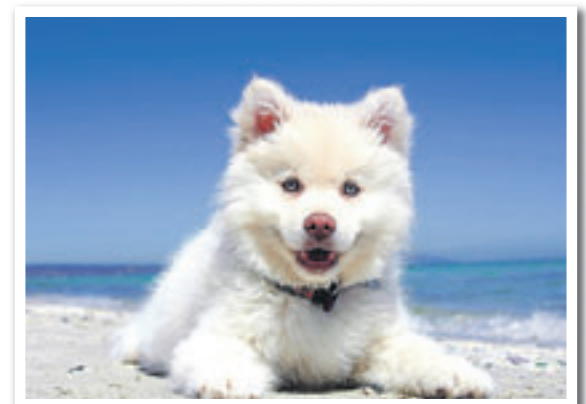
They also encourage people to be more social and are known to improve happiness levels, all of which has a positive impact on physical and health.

It has also been suggested that being in constant exposure to dog's germs could help to boost the immune system which helps to keep serious illnesses at bay.

## Planning to go away this springtime ...?

AS Christmas approaches many of us try to get ahead of the game to book our flights and hotels early with good prices for a spring break. If you're planning a holiday you may also be wondering what to do with your dog, cat or other animals. There are many options today, but keeping them at home in their own environment with minimal disruption to routines, can often be the best option.

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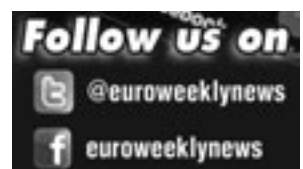
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# Volvo strikes taxi deal

By Matthew Elliott

VOLVO is set to supply Uber with 24,000 cars which the American tech-taxi company will convert into driverless cars.

Uber has transformed the transport market in recent years by supplanting the traditional taxi industry in almost every country it operates in. Users order taxis and pre-pay using an application on their smart phones.

The company is also at the forefront of driving technology. Instead of hiring drivers, who have frequently been

accused of sexually assaulting female passengers, it wants a legion of autonomous cars to serve as taxis.

Swedish carmaker Volvo has stepped in, signing a deal to provide Uber with 24,000 cars between 2019 and 2021. Each car will be compatible with Uber's pioneering driverless technology.

Uber chief, Travis Kalanick, said: "Over one million people die in car accidents every year. These are tragedies that self-driving

technology can help solve, but we can't do this alone. That's why our partnership with a great manufacturer like Volvo is so important."

Volvo CEO Hakan Samuelsson said the firm has ambitions to be the major worldwide supplier of vehicles for the emerging driverless taxi industry. If the Uber deal goes ahead it will be the biggest for Volvo since it was

taken over by Chinese giant Geely in 2010.

Although Uber will be responsible for the autonomous component of the cars, Volvo has its own designs on the intelligent car market.

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The poll of 2,000 drivers also uncovered the methods used to escape police detection after enjoying a few drinks. Roughly one in three said they stuck religiously to the speed limit, while 16 per cent took the long way home via quiet country roads.

One in 10 said they chewed gum to help mask the smell if stopped. Five per cent used perfume for the same effect, while 11 per cent guzzled coffee in an effort to sober up.

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# Three Lions set to roar in 2018 World Cup

## Harry's top quality - we're fortunate to have him - Southgate

THE 2018 World Cup Group draw is set to take place in the Kremlin Palace, Moscow, Russia, with England's Three Lions set to roar.

The 32 teams playing at 12 venues in 11 different cities that go head-to-head during June 14-July 15, 2018, will be split into four pots, based on their current FIFA world rankings. Pot 1 contains Russia and the highest-ranked seven teams.

The December 1 draw will divide the 32 teams into eight groups of four, from A to H. Each group will play three matches, before the top two countries advance to the second round. Russia are in Group A as host nation.

England meet Italy and Holland in friendlies in March, prior to manager Gareth Southgate naming his final 23-man squad: "The team are getting clearer messages in how we want to play," said Southgate.

"Playing for England is different from that at club level and one of the key things we have to continue to work at," said Southgate.

There will be players 'missing out' in the England 23, with Daniel Sturridge, dropped in the friendly internationals against Germany and Brazil, desperate to return to the fold.

Liverpool outcast Sturridge, 28, in the cold at Anfield under manager Jurgen Klopp, is among a plethora of players that could miss the cut.

Ashley Young, Adam Lallana, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Fraser Forster, Chris Smalling, Danny Wellbeck, Jermaine Defoe and Theo Walcott await their fates.

Sturridge could miss out, with Liverpool teammate Dominic Solanke, 20, getting the nod after his surprise call up to the England squad.

"We assess who can take us forward - that's the challenge for



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**HARRY KANE: Top quality - fortunate to have him - Southgate.**

all the players - you have to be playing well enough to get into the squad," said Southgate.

Klopp, ahead of Liverpool's

Premier League game at Brighton on Saturday, said: "Solanke will be a future player for England, 100 per cent.

"Apart from his football skills, his character is absolutely outstanding. He is completely calm and doing so well, but doesn't feel like 'roll out the red carpet'; he is a smart lad."

Chelsea duo Ruben Loftus-Cheek, 21, and Tammy Abraham, 20, on loan at Crystal Palace and Swansea, respectively, are among new blood, alongside Solanke, brought in by Southgate.

"Ruben and Tammy are two really good young players - the future for Chelsea," said Blues boss Antonio Conte, ahead of the Blues fixture against Newcastle on Saturday.

Two players who have surely got their England passports stamped for Russia are Phil Jones and Harry Kane: "Phil Jones has got the pace and the reading of the game at a relatively young age.

"He competes well and it's clear what he brings to the team.

Harry's finishing is top quality, as good as anyone, we're fortunate to have him," said Southgate.

Manchester United travel to Arsenal on Saturday and Red's boss Jose Mourinho said of defender Jones, 26: "Phil Jones is still young, still learning."

The 2018 World Cup Final Draw: Pot 1: Russia, Germany, Brazil, Portugal, Argentina, Belgium, Poland, France.

Pot 2: Spain, Peru, Switzerland, England, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay, Croatia.

Pot 3: Denmark, Iceland, Costa Rica, Sweden, Tunisia, Egypt, Senegal, Iran.

Pot 4: Serbia, Nigeria, Australia, Japan, Morocco, Panama, Korea Republic, Saudi Arabia.

Group Stages: June 14-June 28; Round of 16: June 30-July 3; Quarter Finals: July 6-July 7; Semi Finals: July 10-July 11; Third place play-off: July 14. Final: July 15.

JULEN LOPETEGUI'S shoulders carry the hopes of Spain's 2018 World Cup glory in Russia - after qualifying undefeated to top Group G - in a bid to repeat Spain's success in 2010.

"Whoever wants to do something special at the World Cup, besides having great players, they will need a great team," said Lopetegui.

Spain, who beat the Netherlands 1-0 at Soccer City, Johannesburg, South Africa after an extra-time goal by Andrés Iniesta, giving Spain its first World Cup title in 2010, have a great team.

Spain qualified for the 2018 World Cup, winning nine and drawing one of their 10 group games, scoring 36 goals, conceding a paltry three.

That underlines David de Gea will be the No. 1 goalkeeper pencilled in by Lopetegui, knowing their chances of glory are in safe hands.

Spain are in Pot 2 at The Kremlin in Moscow on Friday December 1, along with Peru, Switzerland, England, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay and Croatia, for the draw on the road to the final on July 14 at the Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow.

Spain have a plethora of talent, including Carvajal, Pique, Ramos, Alba, Azpilicueta, Nacho, Alonso, Alba, Busquets, Iniesta, Silva, Isco, Koke, Alcantara, Niguez, Pedro, Deulofeu, Asensio, Morata and Alcaer.

Will Juan Mata, Cesc Fabregas, Diego Costa, Iago Aspas, Nolito and David Villa get the nod in Lopetegui's 23-man squad?: "There are many that will be in Russia," said Lopetegui.

"But I have not got the clear 23 players that will go to the World Cup. There are some that

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**MORENO: World Cup dream.**

## Baby talk from Moreno as he dreams of Spain World Cup glory

are certain and others that have an excellent opportunity," said Lopetegui.

Spain have a strike force to be reckoned with and Lopetegui said of striker Alvaro Morata,

who joined Chelsea from Real Madrid in the summer: "Morata is a very good No. 9 and we are very happy with him."

Costa, Celta Vigo's Iago Aspas, Valencia's

Rodrigo and Athletic Bilbao's Ariz Aduriz are all vying for striker roles in Russia, and Lopetegui said: "Rodrigo is very good - so is Aspas - Diego Costa too.

"We will decide who our No. 9 player will be for our first game. It may be that we will not play with the same No. 9 for our second game. We shall see. They all have possibilities to be the starting No. 9 for Spain."

Atletico Madrid's Costa cannot play until January 2018, having last played for Spain in June, having missed the final four qualifying games, after a dispute with his former club Chelsea.

Liverpool left-back Alberto Moreno, 25, returned to the Spain squad for the friendlies against Costa Rica in Malaga and against Russia after a three-year absence.

"Alberto, a left-back that suits us, is someone that is eager to go forward, and is also very fast at correcting his position," said Lopetegui.

Former Sevilla star Moreno and his wife Lilia, who became proud parents following the arrival of Alberto Junior two weeks ago, said: "Last season was bad for me. I didn't play.

"I am playing all the games now, and at a good level. I am here now, and with the World Cup so close why not dream?"

Defending champions Germany, bidding to become the first country to win back-to-back World Cups since Brazil in 1958 and 1962, are the 5-1 favourites; France 11-2; 6-1 Brazil; 7-1 Spain; 8-1 Argentina; 14-1; Belgium; 20-1 England; Portugal 24-1; Russia 40-1; Mexico 80-1.



MALAGA, Real Madrid and Barcelona were all in Copa Del Rey action earlier this week. La Liga clubs dominate the final 16, which may provide more drama than the league, where Barca remain comfortably top.

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## Final Samm race day of 2017



**FINALE:** This was the final race of the SMM Autumn Series.

THE final race day of the SMM Autumn Series 2017 attracted a good turnout of competitors and nine boats came to the start of the first race, five single handers and four with crews of two or more.

Due to a timing error by the race officers the boats

had to be recalled and restarted, the first time this has happened in many years.

Unfortunately, the SW 4 to 5 knot early wind gradually faded to virtually nothing and the uneventful race, had to be shortened to just two laps, which some boats took nearly two hours to complete.

By the time the 10 boats started the second race at 2.30, the wind had gone to the forecast Easterly at 5 knots with some gusts a little stronger. This was still a problem for a couple of boats who had difficulty with the up-wind leg.

As in previous weeks, the lead was being contested by the dinghies led by Julian in the Topaz, Tug in a Laser 2000, John in his Quba, Norman in the Laser Radial and Di/Tom in a Gamba, with the bigger boats and the diminutive Sea Hopper bringing up the rear.

The dinghies took between 51 and 66 minutes to finish the four laps and the fastest bigger boat the Sailfish 18 of Julian/Jane/Ernie 71 minutes. The race officer decided the slower boats were going to take too long to finish so shortened their race to two or three laps.

Rather than record a 'Did Not Finish' it was agreed that their average lap time would be used to calculate their total time over four laps.

The results after handicaps, in both races were: 1st Julian, Topaz Duo. 2nd Tug, Laser 2000. 3rd John, Quba.

That's five straight firsts for Julian, five seconds for Tug and four thirds for John in the last five races, a brilliant achievement by all of them.

The SMM Spring 2018 Series is scheduled to begin in March.

## Global Sport: Cricket: Ashes

ENGLAND and Australia go head-to-head in the opening day of The Ashes 2nd Test at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday December 2 after the First Test in Brisbane.

Vice-captain Jimmy Anderson has laughed off speculation it will be his last Test Series after Aussie off-spinner Nathan Lyon talk about ending England players' careers.

"The stuff he's been coming out with has been tickling us - we've been laughing about it in the dressing room - it's good for team spirit," said Anderson.

Swing bowler Anderson, 35, played in the 2010-11 series in Australia, that England won; and the

2013-14 Ashes series humiliating 5-0 whitewash.

"I am not thinking if we don't win I am 'done.' My body feels fine. It's just a case of looking after myself. If I can keep fit, keep my speeds up," said Lancashire star Anderson.

Anderson, who broke onto the international scene in the 2002-03 season, says he could be in the 2021-22 Ashes series in Australia.

"There's no reason why not. There's no reason why I can't extend my career - I wouldn't rule it out," said England's most successful test bowler Anderson.

The Ashes 2nd Test is during December 2-6 at the Adelaide Oval.

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