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# Couple killed in gas leak

A MARRIED couple have died of suspected carbon monoxide poisoning in Algarrobo.

The National Police are now investigating after Jose Manuel G, 56, and Araceli M, 57, were found dead by one of their three children.

They lived in a rural area known as Cortijada de los Gutierrez, near the Baviera golf course, after retiring early due to health reasons from their work as street vendors.

Police believe the incident occurred after the couple decided to burn coal in a bucket inside the house even though it did not have a chimney. The man is said to have been found on the bedroom floor while the woman was lying in the bathroom.

## Windy weekend in prospect

HIGH winds and light rain are forecast this weekend.

A yellow weather warning for strong winds will be put in place on the Costa del Sol and in the Guadalhorce Valley by state meteorological office AEMET from at least 6-11pm tomorrow (Friday).

Gust of up to 80 kilometres per hour are expected to buffet the province, although the blustery conditions are not expected to affect the Three Kings Parades which take place throughout the area in the evening.

It might also drizzle on Saturday, but no heavy downpours are likely.



ANIMAL TRAGIC: Some of the dogs seized and (inset) the German Shepherd that had to be put down.

# To the rescue

# Police launch animal cruelty sting

By Matt Ford

Three people have been held after the Guardia Civil swooped to rescue 38 starving dogs.

The raid comes in the wake of a probe sparked when a concerned Benaiarafe resident reported a suspected case of animal cruelty.

Investigators visited the supplied address and found an eight-year-old German Shepherd suffering from malnutrition plus a series of infected wounds.

Single Trip

Winter Sports

The dog was infested with parasites including ticks, maggots and worms and was lying in its own ex-

Having quizzed the owner it transpired that the animal had been ill for at least 15 days and had not received any veterinary treatment.

It was taken to a nearby

conditions and showing signs of abandonment.

An additional seven dogs - five of which were being kept in two small enclosures in which the ground was covered in excretement were found on a second farm in Torrox.

The other two were loose on the property but all were suffering from severe malnutrition, and one appeared to have had part of a leg amputated in a non-surgical procedure.

# Crocked monsieur

A SPEEDING motorist is set to be charged with vehicle theft and forgery.

It comes after a Local Police patrol stopped a Frenchman for speeding on Almuñecar's Avenida Juan Carlos I.

When the officers asked to see his personal documentation and that of his vehicle, a black Peugeot 308 registered in France, the driver produced a Spanish licence before claiming that the car's papers were with a family member in his home country.

He was held for questioning after the officers noticed that his identification had been "manipulated" police said in a statement.

And their suspicions were further raised when it transpired that he did not have the necessary Permiso de Circulacion log book, a mandatory supporting document.

Investigators then contacted the vehicle's manufacturer and confirmed that the chassis number had been tampered with, leading to the driver's arrest.

A further probe revealed that the car had been reported stolen from a French company in France on March 1,







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## **NEWS EXTRA**

## **New Year** prices up

GAS, petrol and electricity prices are to rise in Axarquia, as inflation and new rates push the cost of essential services up. Stamps, road tolls and mobile phone charges will also increase.

## Baby joy

THE first baby of the New Year - a healthy 3.7 kilo boy who has been named Victor was born in the Axarquia Regional Hospital at 5.57pm on January 1, with his proud parents receiving a visit from Velez-Malaga mayor Antonio Moreno Ferrer.

## In charge

AIR travellers can easily charge their electronic devices at Malaga-Costa del Sol airport thanks to the installation of 10 new charging points in terminals 2 and 3, each with two plugs and eight USB ports.

# Wheels on fire

A STREET-SWEEPING machine has burned out in Velez-Malaga

Firefighters have now put out the flames after the vehicle caught fire in the town's historic centre. Another rental car parked near the machine was also partially damaged. Firemen were also forced to extinguish another fire after an abandoned moned caught light on New Year's Day in the town.

In November, a politician in Rincon de la Victoria alleged his mother's car was set alight by opponents. Ezequiel Carnero, a councillor for the Ahora Rincon-Podemos party, has told the Guardia Civil he has received "threats" by his managers in the previous coun-

The Local Police and fire-

fighters attended the scene, extinguishing the flames. The car could not be saved, however, and was almost completely destroyed except for its rear wheels and trunk.

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Snapped by a NASA astronaut just before 3am, the stunning night-time scene

# Out of this world

shows southern Spain, including Axarquia on the right with Morocco and Algeria to the left.

It was taken from a distance of around 400 kilometres above the planet's surface as the spacecraft the largest man-made object in low Earth orbit - whizzed by at 27,600 km/h.

## New Year celebrations draw crowds

**REVELLERS** from across the region saw in the New Year with a bang.

Towns and cities in the Axarquia area saw spectacular displays and long fiestas, as Spain's 2018 started in style. Malaga, Rincón de la Victoria and Velez-Malaga put on particularly memorable events, drawing large



LIGHT IT UP: Festive light in a Malaga square where celebrations took place.

crowds for the festivities.

In Malaga's Plaza de la Constitution, thousands gathered to see in the New Year amid an impressive lights show and family atmosphere.

Music, lights and the traditional munching of 12 grapes as the clock strikes midnight took places in various other gatherings around the region.



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# Man attacks girlfriend

A 22-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested for assaulting his 15year-old girlfriend in Malaga. The victim's mother alleged the man had also insulted and threatened the girl, encouraging her to leave her family home. After going missing for a week, the victim was eventually found at her boyfriend's house.

## Wheat a laugh

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Muvel Museum is paying homage to two Axarquia products during January. The museum will feature an exhibition on oil and wheat as well as a series of activities "to promote the cultural, historical and gastronomic heritage of Axarquia," according to councillor for Culture, Cynthia Gar-

## **Beach bunnies**

CHILDREN have been enjoying the unseasonably warm temperatures on Malaga's beaches before school starts again after the festival of the Three Kings. The new year kicked off with balmy temperatures of around 20 degrees on the coast, attracting large numbers of families and visitors to the area's beaches.

## Mountain recue

FIREMEN have rescued a 75-yearold man after his car fell 25 metres down a ravine in the hills in Malaga. The man was found unconscious by a cyclist before being taken to the Victoria Clinical University Hospital. Firemen said the accident could have occurred to due carelessness.

## **Boat rescue**

FIFTY-EIGHT immigrants have been rescued from a boat off the coast of Malaga. The migrants are said to be in good health after the 48 men and 10 women were picked up by the Salvamar Alnitak Salvage vessel around 45 miles off the coast

# SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...44

January 6 sees the arrival of the best-loved Christmas tradition in Spain, as the Three Kings bring presents for children and huge parades take place, Joe Gerrard reports.

## SANTA VS **THE KINGS**

DEBATE rages as to who is preferred in Spain, Santa Claus or the Three Kings. In a 2015 survey of Spanish children the kings came out on top, 67 per cent to Santa's 27 per cent.

## ANDALUCIAN KINGS?

THE previous Pope, Benedict XVI, claimed in his book on the nativity the three kings were from the ancient kingdom of Tarsis (Tartessosa). Historians place this kingdom somewhere near Huelva. Cadiz and Sevilla, in modern day Andalucia.

## PAGAN ORIGINS

THE origin of the celebration goes back further than Christianity. In pagan times celebrations were held on January 6 to welcome the longer days that followed the winter solstice on December 21.

## CONTROVERSY

DURING parades Balthazar has traditionally been played by a white actor in 'blackface' make-up. Critics have branded this racist and Madrid's council employed a black actor for the first time last year in response

# We three kings

JANUARY in Britain sees families pack away their Christmas decorations and get back to business as usual.

In Spain however Christmas festivities continue until January 6, when the country celebrates the annual Three King's Day holiday, also known as Epiphany Dav.

The day (El Dia de los Reyes in Spanish) marks the moment in the nativity story when the three kings or wise men visited the baby Jesus to give gifts.

The three kings in the modern-day festival, Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, are now said to give out presents to Spanish children, similar to Santa Claus in Britain and elsewhere.

Spanish children polish their shoes and leave them outside for the kings to put presents in on the night of January 5.

These presents only go to well behaved children however, and Balthazar is tasked with giving coal or wood to those children on the naughty list.

The night of January 5 also sees the annual parades (the Cabalgata de Reyes), beginning at dusk.

The three kings appear here too, standing on floats and trailers that go through Spanish towns and cities throwing sweets to excited children.

Some of these parades involve hundreds of actors and are broadcast live on Spanish TV.

On January 6 the Spanish traditionally enjoy a round bread cake called Roscon. The cakes are baked with a figurine of the baby Jesus and a dry flava bean.

The person who finds the figurine is crowned king or queen of that day's festivities. The one who finds the bean has to prepare next year's Roscons.

January 6 is marked by a bank holiday



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of the city.

## News wipe

WATER company Emasa has explained baby wipes are clogging up

Malaga's sewage plant. The body said the wipes, which are increasingly being used by all members of the family, are costing €8 million a year to clear away, around € 5 per person.

The total number of news and features which appeared in Issue 1695 of the Euro Weekly News Axarquía - Costa Tropical edition, including 30 local stories.



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# Shell shock!







NO YOLK: Revellers hurl eggs at each other as Carles Puigdemont (bottom right) prepares to take his punishment.

INHABITANTS of Ibi, Alicante have staged their annual mock battle to mark the biblical Massacre of the Innocents by King Herod.

Known locally as Els Enfarinats - the floured ones revellers hurl smoke bombs. flour and eggs at each other in one of the world's greatest

Clad in military gear and wearing goggles to protect their eyes, some participants also brandish firecrackers as the flour and egg artillery whizzes by.

The fake coup d'état dates back around 200 years and sees Els Enfarinats take control of the village as they stage a revolution against the authorities.

A new mayor is elected and a series of ridiculous new laws are announced, with citizens who break them fined and the money later donated to charity.

Meanwhile, a second group called La Oposicio - the opposition - attempts to restore order before both sides storm the streets armed with 12,000 eggs, 8,000 kilos of flour and 6,000 firecrackers.

Taking place on Innocents' Day (December 28), there was a political edge to this year's event, as one plucky participant dressed as ex-Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont.

He was set on by a gang of battle-hardened soldiers wielding fire extinguishers filled with flour before being locked in an imitation prison cell.

## **POLL OF THE WEEK**

Should Spain follow Mexico's example and legalise marihuana-based products?

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Outrage as Spain bans fish and chips to support 'more sustainable' fishing

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# €2.1m beach buy

SPAIN'S Supreme Court has ordered Nerja Council to pay millions of euros to the owner of a beachfront plot of land.

The council will have to hand over €2,151,409.15 following a 10-year-long court battle over the 4.350 square-metre site in El Salon.

The plot's owner had initially claimed €16,669,189.67 in compensation after his land was taken by the council, while the Malaga Commission of Valuations only valued the land as  $\leq 1,186,341.65$ . Nerja City Council believed the value of the land was even lower at €391,785,39.

The Madrid court ruling will now see the price of the plot fixed unless either party takes the matter to a European court.

The land's owner had argued the amount of money he had initially been offered showed, "lack of motivation, an arbitrary and illogical assessment of the evidence practised in the process and a violation of the Law on Soil Regime and Valuations."

The court dismissed his arguments, however, setting the sum at around €2.1 mil-

The council now plans to

use the space to extend a pedestrian zone from La Torrecilla to the Balcon de Europa. The town's mayor, Rosa Arrabal, said the man would receive payment for his land once it is "free of buildings."

Increase in housing prices in Spain in the final quarter of 2017, with properties now having an average value of €1,264 per metre square.

EL SALON BEACH: The land to be expropriated is between the cliffs and beach.

## **OUR VIEW**

# New Year, old problems

THE New Year brings plenty of excitement and new chal-

Spanish families will be excited for the festival of the Three Kings - and all the festivities that Friday and Saturday brings with it.

But the end of the Christmas period also heralds the lead up to carnival season - meaning the partying will only continue. But, perhaps most pressingly, the New Year brings with it the fall out from 2017.

A full-blown drought appears increasingly likely - even if there is significant rainfall this month.

That will have implications for farming, water usage, wildlife and the environment, as climate change continues to take its toll on southern Spain.

Information is still scarce on the impact Brexit will have. British Prime Minister Theresa May has promised to look after the rights of expatriates, but the detail of any deal - if there is one - remains unclear.

Meanwhile, the impact of the Catalan election and independence crisis is still difficult to predict - and the threat of Spain being separated remains real, if unlikely.

The migration crisis, drug problems, corruption and crime will continue to be big news, as expatriates get set for the coming summer season, with tourists arriving en masse in the next few months.

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# Storm damage not cleared

THE effects of the storm that struck the city last month are still visible in some streets of Malaga. Branches have detached from a huge ficus tree in Sotomavor Street, Segalerva, which have fallen on the pavement.

They have been lying there for several weeks without having been cleared away. Manuel Senciales, a neighbour in the area, has pointed out that pedestrians have to go onto the road to avoid the branches, risking being run over in the process.

"Over here we have seen employees of the City Hall, both Limasa and Parks and Gardens, but they have not yet collected the remains of the tree and we do not



RUN FOR COVER: A tree lies uprooted across the road.

know why," he said. The debris is the result of violent storm 'Ana,' which carried winds of 100km/h, and caused the fall of at least a dozen trees in the streets of the city.

The age of the world's oldest restaurant found in Madrid - which has been serving traditional Spanish dishes since 1725.

The most serious occurred in the Alameda Principal where a ficus tree was brought down and wounded a person walking by. It also forced traffic to be cut off. In addition, the council's Tree Master Plan aims to replace 9,000 trees that it believes do not meet its environmental standards.

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## Friends reunited

REAL MADRID star Isco took advantage of Spanish football's winter break by visiting former teammate Alvaro Morata in London.

The 25-year-old midfielder from Benalmadena on the Costa del Sol and his stunning girlfriend Sara Salamo, 25, shared a number of pictures on social media as they took in the sights.

After checking out Camden Town the loved-up pair met with Alvaro, 25, and his newly-pregnant wife Alice Campello, 22, with the Chelsea striker captioning a photo of the quartet: 'What a joy to be able to share a while with you two. We hope to do it again soon!'

Isco and Sara made their relationship official at the end of October following months of specula-

He has a young son from a previous relationship and was earlier this year linked with actress and model Carmen Muñoz before being pictured with a bikini-clad beauty at a Las Vegas hotel swimming pool.

**EYE** POPPING: Jess Impiazzi.



**ALL SMILES: Isco (second** right) Alvaro Morata and their partners.



# Back on the beach

SHE'S rumoured to be joining the next edition of Celebrity Big

And former Ex On The Beach star Jess Impiazzi was spotted topping up her tan in Tenerife as she prepares for her next appearance on reality TV.

The 28-year-old beauty flaunted her ample curves in a tiny black-and-white bikini as she frolicked in the shallows during her winter break.

Photo credit Jess Impiazzi/Instagram

# A whole lotta love (island)



**FESTIVE FROLICS: Olivia** and Alex.

THEY shot to fame after finishing second on reality dating show Love Island in 2016. But Olivia Buckland, 24, and Alex

Bowen, 26, showed they are still going strong after jetting to Ibiza for a Christmas break

The ITV2 stars got engaged a year ago and sent temperatures soaring again after posting a series of sizzling swimwear shots on social media.

While Olivia slipped into a barely-there red bikini which highlighted her many tattoos, Alex donned an equally skimpy pair of maroon trunks as he showed off his rippling form.

The couple admitted it was "hard work" to continue their relationship after leaving the popular show, but say their love has lasted as they made an effort to see each other daily despite their busy schedules.

## What a gem

FORMER The Only Way Is Essex (TOWIE) stars James 'Arg' Ar-



Gemma and

gent, 30, and Gemma Collins, 36, have set tongues wagging again.

It comes as the on-off couple teamed up for a rendition of Andy Williams' You're Just Too Good To Be True during a New Year's party at TOWIE pal Elliot Wright's restaurant Olivia's in La Cala de Mijas on the Costa del Sol.

## Lady in red

SHE recently claimed she has no time for romance.

But actress, model, and bikini designer Elizabeth Hurley, 52, was snapped dancing the night away with a mystery man on New Year's Eve.

And the ageless stunner donned a Spanish flamenco-style outfit, complete with acoustic guitar and black wig, for the occasion.



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| SEEKING SOLUTIONS: Fire service delegates in the provincial court.

# Fire trouble goes on

FIREMEN in Malaga are still on strike despite a visit by the mayor.

Francisco de la Torre visited the workers in a 'tense' meeting at their fire station and asked for their help in ending the labour dispute which has seen firemen strike for a year.

The strike has caused a series of controversies over the year with a Malaga councillor condemning firemen in October for not taking part in new training courses while on strike.

Councillor for Security, Mario Cortes, said the men had other ways of taking industrial action "without endangering the safety of residents." He added, "how do you explain to the public who have asked for flood specialists for years that they will not attend the training sessions a month after the rainy season begins.'

He claimed the firefighters had crossed "a red line they thought they would not cross," adding unions should, "ask for reason. These are courses other cities want to join in on. Let's hope they handle this so that the security of citizens in not affected." A spokesman for the firemen hit back, however, saying, "we do

not want to be criminalised. This is the only opportunity we have to strike without citizens being harmed."

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## Mountain climber dies

A CLIMBER died in the Sierra Nevada, Granada, while scaling the north face of Mulhacén - mainland Spain's highest peak at 3,479 metres - becoming the second person to die on the mountain in the last fortnight.

## Cake walk

THOUSANDS of people flocked to receive a free slice of seasonal 'Roscon de Reves' cake in Velez-Malaga, with the handout organised by the town council and Ortiz bakery.

## Waste not

ALMUNECAR and La Herradura are benefiting from several new recycling containers. The 14 new bins have been positioned in areas with the greatest demand.

## Road death

A WOMAN has died after being struck by a car on Rambla de los Alamos in Motril, with a police report stating that a vehicle had run over three people at a zebra crossing, killing a 70-year-old woman and hospitalising the others.

## Safety first

THE mayor of Velez-Malaga has brought in the Local Safety Board to step up security over the Three Kings events. Antonio Moreno Ferrer said the move was designed to protect citi-

## What rot

RESIDENTS in a street in Malaga City are complaining their road is being overtaken by rubbish. Neighbours in Calle Compositor Enrique Aranda said rubbish is accruing because the street is never cleaned.

THE Malaga Bar Association has complained about conditions in Torrox's courts.

The body has now commissioned an architect report and "will adopt the appropriate measures, which could include complaints against the regional government," once it is finished, according to Francisco Javier Lara, the association's dean.

The courts, which are said to be in bad condition, are harming lawyers'

# Rough justice

ability to work, according to Lara. He said the situation "is regrettable, violates current legislation, in terms of accessibility, safety at work and even fundamental rights." He added, "victims of gender violence have no idea where to be," and those who have been detained "have to walk through the town square."

Last December Jose Maria Paez, the Dean Judge of Malaga, said at least 30 more judges were needed in Malaga.

In an interview with a Spanish newspaper, Paez explained, "the priority project is to increase the number of judges, since we are still very few. Spain has a number of magistrates well below the European average and thus it is impossible to give an answer with a minimum quality in a reasonable time."

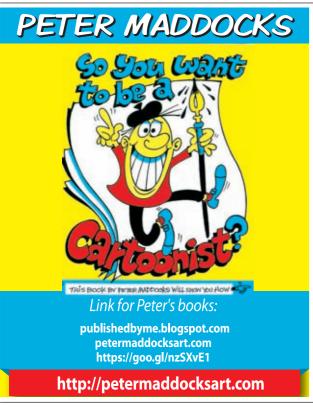
The judge added Malaga's judicial system also needed more funds, as well as improvements to some courts.



# New market

THE village of Los Romanes, near La Viñuela, has just started a car boot sale and market which will be held each second Sunday of the month from 10.30am until 2pm. This market is run by the community and all proceeds will go to the community Feria fund.

For more information contact Chris on: 655 240 957.



# **Phoenix Club upcoming events**

THE Phoenix club is a registered charitable association raising funds for three local charities and SSAFA in the UK. They meet every Tuesday between 12pm and 2pm at Bar La Vega in Torre del Mar and you can book or pay from 12.15pm onwards. The bar is just behind the Repsol garage on the way out of Torre towards Benajarafe.

They have the following events planned for 2018:

## Gibraltar trip

The Phoenix Club are off on their next shopping trip to Gibraltar.

They will have pick-ups tomorrow (Friday) at the A1 Garden Centre, Torre del Mar bus station and finally at Algarrobo Lidl at 08.30am.

The bus will be parked in Morrison's car park and will leave Gibraltar at 4.30pm. Due to visa restrictions on entering Gibraltar, please advise if you are a non-EU citizen

when you book. Also it is important to remember to bring with you your EHIC card, just in case, and passports are essential.

On the way to Gibraltar they plan to stop for coffee. They would greatly appreciate if payment was made before the journey.

Price is €12pp including a €1 gratuity for the dri-

## Alcaudete trip

The Phoenix Club will visit Alcaudete on January 26.

Alcaudete is located at the foot of the Sierra Ahillos, in the south-west corner of Jaen Province, in the Sierra Sur region.

The village forms a ring round the hillside, embracing its two most distinctive buildings: the Church of Santa Maria la Mayor and the Calatravo Castle. The town centre is of medieval origin and has an important architectural heritage since the town underwent great expansion between the 16th and 18th centuries.

A number of routes pass through the district, the Oil Rail Trail and it is part of the Castles and Battles, as well as the Caliphate, which belongs to the Routes of the Andalucian Legacy. They will also be visiting the Don Jimena Turron and Mantecados factory after lunch

Price is €24.50pp including a gratuity for the driver, but not lunch.

## **ABBA Reunion Tribute** Show at Salon de Mar, Torre del Mar

If you are an ABBA fan you won't want to miss this show on February 15 as it has had rave reviews in the UK. Doors open at 8pm, show starts at 9pm. Tickets are €21pp.

For more information on any of their trips or events call Gail on: 951 067 723. phoenixsocial club@vahoo.co.uk or visit: www.phoenixsocialclub.co.

## **PS** Thanks

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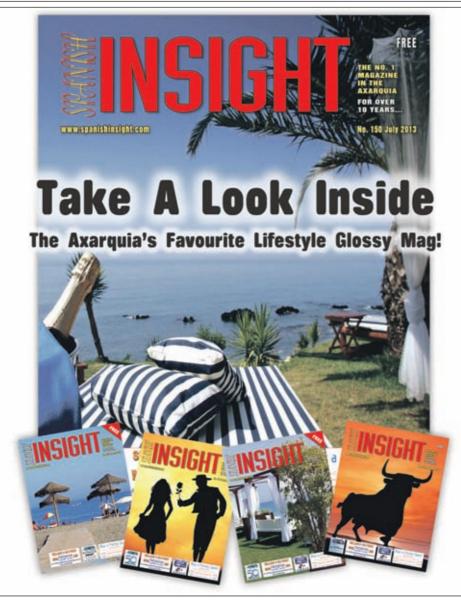
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> Bill White. Indalo Players, Almeria

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# ECB approves takeover of BMN

**FINANCE** 

AGREEMENT has been received from the European Central Bank (ECB) to allow Bankia to formally take over BMN.

The Banco Mare Nostrum (BMN) which was set up just seven years ago received a massive cash injection from the Spanish government due to its instability and now the merger will make the new group the fourth largest bank in

Once the merger goes through, the government expects to be able to recoup some of the funds invested in both

# Spain's military spend

THE Spanish government has said that it will increase its military to approximately € 18 billion by 2024 in order to meet a benchmark set by NATO in 2014

At a 2014 summit, members of each of the 28 countries that comprise NATO reportedly promised to move towards contributing 2 per cent of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to defence spending within a decade.

According to reports, the rise will lift the defence budget by 80 per cent by 2024, but that increase still By John Smith

equates to a figure that is below the 2 per cent of GDP benchmark set by

Depending on GDP growth, this increase could see Spain's spending equate to between 1.5 and 1.6 per cent, with the earliest that Spain could possibly reach the 2 per cent goal reportedly being 2028.

Spain is currently one of the lowest spending NATO countries on defences, forecast to spend just 0.92 per cent in 2017.

It is however a major supplier of military hardware around the world as it produces naval vessels as well as aircraft with the UK as one of its largest customers followed by other European countries and Saudi Arabia which is its major purchaser of ammunition and shells.

Time will tell whether Brexit will have a serious negative affect on Spain's arms industry which could then inhibit the planned NATO

## Credit rating group S&P rate India

ACCORDING to credit rating organisation, Standard and Poor's (S&P), the Indian banking sector is now on the same level as Spain in category 5 BBB-.

These two countries share a slot with Ireland, Italy, Panama, Bermuda, Poland, Peru, Oatar, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates and the decision has been made due to the rate of bad loans that have been granted over the years.

This rating is just positive and the countries in that category are 'considered lowest investment-grade by market participants.'

The company considers that those classed as BBB- do have the potential to grow their economies and to be considered a safer investment option in the future.

**Quote of the Week** 

We don't want anyone to be left behind and that's why we're going to improv wages, starting with the lowest." Mariano Rajoy on the decision to raise th imum wage by 4 per cent.



AUTOMATION: When man meets machine.

# Robots might hurt humans

A BRITISH thinktank The Institute for Public Policy Research has published a paper concerning the introduction of robots which if correct could have meaning for

Whilst it sees the benefits of such automation within the workplace, it also believes that government needs to be aware of the possible changes in social mobility which could adversely affect the economy.

Whilst much has been said about Artificial Intelligence, the

area that is most likely to be affected is those which require little

It is posited therefore that lower-skilled jobs could well be phased out, meaning that only those with higher-skills would be able to find work and then obtain higher wages.

With the high unemployment in Spain, the economy could become even more burdened by the increasing number of people unable to find work and claiming

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## **Another move**

ENDESA is one of the latest of 3,160 companies to have moved headquarters out of Barcelona. In this case its electrical distribution group formally registered its new office in Madrid, but has not confirmed the reason for the

## Large fine

A FINE of €500,000 has been levied on investment company Renta 4 Banco by the National Securities Market Commission. Whilst the Commission refers to a very serious infringement concerning lack of clear data, Renta has confirmed that it intends to appeal.

## Cross over

MARÍA GARAÑA, vice president of the business solutions division of Microsoft for EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) is moving to the UK. Not only is she crossing the channel, but is crossing from Microsoft to Google as general director of professional

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# Apple to reduce costs

AS reported in the Finance pages in last week's edition of EWN, Apple confirmed that it has been slowing down some older iPhone models. It has now announced that by way of apology it will be reducing the cost of replacement batteries from \$79 (€66) to \$29 (€24) and plans to issue new software so customers can monitor battery

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## **LONDON - FTSE 100**

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% Снс.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,548.50	-6.55	-0.42	21,595.93
Associated British Foods	3,200.00	380.00	13.48	22,428.13
Admiral Group	2,032.00	30.00	1.50	5,626.53
Ashtead Group	1,899.00	-93.00	-4.67	9,818.93
Antofagasta	982.50	-22.50	-2.24	9,784.63
Aviva	500.75	-5.75	-1.14	20,096.48
AstraZeneca	5,119.50	0.00	0.00	63,280.09
BAE Systems	567.50	-5.50	-0.96	18,112.05
Barclays	203.13	-0.70	-0.35	34,692.11
British American Tobacco	5,013.00	-21.04	-0.42	113,660.42
Barratt Developments	648.75	-2.08	-0.32	6,565.59
Berkeley Group Holdings (		25.48	0.61	5,734.84
British Land Co	689.00	-2.50	-0.36	6,862.07
BHP Billiton	1,522.25	-10.53	-0.69	31,670.52
Bunzl	2,051.00	-21.00	-1.01	6,913.44
BP	522.40	-2.82	-0.54	102,782.14
Burberry Group	1,787.50	-4.50	-0.25	7,605.21
BT Group	271.55	-3.15	-1.16	26,515.19
Coca-Cola HBC	2,490.00	70.00	2.89	8,840.64
Carnival	5,046.00	154.00	3.15	10,268.69
Centrica	138.00	0.70	0.51	7,727.92
Compass Group	1,550.00	-50.00	-3.13	24,965.43
Croda International	4,423.50	-0.50	-0.01	5,787.85
CRH	2,728.50	71.50	2.69	22,339.15
DCC	7,242.50	-222.50	-2.98	6,654.39
Diageo	2,722.75	-37.86	-1.39	67,063.95
Direct Line Insurance Grou		29.10	7.62	5,171.38
Experian	1,610.00	-26.00	-1.59	14,891.32
easyJet	1,437.50	-26.50	-1.81	5,723.77
Ferguson	5,410.00	80.00	1.50	13,337.26
Fresnillo	1,380.00	-49.00	-3.43	10,242.82
G4S	290.00	23.00	8.61	4,041.90
GKN	310.00	-9.40	-2.94	5,446.12
Glencore	389.43	-0.16	-0.04	55,484.53
GlaxoSmithKline	1,320.25	0.00	0.00	64,948.48
Hargreaves Lansdown		-24.50	-1.36	
Halma	1,777.50 1,250.00	-10.00	-0.79	8,466.59
				4,768.30
Hammerson	556.00	9.00	1.65	4,308.68
HSBC Holdings	766.50	-1.81	-0.24	152,439.40
International Considtd Air		-14.00	-2.15	13,271.35
InterContinental Hotels Gr		-834.00	-17.67	8,958.04
3i Group	951.00	37.50	4.11	8,828.86
Imperial Brands	3,168.00	0.00	0.00	29,885.35
Informa	721.75	1.71	0.24	5,978.16
Intertek Group	5,192.50	12.45	0.24	8,303.54
ITV	166.00	0.50	0.30	6,617.77
Just Eat	690.25	-90.75	-11.62	5,167.43
Johnson Matthey	3,270.00	195.00	6.34	5,982.12
Kingfisher	336.00	-1.70	-0.50	7,455.63
Land Securities Group	1,015.00	7.00	0.69	7,466.32

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COMPANY PR	ICE(P)	Change(p)	% Снс.	NET VOL			
Legal & General Group	271.25	-2.05	-0.75	16,147.20			
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.94	0.00	0.00	48,628.35			
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,789.50	0.00	0.00	12,995.69			
Micro Focus International	2,446.50	-76.50	-3.03	10,765.02			
Mediclinic International	662.75	13.25	2.04	4,744.16			
Marks & Spencer Group	327.00	12.20	3.88	5,139.06			
Mondi  Marrison (Mm) Supermarkets	1,975.50 216.00	-3.90	2.30	9,288.64			
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets			-1.77	5,162.93			
National Grid	874.80	-2.19	-0.25	29,370.23			
NMC Health	2,890.50	0.00	0.00	5,803.59			
Next	4,626.50	101.50	2.24	6,633.33			
Old Mutual Group	221.50	-10.20	-4.40	11,093.68			
Paddy Power Betfair	8,800.00	-25.00	-0.28	7,439.60			
Prudential	1,904.25	0.00	0.00	48,678.79			
Persimmon	2,499.00	-239.00	-8.73	8,453.37			
Pearson	730.00	-6.00	-0.82	5,886.50			
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,918.50	-30.72	-0.44	47,961.43			
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	266.50	-11.50	-4.14	33,039.86			
Royal Dutch Shell	2,479.00	-7.97	-0.32	113,135.52			
Royal Dutch Shell	2,506.25	0.00	0.00	93,131.53			
RELX	1,727.50	-11.50	-0.66	18,453.48			
Rio Tinto	3,941.00	-45.55	-1.16	52,145.06			
Rolls-Royce Group	858.00	11.00	1.30	15,580.64			
Randgold Resources	7,210.00	-200.00	-2.70	6,829.72			
RSA Insurance Group	650.75	18.25	2.89	6,392.62			
Rentokil Initial	319.00	1.00	0.31	5,756.36			
Sainsbury (J)	240.00	-1.40	-0.58	5,298.11			
Schroders	3,519.00	0.00	0.00	7,955.99			
Sage Group (The)	785.00	-13.00	-1.63	8,542.29			
Segro	588.00	0.00	0.00	5,827.00			
Shire	3,895.25	-11.05	-0.28	35,291.79			
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,506.00	0.00	0.00	5,864.30			
Sky	1,031.00	19.00	1.88	17,241.74			
Standard Life Aberdeen	445.70	9.10	2.08	12,838.92			
Smith (DS)	517.75	-3.42	-0.66	5,467.65			
Smiths Group	1,492.50	1.50	0.10	5,908.25			
Scottish Mortgage Investmen	t Trust444.5	-4.50	-1.00	6,272.23			
Smith & Nephew	1,300.00	12.00	0.93	11,231.14			
SSE	1,303.00	-17.00	-1.29	13,186.72			
Standard Chartered	780.05	-5.43	-0.70	25,506.95			
St James's Place	1,225.50	-6.43	-0.52	6,433.54			
Severn Trent	2,111.00	-51.00	-2.36	5,086.81			
Tesco	209.28	0.02	0.01	17,070.43			
TULAG	1,565.00	25.00	1.62	8,987.02			
Taylor Wimpey	209.70	3.30	1.60	6,776.07			
Unilever	4,124.75	-7.93	-0.19	50,807.47			
United Utilities Group	815.50	-14.00	-1.69	5,601.71			
Vodafone Group	234.93	-0.05	-0.02 7.70	62,497.41			
Worldpay Group	459.20	33.20	7.79	8,456.00			
WPP Group	1,357.50	16.50	1.23	17,156.79			
Whitbread	3,923.50	-76.50	-1.91	7,267.37			

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APPLE	169,230	-1,08%	-1,850	872.628,18
BOEING CO	294,910	-0,49%	-1,440	176.094,70
CATERPILLAR	157,580	-0,53%	-0,840	94.159,42
CHEVRON	125,19	-0,31%	-0,39	238.169,71
CISCO SYSTEMS	38,300	-0,75%	-0,290	192.302,08
COCA-COLA	45,88	+0,35%	0,16	196.033,30
DOWDUPONT	71,22	-0,41%	-0,29	167.016,80
EXXON MOBIL	83,64	-0,45%	-0,38	355.582,18
GENERAL ELECTRIC	17,4500	+0,52%	0,0900	151.205,61
GOLDMAN SACHS	254,76	-0,68%	-1,74	96.314,63
HOME DEPOT	189,5300	-0,13%	-0,2500	222.374,37
IBM	153,42	-0,40%	-0,62	142.450,59
INTEL CORP	46,1600	-0,13%	-0,0600	217.704,67
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	106,9400	-0,79%	-0,8500	373.064,89
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	139,7200	-0,60%	-0,8400	377.026,22
MC DONALD'S CORP	172,1200	-0,57%	-0,9800	137.378,99
MERCK AND CO. NEW	56,27	-0,58%	-0,33	153.699,10
MICROSOFT	85,540	-0,21%	-0,180	662.046,38
NIKE	62,55	-0,64%	-0,40	82.043,18
PFIZER	36,2200	-0,41%	-0,1500	216.612,10
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	91,880	-0,21%	-0,190	233.848,93
TRAVELERS CIES	135,64	-0,01%	-0,02	37.148,74
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	127,57	-0,43%	-0,55	102.105,15
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	220,46	-1,04%	-2,31	214.725,97
VERIZON COMMS	52,93	-0,94%	-0,50	216.883,47
VISA	114,02	-0,29%	-0,33	207.324,56
WAL-MART STORES	98,7500	-0,65%	-0,6500	293.646,06
WALT DISNEY CO	107,5100	-0,24%	-0,2600	162.605,57

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Merus N.V.	\$ 19.40	2.75 ▲ 16.52%
QIWI plc	\$ 17.33	2.11 ▲ 13.86%
Casa Systems, Inc.	\$ 17.76	2.02 ▲ 12.83%
Insys Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 9.62	1 ▲ 11.60%
TiVo Corporation	\$ 15.60	1.60 ▲ 11.43%
CRISPR Therapeutics AG	\$ 23.48	2.23 ▲ 10.49%
Flex Pharma, Inc.	\$ 3.49	0.33 ▲ 10.44%
ProQR Therapeutics N.V.	\$ 3.225	0.30 ▲ 10.26%
LexinFintech Holdings Ltd.	\$ 13.90	1.27 ▲ 10.06%
Most Declined		
Forward Pharma A/S	\$ 3.68	0.62 ▼ 14.42%
ADTRAN, Inc.	\$ 19.35	2.90 ▼ 13.03%
Zion Oil & Gas Inc	\$ 2.16	0.24 ▼ 10.00%
Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.03	0.20 ▼ 8.97%
Papa Murphy's Holdings, Inc.	\$ 5.38	0.52 ▼ 8.81%
Medallion Financial Corp.	\$ 3.53	0.34 ▼ 8.79%
Synlogic, Inc.	\$ 9.70	0.93 ▼ 8.75%
Future FinTech Group Inc.	\$ 4.17	0.37 ▼ 8.15%
China Finance Online Co. Limited	\$ 2.68	0.22 ▼ 7.59%
Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 3.68	0.29 ▼ 7.30%
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# GBP set to end the year weaker, EUR/USD up 16 cents



THIS year was another dramatic year for the major currencies. Read our summary of the year's biggest news, and find out what you should be looking out for in the year ahead.

## Latest currency news

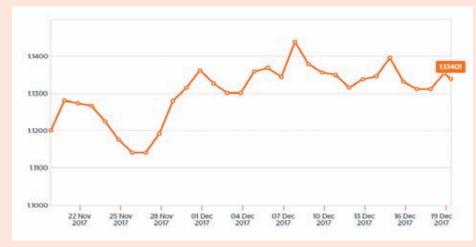
Over the last 12 months the GBP/EUR exchange rate has fallen from €1.17 to €1.13, EUR/GBP has risen from £0.85 to £0.88 and EUR/USD has advanced from \$1.04 to \$1.20.

## What's been happening?

Brexit continued to dog the pound in 2017. Slow progress in negotiations kept Sterling under pressure throughout the year, but it was political news that inspired the most significant GBP movements.

Prime Minister, Theresa May's decision to call a snap election back in April initially drove the pound to its best levels of the year, but an ill-judged campaign saw the Conservatives lose their majority and Sterling lose its strength.

The pound's been battling its way back over the last few months, despite concerns that the Bank of England (BoE) will leave interest rates on hold next



## UNCERTAIN TIMES: An eventful year ahead.

year after raising borrowing costs for the first time in over a decade in November.

However, while the British government finally concluded the first stage of Brexit negotiations, concerns that the second stage could prove just as protracted prevented the pound from seeing much ben-

In terms of euro movement, the early half of the year was dominated by fears of a rise of populism, with the common currency unsettled by speculation that elections in the Netherlands and France could result in victory for Eurosceptic parties.

These fears proved unfounded, and the euro

gained after Emmanuel Macron secured victory in France, However, a surprising result in September's German elections left the common currency on less stable ground during the last quarter of the year.

Although the Eurozone's economic recovery continues apace, stagnant Eurozone inflation, and the expectation that the European Central Bank (ECB) will choose to leave monetary policy accommodative for the foreseeable future have conspired to limit the euro's gains against the pound.

EUR/USD has surged by around 16 cents this year, however, despite the Federal Reserve increasing interest rates three times.

## What do you need to look out for?

The currency market in 2017 has certainly been a volatile one and 2018 looks set to be equally event-

The outlook for pound exchange rates is highly dependent on the second phase of Brexit negotiations. Progress would be Sterling supportive, while delayed or fractious trade discussions could send GBP lower.

The BoE interest rate hike outlook will also be key to how GBP performs in the months ahead. Sterling will benefit if wage growth rises, inflation remains persistently high, and the odds of a rate hike in 2018 improve.

Meanwhile, the euro could be boosted if the political situation in Germany stabilises and Eurozone data continues outperforming forecasts.

However, as it would take a notable uptick in consumer price pressures to significantly alter the ECB's stance on monetary policy, EUR exchange rates may be restrained by inaction from the central

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# A vital bid has been received for Niki More flights to Spain

IT would seem that the New Year may bring some positive news for Austrian and German travellers to Spain as IAG hopes to purchase Niki Airline for €20 million.

Originally founded by former racing driver, Niki Lauda, the Austrian holiday airline suffered from its association with Air Berlin which was declared insolvent in August after main shareholder Etihad Airlines (of the United Arab Emirates) withdrew its

Whilst Air Berlin cancelled its flights at that time. Niki continued. with support, in the hope and expectation that it would be rescued by Lufthansa, but when the European Commission expressed its concern over the possible takeover by the German company of both Air Berlin and Niki, the 'plug was pulled' and Niki ceased trading.

With flights to seven Spanish destinations including Malaga and Palma de Mallorca, the Austrian airline was an important link for Austrian



GOOD NEWS: Niki flight from Palma arriving at Frankfurt.



and German holidaymakers and its closure alongside Air Berlin was not helpful to the Spanish tourist econo-

Niki Lauda had himself indicated that he would be interested in taking back the airline, but the liquidators appear to prefer the concept of IAG (owner of Aer Lingus, BA, Iberia and Vueling) injecting funds into the failed airline and relaunching as an

In addition to the initial purchase price of €20 million, IAG has indicated that it will keep on some 740 staff and will spend a further € 16.5 million on assimilating the airline into the group.

The acquisition which still has to be approved by the EU will bring with it 15 aircraft and a number of important landing rights in Austria, Germany, Spain and Switzerland.

Approval has already been given for easyJet to take over Air Berlin's base at Tegel Airport in Berlin and it will operate internal German flights, but also regular flights from the German capital to Palma de Mallorca, having taken over a number of routes from the bankrupt airline.

Although fairly vocal in its criticism of the support given by the German government to Lufthansa in its bid to obtain ownership of Air Berlin. Irish based airline, Ryanair has currently missed out on the opportunity to add to its fleet.

# Future car production looking positive

THE Spanish automobile industry is forecast to produce three million vehicles in 2018 according to Spain's Association of Car Manufacturers (ANFAC).

This would bring production back to the same level as 10 years ago when the world financial crisis

In 2017 production was broadly the same as 2016 with an estimated 2.8 million vehicles being produced, but the future forecast is positive because of the need to increase the number of alternative energy vehicles for the internal

With the value of the automobile industry representing nearly 10 per cent of Spain's GDP, any significant movement in production and sales will be good for the economy.



EQTEC IBERIA: A gasification plant in Croatia.

# Irish company take-over Spain

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FOLLOWING a suspension in trading in its shares, Irish company EQTEC has returned to the UK AIM market following a € 16 million take-over of a Spanish company. This was a somewhat complicated arrangement as the deal was technically a reverse take-over of a fellow subsidiary of its Spanish par-

The all share arrangement saw it gain ownership of Eqtec Iberia which specialises in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of power plants.

EQTEC which produces energy from waste products believes that

the Spanish company's EGT gasification technology will help the Irish company to extend its involvement with energy projects in the UK.

Coinciding with the acquisition, EQTEC issued a further 246.5 million shares at a heavily discounted price to raise £1.6 million (€1.8 million) of working capital and installed a new board of directors.

The new Irish company with access to both the British and European market believes that it is now ideally placed to become a leading player in the creation of electricity by converting waste into synthetic

# Disney to expand its coverage through pay TV

THE Disney Company has its eyes firmly fixed on expansion of its services within Spain and has entered into two deals with major telecoms suppliers.

On December 22, it launched Movistar Disney, as part of the Movistar+ pay TV offer which is a 24-hour a day service broadcasting a whole range of different Disney-owned properties.

In addition to cartoons and children's programmes, it will also be supplying the latest and classic movies from both Walt Disney Studio and Pixar which includes the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise and a whole selection of animated films such as Toy Story.

Existing subscribers to Movistar+ will receive this new channel at no addition-

To add to its coverage in Spain, the company which had an estimated worldwide turnover of \$55 billion (€46 billion) has also signed a new deal with Vodafone's Videoclub which supplies video-ondemand through set-top boxes and Vodafone TV Online.

Some of the Disney channels are already available to view with Vodafone TV Online contracts, but the video-on-demand option is a new pay service which not only gives access to the studio's movie selections (including some Star Wars products) but also allows subscribers to see pay-TV channels, Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior seven days before other sup-

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# British heritage is disappearing

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT OTHERS THINK IT

THE Ghosts of Christmas Past. That, I'm afraid is all that London (and according to colleagues, most of our other great cities) had to offer this Yuletide. This was my first Christmas visit to the great Metropolis in over 30 years, which is about the time I began voicing my concerns over the future of our British heritage and democratic free-

Well I'm afraid 'Leapy's Rants' of yesteryear are now manifesting in harsh and terribly sad reality. I truly did feel like a stranger in the country of my birth. Whole areas, that in days of vore, glistened and danced with lights and decorations marking the most important event in the Christian calendar, now show no signs of special celebration or joyful occasion whatsoever.

Indeed, in many places, whole rows of shops bore no Christmas decorations at all, not even stuck on bits of cotton wool graced the bare windows that prevailed on a number of high streets I visited. Where were the wonderful Salvation Army Bands that once regaled us with joyful carols and uplifting seasonal music on the street corners of our main shopping areas?

When I rang the Sally Army offices to enquire



LONDON: Still festive in places including Regent Street as seen here.

as to their conspicuous absence, I was informed that these appearances were local decisions and I needed to contact the area offices for more information, (no joy with that at the time of writing!). Not one carol singer presented themselves at the portals of our fairly suburban semi, or in any other street as far as I could make out.

Frankly I'm not angry anymore (I'm not allowed to be!), merely saddened by the manifestation of all my worst predictions. As I prophesised all those years ago, there is no need for violent confrontation, or indeed any stomach for it among the diverse cultures now rapidly becoming more and more glaringly apparent.

The outcome of the present cultural revolution is being decided by sheer weight of numbers alone. All too late you see, should have restricted the borders years ago. Ah well, hate to say I told you so but.....!

Anyway, before I close this subject, although Christmas tinsel was also missing from a considerable number of its larger stores, the centre of London still regaled all with the breathtaking overhead street decorations that are just about unsurpassed in any other city in the world. Shame it was all restricted to about a square mile. Ah well, make the most of it. To my reckoning, their days are probably numbered as well.

And so, another 12 have snuck up on us. To all my readers, friends, dissenters and those who would like to see me in the stocks, I wish you a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Keep that mail coming in. Remember the pen is a mighty therapeutic sword (feels great to get it off yer chest dunnit?). Don't forget my trio of books on Amazon. Delighted to report 560 sales to date. Must be doing something right. It's all a game folks. Hang in there.

> Keep the faith Love Leapy nists@euroweeklynews.com leapylee2002@gmail.com

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## V Couch Critic

# The Street is currently a 'must see'

CORONATION STREET (ITV1, weekdays) fans are reportedly shocked by recent events focusing on Alya. Apparently the producers suffered a backlash from vocal viewers when they introduced a pre-watershed storyline with offensive language and racial abuse, but before Christmas I asked for something chunky from soap writers and The Street has delivered.

Recently, Alya was in the throes of closing a business deal with Aidan Connor, played brilliantly by Shayne Ward, and was joined by new clients Dale and Justin Parker at The Bistro.

You need to suspend belief that Bistros anywhere actually look like the one used in The Street - what is with those lights and the freaky Father Christmas on the bar - but having got over that, Dale and Justin racially abused Alya and threw some disgusting language at her.

This made uncomfortable viewing and I was genuinely shocked by what was said, but judging by the chatter on social media, the storyline got people talking. It will be interesting to see where the writers take this next.



DO NOT MISS: Coronation Street.

Fans of the show no doubt share my own bewilderment around why residents have deserted Roy's Milky for Costa Coffee. That isn't a con leche on the sand, but the high street brand. Where have Costa opened a branch in Weatherfield?

New Year's Eve television limped us into 2018 with a predictable offering of Graham Norton (BBC1), Jools Holland (BBC2) and the ITV News.

I worry about Graham, does he ever sleep? It seems to me that the only person who gets more air time than Mr N is Paul O'Grady and Paul has to share with miscellaneous pooches on ITV1 so it's not all about him

The BBC had Ed Sheeran on both main channels, Top of the Pops on BBC1 and with Jools on BBC2, so clearly someone somewhere in Broadcasting House is a fan. I'm not and

was pleased to have a small party to head off to in my local Plaza.

New Year's Day was altogether a better TV offering. Two shows from BBC1 stood out for me. Firstly, Grandpa's Great Escape starring Sir Tom Courtenay was an early evening delight. If I'm honest, I am not usually a big fan of anything David Walliams but I really enjoyed this. Jennifer Saunders was brilliantly cast as up to

no good Miss Dandy; not sure if this one has made it to Catch Up, but if you missed it, try and search it out.

Mrs Brown's Boys was a welcome burst of humour later on New Year's Day. I loved Agnes being part of the neighbourhood watch scheme. Fans of the show will be pleased a new series of All Round to Mrs Brown's is scheduled for later in 2018 - I don't see the attraction myself but, for me the original format of the show shouldn't have been messed around with.

I am also really enjoying the latest BBC1 drama McMafia (next episode Jan 7 at 10.00pm). A little like Ed Sheeran, the star of this crime, honour and family masterpiece is everywhere but unlike Ed, James Norton is brilliant. This is an eight part burst of thrilling action which sees James playing an ethical banker (don't Google that, will you) forced to enter a world he is trying to leave behind.

If you liked James in Granchester and what wasn't to like, you will enjoy this one too.

Happy New Year everyone. Critique - AWL, Casares, Costa

# Five courses or nothing!



Views of a **Grumpy Old Man** 

WELL that's that lot over for another year. Christmas and New Year's Eve done. I went to the UK for Christmas. Was it uneventful? What do you think? The BA flight out was absolutely fine. They put a big label on my wheelchair saying, 'return to aircraft door on arrival.' Did they? Of course not and it finished up going to the baggage reclaim. I had a bit of a moan but there's no point. It's nothing to do with BA - it's the ground staff and they do as they wish.

We then went to the 4-star quaint pub/hotel I had booked. Well, the only four stars I saw were through the hole in the roof! I walked in the room and knew instantly we had a problem. The girl that was checking us in didn't know anything about the rooms as I'd asked for a room with disabled access.

She was just the barmaid and was helping out as the manageress wasn't there. So in steps my daughter, who has become very protective of her 'rents in recent years, and demands to see the manageress. When the boss finally appears Dr S explains the room is totally unsuitable for a disabled person and, on top

of that, the room is really shabby. The boss, who was nice and polite, agreed and said, 'I suggest you find somewhere else to stay!'

So there we were - Christmas Eve and there's no room at the inn! Sound like a familiar story? There was nothing else to do but go last-minute shopping for food, pressies and now a hotel room.

As luck would have it, the extraordinarily expensive, beautiful hotel just down the road we had originally discounted due to the horrendous price, had had a cancellation. So our budget trip turned into an expensive but luxurious outing and a good time was had by all.

One thing I did find strange was that on Christmas Eve the only food choice at this fabulous hotel was either a £75 per head fivecourse dinner or nothing! No room service literally nothing - which I thought was a bit out of order. Anyway I'm not one to complain, as you know, plus it was the season of goodwill or maybe it was Mrs S dragging me out of reception that stopped me screaming the place down. How can anyone think a fivecourse dinner or nothing is acceptable?

So here we are in 2018. My New Year resolution suggested by Mrs S is to moan less. Yeah right 'o let's see how we go with that

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# LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Time to check your lights again

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.



**ESSENTIAL:** Working lights.

ALTHOUGH we are getting closer to the time when the evenings start to get lighter, the lights on our vehicles have possibly been in use more than ever, and so it's a good time to check that all of the lights on our vehicles are fully working.

Until quite recently, all vehicles had to carry a spare set of bulbs, this is no longer the case. The Spanish government recognised that changing a bulb is no longer a simple task, and in many cases can only be done by qualified mechanics, and so carrying a spare set was pointless, if the ability to change the bulbs had been removed.

However, it is still important to check all of the lights on a regular basis, even those not used too often, such as fog lights.

It is better to have an assistant to help you do this so that one of you can be in the car operating the switches, the other on the outside monitoring

Remember, check every light, headlights (including full beam), indicators and hazard lights (front and back), rear lights and brake lights, reversing and fog lights, and the lights that illuminate the number plate at the rear.

If your vehicle is a modern one you might also have Daytime Running Lights installed. Although these lights are often more reliable than traditional lights, on account of them being LEDs, they should also be checked on a regular

If you don't have anybody to help you can still carry out the checks by using reflective surfaces such as shop windows or other parked vehicles. Make sure you do this in an isolated location though as you don't want to confuse other mo-

If any of the lights have failed make sure you get them replaced immediately as it is an offence to drive with defective lights.

# Can their plan work?

My partner and I reside in Mallorca. We are both residents. I started a My partner and I reside in Maniorem. ... ...

Death Benefit Policy with her as beneficiary some years ago. My teenage daughters live in South Africa with their mother. They will move to Europe and study at universities when they finish school. They both have Netherlands passports as I have. My partner has a German passport. The insurance policy will pay out a substantial amount on my death. What is your opinion of the following plan?

My partner could purchase two apartments in the names of my daughters to avoid inheritance tax on them when she herself dies. She would establish an usufruct enabling her to rent out the flats until she dies. After that my daughters will be in full possession of them. Can we do this?

HL (Baleares)

Yes, you can do it. It might be a good idea for you and your partner to register in Mallorca as a 'pareja de hecho,' which is a



common-law couple and gives you many husband and wife benefits, such as lower inheritance tax. You need a good lawyer to see you through this.

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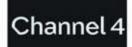
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## Cryptic

## Across

- 1 It's dead easy when commander-in-chief gets to hospital (5)
- 3 Use Band-Aids without a split (7) 7 Retsina cocktail is not so nice
- 9 Flies the deer back north in (5) 10 Order some sudden action (5) 11 He's after lampblack to feel better (6)
- 13 Notice cut in playground equipment (6)
  15 English flower festival (6)
- 18 Prisoners of a cleric and leading light (6)
- 20 Once a sort of river craft (5) 22 As a refugee you are forbidden
- to enter the city area (5) 23 Liberal in vicious scrap (7) 24 The varied uses of a classical
- hero (7) 25 Inspect German car factory's

## centre (5)

## Down

- 1 Reduce cones, end problem (8) 2 Lift one in many (5)
- 3 Engineers in some French ship providing force (6)
- 4 Leo, perhaps, or a foreign lady (7) 5 Part of Ottawa's harbour is

Code Breaker

flooded (5) 6 Be in a hurry to use a punctuation mark (4)

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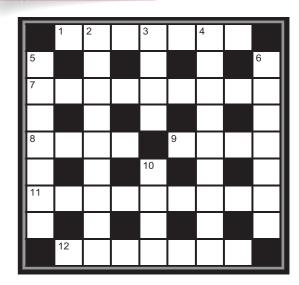
- 8 A quiet street to cut off (5) 12 Minimal French cheese celebration? (8)
- 14 Musical direction by an Italian poet
- 16 Tango danced in Friendly Islands
- 17 Against poetry on the radio (6) 19 Mabel arranged a leisurely walk (5)
- 20 A girl from the Channel Islands taking everything back (5)
- 21 Only fair (4)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents S and 25 represents C, so fill in S every time the figure 1 appears and C every time the figure 25 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

## Quick



## Across

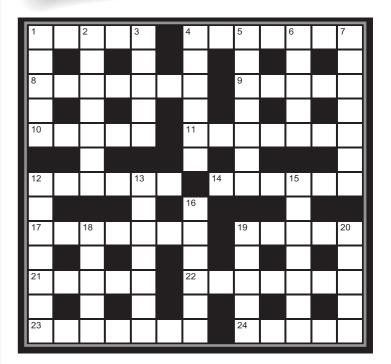
- 1 Brings in from abroad (7)
- 7 Having full belief (9)
- 8 Relating to the mouth (4)
- 9 Can do (4)
- 11 Light silvery-grey metal (9) 12 Communication (7)

## Down

- 2 Being on a very small scale (9)
- 3 Leave out (4)
- 4 Quivering (9)
- 5 Entertainer who performs spectacular gymnastic feats (7)
- 6 Small, narrow rivers (7)
- **10** Triumphs (4)

## **English - Spanish**

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



## **Across**

- 1 Raw (uncooked) (5) 4 Spoon (7)
- 8 Biscuit (7)
- 9 Nidos (5)
- 10 Gust of wind (5)
- 11 Dummy (for baby) (7)
- **12** Día libre (3,3)
- 14 Ruidos (6) 17 Path (7)

- **19** To put (5) **21** Hedgehog (5)
- 22 Oraciones (7) **23** Uña de pie (7) **24** Temprano (5)

## Down

- 1 Puro (5)
- 2 Desafortunado (7)
- 3 Sheep (5)
- 4 Puddle (6)
- 5 Kangaroo (7)
- 6 Nave (de iglesia) (5)
- 7 Respuestas (a
- preguntas, en examen, test) (7)
- **12** Postre (7)
- **13** Mop (for floor) (7) **15** To smile (7)
- 16 Evangelio (6)
- 18 Playing card (5)
- 19 Paz (tranquilidad, no
- guerra) (5)
- 20 Oxidado (5)

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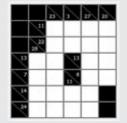
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## Kakuro

Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each hori



## Nonagram

K Ι C Η 0 T Α R

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

## TARGET:

- Average: 17 Verv good: 34 • Good: 23 • Excellent: 44

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

file file fire fled flew floe flow foil fold folk ford fore fork fowl frow kerf lief life rife wife wolf field filed filer fiord fired flier fried kefir lifer rifle florid flowed flower foiled folder forked fowled fowler refold rifled wolfed lifework FIELDWORK

## Sudoku

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

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

## **ENGLISH-SPANISH**

- 1 Saleros, 5 Menos, 8 Torre, 9 Anciano, 10 Iron, 11 Cojinete, 13 Grillo, 15 Waiter, 18 Cucumber,
- 19 Plug, 22 Alumnos, 23 Nogal, 24 Ovens, 25 Suegras.

1 Sitting, 2 Largo, 3 Reed, 4 Season, 5 Mochilas, 6 Nearest, 7 Smoke 12 Alemanes, 14 Include, 16 Regalos, 17 Feasts, 18 Clavo, 20 Lugar,

## **CRYPTIC**

- 1 Ladders, 5 Slice, 8 Abode, 9 Actress,
- 10 Acetate, 11 Scale, 12 Easier, 14 Septic, 18 Loads, 20 Repaper, 22 Contact, 23 Evade, 24 Merit

- 1 Leakage, 2 Drone, 3 Elevate, 4 Scales, 5 Sates, 6 Inexact, 7 Ensue, 13 Spanner, 15 Express, 16 Cortege, 17 Crater, 18 Locum, 19 Scant,

## QUICK

1 Hopes, 4 Son, 6 Let, 7 Piano, 8 Apt, 9 Year, 11 Yell, 14 Ant, 15 Robin, 17 Era, 18 Ear, 19 Bonus.

1 Happy, 2 Pea, 3 Slow, 4 Stare, 5 Net, **10** After, **12** Lends, **13** Grab, **14** Ate, 16 Ban.

## CODE BREAKER

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14 W	15	16 J	17 L	18 Z	19 V	<sup>20</sup> X	21 A	<sup>22</sup> N	23 B	<sup>24</sup> Q	25 M	<sup>26</sup> U

# **FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**



## **AQUARIUS** (January 21 - February 19)

Eager Mars meets affluent Jupiter and enriches your financial forecast. It might show a foretaste of money to come, or on-stream benefits. If you intend to make alterations to your personal and home interests, you'll undoubtedly cope with both offbeat and upbeat activities.



## PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

One thing is certain, when you come through this week's restless planetary antics, you won't be totally the same Piscean who walked in. Whether you're figuring out numbers, analysing your dreams, or getting into a playfully social mood, there'll be much to enjoy and put to



## **ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)

Education, media, creative and social connections are given star merit. The solar eclipse in your own sign bursts with vitality and success, more so for an array of bold moves, replacements and makeovers covering your personal affairs.



## **TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21)

Stand by for a week of whoosh and whirl. More importantly, try to avoid getting tongue-tied or dogmatic on Tuesday and Friday.

Promising potentials appear, especially if you spruce up your competitive streak



## **GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)

Throughout this fortunate week, whatever else you decide, refuse to discard your hopes and wishes. As a Gemini, you like to have two strings to your bow of life, which gives you an alternative option, especially if the going gets tough.



## CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

A vivid star pattern portends a frantic personal and social diary. Ensure that any tight planning is carefully handled, especially if you hope to fit in everything you would like to say. Don't allow Monday or Wednesday's tensions to spoil opportunities for settling something important.



## LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Pave the way for any ambitious schemes you may have, rather than actually starting them. With your ruler the Sun eclipsing your kindred fire sign, determined Aries, you are now more likely to get the support and affection you need from the powers that be or someone who thinks the world of you.



## (August 24 - September 23)

Even if the opposite to what you want happens, it could prove useful. One clue to this week's planetary crossword puzzle is 'What word could also mean success?' Check it out, and make it work for you. Never forget that important ideas and can stem from developments seemingly trivial discussions.



## LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

The solar eclipse in your opposite sign of Aries intensifies your willpower. Before you say 'go', find out where you stand. It might pay you to leave things be for a little longer to see if anything begins to change. Some of the consequences of your actions will become obvious as your charming ruler Venus begins to have an effect.



## **SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 22)

The planets mobilise your streak of Scorpio daring, but don't stretch your limits. Your most effective veapon against personal and workrelated pitfalls is your ability to be objective

Your desire to make specific situations and conversations work needs to be combined with your faith that they will work. Even if a different approach is required, try it



## **SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 - December 21)

The main gist of the solar eclipse in fiery Aries and the link between plucky Mars and your ruler friendly Jupiter will stir surprises. Whether you create the right atmosphere all round depends on how you interpret other people's views. Stick to crisp, but sensitively tuned answers, then no one can accuse you of not trying.



## **CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 20)

Hard-working, enterprising and selfsacrificing are just some of the words that describe your zodiac sign. It will be these qualities that

Friday will boost your powers of persuasion, but you won't have too much to complain about if you follow this lucky trend into next week's encouraging tide.

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## THURSDAY - 04 JANUARY

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11:00am 12:00pm	Rip Off Britain Homes Under the Hammer Wanted Down Under Close Calls: On Camera	8:15am 9:00am	The Farmers' Country Showdown Antiques Road Trip MasterChef: The Professionals BBC Newsroom	4:15am 8:00pm	This is BBC Four Beyond 100 Days The latest national and international news, exploring	8:35am 9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:35am		9:05am 9:20am 9:35am 9:55am	Digby Dragon Rusty Rivets Shimmer and Shine Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom Mofy
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt		Live		the day's events	11:05am	,	10:15am	Teenage
2:00pm	BBC News at One	12:00pm	Westminster Abbey		from a global perspective.		Kitchen Nightmares USA		Mutant Ninja Turtles
2:30pm	BBC London	1:00pm	Coast		series 1.	12:00pm	Sun, Sea and	10:45am	
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2:45pm	Doctors	2:45pm	The Wonder of		Continental	1:00pm	Channel 4	12:00pm	5
3:15pm	Father Brown	2.15	Animals	0.00	Railway Journeys	1.05	News		Mutant Ninja Turtles
4:00pm	I Escaped to the Country	3:15pm 4:15pm	Operation Wild Penguins - Spy in	9:00pm	Walt Disney Walt Disney	1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	12:25pm	
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6:15pm	Pointless		Railway Journeys		what turns out		Sun		Inspector
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	Murders	2:45pm	The Ellen		St. Trinian's	6:05pm	The	2:00pm	SKY Sports
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11:00am	Homes Under		Secrets		Today		the Sun	9:05am	Digby Dragon
	the Hammer	7:30am	The Farmers'		The latest	8:35am	Everybody Loves	9:20am	Rusty Rivets
12:00pm	Wanted Down		Country		national and		Raymond	9:35am	Shimmer and
	Under		Showdown		international	9:00am	Everybody Loves		Shine
12:45pm	Close Calls: On	8:15am	Antiques Road		news, exploring		Raymond	9:55am	Ben and Holly's
	Camera		Trip		the day's events	9:30am	Frasier		Little Kingdom
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	9:00am	MasterChef: The		from a global	10:00am	Frasier	10:05am	Mofy
2:00pm	BBC News at		Professionals		perspective.	10:35am	Frasier	10:15am	Teenage
	One	10:00am	BBC Newsroom	8:30pm	Great	11:05am	Ramsay's		Mutant Ninja
2:30pm	BBC London		Live		Continental		Kitchen		Turtles
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2:45pm	Doctors		Review	9:00pm	Only Yesterday:	12:00pm	Sun, Sea and	12:15pm	Animals Make
3:15pm	Father Brown	1:00pm	Coast		The Carpenters		Selling Houses		You Laugh Out
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	Country	3:15pm	Dolphins: Spy in	10:00pm	Top of the Pops		News	12:45pm	GPs: Behind
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	Country	4:15pm	Dolphins: Spy in	12:00am	Radio 2 in		Dine with Me	1:40pm	5 News
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5:30pm	Antiques Road	5:15pm	Planet Earth II	1:00am	TOTP 2	3:10pm	Countdown	1:45pm	The Hotel
	Trip	6:15pm	Antiques Road	2:00am	Top of the Pops	4:00pm	The Secret Life		Inspector
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8:00pm	Celebrity	9:00pm	Mastermind		BBC Four is the	7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
	Mastermind	9:30pm	Christmas		BBC channel for	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	Greatest
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11:25pm	BBC London		Newsnight				Night Feast	10:00pm	Celebrity Big
	News		Deep Water				The Beatles		Brother
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8:30pm	Coronation	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle		Street		Texas	8:30pm	Sky Sports		
	Street		Show	4:15pm	Classic	7:50pm	Pawn Stars		Tonight		
9:00pm	River Monsters	4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle		Coronation	8:15pm	Pawn Stars	9:00pm	Sky Sports		
9:30pm	Coronation		Show		Street	8:45pm	Hornblower		Tonight		
	Street	5:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle	4:50pm	Agatha	11:00pm	Goodfellas	10:00pm	Sky Sports		
10:00pm	The Big Soap	•	Show		Christie's Marple	12:05am	FYI Daily		Tonight		
	Quiz:Coronation	6:50pm	Take Me Out	6:55pm	Heartbeat		Latest news	11:00pm	The Debate -		
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11:30pm	ITV News		Men		Thyme	12:10am	Goodfellas		take on		
•	London	9:30pm	Superstore	10:00pm	Rosemary and	1:55am	The Sweeney		Pakistan at the		
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1:30am	Jackpot247	11:05pm	Bridesmaids	1:05am	Inspector Morse		magazine show.		in the first ODI		
4:00am	Alphabetical	12:35am	Family Guy	3:10am	Love and	3:45am	ITV4		in their series.		
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen	1:05am	Family Guy		Marriage		Nightscreen				

# THE TIMID

NOVELIST Lee Child recently confessed his difficulty when writing a new book: he can't figure out Word's automatic page numbering. Can you?

Decades after the nostalgic clacking of typewriters gave way to the

magic of the word-processor, at best, we sit in the driver's seat and can just about steer the thing. It's surprising how few of us can manage to even switch on the wipers, as it were.

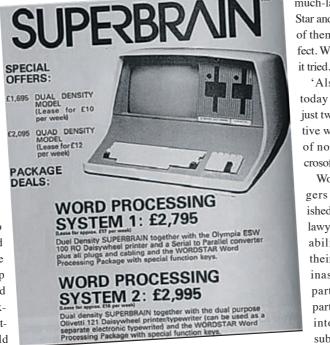
With most people using less than 10 per cent of what these programs can do, say the experts, Lee Child's dilemma sounds familiar. (He gets around it, incidentally, by simply writing his next book over the previous

Microsoft certainly didn't help back in the day when it managed to infuriate pretty much everyone with Clippy the dancing paperclip to 'help' us find our way around Word. If that's not when the Oxford Dictionary admitted 'computer rage' as a real term, it should have been.

I graduated years ago from PC-Write with the screeds of keystroke cheat-sheets needed to work it, to the

# A word in your eye

Since starting to word-process Terence Kennedy no longer has terrible handwriting; now he just calls it his 'own font.'



**WORD PROCESSING anno** 1982: €7,500 in today's

much-lamented Word-Star and then the doven of them all, WordPerfect. Which wasn't, but

'Also-rans' apart, today we're down to just two main alternative word-processors of note against Microsoft's steamroller.

WordPerfect staggers on, still cherished particularly by lawyers who love its ability to sort all their 'whereas and inasmuch as the party of the first part' convolutions into very pretty sub-sub-sub-para-

graphs. Then there's the excellent though slightly-dated and astonishingly free complete office suite, LibreOffice. Did I mention that it's free? It's free. Amazing.

As a self-confessed computer nerd I can happily fossick among the esoteric delights of obscure software manuals, or get my smart TV to play files from my tablet which got them from my computer which got them from my router which got them from dark web programs which fell off the back of the internet.

But I still have to admit defeat with even the simplest things in Word occasionally:

Where the hell is my euros sym-

Why must my shopping lists automatically have bullet points?

Why do I keep having to scroll all the way past Albanian, Burmese, Corsican and Dzonghka (what?) to specify English for each and every document I create? Thank heavens my native language isn't Wolof or Yoru-

How do I start page numbering after the title pages?

How do I place photos on the page where I want them, not where Word decides they should be?

And most exasperatingly of all: exactly where has Word automatically decided to save my precious document this time? I want it back,

## Should you 'RTFM'?

YOU don't have to buy a Dummies book just to put words on a screen, despite how patronisinglyamusing they can sometimes be.

There are plenty of free tutorials online not just for Word in its various three-yearly iterations, but for the whole Office shebang, including excellent guides at https://www.gcflearnfree.org/sub jects/office/ or http://www.freetraining-tutorial.com/microsoftword-online.html.

There's a popular smartphone app called Tutorials for Word -Free, or you can download a free starter guide to use offline: https://www.computer-pdf.com/of fice/word/472-tutorial-introduc tion-to-word-2016.html, A Google search will reveal these and fleets of other free and paid options.

Whatever you do though, don't ever admit that you need a manual to anyone below 40, for whom the well-known acronym RTFM is a despicable admission of defeat. RTFM? Read The (er, Flaming...) Manual.



I DRAMATIC: The Roman amphitheatre in Cartagena is one of the largest in Spain.

# Historic harbour

BOASTING one of the most strategic ports in the Mediterranean, the city of Cartagena was once the threshold for every empire that invaded Spain and has inherited an impressive collection of cultural landmarks as a result.

Located in the region of Murcia, this important naval city was founded in around 220 BC by the Carthaginians but didn't become the thriving metropolis it is known as today until it was conquered by the Romans. It is still possible to see mosaics and murals that date back to this era in several of the city's protected buildings.

The city is home to an impressive array of ruins, such as the Roman amphitheatre, which is the second biggest on the Iberian Peninsula, and the Byzantine wall that was built to protect the city from invasions.

An easy way to get a grasp of just how many lives this city has lived is to take a trip up to Conception Castle which offers impressive views of the whole bay. Here you can see the Spanish warships anchored where Phoenician traders used to dock their boats, and the effortless blend of modernist buildings and ancient fortresses proves just how well the city has held onto its history as time has passed.



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## **SATURDAY** - 06 JANUARY

## BBGONE BBGTWOBBGFOUR CHANNEL 4. CHANNEL 5

	BBC News	9:00am	The Dengineers	5:00am	This is BBC Four	7:05am	Triathlon	10:05am	Shimmer and
7:00am	Breakfast	9:30am	Deadly Top 10	8:00pm	Shipwrecks:	8:00am	Everybody Loves		Shine
11:00am	,	10:00am			Britain's Sunken		Raymond		Digby Dragon
	Kitchen Live		Sneakiest		History	8:25am	Everybody Loves	10:35am	5
12:30pm	Mary Berry		Animals	9:00pm	Alaska: Earth's		Raymond		Mutant Ninja
	Everyday	11:00am	Homes Under		Frozen Kingdom	8:50am	Frasier		Turtles
1:00pm	BBC News		the Hammer		Three-part	9:20am	Frasier	11:10am	Dogs Make You
1:15pm	Football Focus	12:00pm	Pets: Wild at		series following	9:55am	Frasier		Laugh Out
1:45pm	Match of the		Heart		pioneering	10:25am	The Big Bang		Loud
	Day	1:00pm	Hairy Bikers'		Alaskans		Theory	11:40am	
4:00pm	Money for		Mediterranean	10:00pm		10:50am	The Big Bang		Cruising with
	Nothing		Adventure		French crime		Theory		Jane McDonald
5:00pm	Final Score	2:00pm	Back to the Land		drama serial	11:20am	The Big Bang	12:40pm	West Side Story
6:10pm	Celebrity		with Kate	11:00pm			Theory	3:30pm	The Hundred-
	Mastermind		Humble	12:05am	The Vietnam	11:50am	The Simpsons		Foot Journey
6:40pm	BBC News	3:00pm	Rome Unpacked		War	12:15pm	The Simpsons	4:30pm	5 News
6:50pm	BBC London	4:00pm	The Letter		Ten years in the	12:45pm	Sun, Sea and	4:35pm	The Hundred-
	News	5:30pm	Natural World		making, this		Selling Houses		Foot Journey
7:00pm	And They're	6:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a		immersive series	1:45pm	Darts	5:55pm	5 News
	Off for Sport		Doctor		tells the epic	6:30pm	A Place in the		Weekend
	Relief	6:45pm	Tom Kerridge's		story of the		Sun	6:00pm	Playful Pups
7:40pm	Pointless		Lose Weight for		Vietnam War	7:30pm	Channel 4		Make You
8:25pm	Wedding Day		Good	1:00am	The Bee Gees at		News		Laugh Out
	Winners	7:15pm	Hugh's Wild		the BBC And	8:00pm	Spying on the		Loud
9:30pm	Casualty		West		Beyond		Royals	7:00pm	The Wonderful
10:20pm	BBC News	8:15pm	A House Through	2:00am	Disco at the	9:00pm	Princess Diana's		World of
10:35pm	Hard Sun)		Time		BBC	10:00pm	The Hunger		Puppies
11:30pm	Match of the	9:15pm	Dad's Army	3:00am	Alaska: Earth's		Games:	8:00pm	Greatest
	Day: FA Cup	9:45pm	Grand Tours of		Frozen Kingdom		Mockingjay -		Celebrity Wind-
	Highlights		Scotland's Lochs	4:00am	Shipwrecks:		Part 2		Ups Ever!
1:05am	The NFL Show	10:15pm	Feud: Bette and		Britain's Sunken	12:40am	The Transporter	9:00pm	Blind Date
1:35am	The Resident		Joan		History	2:25am	Ramsay's	10:00pm	Celebrity Big
3:00am	Weather for the	11:00pm	Feud: Bette and	5:00am	This is BBC Four		Kitchen		Brother
	Week Ahead		Joan				Nightmares USA	11:00pm	Worst Celebrity
3:05am	BBC News	12:00am	Live at the			3:15am	Hollyoaks		Pop Songs Ever
			Apollo				Omnibus	12:45am	Lip Sync Battle
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8:00am	Share a Story	7:00am	Emmerdale	5:45am	Richard Wilson	7:00am	Barcelona's	7:00am	SKY Sports	
8:05am	Ultimate		Omnibus		on the Road		European Glory		News	
	Spider-Man v	10:00am	Coronation	6:10am	Judge Judy	7:10am	The Protectors	8:00am	Good Morning	
	the Sinister Six		Street Omnibus	6:35am	ITV3	7:35am	The Professionals		Sports Fans	
8:30am	Scrambled!	1:00pm	The Big Soap		Nightscreen	8:30am	The Professionals	9:00am	Good Morning	
8:35am	The Tom and		Quiz: Coronation	7:00am	Judge Judy	9:30am	The Professionals		Sports Fans	
	Jerry Show		Street v	7:20am	Murder, She	10:30am	The Opening	9:30am	Cricket	
8:55am	Fangbone		Emmerdale		Wrote		Show	4:00pm	Rugby Union	
9:10am	The Powerpuff	2:00pm	Who Shot	8:20am	Murder, She	11:30am	Barcelona's	6:30pm	Rugby Union	
	Girls		Simon Cowell?		Wrote		European Glory		Leinster meet	
9:30am	Be Cool,	2:30pm	You've Been	9:25am	Death on the	11:40am	Pawn Stars		Ulster in the	
	Scooby-Doo		Framed!		Nile	12:10pm	Pawn Stars		Guinness	
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10:25am	ITV News		Framed!	2:10pm	Columbo:	1:05pm	Pawn Stars	8:45pm	My Icon	
10:30am	Saturday	4:05pm	Legally Blonde		Suitable for	1:30pm	Pawn Stars		In the next	
	Morning with	5:05pm	FYI Daily		Framing	2:00pm	Pawn Stars		episode of this	
	James Martin	5:10pm	Legally Blonde	3:55pm	Midsomer	2:30pm	Horse Racing		special series,	
12:30pm	The Hungry	5:55pm	Hotel		Murders		Live		Wakefield	
	Sailors		Transylvania	5:55pm	Midsomer	5:05pm	Khartoum		Trinity prop	
1:30pm	ITV News	6:55pm	FYI Daily		Murders	6:10pm	FYI Daily		Keegan Hirst	
1:40pm	Endeavour	7:00pm	Hotel	7:55pm	Midsomer	6:15pm	Khartoum		discusses the	
3:40pm	The Greatest TV		Transylvania		Murders	7:45pm	Dr. No		individuals tha	
	Moments of All	7:40pm	The Mummy	10:00pm	Midsomer	8:50pm	FYI Daily		have inspired	
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5:35pm	ITV News	8:45pm	The Mummy	12:00am	The Suspicions	10:00pm	The Enforcer		life and career.	
	London	10:00pm	The Hangover		of Mr Whicher	11:00pm	FYI Daily	9:00pm	Sky Sports	
5:45pm	ITV News	11:00pm	FYI Daily	2:00am	On the Buses	11:05pm	The Enforcer		Tonight	
5:55pm	The Chase	11:05pm	The Hangover	2:30am	On the Buses	12:05am	Platoon	10:00pm	Live NFL: Wild	
7:00pm	Celebrity	12:10am	Family Guy	3:00am	ITV3	1:10am	FYI Daily		Card Round	
	Catchphrase	12:35am	Family Guy		Nightscreen	1:15am	Platoon		Game	
8:00pm	Take Me Out	1:10am	American Dad!	3:30am	Teleshopping	2:25am	Car Crash Global	2:00am	Live NFL: Wild	
9:00pm	The Voice UK	1:35am	American Dad!						Card Round	
10:35pm	ITV News	2:05am	Paranoia						Game	

## **SUNDAY - 07 JANUARY**

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10:00am	The Andrew	7:20am	Coast	8:00pm	Only Connect	6:50am	Four in a Bed	9:05am	Paw Patrol
	Marr Show	8:20am	The Instant	8:30pm	Britain on Film	7:15am	King of Queens	9:25am	Nella the
11:00am	The Big		Gardener	9:00pm	Dan Snow on	7:40am	King of Queens		Princess Knight
	Questions	9:05am	Gardeners' World		Lloyd George:	8:05am	King of Queens	9:40am	Noddy: Toyland
12:00pm	Homes Under	9:35am	Greatest Gardens			8:30am	Everybody Loves		Detective
	the Hammer	10:05am	Countryfile		Grandfather		Raymond	9:55am	Ben and Holly's
1:00pm	Bargain Hunt	11:00am	Saturday Kitchen	10:00pm	Engineering	8:55am	Everybody Loves		Little Kingdom
2:00pm	BBC News		Best Bites		Giants		Raymond	10:10am	Shimmer and
2:15pm	Wallace and	12:30pm	Raymond Blanc:	11:00pm	The Bridge: Fifty !	9:25am	Frasier		Shine
	Gromit: A	-	How to Cook Well		Years across the	10:00am	Frasier	10:25am	Digby Dragon
	Grand Day Out	1:00pm	Food and Drink		Forth	10:30am	Sunday Brunch	10:40am	Peppa Pig
2:40pm	Match of the	1:30pm	The A to Z of TV	12:00am	Stations of the	1:30pm	Darts	10:45am	Teenage
	Day Live		Cooking		Cross	6:30pm	The Great		Mutant Ninja
5:00pm	Escape to the	1:40pm	Natural World	1:45am	Dan Snow on		Festive Bake Off		Turtles
	Country	2:40pm	Money for Nothing		Lloyd George:	7:45pm	Channel 4	11:20am	Pets Make You
5:30pm	Songs of Praise	3:10pm	Talking Pictures		My Great-Great-		News		Laugh Out
6:05pm	Antiques	3:50pm	Ladies in Lavender		Grandfather	8:00pm	The World's		Loud
	Roadshow	5:30pm	Flog It!	2:45am	Engineering		Wildest Weather	11:40am	Groundhog Day
7:05pm	BBC News	6:15pm	Ski Sunday		Giants !	9:00pm	The Biggest	1:40pm	Practical Magic
7:20pm	BBC London	7:00pm	The Real T rex with	3:45am	The Bridge: Fifty		Little Railway in	3:40pm	Will and Grace
	News		Chris Packham		Years across the		the World	4:10pm	Blind Date
7:30pm	Countryfile	8:00pm	Robot Wars Special		Forth	10:00pm	SAS: Who Dares	5:15pm	The Love Punch
8:30pm	Still Open All	9:00pm	Dragons' Den	4:45am	This is BBC Four		Wins	7:00pm	The Two
	Hours	10:00pm	Michael Palin: A		BBC Four is the	11:00pm	The Sweeney		Ronnies
9:00pm	Attenborough		Life		BBC channel for	1:10am	Moonrise	9:00pm	Aviva
	and the Sea		on Screen		people who		Kingdom		Premiership
	Dragon	11:00pm	And Now for		want more.	2:55am	Grand Designs		Rugby
10:00pm	McMafia		Something			3:50am	Location,		Highlights
11:00pm	BBC News		Completely				Location,	9:55pm	5 News
11:20pm	BBC London		Different				Location		Weekend
	News	12:25am	Strictly Ballroom		4	4:45am	KOTV Boxing	10:00pm	Celebrity Big
11:30pm	Match of the	2:00am	Countryfile				Weekly		Brother
	Day: FA Cup	2:55am	Holby City		!	5:15am	Coast v Country	11:00pm	Hot Pursuit
	Highlights							12:00am	5 News
12:30am	The Women's							12:05am	Hot Pursuit
	Football Show							12:50am	One Night with
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8:05am	Ultimate Spider-	7:50am	Emmerdale	7:00am	Murder, She	7:00am	World Cup	6:00am	SKY Sports
	Man v the		Omnibus		Wrote		Rivalries:		News
	Sinister Six	10:40am	Coronation	7:50am	Murder, She		England v	7:00am	SKY Sports
8:30am	Scrambled!		Street Omnibus		Wrote		Argentina		News
8:35am	The Tom and	1:35pm	Take Me Out	8:50am	Heartbeat	7:20am	Minder	8:00am	Total Goals
	Jerry Show	2:40pm	The Voice UK	9:50am	Heartbeat	8:10am	The Sweeney	9:00am	Total Goals
8:55am	Ben 10	4:20pm	The Mummy:	10:55am	Columbo:	9:00am	Storage Wars	9:30am	Cricket
9:10am	Mr. Bean: The		Tomb of the		Suitable for		Texas		Day three of
	Animated Series		Dragon Emperor		Framing	11:30am	Storage Wars		the first Test
9:30am	Spy School	5:50pm	FYI Daily		Foyle's War		Texas		between South
10:05am		5:55pm	The Mummy:	2:40pm	Foyle's War	11:55am	Storage Wars		Africa and
10:25am			Tomb of the	4:45pm	Foyle's War		Texas		India at
	The latest ITV		Dragon Emperor	6:50pm	Endeavour		Pawn Stars		Newlands in
40.00	News.	6:25pm	The Lord of the	9:00pm	Les Dawson: An		Pawn Stars		Cape Town.
	River Monsters		Rings: The		Audience with		Pawn Stars	4:15pm	
	The Voice UK		Fellowship		That Never Was		Pawn Stars		Barcelona host
	11 3	7.05	of the Ring		Special marking	- 1	Pawn Stars		Levante at the
1:30pm	ITV News	7:25pm	FYI Daily		the twentieth	- 1	The Sea Wolves		Nou Camp in
1:40pm	A Right Royal	7:30pm	The Lord of the		anniversary of	3:50pm	FYI Daily		La Liga.
2.40	Quiz		Rings: The		the death of Les	3:55pm	The Sea Wolves	6:15pm	My Icon
2:40pm	The Big Soap		Fellowship		Dawson.	5:10pm	Khartoum	6:30pm	Live NFL: Wild
	Quiz:	40.00	of the Ring	10:00pm	Tonight at the	6:10pm	FYI Daily		Card Round
	Coronation		Ibiza Weekender		London	6:15pm	Khartoum	40.00	Game
	Street v		Family Guy	44.00	Palladium	7:50pm	Hornblower	10:00pm	Live NFL: Wild
2.45	Emmerdale		Family Guy	11:00pm	,	10:00pm			Card Round
3:45pm	Celebrity		Family Guy	4.00	Christie's Marple	11:05pm	,	2.00	Game
4.45	Catchphrase		American Dad!	1:00am	Midsomer Murders	11:10pm		2:00am	SKY Sports
4:45pm	ITV News	1:00am	American Dad!	2.50			RoboCop 3	2.00	News
Γ.00	London	1:30am	Delivery Man	2:50am	Executed		FYI Daily	3:00am	SKY Sports
5:00pm	ITV News	2:35am 2:40am	FYI Daily	3:45am	Road to Avonlea	1:35am	RoboCop 3	4:00am	News SKY Sports
5:10pm	Happy Feet Two	3:30am	Delivery Man					4.00dfl	News
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# Big thanks to Good Samaritans

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to a very kindly couple who came to our help at Velez-Malaga Supermarket on Saturday December 23.

My wife and I were on our way to Miias Costa for Christmas when we decided to stop at this supermarket for some shopping. My wife managed to turn over her mobile scooter and was badly injured.

This very nice couple came to our rescue and were a big help, and with their help and the help of the security forces there we managed to get her to hospital.

Unfortunately with all that was going on we did not get the names of this couple, so I am hoping that they read your wonderful paper as we very much appreciated their help.

> Mr and Mrs Frost. location undisclosed

## Gender issue

LEAPY LEE'S latest comment brings me to write to a newspaper for the first time in my life.

He says of Joshua Sutcliffe that he is

## Hunters not a wildlife threat

YOUR recent feature clearly heads with 'The two sides of the Spanish hunting story.

I have hunted in many countries in the course of my career as a field exploration geologist, often being required to feed many workers, necessitating the taking of several large antelope a week while in Central and East Africa.

Modern day ethical hunting is a field sport meriting praise. Those participating become truly conversant with ecology and all of nature. They know that in order to have game to hunt, the most important aspect is that natural habitat must be preserved and all wildlife respected. That way there is sustainable use of land and habitat so that there will



SUSTAINABLE AND ETHICAL?: Hunting is a controversial subject.

be game to hunt in future years.

Greens and animal rightists are vociferous against hunting, yet they contribute little in terms of actual payment towards habitat preservation. The more habitat lost to agriculture and housing development the less wildlife there will be. Only when game becomes a contributor

to economics is its existence guaranteed. In Africa, indeed in most countries nowadays where there are wildlife reservations, most game reserves receive more funding from highly controlled 'unpopular' hunting, often as controlled culling, than from other visitors and tourists' fees.

Hector Kleinot, Estepona

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# Toll road charges go up in Andalucia

I avoid them now and will definitely avoid in the future. Counter productive. If they lowered the toll then more people would use them. Stella Scott

Can't ever recall paying a toll and have no intention of ever doing so. I will stop driving this November on my 80th, so can't see that that is going to be difficult. Ted Milsom

What idiots are responsible for making these stupid decisions? Andy Funnell

## Boy, aged three, savaged in dog attack

So sorry for the boy, bless him but it is the parents that are to blame when it comes to being in a situation with dogs and even more so with other people's . It is NOT the dogs that are at fault and society keeps discriminating between what is a good breed and bad breed dog! There is no such thing, just bad owners that take these animals on with zero knowledge on animals. People have so much to answer for. Deb

What where the parents and dog owners think-

# **Comments from EWN** online

ing??? My god! Three-year-old toddler playing with a friend's dogs??? You just don't allow it!! It's common sense! Hope the poor child is ok. Julie Jones Peel

## Road traffic deaths up in Spain

Too many pedestrians wander across the roads wherever they fancy, no zebra, no traffic lights. They also expect drivers to stop, and give them a dirty look if they don't. So many step on to zebra crossings without looking first, and assume cars will stop. People seem to go about in a trance these days and it makes driving quite worrisome. Jenny Dodd

So so many drive too close, and seem to lack the ability of complete over all awareness, coupled with the lack of forward planning and use of indicators. David Starkey

Let me tell you why, Every day I'm out in my van I see, bus drivers, van drivers, HGV drivers, coach drivers, Kids on motos, even people sitting up my a\*\*e doing 120 on the motorway, all on their mobile phones and the police do nothing about it. Start banning these people instead of giving them stupid

## Legendary Costa del Sol entertainer dies

Shocked to hear this... was honoured to have him perform one of his last shows before he retired.He was a pleasure to work with.. a true genuine gentleman. RIP BUNNY X Andrea Gal-

So sad, was only talking to him the other week and wished him a Happy Christmas!! Many a good night I had in his bar over the years!! May he Rest In Peace x Berni Hickey

What a shame. He was a Genuine Legend. R. I. P. Tomas Kirken

an unfortunate and caring teacher who faces suspension because he said "well done girls" to a group which included a transgender boy. In fact, he persistently and deliberately misgendered the child and the parents only became involved as a result of his persecution.

Leapy then goes on to say: "Chromosomes identify a person's gender at birth OK? Problem solved."

Well, problem not solved for the millions of transgendered people in the world for whom life is made so miserable that 42 per cent of them commit suicide!

Transgender people have always existed. This is not a new thing. Excellent treatments are now available, but transitioning is still a long, hard road.

All the rest of us need to do is be kind and understanding and accept diversity. Problem solved!

Angela, Mijas Costa, Malaga

Dear Angela,

I HAVE nothing whatsoever against transgender or any other sexual preference of our fellow human beings. You have totally missed the point of my article. I was simply pointing out the absurdity and confusion which resulted in this unfortunate teacher in danger of losing his job for addressing a group of girls as

What was he supposed to say? "Well done girls and er....?" That attitude to my mind reeks of discrimination. Those who are indecisive should be given every sympathy and encouragement to follow whatever course their hearts and minds tell them, but for sheer convenience and uncomplicated order those born with male genitalia should to my mind be referred to as boys and those with the female equivalent girls. Hope this clears up any misunderstanding and thanking you for your interest. I leave you with the kindest of regards.

Lee (Leapy) Graham

## What a waste

THERE is supposed to be a national water shortage, especially in Murcia and Almeria provinces. This morning, in Mojacar, I saw guys from Ferrovial (paid by our rates) watering the cycle track and the cactuses on the beach!!!!

Roger Page, Mojacar

## Sunny smiles

HAVING spent part of New Year's Day in glorious sunshine on the beach I can only say that while climate change is of course a terrible thing, sometimes I don't mind it at all!

> Margaret Freeman, Alhaurin de la Torre

## **GOOD NEWS FOR YOUR CAR 902 123 309**



## MONDAY - 08 JANUARY

## BBGONE BBGTWOBBGFOUR CHANNEL 4. CHANNEL 5

3:15pm	Father Brown	3:15pm	Himalaya with	10:00pm	My Astonishing	10:35am	Frasier	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
4:00pm	I Escaped to		Michael Palin		Self	11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen	12:15pm	GPs: Behind
	the Country	4:15pm	The Great British	11:00pm	Workers or		Nightmares USA		Closed Doors
4:45pm	The Farmers'		Winter		Shirkers? Ian	12:00pm	Sun, Sea and	1:10pm	5 News
	Country	5:15pm	Planet Earth II		Hislop's Victorian		Selling Houses		Lunchtime
	Showdown	6:15pm	Flog It!		Benefits	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	1:15pm	The Hotel
5:30pm	Antiques Road	7:00pm	Eggheads	12:00am	The Victorians	1:05pm	Darts		Inspector
	Trip	7:30pm	Great British	1:00am	Top of the Pops:	6:00pm	Come Dine with	2:15pm	Home and Away
6:15pm	Pointless		Railway Journeys		1981		Me	2:45pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	BBC News at	8:00pm	Match of the Day	1:40am	Top of the Pops:	7:00pm	The Simpsons	3:15pm	NCIS
	Six	8:30pm	Kate Humble: Off		1981	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	4:15pm	Killer Mom
7:30pm	BBC London		the Beaten Track	2:20am	Highlands	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	6:00pm	5 News at 5
	News	9:00pm	Only Connect		Scotland's Wild	9:00pm	How to Lose	6:30pm	Neighbours
8:00pm	The One Show	9:30pm	University		Heart		Weight Well	7:00pm	Home and Away
8:30pm	An Inside Out		Challenge	3:20am	My Astonishing	10:00pm	The Undateables	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
	Special	10:00pm	Surgeons		Self	11:00pm	First Dates Hotel	8:00pm	Car Crash TV
9:00pm	EastEnders	11:00pm	Insert Name Here	4:20am	This is BBC Four	12:05am	Derry Girls	9:00pm	Police
9:30pm	Panorama	11:30pm	Newsnight			12:40am	Hunted		Interceptors
10:00pm	Silent Witness	12:15am	Robot Wars					10:00pm	Celebrity Big
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3:00pm	Judge Rinder	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle	12:25pm	The Darling Buds	2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.	7:00am	Good Morning
4:00pm	Dickinson's		Show		of May	3:55pm	Minder		Sports Fans
	Real Deal	4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle	1:35pm	The Royal	5:00pm	The Sweeney	7:30am	Good Morning
5:00pm	Tipping Point		Show	2:40pm	Heartbeat	6:05pm	The Professionals		Sports Fans
6:00pm	The Chase	5:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle	3:40pm	Classic	7:05pm	Storage Wars	8:00am	Good Morning
7:00pm	ITV News		Show		Coronation Street		Texas		Sports Fans
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	Street		Framed!	6:25pm	George and	9:00pm	Parking Wars	5:00pm	SKY Sports News
9:00pm	Best Walks with	9:00pm	Two and a Half		Mildred	10:00pm	River Monsters	6:00pm	SKY Sports News
·	a View with		Men	7:00pm	Heartbeat	11:05pm	Wanted	7:00pm	SKY Sports News
	Julia Bradbury	9:30pm	Superstore	8:00pm	Murder, She	12:05am	FYI Daily	8:00pm	Info not available
9:30pm	Coronation	10:00pm	Family Guy		Wrote	12:10am	Wanted	8:30pm	La Liga Greatest
	Street	10:30pm	Family Guy	9:00pm	Lewis	1:15am	The Book of Eli		Games
10:00pm	Next of Kin	11:00pm	American Dad!	11:00pm	Foyle's War	2:15am	FYI Daily	8:55pm	Football

## TUESDAY - 09 JANUARY

## BBGONE BBGTWO BBGFOUR CHANNEL 4. CHANNEL 5

3:15pm	Father Brown	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	12:00pm	Sun, Sea and	1:10pm	5 News Lunchtim
4:00pm	I Escaped to		Live	8:30pm	Great Continental		Selling Houses	1:15pm	The Hotel
	the Country	1:00pm	The Daily Politics		Railway Journeys	1:00pm	Channel 4 News		Inspector
4:45pm	The Farmers'	2:00pm	Coast	9:00pm	Andrew Marr's	1:05pm	Darts	2:15pm	Home and Away
	Country	2:15pm	Brazil with		The Making of	6:00pm	Come Dine with	2:45pm	Neighbours
	Showdown		Michael Palin		Modern Britain		Me	3:15pm	NCIS
5:30pm	Antiques Road	3:15pm	Himalaya with	10:00pm	England's	7:00pm	The Simpsons	4:15pm	Eyewitness
	Trip		Michael Palin		Forgotten Queen:	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:15pm	Pointless	4:15pm	The Great British		The Life and	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	BBC News at		Winter		Death of Lady	9:00pm	The Secret Life of	7:00pm	Home and Away
	Six	5:15pm	Planet Earth II		Jane Grey		the Zoo	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
7:30pm	BBC London	6:15pm	Flog It!	11:00pm	Fit to Rule: How	10:00pm	24 Hours in A and	8:00pm	Secrets of the
	News	7:00pm	Eggheads		Royal Illness		E		National Trust
8:00pm	The One Show	7:30pm	Great British		Changed History	11:00pm	Working Class		with Alan
8:30pm	EastEnders		Railway Journeys	12:00am	Catching History's		White Men		Titchmarsh
9:00pm	Holby City	8:00pm	Rick Stein's Road		Criminals: The	12:00am	Naked Attraction	9:00pm	Greatest Diets:
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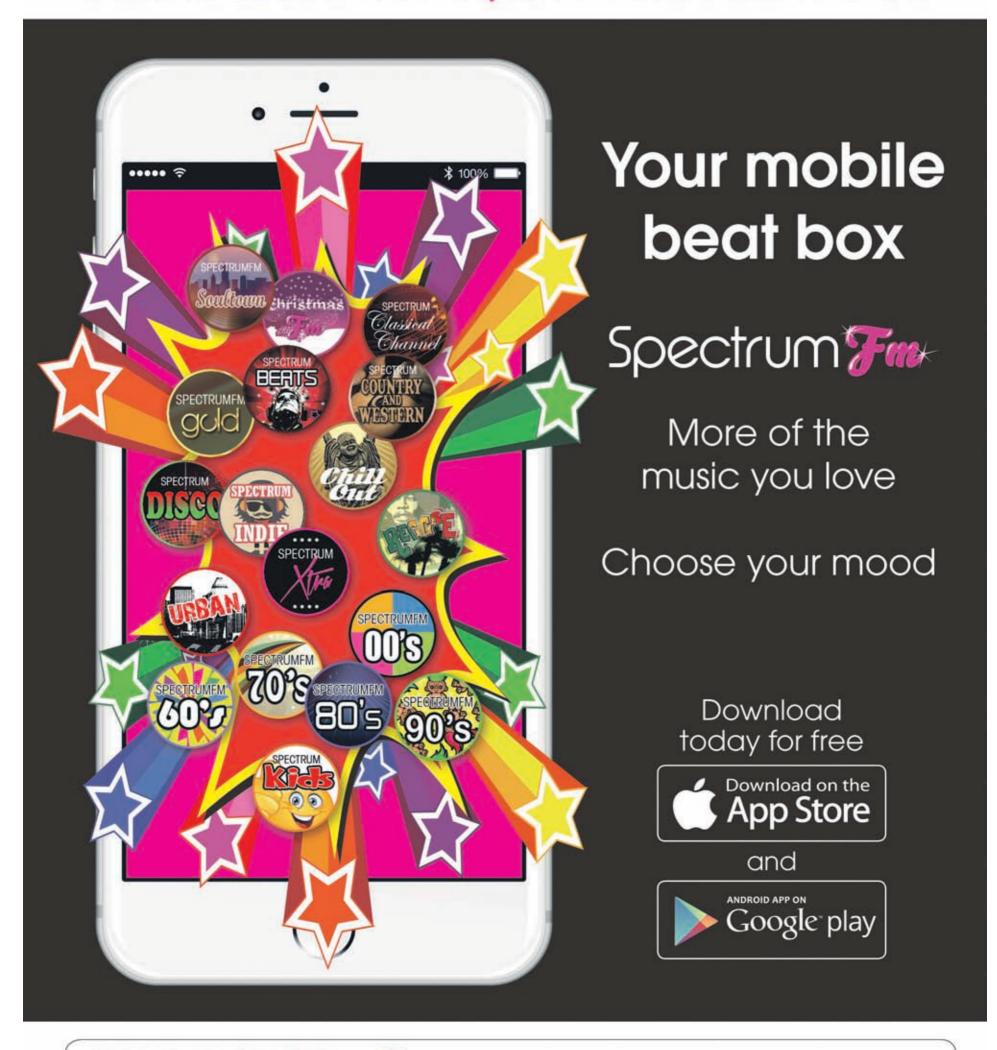
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FOR those of us not blessed with the metabolism of Kate Moss, the effort to lose the pounds accrued over Christmas can seem like a Herculean task.

But if you are embarking on a fitness regime this January, there may be a way to boost the effectiveness of your workout without breaking any more sweat.

According to one personal trainer, working out in the cold really does help you burn more fat by taking advantage of your body's natural shivers.

Max Zeumer from the 13th Street New York Health and Racquet Club has told one publication his tips for burning off calories using the winter's naturally cooler temperatures without having to put any extra effort in.

He explained: "Your body will work really hard to stay warm and burn a ton of calories to do it, but that really only starts when you're shivering."

The trainer said the good news is the workout does not have to be too strenuous, explaining: "If you want to burn a couple of extra calories, just walk outside. It sounds funny, but it will add up."

There are added health benefits too, "indoors, you're

# Burn fat with a Scarlet fever winter workout

exposed to sunlight, which means you're not getting enough vitamin D. When you're not getting enough vitamin D, your simple carb cravings are increased," explains Zeumer. He concludes, "outside, you get vitamin D, which you really need since you have a deficit in the winter. It will reduce those sweet cravings, plus improve

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happier and will boost your immunity."

your serotonin, which both makes you

# on the rise

IT might sound like a disease from a bygone era, but cases of scarlet fever increased by 55 per cent in the UK last week.

In total, 544 people were struck down with the illness in just one week, bringing the year's figure to 17,350 cases, the highest it has been since

The infection - which mainly affects children under 10 - can cause a fever, rash and sore throat, with severe cases sometimes leading to pneumonia. Although the illness is more commonplace in

> winter and spring months, experts are also blaming declining living standards for the rise in cases. In the late 19th centu

ry and early 20th century the infection was widespread, mainly due to poor hygiene, and was deadly for large numbers of children.

The illness is on the rise again though, with cases rising dramatically since 2014, although experts are unable to explain why.

Since July this year 5,743 cases have been reported, a sharp rise from the 4,292 in the same period in 2016.

Symptoms of the illness include a blotchy rash which is pink or red in colour and often located on the chest or abdomen followed by a sore throat, fever and headache within a week

Those infected should seek medical treatment which may include antibiotics and rest.

IT has often been said oily fish is good for us.

But scientists at the University of Pennsylvania have found eating fish just once a week can have a dramatic effect on IQ and sleep quality of children.

In a study of more than 500 children aged nine to 11 in China, the study showed children who ate oily fish weekly scored an average of 4.8 IQ points higher than children who rarely ate the food. Children who 'sometimes' did still scored 3.3 points higher than those who 'never' did.

the study's lead author, explained fish was also shown to have a positive impact on

# Brain food

sleep and behaviour, saving, "lack of sleep is associated with antisocial behaviour and poor cognition is associated with antisocial behaviour. We have found that omega-3 supplements reduce antisocial behaviour. so it's not too surprising that fish is behind this."

He added, "doing that could be a lot easier than

Scientists encourage parents to introduce children to eating oily fish from around 10 months old.



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# Update on food, drink, entertainments, what's on and weekly happenings OCIAL CFNE

# The Russians are coming

THE choir, ballet and orches-

tra of the Russian Army of St Petersburg will be appearing at the Casa de la Cultura in Al-

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Uniting more than 100 singers, dancers and musicians, the Russian Army Ensemble of St Petersburg brings an amalgamation of spectacular dancing and rousing traditional music to the

With colourful costumes, vivid choreography and boundless energy the 40 talented dancers dazzle the audience with their acrobatics and striking dance sequences in a show that has been seen by 30 million people world-







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## ENERGETIC: The captivating performers on stage.

wide over the years.

This Russian Army Ensemble of St Petersburg has been called the first army of peace,

because of the powerful use of their voices and bodies instead of weapons. Almost 100 different artists perform Russian folk songs and show spectacular choreographies on the stage.

Under the watchful eye of the ensemble director, the ballet group will excite in their dazzling costumes, original choreographies and their dancing skills, incorporating traditional Russian dance and music Some of the best voices in

Russia are present in the group with a good mix of baritones and tenors who perform some of the best loved opera from across Europe but they are most happy and best known for their presentation of Russian folk songs.

Tickets for the performance which starts at 8pm cost €25 and can be purchased online.

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# New Year, New Beach **Festival**

THE young DJ and composer Fátima Hajji, Spanish by birth but with Arab origins is in love with Techno music and wants to share her

African origins with more contemporary sounds, including Techno-house and has gained an enormous following across Europe. This year's Weekend

She mixes her deep

Beach Festival which celebrates its fifth year in Torre del Mar will take place from July 4 to 7 and will welcome her

> Apart from innovative artists such as Fátima Hajji there will be a very diverse

range singers and bands, many of whom are Spanish such as Bunbury, Macaco and Danza Invisible, as well as some from overseas with The Offspring and Jimmy Cliff already announced.

Advance booking is now available for single days, the full festival and camping with discounts available for 'early



# A happy

WHILE Lambrusco is not among Italy's best wines it is one of the leaders in export sales and can be found in wine shops and supermarkets throughout Spain.

Lambrusco is the name of an Italian red grape and the wine from Emilia Romagna and Lombardy has a history

dating to Etruscan's times. Most Lambrusco is made

from more than one variety and often blended to a maximum 15 per cent with other grapes, including Ancellotta, Marzemino, Malbo Gentile and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Mostly frizzante (slightly sparkling), Lambrusco can be secco (dry), amabile (semi-sweet) and dolce (sweet).

It is typically made using the Charmat process with a second fermentation conducted in a pressurised tank. While the grape is not particularly sweet, most commercial Lambrusco is sweetened with the addition of grape must.

Lambrusco denominations are:



LAMBRUSCO: An alternative to Spanish wine.

Grasparossa di Castelvetro: From the smallest producing region, typically dry, full bodied, tannic with a deep purplishred colour.

Mantovano: The only Lambrusco from Lombardy, either dry or semi-dry.

Reggiano: The most exported and made from up to four types of Lambrusco grapes: Maestri, Marani, Montericco, and Salamino with up to 15 per cent Ancellotta.

Salamino di Santa Croce: Consists of at least 90 per cent of

Salamino grapes; frizzante, light in colour and body and semi-sweet or dry.

Di Sorbara: Regarded as the highest quality; fragrant, with high acidity and berry flavours with deep ruby colour.

Generally inexpensive with little complexity and easy to drink, unfortunately the quality of exported Lambrusco rarely equals that found in its native region.

Salute and happy tasting.

# Blues for Axarquia

FOR those who enjoy the blues, the Lito Blues Band featuring José Fernández 'Lito' on guitar and singer from New York Suzette Moncrief will be playing in Almuñecar.

With tickets costing just €11 they will be rocking the Casa de la Cultura on Friday January 12, performing a selection of different music from such diverse acts as B. B. King, Etta James, Robert Johnson, Jimmy Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck.



## TO READ MORE



HOUSE prices shot up by 2 per cent in the final quarter of 2017. The average cost per square metre now stands at  $\in 1,228$ .

Also in the final quarter, 117,068 sales were made, bringing the total for 2017 to 491,005 sales, slightly less than the most optimistic projections last January of a half million sales.

A report from the Gesvalt housing consultancy describes the October to December results as indicating that 2017 was a year of consolidation for Spain's property market.

"The market is growing more slowly but more in line with the wider economy," said general director, Sandra Daza. "This is a sign that

# Prices enjoy quality quarter

prices are starting to reflect anticipated growth, that construction will become more economically viable, and both home prices and rents will continue to rise."

Gesvalt also noted that there have been wide variations in Spain's different regions when it comes to prices. The company says that tourism is the main indicator of how high prices will rise, or how low they will fall.

While the national average was a 2 per cent increase in the final quarter, in Madrid, Galicia, Murcia and Andalucia the increase surpassed 5 per cent. In places like Cantabria and La Rioja, prices fell.

# NEW data from the Ministry of Development reveals that almost € 54 billion worth of transactions took place in Spain's real estate market between January and September.

During the same period in 2016 the amount was closer to  $\leq$  44 billion and the total for the year was  $\leq$  60 billion. The record high remains 2010 when more than  $\leq$  80 billion of capital shifted in 12 months.

With the data in for most of 2017, it shows that Madrid, Cataluña and Andalucia together accounted for more than half of the total value of Spain's real estate market. The €54 billion spent relates to 374,027 properties sold during the period, an 18.5 per cent rise on 2016.

Second-hand homes accounted for

# Casa cash flowing



BOOMING: The Spanish property market is on the rise.

roughly €48 billion, while new homes lagged behind, reaping just €6 billion. In 2018, new homes are expected to account for a larger share of the market.

Also this year the total number of

sales is expected to surpass 550,000 as the property market continues its successful recovery. A study from Servihabitat projects sales to increase at a faster rate this year than they did in 2017.

# **€500,000** payout

# Bank loses legal battle



CALA ROMANTICA: Site of the failed development.

FORMER bank Sabadell Solbank - part of Banco Sabadell since 2014 - must return almost € 500,000 to buyers who bought properties in Mallorca.

The decision by a Marbella court comes after the developer of the Cala Romantica, off-plan project in Manacor filed for bankruptcy in 2011, with houses paid for but never built.

The development should have been completed by 2008 and buyers who paid deposits have been fighting to get their money back ever since.

But the bank has since argued that it has no legal relationship with the claimants since it was not involved in drawing up their contracts with the developer.

They also pointed out that

it is not mentioned in any of the paperwork and that money paid to the developer before it went bust was not paid into its Sabadell Solbank accounts

The judge presiding over the case rejected these claims out of hand, stating that the developer signed a number of guarantees with the bank in July 2006 and ruling that it must also reimburse the claimants' legal costs, plus interest amounting to an additional € 200,000.

This is the 43rd case won this year using the so-called 'Keith Rule strategy,' sonamed after British expatriate Keith Rule, who in 2006 discovered a Spanish law making banks responsible for guaranteeing deposits paid on off-plan properties.





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# The easy way to grow your own fresh and tasty potatoes even in a small space

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IF you have even had the privilege of eating home grown potatoes from an organic garden you will probably always be disappointed with commercially grown potatoes

The difference in taste is dramatic as the additional micronutrients give a flavour and vigour to the potatoes that is hard to find from most potatoes in the market place.

The problem with growing your own potatoes though is the hard work to harvest them from the soil and the damage that can occur when digging with ordinary home garden tools.

There is an easy way however to make the growing and harvesting much more enjoyable and productive

without the hard work. Some potatoes can even be grown in containers on your balcony or terrace with good results from following a few simple steps.

If you have a vegetable garden this procedure has been well proven to work in northern Europe with less weeding and the ability to selectively harvest the best potatoes and let the rest continue to grow and mature.

The procedure is quite simple and just requires straw and a nutrient rich compost with plenty of manure included to provide ample nitrogen and other essential growth elements.

In the garden you need to have a way of containing the potato bed. You can dig a trench in the soil, just get some hay bales to act as a

wall to surround the area you want to grow the potatoes in or use blocks, bricks or wood planks to make raised bed on the soil surface to the size you want.

Add the straw and compost in layers or mixed together to fill the trench, raised bed or container about 15cm deep. Place seed potatoes at about 30cm apart in all directions in the garden for the largest potatoes, but they can be 20cm apart in containers for smaller but a more plentiful harvest.

Next, cover the seed potatoes with layers of straw and compost another 15cm deep. The straw/compost mixture will settle and the growing potatoes will need to be covered, so more mixture will need to be added.

It is important to keep cov-

ering the emerging potato plants around the base of the plant to ensure that the expanding potatoes growing from the roots are not exposed to the light as they will turn green and will not be suitable for eating.

This method requires regular watering but as the mixture holds the water so well it requires less watering than soil based culture. Weeds are much less of a problem and are much easier to remove from the mixture.

Harvest is easy as you can just lift the straw to check the progress of the potatoes and remove the potatoes that you consider ready and leave the rest to keep growing until needed. Just make sure you press back the mixture to exclude the light from the roots and remaining potatoes.



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# Your dog and new baby



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GRADUALLY introduce changes in your dog's routine as soon as you know baby is on the way - if he does not connect them with the baby's arrival he has less reason to be jealous.

- Your dog should not be the centre of attention at all times. and should not sit on your lap (if at all) only when invited by you.
- Get him used to being away from you sometimes in another

room, or indoor kennel ('crate'). and ban him from the nursery.

- Take a refresher course at a training school, and think about practice walks with the pram - it can be trickier than it sounds!

- Check with your vet about canine hygiene and worming.

When your baby is born your dog may be left for hours while vou are in hospital, or upset by the excitement if you are at home. Arrange for someone he knows to look after/walk him. It is an old wive's tale (letting your dog drink breast milk or play with dirty nappies) this will not help your dog and baby to become friends, but sending home a blanket that the baby has slept on may help your dog to get used to her scent.

When you come home let someone else hold your baby while you greet your dog; introduce them later when he is calm. Do not try to keep your dog and baby completely apart, you won't be able to keep it up!

Teach them both to interact calmly and gently, no licking by the dog or grabbing by the child.

Never ever leave dogs alone with babies or young children; shut your dog out of the room or pop the baby in a secure playpen. This applies every time you use the bathroom, answer the door/phone or get a meal. It is not a matter of 'trust.'

Toddlers can accidentally injure or alarm dogs (eg by falling on them) and startled dogs may react impulsively, lashing out or

The most tolerant dog needs peace and quiet sometimes; allow him a place (eg his bed) he can escape to without being followed. Allow the child to go there at other times to prevent it becoming an exclusive area which he feels entitled to de-

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Clarkson **Quote of the Week** 

On the Crysler PT Cruiser. "The front looks like a face, a friendly face from the land that gave us friendly fire."

## By Matthew Elliott

VOLKSWAGEN is attempting to undo the damage done by the diesel scandal and return to its hippie routes.

The German giant has revealed plans for 30 new electric models to be released by 2025, including a green-friendly remake of its legendary microbus.

Named the Buzz, the electric hippie wagon is slated for release in 2022 and appeared for a test run in the fitting location of Venice Beach, California.

Other electric concept cars unveiled include a hatchback and crossover SUV, which should both be in production by 2020. Most of the buzz will be about the Buzz, which is suitably colourful in a two-tone yellow and has spin around front seats that can face backwards.

Back in the realm of reality, Volkswagen is enjoying rave reviews for its new T-Roc SUV. It has now debuted in the UK and

# Hippie bus is back Plus T-Roc acclaim



across Europe, with the 114hp 1.0 litre TSI model with frontwheel drive and a manual gearbox expected to be the top seller.

Though with a slightly less

powerful engine than other SUVs in a packed market, the T-Roc is advertised as perfect for nipping around town and is 225kg lighter than previous models. It is similar to Audi's Q2 and smaller than Volkswagen's own Tiguan.

It is mechanically basic but practical and modern, with no elaborate 4Motion all-wheel drive but an eight-inch infotainment system, two-climate control system, and optional

It is comfortable, agile and comes with a three-year, 60,000 mile warranty. There are no electric or hybrid options, aiming at the petrol market. UK prices begin at around £20,000 (€22,500).

# Built in Britain

BREXIT and diesel concerns have seen British drivers lose their appetite for British-built cars. Domestic demand for cars built in the UK crashed by almost 30 per cent at the tail end of

Exports rose but couldn't make up for the drop in domestic sales. Now 85 per cent of all cars built in Britain are sold abroad. Overall in 2017 domestic demand dropped by 9 per cent, leading to an overall decline of 2 per cent.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), cites Brexit uncertainty and diesel tax confusion as reasons for the demand drop.

Chief executive Mike Hawes said the figures show the importance of negotiations with the EU over Britain's future car trade with the bloc.

JAPANESE firm Four Link Systems has unveiled its brand new electric car that can transform into an upright robot.

Designed by famous Videogame designer Kunio Okawara, the Earth-1 is capable of shifting from a normal car to an upright robot which can be moved with a joystick.

The car, which has a large cockpit that opens up for the driver to step into, has everything that would be normally expected, steering wheel, brakes and large fins at

# Real life Transformer

The €59,000 car able to turn into a robot

the back for brake lights, until it transforms upright into a robot which can be manoeuvred by a joystick at the front.

It has not yet had a trial on public roads and is awaiting permission to do

The Earth-1 is expected to cost eight million yen (€59,426) when it eventually goes

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## Chiron clearance!

ONE of the first Bugatti Chirons to be delivered last vear is set to go up for auction next month.

RM Sotheby's will put the super car under the hammer on February 9 in Paris with a huge figure expected for the unique Bugatti.

The limited edition supercar has an eight litre quadturbocharged W-16 engine, with 1,480 horsepower capable of doing 0-60 mph in less than 2.5 seconds.

Its top speed is limited to 261 mph reportedly due to the fact that no current tyre can handle the exceptional force produced by the Chiron past that point.

However, Bugatti are reportedly currently working on special tyres for the Chiron that could possibly raise the top speed past that

The specific model up for sale, one of the first 20 delivered to customers, has been hardly used, driven less than 630 miles, and comes with a number of special features including carbon-fibre steering wheel and maritime blue brake

Deliveries for the car only began in March last year, with only 70 currently dispatched, and the car is expected to fetch between €3.2-3.6 million (\$3.8-4.3 million) when it goes under the hammer next month.

> STUNNING: The **Bugatti Chiron set to** go up for sale in February.



# Toffees' Big Sam chews over Giroud's wife's orders

LIVERPOOL host Everton in the FA Cup third round on Friday at Anfield with The Toffees backed with almost 8,000 fans

Everton's ticket allocation of 7,946 tickets is the biggest travelling support they have taken across Stanley Park since the all-seater stadium was introduced in 1994.

Everton gaffer Sam Allardyce, looking to sign a new striker in the January transfer window, said: "Up front is an area we need to improve in January, a quality front man."

Everton's interest in Arsenal's Olivier Giroud has been given the cold shoulder by Allardyce - and Giroud's wife:

"As far as I know he doesn't want to move north of Wat-



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ford - well his wife doesn't," said Big Sam. "It's very important to the

wives - believe you me - normally they are the bosses," said Allardyce.

FA Cup third round: Friday: Manchester United v Derby, Liverpool v Everton. Saturday: Ipswich v Sheffield United,

> Watford v Bristol City, Birmingham v Burton, Aston Villa v Peterborough.

> > Sunday: Nottingham Forest v Arsenal, Tottenham v AFC Wimbledon, Shrewsbury

> > > v West Ham. Monday: Brighton v Crystal

> > > Pep's Silva lining DAVID SILVA has been heralded as one of the main keys that have unlocked Manchester City's door to win the Premier

> > > > League.

Bournemouth v Wigan, Coventry v Stoke, Newport v Leeds, Bolton v Huddersfield, Yeovil v Bradford Brentford v Notts County, QPR v MK Dons, Exeter v West Brom.

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"He has absolutely everything," said City boss Pep Guardiola as the Blues enter 2018 topping the table.

Valencia youth Silva was at Valencia CF for six years, winning one Copa del Rey in 2008, prior to joining City in 2010.

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Silva, set to feature in City's FA Cup third round tie against Burnley on Saturday, in his eighth season at City, has won the FA Cup, two Football League Cups and two Premier League titles.

"I'm so happy for him," said Guardiola, who awarded Silva

the captain's armband at City in the absence of Vincent Kompany this term

STRIKER SOUGHT: By Sam Allardyce in the January transfer window.

"He is a real leader - he never hides - and always wants the ball to make something," praised Guardiola, in the wake of Silva attracting interest from AC Milan and Las Palmas.

Silva, who won his first international call up aged 20, capped 118 times, a member of Spain's 2014 FIFA World Cup and UEFA Euro 2016, is set to be named in national coach Julen Lopetegui's 2018 World Cup squad.

Born in Arguineguín, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Silva departed Valencia CF to City in 2010, the club having been thwarted to sign Silva and Valencia teammate David Villa in 2008, in a £135m deal.

Silva, who celebrates his 32nd birthday this month, has been among the goals in City's table-topping campaign: "He has absolutely everything," said Guardiola.

"I think he is a star. At 31 years old he is enjoying to learn more - to score goals - that is so important," said Guardiola.

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with Andrew Atkinson

## Kane's Real deal

REAL MADRID and Manchester City are in a race to sign England a Spurs star, striker Harry Kane - described by Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino as the world's best.

"Harry is world class - the number one striker in the world - who's better than him?" said Pochettino.

Kane, with a touted value of £170m, netted his eighth hat-trick of 2017 in Spurs' 5-2 win against Southampton on Boxing Day.

Kane bagged 39 Premier League goals in 2017, breaking Alan Shearer's record for goals scored in a year: "A massive achievement for Harry, and well deserved," said Pochettino.

Pochettino, desperate to keep Kane, said: "Harry is a talented player - that's the secret we are so ambitious and looking forward.

"Hopefully the next year will bring us a lot of victories - we want to win every game - who knows what can happen?"

City gaffer Pep Guardiola also has Real Sociedad's defender Inigo Martinez on his radar.

## **Dutch courage**

BARCELONA are linked with Manchester United defender Daley Blind who could be allowed to begin negotiating a pre-contract agreement with foreign clubs from January.

Barca, keeping tabs on the Dutch star's contract talks, are set to swoop for Blind - for free if United don't trigger an extension on his contract. Blind, a £14m signing by ex-United boss Louis van Gaal in 2014, sees his current contract expire next summer.

United are set to trigger extension contract clauses with Ander Herrera, Luke Shaw and

Real Madrid are targeting Inter Milan forward Mauro Icardi along with Arsenal's Alexis

## Gareth to bale out

REAL star Gareth Bale is set to snub a move to Manchester United - to remain at the Bernabeau in the January transfer window - moving to Old Trafford in the summer.

United have reportedly agreed a deal with Wales international winger Bale, 28, valued by

Real at £79m, with United planning a £53m bid, to lure the ex-Spurs ace away from the Bern-

Manchester United's Angel Gomes is a target for Borussia Dortmund. Stoke's Switzerland international Xherdan Shaqiri, 26, is eyed by West Ham. United host Derby County on Friday in the FA Cup third round.

Shanghai SIPG star striker Hulk, 31, linked with Chelsea and Manchester City, hasn't ruled out a move to the Premier League.

"I received contact from the Premier League which I admire very much, the best league in the world," said Hulk.

## Luiz Real chance

DAVID LUIZ'S uncertain future at Chelsea after a rift with Blues boss Antonio Conte - has alerted Real Madrid. Brazilian centre-back Luiz's spell at Stamford Bridge could be set to end with Zinedine Zidane set to bolster his defence in the January transfer window.

Luiz, wanting a regular slot on Conte's teamsheet, is in his second spell at Chelsea after rejoining the Blues in a £34m move from Paris Saint-Germain in 2016.

Chelsea travel to Carrow Road on Saturday to

play Championship club Norwich City in the FA Cup third round.

## Valverde's targets

ARSENAL duo, Barca target Mesut Özil and Real Madrid and Manchester City target Alexis Sanchez, are both out of contract in June.

Özil and Sanchez become free agents in the summer and are eligible to negotiate with clubs

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger, whose Gunners meet Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup third round on Sunday, signed Özil and Sanchez at a combined cost of £74m.

Liverpool and Brazilian star Philippe Coutinho remains Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde's transfer target. Barca are also eyeing Özil to play alongside midfielder Andres Iniesta. Barca trio ArdaTuran, Aleix Vidal and Denis Suarez have uncertain futures.

Schalke midfielder Leon Goretzka, 22, is interesting Bayern, Real Madrid, Barca and Arsenal. Schalke midfielder Max Meyer, refusing to sign a new deal, is eyed by Liverpool.

Barcelona star and Argentine midfielder Javier Mascherano has been linked with a move to Liverpool.

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BARCELONA have never lost a La Liga game that defender Thomas Vermaelen has started. The former Arsenal centre-back has featured just 16 times since moving to the club in 2014 but has won 13 times and drawn the other three.

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# Going for gold

## Spanish 'boarder aiming for PyeongChang

SPANISH snowboarder Regino Hernandez has admitted his focus is now fully on competing at this year's Winter Olympic games after retaining his Snowboard Cross World Cup title last

Regino Hernandez, along with partner Lucas Eguibar, retained their titles at the International Ski Federation (FIS) Snowboard Cross World Cup in Montafon, Austria, last month.

They beat Italian pair Omar Visintin and Emanuel Perathoner in a nail-biting finale to secure the victory and after the event, Hernandez told the Euro Weekly News:

"To win a race is always something incredible, but to retain the title is amazing.

"I had a really good start section. Lucas (my partner) is really patient and waited to pass the rivals then I managed to get into first."

Now that the title is back in Spain, Hernandez admits that his focus is solely on obtaining

Olympic glory at the games in Korea that begin next month.

**OLYMPIC DREAM:** 

Hernandez in Sochi

2014 (left).

"Of course this season the Olympics are the most important event," he continued.

"We will be working continuously to be in the best shape for February.

"I want to be the top rider and I'll always give 100 per cent to achieve that."

The Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea officially begin on February 9, with Hernandez expected to be one of Spain's medal hopes.



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