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STARRING ROLE: Jean-Claude Van Damme in crowd-funding video.

## Star plea

by Linda Hall

The 'muscles from Brussels,' Belgian actor Jean-Claude Van Damme, has leapt into action for the Benitachell film, Rural Cops.

Van Damme, star of

Timecop and Universal Soldier, appears in a video that asks for crowd-funding that will enable filmmaker Paco Soto to finish his latest movie.

More than 200 Benitachell residents of all nationalities appeared as extras alongside well-known Spanish actors in the short film shot last September to promote the full-length version.

"Anybody can become a backer for €5 but you can't put a price on being able to count on Van Damme's support," Paco Soto said.

Rural Cops takes place in the fictional resort of Torretaxell where members of the Local Police are called on to carry out all kinds of services in a screenplay that combines action with humour and features a number of local landmarks.



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**Crossing death**

AN Aspe woman of 34, mother of a four-year-old daughter, was run down by a Euromed express at a level crossing in Novelda. Her car was parked beside the crossing, witnesses said afterwards.

**Fly guy**

A 20-YEAR-OLD who held up a Benidorm gaming machine arcade with a toy pistol and took €11,500 was detained by the National Police at Alicante airport as he prepared to fly to Galicia.

**Late justice**

A 20-YEAR-OLD extradited from Romania received a 13-year-sentence for robbing and killing a homeless Denia man in 2014. Two accomplices, also Romanian, received similar sentences from the Alicante High Court in 2016.

# Animal rights activists target Bous a la Mar

THE Actyma animal protection association is suing the organisers of last year's Bous a la mar events in Denia.

The town hall official in charge of setting up the bull-running was included in the complaint that has been formally lodged with the Safety and Emergency Response Agency and a Valencia City court.

The group - full name Association against the Torture and Ill-treatment of Animals - also challenged the Denia tradition of organising bull baiting in the port during the town fiestas each July in 2015 and 2016.

The would-be bullfighters and the animals inevitably end up in the water but despite the organisers' protests that the practice is not cruel, bulls have drowned in the past.

According to Actyma, the Bous a la Mar organisers did not comply with animal protection legislation.



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The bulls were harassed and hit, they were removed from the water without due care and children were allowed in the port precinct.

The association also claimed that the event infringing regulations introduced on March 15, 2015 when the Valencian Community approved norms regulating bull running.

# Priest has meltdown over paedophiles

UNABLE to keep quiet any longer, Alfaz's parish priest Miguel Angel Schiller erupted recently about the Church and paedophilia.

"I want to go. I want to leave this business of Church corruption," the priest wrote on his Facebook page.

"It is not enough to ask forgiveness and express shame if the structures that allow pederasty remain," said Fr Schiller who was ordained 27 years ago and has been Alfaz's parish priest for the last 12.

"This has been happening for 27 years but I have never prostituted myself for a post or ecclesiastical honours," he wrote in response to a comment on one of his posts.

"I have only ever known one bishop who was decent, Murgui," he continued in reference to the current bishop of the Orihuela-Alicante diocese.

"The rest are maricones, emotional cripples and unbalanced."

The priest also complained that his suggestion of psychiatric checkups for the clergy was ignored: "Nobody took a blind bit of notice."

The Facebook posts were soon removed but Fr Schiller told the Spanish media that he regretted the tone but not what he had said.

"I've been a little brutal, but there are few sweet words to describe such grave deeds," he added. "Pederasty is abominable and it is up to the bishops and the seminaries to put an end to it."

In a brief statement to the press, the diocesan authorities announced the next day that they had contacted Alfaz's priest, asking him to arrange a meeting to discuss his Facebook declarations.

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# On loan

SAN VICENTE Town Hall is ceding the Engineer's House at the abandoned Cemex cement works to Atlan, an association for children and young people with autism. They will be able to use the house and extensive gardens until the Cemex multinational reclaims the property.

## Prom plan

THE coastal authority approved the plans submitted last year for a new €180,000 promenade on La Cala de Villajoyosa seafront that will be prolonged to Casa Modesto. Work on the five-metre wide Paseo should start within two months and will be completed by June.

## Safety first

THE new Tourist Information office has now opened in Benidorm's Rincon de Loix although the Foreign Tourist Assistance Service (SATE) with which it shares the building remains closed. This will open once the Interior Ministry certifies that its communications system is secure, municipal sources said.

## Time lag

HEAVY machinery was moved onto the site formerly occupied by the emblematic Bar Mediterraneo at the bottom of the Calle Marques de Campo. The formerly listed property was controversially razed in 2014 and work has now begun on the foundations of a three-storey restaurant and hotel.

## Bullying shame

ALICANTE had 215 cases of school bullying that required legal action last year, more than any other province, apart from Madrid (600), Sevilla (260) and Valencia (216 cases). Most of the victims were aged between 11 and 15 and in most cases the bullying was verbal.

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE n°47

There are many lazy stereotypes about Spain, but the siesta - and laziness itself - seems particularly unfair in one of Europe's most hardworking countries. Could the traditional nap really be dying out, asks Harrison Jones.

# Time out for siestas?

SUN, sangria and paella: the clichés of Spanish life are numerous and often live up to the hype. Yet one particularly prominent stereotype seems especially tired, since it now barely registers in modern Spain.

The famous siesta is a period in the late afternoon when the country shuts down for hours - at least in theory.

But the idea that Spaniards are lazy is not supported by their working hours, which are far higher on average than other European nations.

And now, it seems their mid-afternoon break is being put to bed.

Traditionally, the business siesta would run between roughly 2pm and 5pm, with restaurants closing later. Spaniards would have a big, long lunch, often with alcohol, followed by a nap.

The original reason for the siesta was supposedly to avoid the mid-afternoon heat, particularly for manual labourers working in the sun, and to allow rest/travel time between morning and afternoon jobs.

But there are also suggestions that the practice has Roman origins, making it Italian - though it is far more widely associated with Spain.

In turn, the Spanish influenced other countries in colonial times to take up the practice.

Spaniards also stay up notoriously late and tend to sleep less than other nations, meaning an afternoon break helped maintain their late-night lifestyle.

But as modern, western culture and - crucially, air conditioning - ar-



**DROPPING OFF:** The siesta's popularity is declining.

rived, the humble siesta took a hit.

A 2017 poll found that 58 per cent of Spaniards do not take a daytime nap, with the share of those saying they sometimes indulge consistently dropping.

Office-based workers are highly unlikely to go home for lunch and sleep in a globalised, high-pressure country.

Meanwhile, calls to realign Spain with its geographical time zone could impact the practice. The fascist dictator Franco changed Spanish clocks to align with Germany, but there is increasing pressure to return - which would mean the sun goes down earlier and people could go to bed earlier, with less need for afternoon sleep.

Yet, there are some who value the

tradition, particularly the elderly and those living in rural areas. Some towns, including Ador, Valencia, have enshrined the practice into law.

There are other small signs of a modern resurgence.

The health benefits of 'power napping' are widely hailed by health experts. A roughly 25-minute nap boosts memory, alertness, nighttime sleep, heart condition and mental/physical well-being generally.

And in cities, 'siesta hotels' are a rising trend.

The overall outlook for the siesta, though, is ominous. And while it might not be put to bed completely, it is certainly dropping off - just don't expect the stereotype to fade with it.

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# Lynx effect!



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**ON THE PROWL:** An Iberian lynx in the Sierra de Andujar where wildlife lovers (bottom left) have been flocking to photograph the elusive cat, of which 31 lost their lives on Spanish roads last year (bottom right).

It is the most endangered wild cat in the world. And this stunning image, captured last month, shows the Iberian lynx in all its predatory beauty.

It comes as wildlife lovers and nature photographers descended on the Sierra de Andújar mountain range in Jaén Province, Andalucía, to catch a glimpse of the elusive feline.

Normally secretive during sunlight hours, sexually mature adults are active throughout the day in December and January as the females come into heat and males compete to breed with them.

And the vast Sierra de Andújar - part of the larger Sierra

Morena chain - is home to the largest and best-preserved population, with around 100 females each commanding a territory of 10-20 square kilometres.

Spanish authorities recently announced that wild numbers of the cat have risen to at least 547 from a historic low of 94 in 2002.

More than 400 inhabit Andalucía, with the remainder split between Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura and Portugal.

Andalucían environment councillor, José Fiscal and director of the European Commission-funded lynx conservation programme LIFE Iberlince, Miguel Ángel Simón revealed

the encouraging figures during a Sevilla press conference.

But it is not all good news, after 58 lynx were found dead in 2017, a record.

According to reports, 31 of the animals were killed by traffic, leading to widespread criticism from environmental groups, although the main issue continues to be a lack of rabbits, its principal prey.

Native to the Iberian Peninsula but introduced around the world, Spanish rabbits have been devastated by the myxomatosis virus and, more recently, a haemorrhagic disease known as RHDVb.

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THE National Police cordoned off Calpe FC football ground as they searched for immigrant players without work permits.

Access was restricted and players on the first team who were training at the time were not allowed to leave.

The club presided by Luciano Marziano, an Italian, has at least 10 foreign footballers on its books as well as several others who stayed briefly at the club before moving on to other teams.

After questioning players from the first team, particularly those from South America, officers from the police's Immigration and Forged Documentation Unit (UCRIF) held nine for immigration irregularities although they were released the following day.

# Police swoop on football team


Marziano, Calpe CF's Paraguayan technical director Gabriel Franco, the treasurer and a club official who are both Spanish, were charged with belonging to a criminal organisation, facilitating irregular immigration and infringing employees' rights.

Police scrutinised paperwork for indications that non-EU players lacked residence permits and work contracts. According to media sources, they found falsifications

in some signings and police believe the flow of South American players through the club was a cover for illegal immigration.

The investigation comes at a bad time for the Calpe CF. The town hall is breaking off its agreement with the club, the coach Ximo Galiano recently resigned and earlier Marziano issued a communique explaining the difficulties that the club was facing this season.

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## Three's a crowd

A CALPE man received a nine-month sentence for attacking his partner after she found him in bed with another woman.

The furious girlfriend took her love rival by the arms and ejected her from the apartment, closing the door on her.

The other woman rang the doorbell and was let into the home again, resulting in a tussle during which the girlfriend was felled by a punch in the face from her partner.

Following an appeal, the Alicante High Court confirmed the sentence imposed by a Benidorm criminal

court, rejecting the man's argument that his partner claimed he had hit her out of revenge for his infidelity.

Neither did the tribunal accept that he was drunk and, preferring not to intervene, went to another room.

It was "hardly credible" that a man whose partner had just caught him in bed with another woman would "simply walk away and go to another room," the judges said.

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And Millie Mackintosh, 28, certainly appeared to be in sweet heaven after slipping into a skimpy grey bikini and posting a racy snap to social media.

It comes after the fashion entrepreneur jetted to the Hard Rock Hotel Tenerife for a winter break with a group of girlfriends.

**Off the record**

RUMOURS that hotel heiress and socialite Paris Hilton is to quit her oft-criticised five-year residency at Ibiza mega-club Amnesia have been scotched.

Having recently become engaged to actor Chris Zylka, the 36-year-old blonde beauty released a statement announcing her departure, but a source later told UK media that it was false.

**She's got front!**

SHE recently split from her fashion designer husband.

But Australian supermodel Bambi Northwood Blyth, 27, showed she is getting over her break with Ksubi jeans founder Dan Single, 37, in style after appearing braless on the cover of Glamour Spain.

She was reportedly left 'mortified' after her spouse of four years set up a Go Fund Me page in the wake of a 2017 hotel fall in Paris.



Photo by Bambi Northwood Blyth/Instagram/Twitter



**NEWLY SINGLE:** Bambi Northwood Blyth and (right) her Glamour Spain cover.

Photo by Twitter/YouTube



**LADIES IN RED:** Victoria Pattison (right) apes her idol's Vogue Spain cover.

**Bare it like Beckham**

HER career continues to go from strength to strength.

And ex-Geordie Shore star Vicky Pattison showed how high her aspirations run as she recreated Victoria Beckham's Vogue Spain cover on ITV show This Morning.

Slipping into a bright red dress before posing with one leg atop a table, the 30-year-old said of the shoot: "It got me thinking, she's Vicky B, I'm Vicky P why not give it a go?"

To laughs from hosts Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby she added: I've got a little bit more cushion for the pushing than Vicky B, but..."

It comes after her idol, 43, wowed Spain after appearing on the front of Vogue before stepping out in Madrid to attend a dinner hosted by the fashion magazine.

The former Spice Girl sizzled in her own scarlet gown before being snapped leaving her hotel the next morning in a navy roll neck jumper and flowing burgundy-and-white skirt.

**Pair jet to Barça for birthday bash**

TV presenter Stacey Solomon has been pictured in Barcelona with boyfriend Joe Swash. The Loose Women star and former X Factor finalist, 28, posted a series of snaps to social media as the loved-up pair - who have been dating since January 2016 - took in the delights of the Catalan capital.

And she added a personal message to her 36-year-old ex-Eastenders squeeze as she wrote: "Happy birthday baby... a jug of sangria was not a good idea. Hahahaha I'm

a lyrical genius."

The couple later snapped themselves enjoying a giant paella before posing outside the famous Sagrada Familia church.

A final shot of the lovers on the beach was captioned: "Bye bye Barcelona!! Had the best weekend with my man... can't wait to get back and see my babies!!!"

Stacey is mother to boys Zacahary, nine, and Leighton, five, from a previous relationship, while Joe has a son Harry, 10.



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**CORK BLIMEY:** Stacey and Joe knock back the sangria.

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# Monumental decision

## Holiday homes 'almost certainly' hide remains

by Matt Ford

CALPE may be hiding an ancient secret.

It comes in the wake of the controversial demolition of the beachfront Casas Neptuno apartments, which are due to be replaced with a new development.

But the move has outraged archaeologists, who believe that the complex is built on a Roman villa which could contain historical remains 'of significant value.'

It is located adjacent to the Baños de la Reina site, which contains the remains of several 2,000-year-old 'luxury villas' complete with mosaics, fish ponds built in the sea and a thermal bath.

And only 25 per cent of the site is thought to have been revealed to date.

A number of cultural and ecological groups have voiced their concern over the new development, including



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**ROMAN EMPIRE:** The Baños de la Reina were built with ponds used to keep fresh fish alive (inset).

local historian and blogger Andrés Ortolá Tomás.

"Part of the mosaic unearthed by botanist Cavanilles in 1792 is located in the villa next door," he said. "Casas Neptuno is almost

certainly built above a Roman villa."

The other part of the mosaic, found by children in 1965, is on display in the MARQ Archaeological Museum in Alicante City.

# That's a moray!

PUPILS from Villalonga schools in the La Safor area helped Environment officials to release eels into the River Serpis.

Owing to pollution, over-fishing, the destruction of their habitat and dams that prevent them from reaching their spawning grounds, the river's eel population is shrinking, the Generalitat's Environment department explained.

The eels released into the Serpis came from the department's fish farm in Tuejar which receives the quota that authorised fishermen must hand over to the department

as well as those confiscated from poachers.

Although eel fishing is permitted, the population is diminishing and attempts to breed and rear them in captivity have not been successful. It is because of this that elverfishers should surrender part of their catches so that the Tuejar centre has a supply of young eels for initiatives like the Villalonga operation.

The Serpis, which reaches the sea in Gandia, has one of the largest eel populations in the Valencian Community but this year's weather conditions have made it difficult for them to return to the sea.

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**OUR VIEW**

## Are we losing touch with nature?

NEWS that the Iberian lynx population is increasing is cause for good cheer. It is an example of what can be achieved if wildlife conservation efforts are properly coordinated.

Having increased from 94 individuals to almost 550 in the last 15 years, the world's rarest wild cat has made a genuine comeback. And in doing so it has avoided the fate of being the first cat species to go extinct since the sabre-toothed tiger 10,000 years ago.

But how did it come to this?

In just three decades - from the 1960s to the 1990s - the Iberian lynx lost around 80 per cent of its former range, which extended across much of Spain and into southern France. It is a sad indictment of the rapid extension of human development over the last 50 years, and one that is mirrored across the globe.

This surging rate of urbanisation now sees more than 50 per cent of the world's population living in towns and cities, and the majority no longer come into regular contact with nature. As Sir David Attenborough puts it: "So over half is to some degree out of touch with the natural world and don't even see an animal from one day to the next unless it's a rat or a pigeon."

"That means that people are getting out of touch with the realities of the natural world, of which we are in fact a part." So have humans now changed the face of the planet to such an extent that many of us are only aware of what we have created, rather than the natural processes that made it all possible?

And as alcoholism, gambling and other self-destructive practices continue to rise, we must surely examine whether we are, as a species, losing our place in the world.

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**AIR LIFTED:** Pensioner was rescued from Penyal d'Ifach.

# Hiker rescued by helicopter

A 72-YEAR-OLD Norwegian hiker was saved by helicopter from the Penyal d'Ifach, Calpe, earlier this week.

According to reports in the Spanish media, the provincial Fire Consortium of Alicante rescued the elderly man, who was suffering a loss of feeling in his legs, on Monday.

Having undertaken the route with a companion, the pair called the reception of the hotel where they were

staying to tell them the man required help.

The hotel notified 112, who then mobilised the rescue helicopter Alpha 1, which picked the man up, before transferring him to Penyal heliport. From there, the man was transferred to a health centre.

The rescue operation reportedly began at 2.30pm and was completed at 4pm.

The man did have private health insurance, Spanish media said.

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## Fire fright

A MAN was harmed when a fire broke out in a three storey building in Teulada-Moraira, according to the local fire department.

The 35-year-old was allegedly on the ground floor when the fire broke out in the building on Avenida del Mediterraneo while his mother, who suffers from reduced mobility, was on the first floor.

At first, he reportedly tried to extinguish the flames himself - without success - and was injured in the process.

The fire department soon put out the fire while the man was transferred to hospital to be treated for his injuries.

His mother reportedly escaped the incident unharmed.

# Costa del Celebs!

## Ainsley Harriott's host on her 'great' experience

A RETIRED expatriate has told of her delight at hosting the crew and stars of Channel 5's Costa Del Celebrity show.

"It was great!" Linda Hutt, a retiree from Suffolk, told *Euro Weekly News*.

"I met Ainsley Harriott and Anne Diamond. They are great, absolutely great - just like they come across on television."

The crew and various celebrities on the programme used Linda and husband James' Denia house for 17 days while filming the first series of the show.

Joining Ainsley Harriott and Anne Diamond for the four-part series were TV presenter Nick Owen - who used to work with Diamond - 'Allo Allo' actress Vicki Michelle and media personality Christine Hamilton.

The group are already friends and acquaintances from various television shows.

Linda, who used to help with her husband's building business, says she "only saw them in passing" but enjoyed having the group around.

"It was ideal for the crew," she said of the beautiful seven-bed Costa Blanca house where she has lived for 12 years.

"They just thought it was perfect for



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**STUNNING:**  
The Hutt's Denia house.

**FAMOUS FIVE:**  
The celebs on the Channel 5 show.



Photo by Linda Hutt

them because the crew could stay in the outer part of the house.

"I used to come every day (but) they were filming, they were out and about all over the place.

Linda, who has three daughters and has lived in Spain 25 years, does not believe their house will be used again, however, because the show will be based around another location next time.

The programme makers paid the Hutt

for the use of their home between September 8 and 24.

During the four hour-long episodes, the five celebrities visit Benidorm, Valencia and Madrid. Along the way they sample local culture in the form of wine-making, flamenco dancing, history lessons and cook paella with a local.

The final show airs tomorrow (Friday) on Channel 5 at 9pm (Spanish time).

## NEWS EXTRA

### Just ask a question

VILLAJOSYA'S Tourist Office attended to 32,263 people last year, of whom 57 per cent were Spanish, principally from Madrid, the Basque Region and Cataluña. Most enquiries from foreign visitors came from the British.

### Nearly ready

ALCOY City Hall set aside €200,000 to finish the medical centre for mental health patients whose foundation stone was laid in 2010. Once ready, it will be ceded to the regional government.

### Fiestas fight

THE GUARDIA CIVIL arrested three youths who attacked a member of Gata's Fiestas Committee last November when he broke up a fight during the celebrations, leaving him with a broken arm and severe bruising.

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## Town hall tries again

APPROXIMATELY 8,000 square metres of municipal land on the Paradis beach in Villajoyosa is on the market again.

The town hall hopes to sell it for €3.185 million, 15 per cent less than the €3.747 million asking price when there were no takers in October 2016.

The land was acquired in 2013, following an agreement with the Taylor Wimpey construction company when Jaime Lloret and the Partido

Popular were in charge at the town hall.

As well as ceding the Calle Cervantes plot, Taylor Wimpey paid €1.85 million in cash and built a promenade along the Paradis beach.

In exchange, the town hall authorised an increase in the permitted construction limit when Taylor Wimpey put up apartments on the site of the former BBVA bank residence.

The Calle Cervantes land is classed for hotel-tourism use

and the town hall hopes to attract another hotel to the town.

According to local media sources, the money raised would go to the Municipal Land Patrimony (FMS), destined for social projects including building subsidised housing.

A new hotel would also provide income via local taxes for the town hall as well as work for the local population, La Vila's mayor Andreu Verdu has said.

## English help in short supply

THE region's Education department has engaged only 170 of a hoped-for 800 English language assistants.

Parallel to Education chief Vicent Marza's plans to teach all school subjects in Valenciano, Spanish and English, the conversation classes with native English-speakers are a Ministry of Education initiative.

The post requires a university degree and pays €1,000 a month for a 30-hour week.

In 2017 the central government assigned 47 assistants to the Valencia region's three provinces

and 45 this year. Intending to provide English conversation classes in 1,000 state schools, Marza allocated €8.6 million for an increase in the number of assistants taken on by the Ministry.

This was reduced to 800 owing to a lack of applicants and to fill the Valencia region's quota the Ministry had to look further afield than the UK, Ireland, Canada, the US, Australia or New Zealand.

Of the 170 language assistants who eventually signed contracts, approximately 100 are from the Philippines, said Education department sources.

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## NEWS EXTRA

### Pylon risk

PLANS to reintroduce 50 ospreys to the Pego-Oliva marsh over the next five years could be thwarted, warned Oliva's Environment councillor Imma Ibiza, as nearby electricity pylons were a threat to their survival.

### Smoke signal

THE Maigmo occupational centre in San Vicente was evacuated after the kitchen began to fill with thick smoke, which investigators later traced to an oven where cooking oil had overheated.

### Heart scare

A FIRE CONSORTIUM helicopter airlifted a 42-year-old man with suspected heart failure from Sierra de Cabeço near Busot, landing him at San Vicente fire station where a waiting ambulance transferred him to hospital.

### Not so fast

SPAIN'S president Mariano Rajoy and Generalitat president Ximo Puig inaugurated the new Madrid-Castellon high speed AVE train, which arrived 30 minutes late on its first journey owing to a problem with the points.

### Great divide

A VILLAJOYOSA Town Hall survey found that although 80 per cent of foreign residents originating from developed countries lived outside the town centre, most of those from Third World nations lived inside it.

### In a jam

BENIDORM'S town hall intends to set a timetable and a limit for coaches entering the town centre. Much of the daily traffic chaos is caused by unlicensed sales excursions, the Transport Department said.

BENITACHELL has launched a tourism advertising campaign with a new short film promoting the town.

The advert will reportedly be screened in 54 countries on the Eurosport TV channel, reaching over 150 million

homes in Europe.

The slogan of the new campaign is 'Benitachell: a town with a heart,' and features more

than a hundred photographs of standout locations in the area. The advert will be uploaded to the town hall's website:

www.elpoblenoude benitachell.com and it will also be shared on Facebook and other social network platforms.

The 50-second video was directed by the renowned local filmmaker Paco Soto, who included all manner of attrac-

tions the town has to offer, from rural vineyards and Cova dels Arcs cave, to local festivals and cuisine. "The advert was made with a lot of passion because our town is a place full of heart and soul," said councillor Myra van't Hoff.

# A town with a heart

## Radio stars

AMATEUR radio enthusiasts in Javea have lent their services to help improve the local communications network used by civil protection agencies in the event of emergencies.

The radio enthusiasts have expanded the town's communications network to give the area better coverage within the emergency radio network.

According to the area coordinator, Miguel Soriano Benavent, they have achieved this by setting up several VHF antennae which can be connected to the Aitana R-24 repeater that sends signals throughout the whole province. Until now, this repeater was not always enough to cover some of the villages in the Marina Alta, so the new antennae will ensure information is communicated throughout the entire region in case of an emergency.

## On the mend

PLANS to repair the run down Puente de Triana Bridge in Javea are much closer to becoming a reality, according to an official bulletin released by the Alicante authorities.

The total cost of the work is valued at more than €500,000, and involves raising the bridge from its current height of 12 metres to 15.

The bridge, located at the mouth of the Gorgos River, suffered structural damage during a flood in 2007 which has since made it unsafe for heavy vehicles to pass over.

The work is estimated to take about three months, but traffic will only need to be redirected for a month, since part of the work can be completed while cars pass over.

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# 'Tree-killing' disease threatens almonds



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**ALMOND BLOSSOM: A Vall de Pop tourist attraction.**

NOT only agricultural growers but Marina Alta business-owners are worried about the spread of tree-killer *Xylella Fastidiosa*.

The disease already affecting almond trees in the Marina Baja has been confirmed in practically all Vall de Pop towns as well as Benissa and Gata.

Almond-growing is the principal crop in these areas and in the Pop valley the trees are also a tourist attraction when they are in flower.

There are local fears that

*Xylella* will have the same effect as the mildew that has decimated citrus crops or the phylloxera that devastated muscatel vines in the early 20th century, wiping out the area's flourishing raisin-processing industry.

"This could be much worse than the phylloxera and mildew together," warned the Marina Alta Business Circle (Cedma), whose members have written to the Generalitat's Agriculture department, declaring support for the Ma-

rina Alta's agricultural sector.

The association also questioned the compensation payments of €28 per tree and €6,000 for every hectare of land when *Xylella* has been detected and trees within a 100-metre radius are felled to contain the disease.

These payments do not take into account the growers' lost profits, said Cedma, which maintained that felling trees and paying compensation was not a solution.



## Let's talk about risk.

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



One of the most overlooked areas of financial advice in Spain is risk. Everything we do in life involves a risk/reward balance. That trip to the bathroom in the middle of the night? You flick the light on to avoid the risk of tripping over your bedroom furniture, but perhaps 1 in 10 billion times someone gets electrocuted by the bedroom light switch!

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So, in our current low to zero interest rates environment, the risk is do you leave your

money in the bank and lose potentially 25% of its value over ten years, or do you balance risk vs reward to either match or stay ahead of inflation with some form of investment? The number of times I've heard people say leaving money in the bank is the safer option, but for me losing a potential 25% of your savings buying power over 10 years is not a truly safe option.

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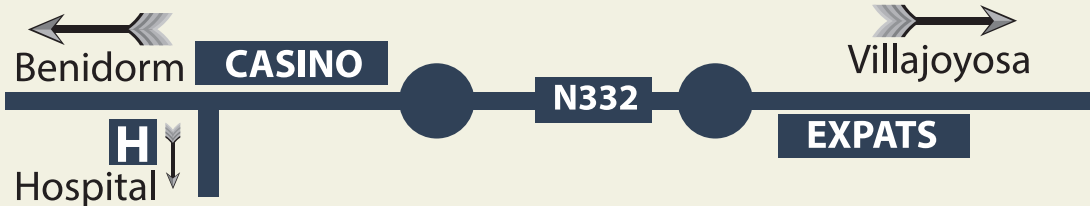
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## No more 'tickets please'

BENIDORM will be the first overground station on the TRAM network to have automatic ticket barriers.

So far only Luceros, Mercado and Marq-Castillo - all underground stations inside Alicante City - use this system, said the region's rail operator FGV.

One of the four barriers will be adapted for those with reduced mobility, and all will accept contactless cards as well as printed tickets, FGV said.

They will be installed now that work has finished on modernising and renovating the station, which is also the starting point for



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### REVAMP: Complete new look for Benidorm station.

Line 9 between Benidorm and Denia.

The façade, vestibule and toilets have been transformed and there is better access for passengers with mobility problems who can now enter the station di-

rectly from the road via a ramp.

The station revamp is part of a Generalitat programme which is spending €6.4 million on improvements to stations at Teulada, Gata and Denia.

## Dogs against drug use

BENIDORM Town Hall is widening the activities of the Local Police's canine unit which was introduced last August.

So far the unit has been carrying out nighttime patrols in the resort's entertainment and leisure area, explained Public Safety councillor Lorenzo Martinez.

Now officers and their three dogs will start patrolling areas near Benidorm's secondary schools to discourage possessing, selling and consuming drugs.

Special attention will be paid to the Salto de Agua district where four

of the town's five state Institutos are located.

The initiative was prompted by the canine unit's good results since it was introduced last summer and has also been requested by the schools, Martinez said.

In 2016, the Local Police started legal proceedings against 109 people for possessing or consuming drugs in the street, but by end of 2017 this had risen to 314.

The figures spoke for themselves, the councillor added: "Having the dogs at the service of the Local Police is proving to be very positive."

## Connect on the beach

BENIDORM's three beaches - Levante, Poniente and Mal Pas - will have free Wi-Fi by Easter.

The connection will be provided by 30 devices installed at traffic lights or on streetlights.

The service is free for Benidorm Town Hall and the Visit Benidorm Foundation as well as the public, confirmed local mayor Toni Perez, thanks to an agreement with Wiongo, an internet provider with 18 years' experience in public Wi-Fi connectivity.

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**NEWS EXTRA****Lost property**

PASSENGERS lost 1,489 of their personal belongings - mainly wallets, purses, travel cards, spectacles and keys - while travelling on the Alicante TRAM last year, of which 499 were reclaimed.

**Toy donation**

MEMBERS of Alfaz's Social Volunteers Association visited the Marina Baja Hospital in Villajoyosa where they presented the toys they collected over Christmas for young patients on the Paediatric floor.

**Action taken**

THIRTY pupils at a Sax high school and their teachers received preventive medication, including antibiotics, after a 14-year-old in their class was diagnosed with meningitis. She is now under observation at Alicante General Hospital.

**Green fingers**

APPLICANTS have a month to put in requests for 38 allotments in San Vicente, with 36 split evenly between three age groups and two for charity associations. All produce must be organically grown.

**Cash taken**

CASAL FESTER, the headquarters of Benitachell's fiestas organisers in the town centre, was broken into and €1,500 in lottery takings stolen by someone who obviously knew where to find it, members said.

**A fine haul**

TEN out of 19 motorists fined on the same day by Alcoy's Local Police had out-of-date ITV testing certificates. Six were driving without seatbelts, two lacked insurance and one had an expired driving licence.

A 15-YEAR legal dispute which has prevented basic services from being provided in Monte Pego has finally been resolved, according to reports.

Unable to break the legal deadlock for a decade and a half, residents have reportedly watched local infrastructure fall into neglect and disrepair - despite paying their annual fees.

A long campaign - including repre-

**Basic services on the table**

sentations to the European Parliament, Spanish government and various local authorities - has finally resulted in basic services being provided, after seemingly endless negotiations, according to Spanish media.

Three local authorities - Rafol, Denia

and Pego - are now said to have restarted their services. Pego - the initiator of the legal dispute, and most reluctant of the local authorities - has now finally agreed, reports say.

Roads and pavements are now reportedly being restored as the area's

much-needed building work begins.

The mayor of Pego reportedly visited the area to review its progress, and apologised to residents for the delays to the work.

He thanked locals for "their patience and understanding" during negotiations and promised that roads would be maintained into the future as a basic service, Spanish media said.

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## Sky scraped

THE regional government ordered Calpe Town Hall to rescind the licence for the now-finished Suitopia hotel.

Calpe's mayor Cesar Sanchez, who is also president of the Diputacion provincial council, was given a month to annul the licence that permitted construction of the 30-storey, four-star hotel.

Planning permission was signed off by Ana Sala, at that time Urban Development councillor.

The permit came to the Department's attention after the spokesmen for the PSPV,

Compromis and Si se Puede Calp parties wrote to the regional government.

According to the Generalitat's Department of Housing, Public Works and Territorial Coordination, the permit did not comply with the 20 per cent limit on exemption for common elements and services.

The hotel exceeded the permitted volume of construction, the Department said, adding that the building, which was 'very tall,' stood out on the skyline, 'negatively affecting the view of the Peñon de Ifach and the horizon.'

## Russians' growing concerns

POLICE arrested two Russians and dismantled a marijuana plantation at their Altea Hills villa.

Officers belonging to the National Police's criminal investigation unit confiscated almost 1,000 plants which the two men, aged 42 and 36, were tending with an efficient heating and ventilation system.

Police also found night-vision binoculars and transmitters amongst other objects connected to the men's illicit activities.

The Altea Hills villa had already been investigated in 2016 although on that occasion the previous tenants removed the marijuana plants before police searched the property.

One of the men was remanded while the other has been charged and later released.

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**VALENCIA FALLAS:** City hall hopes to eradicate sexism from the fiestas.

## All things being equal

VALENCIA City Hall's Equality department is producing a list of non-offensive songs during the Fallas celebrations in March.

Department head Isabel Lozano intends to present this at the first meeting of a new committee set up by the municipal Equality and Women's department.

Members will be making recommendations regarding the way that females are represented in the elaborate and satirical Fallas monuments that are burnt each year on March 19.

Speaking beforehand, Lozano expressed satisfaction with last year's Fallas campaign to eliminate songs with sexist and homophobic lyrics, especially from the multitudinous

verbenas (dances) that are an important feature during the fiestas.

The initiative was so successful, the councillor said, that the Equality department had decided to compile a list of popular but non-sexist songs that do not treat women as objects, Lozano said.

She also stressed that these would be suggestions and in no case obligatory. So too, would be recommendation to artists who create the Fallas.

"We want women to be visible during the fiestas because we would like them to have a more visible role," the councillor said. "But we understand that creativity needs freedom and we respect that."



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# Beach still in time warp



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**ATRIUM BEACH: Work came to a halt in 2003.**

THE courts cancelled building permits allowing construction at the Atrium Beach hotel in La Cala de Villajoyosa.

The Valencia region's Upper Court of Justice (TSJ), accepting a private appeal, rescinded licences granted to Hotel Luna SL in 2006 and 2007. The regional court also ordered that an unauthorised section of the hotel complex should be demolished.

Work on the Atrium Beach began in 2002 and in March

2003 Villajoyosa Town Hall found that developers had built 88,576 metres more than was permitted.

Work was halted six months later after three workers were killed in accidents at the site, but in 2005 Villajoyosa Town Hall took steps to legalise the excess construction. This resulted in the two licences now annulled by the TSJ.

The Valencia ruling coincides with another decision from an Alicante court which rejected a similar appeal

lodged by former Villajoyosa councillor, Pedro Lloret, who has been fighting the mammoth Atrium Beach project for years.

The TSJ decision is not final and appeals can be lodged with the Supreme court within a month.

According to municipal sources, Villajoyosa Town Hall's legal advisers are preparing to present an appeal. Hotel Luna SL announced that it respected 'all legal decisions' but would also be appealing.

# Big outlay will save money

THE Marina Baja hospital will no longer be the only Social Security hospital in Ali-

cante Province without magnetic resonance imaging.

Until now patients needing

an MRI scan have had to go to one of the private clinics where the Generalitat pays for this service.

Medical staff and nurses' unions have made continual calls for an MRI scanner, denouncing its lack as another affront to the generalised shortfall in the area's Health infrastructure.

Now, almost a decade later than other Alicante Province Health districts, the present regional government has found the necessary €1.5 million for an MRI scanner.

Despite the initial outlay the scanner will bring savings once it is installed, as the Health department will no longer have to pay the private sector for providing the outsourced service.

The tests will also be carried out by Health service employees, confirmed the hospital manager, Rosa Luis Cereceda.

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**FONTILLES:** Now a long-term specialist centre.

## Where to draw the line

IFAC FILATELICO, a Calpe stamp collectors' association, recently detected an internet website selling photographs and medical records from Fontilles.

This was once a leper colony and the association's Jose Ivars Ivars pointed out that although the files and the photos are old, they name the patient and give details of the ravages caused by the disease.

The medical records date from the time when the San

Francisco de Borja sanatorium first opened in the Vall de Laguar in 1909 to treat Spain's leprosy patients.

The photos showed in close up their ulcers and ailments, leading Ivars to ask, "What is valid? Is everything collectible?"

He also wanted to know how such sensitive material could have been removed from the Fontilles records.

"Something as personal and intimate should have been kept safely," he main-

tained "How would the patients' relatives feel if they knew that their loved ones' intimate medical records were on sale and that money was being made out of them?"

There are no longer patients suffering from leprosy at Fontilles, although researching ways to eradicate the disease which still carries a social stigma in developing countries, continues there.

The building now houses a specialised residence for long-stay patients and the elderly.

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**Easy access**

WOODEN walkways on Benidorm's beaches are being replaced with concrete slabs to make it easier for those using crutches or wheelchairs to access the adapted bathing areas.

**Cold comfort**

FEWER people attended Alcoy's Sant Antoni fiestas this year, organisers said, owing to the regional government's ban on bonfires near woodland, which ruled out the traditional outdoor roast.

**Recycle ploy**

JIJONA renewed all of its communal rubbish containers and some of the yellow bins for plastics, while relocating recycling points to more convenient sites to encourage residents to recycle more.



**DESALINATION: Solution for water shortage.**

# Taps still turned off

MUCHAMIEL'S desalination plant will remain inoperative until 2019.

This is the date set by the central government's Ministry of Agriculture which announced that the plant needs a 40,000 cubic metre deposit adjoining the main installation before it could function.

Answering Carles Mulet, a senator for the Compromis party who represents Alicante Province, the Ministry explained that publicly owned Aguas de las Cuencas Mediterraneas (Acuamed) has now drafted plans for the deposit.

The contract to build it will be put out to tender at the end of this year, by which time a budget allocation should be available.

Alicante Province growers who depend on wa-

ter from the Tajo Segura called last December for the Muchamiel plant to start production. Transfers of irrigation water via the pipeline were halted last May owing to the drought now affecting regions that are usually water rich.

Future crops in some parts of Alicante and Murcia are at risk, warn growers, who need 60 cubic hectometres of water to save 44 million fruit trees in both provinces.

Meanwhile, the Muchamiel plant, which cost €93 million to build and could treat 18 cubic hectometres of water annually, has functioned only once since it was built. This was in 2016 when it produced five hectometres of treated water for Benidorm to prevent cuts in the water supply.

# Red faces over parking plans

BENIDORM'S Green Zone parking plans will be delayed until Easter or possibly the summer.

Municipal insiders revealed that the town hall is still waiting for a report on modifying the town hall's contract with the concessionary company responsible for parking.

Because the Audit department has not yet produced the report the scheme has been put on hold, the same sources said.

The Green Zone will eventually replace Blue Zone parking in La Cala, Colonia Madrid and Rincon de Loix, affecting 3,003 parking places.

Parking will be free all day, every day, in these three areas for residents on the municipal padron

who are then entitled to a Tarjeta de Residente card. Tourists or residents registered in other municipalities must pay €1.50 an hour, regardless of the day of the week.

Blue Zone parking will eventually be introduced to Avenida de Foietes, Calle Orxeta and Calle Roldan while paid parking is to be extended to some of the spaces used for loading and unloading or parking motorcycles.

The daily charge for towed-away vehicles in the car pound will also increase.

The Contracts, Transport and Treasury departments have all delivered their reports, municipal sources said but until the Audit department complies, the scheme cannot be put into practice.

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# One dead in border stampede

A MAN has died in a stampede at the Moroccan and Spanish land border, according to media reports.

Several others were injured in the stampede at the Barrio Chino border post near the Spanish enclave of Melilla. At least three of those were injured on the Spanish side of the border.

The man, 39, died of cardiac arrest, according to Moroccan government sources.

The stampede reportedly began after crowds suddenly rushed the turnstiles from the Moroccan side of the border.

The border post, which is used by thousands of people every day to transport goods into Spanish territory, was closed until order was restored.

A total of 11 people were injured on the Moroccan side of the border according to the country's human rights association.

The news follows other stampedes which have taken place on the border in recent months.



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**STAMPEDE: One man died in the crush at the border post near Melilla.**

pedes which have taken place on the border in recent months.

Two women were killed at the Tarajal II crossing near the Spanish enclave of Ceuta and the Moroccan town of Fnideq last week.

Four women porters were trampled to death in crushes at the same border crossing last

year.

The majority of people who use the crossings to transport goods are women. Thousands of female porters travel between Cueta and Morocco daily, according to estimates.

Spanish authorities have imposed a limit of 4,000 per day.

## Teens held on murder charge

TWO 14-year-old boys have been held in connection with the murder of an elderly couple in northern Spain.

It comes after the bodies of two 87-year-olds were found by their son-in-law at their home in the Otxarkoaga neighbourhood of Bilbao, Basque Country.

The well-known pair - who until a decade ago ran a popular home decorating business - had been stabbed and beaten to death in their ground floor flat during what police believe was an attempted robbery.

A probe launched in the wake of the find led to the arrest of the two children, both of who are from Otxarkoaga and have prior criminal records for robbery and violence.

They were identified after detectives interviewed neighbours who had seen them 'hanging around' the property, police revealed in a statement.

One of the boys was arrested in the nearby town of Balmaseda before the second turned himself in at a Bilbao petrol station after realising he was being followed.

Residents say that Otxarkoaga has suffered a 'wave of robberies' by 'the usual suspects' in the past year.



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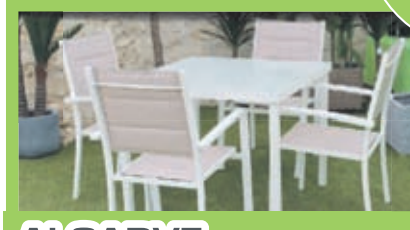
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## New court success: Activa Tu Casa (Easy Living Plan) from Banco de Valencia declared invalid

### Client wrongly sold loan in foreign currency and investment

IN this article, we would like to inform you of a new court success that we have obtained against the Bank

of Valencia, (today Caixa-bank) regarding a foreign or multi-currency loan in

Swiss Francs.

The details of this successful court case are that the Moraira branch of the Bank of Valencia persuaded my client, Mrs S, to take a product that they called Activa Tu Casa (Easy Living Plan), for which a loan in foreign currency was offered linked to an investment in Euros.

*How the product was sold:*

In this case, our client who wanted €100,000 work on the house was invited by the bank to agree to take:

A loan in Swiss francs (not Euros) of a sum considerably in excess of that required and in this case the amount was the equivalent of €450,000.

The adviser from the

bank claimed that this was a great opportunity as the interest rate on these loans, was the LIBOR linked to the foreign currency which was lower than the Euribor.

And it was offered for 10 years, paying interest only with the entire capital to be paid back at the end of the loan.

From this €450,000, just €100,000 was transferred to the client and the balance of €350,000 was compulsorily invested in a fund held by Bank of Valencia, for the same period of 10 years.

Our client was told that the bank would manage the investment which would generate significant returns, so that after 10 years, the €350,000 plus interest would allow the

customer to pay the interest on the loan and also pay back the €450,000.

So the bank said that with this product the client would receive the €100,000 up front, and as with the investment it would be possible to pay the loan back.

The reality was very different, the truth is this product is extremely risky and in fact the Swiss franc revalued approximately 60 per cent against the euro, also the investment was not guaranteed.

*Consequences:* At the end of the loan after 10 years, our client was told that she had to repay the equivalent of €670,000 and the invested €350,000 had lost €80,000. The bank therefore demanded that

our client hand over their property valued at €400,000 in order to clear the debt.

*Legal action:* our firm claimed and achieved, (as per the court order number 307/2017 from the court number 3 of Denia), the nullification of the product. The court decision will be analysed by us in further articles.

If you are in this situation, and you have a mortgage in Spain but in a currency different than the euro, or if the bank (Banco de Valencia) mis-sold you a product called Activa Tu Casa - Easy Living Plan, contact us and we will help you.

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## Trump rage goes on

THOUSANDS of Spanish protesters took to the streets to mark the anniversary of last year's Women's March. Worldwide, countless people demonstrated in over 30 countries - and 300 US cities - a year after an event which saw millions show their opposition to President Donald Trump on the day after he was sworn in.

Much of the march's focus was on women's rights, while Trump was the subject of ridicule.

Many suggested 'time's up' for the US President, while others referenced the sexual harassment scandal, #MeToo movement and the need for more women in public roles.

In Madrid and Barcelona, thousands marched through the streets. One social media user wrote: "Everybody is welcome... but today is about women of the world."

There were similar demonstrations in numerous European capitals, including London, Berlin and Paris. Last year, demonstrations were reported on every continent.

Figures are difficult to clarify, but it is thought significantly more than 120,000 people came onto the streets in the USA.

Trump tweeted, seemingly ironically: 'a perfect day for all Women to March. Get out there now to celebrate the historic milestones and unprecedented economic success and wealth creation that has taken place over the last 12 months. Lowest female unemployment in 18 years!'

Government has officially 'shut down' in the USA, for the first time in five years, after the two main parties - Democrats and Republicans - failed to agree funding deals for agencies. It is hoped that an agreement will be reached shortly.

In London, there were speeches from various women's rights advocates, including the great-granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst, a suffragette leader widely credited with helping women win the vote.

## Enough's enough Ryanair pilots in Spain threaten 'legal action'

RYANAIR pilots in Spain have threatened to take 'legal actions' against the Irish low-cost carrier over their employment rights if they do not meet with company representatives by next week.

SEPLA, the Spanish pilots' union has written to Ryanair accusing management of failing to negotiate in good faith since formally recognising unions before Christmas.

The union warns that if a meeting has not been held by tomorrow (Friday) they will proceed to initiate 'All legal actions that Spanish labour law grants us in defence of our legitimate rights.'

SEPLA says it is surprised and disappointed at docu-

mentation received from management, which continues to link payment of a 20 per cent pay rise to conditions which pilots find unacceptable.

Ryanair said it does not comment on 'rumour or speculation, or on discussions with their people in Spain or elsewhere.'

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## Fair outlook

REPRESENTATIVES from several Alfaz businesses and the town hall recently attended the Reiseliv International trade fair in Oslo (Norway) to present the town's offer as health tourism destination.

Scandinavia is the Valencian Community's third-largest market and the Alfaz party made important contacts and closed interesting collaboration agreements, said councillor Martine Mertens.

# ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

## Three decades on film

ALFAZ took advantage of Madrid's Fitur tourism trade fair to promote the annual Film Festival.

This year the Festival celebrates its 30th anniversary and the municipality received the good news that the provincial council, the Diputacion, is increasing its subsidy by €5,000 to €30,000.

The Alfaz stand also received a visit from Ximo Puig, president of the Valencian Community, who cited the Festival as a clear example of the variety and richness that the region has to offer.



**PREPARATIONS: Vicente Arques and Juan Luis Iborra at Fitur**

Photo by Alfaz town hall

This year's edition will be held between July 6 and 15 and the inauguration returns to the street with a gala on the terraces surrounding the Casa de Cultura, announced the Festival's director Juan Luis Iborra. There will also be more parallel activities than previously, he said.

The town's preparations for the Festival include the showing next month of La Estatua, a 1956 film directed by Luis Gamboa that was shot entirely in Alfaz with many residents appearing as extras.

THE €4,000 cost of the decor at the Marina Baja hospital's new Paediatric Emergencies unit was met by Alfaz Council.

This includes a mural by students from Miguel Hernandez University's Fine Arts School, which Alfaz's mayor Vicente Arques and Health councillor Marisa Cortes recently inspected when they visited the unit.

"We hope this will make the children's stay in Emergencies more agreeable and help them to feel more at home," Arques said

He and Cortes were accompanied by Villajoyosa mayor Andreu Verdu and hospital manager, Rosa

## More at home in A & E



Photo by Alfaz town hall

**PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCIES: Vicente Arques, Andreu Verdu, Marisa Cortes and Rosa Louis Cereceda.**

Louis Cereceda, who explained that the hospital had finally achieved its goal of a separate paediatric A & E unit.

The children will no longer have to share the

same area as adults and could be treated in surroundings more in keeping with their ages, which also helped to reduce their stress levels, Louis Cereceda said.

## Workout out of doors

AN outdoor fitness circuit is being installed on Alfaz's Avenida dels Esports.

It will have seven different sets of equipment costing €8,000 that are specifically designed to develop muscular strength, boost the function of heart and lungs, improve flexibility and coordination while toning and activating the joints.

"There is an increasing demand for this type of open air exercise," Alfaz's Sports councillor, Luis Miguel Morant, said.

"Once installation has been completed we shall be organising sessions explaining to users - including the 100 or so elderly residents who follow the Sports and Activities Programme - how to use the equipment," Morant continued.

Eventually the council hopes to install more of the exercise routes throughout the town, adding to the new Avenida del Esports installation and the existing installation in Eucalyptus Park in Albir.

## Makeover for local auditorium

RENOVATIONS began recently at the Casa de Cultura auditorium and are due to continue until March.

The backstage area, wings, backdrops and stage curtains are being replaced, together with stage floorboards, which will have a linoleum covering that can be used when required. Flooring in the stalls will also be renewed.

The €50,000 project includes improved acoustics and illumination with modern sound and lighting systems so that the auditorium can be used for a wider range of performances.

Although the Auditorium has public toilets on the first floor for those with mobility problems, accessibility will be improved with new adapted toilets to be introduced on the ground floor.




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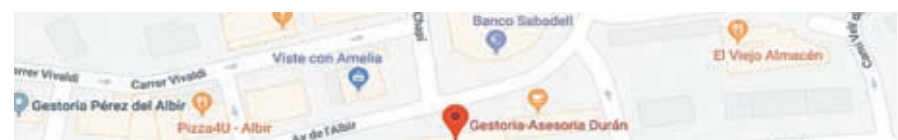
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They have a very polished act and great vocal harmonies and with the addition of a keyboard player this performance promises to be even better than before. Professional sound and lighting will be supplied by Magnum productions of course.

For a great evening of 'Beatlemania' don't miss this great show in a lovely theatre.

There will be a complimentary bar available and they will be holding a raffle. All proceeds will go to the Teulada - Moraira Lions Charities.

For tickets and information please call 966 499 954 or email: [peter\\_john1@hotmail.com](mailto:peter_john1@hotmail.com).

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## Just one of those things

ALL ladies choir Caprice are now well into rehearsals for their first major performance of 2018.

This new concert, entitled 'Just one of those things' will take place at La Senieta, Moraira on Friday March 2 at 7.30pm. It will feature the music of Gershwin and Cole Porter together with some of the group's favourite musical theatre and popular songs.

As usual the choir will be conducted by their musical director, Aileen Lightfoot, and accompanied on the piano by Kirsty Glen.

After a successful first year of concerts in 2017, the choir are hoping to continue entertaining audiences with the blend of female voices which works both for jazzy numbers and slow lyrical ballads. The performance will be helping to raise funds for Asociacion de Familiares de Personas con Alzheimers, Teulada-Moraira, a very worthy cause which provides support for families affected by Alzheimer's.

Tickets cost €10, available from Margaret & Elena's Card and Bookshop, Galerias Mar Azul, 9 Gabriel Miro, Calpe,



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# JAVEA - XABIA NEWS

## Making waves

A VALENCIA court will review a Javea woman's proposal to push forward obligatory mammograms for women from the age of 45 to 40, after she collected 200,000 signatures while fighting the disease herself. Breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women aged between 35 and 55 in Spain.

## Safe and hound

FIREFIGHTERS in Javea succeeded in rescuing Bandit, a dog trapped in an abandoned water tank.

The animal had fallen into the huge hole while chasing a rabbit, according to local media sources.

The incident occurred while the British couple who owned Bandit were out for a stroll in the Montgo Natural Park, when the hound allegedly spotted a rabbit and gave chase, ignoring the commands of his owners.

While in pursuit, the dog then fell into an abandoned water tank which was around five metres deep. The owners were unable to find a way to get him out so alerted the emergency authorities in Javea.

The firemen were able to reach the animal using an assortment of equipment, including ropes and a special cage, and, after an hour, the dog was returned to his owners safe and sound.

## Taking the stage

JAVEA Town Hall presented plans for the town's new auditorium while attending FITUR (the international tourism trade fair) in Madrid.

A designer's impression of the auditorium, which is already under construction, was presented in a video shown during the fair while the mayor of Javea, Jose Chulvi, and the councillor for

Culture, Quico Moragues, explained how the new 524-seat theatre would be put to good use.

"Our problem so far has been one of infrastructure, as we only have council-owned spaces that fit a small number of people, so most events are held outdoors or planned on a small scale," revealed Chulvi, announcing that "it will allow us to take a leap when it comes to scheduling concerts and large-scale theatre performances."

Meanwhile, Moragues detailed some of the events that could be held in the new cultural space, including theatre, film screenings or opera performances; as well as the current events the town has to offer, such as the Javea Jazz festival, the Montgo Rock festival and the Javea Folk festival.



**ON THE WAY:** Javea mayor Jose Chulvi and Quico Moragues at FITUR.

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**FANCY A WALK:** Members of the Javea U3A Walking Group enjoying the countryside.

## Javea U3A invites new members

JAVEA U3A is holding an open meeting at the Parador Hotel next Wednesday - and is inviting current members and anybody who would like to join to attend.

Doors open at 9.30am and a number of leaders of the 50-plus groups will be there to meet new members and explain what is on offer.

Javea U3A has over 1,500 members, who enjoy numerous activities including walking, dining out, wine appreciation, badminton, bird-watching, Spanish culture and cuisine, history and travel presentations as well as regular trips, and much more!

So if you are retired and want to know what the U3A

has to offer, come along to the meeting.

You will be made very welcome and you may be surprised to find there is something of interest for you.

For full details of the open meeting and more about what the U3A has to offer, visit the website [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org).



## Group effort

A REAL ESTATE crowd-funding campaign has so far managed to raise €100,000 to pay for a new apartment complex in Javea. Around 38 private investors lent their money to fund the build of the 18 homes on Avenida Es-trasburgo, and expect to start earning income on their investment later this month.



Photo by Ajuntament de Xàbia

ow plans for the new auditorium at

## Beach tragedy

TWO 17-year-old girls from Javea tried to save a bottlenose dolphin that had become stranded on the beach.

The two teenagers revealed they had been walking along the Arenal beach promenade in Javea, when they spotted 'a bright flash' which they initially thought was a shark.

The girls reportedly cried out for help and got into the water to help the dolphin swim out to sea. They soon received help from some English youths who were passing and pushed the dolphin out until the water reached shoulder level.

More people allegedly joined to help before long and the Javea police brought thermal blankets to warm them up when they came out of the sea. Waiters from nearby bars also apparently came down to the beach with blankets.

However, the dolphin - which was a metre and a half long and believed to weigh a hundred kilos - turned around and swam back to shore.

When the volunteers tried to put it back in the sea, they saw that the sea creature was bleeding, and knew there was not much more they could do. Dolphins are known to swim to the shore when they are dying.

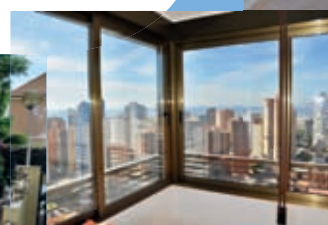


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# Work of art

AFTER the Christmas and New Year festivities, the Arts Society Marina Alta is now fully prepared for their second year of society presentations.

The Chairman and committee are pleased to confirm that the first AGM will be held at the Salones Canor, Teulada on February 1.

The registration of members starts at 9.45am and the AGM starts at 10.15am, followed by the first presentation at 11am.

With the present limits on members and guests, and the restrictions to access of their original venue by the proposed development of the promenade between the town and the Parador Hotel, the Arts Society has made the decision to move location.

The move is to Salones Canor, Cami d'Assagador de Canor, Teulada, which they hope will

bring equal success in our second year.

Their first presentation in 2018 will be 'Art Treasures of Madrid' presented by Harry Fletcher.

Harry's excellent illustrations, combined with his in-depth knowledge of the treasures held in the private homes and museums of Madrid, will allow the group to walk in the 'barrios' with Sorolla, Velazquez, Goya, El Greco and many others.

Drinks will be available after the presentation to enable members, guests and visitors to mix socially.

Doors open for visitors at 10.45am for an 11am start.

Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement at: [secretary@marinaaltaarts.com](mailto:secretary@marinaaltaarts.com).

For their full 2018 programme, go to: [marinaaltaarts.com](http://marinaaltaarts.com).

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ALL SMILES: Carole Saunders, Andres Ivars from Caritas and John Bridge.

## Helping the community

AT the start of the festive period, The Charity Shop of Calpe donated €1,000 to both Caritas and the Calpe Food Bank in the form of food vouchers. The vouchers were distributed to needy families in the town, allowing them to buy fresh food over the Christmas and New Year period.

President of the shop, John Bridge, said that he was "delighted to be able to contribute to the work that the local associations do. The Charity Shop of Calpe has been able to donate €20,000 during 2017, all of it supporting local families in the town."

John also thanked all of the volunteers at the shop who give their time so willingly and all of the customers. He wished all of them a very Happy New Year.

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## DENMARK



### Aiming high

NORWAY is aiming to make all short-haul flights electric by 2040, according to the chief executive of state-owned Avinor airline Dag Falk-Petersen who believes that 1.5 hour flights can be flown by entirely electric planes.



Credit: Chatupong Lertsichirada/Facebook

### Fur away

THE Norwegian government has promised to close all fox and mink fur farms by 2025, becoming the 14th European country to phase out fur farming.

### Snow fun

A 21-YEAR-OLD man in Bergen

was sentenced to 30 days in prison for throwing snowballs at police after they were called to close down an unruly house party.

### Chief suspect

POLICE in Norway have arrested the husband of a woman, who is a mother-of-two, and has been

**GREEN FLIERS: Norway has high ambitions for electric flights.**

missing from her home since December 29, on suspicion of her murder.

## GERMANY



### Snail mail

COMPLAINTS against the German postal service increased by 50 per cent in 2017 as over 6,000 complaints were registered according to German media sources, with half of these related to the processing and delivery of letters.

a falling tree at a camping site in Mors during a storm that battered western Germany and left 100,000 people in the region without electricity.

around €500 on the cheapest annual ticket.

### Red-carded

MPs have excluded a far-right lawmaker from a parliamentary football team because he was convicted for hooligan violence, with the man in question claiming he had been ostracised by mainstream parties.

### Sneaky savers

ADIDAS have released 500 pairs of limited edition that double as Berlin public transport passes, and at just €180 will save their lucky owners

### Tree tragedy

A 59-YEAR-OLD man was killed by

## FRANCE



### Top spot

FRANCE has managed to retain its title as the most visited country in the world after 89 million tourists took a trip there last year, an increase of 8 per cent from 2016.

### Cyber charity

CHURCHGOERS in an upmarket Parisian neighbourhood don't have to worry about carrying any loose change any more as the priest at the Saint-Francois de Molitor church has installed contactless bank card terminals for donations.

### Grounded

A NEW project to build an airport near the city of Nantes has been scrapped after it was opposed by several environmental groups, although local politicians declared it would have bad consequences for the economy.

### Milk scare

A GOVERNMENT report revealed food safety inspectors failed to detect an outbreak of salmonella at a French factory run by dairy group Lactalis, causing 12 million boxes of powdered baby milk to be recalled.

## BELGIUM



### Gas blast

A BLAST believed to be caused by a gas explosion which caused a residential building in Antwerp to collapse has left at least two people dead, with 14 people being injured, one critically.

### Helping hand

BELGIUM has donated nearly €19 million to a United Nations agency that provides aid to Palestinian refugees after the US slashed their aid to the country as a form of blackmail.

### Student ordeal

A 19-YEAR-OLD student who claims she was abducted and repeatedly raped by five men in Brussels was found after she located herself using Google Maps and sent the address to her brother.

### Dire straits

AROUND one in five Belgians revealed they struggled to make ends meet last year, according to a survey by the Belgian statistics office Statbel, with 5 per cent saying they were severely deprived of material possessions.

## NETHERLANDS



### Storm scare

FLIGHTS to and from Amsterdam's Schiphol airport and train services were delayed while winds with speeds of up to 120kph were recorded across the country, causing the weather bureau to issue a code red weather warning.

### On a roll

DUTCH bike maker Gazelle has produced its 15 millionth bike since it began operations 125 years ago, and 19 years since it rolled out the 10-millionth bike in 1999.

### About abuse

A NEW survey has revealed that nearly one in three Dutch people consider domestic violence to be justifiable in some circumstances, with young people more likely to accept it than the over 55s.

### Taking credit

THE use of credit cards in the Netherlands grew by 10.3 per cent in 2017, and the number of contactless payments rose by 49 per cent, but still only 55 per cent of Dutch consumers actually own a credit card.

## SWEDEN



### Snowed under

POLICE have confirmed a Swedish skier was killed when an avalanche ravaged an Indian ski resort in the Himalayas, but rescuers managed to find his companion alive in the snow.

### Speaking up

THE number of reported rapes in Sweden increased by 10 per cent in 2017, according to figures from the National Council on Crime Prevention, reaching a total of 7,230.

### Revenge blast

POLICE have blamed an explosion that happened outside a Rosengard police station - which damaged the building and officers' private cars, though no one was injured - on the pressure authorities are putting on criminals.

### War scare

SWEDEN is preparing to send out 4.7 million leaflets that urge citizens to prepare for 'crisis and catastrophes in peacetime' to households across the country due to fears of an impending Russian act of war.

## NORWAY



### What a find

A CORNUCOPIA of 5,000-year-old 'sun' stones was dug up by archaeologists during an excavation on the island of Bornholm, which could allegedly give new insight into life in the Stone Age.

### On the move

THE Danish government has announced several of its agencies will be moved out of Copenhagen to other parts of the country - a relocation of up to 1,800 jobs - in an effort to boost local economies.

### Crack down

DANISH police have charged more than 1,000 teenagers with distribution of child pornography after they shared a video on Facebook messenger which showed two 15-year-olds having sex.

### Caught on film

COPENHAGEN plans to install 100 new security cameras in around 50 new locations which regularly see episodes of violence in an effort to combat gang crime.





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TOUGH RESPONSE: Putin at a meeting with Viktor Zolotov (right) in 2016.

# Election response

■ DISTURBANCES during the Russian presidential election will receive a tough response from the country's National Guard, security officials have said.

The guard, founded by President Putin in 2016 to perform public order functions, will provide security at more than 93,000 precincts. Putin is expected to win the vote.

## Nuclear deal

■ RUSSIA has refused to join a deal on nuclear disarmament, the country's foreign minister has said. Speaking at the UN Security Council, Sergei Lavrov said unilateral disarmament encouraged by the deal should be avoided but added Russia wanted a nuclear weapons-free world.

## Epiphany Day

■ PRESIDENT PUTIN took to the icy waters of Lake Seliger near Moscow to mark Epiphany Day on the night of January 18-19. The holiday, which commemorates the

baptism of Jesus Christ, is celebrated by thousands of Russian Christians who bathe in rivers across the country.

## Axe attack

■ THREE students and a teacher were injured in an axe attack in their school in Buryatia on Friday morning.

The attacker, himself a student, slashed the victims in the Sosnovy Bor village school before setting off a Molotov cocktail in an attempted suicide, according to reports.

## Buzzfeed accused

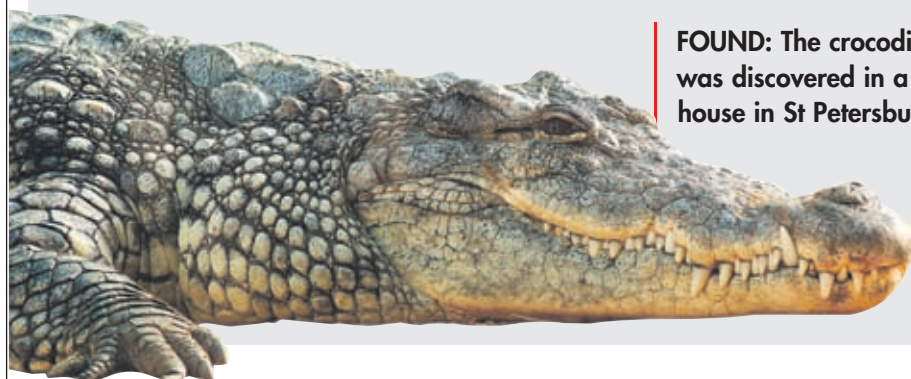
■ BUZZFEED has been accused of working with American intelligence services by the Russian Foreign Ministry after publishing an article based on reportedly leaked diplomatic documents.

The ministry said BuzzFeed could not have had access to the documents, which allegedly record Russian Embassy bank transfers, with US intelligence knowledge.

## Crocodile found

■ A PROBE has been launched by prosecutors in St Petersburg over reports a crocodile was found in the basement of a house in the south west of the city. The reptile was discovered in the Petrodvorets district by police who were investigating illegal arms smuggling in the city.

FOUND: The crocodile was discovered in a house in St Petersburg.



## Green energy boost

MADRID-BASED renewable energy provider Acciona Energy has signed a deal to supply Unilever with electricity.

The contract covers all the British-Dutch consumer goods firm's facilities in Spain.

Acciona Green Energy director Santiago Gómez Ramos said: "We are very pleased that such an important company as Unilever has entrusted its electricity supply to Acciona, and we are delighted to work with them to reduce their carbon footprint."

# Fizzing with pleasure

By Matt Ford

SPANISH soft drinks consumers are on red alert.

It comes after soft drinks brand Coca Cola announced it has chosen Spain as the first European country to feature its new packaging.

The new look features more red and clearer nutritional information on the can, and continues a rebranding process which started in 2015.

A new, smaller 250 millilitre can has also been introduced to the range.

Carolina Aransay, head of marketing in Spain, said that the company

is "constantly searching for innovations that respond to the needs of customers.

"As part of our business strategy, we have innovated in the design of our packaging by offering simple and clear information so that consumers can make informed and responsible decisions," she added.

"Coca Cola is 131 years old but has remained young and fresh thanks to its adaptation to change, and one of the keys to its 2015 success was a

unique brand strategy in which we chose to reinforce iconic elements such as red.

"We are pioneers, since we will be the first country in Europe and globally to feature this new packaging, and this revamp looks set to be permanent in Spain," she concluded.

Senior brand manager of Coca Cola Iberica, Cesar Ruiz, confirmed that he expects 3.2 billion cans with the updated branding to be sold by the end of the year, with all production lines to make the switch by February.

## Firm just doing it

A SPANISH electric utility firm is boosting links with sportswear behemoth Nike.

Avangrid, a subsidiary of Iberdrola, has signed a contract with the United States brand to supply electricity generated by wind power. It is the second such deal agreed between the pair and set to be worth around €100 million, according to reports.

Long-term supply contracts are swiftly becoming Iberdrola's main commercial asset stateside, after the company last year signed a €200 million agreement with Google.

### Quote of the Week

"Pensioners' loss of purchasing power is practically irrelevant." Spain's Social Security chief, Tomas Burgos, responds to criticism as pensions are to rise by 0.25 per cent in 2018 while inflation remains above 1 per cent.



MOVISTAR BILLS: Customers forced to fork out.

## Mobile giant hikes prices

SPANISH mobile phone operator Movistar has announced its latest price hike.

All of the company's Fusion packages will be affected by the increase, and the new rates will be applied to both new and existing contracts.

Although the rise is enforced, customers will however benefit from more internet data on their existing deals.

The updated tariffs are as follows:

Rate #2 - Up from €15 for

two gigabytes (GB) to €17 for three GB.

Rate #6 - Up from €27 for six GB to €30 for eight GB. The 200-minute bonus remains.

Rate #10 - Up from €37 for 10 GB to €40 for 15 GB plus unlimited calls.

Rate #20 - Up from €47 for 20 GB to €50 for 25 GB with unlimited calls.

Movistar is also pushing up the cost of deals which offer an additional line for half price, with similar increases in internet data.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Popping the cork

CAVA producer Freixenet has revealed that it will pay €5.87 million-worth of dividends to shareholders after a two-year lull. The sparkling wine firm made €8.4 million net profit in 2017, quadrupling its 2016 figures.

## Tokyo drift

NISSAN is to pull the plug on production of two unpopular models in Spain. Sales of the compact Pulsar and Evalia van have been so poor that they will no longer be built at the Japanese carmaker's Barcelona plant from midyear.

## Room gloom

MELIA HOTELS INTERNATIONAL - based in Mallorca - has lost €3 million due to the Catalan independence crisis, its CEO Gabriel Escarrer has claimed, going on to describe October as "poisonous and disastrous" for the chain.

## Toll roads set for privatisation

THE Spanish Ministry of Development will ask the central bank for €420 million to rescue bankrupt toll roads.

In February it plans to bail out the R-4 Madrid-Ocaña motorway, followed by the R-2, R-3, and R-5 (all Madrid), and the M-12 which connects the capital to Barajas Airport, plus stretches connecting Ocaña-La Roda,

Cartagena-Vera and the Alicante ring road.

The AP-41 between Madrid and Toledo is also set for a cash boost later in the year.

Once the debt has been cleared, the government aims to put management of them out to tender in a privatisation process it claims will rake in between €700 million and €1 billion.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,772.10	16.10	0.92	24,732.43
Associated British Foods	2,764.50	14.50	0.53	21,810.62
Admiral Group	1,872.75	-5.25	-0.28	5,386.70
Ashtead Group	2,127.00	-9.00	-0.42	10,622.96
Antofagasta	997.20	3.40	0.34	9,842.79
Aviva	533.90	-0.90	-0.17	21,355.46
AstraZeneca	5,055.00	12.00	0.24	63,064.17
BAE Systems	585.90	-1.70	-0.29	18,677.55
Barclays	203.90	3.40	1.70	34,001.37
British American Tobacco	5,070.50	8.50	0.17	113,534.83
Barratt Developments	611.60	-3.60	-0.59	6,206.59
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,192.00	-29.00	-0.69	5,618.38
British Land Co	679.80	-0.20	-0.03	6,767.48
BHP Billiton	1,609.40	-4.40	-0.27	33,704.44
Bunzl	2,015.50	-12.50	-0.62	6,809.33
BP	514.40	4.50	0.88	102,566.67
Burberry Group	1,603.75	7.25	0.45	6,723.78
BT Group	266.08	1.98	0.75	26,491.28
Coca-Cola HBC	2,432.00	8.00	0.33	8,859.71
Carnival	4,913.00	-62.00	-1.25	10,345.76
Centrica	139.20	0.15	0.11	7,896.40
Compass Group	1,535.25	8.25	0.54	23,900.49
Croda International	4,513.00	-21.00	-0.46	5,846.98
CRH	2,696.50	13.50	0.50	22,012.86
DCC	7,542.50	-2.50	-0.03	6,810.49
Diageo	2,616.75	-4.75	-0.18	65,073.38
Direct Line Insurance Group	374.40	1.00	0.27	5,132.88
Evrax	393.35	0.55	0.14	5,562.10
Experian	1,666.50	-1.50	-0.09	15,135.38
easyJet	1,574.50	-10.00	-0.63	6,009.76
Ferguson	5,604.00	-20.00	-0.36	13,990.02
Fresnillo	1,398.50	-5.00	-0.36	10,132.29
G4S	290.70	-0.60	-0.21	4,468.59
GKN	434.95	-4.45	-1.01	7,642.78
Glencore	406.28	-0.87	-0.21	58,622.58
GlaxoSmithKline	1,356.00	-2.00	-0.15	67,090.95
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,920.00	-8.00	-0.41	9,104.55
Halma	1,328.50	-1.50	-0.11	4,992.28
Hammerson	498.25	-0.75	-0.15	3,975.90
HSBC Holdings	783.85	-4.55	-0.58	157,624.08
Int Consolidated Airlines	652.60	-5.80	-0.88	13,267.26
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4,912.00	-16.00	-0.32	9,127.13
3i Group	926.80	-7.20	-0.77	9,158.66
Imperial Brands	3,016.50	0.50	0.02	28,779.01
Informa	703.00	1.20	0.17	5,855.38
Intertek Group	5,261.00	-13.00	-0.25	8,431.04
ITV	165.45	0.50	0.30	6,658.03
Just Eat	794.90	-6.90	-0.86	5,405.64
Johnson Matthey	3,223.00	-29.00	-0.89	6,299.51
Kingfisher	337.40	1.30	0.39	7,435.96

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	994.35	4.15	0.42	7,362.60
Legal & General Group	275.70	-0.50	-0.18	16,528.71
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	71.50	0.02	0.03	51,050.41
London Stock Exchange Gr	3,734.00	-17.00	-0.45	12,811.92
Micro Focus International	2,130.00	-24.00	-1.11	9,397.79
Mediclinic International	604.00	-3.00	-0.49	4,469.17
Marks & Spencer Group	306.10	2.10	0.69	4,974.96
Mondi	1,955.25	-16.25	-0.82	9,414.89
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	229.10	0.10	0.04	5,389.87
National Grid	836.00	5.50	0.66	28,058.17
NMC Health	3,371.00	91.00	2.77	6,537.48
Next	4,902.50	4.50	0.09	7,250.62
Old Mutual Group	237.25	-0.25	-0.11	11,665.87
Paddy Power Betfair	8,327.50	-122.50	-1.45	7,112.70
Prudential	1,973.00	-8.00	-0.40	51,213.14
Persimmon	2,637.00	3.00	0.11	8,095.13
Pearson	690.50	2.50	0.36	5,424.79
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,928.00	15.00	0.22	47,809.45
Royal Bank of Scotland Gr (The)	295.10	-2.20	-0.74	35,570.65
Royal Dutch Shell	2,529.75	12.75	0.51	115,847.83
Royal Dutch Shell	2,576.50	16.50	0.64	96,240.28
RELX	1,606.25	-40.25	-2.44	17,247.98
Rio Tinto	4,010.50	-6.00	-0.15	54,123.79
Rolls-Royce Group	883.60	-9.20	-1.03	16,344.78
Randgold Resources	7,142.00	-30.00	-0.42	6,656.86
RSA Insurance Gr	624.40	-1.80	-0.29	6,384.54
Rentokil Initial	312.60	-3.50	-1.11	5,673.68
Sainsbury (J)	257.85	-0.15	-0.06	5,644.20
Schroders	3,691.00	-32.00	-0.86	8,374.13
Sage Group (The)	817.30	-1.30	-0.16	8,754.55
Segro	578.60	-0.60	-0.10	5,776.86
Shire	3,562.25	101.25	2.93	31,410.25
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,590.00	-10.00	-0.38	6,077.59
Sky	1,003.75	1.75	0.17	17,190.17
Standard Life Aberdeen	437.20	-0.50	-0.11	13,053.70
Smith (DS)	510.00	-0.60	-0.12	5,495.43
Smiths Group	1,669.75	-3.75	-0.22	6,610.79
Scottish Mortgage Inv Trst	470.60	0.40	0.09	6,545.76
Smith & Nephew	1,244.25	-0.75	-0.06	10,769.57
SSE	1,297.25	6.25	0.48	13,187.93
Standard Chartered	818.10	-0.90	-0.11	27,000.03
St James's Place	1,263.25	-7.25	-0.57	6,647.86
Severn Trent	2,028.50	4.50	0.22	4,774.98
Tesco	207.55	-0.25	-0.12	17,177.81
TUI AG	1,645.50	14.00	0.86	9,415.81
Taylor Wimpey	198.05	0.10	0.05	6,441.11
Unilever	4,088.00	-20.00	-0.49	49,517.04
United Utilities Group	768.50	0.30	0.04	5,258.72
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APPLE	178,46	-0,45%	-0,8	907.327,31
BOEING CO	337,73	-0,71%	-2,43	201.281,72
CATERPILLAR	170,41	0,94%	1,58	101.132,76
CHEVRON	131,3	-0,22%	-0,29	248.628,05
CISCO SYSTEMS	41,29	-0,02%	-0,01	203.751,38
COCA-COLA	47,16	0,60%	0,28	200.911,77
DOWDUPONT	76,01	-0,03%	-0,02	177.956,26
EXXON MOBIL	87,15	-0,32%	-0,28	368.289,26
GENERAL ELECTRIC	16,26	-3,04%	-0,51	141.181,54
GOLDMAN SACHS	256,12	2,05%	5,15	96.171,29
HOME DEPOT	201,33	1,51%	3	234.501,44
IBM	162,37	-3,99%	-6,75	150.413,33
INTEL CORP	44,82	0,76%	0,34	208.749,06
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	113,01	-0,22%	-0,25	386.527,98
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	147,36	0,30%	0,44	394.166,22
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MERCK AND CO. NEW	61,28	0,25%	0,15	166.027,18
MICROSOFT	90	-0,11%	-0,1	693.001,62
NIKE	67,21	4,84%	3,1	87.054,83
PFIZER	36,94	-0,14%	-0,05	218.698,35
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	91,07	0,99%	0,89	230.660,23
TRAVELERS CIES	137,85	0,37%	0,51	37.608,55
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	135,9	0,96%	1,29	108.078,45
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	243,35	0,08%	0,19	235.153,91
VERIZON COMMS	51,91	0,70%	0,36	210.150,35
VISA	122,7	-0,33%	-0,41	222.010,57
WAL-MART STORES	104,59	0,28%	0,29	309.420,74
WALT DISNEY CO	110,59	0,15%	0,17	166.148,02

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<b>Most Advanced</b>		
NuCan plc	\$ 20.51	6.02 ▲ 41.55%
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Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	\$ 23.38	3.17 ▲ 15.69%
Sientra, Inc.	\$ 11.66	1.33 ▲ 12.88%
Ocular Therapeutix, Inc.	\$ 6.23	0.69 ▲ 12.45%
Jounce Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 21.76	2.29 ▲ 11.76%
lovance Biotherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 10.70	1.075 ▲ 11.17%
Fossil Group, Inc.	\$ 10.03	0.92 ▲ 10.10%
Tocagen Inc.	\$ 14.12	1.29 ▲ 10.05%
Mitcham Industries, Inc.	\$ 3.96	0.36 ▲ 10%
Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 6.29	0.57 ▲ 9.97%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Obalon Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 5.24	0.90 ▼ 14.66%
TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.80	0.25 ▼ 8.20%
Compugen Ltd.	\$ 3	0.25 ▼ 7.69%
Coherus BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 10.75	0.65 ▼ 5.70%
Tintri, Inc.	\$ 6.45	0.39 ▼ 5.70%
Lumentum Holdings Inc.	\$ 48.85	2.85 ▼ 5.51%
Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ 14.90	0.80 ▼ 5.10%
Medallion Financial Corp.	\$ 5.08	0.27 ▼ 5.05%
Juno Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 67.81	3.56 ▼ 4.99%
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# Fashion forges ahead

## SPANISH BRAND ECLIPSES TRADITIONAL LEADER

CLOTHING retailer Zara has outstripped telecommunications giant Movistar to become the best-performing Spanish brand.

The bombshell comes after global consultancy Interbrand published its latest report.

It is the first time that Movistar has failed to top the national ranking in a decade, after the company lost 12 per cent of its brand value as it plummeted to €19.65 billion.

And the clothing manufacturer, owned by tycoon Amancio Ortega, is now estimated to be worth €15.45 billion, up 45 per cent from 2015.

Bosco Torres, technical director of the report, claims that the drop can be attributed to 'financial analysts' forecasts, which project a flatter growth, with revenues set to grow by just 1 per cent due to increased prices driving a potential loss of customers, plus competition from the new wave of platforms including HBO and Netflix."

Banking group Santander - valued at €5.6 billion - was placed third, having grown by 20 per cent in the last two years, thanks to a stable business model with predictable results, since it is working in mature economies including the UK and Germany and in growth regions in Central and South America.

Basque country-based bank BBVA and clothing brand Bershka, also owned by Ortega, make up the top five.

Supermarket chain Mercadona, in eighth place, is the second-fastest growing brand after Zara, after its value increased by 31 per cent in the last two years, while fashion chain Mango is the biggest loser, with its value having plunged by 39 per cent.

New entries in the top 20 include beer brewer Estrella Galicia and private medical firm Sanitas, while British-owned telecommunications com-



**ON THE UP: The rise and rise of Zara has put Movistar (inset) under the magnifying glass.**

pany Jazztel, and banking group Banco Popular drop out, the latter in the wake of its takeover by Santander.

Spain's two biggest football clubs, Real Madrid and FC Barcelona, appear in positions 17 and 20, with respective values of €530 million and €470 million.

By sectors, banking is the most-represented with eight entries on the list, whereas fashion is the most valuable despite only appearing five times, with the worth of Zara, Bershka, Massimo Dutti, Mango and Desigual estimated at €18.8 billion, 35 per cent of the overall total.

## Debt grows but leaders count on 2018 boost

PUBLIC debt in Spain has broken all records.

After rising by more than €9 billion in November, the total of €1.14 billion is the highest ever registered, according to the Bank of Spain.

The figure is equivalent to more than 98.8 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), well above the country's European Union target of 98.1 per cent by the close of 2017.

But the Spanish government said it expects the figure to fall to 96.8 per cent this year.

The increase is being blamed on higher indebtedness registered by the State, which increased by €11.1 million to an unparalleled €987.2 million.

Spain's public debt before the global financial crisis hit in 2007 was €384 million, or 35 per cent of GDP.

## DEFENCE BUDGET SET TO GROW

# Bottom line of fire

SPAIN'S annual military spending has risen to €835 million.

The figure represents an 8.2 per cent increase on the €771.1 million splashed out in 2016, after the Ministry of Defence took part in 17 missions during 2017.

According to official figures, the most expensive operation was conducted in Lebanon, after 618 Spanish soldiers were deployed on a peace-keeping mission, at a cost of €138 million.

The forces joined a campaign, started 12 years ago, by the United Nations (UN) in the wake of a violent confrontation between Israel and militants from the Shia Islamist political party.

This was followed by a €123.1 million operation in Iraq as 541 troops, including 71 from the Army Engineer Corps, joined the international coalition fighting Muslim fundamentalist group Daesh in the war-torn country.

And €84.3 million was spent on the European Union (EU) Operation Sophia, combatting human trafficking and illegal migration in the Mediterranean Sea, an ongoing campaign based mostly in Libyan waters.



**EXPENDITURE UP: Defence Minister María Dolores de Cospedal poses with troops during a visit to Kabul, Afghanistan.**

Spain currently deploys 2,469 soldiers on five continents, and national Defence Minister, María Dolores de Cospedal, is due to appear in the Congress of Deputies, the lower house of Spain's legislative branch, to request an increase in spending for 2018.

In particular, the official wants to send an additional 152 troops to Mali, with Spanish General Enrique Millán set to assume command of the EU mission based there.

### Spain's military spending in 2017

1. Lebanon (UN): €138 million
2. Iraq (Global Coalition Against Daesh): €123.1 million
3. Mediterranean - Operation Sophia (EU): €84.3 million
4. Atlantic and Mediterranean naval groups (NATO): €84.1 million
5. Indian Ocean - Operation Atalanta (EU): €74.2 million
6. Mali - Training mission (EU): €72.9 million
7. Latvia - Enhanced Forward Presence (NATO): €63.4 million
8. Estonia - Baltic Air Policing (NATO): €48.7 million
9. Turkey - Patriot Missile Battery Support (NATO): €38.3 million
10. Senegal - Air detachment (France support): €36.4 million
11. Mediterranean - Sea Guardian (NATO): €27.1 million
12. Gabon - Air detachment (France support): €22.1 million
13. Central African Republic (EU): €8.3 million
14. Afghanistan - Resolute Support (NATO): €6.7 million
15. Colombia - Observation mission (UN): €3.5 million
16. Somalia - Training mission (EU): €3.4 million
17. Bosnia Herzegovina (UE): €0.4 million

## UK losing out in space race

INFRASTRUCTURE for the Galileo satellite system will be moved from the UK to Spain over Brexit fears.

It comes after a committee of representatives from European Union member states voted in favour of the move from London to Madrid.

The back-up security centre for Galileo - an advanced version of GPS - is not yet fully operational in London, but was expected to employ 30 people.

It was originally awarded to London in 2010, and controls access to the system with 24-hour monitoring when the main security headquarters near Paris is offline.

It is the latest Brexit blow to the UK's space industry, and follows a November announcement by aerospace companies and the Royal Aeronautical Society, in which they claimed they were being overlooked for contracts.



# GOVERNMENT DEFENDS COST OF EXTRA POLICE €87m Cataluña spend

THE Catalan independence crisis cost the Spanish state €87 million in police spending.

Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido was forced to defend the eye-popping figure, after thousands of Guardia Civil and National Police officers were deployed to the troubled region last autumn.

They were tasked with preventing an illegal independence referendum on October 1, and many remained in place until after the snap election, called by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, eventually withdrawing on December 30.

Clashes between police and pro-independence supporters, during the referendum saw hundreds injured, as the Spanish forces closed 113 polling stations and stopped a further 100 from opening.

Images of the violence - including footage of armed police



Photo credit: Juan Ignacio Zoido/Witter/You Tube

**CONTROVERSIAL:** Police beat pro-independence protesters and (inset) Minister Zoido, left, appears before the Senate of Spain.

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beating elderly people, women and peaceful protesters - were condemned across the globe.

But Mr Zoido, who was appearing before the Spanish Senate voluntarily, strongly defended the offensive, which he said took place against "the absolute passivity and minimal collaboration" of the Mossos d'Esquadra

Catalan police.

"The operation was legitimate, professional, and proportional," he said. "I regret as much as anyone that people were hurt, but those responsible generated a climate of disobedience with their reckless and illegal behaviour."

He went on to justify the cost of the exercise, with the money used for accommodation, food, travel and day-to-day living.

"It is a high price that all Spaniards have to pay due to the irresponsibility and stubbornness of the pro-independence government," he said.

The official also pointed out that damages to police stations and vehicles cost €135,000.

An average of 4,500 officers were based in Cataluña throughout the crisis, with 6,000 in place on the day of the referendum.

Opposition groups criticised Mr Zoido, with Xavier Castel-

ana, of the pro-independence Esquerra Republicana party, accusing the government of "applying the political will of Franco to maintain the unity of Spain."

Others quizzed the minister over the use of rubber bullets and pepper spray.

Following the referendum, the regional government declared independence, prompting the Spanish government to dissolve Catalan parliament and call snap elections.

A number of pro-independence politicians were subsequently arrested, and some - including ousted leader Carles Puigdemont - had warrants issued for their arrest. Puigdemont has since fled to Belgium.

December's snap election failed to provide a decisive result, with separatists retaining a slim majority, but not taking over 50 per cent of the vote.

## Chinese seek to sell hotels

A CHINESE conglomerate is seeking to sell its stake in a Spanish hotel chain.

HNA Group, which has investments across the globe and ranked number 179 on the Fortune Global 500 list, is reportedly trying to offload its majority stake in the NH Hotel Group.

The move comes days after NH - headquartered in Madrid - turned down a takeover bid from Mallorca-based rival Barceló Group.

HNA revealed it has hired banking firms JP Morgan and Benedetto, Gartland and Company to find a buyer for its 29.5 per cent stake in NH, valued at around €632 million.

Spain's hotel industry is booming, as the country last year became the second-most visited country in the world after France, having outstripped the United States.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

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

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

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



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

### What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

### Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

### Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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# I have nothing against immigration

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT



OTHERS THINK IT

WASN'T too sure how to scribble this week; light or heavy?

Do I attract the 'slings and arrows' or go for a few laughs? The hell with it, I'm opting for heavy (surprise, surprise)!

The main reason is, that I am utterly sick of people reminding me that I am 'also an immigrant.'

They sneeringly remark 'Has the irony escaped you?' after I have written some depreciating piece or commented on Europe and its immigrant problems. Well of course it hasn't. I'm not a moron. I am an immigrant, and one with no regrets whatsoever. All those years ago, disillusioned and broke, with a career in ruins and a young family to support, in 1975 I left my beloved UK and made tracks for Saudi Arabia.

There I worked my proverbials off for some eight years. When I had saved what I considered enough, and with nothing to attract me back to the UK, I looked around and with some encouragement from a good friend, decided to settle in Spain.

I brought in some 40K (no small sum in '83!) became a resident and invested in a (failed!) busi-



**BORDERS: Must be made secure.**

ness. I've had four children here and all have been educated in the Spanish system. I speak the language (could be better!), have always paid my dues, and have integrated pretty well into the Spanish community.

What I did not do, was to enter the country ille-

gally, expect to be housed and paid benefits for doing nothing, insist that their schools fly the British flag or change their menu to suit my taste. I did not, create 'no go' areas, consider myself to be above local laws, mow down or slaughter innocent civilians while screaming 'Jesus is great'

or scream racism when decisions didn't go my way.

I have nothing whatsoever against immigration. I truly believe diversity to be both healthy and progressive. I do not however condone millions of ungrateful layabouts and fanatics, hell bent on screwing as much as they can from their host countries and trying to overthrow and change the culture by sheer weight of numbers and social upheaval.

I do of course realise that many immigrants are not of this ilk and do contribute invaluable input to the societies they have adopted. But far too many do not. Until we cap the numbers of those wanting to enter the more successful democracies of Europe, vet them all far more carefully, strengthen our borders and insist on much higher standards, I'm afraid Europe is doomed to a future beset with conflict and problems that will result in chaos, misery and ultimate capitulation.

Unfortunately I feel it is already far too late.

Sorry to select 'heavy' again this week. Promise a measure of light next, ok? Thanks for all the mail and encouraging comments 'on the street.'

Sorry also, that I can't reply to most missives, but I do read 'em all - promise.

*Keep the faith.*

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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Big Cats
10:00pm	Death in Paradise
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
8:15am	Antiques Road Trip
9:00am	MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
	<i>Jo Coburn presents the latest political news, interviews and debate.</i>
2:00pm	Bowls
6:00pm	Tennis
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
9:00pm	Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
10:00pm	A House Through Time
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Stealing Van Gogh

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	How We Got to Now with Steve Johnson
10:00pm	Forces of Nature with Brian Cox
11:00pm	Prehistoric Autopsy
12:00am	Lost Land of the Volcano
	<i>Documentary series that combines remarkable wildlife discoveries with high action adventure.</i>
1:00am	Top of the Pops
	<i>Peter Powell and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 31 January 1985.</i>
1:30am	How to Build a Dinosaur
2:30am	How We Got to Now with Steve Johnson
3:30am	Forces of Nature with Brian Cox
4:30am	This is BBC Four.

**CHANNEL 4**

9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Village of the Year
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
10:00pm	Hunted
11:00pm	Derry Girls
11:30pm	The Undateables
12:30am	The Super Orgasm
1:30am	Obsessive
	Compulsive Cleaners

**CHANNEL 5**

9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Rusty Rivets
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Cowboy Builders
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Driven Underground
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Wonderful World of Puppies
9:00pm	Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Celebrity 100% Hotter
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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8:30am	All Star Driving School
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
11:30am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
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11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:30pm	The Inbetweeners
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Live European Tour Golf
	<i>Day one of the Omega Dubai Desert Classic on the European Tour from the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai.</i>
10:00am	My Icon
10:15am	Cricket
	<i>Day two of the third Test between South Africa and India at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg.</i>
4:15pm	My Icon
4:30pm	SKY Sports News
	<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
	<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
6:00pm	Live PGA Tour
	Featured Groups
9:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Bargain Holidays: What's the Truth? Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise
10:00pm	Transformation Street
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Great Art
12:45am	Joanna Lumley's Postcards

**itv2**

7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:55am	Dress to Impress
8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Release the Hounds
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	The Darling Buds of May
12:25pm	The Darling Buds of May
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:25pm	George and Mildred
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	Foyle's War
1:05am	Inspector Morse

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:45am	The Sweeney
12:50pm	The Professionals
1:50pm	Ironsides
	Police drama series.
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	The Car Chasers
7:35pm	The Car Chasers
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
	Reality series.
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	The Shawshank Redemption
11:15pm	FYI Daily
	<i>Latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>
11:20pm	The Shawshank Redemption
12:55am	Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

12:35pm	The LEGO Batman Movie
2:30pm	Assassin's Creed
4:35pm	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
6:35pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
9:00pm	The LEGO Batman Movie
11:00pm	Assassin's Creed

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

6:35am	Three Amigos!
8:30am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
10:15am	The Nutty Professor
12:00pm	The House Bunny
1:45pm	Bridesmaids
3:50pm	Ride Along 2
5:40pm	Airplane II: The Sequel
7:10pm	Big
9:00pm	Bridesmaids
11:10pm	Ride Along 2
1:00am	Brüno
2:30am	Don Verdean

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Kicks
8:40am	The Transfiguration
10:20am	Let Me Go
12:05pm	Nina
1:45pm	First Kill
3:30pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
	<i>Swashbuckling high-seas adventure pitting Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow</i>
5:45pm	Kicks
7:20pm	Nina
9:00pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
	<i>Swashbuckling high-seas adventure pitting Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow</i>
11:10pm	First Kill
1:00am	A Cure for Wellness

**sky sports football**

7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Carabao Cup Highlights
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Eredivisie
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	Carabao Cup Highlights
9:30pm	EFL Matters
10:00pm	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
11:00pm	La Liga Show
11:30pm	EFL Matters
12:00am	La Liga Icons

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Match of the Day Live
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Witless
12:50am	Hailmakers
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead

## BBC TWO

7:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
8:15am	Antiques Road Trip
9:00am	MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
	<i>Stay up to date on the day's top stories with the latest breaking news as it happens.</i>
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Bowls
6:00pm	Tennis
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American
8:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
9:00pm	Mastermind <i>John Humphrys presents another heat of the classic quiz.</i>
9:30pm	A Vicar's Life
10:00pm	Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Drive

## BBC FOUR

4:30am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:10pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs presents the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 2 July 1981.</i>
10:00pm	Hits, Hype and Hustle: An Insider's Guide to the Music Business
11:00pm	Glastonbury Golden Greats
12:00am	Guitar Heroes at the BBC
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:40am	The Kinks at the BBC
2:40am	Hits, Hype and Hustle: <i>An Insider's Guide to the Music Business</i>

## CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Village of the Year
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates Hotel
1:10am	Machete

## CHANNEL 5

8:05am	Paw Patrol
8:20am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:35am	Peppa Pig
8:55am	Floogals
9:05am	Digby Dragon
9:20am	Rusty Rivets
9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Cowboy Builders
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Amish Abduction
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Wine Show
9:00pm	Costa Del Celebrity
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:30pm	Celebrity Big Brother
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

## 4

7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Coach Trip
8:30am	All Star Driving School
9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Lockout
11:55pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:25am	The Big Bang Theory
12:55am	Gogglebox
2:00am	Tattoo Fixers

## sky sports main event

6:15am	Best of Sky Cricket 2017
	<i>A look at some of the best moments from the world of England cricket.</i>
6:30am	Cricket's Greatest Series profiling some of the greatest cricketers of all time.
7:00am	Live Rugby 7s: Sydney
11:00am	Cricket
4:15pm	Info not available
4:30pm	SKY Sports News
	<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
5:00pm	SKY Sports News
6:00pm	Live PGA Tour
	<i>Featured Groups</i>
9:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
1:00am	Live ICC U19 Wc
	<i>A match from the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup in New Zealand.</i>

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
	<i>The latest news and weather from London and the South East.</i>
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	River Monsters
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Through the Keyhole
12:45am	Take Me Out

## itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
7:25am	Totally Bonkers
7:55am	Dress to Impress
	<i>Fashion-themed dating series</i>
8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Emmerdale
9:50am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	American Pie 2
11:30pm	FYI Daily
11:35pm	American Pie 2
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
11:20am	The Darling Buds of May (Part 2).
12:25pm	The Darling Buds of May
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
8:25pm	Rosemary and Thyme
9:25pm	Rosemary and Thyme
11:00pm	Foyle's War
1:05am	Inspector Morse
	<i>Detective drama series.</i>

## itv4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	Pawn Stars
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:15am	Ironsides
9:20am	Quincy, M.E.
10:20am	Minder
11:25am	The Sweeney
12:30pm	The Professionals
1:35pm	Ironsides
2:40pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:40pm	Minder
4:50pm	The Sweeney
5:55pm	The Professionals
6:55pm	The Car Chasers
7:30pm	The Car Chasers
	<i>Jeff and Meg take a trip to California to check out a pristine 1931 Chevrolet Victoria.</i>
8:00pm	Darts: The Masters
12:00am	The Blues Brothers
1:05am	FYI Daily
	<i>Latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>
1:10am	The Blues Brothers

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:30am	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
9:30am	X-Men: Apocalypse
12:10pm	Deadpool
2:10pm	Logan
4:30pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
6:30pm	X-Men: Apocalypse
9:00pm	Deadpool
11:00pm	Logan
1:30am	Wanted
3:30am	Ghost Rider

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:30am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
9:00am	The Cable Guy
10:40am	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
12:30pm	This is Spinal Tap
2:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
4:10pm	In and Out
5:45pm	Bowfinger
7:30pm	This is Spinal Tap
9:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
11:10pm	48 Hrs
12:55am	Another 48 Hrs

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Let Me Go
9:00am	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
11:20am	First Kill
	<i>Cat-and-mouse action thriller starring Hayden Christensen</i>
1:10pm	Ghost in the Shell
3:20pm	Kicks
5:00pm	Nina
6:45pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
	<i>Swashbuckling high-seas adventure pitting Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow</i>
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	A Cure for Wellness
	<i>Psychological horror starring Dane DeHaan.</i>
1:30am	First Kill
3:15am	Kicks

## sky sports football

10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	EFL Matters
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview 2017/18
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	La Liga Preview
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Matters
11:30pm	EFL Matters
12:00am	La Liga Icons



**TV COUCH CRITIC**

THOUGHT I would give *Vera* a try on Sunday *ITV*. Sorry to say it doesn't work for me. Brenda Blethyn dressed as a cast-off from the old lady in the long gone *Heartbeat* series in a dodgy hat, blue scarf and coat that's seen better days.

Her P reg Land Rover tops it off. It's an easy watch but I just didn't feel it somehow. Just one last thing, do they address people as 'love' in Northumberland?

Sometimes having a zap round the channels away from the mainstream brings up some watchable or repeated TV, and *Dave on Demand's American Pickers* is always worth a half hour of your time. Two clued-up buyers scour the country searching for antiques or collectables to buy and sell. These guys don't settle just for small items, they will buy anything that looks like there's a profit in it.

In one programme set in upstate New York they met up with First Officer John Skiles, famed for manning the aeroplane that landed in the Hudson River, who had barns full of flying memorabilia.

They went away from there laden with an aeroplane engine, rare air show posters and magazines, and wheels, allowing them to make a sizeable profit. Take a look, no thinking required.

*Hard Sun*, a BBC six-part drama for Saturday

# Vera plods, Mellor triumphs and repeats appeal

nights kicked off last week and went straight in to the action. Agyness Deyn the ex-model turned actress, made an unusual but creditable cop who can verbally and physically mix it with her peers. There's skulduggery everywhere you turn in this pre-apocalyptic thriller, which starts after a computer document saying the world has five years to doomsday is leaked.

The intelligence services are on her trail and they have all her hangout covered. Looks like a hit from the Beeb, but it's still early days.

*Homes Under the Hammer* (BBC 1) should be axed immediately as this tired old format has reached its end point. Buy cheap, renovate cheap, make money, and move on. As if two presenters aren't enough they have now roped in a third! Come on Beeb, don't waste licence payers' money any longer, put us out of our misery, get shut, it's had its day.

*Girlfriends* (ITV) is another Kay Mellor hit (she can do no wrong in my book) that focuses on three lifelong friends played by Miranda Richardson, Zoe Wanamaker and Phyllis Logan. All have some form of crisis and they together solve them as only girlfriends do. The storyline



**HIT:** From left, Zoë Wanamaker, Phyllis Logan and Miranda Richardson in *Girlfriends*.

**MISS:** Brenda Blethyn in *Vera*.

is quite simple as most of Mellor's tales are, but the script is crisp, understandable and most of all plausible.

Still going strong on Sundays is *Dragons' Den* (BBC 2). The series has gone through its fair share of multi-millionaires over the years but it's still a really good watch. There's something more than a bit satisfying watching suc-

cessful candidates sealing a deal with these astute business giants.

*Death in Paradise* (BBC1) has finally bagged the man for the part at the third time of asking as British cop Jack Mooney is now played by Ardal O'Hanlon. He has the right amount of clumsiness mixed with a thorough detective's brain to nail the villain.

*Critique: P M San Fulgencio, Costa Blanca*

**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Nick Horne - writer of *The Rich Pick* - travelled widely with his expat parents in his youth but has based himself in London - limpet like - for most of the last four decades despite working in global media. For the past 20 years with a high end quarterly magazine read by the commercial and political elite of the Middle East. Travelling extensively and learning who is supplying the exclusive needs and exquisite wants of a minute fraction of planet Earth's population.

**A Picasso portrait, an E1 Million watch and a high-tech chair. 'The Rich Pick' of Nick Horne in a new weekly column.**

THE impulse for the unique or to personalise is irresistible, the cost can be great, rather than just own a Rolls Royce it must be bespoke, a unique expression of their taste. Such a person and family will frequently travel; often in their own aircraft, which naturally has a shower en suite to the bedrooms.

Three near unique objects; a Picasso portrait, a chair and a watch, irresistible objects to a person with the wealth to buy anything.

Consider a chair that is near perfect, and improve it. David Hugh Limited launched its latest creation the Elysium-R chair at Rolls Royce Motor Cars London. Displaying it in the dealer's window next to the latest Phantom

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**PABLO PICASSO: Femme au béret et à la robe quadrillée (Marie-Thérèse Walter), December 1937.**

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**ELYSIUM-R: The near perfect chair.**

For the serious watch collector; very serious wealth is an obligation. The RM 50-03 Tourbillon McLaren F1 a Richard Mille at £964,000 (€1.08m) makes a statement on the wrist, though on-

ly to those who recognise the wristwatch for what it is. A rare wristwatch one of a kind or created to order.

Finally; a unique portrait painted by Picasso in 1937 has emerged from a distinguished private collection and depicts his golden muse Marie-Thérèse Walter. Painted just months after his masterpieces *Guernica* and *Weeping Women*. Picasso at the very peak of his creative energy.

Described as 'One of the greatest portraits by Picasso to appear on the market in recent years' by Thomas Bompard; Head of Sotheby's London Impressionist & Modern Art 'Of all the artist's styles and decades this is the one that most epitomises the legacy of Picasso as a portraitist of women.'

Soon to be offered at auction in London. If you ask, you possibly cannot afford it though Sotheby's will share an estimate auction bid upon a serious enquiry. Those with the ability will be there among the bidders or sending their agent.

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather <i>The latest weather information.</i>
2:15pm	Tennis
3:30pm	Bowls
5:30pm	Final Score
6:20pm	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>
6:30pm	Regional News
6:35pm	Weather
6:40pm	And They're Off...For Sport Relief
7:25pm	Pointless
8:15pm	All Together Now
9:20pm	Casualty
10:10pm	BBC News
10:25pm	Weather
10:30pm	Hard Sun
11:30pm	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
12:50am	The NFL Show

## BBC TWO

8:30am	Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch
9:00am	The Dengineers
9:30am	Deadly Top 10
10:00am	Robot Wars
12:00pm	Snow Wolf Family and Me
1:00pm	Hairy Bikers
2:00pm	A Vicar's Life
2:30pm	Diary of Anne Frank
5:15pm	Italy's Invisible Cities
6:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
6:45pm	Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
7:15pm	Hugh's Wild West
8:15pm	A House Through Time
9:15pm	Dad's Army
9:45pm	Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
10:15pm	QI XL
11:00pm	Darcey Bussell: Dance Beyond Boundaries
11:30pm	Birdman: Or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)
1:20am	Bowls <i>Coverage of the latest bowls.</i>

## BBC FOUR

4:40am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>
8:00pm	Children of the Holocaust
9:00pm	Holocaust: Freddie Knoller's War
10:00pm	Spiral
11:00pm	Spiral <i>Crime drama following criminal investigations in Paris from all the different points of view.</i>
11:55pm	Top of the Pops
12:25am	Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme.</i>
1:05am	The Easybeats to AC/DC: The Sound of Aussie Rock
2:05am	New York Rock at the BBC
3:05am	Joy of the Guitar Riff

## CHANNEL 4

7:15am	3rd Rock from the Sun
7:40am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:05am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:55am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
3:25pm	Coast v Country
4:25pm	A Place in the Sun
5:30pm	A Place in the Sun
6:30pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Great Canal Journeys
9:00pm	Village of the Year
10:00pm	Holocaust: Night Will Fall
11:00pm	The Monuments Men
1:20am	Snake Eyes

## CHANNEL 5

6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	Divine Designs
7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
11:10am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:45am	Fail Army
12:10pm	Police Interceptors
2:10pm	The A-Team
4:05pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5:05pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
6:05pm	Rich House, Poor House
7:05pm	The Wonderful World of Puppies
8:00pm	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups
9:00pm	Blind Date
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
12:00am	The X Files
12:55am	Will and Grace

## 4

5:30am	Charmed
7:00am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:25am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:50am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
10:00am	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00am	Melissa and Joey
1:30pm	Alvin and the Chipmunks
3:20pm	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Karate Kid
11:40pm	Gogglebox <i>Britain's favourite opinionated TV viewers share more of their sharp wit.</i>
12:40am	Gogglebox
1:50am	Rude Tube
2:55am	Gogglebox
3:55am	First Dates <i>Headstrong Mancunian make-up artist Regan returns to the First Dates restaurant.</i>

## sky sports main event

6:15am	Ashes Shorts <i>Relive one of the greatest moments in Ashes history.</i>
6:30am	Cricket's Greatest Series profiling some of the greatest cricketers of all time.
7:00am	SKY Sports News
8:00am	Live Women's Rugby 7s
9:30am	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Cricket
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:30pm	Football <i>A big clash from La Liga as Valencia host Real Madrid at the Mestalla.</i>
8:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf <i>Day three of the Farmers Insurance Open, hosted at Torrey Pines Golf Course.</i>
1:00am	Live Rugby 7s: Sydney

## itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	The Hungry Sailors
1:25pm	Countrywise
1:55pm	ITV News and Weather
2:00pm	Dancing on Ice
4:15pm	Catchphrase
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:05pm	ITV News and Weather
7:20pm	You've Been Framed!
7:45pm	Take Me Out
9:00pm	The Voice UK
10:30pm	Through the Keyhole
11:30pm	ITV News and Weather
11:45pm	Jaws 4: The Revenge <i>Fourth in the series of action adventures about a malevolent great white shark.</i>
1:15am	Jackpot247

## itv2

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus <i>More drama and turmoil from the residents of Emmerdale.</i>
9:35am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:30pm	Take Me Out
1:45pm	You've Been Framed!
2:10pm	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
3:10pm	FYI Daily
3:15pm	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
4:25pm	The Flintstones
5:25pm	FYI Daily
5:30pm	The Flintstones
6:10pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
7:15pm	FYI Daily
7:20pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
10:00pm	Fast Five
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Fast Five
12:35am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
8:40am	Lewis
10:40am	Foyle's War
12:50pm	Foyle's War
2:50pm	Rosemary and Thyme <i>Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.</i>
3:55pm	Columbo
5:55pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders <i>An international cycling competition comes to the Midsomer village of Burwood Mantle.</i>
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Foyle's War <i>October 1944: the dying days of the war.</i>

## itv4

7:00am	World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina
7:20am	The Professionals
8:20am	The Professionals
9:25am	The Professionals
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Snooker v Darts
11:40am	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham
5:00pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
6:00pm	FYI Daily
6:05pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
7:05pm	Storage Wars
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	Darts: The Masters
12:00am	Assault on Precinct 13
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Assault on Precinct 13

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

1:50pm	Avengers
3:15pm	Confidential: Black Widow and Punisher
3:15pm	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
5:25pm	Captain America: Civil War
8:00pm	Doctor Strange
10:00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
12:20am	Ghost Rider

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:45am	Calendar Girls
10:45am	Date Night
12:20pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
2:05pm	Why Him?
4:05pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
5:50pm	Date Night
7:25pm	Liar Liar
9:00pm	Why Him?
11:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
12:45am	Hot Tub Time Machine

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	First Kill
8:50am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
9:10am	Kicks
10:50am	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
1:05pm	Ghost in the Shell
3:10pm	Wakefield
5:10pm	Nina
6:50pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge <i>Swashbuckling high-seas adventure pitting Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow.</i>
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	Wakefield
1:00am	First Kill
2:45am	Cat-and-mouse action thriller starring Hayden Christensen.
2:45am	A Cure for Wellness

## sky sports football

7:00am	SPFL Matters
7:30am	EFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Countdowns
8:30am	SPFL Matters
9:00am	La Liga Greatest Games
9:15am	EFL Greatest Games
9:30am	Ronaldo
10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
12:55pm	Football
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:30pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
11:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
12:00am	Ronaldo
12:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid

# Something to speak about

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

CATALUÑA still lacks a government but now has a Parliament plus a Speaker and Mesa to regulate its day-to-day running.

Unsurprisingly the Speaker, Roger Torrent, and the majority of the Mesa are pro-independence. Ciudadanos was the most-voted party last December but is outnumbered in parliament by ex-president Carles Puigdemont's JxC, ERC and CUP.

Despite missing votes from Puigdemont who is self-exiled in Brussels with members of his former government, the secessionists pulled it off thanks to the Cataluña en Comun-Podemos tandem. Like the girl in the song, they never say yes and never say no to independence and this time did just that by casting blank ballots.

Torrent, an MP for ERC, declared that despite his pro-independence convictions he respected the cross-

sections in Catalan society and would do his best to defuse conflict.

Meanwhile pro-independence MPs are clamouring to vote on allowing Puigdemont to be installed as regional president via videolink.

Torrent and the Mesa have the nice job of deciding whether this can be done, which should not be too difficult as the Parliament's regulatory committee have already pronounced it unfeasible.

Far from defusing conflict Torrent will be plunged into it, with a lot of it coming from his own side.

## Payback time for kickbacks

CARLES PUIGDEMONT'S old party PDeCat was once Artur Mas's old party and before that it was Jordi Pujol's.

The last two politicians were on the make with kickbacks, commissions and padded invoices that were nice little earners for them and for party funds. Unfortunately for Puigdemont & Co the courts have ordered PDeCat to pay back €6.6

million 'earned' through government contracts.

As though this hole in their finances weren't enough, the stench of corruption could sour relations with ERC, the other pro-secession party which proudly claims never to have dipped into the cashbox in its 87 years of existence.

Nevertheless, such admirable probity did not extend to using public money to fund the October 1 referendum, which is one reason why ERC leader Oriol Junqueras is currently remanded.

Junqueras describes himself a regular churchgoer and presumably is at home with the Jesuitical maxim that the end justifies the means.

## Time to swim

IF there were a general election tomorrow, Ciudadanos would win it.

More than half the people who voted for Mariano Rajoy and the Partido Popular would not do so again, they told a Metroscopia poll.

Rajoy failed to get an overall majority in December 2015 or June 2016 because PP voters alone have



**CHALLENGE ON:** Roger Torrent, the new Speaker of the Catalan Parliament.

## Dividing line

THE Partido Popular and the PSOE are reluctant to comply with the European Council's call to de-politicise the General Judiciary Council (CGPJ).

This body controls and regulates Spain's judges and both parties want to continue choosing 12 of the CGPJ's members.

Meanwhile the European Council reminded Spain that its Constitution requires the Lower House to name four CGPJ members, the Senate another four and the judges the rest.

It might not be ideal and could make the legal system a closed shop. But is it democratically healthy if the lawmakers appoint the men and women who judge the judges?

never won him an election, as March 2004 and 2008 demonstrated. He only pulled it off in 2011 because voters with no strong party allegiance believed he could reverse the economic crisis.

Corruption and Cataluña have taken their toll since then, and those floating voters have decided to swim instead and they're heading off to Ciudadanos.

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## BBC one

3:00am	BBC News
7:00am	Breakfast
8:40am	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Money for Nothing
3:00pm	Songs of Praise
3:35pm	Big Cats
4:35pm	Match of the Day Live
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Countryfile
8:30pm	Still Open All Hours
9:00pm	Call the Midwife
10:00pm	Mcmafia
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
12:30am	The Women's Football Show

## BBC TWO

7:20am	The Instant Gardener
8:05am	Gardeners' World
8:35am	Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
9:35am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:00pm	Food and Drink
12:30pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Nature's Perfect Partners: Natural World
2:00pm	Tennis
3:30pm	Bowls
6:15pm	Ski Sunday
7:00pm	Britain's Cycling Superheroes - The Price of Success?
8:00pm	Yellowstone
9:00pm	Dragons' Den
10:00pm	Chris Packham: In Search of the Lost Girl
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Insert Name Here
12:00am	Cleverman
12:55am	Norfolk
2:15am	Question Time
3:15am	Holby City

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>
9:00pm	The Coffee Trail with Simon Reeve <i>Documentary uncovering the stories behind, and roots of coffee.</i>
10:00pm	The Men Who Built the Liners
11:00pm	Machines
12:05am	BBC Proms 2017
1:35am	Classic Soul at the BBC
2:35am	Art, Passion and Power: The Story of the Royal Collection
3:35am	The Men Who Built the Liners

## CHANNEL 4

8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
2:30pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	The Simpsons
3:55pm	The Simpsons
4:25pm	Garfield 2: A Tail of Two Kitties
5:55pm	How to Train Your Dragon
7:40pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Posh Pawn
9:00pm	The Biggest Little Railway in the World
10:00pm	SAS: Who Dares Wins
11:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:00am	Shutter Island
2:25am	Holocaust: Night Will Fall
3:25am	The Supervet

## CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor <i>Home improvement series that works its magic on neglected homes.</i>
6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	HouseBusters
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Football on 5 <i>The Championship.</i>
12:30pm	Police Interceptors
1:30pm	Police Interceptors
2:30pm	Open Season 2
4:00pm	Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
7:00pm	Bulletproof Monk
9:00pm	Billionaire Kids
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:05pm	The Boy Next Door
12:40am	The Town
2:55am	Super Casino
4:10am	Celebrity 100% Hotter
5:00am	Britain's Greatest Bridges
5:45am	House Doctor

## 4

5:45am	How I Met Your Mother
6:10am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:30am	Coach Trip
10:00am	Coach Trip
10:30am	Coach Trip
11:00am	Coach Trip
11:35am	Coach Trip
12:00pm	Melissa and Joey
12:30pm	Melissa and Joey
1:00pm	Melissa and Joey
1:30pm	Melissa and Joey
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2:30pm	The Goldbergs
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4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Info not available
11:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
11:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:15am	Gogglebox
1:15am	Gogglebox
2:20am	Rude Tube
3:20am	First Dates
4:15am	First Dates Abroad

## sky sports main event

4:25am	Live Rugby 7s: Sydney
7:00am	Live Rugby 7s: Sydney
9:30am	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Info not available
2:15pm	Info not available
2:30pm	Football
5:30pm	Sports Sunday
6:30pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	Live PGA Tour Golf <i>Day four of the Farmers Insurance Open, hosted at Torrey Pines Golf Course.</i>
12:30am	EFL Goals: Championship <i>A round-up of all the goals and action from the weekend's games in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
1:00am	Live NFL: Pro Bowl
4:30am	My Icon
4:45am	My Icon
5:00am	SKY Sports News

## itv

4:50am	ITV Nightscreen
7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	River Monsters
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
12:30pm	The Voice UK
1:55pm	ITV News and Weather
2:10pm	Britain's Brightest Family
2:40pm	The Cruise
3:10pm	You've Got Mail
5:30pm	Local News and Weather
5:40pm	ITV News and Weather
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Dancing on Ice
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:15pm	Peston on Sunday
12:10am	Next of Kin
1:05am	Great Art
2:00am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Sunday Night at the Palladium
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

## itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
7:00am	Guinness World Records
7:10am	Emmerdale
9:45am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:35pm	Take Me Out
1:55pm	The Voice UK
3:20pm	Yogi Bear
4:20pm	FYI Daily
4:25pm	Yogi Bear
4:55pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
6:45pm	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
7:45pm	FYI Daily
7:50pm	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:25am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	The Cleveland Show
1:50am	The Cleveland Show

## itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Heartbeat
9:50am	Heartbeat
10:55am	Columbo
12:55pm	Lewis
2:55pm	Foyle's War
4:55pm	Foyle's War
7:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
9:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
11:00pm	Birds of a Feather
11:30pm	Birds of a Feather
12:05am	Evil Under the Sun
2:20am	Blue Murder
3:40am	Rosemary and Thyme <i>Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.</i>
4:55am	Road to Avonlea
5:45am	Road to Avonlea

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Goals of the 90's
7:10am	The Sweeney
8:05am	The Sweeney
9:05am	The Sweeney
10:10am	The Car Chasers
10:45am	The Car Chasers
11:15am	The Car Chasers
11:50am	The Car Chasers
12:15pm	The Car Chasers
12:45pm	The Car Chasers
1:15pm	The Car Chasers
1:45pm	Darts: The Masters
6:00pm	Storage Wars
6:30pm	Storage Wars
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Darts: The Masters
11:30pm	Harry Brown
12:30am	FYI Daily
12:35am	Harry Brown
1:35am	Minder <i>Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.</i>
2:40am	Minder
3:35am	Football's Greatest
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

6:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
7:00am	Aeon Flux
8:35am	Dick Tracy
10:25am	Spider-Man
12:35pm	Spider-Man 2
2:50pm	Spider-Man 3
5:15pm	Power Rangers
6:55pm	Spider-Man
9:00pm	Spider-Man 2
11:10pm	Spider-Man 3

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

6:00am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
7:30am	Pitch Perfect 3: Special
8:00am	27 Dresses
10:00am	Zoolander 2
11:50am	Ghost Town
1:40pm	Bad Neighbours 2
3:20pm	Table 19
5:00pm	The Blues Brothers
7:15pm	Police Academy
9:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
10:40pm	Table 19
12:20am	Death at a Funeral

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:30am	Moana: Special <i>Sky Movies takes a special look at the animated Disney adventure featuring the voices of Dwayne Johnson and Jemaine Clement.</i>
7:00am	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
9:10am	Nina <i>Troubled soul icon Nina Simone rediscovers the meaning of her life and work thanks to the support of loyal assistant Clifton Henderson.</i>
10:50am	Ghost in the Shell
12:55pm	Christine
3:05pm	Wakefield
5:00pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
7:15pm	First Kill
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	Christine

## sky sports football

9:15am	La Liga Greatest Games
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Football
2:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
2:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
2:30pm	Football
5:30pm	Ronaldo
6:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
11:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:30pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
12:00am	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17



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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Silent Witness
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got Old News for You
12:15am	Miriam's Big American Adventure

## BBC TWO

4:15am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
8:15am	Antiques Road Trip
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Michael Palin's New Europe
3:00pm	Sahara with Michael Palin
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:50pm	This Wild Life
5:20pm	The Hunt
6:20pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Big Dreams, Small Spaces
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Winterwatch
11:00pm	Two Doors Down
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Odyssey

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Egyptian Journeys with Dan Cruickshank
9:00pm	Highlands - Scotland's Wild Heart <i>Documentary looking at the wildlife of the Scottish Highlands.</i>
10:00pm	Trophy - Storyville
11:30pm	Hidden Killers of the Edwardian Home
12:30am	The Victorians
1:30am	Rule Britannia! Music, Mischief and Morals in the 18th Century
2:30am	Top of the Pops: 1981
3:05am	Top of the Pops: 1981
3:40am	Highlands - Scotland's Wild Heart <i>Documentary looking at the wildlife of the Scottish Highlands.</i>

## CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Village of the Year
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cakemakers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	How to Lose Weight Well
10:00pm	The Undateables
11:00pm	First Dates Hotel
12:05am	Derry Girls
12:40am	Hunted
1:35am	SAS: Who Dares Wins

## CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	The Great Artists
6:35am	HouseBusters
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Cowboy Builders
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:05pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Fatal Fiancé
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Extraordinary People
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
1:05am	Celebrity Botched
2:00am	Up Bodies
4:10am	Super Casino
	GPs: Behind Closed Doors

## 4

9:00am	Charmed
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	Baby Daddy
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12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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12:55am	The Big Bang Theory
1:25am	The Big Bang Theory
1:55am	Tattoo Fixers
2:55am	First Dates
3:55am	First Dates Abroad
4:25am	Celebs Go Dating

## sky sports main event

6:00am	SKY Sports News
7:00am	Transfer Centre <i>Get a comprehensive round-up of the latest transfer news, with live analysis of all the major moves.</i>
8:00am	Transfer Centre
9:00am	Transfer Centre
10:00am	Transfer Centre
11:00am	Transfer Centre
12:00pm	Transfer Centre
1:00pm	Transfer Centre
2:00pm	Transfer Centre
3:00pm	Transfer Centre
4:00pm	Transfer Centre
5:00pm	Transfer Centre
6:00pm	Transfer Centre
7:00pm	Transfer Centre
8:00pm	Transfer Centre
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	PL Greatest Games
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Live ICC U19 Wc <i>A match from the ICC Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand.</i>

## itv

9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Next of Kin
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
12:45am	An Hour to Catch a Killer with Trevor McDonald
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

## itv2

8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:00am	Family Guy

## itv3

5:45am	Road to Avonlea
6:35am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
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5:15pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	Foyle's War
1:10am	Inspector Morse

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Car Chasers
8:10am	The Car Chasers
8:35am	Ironside
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Sweeney
12:50pm	The Professionals
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6:00pm	The Professionals
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8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
9:30pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	River Monsters
11:00pm	Death Race
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Death Race
1:10am	Car Crash Global
2:10am	Fifth Gear
3:05am	Minder
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

1:35pm	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
4:15pm	Conan the Barbarian
6:30pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
8:30pm	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
11:00pm	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:20am	Dragnet
12:15pm	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
2:10pm	Sausage Party
3:45pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
5:20pm	Click
7:15pm	Dad's Army
9:00pm	Sausage Party
10:35pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
12:10am	Road Trip: Beer Pong

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:35am	Guerros <i>Award-winning comedy-drama following three restless teens as they hit the streets of Mexico City in search of an ailing folksinger.</i>
6:30am	Pitch Perfect 3: Special
7:00am	Let Me Go
8:55am	The Greatest Showman: Special
9:25am	Nina <i>Troubled soul icon Nina Simone rediscovers the meaning of her life and work thanks to the support of loyal assistant Clifton Henderson.</i>
11:10am	Christine
1:20pm	Cardboard Boxer
3:05pm	Ghost in the Shell
5:15pm	Nina
7:00pm	Wakefield
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	Cardboard Boxer

## sky sports football

11:00am	Football
3:10pm	La Liga Icons
4:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
4:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	Soccer A.M.
12:00am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	SPFL Round Up 2017/18

# LEGALLY SPEAKING

## How to avoid road rage

**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.



**KEEP CALM:** It is not worth getting angry while driving.

FOR this week's driving tips, Guardia Civil officers spoke to the head of driving standards at the UK's Institute of Advanced Motorists Peter Rodger, who talked about how to avoid becoming a road rage victim, and what to do if it does escalate.

The first point is that with any conflict between two parties, both are likely to have played a part. So try to take yourself away from the problem - let the other driver go on ahead. You might feel wronged, but letting the other party go will make no difference to the rest of your day.

If someone is being confrontational or aggressive, don't make eye contact and don't react visibly.

If the conflict is more serious, call the police, especially if you feel there is a threat or possibility of violence against you.

If the other party approaches you in your car, can you drive away safely? If you can, consider doing so. But don't accelerate dan-

gerously, or drive off if you think the other driver is going to chase you.

If you or better, your passengers, can film any behaviour on your mobile phone it will help in terms of evidence, including the registration number of the other vehicle involved. Don't open your door, don't open your windows fully and don't start or get provoked into an argument.

If you were at fault, admit it and apologise. It may be enough to diffuse the situation quickly. And do not do anything that can be interpreted as retaliation.

Hopefully by now the matter is over and you are driving away. If you feel upset or emotional pull over and get some fresh air or walk around if you need to before resuming your journey.

Peter said: "Road rage does not affect everyone every day. If you're finding it is happening very often, you might want to think about how you engage with other road users."

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

## Can they sell UK home?

**Q.** WE want to sell our main home in the UK. We have owned it for 24 years and have lived in it for 95 per cent of the time. However, for the past year it has been rented out to tenants. In the UK, if a person sells their 'main residence,' they do not pay Capital Gains tax (CGT). Even if we are non-resident in the UK, we can still pay almost no capital gains tax if we comply with certain conditions. There is a system called 'Private Residence Relief' that reduces the CGT down to very little. We want to sell our UK home, but we do not know what the tax position is if we are Spanish (Canarian) resident.

*P H (Canary Islands)*

**A.** I doubt that you are a tax resident of the Canary Islands. Do you pay Spanish income tax? Have you filed Form 720 declaring your assets held outside Spain? Per-

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

haps you are simply away from your UK home for a

time. The Private Residence Relief provisions that I consulted mention three years of absence without penalty, for example. Get professional help in the UK.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana & Associates in Fuengirola at [Ask@lawtaxspain.com](mailto:Ask@lawtaxspain.com), or call 952 667 090.

## A birthday party at 11am?

**Mike Senker**

*In my opinion*

*Views of a Grumpy Old Man*



WHEN I came back from the UK at Christmas I got the flu. Not my normal, sniffy, man cold stuff. I got THE FLU.

I don't know whether it's my age but I was out for the count for five days. I couldn't get out of bed. Mrs S went to the pharmacy and got me all the medications but nothing worked. So I got to thinking - has anyone had the flu jab? If so, does it work?

I finally felt well enough to venture out and in fact I had booked to go back to England for my mate's 70th birthday party. We have been friends since we were five years old so there was no way I was going to miss it.

I'd booked my flights and hotel and car and they were all paid for or so I thought. A few days before I went I got an email from Ryanair telling me that if I wanted to take hand luggage, with wheels, into the cabin I'd have to pay extra.

Now when I booked I thought it was included so I went on to their live chat and told them it was a liberty. Of course, they were not interested and I paid the extra but

lots of people didn't and it was fun watching people trying to smuggle hand luggage on to the plane. The staff were not having any of it.

I have a favourite deli I go to when I'm in the UK and I decided to go there for a late breakfast on Saturday before I left for the airport to come home. As I was on my own I couldn't sit in one of the lovely booths that I like by the window and I was given a seat round the other side where I was the only one sitting for five minutes. Then it happened.

The door opened and I realised that the reason I was the only one round there was that the 20-odd five-year-olds hadn't arrived yet, but they had now! Who has a birthday party at 11am for five-year-olds in a deli? And who sits a grumpy old man on his own next to them?

There has to be some sort of rule about that. The noise was horrendous, but they did seem to be enjoying themselves. But come on people, use yer loaf - at least warn me and let me decide whether to stay or go.

Sorry to hear the man who invented predictive text died this week. His funfair will be next monkey.

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**BBC one**

12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Silent Witness
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Love and Hate Crime
12:45am	Stacey Dooley Investigates
1:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

8:15am	Food: Truth or Scare
9:00am	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Michael Palin's New Europe
3:00pm	Sahara with Michael Palin
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:45pm	This Wild Life
5:15pm	The Hunt
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Big Dreams, Small Spaces
9:00pm	Winterwatch
10:00pm	Murdered for Love? Samia Shahid
11:00pm	Inside No 9
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Chris Packham: In Search of the Lost Girl

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Egyptian Journeys with Dan Cruickshank
9:00pm	Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain
10:00pm	Art, Passion and Power: The Story of the Royal Collection
11:00pm	The Stuarts
12:00am	Info not available
1:00am	Info not available
2:00am	Top of the Pops: 1981
2:45am	Top of the Pops: 1981

**CHANNEL 4**

9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cakemakers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E
11:00pm	Make Me a Better Brain
12:00am	Before We Die
1:15am	Britain's Weirdest Council Houses

**CHANNEL 5**

10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Cowboy Builders
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
2:05pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	A Sister's Nightmare
5 News	
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	FIA World Rally
9:00pm	Caught in the Act
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	One Night with My Ex
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
1:05am	Celebrity Big Brother
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5:00am	Britain's Greatest Bridges

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2:50am	8 Out of 10 Cats
3:40am	Body Fixers

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4:00pm	Transfer Centre
5:00pm	Transfer Centre
6:00pm	Transfer Centre
7:00pm	Transfer Centre
8:00pm	Transfer Centre
8:30pm	Gillette Soccer Special
11:00pm	Live ICC U19 Wc

**itv**

9:30am	Lorraine Join Lorraine Kelly and her celebrity friends for all the latest showbiz, news, style on ITV.
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning The popular morning lifestyle magazine show with advice, chat and competitions.
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Best 100 Walks in Britain
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	Girlfriends
12:45am	Transformation Street
1:35am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
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**itv3**

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3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen Text-based information service.
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**itv4**

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7:05pm	The Car Chasers
7:35pm	The Car Chasers
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
11:05pm	Harry Brown
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Harry Brown
1:10am	Green Street
2:10am	FYI Daily
2:15am	Green Street
3:20am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:45am	Captain America: Civil War
2:15pm	Troy
5:00pm	300
7:00pm	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
9:35pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
11:35pm	Captain America: Civil War
7:05am	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
8:45am	Scottish Mussel
10:30am	The Money Pit
12:10pm	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan
1:40pm	The Boss
3:25pm	Zoolander 2
5:15pm	Nine to Five
7:15pm	Brewster's Millions
9:00pm	The Boss
10:45pm	Nine to Five
12:40am	Little Man

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:45am	Kicks A misfit teen from a tough California neighbourhood embarks on a perilous journey to retrieve a pair of stolen sneakers.
6:30am	The Greatest
7:00am	Showman: Special Pitch Perfect 3: Special
7:30am	Cardboard Boxer
9:15am	Christine
11:30am	Nina Troubled soul icon Nina Simone rediscovers the meaning of her life and work thanks to the support of loyal assistant Clifton Henderson.
1:15pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:30pm	Ghost in the Shell
3:40pm	Fear Inc
5:25pm	Wakefield
7:20pm	Cardboard Boxer
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	Fear Inc
12:40am	Kicks
2:20am	Christine

**sky sports football**

1:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:30pm	Soccer A.M.
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
3:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
3:30pm	Soccer A.M.
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	Soccer A.M.
8:00pm	Championship Season Review
9:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
9:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
9:30pm	Soccer A.M.
10:00pm	Championship Season Review

**TECH FOR THE TIMID**



BEYONCÉ is said to have dozens and to change them every week. I have four and haven't changed them for years.

We're talking e-mail addresses, which some people change the way others change their socks. Or should. Not mentioning any names.

It's a surprising half-century since e-mail first emerged, and now we send 50 billion a day, many aimed at augmenting the male anatomy or congratulating you on winning a lottery you didn't enter.

E-mail has decimated the world's traditional postal services, and has reached even the middle of the middle of nowhere. Experts say it's under threat from social media and texts, yet today the world has nearly five billion e-mail addresses, at 2.1 per online user.

But if you're over 50 and typical, you've got just one. Which is a really, really bad idea.

Far from simplifying your life, having just one actually complicates it. Let me give you a for-in-

# Wham spam thank you ma'am

**If the internet really is 90 per cent porn and spam, Terence Kennedy reveals one way of staying sane online.**



**E-MAIL ACCOUNTS: The more the merrier.**

stance.

Buy just about anything these days, from a left-handed screwdriver, to a pack of Meccano-set furniture, and the vendor wants your e-mail address. Officially, for his sales records. Unofficially, so he can swamp you the way Amazon pioneered: 'If you liked this

item, you may like these other seven hundred...'

Buying online is even worse. Even e-mail providers want an e-mail address to be able to give you an e-mail address.

What it all means is the tedious daily click and zap, deleting the average eight spam messages sent a day for every person on the planet.

So here's this week's priceless tip. Sign-up for at least one extra, free e-mail address. Dish it out happily to everyone who asks, and keep your 'real' address for just friends, family and work.

The biggest advantage is not actually having to download all the junk mail which hits this backup account. That's because you're not

going to access it with your normal e-mail 'client' (programs like Microsoft's Outlook or Mail, Thunderbird, Apple Mail etc).

Instead, go to its website. Under your name will be a list, still without downloading anything. You can simply go tick, tick, tick against all the junk in the list, skipping any you might actually want to read, and then hit the delete button just once.

Voila - they are consigned to e-mail oblivion. Nothing is downloaded, including viruses. There is no futile, irritating beeping coming from your smartphone. No waiting for spam to creep in at its petty pace, before you can get to that vitally important family or work message.

**Mailing it**

FREE e-mail accounts certainly cost less than the proverbial 'dime-a-dozen', letting you use the service in return for showing you some advertising or harvesting your personal data.

Most providers will indeed let you have more than one address, so in principle if you want multiple Gmail or Yahoo mailboxes, yes you can. Or how about the freebie addresses from your Internet Service Provider, which most of us don't actually use because we already had an established and portable one?

For an account with an address entirely different to your 'real' one, there are plenty of other providers who dish them out like sweets: Yandex, Zoho, Proton, Mail.com....

Sadly, there is some bad news (for me at least) and that is that the best address has already been claimed: [hotmale@hotmail.com](mailto:hotmale@hotmail.com).

# How a fake restaurant became London's hottest reservation

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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

THERE are so many daft 'fake' stories doing the rounds now. But surely all are topped by the one about the man who created a fake restaurant in his garden, purely to hoax TripAdvisor.

'The Shed' in Dulwich, England, became an internet hit, ranked number one on TripAdvisor, even though nobody had ever eaten there!

Eventually it became so popular that Oobah Butler had to let people in, serving them ready meals from Iceland. Apparently he got the idea from a previous job of

writing fake reviews on TripAdvisor at £10 a post, praising restaurants in which he had never eaten, to boost businesses up the rankings.

Then he said he had a revelation: "Within the current climate of misinformation and society's willingness to believe absolute bullshit, maybe a fake restaurant is possible? It became my mission. With the help of fake reviews, mystique and nonsense, I was going to do it: turn my own shed into London's top-rated restaurant on TripAdvisor."

He produced a website, a concept to attract attention (dishes named after moods), got a photographer to 'immortalise' the 'food' (close-ups of shaving foam, bleach tablets and, at one point, his own foot) and friends to



**THE 'BREXIT SHED': A place of milk and honey...**

Photo by Oobah Butler/Twitter

write reviews like: "The earthy taste and freshness of the food was something else."

Now, TripAdvisor's a useful tool but you have to read between the lines and use

your own 'idiot filters.'

If there are only five star reviews, be suspicious; similarly, if only bad ones. You come across silly comments as well as the 'Emperor's New Clothes' attitude to 'be-

ing there'. This was a harmless prank, but the guy was correct about our era of fake news. (Incidentally, any chance he could cook up a Brexit deal that'll stand scrutiny for more than a few

minutes?) PS, I'll certainly be recommending this unbiased article! Five stars! Plus a warning: this column may not be written by a real person.

Finally, still need a bit of last-minute encouragement to embrace 'Dry January'? Well, there's always dry cider, dry white wine and dry martinis. Always glad to help!

*Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers - The Girl in the Red Dress, No Way Back, Landscape of Lies, Retribution, Soul Stealer, The De Clerambault Code (www.nora-johnson.net) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.*

**BBC one**

1:50am BBC News  
 7:00am Breakfast  
 10:15am Food: Truth or Scare  
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
 12:00pm Wanted Down Under  
 12:45pm A1: Britain's Longest Road  
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt  
 2:00pm BBC News  
 2:30pm Regional News  
 2:45pm Doctors  
 3:15pm Father Brown  
 4:00pm Escape to the Country  
 4:45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown  
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip  
 6:15pm Pointless  
 7:00pm BBC News  
 7:30pm Regional News  
 8:00pm The One Show  
 9:00pm The Truth About Getting Fit  
 10:00pm Wonders of the Moon  
 11:00pm BBC News  
 11:30pm Regional News  
 11:40pm Weather  
 11:45pm Match of the Day  
 1:25am And They're Off...For Sport Relief

**BBC TWO**

7:30am Wanted Down Under  
 8:15am Food: Truth or Scare  
 9:00am Great British Railway Journeys  
 9:30am Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
 12:30pm The Daily Politics  
 2:00pm Michael Palin's New Europe  
 3:00pm Sahara with Michael Palin  
 4:00pm A Place to Call Home  
 4:45pm This Wild Life  
 5:15pm The Hunt  
 6:15pm Flog It!  
 7:00pm Eggheads  
 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys  
 8:00pm Big Dreams, Small Spaces  
 9:00pm Winterwatch  
 10:00pm The New-Builds are Coming: Battle in the Countryside  
 11:00pm Mock the Week  
 11:30pm Newsnight  
 12:10am Weather  
 12:15am House of Saud: A Family at War

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
 8:30pm Egyptian Journeys with Dan Cruickshank  
 Documentary series in which Dan Cruickshank explores some of the most intriguing stories from ancient Egypt.  
 9:00pm Handmade: By Royal Appointment  
 9:30pm A Stitch in Time  
 10:00pm Six Wives with Lucy Worsley  
 History documentary bearing witness to some of the most important moments in the lives of King Henry VIII's wives.  
 11:00pm Do We Really Need the Moon?  
 12:00am The Brecon Beacons with Iolo Williams  
 1:00am Info not available  
 2:00am Top of the Pops: 1981  
 2:40am Top of the Pops: 1981  
 3:20am Six Wives with Lucy Worsley

**CHANNEL 4**

8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
 9:30am Frasier  
 10:00am Frasier  
 10:35am Frasier  
 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
 12:00pm Undercover Boss USA  
 1:00pm Channel 4 News  
 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
 2:05pm Posh Pawn  
 3:10pm Countdown  
 4:00pm Village of the Year  
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun  
 6:00pm Four in a Bed  
 6:30pm Extreme Cakemakers  
 7:00pm The Simpsons  
 7:30pm Hollyoaks  
 8:00pm Channel 4 News  
 9:00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it Kiri  
 10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?  
 12:00am 24 Hours in A and E  
 1:05am Pokerstars Championship Cash Challenge

**CHANNEL 5**

5:45am House Doctor  
 6:10am The Great Artists  
 6:35am HouseBusters  
 7:00am Milkshake!  
 10:15am The Wright Stuff  
 12:15pm Cowboy Builders  
 1:10pm 5 News  
 1:15pm The Hotel Inspector  
 2:05pm Access  
 2:15pm Home and Away  
 2:45pm Neighbours  
 3:15pm NCIS  
 4:15pm The Wrong Nanny  
 6:00pm 5 News  
 6:30pm Neighbours  
 7:00pm Home and Away  
 7:30pm 5 News  
 8:00pm Police Interceptors  
 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
 10:00pm Celebrity Big Brother  
 11:00pm When Kim Met Kayne  
 12:05am Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
 1:05am Mums Gone Wild  
 2:00am Super Casino  
 4:10am Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords  
 5:00am Britain's Greatest Bridges

**4**

9:00am Charmed  
 10:00am Melissa and Joey  
 10:30am Melissa and Joey  
 11:00am Baby Daddy  
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 12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
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 10:00pm Don't Tell the Bride  
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 11:00am Premier League Daily  
 12:00pm Sky Sports Daily  
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 3:00pm SKY Sports News  
 4:00pm SKY Sports News  
 5:00pm SKY Sports News  
 6:00pm SKY Sports News  
 7:00pm SKY Sports News  
 8:00pm Soccer Special Pre-Match  
 8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special  
 11:00pm Sky Sports News Ten  
 12:00am SKY Sports News  
 1:00am Live ICC U19 Wc  
 A match from the ICC Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand.

**itv**

4:50am ITV Nightscreen  
 6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 7:00am Good Morning Britain  
 9:30am Lorraine  
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 11:30am This Morning  
 1:30pm Loose Women  
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
 3:00pm Judge Rinder  
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
 5:00pm Tipping Point  
 6:00pm The Chase  
 7:00pm Local News and Weather  
 7:30pm ITV Evening News  
 8:00pm Emmerdale  
 8:30pm Coronation Street  
 9:00pm Britain's Brightest Family  
 9:30pm Coronation Street  
 10:00pm Girlfriends  
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
 11:45pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow  
 12:45am Info not available  
 1:10am Jackpot247  
 4:00am Tenable

**itv2**

7:25am Totally Bonkers  
 Guinness World Records  
 7:55am Dress to Impress  
 8:45am Emmerdale  
 9:20am The Cube  
 10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 11:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?  
 12:10pm Dress to Impress  
 1:10pm Emmerdale  
 1:40pm You've Been Framed!  
 2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 4:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 5:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 6:50pm Take Me Out  
 8:00pm You've Been Framed!  
 8:30pm You've Been Framed!  
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
 9:30pm Superstore  
 10:00pm Fast Five  
 11:00pm FYI Daily  
 11:05pm Fast Five  
 12:40am Family Guy

**itv3**

4:00am Teleshopping  
 7:00am Classic Coronation Street  
 7:25am Classic Coronation Street  
 7:50am Heartbeat  
 8:55am The Royal  
 9:55am Judge Judy  
 10:20am Judge Judy  
 10:50am Judge Judy  
 11:15am The Darling Buds of May  
 12:20pm The Darling Buds of May  
 1:30pm The Royal  
 2:35pm Heartbeat  
 3:40pm Classic Coronation Street  
 4:15pm Classic Coronation Street  
 4:45pm On the Buses  
 5:20pm On the Buses  
 5:55pm Rising Damp  
 6:20pm George and Mildred  
 6:55pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Endeavour  
 11:00pm Foyle's War  
 1:00am Inspector Morse  
 3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen  
 3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

5:00am Teleshopping  
 7:00am The Chase  
 7:50am Pawn Stars  
 8:10am Pawn Stars  
 8:30am Ironside  
 9:25am Quincy, M.E.  
 10:25am Minder  
 Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.  
 11:35am The Sweeney  
 12:40pm The Professionals  
 Action-packed drama series about two criminal-intelligence agents.  
 1:45pm Ironside  
 2:45pm Quincy, M.E.  
 3:50pm Minder  
 4:55pm The Sweeney  
 6:00pm The Professionals  
 7:00pm The Car Chasers  
 7:30pm The Car Chasers  
 8:00pm Pawn Stars  
 8:30pm Pawn Stars  
 9:00pm River Monsters  
 10:00pm The Gauntlet  
 11:05pm FYI Daily  
 11:10pm The Gauntlet  
 12:20am Lethal Weapon  
 1:15am The Americans  
 2:15am The Sweeney

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

12:00pm Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows  
 1:55pm Logan  
 4:15pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2  
 6:35pm Robin Hood  
 9:00pm Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows  
 11:00pm Logan  
 1:20am Last Action Hero

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

5:55am Music and Lyrics  
 7:45am Uncle Buck  
 9:30am Did You Hear About the Morgans?  
 11:20am Robin Hood: Men in Tights  
 1:10pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 3:00pm Bridesmaids  
 5:10pm Why Him?  
 7:05pm Splash  
 9:00pm Keeping up with the Joneses  
 11:00pm Why Him?  
 1:00am Knocked Up  
 3:15am The Love Guru  
 4:50am Brüno

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:35am Let Me Go  
 The lives of three generations of women are turned upside down when terrible, long-held secrets tumble into the open.  
 6:30am The Greatest Showman: Special  
 7:00am Nina  
 Troubled soul icon Nina Simone rediscovers the meaning of her life and work thanks to the support of loyal assistant Clifton Henderson.  
 8:45am Top Ten Show, the 2018  
 9:00am Fear Inc  
 10:45am Wakefield  
 12:50pm Ghost in the Shell  
 3:00pm Christine  
 5:15pm Cardboard Boxer  
 7:00pm Wakefield  
 9:00pm Ghost in the Shell  
 10:50pm The King's Choice  
 1:10am Fear Inc  
 2:50am Christine  
 4:55am Cardboard Boxer

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12:00pm One2eleven  
 12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games  
 12:45pm SPFL Greatest Games  
 1:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 1:30pm La Liga World  
 2:00pm La Liga Icons  
 3:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 3:30pm La Liga World  
 4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams  
 4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
 5:00pm Scottish Cup  
 Greatest Games  
 5:15pm Scottish Cup  
 Greatest Games  
 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
 5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games  
 6:00pm Football Years  
 6:30pm Football Countdowns  
 7:00pm Revista de la Liga  
 7:30pm La Liga World  
 8:00pm Championship Season Review  
 9:00pm Revista de la Liga  
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## Geography lesson for the less experienced

MIKE SENKER refers to 'countries like El Salvador, Africa and Haiti.'

In order that your less experienced readers are not misinformed, Africa is not in fact a country - either Central American or Caribbean.

It is a continent comprising approximately 54 countries. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Britain transferred three million Africans from their homeland to a life of slavery on the Caribbean islands. The indigenous Caribbeans were not African - nor were those of Central America.

David R Worboys, Nerja

### Bang free

THE festivities in Canillas de Albaida to 'celebrate' the San Antonio animal holiday happened last weekend (January 13/14) and are most definitely not animal friendly. As is customary at any festival in Spain, there was the constant noise of bangs going off all day and evening and many dogs, including mine, were so frightened inside that they certainly wouldn't dare venture going outside for a walk. So I think that it would be nice just for once to have a

### La Cala should retain charm

#### A defining moment?

HAVING lived in La Cala de Mijas for more than a decade, I am one of an increasing number of people who identify how the Costa del Sol village has improved in recent years.

Though ongoing expansion with new builds slightly inland concern many, a coastal boardwalk, more quality shops and restaurants and other improvements go some way to balancing some of the possible negatives of its growth from its once small fishing village identity.

However, in recent days I note that extensive infrastructure improvements in Calle Antequera (new footpaths, road resurfacing,



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ICONIC DONKEY: Outside the picturesque town hall.

lighting and drainage) has resulted in a shaded public seating area and two old trees - a much-loved characteristic of the residential street locally referred to as Coronation Street by many - in being removed.

This is sad, for although all-important extra public street parking has been provided by the infrastructure project, La Cala should also retain characteristics of its local charm.

JS, name and address supplied

bang free festival that would be not only pet friendly but people friendly too.

Delphine Penfold, Competa

### Boaring news

TO all the people in Benidorm, Calpe and Pego suffering from wild boar problems. You must remember the recipe created by a famous Spanish chef for a succulent pork roast which begins 'First remove wild boar from your radiator.'

Ian Royle, Calpe

### Postal delays

REGARDING problems in Orihuela with non-delivery of post over the Christmas period. We in Nucua Park have also suffered in a similar way with post taking days to arrive or the postman having to make his delivery at 8.30pm. Complaints to our post office fall on deaf ears. They blame the Benidorm office or suggest the problem is with the UK (even when the letters are from the local bank). Several times we have had bills arrive to be paid on the day of delivery.

My question is, is there somewhere to make an official complaint or is this common for all parts of Spain and we have to put up with it?

Dennis Jackson, La Nucua

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# Spain set for winter sun

As much as I love this weather we do need some rain desperately.

Joanne Booth

Perhaps cleaning the municipal bins with sea water instead of drinking water may help with the shortages!

Katrina Barratt

## Spanish hotels fear Tunisian competition

Tunisia after the shootings - wide berth, no matter if it's free, same with Turkey and Egypt - they don't have what I'd say a safe haven as yet.

Marie Ross Main

Tunisia is the only holiday I ever went on that I did not like and felt threatened and I have been on over 30 foreign holidays all over the world.

Gill Reynolds

The Spanish government needs to invest more in tourism if they want to keep tourism moving forward. Due to the climate it's ideally suited to theme parks like Disney, Universal Studios and MGM aimed at families. These can be located out of towns.

The Spanish economy needs more all year round jobs, not just seasonal work. This would also benefit local business and jobs in general. It's been needed for a long time in the south.

Pps, Estepona

## Comments from EWN online

### Ryanair still top despite turbulence

Jet 2 are doing extremely well, better planes and flight.

Jim Fennessey

Yes Jim but they don't necessarily go to where I want to go! Ryanair go Alicante-Newquay, no choice.

Jenny Dodd

Much of Ryanair's problems were towards the end of last year. It will be interesting to see if that has affected their customer loyalty this year.

Geoff Kerr

### Brit faces jail over starting forest fire

Absolutely fair! He would have been well aware of the risks and must be held accountable.

Stephen Richards

This is spot on fair, risks taken by anyone means accountability must be taken too.

Debbie Harrison

I hope he gets traditional Spanish hospitality amongst the inmates.

Rodolfo Losada

### 'Drunk' passenger forces flight diversion

Why allow on flight if drunk?? I wouldn't want anyone sitting with or near me if they are drunk!!!!!!

Mandy Garside Chatwood

Bloody disgrace, well done crew, poor passengers... She mustn't be allowed to fly again!

Sian Foster

OMG what an idiot, well done Ryanair, hope the woman got prosecuted!!!!

Sandra Dunn Bratton

### Dangerous driver caught on video

He wasn't thinking, they rarely do, especially on the roads.

Carl Glover

This happens too often, time to remove the offending driver's privileges of driving licence.

David George Mitchell

The driver has been caught, according to N332. Hope the courts nail this one.

Russell Bushby

## Nerja nasty whilst Torrox keeps clean

NEW YEAR, same old optimistic nonsense from the town hall. I own up to actually living in Torrox and honestly don't know what they do with our sewage, but there never seems to be anything nasty floating off our beaches.

Nerja promotes itself as a world beater resort but surely pumping raw sewage into the sea should disqualify any town. One of your fellow English language papers had an interesting article about blockages caused by wet wipes etc yet Nerja's answer, when/if it is completed, is to pump waste three kilometres distance and 50 metres or so uphill to the new facility.

How long before it blocks up and overflows? I will give you your headline for that week - Crapistrano!

Oh dear, there goes my cheerful, positive start to 2018. Glad to see Mr Lee hasn't made any resolutions and is keeping up his Britain First membership for another year. When in doubt blame the immigrants but remember you are one as well!

Peter Thompson, Torrox



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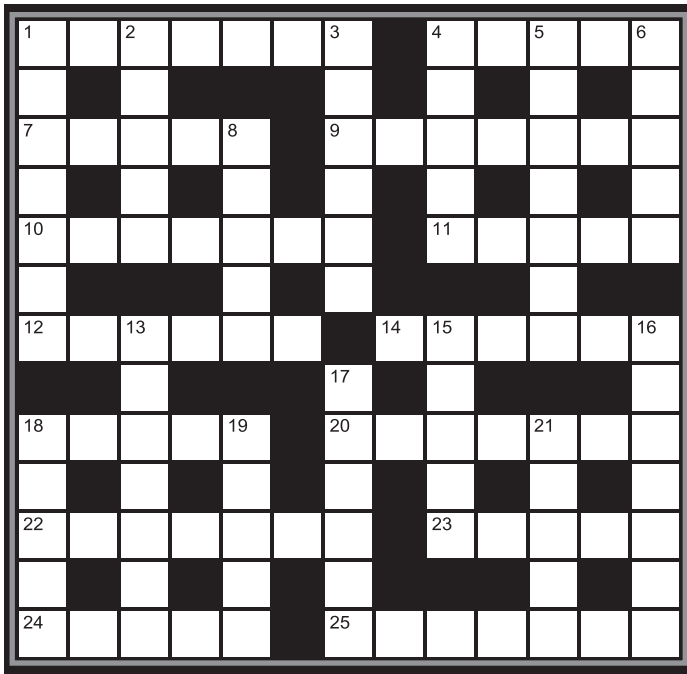
**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Aspired, in a way, to helplessness (7)
- 4 Slogs away to get shine (5)
- 7 Only about five find the answer (5)
- 9 Strongly criticising the roof work (7)
- 10 Encourage another to breathe? (7)
- 11 Minor part in Oedipus Rex tragedy (5)
- 12 Stone alien missile (6)
- 14 Hit and miss or damn silly (6)
- 18 A drink for the American conscripts (5)
- 20 Leave, if there's a group performing (7)
- 22 Roman officer broke turbine (7)
- 23 Some of his language was jargon (5)
- 24 Fruit for specific days of the month (5)
- 25 Rushes to publish within seconds (7)

**Down**

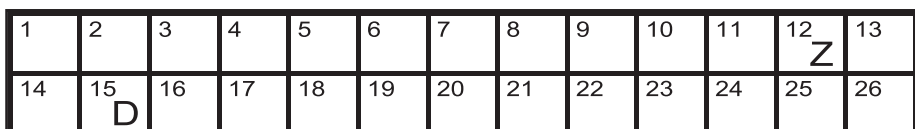
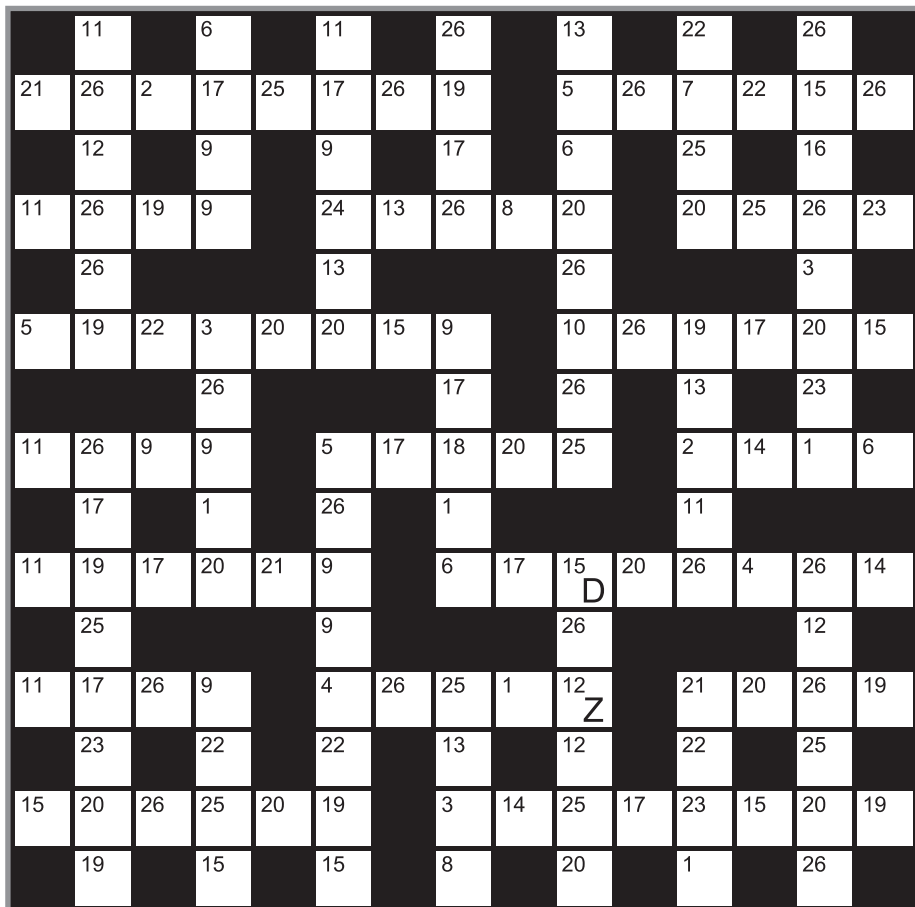
- 1 Tramp, one in collection of papers (7)
- 2 Auctions off prison rooms, we hear (5)
- 3 More hasty to produce a slice of bacon (6)
- 4 Elegance of old cricketer (5)
- 5 Left out by mistake, I met Dot (7)
- 6 Greek letter begins, 'Sir, I give



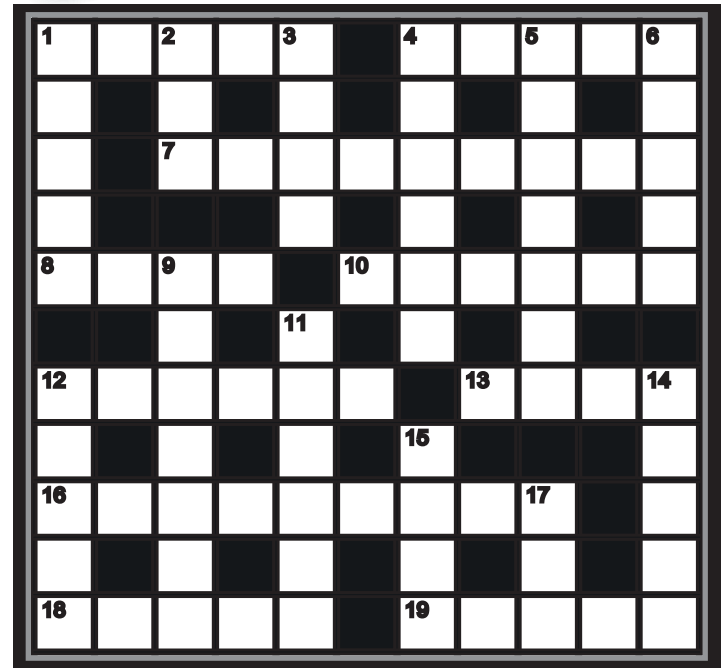
- my assurance' (5)
- 8 Some hotel items for the select few (5)
- 13 Disturbance after tea in old vehicle (7)
- 15 Gather a large amount (5)
- 16 Chap gets older, but copes
- 17 Menservants drink during TV's broadcast (6)
- 18 Went out with old hat (5)
- 19 Roy leaves mixed yoghurts for hooligans (5)
- 21 Empty shower after last showered (5)

**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 12 represents Z and 15 represents D, so fill in Z every time the figure 12 appears and D every time the figure 15 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.



**Quick**



**Across**

- 1 Clearly defined (5)
- 4 Clean with hard rubbing (5)
- 7 Large, hairy spider (9)
- 8 Chore (4)
- 10 Unusual mental ability (6)
- 12 Musical instrument (6)
- 13 Asks for alms (4)
- 16 Too soon or too hasty (9)
- 18 Thick, closely-spaced, compact (5)
- 19 Lacking self-confidence (5)

**Down**

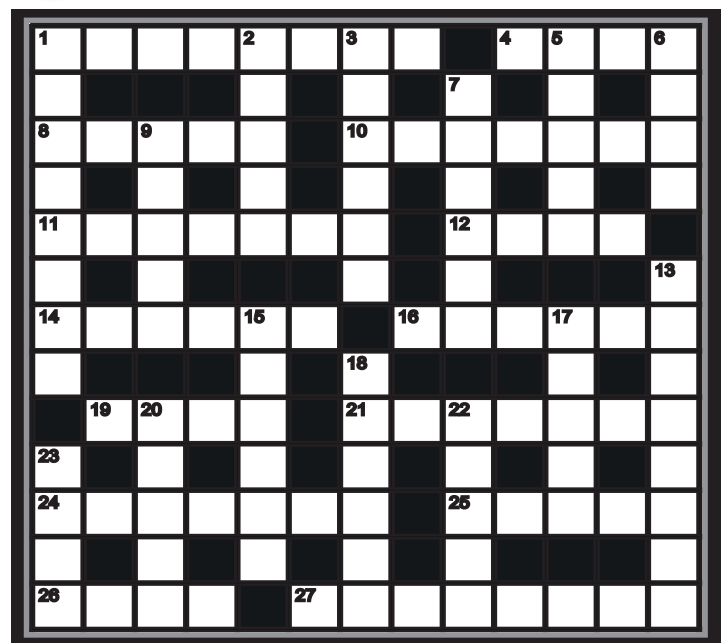
- 1 Woman's garment hanging from the waist (5)

**Across**

- 2 Social insect living in organised colonies (3)
- 3 Meat from a domestic pig (4)
- 4 Vocalist (6)
- 5 Everyday procedure (7)
- 6 Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
- 9 Person who treats injuries or diseases by manual operations (7)
- 11 Argument (6)
- 12 Roman god of love (5)
- 14 Small group of soldiers assigned to a particular activity (5)
- 15 Fair and impartial (4)
- 17 Tall, deciduous tree (3)

**English - Spanish**

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



**Across**

- 1 Shower (of rain) (8)
- 4 Pelota (4)
- 8 Guante (5)
- 10 Poppy (7)
- 11 Stadium (7)
- 12 Grosero (maleducado) (4)
- 14 To turn off (light, television) (6)
- 16 Pajitas (6)
- 19 Tin can (4)
- 21 Rescue (7)
- 24 Disculpa (7)
- 25 Mareas (5)
- 26 Plomo (4)
- 27 Prisionero (8)

**Down**

- 1 Storks (8)
- 2 Delante (5)
- 3 Nails (metal) (6)
- 5 Evitar (5)
- 6 Loyal (4)
- 7 Zanahoria (6)
- 9 Oyster (5)
- 13 Lift (elevator) (8)
- 15 Spit (roast) (6)
- 17 Coffin (5)
- 18 Oración (religión) (6)
- 20 Now (at this time, immediately) (5)
- 22 Mushrooms (flat-topped) (5)
- 23 Caída (4)

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**Kakuro**

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



**Nonagram**

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



**TARGET:**

- Average: 11
- Very good: 22
- Good: 15
- Excellent: 29

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

berk berm bier boor bore bort brim brio brit emir kerb mire moor more mort oreo rime riot rite robe rook room root rote term tier tiro tore tori trek trim trio biker biter broke brook broom merit metro miter mitre moire motor ombre orbit remit robot timer tribe trike booker boomer obiter reboot retook rookie roomie timber timbre **MOTORBIKE**

**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**

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

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		6			2			1
		4						9
	5		7		2		8	
	6						4	

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

You realise this week how liberating it is to share your thoughts and feelings with someone close. It is not always easy to do this, until you realise everyone has them. Some hopes and dreams are more attainable than others, of course, and someone has to find out which are which.



**LEO**  
(July 24 - August 23)

Reading the small print or being sure what is offered in a personal encounter is most important this week. Leave nothing to chance or you could be out of pocket.



**VRGO**  
(August 24 - September 23)

Being over-generous with cash midweek could see you making a poor move.



**PISCES**  
(February 20 - March 20)

Time is precious this week because you are in demand. A chance lost in the past presents itself again but won't be too easy. Holding back just a little makes you more desirable. A want to travel could be cramped by financial considerations. If making extra money is too difficult, consider sharing something of value with someone else.

Perhaps someone needs to be more hardworking or perhaps less of a spendthrift. Propping up a bad habit would be doing them no favours.



**LIBRA**  
(September 24 - October 23)

A suggestion made by you recently did not seem to be taken seriously.



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

After a relaxed weekend, it might prove difficult to take up the reins of work again.

This week, however, negotiations could be opened.

Circumstances change and it may seem someone gave up too early. Bide your time and even hold your tongue when someone in a strong position spouts rubbish.



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

Confidence in a close relationship should be maintained.



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

With a mind as sharp as a needle, you spin through the week, weaving your own charming spell. A bit of extra confidence works wonders for your mood. Something that you read sets you thinking about doing some writing or creating something artistic, perhaps even a musical.

Possibly someone who envies your position would like to see discord. A matter of spiritual or religious faith is questioned, but the answer comes more clearly and sharply than you would have thought.



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

An emotional cut-off from the past is not as bad as anticipated. Indeed, it confirms in your mind who you are and what your place in the world is. Inherited traits knit easily with your present life and bring contentment.



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

Although energy is not high, there is the need to have some kind of challenge. With the brain active, it is an ideal time to plot and plan your next moves. Maybe something that has been delayed might now be advanced. You find it hard to choose between opportunities.



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

An investment made recently is built upon and brings peace of mind.



**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 23)

The imagination stirs and the heart races at a suggestion this week. Your strong intuition tells you it is the right thing to do.

Finances do need consideration but more in the long than the short-term. Much is happening in the background that does not require your attention but, all the same, be aware.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

**ENGLISH-SPANISH**

**Across:**

- 1 Speak, 4 Focas, 10 Enter, 11 Seaside, 12 Mas joven, 13 Damp, 15 Ninety, 17 Colour, 19 Sage, 20 Farmacia, 23 Receive, 24 Nests, 25 Toser, 26 Pared.

**Down:**

- 2 Patos, 3 Airports, 5 Ojal, 6 Ahijado, 7 Hermanastro, 8 Ashes, 9 Despertarse, 14 Tormenta, 16 Negocio, 18 Paseo, 21 Cisne, 22 Wise.

**CRYPTIC**

**Across:**

- 1 Peach, 4 Courage, 8 Chagrin, 9 Sward, 10 Satin, 11 Meander, 12 Diddle, 14 Meagre, 17 Setback, 19 Snaps, 21 Arena, 22 Initial, 23 Redeems, 24 Sorry.

**Down:**

- 1 Picks, 2 Adapted, 3 Heron, 4 Cinema, 5 Upstage, 6 Award, 7 Endorse, 12 Despair, 13 Leakage, 15 Glacier, 16 Skeins, 18 Trend, 19 Slips, 20 Splay.

**QUICK**

**Across:**

- 1/11 Dry ice, 3 Pact, 5 Acre, 6 Swap, 8 Rant, 12 Rush, 15 Sofa, 16 Drag, 17 Pike, 18 Eat.

**Down:**

- 1 Dear, 2 Yarn, 3 Pester, 4 Tip, 7 Adds, 9 Alto, 10 Tirade, 13 Urge, 14 Hint, 15 Sip.

**CODE BREAKER**

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

**KAKURO**

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

**QUIZ: DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY**

- Seven Tears was a UK number one hit single in 1982 for which dance band?
- The Latin-American ballroom dance the rumba originated on which Caribbean island?
- The mazurka is a lively folk dance in triple time principally associated with which country?
- What is the name of the American-born dancer/choreographer who became internationally known for his Irish dance shows Riverdance, Lord of the Dance, Feet of Flames and Celtic Tiger?
- Which actor starred, directed and produced the epic 1990 American Western film Dances with Wolves?
- Which American actress and former teen model starred as the 18-year-old welder Alex Owens in the 1983 American romantic drama film Flashdance?

- Which French impressionist artist is noted for his many paintings of dance scenes, including The Dance Class, Dancers at the Barre and Dancers in Pink?
- Which group topped the UK singles chart in 1962 with Dance On?
- Which Lerner and Loewe musical features the song I Could Have Danced All Night?
- Which newsreader and television presenter was the first ever series winner of BBC's Strictly Come Dancing in 2004?

Not a lot of people know that... the earliest known evidence of dancing comes from 9,000 year-old cave paintings in India.

**Answers:**

- GOOMBAY DANCE BAND,
- CUBA, 3. POLAND,
- IRISH,
- MICHAEL FLATLEY, 5. KEVIN COSTNER, 6. JENNIFER BEALS,
- EDGAR DEGAS, 8. THE SHADOWS, 9. MY FAIR LADY, 10. NATASHA KAPLINSKY (dancing with Brendan Cole)

# No more sneezing

IF you suffer from a runny nose and itchy eyes just by looking at a plant you may be relieved to hear a hay fever vaccination is in the works.

The jab, which could be available in three years, has been shown to reduce medication use for hay fever symptoms by 25 per cent. Scientists say three rounds of injections a year could leave sufferers symptom-free.

Dr Rudolf Valenta, the study's lead scientist, explained, "My expectation is that the vaccine will lead to an almost complete relief of symptoms two or three years after injections."

He added, "People will be able to defend themselves from grass pollen using

their own immune system, without having to take expensive anti-inflammatory drugs which may weaken their immune system and make them tired during the day," concluding, "they may still have hay fever but they will feel no different to someone who is hay fever-free."

The study's lead author at the Medical University of Vienna's Ear, Nose and Throat Department, Verena Niederberger-Leppin, explained the effects would differ from person to person, saying, "The more severely the allergy sufferer is affected by grass pollen, the greater the beneficial effect following vaccination."

The news has been welcomed by other

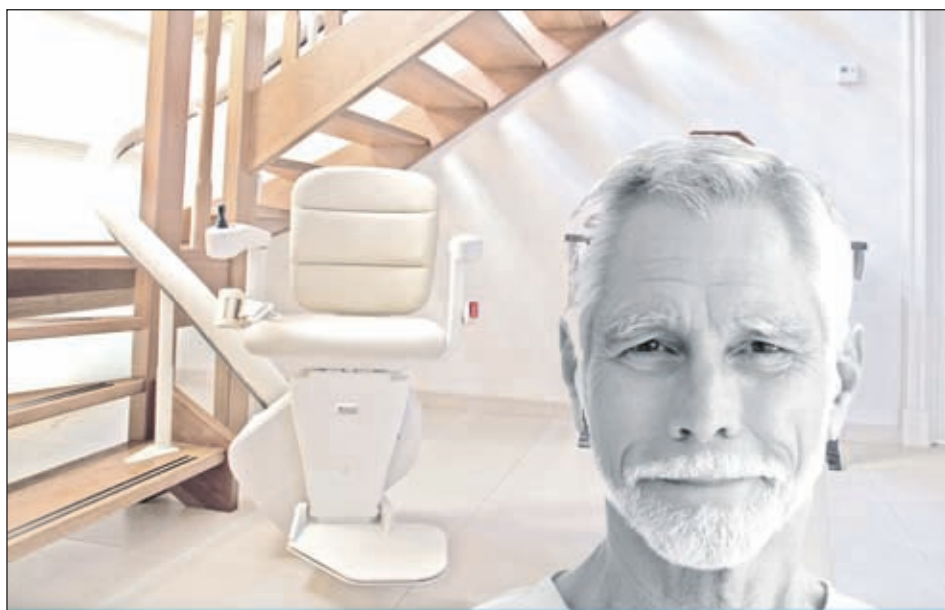


**BLESS YOU:** Hay fever may soon be a thing of the past.

health organisations, with head of clinical services at Allergy UK, Amena Warner, explaining, "Traditional immunotherapy has been used for many years, although it comes with a high level of risk, such as anaphylaxis. That is because it uses natural allergen ex-

tracts such as grass or tree pollens."

She added, "So this is an exciting development if subsequent trials show success because recombinant technology, such as this, uses synthetic allergens and therefore potentially reduces the risk of severe side effects."



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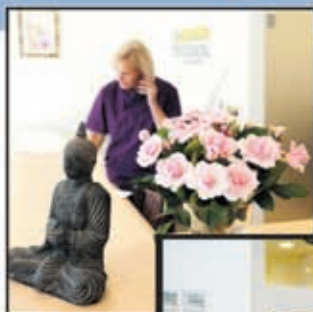
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**MICRO PAIN:** Microwaves could be damaging the environment.

## How safe are microwaves

FOR years there has been conflicting advice about the use of microwaves with some scientists telling us the machines could be damaging to health.

But now researchers have found microwaves may not just be harmful for us but also for the environment.

Researchers from the University of Manchester found the number of microwaves in Europe could be as toxic for the environment as seven million cars due to the amount of CO2 they release into the atmosphere. The study also found the British were the worst offenders with the UK responsible for almost half of all microwave ready-meal use over all Europe.

The study's lead author, Dr Alejandro Gallego-Schmid, from the School of Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science, explained, "consumers now tend to buy new appliances before the existing ones reach the

end of their useful life as electronic goods have become fashionable and 'status' items." He added, "as a result, discarded electrical equipment, such as microwaves, is one of the fastest growing waste streams worldwide."

The scientist concluded, "given that microwaves account for the largest percentage of sales of all type of ovens in the EU, it is increasingly important to start addressing their impact on resource use and end-of-life waste."

The rise in ready-meal use is being blamed for the phenomenon with many families now turning to cheap and easy pre-prepared meals for dinner. Britons now spend €3.4 billion (£3 billion) on ready meals a year, some which have been found to contain as much sugar as a can of coke, cheaper cuts of meat and additives made from human hair. Chef Gordon Ramsay once described them as "food hell."

## It's good to walk

WE all know humans are now more sedentary than we used to be.

With the rise of office-based jobs, working from home and television and social-media use, we are constantly being told by the news how we exercise and move less than previous generations.

And now a new study has confirmed the problem could be worse than previously feared as we are walking 20 per cent less than we even did 10 years ago. Researchers found the amount we use our feet rather than other transport to get around has decreased dramatically with the average person making 4.7 trips on foot a week in 2005 compared to only 3.8 in 2015.

The news released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in collaboration with the Department for Transport (DfT), revealed, "personal business, business, shopping, and leisure walking trips have declined more than other types over the last 10 years."

Experts are also blaming the increase in takeaway delivery services and ready meals for the decline with people now less likely to pop out to the supermarket to buy food for their dinner.

The study also revealed the average person made 243 walking trips in 2016, walking for a total of 198 miles and spending an average of 16 minutes - or 0.7 miles - per trip. It was revealed this



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amounted to around 66 hours a year spent walking, about 75 minutes a week, and represented around 25 per cent of all trips made in a year.


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

# Classics of pop and rock

THERE is a fascinating double bill at the Benidorm Palace on Sunday April 1 with two great names from pop history appearing on stage.

Gary Puckett & the Union Gap will be remembered as an American pop rock group who had a string of hits in the late 1960s. Their most successful releases were *Woman, Woman*;

*Over You*; *Young Girl*; and *Lady Willpower*.

Now aged 75, Gary is still active, touring on a regular basis and performing to many new as well as old fans. See more on <http://www.garypuckettmusic.com>.

On the same bill, Paul da Vinci is a British singer and musician best known for his vocals on the 1974 hit recording by The Rubettes, *Sugar Baby*

*Love*, although he did not perform live with the group at the time.

He reportedly had a three-and-a-half octave vocal range, and worked as a demo and session singer before and after his own moderately successful solo career, which included the UK hit *Your Baby Ain't Your Baby Anymore*, which peaked at number 20 in the UK charts.

For a number of years he was a backing singer for major artists such as Ringo

Starr, Gary Moore, Elton John and many others. He then went on to appear as the narrator in The Who's Rock Opera *Tommy* at the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End as well as *That'll be the Day*.

Now 66, he recently formed a new band The Paul da Vinci Explosion and has been working steadily for his entire career.

Tickets for the show which starts at 8.30pm cost from €25 to €33 if food is included.



Archive picture of Paul da Vinci and his band.

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## New gastronomic delights for February

THE town of Villajoyosa is adding a new gastronomic event to its calendar as the council promotes what it calls the 'perolet days.'

Committed to gastronomy for the enjoyment of local residents and as one of its main tourist assets and economic drivers, it has added this new event which will take place from February 5 to 11.

The departments of commerce and tourism in the town are working together to promote the most traditional local cuisine, hot dishes made in cooking pots known as perolets.

Nine local restaurants have agreed to offer guests a special €20 menu consisting of two starters, a hot dish and a dessert.

"Gastronomy is one of our main values and for this reason we have made an important commitment to enhance our main gastronomic events such as the Mostra de Cuina Marineria or the Rice Week and to create new events that not only promote our dishes.

"They give visibility to our restaurants and bars to boost the local economy and the flow of visitors to our town. With this initiative we began the culinary year that will continue in April with Rice Week," commented local councillor, Marta Sellés.

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LOS SECRETOS: Still recording and touring.

## Madrid rock visits the Costa Blanca

THREE brothers Álvaro, Enrique and Javier formed a band in 1978 and became part of the Madrid Indie scene although they kept a touch of American country rock in their repertoire.

Sadly, the death of their drummer José Cano on New Year's Eve 1979 signalled a time for change and after recruiting a new drummer, they changed their name to Los Secretos in 1980 and

have been playing under that name ever since.

Once again they were hit with the loss of not just a member, but one of their brothers, Enrique who passed away the day before the release of a new album in 1999.

With 13 studio and four live albums, the group has been recording and playing regularly around Spain and having

celebrated 40 years in the business, they still attract large audiences with two sold out concerts (one acoustic) in Murcia.

On Saturday March 10, Los Secretos will play at the Auditori Teulada-Moraira with tickets selling fast and only those costing €25 still available from the auditorium box office or from the band's website [www.los-secretos.net](http://www.los-secretos.net).





Photo Credit: Diego Deliso

**UNIQUE ORGAN:** In the Church of Sant Jaume and Santa Anna.

## International organ festival

THE church of Sant Jaume and Santa Anna in Benidorm boasts the only organ with three keyboards in the entire province of Alicante.

Recognising the existence of this unique instrument, an annual free organ festival was established several years ago and now in its sixth year, it has stepped up to be recognised as an International Festival.

There will be special presentations in the church after Friday mass at 8pm on the last Friday of each of the months of

January, February, April, May, November and December.

The early performances will concentrate on organ recitals only but in May, November and December the repertoire will be expanded to include additional instruments as well as two sopranos and a baritone with the appearance in May of local oboe player José Antonio Gonzaga.

The line-up for the year sees Alessandro Bianchi play tomorrow (Friday), Daniel Oyarzábal on February 23 and

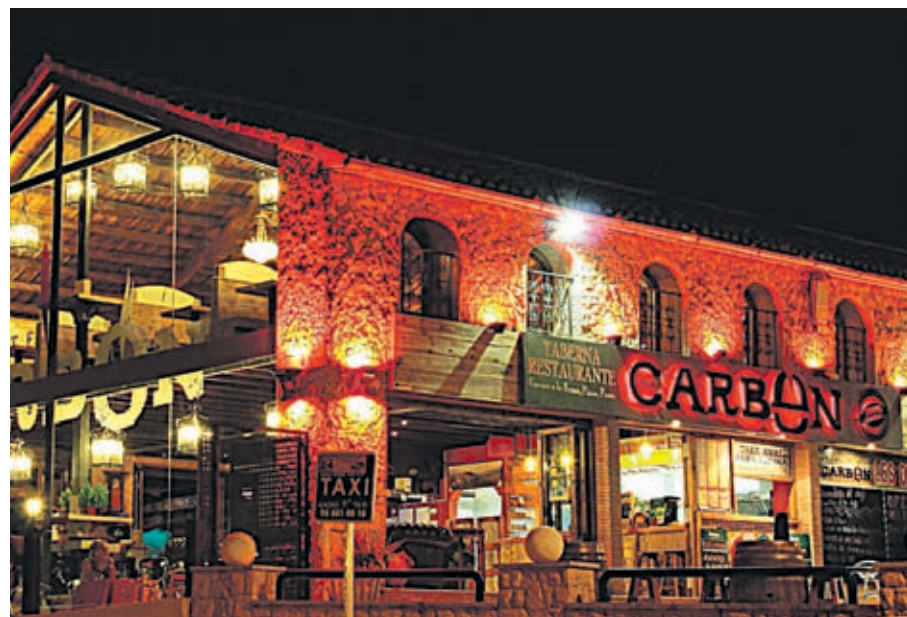
Mateo Imbruno on April 27,

Then on May 25, Jose Benantzi will be at the organ with José Antonio Gonzaga, November 30 sees the appearance of Francisco Amaya with soprano Blanca Gómez and baritone Miguel Ángel Viñé and finally, Miguel Bernall with soprano Julia Ruiz on December 28.

The November concert will coincide with the feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music and naturally, Christmas will be the theme for the December event.

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**CONCERT TOUR:** Funds will help the Centro Día Betania.

# Chamber Choir from UK on tour

THE Cantores Sanctis Diebus Salisbury-based Chamber Choir with 17 voices is about to undertake its 14th tour of the Costa Blanca.

Founded 41 years ago it specialises in the music of the Renaissance, particularly by English and Spanish composers such as Tallis and Byrd, Victoria and Guerrero, a time that is often described as the Golden Age, el Siglo de Oro.

The choir is directed by Nicholas Hale and in this tour each concert will contain about an hour's music and take place in beautiful buildings which are not always readily accessible to the public.

Entry is free for each performance, but there will be a retiring collection for local charities. The programme for the concerts will be similar but not identical and at the Sunday Mass it is possible to hear the music in the context for which it was written.

Friday February 9 sees the performance commence at 6.30pm in the Ermita Las Rotas/Les Rotes, which is situated approximately three kilometres south east of Denia town centre just off the CV 736 to Javea.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the cloisters and the collection will be in aid of the Costa Blanca Angli-

can Chaplaincy.

Saturday February 10 the choir will start singing at 5pm in Convent de la Placeta, Javea pueblo.

Funds raised at this event will go towards helping the nuns in their work, particularly for Alzheimer's sufferers, at the Day Centre there in the Centro Día Betania.

Finally on Sunday February 11, there will be a sung mass at 9.45am in the Ermita del Pop-

ul, Carretera Jesús Pobre km4 with the donations assisting the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy.

Further details on the choir may be obtained by emailing [thenicholashale@gmail.com](mailto:thenicholashale@gmail.com) or by calling Nicholas on (+34) 689 549 266 whilst information on the good works being supported by this tour can be viewed at [www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org](http://www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org) and [www.centrodiaabetania.com](http://www.centrodiaabetania.com).

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**FITUR EXHIBITION:** Announcing the 11th Fotosub Geas.

# Fantastic underwater photography competition

A GROUP including the Teulada-Moraira mayor announced at the recent FITUR tourism exhibition held in Madrid, that the 11th Fotosub Geas will be held in September.

This underwater photography contest will take place on the coast of Teulada-Moraira and Benissa from September 21 to 23 and is supported by the world champion in underwater photography Rafael Fernández, the vice-president of Alicante Council, Eduardo Dolón, the mayor of Teulada-Moraira, Carlos Linares, and the councillor for Tourism of Benissa, Fernando López.

Organised by the diving club Geas Valencia, the contest started in 2008 and has since become a most prestigious event.

Rafael Fernández explained at FITUR, that the sea bed of Teulada-Moraira is one of the most beautiful and unique in Spain, offering the opportunity to take great pictures of a unique and powerful type.

The response from potential contestants was almost instantaneous and with the number of expected participants, the organisers consider that this is now one of the most important events of its kind on the Spanish Peninsula.

The organisers of the event are also offering lectures at schools in both municipalities so students will not only be able to enjoy photographs and videos taken during the contest, but will also be able to get to know the equipment divers use.



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# Fit for the stars

## New film reveals designer's dream home



Credit: Twitter



**HALLS OF FAME:** Bookings are possible at a price.

THE extravagant mansion where Gianni Versace lived features in the new film *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story*, which premiered this week.

Viewers will get a look inside the luxurious estate where the designer was tragically murdered by Andrew Cunanan in 1997.

Today, the house is known as the Villa Casa Casuarina, a 19,000 square-foot exclusive boutique hotel.

It features 10 custom guest suites with marble bathrooms, separate living areas, and balconies.

Other amenities include a pool, a spa, two private lounges and a rooftop bar.

Those thinking of treating themselves to a

stay at the mansion will have to brace themselves for some serious pricing.

Suites start at \$899 (€734) and \$1,199 (€979) on weekends, but the excitement from the film could drive those rates up quickly.

Casa Casuarina was originally built in 1930 by Alden Freeman, heir to an oil fortune. In 1992, Versace was on a walk with his family and was drawn to the grand Spanish Architecture and the 'Kneeling Aphrodite' statue outside.

The designer splashed out €32 million to completely reconstruct the building, adding a new wing, tiled pool and thousands of 24-karat gold mosaics.



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**NEW TEAM, NEW HOME:** Coutinho and his mansion.

## A Philipping nice house

EX-LIVERPOOL forward Philippe Coutinho has moved into a stunning Barcelona mansion previously owned by Chelsea midfielder Cesc Fabregas.

The Brazilian star will be living in Bellmar, Casteldefells, and will count on Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez as neighbours.

And Suarez was so keen for Coutinho to complete

his move that he actually bought the house before the deal between the two clubs was confirmed.

Builders are currently working on the property before Coutinho and his young family move in.

The mansion, which features a swimming pool in the spacious back garden, has also been the home of new team-mates

Thomas Vermaelen and Andre Gomes.

It is part of a 750-metre square plot that boasts a gym and lift amongst its perks.

Coutinho's €160 million transfer is the second most expensive of all-time following fellow Brazilian Neymar's €222 million move from Barcelona to Paris St Germain.



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# Government to monitor rental sites

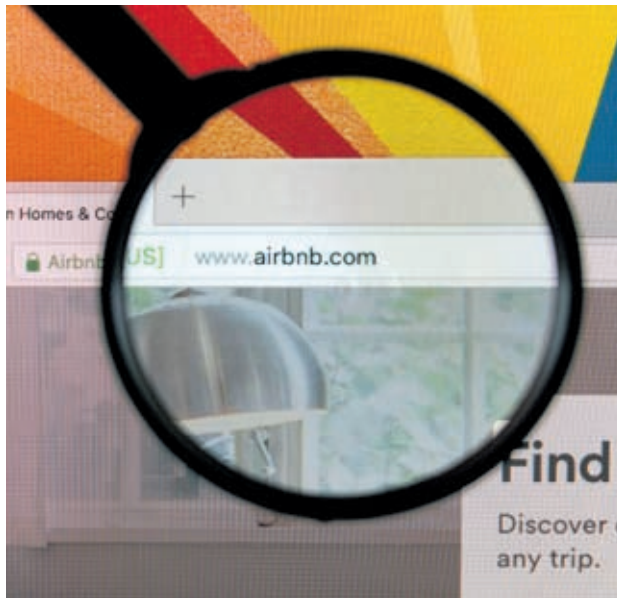
THE Spanish government has announced plans to monitor accommodation sites much more closely.

The move comes in the wake of the Cataluña terrorist attack last August.

The Interior Ministry has revealed new measures in the fight against jihadist cells, as part of the Antiterrorism Pact.

Records will be kept of people's bookings on hotel and short-term rental sites across Spain such as Airbnb and Booking.com.

The same action will be taken on vehicle rental companies and websites, given that the Catalanian



**NIPPING THE PROBLEM IN THE BED: Airbnb will receive increased surveillance.**

terrorist attack involved three hired vans to kill 16 and injure 152.

The Interior Ministry also plans to tighten loopholes relating to immigration, where extremists and expensive court cases are involved.

"The measures will be put in action throughout the next year and most of them are already prepared or in the final stages of completion," said Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido.

Airbnb bought background check start-up Trooly Inc last June in an attempt to protect users and restore its reputation.

# EU deconstructs Spain's economy

DESPITE the upturn in its economy of late, Spain continues to feel the lasting effects of the financial crisis of 2014.

Defaulted assets in real estate and construction in the country remain above 20 per cent.

Moreover, the economy has rates of unemployment, inequality and at-risk poverty rates unparalleled in the North Atlantic.

In light of this climate Brussels has presented a first review of default assets in Europe.

While non-performing



Credit: Wikimedia

**CONSTRUCTIVE ADVICE: Spain's economy reviewed.**

loans have fallen by one third since the peak of the crisis, Spain has delinquent

assets of 5.3 per cent. But Spain is not the worst performing country in Eu-

rope in this area. Rates exceeded up to 10 per cent in nine countries, led by Greece (46 per cent) and Cyprus (33 per cent).

Despite the bail out of Spain's banks to the tune of €40 billion, the EU's report on its banking health expresses concerns.

Brussels therefore suggests a package of measures; banks to clean up their balance sheets by strictly complying to state aid rules, the acceleration of extrajudicial agreements, the creation of firewalls and an improvement in transparency.



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There is a huge range of different plants that can be grown from seed, that cannot usually be found as seedlings or small plants in the nurseries. This makes it much more interesting

# Time to start planting seeds for spring



**| SOWING SEEDS: A fun job.**

to garden with many unusual and exotic plants. This year I am growing a variety of passion fruit, sent over from Australia, that is not generally available here in Spain.

Growing your own can also be a great way to coordinate

with other gardeners and neighbours, to have something to exchange if you grow more than you need. Probably half my garden is planted with varieties obtained in this way.

This also allows you to enjoy watching the seeds emerge with

your care and flourish into a full grown plant, whether it is a vegetable to eat, a flower to decorate, or a tree to stand as a long term memory of your work to grow it.

A visiting friend showed me pictures of a table she had made

from an oak tree planted by her grandparents, that had been struck by lightning and fallen.

If you are concerned about the way plants are grown, and want to be sure that the soil is of good quality and without chemicals, to gain the maxi-

mum benefit from what you eat, as well as caring for the environment you live in, it also makes seedlings a good option to ensure you have the very best.

Any small container can be used to grow seeds, as long as it holds the soil and has drainage holes to allow excess water to escape. You can recycle yoghurt containers, egg cartons, shallow cardboard boxes and many other items that may normally just be disposed of.

The soil mix needs to be finer than general potting mix, but you can use a coarse sieve to remove the larger pieces of a general mix to obtain a finer material, or do the same with your compost if you have some.

As a rule of thumb, seeds are planted about double the depth of the size of the seed. Fine seed is best just placed on the surface, with a little more soil mix sprinkled on top.

Keep the soil moist, but not wet, and you will soon have new plants emerging to enhance your garden and share with friends.



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MANY of us are increasingly working from home.

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But *idealhome.co.uk* has come up with a few ways you can declutter your home office, making it a more peaceful place to work, and in turn making it easier to wind down when you've finished for the day.

The website recommends investing in a shredder, saying, "a clear space is a clear mind and it gives you the excuse to shop for savvy stationery and pretty pieces, now that you can see your

# How's your home office?

desk beneath the paper again."

It also advises dusting behind and under your office furniture more often, to decrease dust levels - which could help anyone with allergies - and adding some plants, which will brighten the area and increase oxygen levels.

In a similar vein, the site also recommends washing curtains which have been hanging up for years, as these also accrue dust surprisingly

quickly.

Declutter anything you haven't used for a while to create a more minimalist office space, and also make room for anything new you might need.

*Idealhome.co.uk* says, "if you haven't touched it all year then it's going to the charity shop."

Finally, the site recommends getting into the habit of clearing up as you go. It suggests, "pop used cups and glasses in the dish-

washer every night before bed," and "plump those cushions daily," promising, "once you get into a routine, having a neat home that's the envy of friends, will become second nature."

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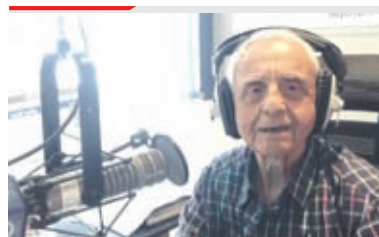
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OVER the years, hundreds of you have informed me that your male and female dogs like to mount you sexually by rubbing on your leg, a cushion or a toy. This is called masturbation which should not be encouraged.

Some owners stand their rights and say the dog has been spayed/neutered and it cannot



**OVER-EXCITED: Don't allow your dog to mount you.**

do any harm. Dogs that are spayed are able to have sex, but are unable to breed. Quite often, behaviourists and vets decide to spay the animal since testosterone is running high, which causes excitement and makes the animal high.

To say the least, it is unhealthy to allow a dog - male or female - to mount you.

In fact I have known large breeds that love it so much they will not let go, and often it takes two or three people to remove the dog. This is very confusing for the dog and it can turn aggressive. The other danger is that this can happen to a child or elderly person.

Many owners are unaware that dogs will leave sperm on the leg, and often on its body, which leaves a smell. Some dogs like cushions; these should be removed.

When a dog is mounting a leg he/she is very comfortable so how do we make this uncomfortable? Simply flick them off your body like you would a fly or just get up and walk away with a 'no' then say 'good dog' but keep walking.

If you have a dog that likes to do this it is advisable to speak to your vet.

## Brave new world



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**CYBER PUP: Is your dog computer savvy?**

PET owners can now keep their pet up to date on all their next social media exploits with BEPUPPY, the first pet social network.

The revolutionary social network now allows owners to tag their pets in posts, through the use of dedicated usernames.

When you register a pet, BEPUPPY assigns them with their own web address, for example 'Bepuppy.com/+fluffy', allowing owners to then tag their pets in their online activities.

This will allegedly allow pet owners to communicate with each other at a distance, and could prove useful when owners find themselves separated from their furry friends.

For example, pet-sitters will be able to reassure nervous owners while they're away by tagging their dogs in a photo taken during a walk in the park, or during dinner time.

It will also allow the pet-sitters to keep check on the animals once they've said goodbye, just by searching for the animal in the network so they don't have to bother their owners. In this way it could also be a useful tool for friends and family members to keep updated of any potential updates in the pet's life.

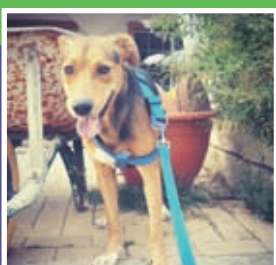
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MOST of us like to go away on holiday at least once a year, and January seems to be the time to plan our seasonal escapes. But what to do with the pets? If like me you worry about intelligent pets becoming bored, stressed or agitated if left at home for long periods, or even in unfamiliar surroundings while you are away then think about finding housesitters to stay in your home and care for your pets.

Many people are finding that house-sitters are a good solution - they stay in your home to care for your pets, to play with them and make sure they are comfortable and safe in their own environment.

### What do you need to do?

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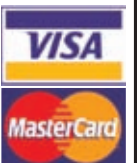
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MERCEDES' brand new X Class pickup has a camper van conversion option.

The German car giants turned a few heads when they announced their first ever pickup late last year, announcing the X220d and the upscale X250d.

Prices are thought to begin at approximately €30,932 for the X220d while the X250d range starts at €34,148.

And now brand new images have been released of the X-Class to show that it can be more than just the average pickup.

In the new images, the X-Class has been given a makeover by specialist firm Tischer, turning it into a car perfect for camping.

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## Unbe-leaf-able

## Nissan's newest LEAF selling fast

JUST three months after the new Nissan LEAF was announced, the car giants have revealed that they have sold more than 12,000 of the cars already; before even hitting showrooms.

Three hundred thousand customers have purchased the original Nissan Leaf since it went on sale in 2010 and the car giants have revealed the staggering numbers of people to already purchase the new model.

The New 2018 LEAF made its European bow at the Nissan Futures 3.0 event in October and on the company's newest release, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Nissan Europe, Philippe Saillard, said: "The new Nissan LEAF is the most advanced and accessible 100 per cent electric vehicle.

"It is also the icon of Nissan Intelli-

gent Mobility, our blueprint for a future in redefining the way customers drive and how vehicles are powered and integrated into society.

"This is a car that is more enjoyable, more connected and more exciting to drive than any other mainstream electric vehicle in history. It is simply amazing."

When it comes to specifications, the new LEAF will have overhauled the old model and will now have improved acceleration, capable of reaching 0-100kmh in just 7.9 seconds.

Its electrical range will allow drivers to travel 415km on a single charge, while charging time from alert to 80 per cent takes just 40 to 60 minutes.

A completely redesigned interior focuses on the driver and combines



## SELLING FAST: Nissan's brand new LEAF.

space with functionality, while a number of new futuristic features have also been added.

The Leaf is packed with Intelligent Mobility innovative technologies, including ProPILOT Park, which is an automatic parking function capable of both parallel and bay parking after the driver selects a spot proposed by the system.

Another innovative feature is the car's e-pedal. By releasing the accelerator, the car will decelerate and eventually come to a complete stop, without the need to press the brake.

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**ROAD TEST** by Nick Fletcher

# Lexus CT200h F Sport

THE luxury hybrid hatchback class is a significant niche market, with models aimed at those seeking premium quality and sporty styling in a compact package.

Add eco-credentials to the mix and one contender moves to the head of the list, the Lexus CT200h, just revised and enhanced for 2018.

It is a hybrid, mating a 1.8 litre petrol engine, with an electric motor and CVT auto transmission, and the result is smooth refined driving, from a car with visual charisma and a luxurious interior.

Prices start at €26,414 (£23,495) for a well-kitted entry version, though the mid-range F Sport I tested features revised body styling for a more muscular image, and extra equipment.

For €30,343 (£26,995) you get special F Sport front grille, bumpers and rear spoiler, F Sport steering wheel, aluminium pedals, special 17 inch alloy

wheels and sports suspension. You also get leather upholstery, large display screen with satnav, dual-zone climate control and a raft of safety features, including a pre-collision system and lane-keep assist.

The petrol engine and electric motor combine to give 134 hp, with a 0-100 kph time of 10.3 seconds and a top speed of 180 kph (112 mph). Fuel economy is 24.3 kpl (68.9 mpg).

The road stance of the Lexus CT200h F Sport is head-turning, and it stands out in a sector which includes rivals such as, the SEAT Leon, Audi A3 and BMW 1 Series.

The Lexus is smooth and quiet, the gearshifts seamless. The sports suspension is quite firm, as you discover on rough surfaces, but is well-set for assured and composed handling and still gives decent ride quality on the

tarmac.

The cabin has a premium look and while the dashboard is unusually styled and appears complex, it has a logical layout. Seating is comfortable, there is ample room for four occupants and a big boot - 385 litres, expandable to 985 litres.

This Lexus offers distinctive styling, luxury features, and strong residual values which hallmark the brand.

## STATS PANEL



- **Model:** Lexus CT200h F Sport
- **Engine:** 1.8 litre petrol with electric motor
- **Transmission:** Auto electric CVT
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 10.3 seconds, top speed 180 kph (112 mph)
- **Economy:** 24.3 kpl (68.9 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 94 g/km

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

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# Going to Ibiza

**ALL-NEW IBIZA:**  
Picked up Best Supermini award.



SEAT's all-new Ibiza has been awarded the Best Supermini title at the UK Car of the Year Awards 2018.

The fifth-generation of the Spanish giant's iconic model beat off competition from several big names, to win the prize at the coveted awards.

It was put through a number of thorough road-test programmes before a panel of judges, who expressed nothing but admiration for the car's advancements.

Several features were noted that put the Ibiza 'a cut above,' but the new MQB A0 platform played a significant role in the

Ibiza's triumph, earning praise from a number of judges.

The all-new Ibiza will now be considered for the Car of the Year title, which is expected to be announced in a few weeks.

Richard Harrison, SEAT UK Director, told British media: "The new generation Ibiza marks a watershed in the car's history of achievement, as our most successful model.

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The Italian car giants have previously said that a Ferrari SUV would be "ridiculous," but seem to have changed their mind as they are reportedly now saying that a car could be ready as early as 2019.

Speaking at the Detroit Motor Show, Fiat Chrysler boss Sergio Marchionne told Auto Express that the aptly named FUV (Ferrari Utility Vehicle) will have to "drive like a Ferrari" while also targeting the top speed in the division.

That title is currently held by the Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio, capable of speeds over 176mph and going

# Ferrari finally announce SUV

from 0-60mph in just 3.8 seconds.

The British website later released images and sketches of what a future FUV may look like.

But that is unlikely to be the real target for Ferrari, after Lamborghini unveiled their first super SUV, the Urus, last year which will become the world's fastest.

Once it is eventually released, the FUV will have to surpass the Urus' expected top-speed of a staggering 189mph if it is to receive the title of the fastest SUV in the world.

Fiat Chrysler chief Marchionne also revealed to Auto Express that Ferrari is planning an electric supercar, capable of rivalling the Tesla Roadster.

Tesla's Roadster will reportedly be capable of hitting speed of 250mph and is set to be released in 2020.

He said: "Ferrari has looked at this forever and if there is an electric supercar to be built Ferrari will build it first."



**FUV: An artist's impression of what the new Ferrari SUV may look like.**

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## A handsome fee

A RARE Ferrari supercar built for the Sultan of Brunei is set to be sold for a staggering €2.2 million (£2 million)

The F40 was reportedly the first production vehicle capable of 200mph when it was originally released in 1987.

The model up for sale is reportedly just one of seven models ever made in right hand drive by Pininfarina, the Italian car design firm.

The Sultan, who reportedly has a collection of over 5,000 motors, has spent more than €113,000 on the car in its lifetime.

It is fitted with a 2.9 litre twin-turbocharged V8 engine that can hit 0-60mph in just 4.1 seconds, with a top speed of 201 mph.

John Collins, who runs Talacrest Ferrari dealership, managed to bring two of the rare Ferraris to the UK in the 1990's.

Mr Collins told British media: "The F40 is one of the most sought-after Ferraris and the definitive supercar."

"It was the first production car capable of 200mph and is an automotive icon."

"The F40 was a landmark not just on account of its crushing performance and stunning looks, but it was fittingly the last ever car presented by Enzo Ferrari."

"Everyone wants an F40 in right-hand drive but Pininfarina only made seven."

"This will be the third time I've sold this model and it has always commanded a premium."

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## Ex-Brazil striker Ronaldo reveals plans to buy lower league club 'in Spain or England'

FORMER Brazil striker Ronaldo has announced that he is thinking about buying a lower league football club in either Spain or England.

The ex-striker, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest footballers to ever grace the game, hung up his boots in 2011 after a career stretching 18 years.

The 41-year-old's name has been regularly talked about as the future Brazilian Football Federation's President.

But, for the time being, the two-time World Cup winner has ruled himself out of the running for the presidency, but has revealed that he would be interested in owning a club in either the Spanish or English second division.

"It would be a great honour, but before that I want to experience running a big club," he told Folha de S Paulo.

"I'm thinking about buying a club in the second division in Spain or England.

"I want to do something innovative. I think

I'm prepared for the challenge."

Former Real Madrid, Barcelona, AC Milan and Inter Milan striker Ronaldo scored 300 goals across his career and won many of the top trophies all over the world.



**SPAIN ON HIS MIND:** Ronaldo has said he is thinking about buying a club in either Spain or England.

## Javea Green Bowls Winter League carry on their winning ways

JAVEA GREEN'S Winter League team began the second half of the season with an away win against La Marina.

Crucial to maintain their top of the table status, Javea Green's team travelled to La Marina knowing they faced a tough team on their own green.

With several key members missing, two teams were revamped and it proved a successful format for Javea, as they won on three rinks and secured the overall shot difference to come away with an 8-4 win.

Always a pleasure to play against La Marina, who provided a delicious three-course lunch with wine before a happy Javea team boarded the coach for the long journey home.

In the Northern League Javea's Onyx team unfortunately lost 8-2 away to Finca

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## Age just a number

FIFTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Carlos Sainz has won the Dakar rally for the second time.

The Spaniard held an hour and 45 seconds lead going into Saturday's final stretch in Cordoba and finished 43 minutes ahead of Toyota's Nasser Al-Attiyah in second-place.

He finished in 49 hours, 16 minutes and 18 seconds overall and celebrated by climbing on top of his car at the end of the South American rally.

Following the celebrations, the rally driver thanked fans and his team for support on social media.

He said: "Finally we win the Dakar thanks for the incredible support during these days!!"

Fantastic job from Lucas Cruz (co-driver) and Peugeot Sport."

Sainz's second Dakar trophy comes eight years after his first in 2010, when he drove for Volkswagen in the second edition of the famous rally.

He finished ninth in Saturday's finale, but was under less pressure after 13-time winner and closest rival Stephane Peterhansel, known as 'Mr Dakar,' crashed on Friday.

His son, F1 Driver Carlos Sainz Jr, was one of many to congratulate the 55-year-old in the aftermath of the victory.

Sainz Jr, 23, wrote on Twitter: "Today I am probably the proudest son of his father in the whole world."

# Ron gone

## Former Barcelona star Ronaldinho retires

FORMER Barcelona forward Ronaldinho has retired from professional football at the age of 37 according to his agent Roberto Assis.

The superstar, who is considered one of the best players to ever play the game, has been without a club since he left Brazilian side Fluminense in 2015.

Assis wrote in a column

for Brazilian newspaper *O Globo*, "He has stopped, it is ended."

"Let's do something pretty big and nice after the Russia World Cup, probably in August. We will do various events in Brazil, Europe and Asia and, of course, we are arranging something with the Brazilian team as well."

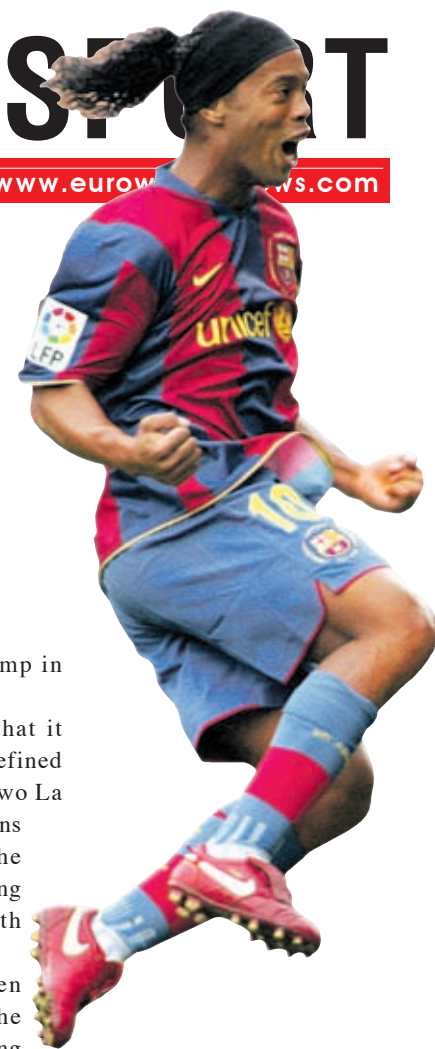
The Brazilian enjoyed an illustrious career in which he won the World Cup in 2002, the Champions League in 2006 and the Ballon d'Or in 2005.

He began his career in Brazil with Gremio, before joining PSG in 2001 where he impressed ahead of a

move to the Nou Camp in 2003.

Many would say that it was there where he defined his career, winning two La Liga titles, a Champions League trophy and the 2005 Ballon d'Or during his five-year stay with the Catalan club.

Ronaldinho then formed part of the 2010/11 Serie A winning side alongside the likes of David Beckham, Andrea Pirlo and Zlatan Ibrahimovic before a return to Brazil with Atletico Mineiro in 2011, followed by spells with Mexican side Queretaro and finally Fluminense.



**THE BEST EVER?:** The Brazilian enjoyed a fantastic spell at Barcelona before moving to AC Milan in 2008.

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