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BIG PLANS: The A-7 at La Cala de Mijas and (inset) Jose Fiscal.

One for the road

Unloved stretch to become main attraction?

by Matt Ford

The A-7 Costa del Sol motorway could become a 'metropolitan boulevard' within years.

It comes as the Junta de Andalucía regional government draws up a new Territorial Or-

dinance Plan (POT) for the Costa del Sol, with the document set to lay out new foundations for urban development in the area.

And chief among the proposals is a scheme to divert 'the majority' of traffic via the existing AP-7 toll road, which would become free to use.

The move would permit conversion of the coastal A-7 - formerly the N-340 - into a 75-kilometre avenue for slow traffic and public transport connecting Fuengirola to San Luis de Sabinillas.

The much-criticised road currently suffers from regular tailbacks and delays, particularly in summer.

Six new junctions would be built on the AP-7 including access to Benahavis and Ojén, according to regional Environment and Town Planning councillor José Fiscal.

Other projects included in the updated POT include increasing the capacity of the A-397 between San Pedro de Alcántara and Ronda, the A-355 between Cártama and Málaga.

Polar blast

THE COSTA DEL SOL is set to shiver as a new cold snap descends on Spain. An icy blast of Artic air will sweep the country and see the mercury plummet after the recent mild spell.

Scattered rain and snowfall is

expected to hit inland parts of Malaga Province as daytime temperatures plunge by 5-10°C later today (Thursday), with the wintry conditions forecast to persist until at least tomorrow, according to national weather office AEMET.

Prime mover

SPANISH Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is to visit the Costa del Sol. Scheduled for mid-March, the leader will head to Malaga ahead of his conservative Popular Party's national conference, which is due to take place in regional capital Sevilla at the beginning of April. While details of his appearance remain unconfirmed, a government official said that it would involve "a major event" attended by "1,500 to 2,000 people."

Rock and a hard place

THE European Union's leading Brexit negotiator believes that Spain's demand for a say on Gibraltar's post-Brexit status is 'legitimate.'

Speaking in Spanish capital Madrid, Michel Barnier said: "What the Spanish government has asked for, and the other 26 countries have understood as a legitimate petition, is that a condition be imposed on the United Kingdom before any agreement in the transition period is also applied to Gibraltar. And that condition is that there should be a bilateral discussion between the Spanish government and the United Kingdom government."

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THE new Victoria beer brewery in Malaga City, which opened last year, has been nominated for the Industrial Building of the Year by Archdaily, the most visited architecture website in the world.

Expat factor

THE year-on-year number of foreign workers on the Costa del Sol increased by 7.8 per cent in 2017, as the total rose to a decade-topping 64,085, over half of who are from European Union countries.

Drug find

SIX vehicles stolen from different parts of Spain and converted to transport large quantities of hashish shipped across the Strait of Gibraltar have been impounded in San Roque, Cadiz, with a 48-year-old man held during police raids.

Shop 'til you drop

MAJOR international brands are flocking to Malaga City.

A total of 57 per cent of new retailers opening in the provincial capital's old centre are headquartered outside Spain, compared with 33 per cent in 2016, according to a new report by consultancy firm CBRE.

They include American and Italian lingerie giants Victoria's Secret and Tezenis, both of which have recently opened new stores on iconic shopping street Calle Larios.

Rosa Madrid, director of CBRE in Andalucia, said: "While in previous years the foreign commercial chains mostly opted for Madrid or Barcelona, in 2017 the trend has been on the rise in Malaga." And it is not all down to tourism.

"The regeneration of Malaga centre, the port, the cruise ships, the new offering as a cultural destination, the opening of five-star hotels, it all exerts an influence," she added. "There is also a lot of unsatisfied demand because many brands want to open but



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ANGEL DELIGHT: 2017 saw lingerie brands including Victoria's Secret open in Malaga, attracting large crowds (inset).

space is at a premium... in Calle Larios there are hardly any spaces larger than 300 square meters."

It comes as CBRE highlighted the surprising statistic that Calles Larios and Nueva attract comparable footfall to sections of Gran Via in Madrid, with 25-40,000 people on a 'normal' Saturday.

Mum-of-two appeal raises thousands

AN online appeal set up to help the family of tragic British mother-of-two Rebecca Muldoon appears set for success.

Sister Sabina Foakes set up the Just Giving page to cover the costs of repatriating her sibling's body, and it has already raised £7,100 (€8,150) of the £8,000 (€9,185) target.

The money will be used to repatriate the body of the 35-year-old expatriate from Southend-on-Sea in Essex, which was found on a Marbella beach almost two weeks after she vanished from her home in the Vigil de Quiñones area. And Sabrina wrote: "I'm thanking you for all your support," as more than 130 people donated to the fund.

Rebecca's husband Paul Muldoon, 33, is thought to remain in a Spanish jail after UK authorities issued a European Arrest Warrant for fraud charges in his name.

He is suspected of running a boiler room scam which saw pensioners conned out of €900,000.

And when police swooped on his rented Marbella office they found hundreds of illegally-imported e-cigarette vapourisers containing cannabis oil, which detectives believe he was selling to smokers' clubs in the UK.

He is not being probed over Rebecca's death as he was in police custody at the time, after neighbours reported hearing screams coming from the couple's penthouse apartment.



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Hospital horror

ANDALUCIAN authorities are probing the death of a man who was left alone for five hours after suffering a stroke at Antequera Hospital. The victim, 44, was taken to emergencies by a colleague after falling ill at work, but was not attended to and died the next day.

€16m overhaul

THE Plaza Mayor shopping centre between Torremolinos and Malaga City has announced a €16 million investment. The cash will be spent on a facelift including a new gourmet eating area and a host of new shops, and will be completed in time for the inauguration of the neighbouring McArthur Glen Designer Outlet.

Fake cab scam

A COUPLE has been held in Marbella after selling a false taxi licence for €80,000. A probe was launched when police received a complaint from the victim's ex-partner, who turned out to be responsible for the scam after forging documents using the details of one of her clients.

Cold and wet

A BATHER is recovering from hypothermia after being rescued while swimming in the mouth of the Guadalhorce River. A walker on Sacaba Beach in Malaga City reported seeing the man in trouble, with a Red Cross boat pulling him from the sea and taking him to the port.

Cash grab

A MANHUNT has been launched after a currency exchange employee was robbed in Marbella. The victim was jumped by four gun-wielding men with covered faces as he walked to work carrying over €4,000 in foreign currency after parking his car near Puerto Banus.

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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Black Monday

THE notorious stretch of the A-7 motorway between Estepona and Mijas saw six traffic accidents last Monday alone, with several people being injured and one driver killed in Calahonda.

Building up

MARBELLA benefited from more than €150 million in real estate investment during 2017, the city council has revealed, more than doubling the €75.2 million which was ploughed into new property builds in 2016.

Long stay

A MAN who beat his ex-wife to death in Torremolinos has seen his prison sentence raised from 17 to 23 years after a court ruled that he acted in such a way as to increase his victim's suffering.

Bed crisis

MALAGA Province is bottom of the Andalusian ranking for public hospital beds with just 54.5 per cent compared with the regional average of 72.6 per cent, according to a health service report.

Costa Bravo

Tourism trade show triumph



THE Costa del Sol is expecting another record year for tourism.

It comes in the wake of a hugely successful showing at FITUR, Spain's most important international tourism event.

The annual show in Spanish capital Madrid attracted delegates from across Malaga Province and the Andalucía region.

And the country's Minister of Tourism and Sport, Francisco Javier Fernández, was suitably impressed.

"Andalusia stood out for its impressive activity, with many business contacts, a lot of professional movement and a large influx of tour operators and



FIESTA TIME: The FITUR event and (above) members of the Costa del Sol delegation including the mayors of Fuengirola and Marbella, Ana Mula and Angeles Muñoz (second and third from left) and tourism chief Elias Bendodo (third from right).

travel companies who were seen holding meetings," the official said.

Costa del Sol Tourism leader Elias Bendodo remarked that he saw this year's efforts at the fair as "mission accomplished," after almost 1,000 meetings were held with representatives from the area.

He added that 2018 "could even be better than 2017, which was the best year for tourism in our history."

Malaga City's tourism councillor, Julio Andrade, said: "Malaga is now among the most 'powerful' destinations in Spain, and it is becoming easier and easier to promote."

'Self-inflicted injuries'

SPAIN'S interior minister, Juan Ignacio Zoido, has claimed that an immigrant who died in an unfinished Malaga prison was the leader of an uprising.

His comments come amid accusations that Mohamed Bouderbala was subjected to police violence while being held at Archidona prison.

Speaking in Spanish Congress, Zoido said that Bouderbala was placed in solitary confinement along with 11 other men accused of starting a riot, and later committed suicide.

But it remains unclear why he was not checked between 3pm on December 28 and the next morning, when he was found dead in his cell.

The Algerian government continue to probe the incident.

Mist sees flights cancelled

UNSEASONAL weather continues to affect the Costa del Sol.

And as temperatures this week rose to a spring-like 24°C, heavy mist descended on Malaga City and the Guadalhorce Valley, causing 20 flights to be diverted to Granada and Sevilla.

The disruption lasted just over an hour, and departures were unaffected.

State weather office AEMET confirmed that the phenomenon is more

typical in late spring and early summer, and an official said: "The mist is caused by high lowland temperatures creating a warm wind.

"When this passes over the sea, which is quite cool, the top layer of water condenses and forms the mist."



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Celeb focus

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.

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.



Photo by Bambi Northwood Blyth/Instagram/Twitter

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.



Beach ready

SHE'S the former Made In Chelsea star whose great-grandfather invented Quality Street.

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.



SIZZLING: Millie Mackintosh.

Photo by Millie Mackintosh/Instagram

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.



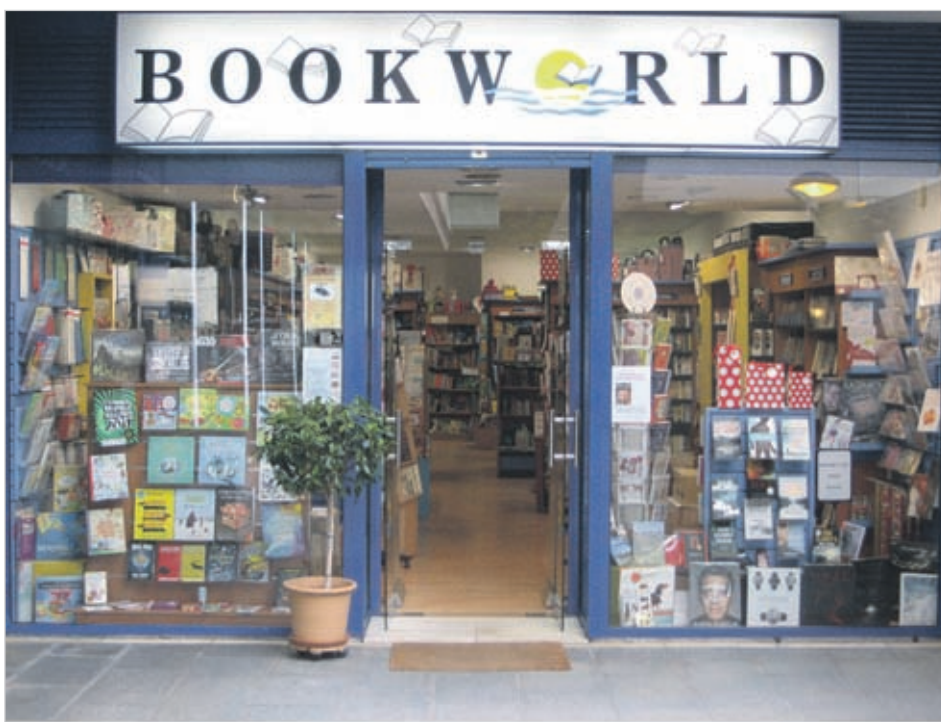
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CORK BLIMEY: Stacey and Joe knock back the sangria.

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.



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€38m lift

THE Andalucian education board has announced plans to invest €38 million in six new schools on the Costa del Sol, which will be located in Torremolinos, Mijas, Marbella, San Pedro de Alcántara, Estepona and Rincon de la Victoria.

New faces

BENALMADENA topped the provincial ranking for population growth in 2017 after 1,614 new residents registered on the civil register, according to the National Institute of Statistics.

Winter lull

TOURISM trade unions have criticised the closure of 60 Costa del Sol hotels during the winter season, panning the seasonal loss of jobs in holiday hotspots including Torremolinos, Benalmádena, Fuengirola, Marbella and Estepona.

Good sports

MIJAS Town Hall is to invest €4 million in updating Las Lagunas Sports Centre, with a multipurpose building, therapy pools and a new children's area to be installed, an official confirmed.

Train pain

A 52-YEAR-OLD man was treated for bruising after jumping a red light and driving his car into the side of a Metro train near the Clínico Hospital in Malaga City.

TRAINS circulating on the Malaga-Alora train line were not suspended in the wake of a toddler's death.

It comes as state-owned rail management company ADIF confirmed in a report that it did not receive any instruction to suspend services following the disappearance of three-year-old Lucia Vivar.

The ADIF security centre in regional capital Sevilla did receive a message from the Guardia Civil advising trains to pro-

Toddler death probe goes on

ceed with caution through Pizarra station due the presence of police searching for a young girl, but 'at no point did they refer to the route between Pizarra and Alora,' the report said.

Lucia vanished last July while having dinner with her family near the rail line in Pizarra - around 30 minutes inland from

Malaga - with her body found by a train driver more than four kilometres away the next morning.

She had suffered a major head trauma and initial police reports concluded she had been struck by the morning's first train after walking along the track before falling asleep next to it.

But her parents remain convinced that she would not have walked such a distance alone in the dark, while forensic reports commissioned by the family suggest that she may have died from a blow to the head received before the train passed through.

Investigators are now working to establish the precise time of death after a judge at the end of last year ruled that the case should be reopened.

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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 practises continue to rise, we must surely examine whether we are, as a species, losing our place in the world.

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Costa del Sol says:

What made you pick Spain over other destinations?

EWN reporters asked nine people what it is that brought them to Spain. And it's not just sun, sun, sun...

ALASTAIR and Carol McRoberts, 55 and 57, house hunting in Fuen- girola from Fife, Scotland

"We're looking at properties because we live in Scotland and it's freezing. It's just to get someplace warmer in the winter.

AM: "The first thing that attracted us - we're Christians - was that there is an English-speaking church here. I've got the heart of an Evangelist, so I like to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and what I see in this area is a lot of elderly people and for me the last season before death is either heaven or hell, so I want to lead them to heaven and not to hell!

CM: "Also, it's quite far south so it's warmer."

Graham Jolly, 63, on holiday from Lancashire

"I always come out at this time of year just to chill out

from work. There's no particular reason (that we pick Spain over other destinations).

"It's just to chill out and do nothing.

"We like the sun when we get it."

Stephen and Helen Cuckson, 67 and 64, on holiday

from Sheffield

"We just feel comfortable here. Nice weather, feel comfortable walking about... We come because we like Spain. Easy to get to, no problems."

Pat and Alan Stanfield, 'over 21,' on holiday from Newcastle

"Have you seen what it's like back home!?"

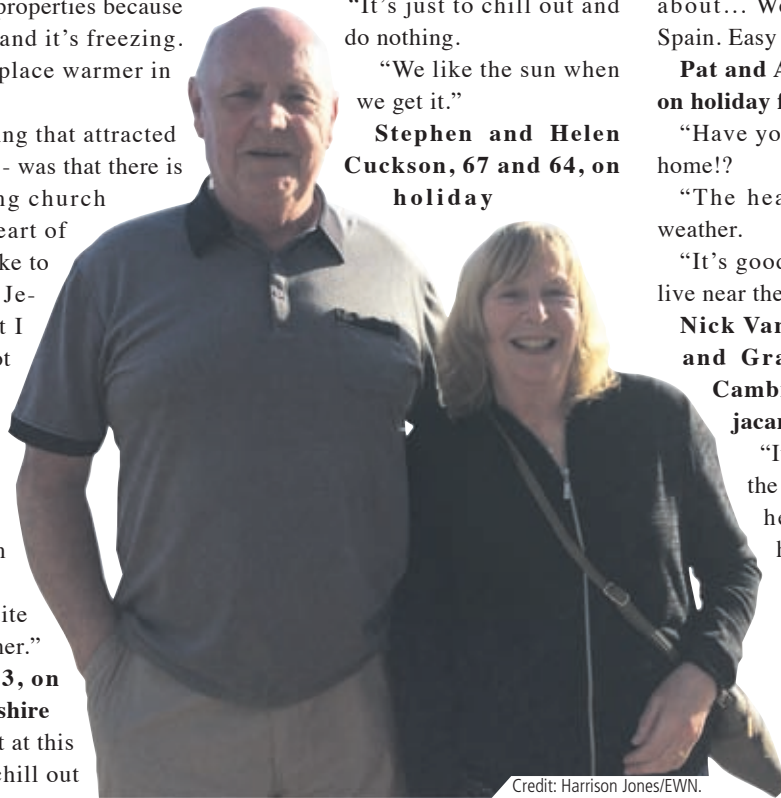
"The heat and the warmth - the weather.

"It's good value for money and we live near the airport - easy access."

Nick Van Loan, 62, from Essex, and Graham Beech, 69, from Cambridgeshire, living in Mojacar.

"It's going to be the weather, the cost of living and what the hell is going on back home!"

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NEWS EXTRA

Wood you believe it

OPPOSITION political parties in San Pedro de Alcantara have voiced concerns over the 'destruction of emblematic natural sites' in the town after the mayor of Marbella's representative Rafael Piña revealed plans to 'remodel' a much-loved palm grove.

€3.6m aid

MIJAS will receive a €3.6 million windfall from a regional tax office fund, part of an €83.1 million payout across Andalusia over the course of 2018.

Family ties

PROVINCIAL environmental councillor Marina Bravo has come under fire from opposition parties after her department handed a series of contracts worth tens of thousands of Euros to a company run by her brother-in-law.

A far cry from Hogwarts!

HE'S the flame-haired actor best known for conjuring spells as Harry Potter's boy wizard sidekick.

But Rupert Grint, 29, showed he is all grown up as shooting for the second series of *Snatch* began on the Costa del Sol.

He was joined on set in Malaga by girlfriend and star of coming-of-age comedy *Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging*, Georgia Groome, 25.

The pair have reportedly been together since 2011, and were snapped relaxing in green deckchairs as filming got underway in Nerja.

Based on director Guy Ritchie's gangster movie of the same name, which starred Jason Statham, Vinnie Jones and Brad Pitt, the spin-off follows a group of young hustlers who, in the first season, stumbled upon a truckload of gold bullion and became embroiled in the world



STAR APPEAL: Rupert Grint in series one of *Snatch* and (inset) on set in Malaga.

of organised crime.

Grint stars as posh con man Charlie Cavendish alongside fellow actors, Luke Pasqualino (*Our Girl*), Lucien Laviscount (*Scream Queens*) and Ed Westwick (*Gossip Girl*).

A second series was scheduled shortly after the first was launched on Sony Pictures'

streaming service Crackle last year, where it became the network's most-watched original drama series.

Malaga was chosen as the location after bad weather saw plans to shoot in Puerto Rico axed, with filming expected to continue at a number of locations for the next four months.

Rex on the beach

MARBELLA Council has announced an investment of almost €5,500 to equip two beaches with facilities for dogs.

The cash will be used to install specially designed drinking water fountains and showers on existing pooch-friendly beaches at El Pinillo in Marbella and Ventura del Mar in San Pedro de Alcantara.

Beaches councillor Manuel Cardeña said that these would be in place 'as soon as possible' before revealing this will only be the first step, with play areas and shaded spots to be added before the summer.

Dogs are banned from the majority of the Costa del Sol's beaches.

Game, set and splash

MARBELLA has netted an ace Davis Cup tennis deal.

It comes as Mayor Angeles Muñoz revealed that the city will not pay a cent of the €450,000 Spanish Tennis Federation fee for hosting the tie between Spain and Great Britain. The fee will instead be split between the Junta de Andalucía regional government, Malaga Provincial Council and the Costa del Sol Commonwealth of Municipalities, each of which will contribute €150,000.

Marbella will however contribute €1m to renovate the courts at venue Puente Romano.

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NEWS EXTRA

Rumble in the campo

THREE small earthquakes with an epicentre 12-19 kilometres beneath the town of El Saucejo in Sevilla Province were felt in the inland villages of Almargen and Campillos, Malaga.

Bottled up

MORE than 3,000 fines for drinking in the street were issued by Local Police on the Costa del Sol last year, with most handed out during the Semana Santa Easter celebrations and local summer fairs.

Big plans

A FOUNDATION to complete Malaga City's unfinished cathedral has been launched, with local businessmen and entrepreneurs set to apply for European Union funding in addition to requesting cash from sponsors.

A DECISION by Marbella Council to declare the Starlite Music Festival an event of special municipal interest has sparked outrage.

Opposition groups have demanded to know what terms have been offered to organisers as the future of the controversial event remains unclear.

They claim in a statement that a decision to extend the closing hours of the festival would 'flaunt regional regulations.'

The city hall announcement comes amid fears that the annual event, now in its seventh year, might relocate in the future.

If approved, the move would allow the festival to obtain legal backing to expand its schedule and secure its economic survival.

Starlite has brought some of the world's biggest names to the Costa del Sol, including Enrique Iglesias, Elton John, Lenny Kravitz, Lionel Richie, Andrea Bocelli, Ricky Martin, Tom Jones, and the Beach Boys.

It is held in the Nagüeles disused quarry, a public space gifted to Marbella by

Light saver?

Council backs festival scheme



SEEING STARS: The festival takes place in Nagüeles Quarry and (inset) Elton John performs at last year's event.

the Junta de Andalucia regional government in 1991.

But after organisers paid an annual fee of €7,000 to use the site for the first five years, a city council led by the PSOE socialist party increased the price to

€121,000 in 2017, leading to months of wrangling.

And despite many acts for the 2018 festival having been announced, the promoters are reportedly seeking alternative venues since an agreement with the conservative Popular

Party - which now heads the council - remains unsigned.

An official from the Junta de Andalucia said: "Starlite, like any event or company that wishes to be in Andalucía, will have to respect current laws."

Saucepan beating

A 65-YEAR-OLD woman is fighting for her life after her partner attacked her with a saucepan.

She suffered a broken skull and remains in critical condition in the Carlos Haya regional hospital.

The incident took place at the couple's home in the Sun Beach housing estate, Estepona.

Gardeners raised the alarm after spotting the victim on her balcony with blood pouring from her head.

Her partner, a 45-year-old Senegalese man, had barricaded himself into the property, leading police to break down the front door.

An aeroplane ticket to Dakar in his homeland, booked for the following day, and €1,000 in cash were seized in the wake of his arrest.

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High-tech drugs gang caged



BIG BOTHER: The gang used a high-end surveillance system.

A SOPHISTICATED gang of drugs traffickers face jail after 10 people were held in La Linea de la Concepcion, Cadiz.

The arrests come after a year-long probe by National Police investigators.

Investigators revealed that the smugglers used a high-tech radar surveillance system to keep tabs on police activity in the area, allowing them to transport large shipments of hashish across the Strait of Gibraltar undetected.

The gear was installed in two beach front houses in La Linea, with the crew also setting up a series of lookout points along the coast, with members pinpointing the precise locations of police boats and helicopters in both Spanish and Gibraltarian waters.

They also used satellite telephones to set up secure connections, and were able to provide real-time information to their own boats.

Once in Spain, the drugs were unloaded into camou-

flaged high-end 4x4 vehicles on quiet beaches before being taken to a secret location patrolled by armed guards.

Detectives swooped on 16 properties in La Linea plus a further two in Manilva and Estepona, Malaga.

In addition to the radar equipment, 22 guns - one semi-automatic - more than 70,000 kilos of hashish, €50,000 in cash, three speedboats and around 230 vehicles were seized, while further arrests have not been ruled out.

Pineapple smuggler released

A MAN thought to be North Africa's biggest cocaine smuggler has been freed from Alhaurin de la Torre prison.

Abdelkader Benali, 72, who lives in Fuengirola, was remanded in custody last November after a tonne of pineapples stuffed with drugs were intercepted at Algeciras Port.

Known as 'El Laca,' due to his trick of sending hashish hidden in lacquer pots from Morocco to Spanish enclave Melilla during his youth, he is accused of heading a family gang who shipped large quantities of cocaine into Spain across the Strait of Gibraltar.

Eleven others were held - including a National Police officer from Estepona - during the sting.

But Malaga Provincial Court has decreed that he be released from prison on health grounds.

Citing 'physical ailments,' a judge said in a statement, El Laca suffers from "a heart rhythm disorder that if not properly controlled can lead to more serious problems such as an embolism or stroke."

He was transferred to hospital twice during his time behind bars, and has now been freed after paying a cash deposit of €50,000.

He is banned from leaving the country and his passport has been retained by investigators, while he must present himself to police twice monthly until the date of his trial is confirmed.

5 more held over gypsy stab horror

MORE people are being quizzed by detectives over a fatal street brawl in Coin.

Five have been held with four others under investigation as a police probe continues.

The arrests come after two brothers, aged 50 and 63, were stabbed to death and another man injured as rival gypsy clans battled with knives, razorblades and clubs.

Three people, including one child, were held in the wake of the incident, with the adults remanded in custody.

The feud continued for days after, with one family torching cars and destroying homes of the other.

Investigators say that the conflict erupted over excessive noise.

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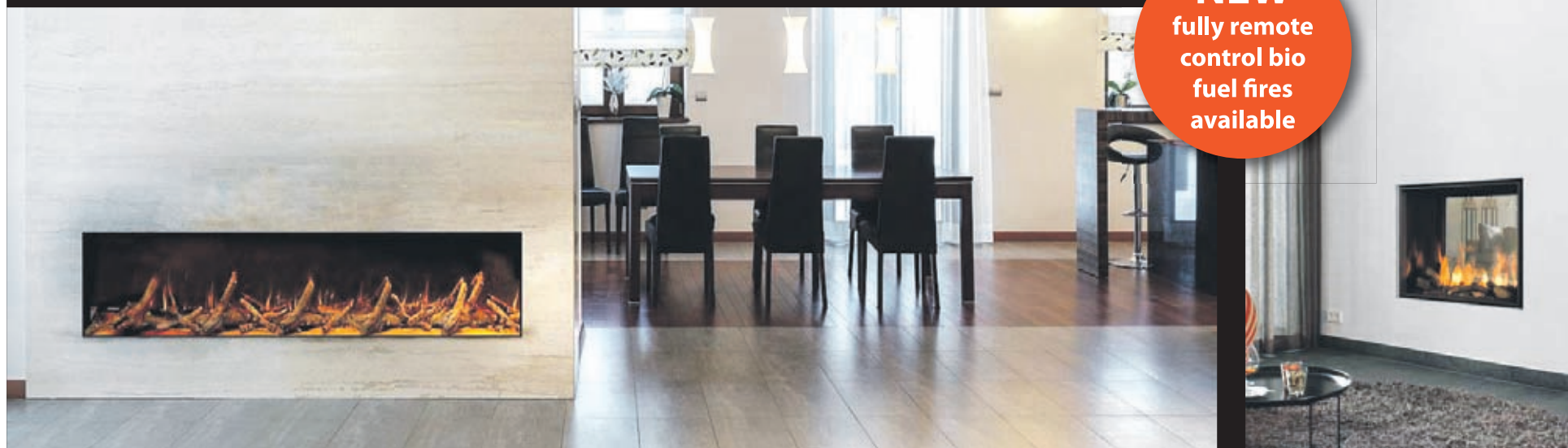
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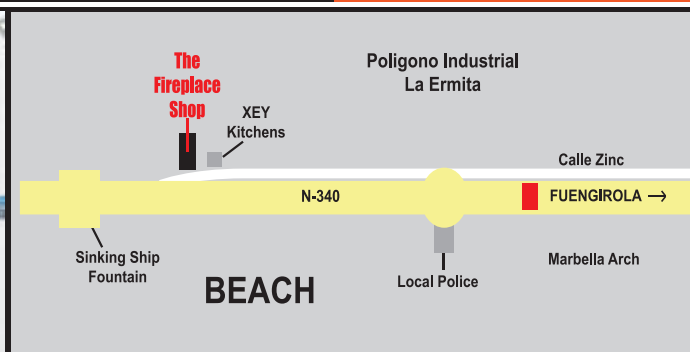
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In addition, Executive Chef Eleni Manouosu has created a special winter Omakase Menu; in translation from Japanese "I'll leave it up to you" and refers to chef's selection.

"I have chosen dishes that go well with these slight temperature changes we experience here by the Mediterranean. Salmon Karashi served next to oysters New Style are simple, but delicious with a citrusy dressing, Beef Tenderloin is superb for those cosy Nobu evenings, mixing citrus - based ponzu with spicy wasabi salsa. In addition Black Cod Miso, signature flavour that works for me every time," comments Eleni.

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Family drama goes on

Missing Amy's stepfather has cancer

By Karl Smallman

DAVE MAHON, convicted killer of his stepson Dean Fitzpatrick and stepfather of Amy Fitzpatrick, who went missing 10 years ago on the Costa del Sol, has been diagnosed with cancer of the throat and neck according to reports in the Irish media.

His wife Audrey told *The Irish Daily Star* the moment he told her the news, "He just said 'it's cancer,' that's all he said to me and like that I just stopped in the middle of the street and started crying.

"He just said 'stop crying, it's going to be ok.' All I said was what the hell else can happen to us?"

Mahon is serving a seven-year prison sentence after he stabbed Amy's brother Dean to death in Dublin in 2013.

The trial jury dismissed Mahon's claims that Dean deliberately took his own life by running onto a knife Mahon was holding.

Amy Fitzpatrick hasn't been seen



Photo credit Facebook

KILLER: Dave Mahon with wife Audrey.

since she went missing from Riviera del Sol, near Mijas Costa on the Costa del Sol 10 years ago

She had been babysitting with her friend Ashley Rose on New Year's Eve 2007. Amy left Ashley at 10pm for the 10-minute walk home.

But she never arrived home and

has not been heard from or seen since that night.

Amy was officially declared missing on January 3, 2008.

Searches did not find any trace of Amy, nor has she been seen again since that fateful night.

Ashley says that Amy had her mo-

bile phone with her when she left, yet this was found at the apartment where she lived during police searches.

Amy - who was then aged just 15 - had moved to Spain with her mum Audrey following the break-up of her parents' marriage.

She lived with her mother and mother's partner at the time Dave Mahon.

Amy's dad Christopher recently issued an appeal on the anniversary of Amy's disappearance.

He said, "I am still devastated over the loss of my two children, Amy and Dean.

"I would like to ask people, who were there 10 years ago when Amy went missing and may have information they can now share, to contact the police.

"People went back to the UK and different parts of the world afterwards, and they should come forward.

"We just want to find Amy. We know where Dean is, but to bring Amy home would be great."

NEWS EXTRA

Vested interest

MARBELLA Council has for the first time provided 19 female Local Police officers with specially-designed bullet-proof vests, after they were previously forced to wear an ill-fitting men's design.

Blaze panic

A FIRE which broke out in the Vialia shopping centre in Maria Zambrano railway station, Malaga City, sparked panic among shoppers but was quickly extinguished by the fire brigade.

Peak drama

AN injured female hiker was airlifted to hospital by the Guardia Civil's mountain rescue helicopter after falling on the Pico de la Concha trail in Istán. The alarm was raised by her trekking partner.

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Natural wonder

THE European Union has agreed to include the Montes de Malaga Natural Park in its Natura 2000 network of protected areas, with plans to increase the size of the reserve and build a visitor centre now afoot.

Bit fishy

ANDALUCIAN exported seafood worth €284.7m from January to October 2017, a 27 per cent increase on the previous year, with sales from Malaga Province contributing €23m.

Port of call

THE Costa Del Sol's nine privately-run marinas expect occupancy of their 4,400 moorings to rise to 95 per cent in 2018 after bookings last year rose above 90 per cent for the first time since 2009, according to reports.

Goat to give

Residents up in arms over deaths by feral dogs

CHURRIANA residents are probing a goat mystery.

It comes after five dead or dying Spanish ibex were found in the Sierra de Churriana mountains in the last month.

Mari Cruz Torres, secretary of the Ciriana environmental association, is demanding answers.

"We want the Junta de Andalucía to tell us what is happening with the goats, because many die and they always appear in the same place, at the end of the Camino de la Sierra in the middle of the road."

One of the animals was still alive but 'very disorientated' when it was found, but it died shortly after and a post mortem examination confirmed that it was suffering from lung and pancreas issues.

The other deaths have been attributed to feral dog attacks, but Ms Torres is sceptical.

"Nobody has seen these dogs," she remarked. "Only one of the bodies was bitten, and this could have been scavengers after it had died."

Country rangers working for the



Photo credit: PSOE Churriana/Twitter

MYSTERY DEATHS: Five mountain goats have been found in the last month.

Junta are authorised to shoot feral dogs throughout the region due to the damage they do to local wildlife, but Ciriana does not view this as a solution.

"We don't want the dogs to be hunt-

ed even though we have a huge problem in Churriana.

"The solution is not to kill them but find their owners because they are being abandoned," added Ms Torres.

Drugstore cowboy

AN Italian man has been held on suspicion of robbing an Estepona chemist.

He allegedly entered the premises wearing a hood with a pair of women's tights covering his face before producing a large knife and demanding that staff hand over the till contents.

He made off with around €300 in cash. As he fled he dropped some of the bank notes he was clutching, and detectives were able to track him down after a short probe.

The clothes he wore during the raid were seized after police swooped on his home.

Suicide squad

POLICE have been hailed after preventing a suicide attempt.

A neighbour raised the alarm after spotting a 49-year-old woman balancing precariously on the top floor of a 10-storey Torremolinos hotel. She had climbed over a railing on the building's fire escape.

Calm National Police officers worked together, with one talking to her from the ground while two others sneaked up behind her.

After pulling her from the brink, they found a note to her parents in her jacket.

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Citizen's arrest

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The drama unfolded 30 minutes after the robber had stolen cash from a petrol station till in Estepona.

He reportedly waited until the machine was open before leaning over the counter and struggling with the female attendant before making off with the cash.

He then drove 20 kilometres to a second station where he tried the same trick, only for a client to jump on him and bind his arms and legs with large cable ties while staff called the police.

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Prison break

Facility to open 'within weeks'

ARCHIDONA Town Hall insists that the town's controversial prison will open within weeks.

It comes as Spain's Secretary of State for Security, José Antonio Nieto, told Mayor Mercedes Montero that the facility would be ready for prisoners by the beginning of March at the latest.

"We were afraid the prison would continue to be used for immigrants," she said, before confirming that the Spanish government is funding the repair of windows and other items broken by Algerian migrants.

"At first the town rejected the idea of a prison here, but this has changed," she added, explaining that local businesses had been approaching her



Photo credit Caritas Andalucía/Twitter/Ayuntamiento de Archidona

DISPUTE OVER: Immigrants at the prison before their 'removal' and (inset) Mayor Montero.

about providing services to the institution.

The jail was used as a temporary immigrant detention centre (CIE) from November until earlier this month, sparking outrage among activists and campaign groups after it emerged that the water supply and heating were not connected.

A series of disputed events saw one of the 500 asylum seekers killed while locked inside, with police maintaining that he committed suicide while family members and other inmates have accused security staff of kicking him in the head before he died.

There was further wrangling after it was revealed that

several children were among the group, and that inmates were subjected to X-ray scans while inside.

The immigrants were 'removed' earlier this month and their whereabouts remains unclear, although Spanish authorities claim they have been moved to other, unspecified detention centres.

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ESTEPONA dog owners may soon be celebrating.

It comes as the town hall revealed it has applied for a year-round licence allowing dogs on a 10,000 square metre section of El

Padron beach.

Lying between the mouths of the Padron and Castor rivers in the La Morocha neighbourhood, the council has already modified a local by-law to allow

pets on the sandy strip.

The application follows repeated requests from residents, who are currently banned from taking their dogs to the beach during the high tourist season.



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BEAUTY SPOT: The Cabelleros dam.

Dammed with praise

OFFICIALS from the Serrania de Ronda Tourism Association and Montejaque village hall have asked for the Cabelleros dam to be recognised as an Asset of Cultural Interest (BIC).

It comes as the Junta de Andalucía regional authority is set to name the adjacent Hundidero Cave as an official natural monument.

The cave forms the upper entrance of the Hundidero-Gata system, a 7.8 kilometre-long subterranean channel which sees the Gadaures River drop 200 metres to the Gato Cave in Benaolán below.

The dam - completed in 1924 - was designed to create a reservoir but was a total failure as water was lost

through the surrounding limestone, reappearing in the cave, although it does fill temporarily after heavy rain.

It is however considered the first 'modern' dam in Spain since it was built using concrete rather than the traditional masonry.

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The Gadaures River is a tributary of the Guadiaro and the Hundidero-Gata cave system is popular with potholers.

It has also seen many deaths, mostly by rain causing water levels within the cave to rise rapidly.

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One dead after border stampede

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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 associa-



Credit: Wikimedia Commons

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

tion.

The news follows other stampedes 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.

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Enough's enough

Ryanair pilots in Spain threaten 'legal action' against carrier

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 documentation 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.'

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,



BARCELONA: Three women show their support.

#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.

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TAX authorities in Spain claim pop superstar, Shakira owes income tax for 2011-2014, arguing that she was resident in the country at the time.

The tax officials are seeking four years of unpaid taxes from all her global income - not just income generated in Spain.

If proved the tax bill could be tens of millions of euros for the singer, whose fortune is reckoned to be more than €160m.

Shakira is the partner of FC Barcelona footballer, Gerard Pique and in 2015 she declared Spain to be her

place of residence for all purposes.

Sources close to the pop star deny that there was any tax evasion and say Shakira was outside Spain most of the time between 2011-2014 and has always complied with her tax obligations.

People who spend more than six months a year in

Spain are considered residents for tax purposes.

Spain has recently seen several high-profile court cases involving football stars accused of tax-dodging.

Last year Real Madrid midfielder, Luka Modric was accused of defrauding tax authorities in Spain of almost €1m.

Brazil international Marcelo was accused of defrauding authorities of €490,917.70 by using companies abroad

to handle his earnings from image rights.

Lionel Messi and his father were found guilty of defrauding tax authorities of €4m from image rights income.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Ricardo Carvalho, Angel Di Maria, Javier Mascherano, Radamel Falcao and Fabio Coentrao are among other players who have been investigated, as well as former Real Madrid coach, Jose Mourinho.

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Teens held on murder charge



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OTXARKOAGA: Has suffered a 'wave of robberies.'

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.

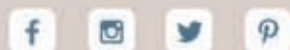
A probe launched in the wake of the find

lead 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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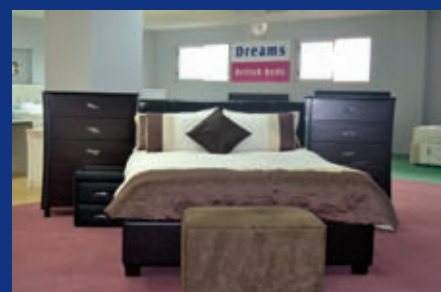
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Expats and Brexit

Formal study might inform government policy

INTERVIEW

by John Smith

DUE to all of the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, the UK government funded Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) has initiated 25 independent projects to study the entire situation.

Just one of those is aimed at expatriates in Europe to record their views and feelings in the lead up to the eventual divorce from the European Union.

Entitled 'Brexit Brits Abroad,' it is undertaking research in France and Spain and Professor Karen O'Reilly, an ethnologist with many years of experience in examining the British in Spain is the lead interviewer for the Spanish study.

She first spent 15 months as a PHD student in 1993 and 94 living in Fuengirola with her husband

and two children then aged nine and 11 before returning to the UK where the results of her studies were eventually published as a scholastic book in 2000, which has been in print ever since.

After becoming a full Professor of Sociology at Loughborough University, she recently retired and was appointed to her current role by Goldsmiths University of London, although as Professor Emeritus at Loughborough she also teaches research methods to students on a part time basis.

Speaking to *Euro Weekly News*, Karen explained that she was impressed by the speed at which the ESRC reacted to the Referendum vote and rather than spend months on discussing minute details, the Council has worked very quickly to get all of the research up and running.

She has made a number of visits to the Costa del Sol engaging with

different expatriates living here and trying to gauge their reaction to the result of the vote and their hopes, fears and opinions for the future.

There has been a very positive response from expatriates ready to share their thoughts with Karen and her perception is that the bulk of those she has spoken to have been opposed to the results of the vote, although there is a significant minority in favour.

The findings appear on <https://brexitbritsabroad.com/> and are updated on a regular basis, but when Karen was undertaking her work last year, her overall impression was that Brits in Spain were most worried about the fact that there was so little information available and that many believed that the British government simply didn't care about them.

They recognised that the British Consuls and the Ambassador in



PROJECT LEADER: Professor Karen O'Reilly.

Spain were regularly trying to calm people's fears but believed that they were only promulgating government policy which really wasn't much help.

Now back in Spain again, she feels that people are much more comfortable and whilst recognising that there isn't any formal agreements between Britain and the EU, those she has interviewed seem more confident that the situ-

ation will be resolved without them being simply forgotten about.

The project is still being funded until December of this year and with the possible interim period after March 2019, it may even continue with the information gathered hopefully helping the British government to understand better the views of expatriates in France and Spain.



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New chair for RBL

MEMBERS of the Mollina branch of The Royal British Legion turned out in force at the Spain South AGM to witness one of their own be elevated to District Chair.

Tony Burns, the previous Branch Treasurer, took on the mantle following the resignation of Brian Turner.

Tony whose career was in financial services is a perfect illustration of the fact that you do not need to have served in the armed forces to serve the Legion.

Outlining his priorities for 2018 Tony said "There are 12 branches of the RBL in Spain South around 50 per cent of which are involved in the District and interact with other branches, working with the district committee. I hope to convince the rest that collaboration strengthens everyone."

"Research shows that approximately 60 per cent of new members leave after one year, by encouraging

greater involvement in branch, district, and TRBL generally we hope to improve the retention rate. Most RBL branches are on the coast and I am convinced that there are potential members and hence branches in the Sevilla, Cordoba and Granada regions"

The newly established District committee will be meeting in the near future to plan its strategy for 2018/19.

ARTFEST will see the Arts Society Costa del Sol celebrate three decades in southern Spain.

It comes as UK counterpart The Arts Society (formerly NADFAS) marks its 50th year with a series of golden anniversary events.

Ten members are taking part in the Artfest event, with a poll to decide which will be sent to the UK for a gallery of photos at the Annual General Meeting.

Get ready for Artfest

The Costa del Sol branch is to hold an exhibition featuring 50 works at Atlantis PMR in the Los Olivos shopping centre, Calahonda, from February 2 to March 30.

Viewing is by appointment only and can be booked by calling Teresa on 952 933 870 or emailing teresa@atlantispmr.com.

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ON THE UP: The Costa Press Club at the Vegetalia restaurant in Fuengirola.

Media association increases influence

THE Costa Press Club held its AGM at the Vegetalia restaurant in Fuengirola, with its President Jesper Sander Pedersen reporting increased attendance at the events organised for members and detailing a cooperation agreement recently signed with the Asociacion de la Prensa de Malaga.

He also reported a surge in new mem-

berships over the past year, proof of the increasing relevance of the international media on the Costa del Sol.

The Costa Press Club represents the interests of foreign-language media professionals on the coast. Due to the large geographical area it covers, its meetings are peripatetic.

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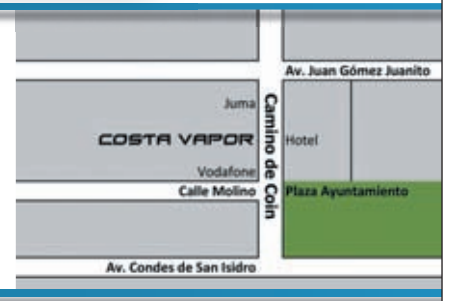
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This will be followed by *Last Post*, written by Jean McConnell and directed by Geoffrey Stansfield.

After a woman receives an unsettling letter, she must decide whether or not to protect her husband's reputation.

A three-course meal with vegetarian option will be served, with tickets priced at €16 for members and €18 for guests.

Reservations can be made by emailing thespabooking@gmail.com or calling 622 454 422 before tomorrow (Friday).

New English support group

ORGANISERS have announced the formation of a new cancer support group in English - the first one in Marbella.

The first meeting will be in the public cafeteria in the Hospital Costa del Sol, just off the A-7 road at kilometre 187 tomorrow (Friday) at 5pm - and then on the last Friday of every month.

Meetings are for all patients, their friends and families who are or have been touched by cancer.

Experts will be on hand to answer questions and to give information regarding, wigs, make-up, transportation and general help.

In association with Cudeca their phone help facilities will be available to members.

For further information, call co-ordinator Marion Winter on 952 863 926.

Pucker up, says RBL

MEMBERS of the Royal British Legion Coin are all set for their Valentine's Party.

It comes after a get together at the La Parilla de Pepe restaurant to celebrate the branch's 12th anniversary.

Thoughts were with Vice Chairman, Jim Cross, who is very ill, and translator Maria Paz Edwards who is undergoing heart surgery.

The Valentine's bash - in aid of the Poppy Appeal - takes place on Friday February 9 at La Tavola by Miky in the Sierra Gorda urbanisation.

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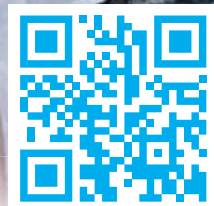
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Rogue rentals a new problem

Community Law Corner

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THE new fashion in tourist accommodation, where clients rent apartments or villas on a short term basis specifically for the purpose of throwing a party has revitalised an age old discussion. "What can communities do about tenants who misbehave and become a nuisance?"

These new party rentals made over the internet, are for 'some' young people a great opportunity to let off steam and have fun, well away from the prying eyes of their own neighbours and parents.

The result, especially when fuelled with liberal supplies of alcohol, is often late night loud music, lots of noise, misuse of the pool and other community facilities and on occasion damage to property. This is clearly quite unacceptable, annoying

to the residents and often in breach of the community rules regarding behaviour. The problem may be clear but the solution is not.

In an attempt to bring order, some communities have gone as far as approving sanctions for infringements of their rules. In effect, fining the owners and the offenders for their misconduct, such as allowing their dog to foul community property, parking in the wrong spot or making noise after a certain time of night and so on.

These same communities will often try to pass a fine on to the owners for transgressions committed by their tenants, especially so when the offenders will be long gone before the fine can be collected.

The logic may be clear but the legality is questionable. Spanish courts have in general ruled that communities have no legal capacity to impose fines or sanctions on anyone. This is strictly the prerogative of public administrations, like town halls, the Junta de Andalucía, police, Guardia Civil

and of course the courts.

Consequently owners who find themselves 'fined' in this way and decide not to pay will undoubtedly enjoy the support of the courts. Meaning the community will probably have to pay, not only the costs of bringing their own legal action to court but also the legal costs of the owner who was obliged to defend themselves.

The Law of Horizontal Property, the law that generally governs all communities in Spain, is woefully ineffective in terms of controlling anti-social behaviour.

The most a community can do is approach the courts asking them to put an end to any anti-social behaviour, order compensation to be paid to the community for any damages and in some serious cases, prohibit an owner from using their property for a period of up to three years.

As it is generally considered owners are not responsible for the actions of tenants and communities cannot impose fines, court cases are probably not

the best course of action to take, especially where short term rentals advertised over the internet are concerned.

The offenders will have left and often new offenders will be in place before anything can be done. So it remains a problem.

However where there is an infringement of the rules of a community then it could well be contrary to the municipal by-laws as well, eg late night noise, dogs roaming freely etc, then the best thing to do is to call the Local Police or if the situation could be considered to be a criminal offence call the National Police.

Current legislation does not lend itself easily to a community protecting itself and until there is a change in the law that addresses this relatively new situation the choice is limited to either, the court or the cops.

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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.

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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

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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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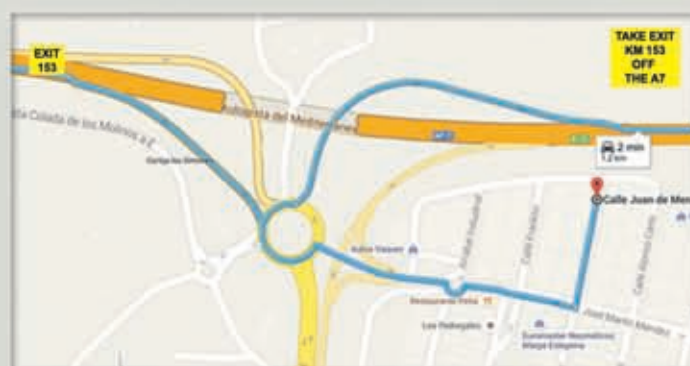
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Green energy boost

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.

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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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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



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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

by Stone King

Charlotte Macdonald

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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.

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I have nothing against immigration

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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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USED PRODUCTS STAFF: Outside their first shop in Spain.



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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.

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A good Annual Multi Trip policy lets you take as many trips as you like abroad, under the one policy. However, some companies place limits, so look out for restrictions on trips, and the 'individual trip duration.' Be sure to buy a policy that covers the longest trip you'll take.

Look out for special deals such as children go free, or couples discounts. This could save you a packet. Beware however, the cheapest policy may not provide the cover you need; and the most expensive may not be the best! Read the small print and choose based on your circumstances.

Take account of your holiday costs; value of luggage; and always declare pre-existing medical conditions. Sidestep this at your peril, as it could invalidate your policy and cost you dearly in both cash and anguish.

Wherever you travel, visit the Foreign & Commonwealth (FCO) Travel Aware website for travel safety and security advice and happy holidays!

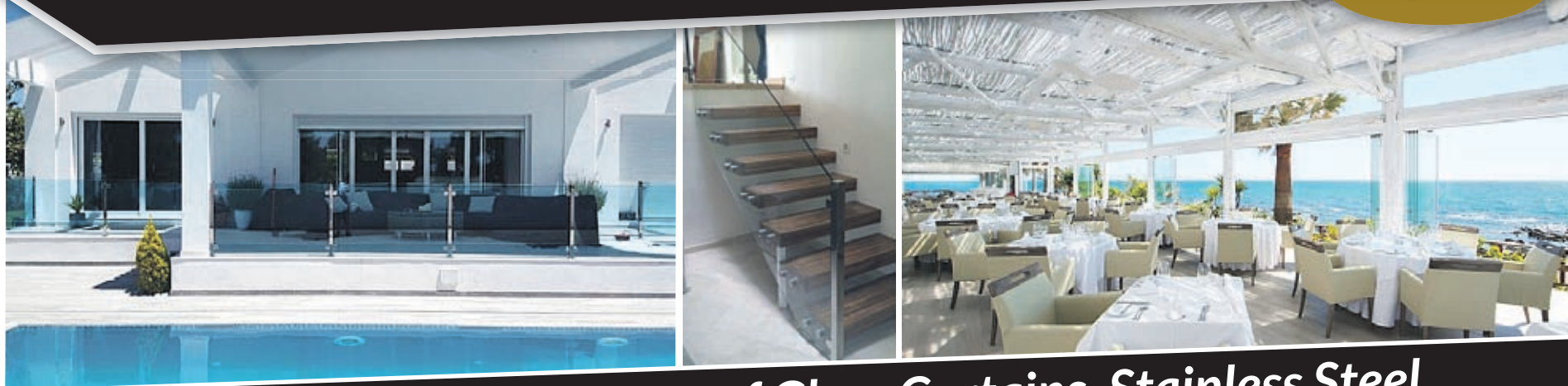
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BBC one

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 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
 1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead
Detailed weather forecast.

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
Jo Coburn presents the latest political news, interviews and debate.
 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
 1:15am Bowls

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
 12:00pm Lost Land of the Volcano
Documentary series that combines remarkable wildlife discoveries with high action adventure.
 1:00am Top of the Pops
Peter Powell and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 31 January 1985.
 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
BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.

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 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

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 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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7:00am Hollyoaks
 7:30am Hollyoaks
 8:00am Coach Trip
 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
 2:00pm The Big Bang Theory
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 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 10:00pm 2 Broke Girls
 11:00pm The Inbetweeners
 11:30pm The Inbetweeners
 12:05am The Big Bang Theory
 12:35am The Big Bang Theory
 1:05am Gogglebox

sky sports main event

7:00am Live European Tour Golf
Day one of the Omega Dubai Desert Classic on the European Tour from the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai.
 10:00am My Icon
 10:15am Cricket
Day two of the third Test between South Africa and India at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg.
 4:15pm My Icon
 4:30pm SKY Sports News
All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
 5:00pm SKY Sports News
All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
 6:00pm Live PGA Tour Featured Groups
 9:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf
 1:00am Live ICC U19 Wc
A match from the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup in New Zealand.

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 Ironside
 9:30am Quincy, M.E.
 10:35am Minder
 11:45am The Sweeney
 12:50pm The Professionals
 1:50pm Ironside
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 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
Latest news from the world of entertainment.
 11:20pm The Shawshank Redemption
 12:55am Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber

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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 Bridesmaids
 9:00pm Ride Along 2
 1:00am Brúno
 2:30am Don Verdean

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Kicks
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 10:20am Let Me Go
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 11:10pm First Kill
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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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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

Million Euro wristwatch!



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

model. One of just 18 on offer worldwide.

The Elysium-R neutralises grav-

ity 'by implementing flotation theory' to take comfort to a whole new level. Presented in near black

Credit: Sotheby's



ELYSIUM-R: The near perfect chair.

pure aniline leather made from Swedish cattle with a black chrome plated stainless steel base and an almond gold frame. Black anodised aluminium arm rests, gel filled, are swept back to follow the chair's contours and

motion. David Wicket co-founder of David Hugh observed, "this is without question the most elegant version of Elysium we have ever made." Price £38,000 (€39,378).

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 only 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.

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

7:00am Breakfast
11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm Mary Berry Everyday
1:00pm Football Focus
2:00pm BBC News
2:10pm Weather
The latest weather information.
2:15pm Tennis
3:30pm Bowls
5:30pm Final Score
6:20pm BBC News
The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.
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 Darcy Buswell: Dance Beyond Boundaries
11:30pm Birdman: Or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)
1:20am Bowls
Coverage of the latest bowls.

BBC FOUR

4:40am This is BBC Four
BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.
8:00pm Children of the Holocaust
9:00pm Holocaust: Freddie Knoller's War
10:00pm Spiral
11:00pm Spiral
Crime drama following criminal investigations in Paris from all the different points of view.
11:55pm Top of the Pops
12:25am Top of the Pops
Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme.
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!
Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.
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

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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
Britain's favourite opinionated TV viewers share more of their sharp wit.
12:40am Gogglebox
1:50am Rude Tube
2:55am Gogglebox
3:55am First Dates
Headstrong Mancunian make-up artist Regan returns to the First Dates restaurant.

sky sports main event

6:15am Ashes Shorts
Relive one of the greatest moments in Ashes history.
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
A big clash from La Liga as Valencia host Real Madrid at the Mestalla.
8:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf
Day three of the Farmers Insurance Open, hosted at Torrey Pines Golf Course.
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
Fourth in the series of action adventures about a malevolent great white shark.
1:15am Jackpot247

itv2

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

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

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1:50pm Avengers
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
Swashbuckling high-seas adventure pitting Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow.
9:00pm Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm Wakefield
1:00am First Kill
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
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1:00am La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid



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Roberto Caballero reporting from Fitur in Madrid.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Read all about it!

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



THANKS to our RTV Marbella cameras and crew we have been privy to all the excitement that went on last week at the international tourism Fair in Madrid, Fitur.

The list of activities announced on our Marbella stand is impressive and hopefully more than enough to ensure an ever increasing allure to visit our city.

With Spain now replacing the USA as the second most visited country for 2017 after France with some 82 million tourists, the fair was the perfect opportunity to tell the world what to expect for 2018, with attractions for everyone.

Sports tourism apparently represents 25 per cent of the tourist market and Marbella is well ahead of the game.

We start off this very week with the Davis Cup no less to be held at the Puente Romano Tennis Club, but we'll also be the home to the 33rd Half Marathon, Ironman 70.03, the second edition of the Ceuta Marbella Intercontinental Regatta, the Vuelta a España, Grand Tour of cycling and another bumper edition of Marbella 4 Days Walking to name but a few of the sporty things on the horizon!

On the more glitzy side Marbella will also be seeing more film festivals. Cines Goya have been hosting the Marbella International Film Festival for many years in October, but a new Spanish-based Festival Cine Marbella is to also hit their screens for the second year in May, hopefully consolidating its position so that in time this event becomes the next step on the destination map for the 'jet set' after the Cannes film festival.

This year will also see the sixth year of the Russian Film Festival, another wonderful achievement by the organisers and very important to further consolidate the Marbella Brand across the globe.

The Marbella Fashion show will also be held for another year in Puerto Banus with great local, national and international designers taking to the catwalks and our Exhibition Centre will be hosting fairs of the likes of Marbella Design, specialised for architects and Inter Eco Forum on sustainability and energy efficiency.

On a more tasty note our Michelin star chefs will be joining forces to support Aldeas Infantiles, a non-profit organisation that protects children in vulnerable situations, with a new event Chefs & Kids, culminating with a gala dinner at the Los Monteros Hotel.

A lot going on; all very attractive for the traveller, but pretty cool for those of us who live here too!

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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
A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.
8:30pm University Challenge
Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.
9:00pm The Coffee Trail with Simon Reeve
Documentary uncovering the stories behind, and roots of coffee.
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
Home improvement series that works its magic on neglected homes.
6:10am Wildlife SOS
6:35am HouseBusters
7:00am Milkshake!
11:05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am Football on 5 The Championship.
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

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5:45am How I Met Your Mother
6:10am Rude(ish) Tube
7:00am Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:30am Coach Trip
10:00am Coach Trip
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11:00am Coach Trip
11:35am Coach Trip
12:00pm Melissa and Joey
12:30pm Melissa and Joey
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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 Day four of the Farmers Insurance Open, hosted at Torrey Pines Golf Course.
12:30am EFL Goals: Championship
A round-up of all the goals and action from the weekend's games in the Sky Bet Championship.
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
Guinness World Records
7:10am Emmerdale
Omnibus
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
Light-hearted drama series about a pair of gardening enthusiasts turned amateur sleuths.
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
Modern-day re-imagining on the classic comedy-drama.
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
Sky Movies takes a special look at the animated Disney adventure featuring the voices of Dwayne Johnson and Jemaine Clement.
7:00am Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
9:10am Nina
Troubled soul icon Nina Simone rediscovers the meaning of her life and work thanks to the support of loyal assistant Clifton Henderson.
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 SPL 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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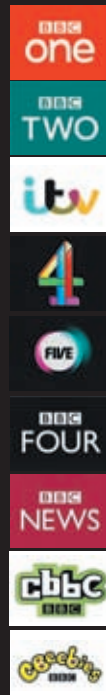
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2:10am	BBC News
7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Food: Truth or Scare
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Father Brown
4:00pm	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
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

3:40am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
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 <i>Documentary series in which Dan Cruickshank explores some of the most intriguing stories from Ancient Egypt.</i>
9:00pm	Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain <i>The fifth film in Andrew Marr's epic six-part series charting the events that shaped Britain.</i>
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
3:20am	Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
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	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

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	The Great Artists
6:35am	HouseBusters
7:00am	Milshake!
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
6:00pm	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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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
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8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
11:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
11:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:20am	The Big Bang Theory
12:50am	Gogglebox
1:50am	Tattoo Fixers
2:50am	8 Out of 10 Cats
3:40am	Body Fixers

sky sports main event

12:00am	Live ICC U19 Wc
6:15am	Best of Sky Cricket 2017
6:30am	Cricket's Greatest Series profiling some of the greatest cricketers of all time.
7:00am	Transfer Centre Get a comprehensive round-up of the latest transfer news, with live analysis of all the major moves.
8:00am	Transfer Centre
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8:30pm	Transfer Centre
11:00pm	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	Tippling 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
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
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	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	American Pie 2
11:30pm	FYI Daily
11:35pm	American Pie 2

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	The Darling Buds of May
12:20pm	The Darling Buds of May
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	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	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:05pm	Foyle's War
1:10am	Inspector Morse
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen Text-based information service.
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
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
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
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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

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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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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 Showman: Special Pitch Perfect 3: Special
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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
9:00pm	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
9:00pm	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
10:00pm	Kiri
11:00pm	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	GP's: 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

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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
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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6:00pm	The Goldbergs
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Goldbergs
10:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm	Body Fixers
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	Gogglebox
2:00am	The Goldbergs
2:30am	The Inbetweeners

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v6:15am	Ashes Shorts
	Relive one of the greatest moments in Ashes history.
6:30am	Cricket's Greatest
7:00am	Total Goals
	Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	SKY Sports News
2:00pm	SKY Sports News
3:00pm	SKY Sports News
4:00pm	SKY Sports News
5:00pm	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.

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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	Ironsides
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	Ironsides
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

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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

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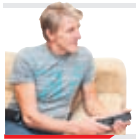
5:55am	Music and Lyrics
7:45am	Uncle Buck
9:30am	Did You Hear About the Morgans?
11:20am	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
1:10pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:00pm	Bridesmaids
5:10pm	Why Him?
7:05pm	Splash
9:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
11:00pm	Why Him?
1:00am	Knocked Up
3:15am	The Love Guru
4:50am	Brüno

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

sky sports football

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
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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

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

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...

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!

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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,



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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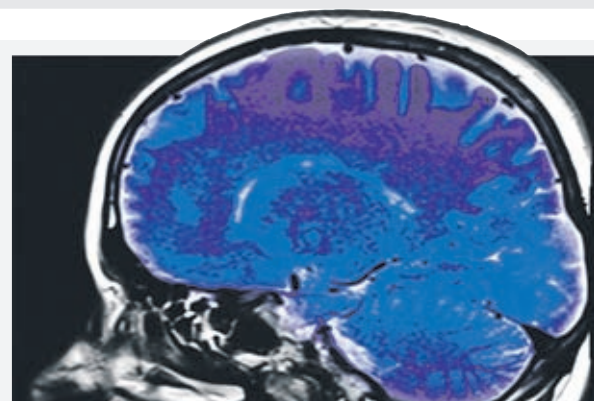
' WE WERE GOING ELECTRIC - BUT THE THREAT OF DROUGHTS AND DESERTS...! '

Trivia from around the world

*** Around 5,500 Second World War bombs are discovered in Germany and defused each year, an average of 15 per day.

*** A polling box has been set up in a forest in India for one man in every election since 2004. A team has to travel 35km to reach the temple priest.

*** Mexico has 68 nationally-recognised local languages. Along with Spanish, indigenous languages such as Mazatec, Cucapa and Triqui are also legally recognised.



MEMORY DRIVE: Human brains can store 100,000,000GB in memories.

***Sudan has more pyramids than Egypt. Ancient Nubians constructed around 240 pyramids, while 135 have been discovered in Egypt.

*** Antarctica's ice sheet holds around 90 per cent of the world's fresh water.

*** New Zealand is part of a continent Zealandia, 93 per cent of which is underwater.

DID YOU KNOW?

An average person's brain can hold around one quadrillion bits of information in long-term memory. That's the equivalent of 100,000,000 one-gigabyte hard drives full of memories.

Women's wit

"The especial genius of women I believe to be electrical in movement, intuitive in function, spiritual in tendency."

Margaret Fuller, Critic

Famous quote

"Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured."

Mark Twain, Author

World of English

"Shake - unit of one hundred millionth of a second used to measure nuclear processes."

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

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.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Being over-generous with cash midweek could see you making a poor move. Perhaps someone needs to be more hardworking or perhaps less of a spendthrift. Propping up a bad habit would be doing them no favours.

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.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

A suggestion made by you recently did not seem to be taken seriously.

This week, however, negotiations could be opened.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

After a relaxed weekend, it might prove difficult to take up the reins of work again. However, midweek sees you trotting along happily and minding your own business when someone stops you in your tracks. When a challenge is issued, your natural stubbornness comes to the fore.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Confidence in a close relationship should be maintained.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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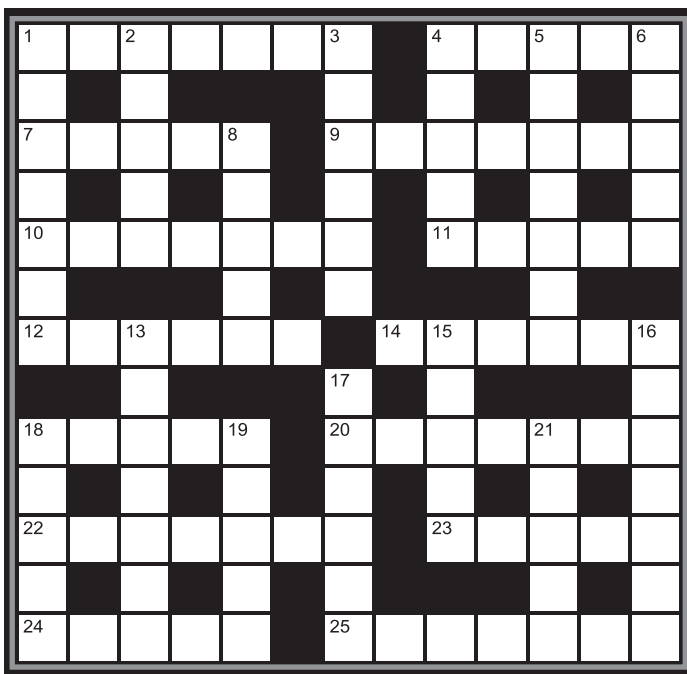
Cryptic

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

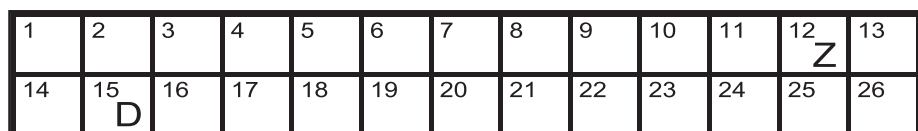
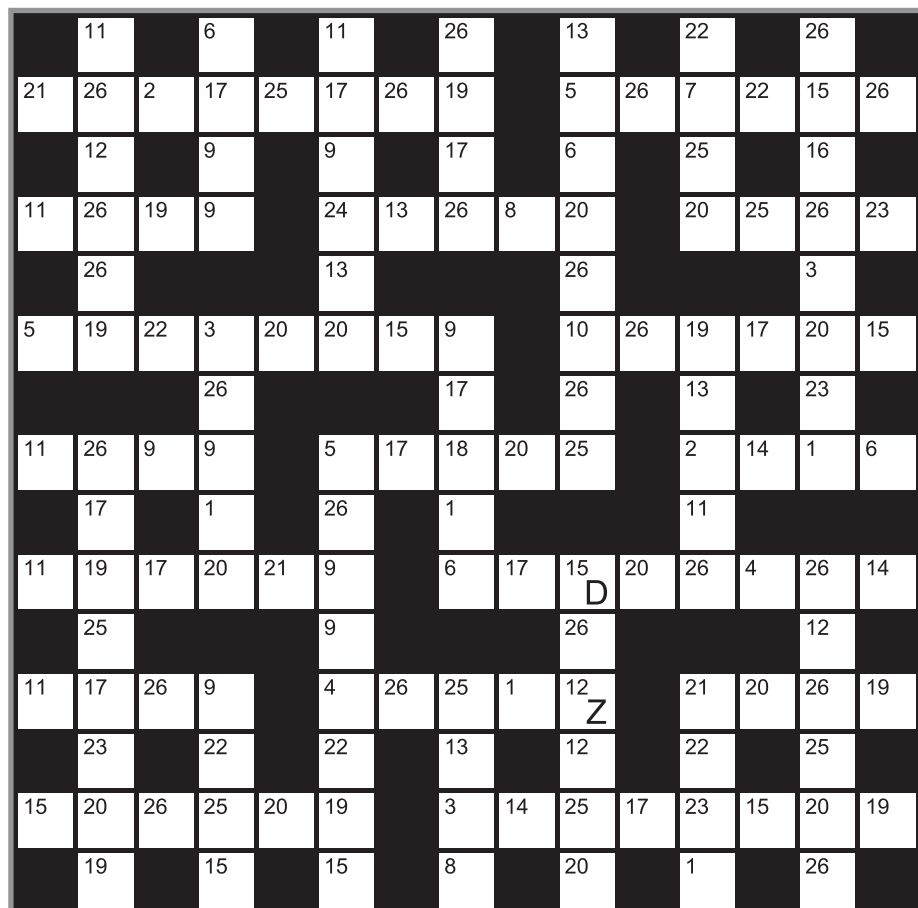
- 1 Tramp, one in collection of papers (7)
- 2 Auctions off prison rooms, we hear (5)
- 3 More hasty to produce a slice of bacon (6)
- 4 Elegance of old cricketer (5)
- 5 Left out by mistake, I met Dot (7)
- 6 Greek letter begins, 'Sir, I give



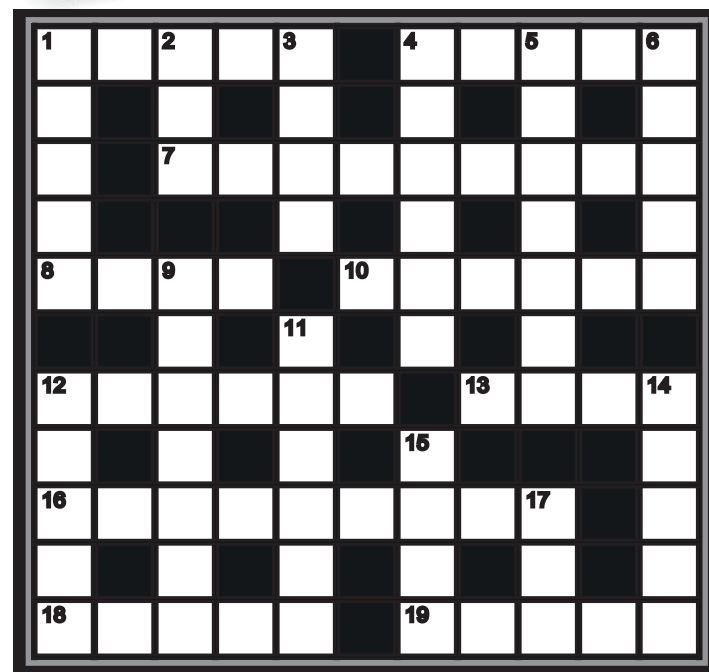
- my assurance' (5)
- 8 Some hotel items for the select few (5)
- 13 Disturbance after tea in old vehicle (7)
- 15 Gather a large amount (5)
- 16 Chap gets older, but copes
- 17 Menservants drink during TV's broadcast (6)
- 18 Went out with old hat (5)
- 19 Roy leaves mixed yoghurts for hooligans (5)
- 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

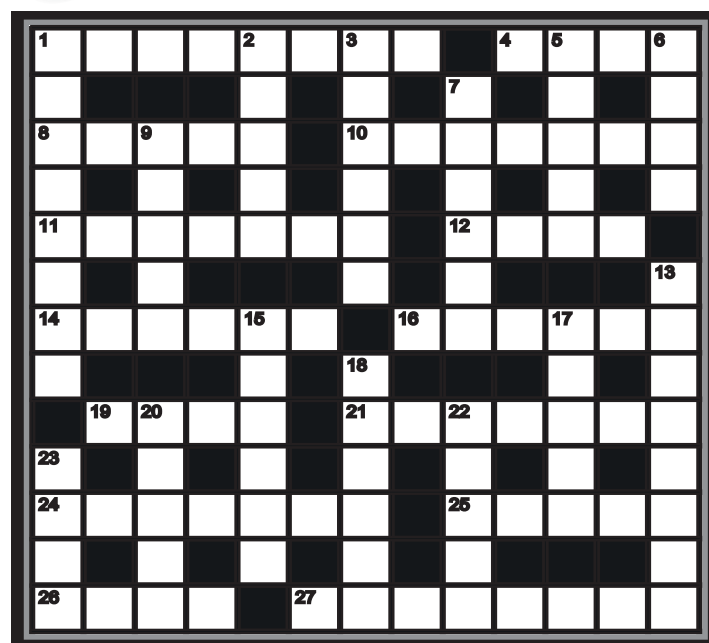
- 1 Woman's garment hanging from the waist (5)

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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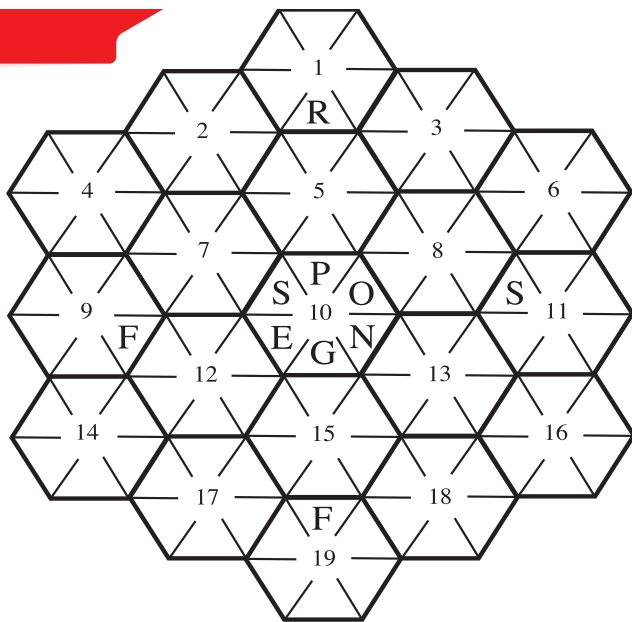
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Hexagram

- COUNTY
- DEFRAY
- DOUBLE
- DROOPY
- FIGURE
- FUNGUS
- INFIRM
- MURDER
- OYSTER
- POISON
- QUEASY
- QUINCE
- RAGOUT
- ROTATE
- SOFTEN
- SPONGE (10)
- STOOGES
- SUNSET
- SURVEY



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

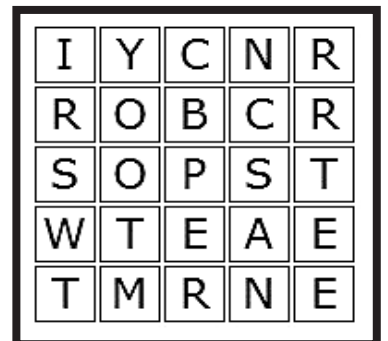
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Slater 2 Gaiety 3 Scurvy 4 Crutch
- 5 Easily 6 Server 7 Recess 8 Eleven
- 9 Sherry 10 Salute 11 Ransom
- 12 Arrest 13 Accrue 14 Aurora
- 15 Stride 16 Rustic 17 Beaten
- 18 Icicle 19 Blonde

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 25
- Good: 35
- Very good: 50
- Excellent: 64

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

escrow ward waif waifs wait watt raid ratio ratios road rota draw drawn drat dawn dawns dairy scow scrod scrum sown fens ford forum form foxy fiat fiord word worm wife wiry awns airy oratrix otiose coward coif coifs coir cord corm crow crown crowns crud owns orcs twos taro tarot toad triform triad trio trios rose rocs dose down downward downs docs dorm ditto dirt drown drowns droit drum rife

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.



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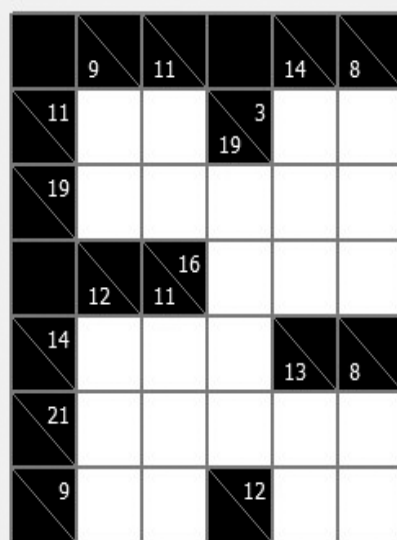
- Average: 11
- Good: 15
- Very good: 22
- Excellent: 29

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

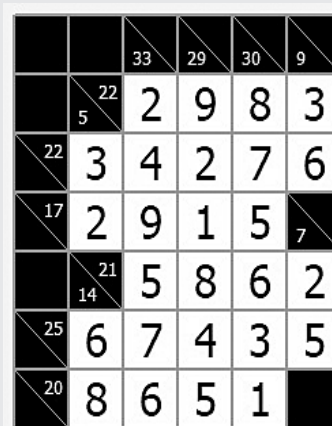
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Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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

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.

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.

App of the week



Mapapers

An app that allows users to create stylish wallpapers from maps. With several different filters to choose from there are plenty of options in this new app.

QUIZ: DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

1. Seven Tears was a UK number one hit single in 1982 for which dance band?
2. The Latin-American ballroom dance the rumba originated on which Caribbean island?
3. The mazurka is a lively folk dance in triple time principally associated with which country?
4. 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?
5. Which actor starred, directed and produced the epic 1990 American Western film Dances with Wolves?
6. Which American actress and former teen model starred as the 18-year-old welder Alex Owens in the 1983 American romantic drama film Flashdance?
7. 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?
8. Which group topped the UK singles chart in 1962 with Dance On?
9. Which Lerner and Loewe musical features the song I Could Have Danced All Night?
10. Which newsreader and television presenter was the first ever series winner of BBC's Strictly Come Dancing in 2004?

Answers:

- Answers:**
1. GOOMBAY DANCE BAND,
 2. CUBA, 3. POLAND,
 4. MICHAEL FLATLEY, 5. KEVIN COSTNER, 6. JENNIFER BEALS,
 7. EDGAR DEGAS, 8. THE SHADOWS, 9. MY FAIR LADY,
 10. NATASHA KAPLINSKY (dancing with Brendan Cole)

Not a lot of people know that... the earliest known evidence of dancing comes from 9,000 year-old cave paintings in India.

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BOOKS



Raging against fate

WAITRESS Elsie and married Albanian Bashkim quickly fall in love after meeting in a declining brass making town in Connecticut.

Both are chasing dreams and hope to make their lives better, but when Elsie discovers she's pregnant she begins to wonder where Bashkim's heart really lies.

Seventeen years later Luljeta, their daughter, receives a rejection letter from New York University the day she first gets suspended from school.

Lulu decides to turn to her past to discover the father she never knew.

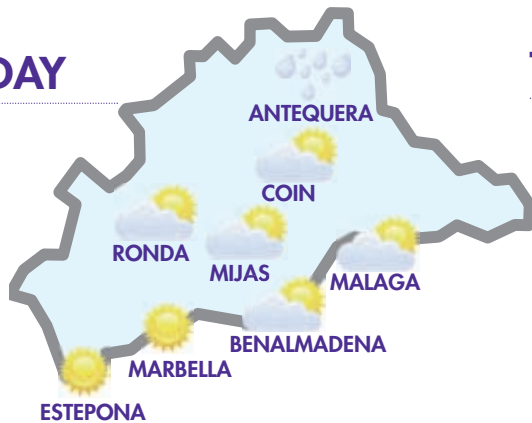
Xhenet Aliu's debut novel is told with witty, gripping parallel narratives and leaves the reader wondering at the state of the American Dream for the haves and have-nots.

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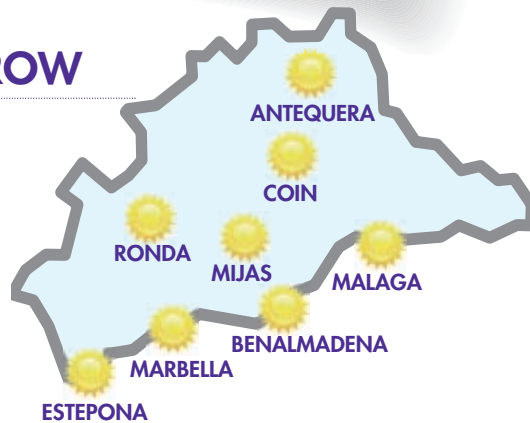
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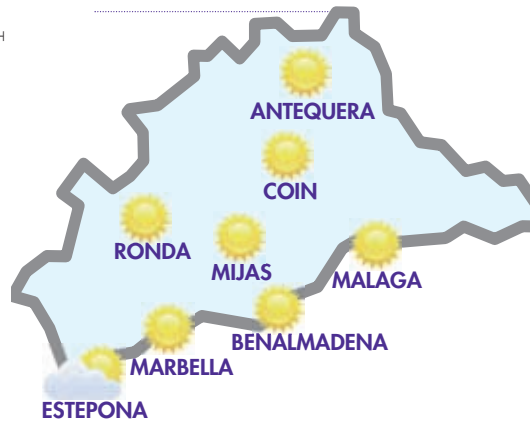
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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



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

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BIRTHDAYS

• **Phil Collins, Rock singer; January 30, 67**

The singer began playing the drums aged five and began by drumming in rock band Genesis before becoming their singer. His hits include In The Air Tonight and Easy Lover.

• **Alicia Keys, Pop singer; January 25, 37**

The singer became the first singer to be awarded five Grammys at once following the release of her debut album, Songs in A Minor in 2001. Born in New York City,



Phil Collins.

she studied classical music at the Professional Performing Arts School.

• **Jose Mourinho, Football Manager; January 26, 55**

The manager of Inter Milan, Real Madrid, Chelsea FC and Man United began his career playing in the Portuguese league in the 1980's.

• **Rosamund Pike, Actress; January 27, 39**

Born in London, Pike studied at Wadham College before rising to fame by playing Miranda Frost in the Bond film Die

Another Day. She has also starred in Pride and Prejudice, Jack Reacher and most recently in the western Hostiles.

• **Elijah Wood, Actor; January 28, 37**

Wood had a small role in the 1989 film Back to the Future II before playing Frodo Baggins in the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

• **Oprah Winfrey, TV host; January 29, 64**

Beginning her career as a co-anchor on TV at the age of 19, Winfrey went on to host the hit Oprah Winfrey Show from 1986-2011. She became the world's first female black billionaire.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT

SNOW is forecast to fall tonight (Thursday) through 'til next week although mostly in the early hours of the morning and evenings. Temperatures will stay below freezing for most of the week, dropping to their lowest of -10 degrees on Sunday.



AD 41 - Claudius becomes Emperor
Claudius becomes the Roman Emperor following the assassination of his nephew Caligula. Caligula's reign was characterised by tyranny and eccentricity.

1533 - Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn
English king Henry VIII marries his second wife Anne Boleyn in secret. Henry had previously been refused a divorce by the Pope for first wife Catherine of Aragon.

1788 - Sydney Founded
A British fleet led by Arthur Phillip sails into Port Jackson and establishes Sydney. The settlement is the first permanent one established by Europeans in Australia.

1825 - Trail of Tears
The American Congress approves Indian Territory laws in what is now Oklahoma. This led to the relocation of Native Americans in the Eastern US.

1871 - End of Franco-Prussian War
The siege of Paris by Prussian forces ends in defeat for the French, leading to the end of the war. Germany would become a united country soon afterwards following the Prussia victory.

1948 - Gandhi assassinated
Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement, is assassinated by a Hindu extremist in New Delhi.

1968 - US embassy in Vietnam attacked
Viet Cong guerrilla fighters attack the American embassy in Saigon, South Vietnam as part of the Tet Offensive. The offensive caused a political crisis in the US.

2005 - First China to Taiwan flights
The first direct flights from the Chinese mainland to Taiwan take off for the first time since 1949.

This week in history

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.

Word Ladder

SLAM

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

BALL

BALL
BELL
SELL
SEAL
SEAM
SLAM
Solution

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

Vietnam vets reunite



THE death of Larry 'Doc' Shepard's (Steve Carrel) son in the Iraq War in 2003 leads the Vietnam veteran to reunite with his comrades.

After visiting the bar of Sal Nealon (Bryan Cranston), the two drive up to see Richard Mueller (Laurence Fishburne) at the church where he is now a pastor.

From there they travel to Portsmouth, New Hampshire to bury Shepard's son. 'Last Flag Flying' shows the three confronting loss while they remember their own time at war.

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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."

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 Uni-

How safe are microwaves

versity 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 at-

mosphere. 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."

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MICRO PAIN: Microwaves could be damaging the environment.



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BAKING GOOD: Scientists have proved it's better to eat carbs in the evening.

The low down on carbs

IF you have lived in fear of carbohydrates ever since the Atkins diet became famous in the early 2000s you may be in luck.

One scientist has revealed the best time to eat carbs without increasing our likelihood of gaining weight. Dr Michael Mosley - the inventor of the 5:2 diet - teamed up with researchers from the University of Surrey to experiment on whether eating the substance at different times had an effect on weight; with interesting results.

Volunteers were all given the same amount of carbohydrates to eat within a day but were told to eat them in the morning for the first five days and then in the evening for the following five days.

Scientists then took their blood glucose read-

ings and found those who ate high levels of carbohydrates in the mornings had their blood glucose response raised by 15.9 points, according to one publication, while eating carbs in the evening surprisingly only raised it by 10.4 points.

This flies in the face of advice given by professionals for years to avoid carbs in the evening as they were thought to cause blood sugar levels to spike, turning into fat before the body had time to lower them before bed.

This could be good news for anyone who has been avoiding carbohydrates after 3pm for fearing of piling on the pounds, as it seems the opposite could in fact be true.

The group from the University of Surrey now plan to repeat their experiment with a larger test group to get more data.

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 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.

WALK THIS WAY: People are walking 20 per cent less now than 10 years ago.

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Chronic Pain Part 1

THERE'S a standing joke at the clinic that should be renamed 'the Last Resort.'

Often, by the time many of my patients come to see me, they have seen numerous therapists, tried many medications and even had surgeries, all with varying degrees of success. This process can often take months or even years.

The dictionary definition of chronic pain is 'any pain that lasts longer than 12 weeks.'

That line can be a long time ago for many.

Is chronic pain different?

YES

We usually understand pain as:

- There is a problem in a muscle, joint, bone, ligament, organ . . . somewhere in the body.
- This sends a pain message to the brain



By Estelle Mitchell

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- We feel pain

Except that actually the science of pain is a LOT more complicated than that.

On my blog is a fabulous video from Prof Lorimer Moseley explaining the mechanics of pain as we now understand them.

The road often travelled

Think of a neural pattern that leads you to feel pain as a dirt road.

If you get a lot of traffic along that road, eventually it is going to get bigger.

So the road gets wider. It gets tarmac, then becomes a dual carriageway, then a motorway . . .

The more that pain pattern

is run, the better it happens. The pain experience gets faster and faster and easier and easier with practice.

So what does this mean for me and my chronic pain?

It means that patients with chronic pain do, genuinely, feel more pain from less stimulation. And this means certain treatments aren't applicable. Patients with chronic pain are more sensitive.

It means a proper, physical assessment is hugely important - when you have chronic pain these pain signals get confused and cover a wider area - so you get more pain, more easily, over a wider area.

It means we need to help teach your body to stop protecting something that doesn't need protecting any more (that's what pain is - a protection signal!).

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DISNEY MOVIE: The toys come to life.

Toy Story the musical

MOST children know the synopsis of the successful Disney movie trilogy Toy Story and the musical version will be performed in Estepona on Sunday March 11.

After several years studying University, Andy comes home and discovers some of the boxes that he packed when he left and as he starts to open them he remembers all the great times that he had playing with his toys.

Knowing how much they meant to him, he decides to give them to another child so that the toys won't be discarded, but can continue to give pleasure to others.

On stage, the toys come to life and tell their stories as well as performing a number of rou-

tines and songs.

Even though the presentation is in Spanish, children and accompanying adults should be able to follow the story and enjoy the performance of the 11 artists who between them portray all of the great characters from the movies such as Buzz, Woody, Mr Potato Head, Barbie, Slinky and Rex.

The show which starts at noon lasts for an hour and a quarter and afterwards, the cast often invite the children in the audience on stage to have their photographs taken with their favourite character.

Tickets may be obtained from the box office and cost €12 per person.

Run for your wife part two

LAST year the Salon Varietes in Fuengirola presented the Ray Cooney farce Run for Your Wife to much acclaim.

Now it's time for the sequel Caught in the Net about the bigamist taxi-driver, John Smith, still keeping both his families - one in Wimbledon and one in Streatham - happy and blissfully unaware of each other to appear on stage.

The only problem is that his son and daughter (one born by each wife) have met on the internet and it seems that they want to arrange a meeting as they have so much in common, especially a father who is a taxi driver and they have the same surnames.

Much fun is had in this hilarious comedy as John



Photo Credit: Salon Varietes

SEQUEL: The Fuengirola cast of Caught in the Net.

(played by West End actor David Vincent) engages his lodger and best friend Stanley (played by Owain Griffiths) to try to keep his two families and lives apart.

Also directed by David Vincent this great comedy

event arrives on the Salon Varietes stage tomorrow (Friday) and runs until the following Wednesday.

Tickets may be booked by calling 952 474 542 or online from www.salonvarietestheatre.com.

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Former Iron Maiden singer in rare gig

FOR Heavy Metal fans there will be a real treat in April as former vocalist with Wolfsbane and Iron Maiden Blaze Bayley plays Malaga.

At one time, Birmingham was considered the home of Heavy Metal with such bands as Black Sabbath and Judas Priest as well as Robert Plant all coming from the general area and Wolfsbane were no exception.

The singer/songwriter started his career in 1984 when he was one of the founding members of the band, staying with them for 10 years and recording three albums before Blaze received the call to join Iron Maiden after Bruce Dickinson left.

He then spent five years touring the world with the ever popular band and recorded two albums as lead singer before



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HEAVY METAL: Blaze Bayley in Germany.

he left the band and Dickinson returned.

Since then, he has been gigging and recording with nine album releases in his own right and the occasional Wolfsbane reunion.

Now about to embark on a world tour promoting his latest album Infinite Entanglement Part 3 which is released in March of this year, he and his band will be making just six appearances in Spain with one in Malaga City at the Sala Paris 15 on Saturday April 14 with tickets costing €17 in advance and €20 on the night.

The support for this evening will be former Iced Earth member Luke Appleton who will be performing an acoustic set.

Tickets for the 3,000 seat venue may be booked now at www.costadeldisco.com.

The big band sound: Cutting a rug

WHILST his plane may have disappeared whilst on active service in the Second World War, the music of Glenn Miller continues to inspire.

The Pasadena Roof Orchestra which has been playing constantly around the world recreates the sound of the great trombonist and band with such all-time favourites as *In the mood*, *American patrol*, *Chattanooga choo choo*

and *Moonlight serenade*.

As part of the tour - which will see the orchestra play at the Cervantes Theatre in Malaga City on March 7. the orchestra is supported by the Irresistible Andrews Sisters and dancers the Swing Time Jivers.

Tickets for the show which lasts for more than two hours cost from €25 to €56 and can be obtained from the theatre box office.

Egyptology Week in Fuengirola

THERE is just time to catch an exhibition focusing on Ancient Egypt as part of the Fuengirola Egyptology Week which finishes tomorrow.

The exhibition Kemet, One thousand miles up the Nile, curated by Angel Kuenka is being held at the Casa de la Cultura Av Juan Gómez Juanito, 12, Fuengirola and is open from 9am to 2pm and 5pm to 9pm.



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They were designed by renowned Catalán architect Josep Puig i Cadafach.

Tragically in 1930 the Phylloxera plague infested the vineyards, but the family fought back with innovative viticultural techniques and ensured survival, with Codorniu producing more than 100,000 bottles of cava annually by the end of the 20th century.

Nowadays, Codorniu with modern instal-

lations and the latest equipment continues to control the production process of its cavas from vineyard planting to finished product.

Wines produced with different blends of Chardonnay, Macabeo, Xarel·lo, Parellada, Pinot Noir and reserve wines are: Anna de Codorniu Brut, Codorniu 1551 Brut Natural, Codorniu Mediterranea Brut Natural, Cuvée Raventós Brut Natural, Codorniu Rosé Brut, Cuvée Reina Maria Cristina Brut, Delapierre 'D' Brut, Delapierre Glacé Prestige Brut, Gran Codorniu Brut, Jaume de Codorniu Brut and Non Plus Ultra Reserva Vintage Brut.

Codorniu has been one of the innovators of Wine Tourism in Spain, providing the infrastructure necessary for an interesting visit to their cellars at Sant Sadurní d'Anoia which in 1976 were declared a National Monument of Historical and Artistic Interest by King Juan Carlos.

Happy tasting.

Ironman comes to Marbella

MARBELLA is to welcome between 8,000 and 9,000 participants and their supporters in the Ironman Triathlon which will take place on April 29.

The contest which is the first recognised by the Spanish Triathlon Federation in the Costa del Sol consists of three tests of endurance where contestants undertake a 3.86km swim, a 180.25km bicycle ride and a marathon run which can take up to 17 hours for even the fittest of competitors.

Just 2,500 actual competitors will be able to take part in this competition which is bound to attract a large audience throughout the Marbella area and with the number of support teams for the professional athletes as well as family and friends, hotels, cafes and restaurants are bound to benefit from the event.

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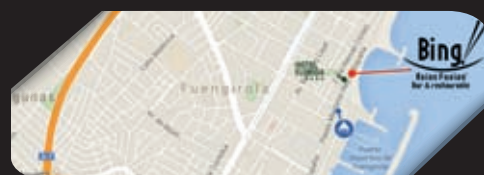
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Marbella school's pathway to American universities

STUDENTS at the reopened American College in Spain are now able to earn a fully accredited US diploma.

On Wednesday, the mayor of Marbella announced the changes at a ceremony to mark the official opening of the school's Puerto Banus campus.

In partnership with the University of Nebraska High School, The American College in Spain is offering international students the possibility of obtaining a high school diploma outside of the USA.

Mayor Angeles Munoz welcomed the changes at a glamorous event on Wednesday afternoon, before being shown around the renovated facility.

The school say that their "high-quality, rigorous education courses meet the national academic content standards and Nebraska state academic standards."

The idea is that students at the Puerto Banus School are able to use their qualifications for further education in the USA.

The school charges fees of €11,540 per year.

Also speaking at the opening was Francisco Campo, Marketing and International Expansion Director.

He said: "It's not the typical American campus, but we strive for excellence in education. We are opening today and announcing officially the opening of the very first American high school programme in the Costa del Sol.

"It's fully accredited in the United States, through the University of Nebraska high school. Our students - when they finish their studies in Marbella - can access any university in the United States, depending on their grades and the SAT, which is the American access to university exam."

Former students at the school have since gone on to study at various famous universities, including Harvard, Stanford and the University of London.

Mr Campo, the Marketing and International Expansion Director, continued: "We work with very small groups and we have lots of students that have



TALKING IT UP: The mayor, flanked by Francisco Campo, speaks to the press at the event.

a sports background.

"We have football players that come from the United States, because they know that Spain is the number one powerhouse in football and once they increase their level of football they go back with their studies, with their high school diploma and they can try to get into universities with some type of scholarship. We have golf players and of course we also have tennis players."

The current head coach of the Spanish national basketball team, Sergio Scariolo, also attended the event.



Mr Campo added: "And we also have regular students and the programme is so good that I have enrolled my own daughter and she is about to graduate - almost with honours!"

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IMPRESSIVE: Mayor Munoz is shown around the facility.

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Thursday Jan 25

■ Age Concern meet every Thursday from 11.00-13.00 at the Pensionista building in Los Boliches. They are located above the indoor market and just around the corner from Los Boliches station. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Las Lagunas. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ Los Jueves al Casco: Every week from 8am-12 noon enjoy special discounts, live music, free tastings and more in Marbella Old Town.

■ Rio Verde Villa Romana Ruins: free guided tour from 11am to 1pm. Calle del Mar, Marbella.

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■ San Pedro street market: Every week from 9am-2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.acestepona.org.

■ Walking Football: every week from 10.30am at the Estadio Santa Maria in Elviria. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

■ 1st Fuengirola scout group meets at St Anthony's College, Fuengirola on Thursday 5pm to 7pm for all young people between six and 18 years. Contact Robert Troost: 610 755 995 or robert.troost@britishscoutingoverseas.org.uk.

Friday Jan 26

■ Age Concern meet every Friday from 11.30-13.00 at Bar Conrisa in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is plenty of free parking. They offer advice, support, help and friendship. They look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Age Care Association: Week-

DO NOT MISS...

An evening of guitar music, Interactive Music Museum, Malaga City, Friday January 26

GUITAR students from the Carlos Alvarez School will be performing a range of songs at the Malaga Interactive Music Museum, encompassing a wide range of styles - from classical to rock - so there's bound to be something to please everyone.

The students will be directed by Professor Alba Diaz and accompanied by Professor Moises Vallejo.

A chance to hear some of the

city's best up and coming musicians in the city's own tribute to music. The museum is located in the Palacio del Conde Navas, which was built in the 18th century and is a fine example of Malaga's baroque architecture.

The Interactive Music Museum contains a range of instruments from around the globe and many of these can be played by visitors, perfect if



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SOUNDS SWEET: The inspiring Interactive Music Museum.

you feel inspired following the performance.

The show starts at 5pm, entrance is €5 for adults and the museum is located on Calle Beatas, 15.

ly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hogar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. For more information contact 635 407 255.

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■ Royal British Legion: Benajarafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263.7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

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■ University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 10am-1pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact +34 633 552 238 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadelSol.com.

Saturday Jan 27

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadal-

horce - Las Chapas.

■ Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucía.

■ Triple A: Every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.acestepona.org.

Sunday Jan 28

■ Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.

■ University of the Third Age: Every week coffee morning from 11.30am to 1pm at the Primavera Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches. For more information contact: 679 516 654 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadelSol.com.

■ Sunday market La Trocha Coin. Every week. Over 200 stalls. All welcome. For more info call 618 826 852.

Monday Jan 29

■ Royal Air Forces Association Costa del Sol Branch afternoon social on the third Monday of the month at Bar El Jardin, Avenida Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena. Everyone is welcome, members or otherwise. For more information: www.rafacostadelSol.co.uk.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to

12.30pm at La Iglesia Bar in Benalmadena. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ RAF Association Costa del Sol: social meeting, first Monday of the month, at 12pm in Restaurante Los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande. For more information contact secretary@rafacostadelSol.co.uk.

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■ Walking Football: every week from 7.30pm at the El Retamar pitch by the Butterfly Park in Benalmadena. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

■ 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Al-anon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Breva 2), Marbella. Confidential helpline: 602 553 470.

Tuesday Jan 30

■ Royal Air Forces Association Costa del Sol Branch Coffee Morning social at Restaurante Venta los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande on every first Tuesday in the month starting at 12pm. Everyone is welcome, members or otherwise. Quiz with prize and raffle with all proceeds going to the Association to help with welfare work. For more information: www.rafacostadelSol.co.uk.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments, Arroyo de la Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anthia on 634 157 042.

■ Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.30am for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.

■ Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches 12-1.30 pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.

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■ Walking Football: every week from 8pm on the five-a-side pitches at the Estadio de San Pedro in San Pedro de Alcántara. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

■ The Good Vibrations Singing Sessions runs Tuesday nights at 7.30pm at Huber Plataforma De Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. €100 prepaid

concession, €15 casually. Go to 'Find Your Voice Vocal Studio' on Facebook for details.

Wednesday Jan 31

■ The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in the Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.

■ Malaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.

■ Parent and baby coffee mornings: every week from 11am-1pm at Mundo Mania, Cancelada. Entry €5 and includes coffee and two hours of play in the baby and toddler play frame.

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■ Sing Sing Sing! runs Wednesday mornings at 11.30am at Huber Plataforma De Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. €80 prepaid concession, €12 casually. Go to 'Find Your Voice Vocal Studio' on Facebook for details.

Time to start planting seeds for spring

GRAEME TYRRELL

IF you like to grow your own plants to save cost, add interest from the huge range of plants available from seed, or just want to grow your plants in the way you like, now is the time to start planting.

Seeds are relatively cheap for many garden varieties in comparison to buying seedlings. A packet can provide seed for a series of plantings, to allow a continuous harvest of vegetables or a sequence of flowers over spring and summer.

I use special trays to grow a batch of seedlings, and when they are ready to plant out into the garden, I plant another batch from the same packet. It works well with vegetables like lettuce or flowers, including petunia,

that have a long growing season, which permits planting through all of spring and summer.

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 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 maximum 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.



SOWING SEEDS: A fun job.

How's your home office?

MANY of us are increasingly working from home.

With the rise of the internet and the subsequent increase in home businesses, many people now have an office in their house. And while this may be quicker and more convenient than a long commute, it can also sometimes be difficult to switch off af-

ter a long day's work.

But *ideahome.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 desk beneath the paper again."

It also advises dusting behind and under your office furniture more of-

ten, 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.

Ideahome.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 dishwasher 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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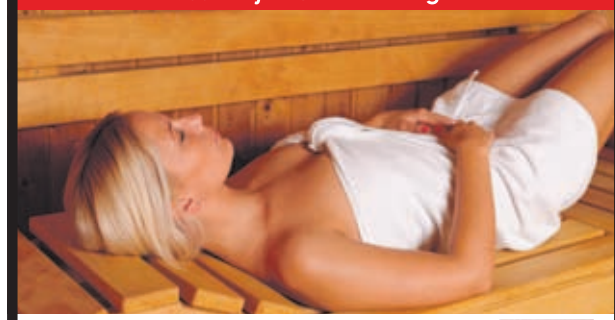
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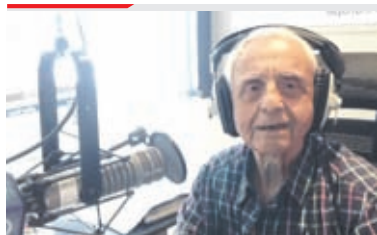
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OVER the years, hundreds of you have informed me that your male and female dogs like to mount you sexually by rubbing on your leg, a cushion or a toy. This is called masturbation which should not be encouraged.

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.



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CYBER PUP: Is your dog computer savvy?

Brave new world

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 net-

work 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.

The feature even has an 'alert' service in case the animal gets lost, meaning anyone can communicate sightings or contact the family of a missing pet.

Keeping pets happy at home while you're on holiday

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?

- If you have pets and need house-sitters - Register on our site as a 'homeowner' and provide photos and general information about your location and

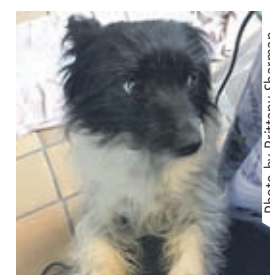


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Nissan’s newest LEAF selling fast

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 Intelligent 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 space with functionality, and a number of new futuristic features have been added.

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Brand new images have been released of the X-Class to show that it can be more than just the average pick-up.

In the new images, the X-Class has been given a makeover turning it into a car perfect for camping.

The firm have added a cabin, which can be removed, with plenty of room inside.

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Classic Car Club of Andalucía

CCCA races into 2018!



Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucía Classic Car Club, the most

successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

WHILST many are resting and nursing new year hangovers The Classic Car Club of Andalucía has already dived into 2018 with plenty of things going on through January.

The month started with the Club's regular dinner and Club night at 'Treetops' restaurant at El Chaparral. A great night was enjoyed by all with a very good turnout and excellent food served.

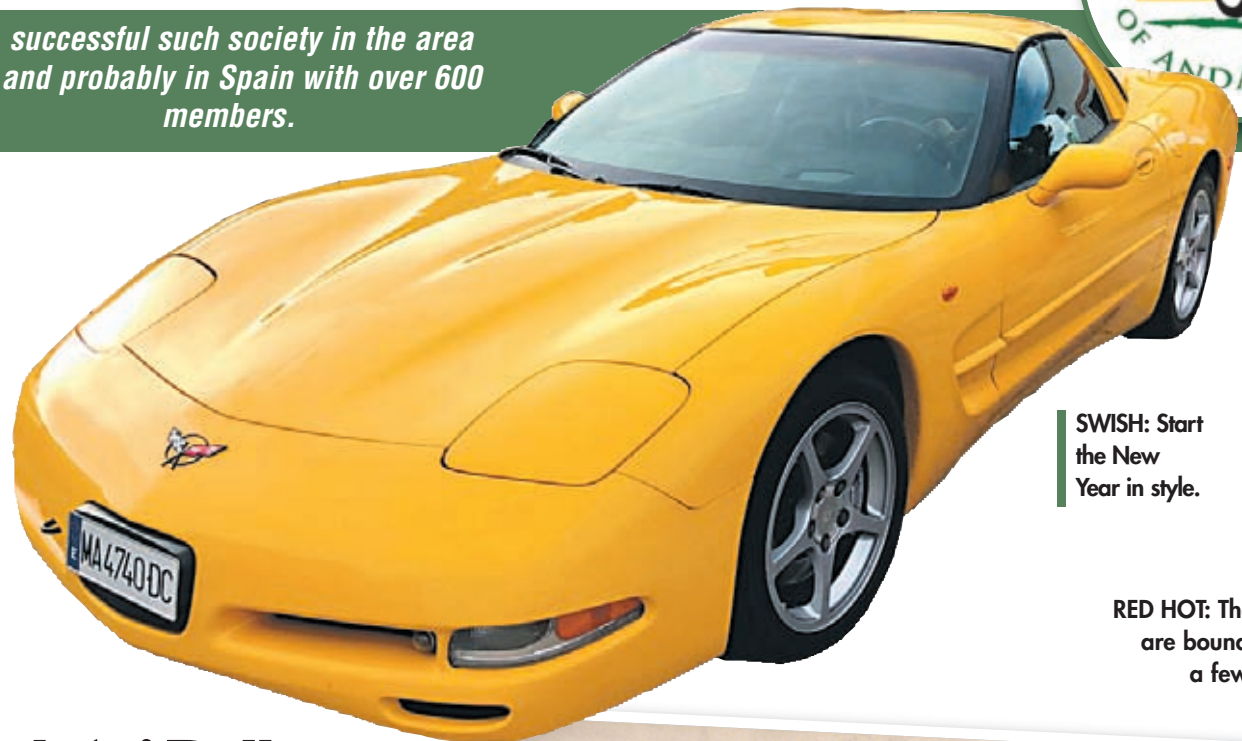
The following Saturday saw the first classic car run of 2018 organised by club members Richard and Nicky Masters.

A healthy turnout of around 30 classic and 'modern classic' cars assembled at Laguna Beach to enjoy coffee or breakfast and a chance for the 60 plus participants to swap tales of Christmas and New Year celebration experiences.

At 11am the first cars departed and set off to by-pass Estepona and head up towards Casares where the roads have recently been resurfaced which was a welcome treat! Having passed Casares the route went on up to Gaucin, crews enjoying great, smooth roads and some spectacular views. After Gaucin the route headed out on the fast top road towards Ronda where a welcome coffee and tapas stop was enjoyed at Venta Solera.

Coffee over and the intrepid crews set off towards Alpendeire and Juzcar enjoying some marvellous roads before rejoining the Ronda - San Pedro descent. Around half way down and the organisers had arranged a surprise stop to enjoy a warming whisky mac, much appreciated as the weather was by now turning cold and breezy. Not at all what we are used to here!

A first class lunch was then enjoyed at restaurante Nuevo Reino in San Pedro, the first time that the club has used this particular venue and a great success it was too.



SWISH: Start the New Year in style.

RED HOT: These cars are bound to turn a few heads.

Rock 'n' Roll Weekend

SOME of the best rock 'n' roll entertainers on the coast will be performing over the coming weekend at Sunset Beach Club in Benalmadena. Organised by star performer, Ricky Lavazza, it's always a fun weekend with concerts on both Saturday and Sunday nights. The Classic Car Club of Andalucía usually supports the event by providing a display of classic cars for the poolside BBQ which takes place at lunchtime on the Sunday. Many of the cars will actually be parked around the pool starting around 1pm. The BBQ is usually very good and this is a good place for members and friends to get together and relax without driving off anywhere which, for this Club, will be quite a novelty! Non-members are, of course, very welcome to come along.



Retro Malaga Show

RUNNING over the same weekend but starting tomorrow (Friday) is the annual Malaga Retro classic car show and Auto-jumble. This excellent event is held at the Palacio de Ferias y Congresos on the outskirts of Malaga. Always a good show, this year they will be celebrating, amongst other things, 70 years of the Porsche 356, 70 years of the Citroen 2CV and 50 years of the Seat / Fiat 124. There are numerous trade and specialist stands, car club stands and plenty of displays of classic cars to enjoy. It is getting to be something of a mecca for enthusiasts of all nationalities and as such is a great place to meet others of a similar disposition, as well as fellow CCCA members who usually put in an appearance at some time over the weekend.

Tomorrow (Friday), the show opens at 4pm and closes at 9pm. On Saturday there is a full day from 10am until 9pm and Sunday is from 10am until 8pm.

If enthusiasts bring along a classic car that is over 25 years old they get free parking inside the exhibition centre itself. There are refreshments, food and a bar available too which helps!

Ian Giles
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2018 Tour Sherry Triangle

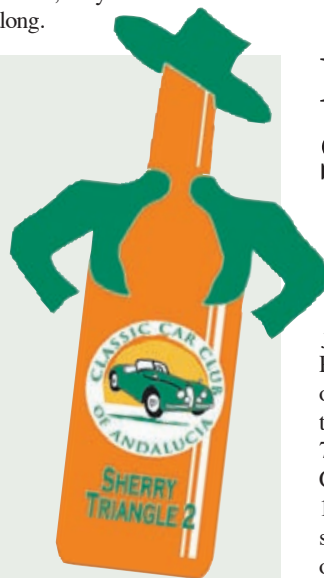
AS can be seen, the Club has already got January off to a flying start and February is busy too. On Thursday, February 1, the Club organises its first longer Tour of the year.

The 2018 Tour Sherry Triangle will start from Venta Los Almendros, on the Ronda road near San Pedro, that morning and will run over four days visiting Jerez, Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz and

Tarifa before finishing with a good lunch, as always, near Algeciras.

Any non-members that would like to go along to the start and see the cars or share breakfast will be most welcome. Cars will depart the start around 11am with coffee, breakfasts and signing-on etc taking place beforehand.

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Assis wrote in a column for Brazilian newspaper *O Globo*, "He has stopped, it is ended.

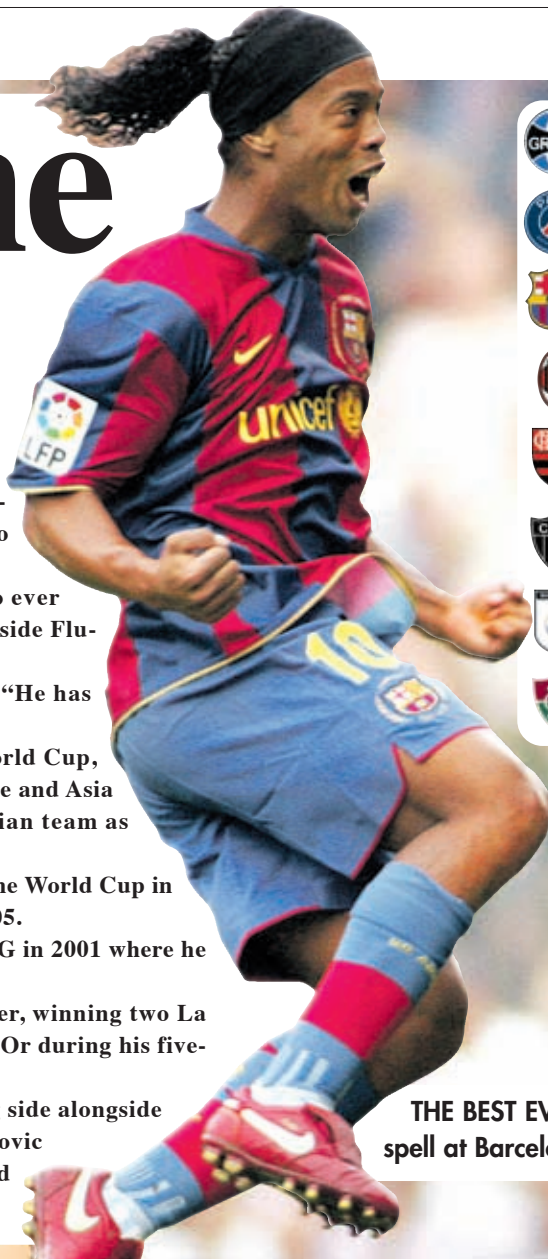
"Let's do something pretty big and nice after the Russia World Cup, probably in August. We will do various events in Brazil, Europe and Asia and, of course, we are arranging something with the Brazilian team as well."

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.



	1997 – 2000	Gremio (Brazil)	121 Matches • 58 Goals
	2001 – 2003	PSG (France)	77 Matches • 25 Goals
	2003 – 2008	FC Barcelona (Spain)	207 Matches • 94 Goals
	2008 – 2011	A C Milan (Italy)	95 Matches • 26 Goals
	2011 – 2012	Flamengo (Brazil)	72 Matches • 28 Goals
	2012 – 2014	Atl. Mineiro (Brazil)	85 Matches • 27 Goals
	2014 – 2015	Queretaro (México)	29 Matches • 8 Goals
	2015	Fluminense (Brazil)	9 Matches • 0 Goals

THE BEST EVER?: The Brazilian enjoyed a fantastic spell at Barcelona before moving to AC Milan in 2008.

Nine Saudi players move to Spain as part of Saudi-La Liga partnership

NINE separate loan deals for Saudi Arabian players across Spain's top two divisions occurred this weekend as part of a deal between the General Sports Authority (GSA) of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) and La Liga.

The deal has been done which will see all the players, who currently play in the Saudi first division, join La Liga sides ahead of Saudi Arabia's return to the World Cup later this year, their first tournament since 2006.

Three players who were instrumental in helping the national team to World Cup qualification will join La Liga first teams, while the others will join Segunda division sides and youth academies respectively.

Players joining La Liga sides include Yahya Al-Shehri who has signed for Leganes, Fahad Al-Muwallad joins Levante and Salem Al Sawsari has signed for Villarreal.



PLAYERS: Have joined on an initial six month loan deal.

Elsewhere, Jaber Issa joins Villarreal B while Nooh Al Mousa moves to Real Valladolid, Abdulmajeed Al Sulayhi signs for Rayo Vallecano, Ali Al Namer joins Numancia and Abdullah Al Hamdan has sealed a switch to Sporting Gijon.

In a statement, La Liga said: 'LaLiga Santander and LaLiga 1 | 2 | 3, the first and second division of Spain's professional football competition, respectively, announced that they will take nine players from Saudi Arabia on loan.

'The incorporation of play-

ers from Saudi Arabia in the Spanish clubs follows a rigorous scouting programme that spanned multiple months to identify the best talent.'

The statement continued: 'For the Spanish clubs, adding players from Saudi Arabia not only expands their squads, it also means added exposure in the Arab world.

'As part of the agreement with La Liga, SAFF is also working to create local football academies in Saudi Arabia under the brand, technical supervision, and expertise of La Liga.'



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Antonio Abellan and Ron Garrood at Sol Don Pablo.

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which offers an a la carte restaurant.

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REAL MADRID are currently as close to the relegation zone as they are to current La Liga leaders Barcelona. Last year's Champions currently sit on 35 points, 19 points behind Barcelona and 19 points ahead of 18th placed Deportivo La Coruña.

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Goals galore in La Liga as Real thrash Deportivo

REAL MADRID got back to winning ways in emphatic style as they thrashed Deportivo La Coruña 7-1 at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Zinedine Zidane's side had not won in their previous three league games but got back to winning ways in style as Nacho, Gareth Bale and Cristiano Ronaldo all bagged braces.

Last season's Champions fell behind to a shock opener from Deportivo's Adrian Lopez in the 23rd minute but were level less than 10 minutes later, as Nacho received a quick corner before guiding a side-footed shot past Ruben.

Gareth Bale then had the hosts in front shortly before half-time with his first of the afternoon, as the Welshman brilliantly curled the ball into the top corner from the edge of the penalty area.

And it was Bale who then pushed Madrid further ahead after the break, before Luka Modric opened his account for the season, followed by Nacho's second of the afternoon and Cristiano Ronaldo's late double added serious gloss to the score-line.

The result leaves Madrid in fourth place, 19 point behind leaders Barcelona with a game in hand.

If that result was a statement of intent that last season's champions are not willing to give up their title without a fight, Barcelona dually responded later in the afternoon, as they produced a stunning performance of their own to hammer Real Betis 5-0 away from home.

After a quiet first half, the magical Lionel Messi was at his sparkling best as he scored twice and created another for Luis Suarez and became the only La Liga player to score 25 or more goals in each of the last 10



Credit: @UDLP_Oficial/twiter

STUNNED: Las Palmas' Jonathan Viera scored the winner that shocked Valencia on Saturday.

Friday, January 19

Getafe 2-2 Athletic Bilbao

Saturday, January 20

Espanyol 0-3 Sevilla
Atletico Madrid 1-1 Girona
Villarreal 2-1 Levante
Las Palmas 2-1 Valencia

Sunday, January 21

Alaves 2-2 Leganes
Real Madrid 7-1 Deportivo La Crouña
Real Sociedad 1-2 Celta Vigo
Real Betis 0-5 Barcelona

Monday, January 22

Eibar 1-1 Malaga

seasons in all competitions.

Luis Suarez added another to make it 12 goals in his last nine games, after Ivan Rakitic opened the scoring, as Barcelona moved 11 points clear of second placed Atletico.

Villarreal moved above last season's champions into the top four, at least for a short while before Madrid's Sunday game, as they secured a 2-1 win over Levante.

With Cederic Bakambu missing ahead of his expected €73.5 million move to the Chinese Super League, Villarreal relied on both Manu Trigueros and former Real Madrid winger Denis Cheryshev to get the goals that secured their victory.

With that win, they moved within six points of third placed Valencia, who fell to a shock loss away to Las Palmas as the Gran Canarian side moved off the bottom with a morale-boosting win.

La Union Deportiva, who had not won since the beginning of December, were humbled by Valencia 4-0 in the Copa del Rey just a few weeks ago, but made the most of their good fortune as Valencia imploded to have two men sent off in the second half.

Elsewhere, Jose Gonzalez's reign as Malaga boss began in tentative fashion as he watched his side draw with Eibar.

Despite picking up a point, the result sees Los Boquerones sit rooted to the bottom of the table on 12 points.

In the weekend's other fixtures, there were draws for Getafe against Athletic Bilbao and relegation threatened Alaves against Leganes, while Celta Vigo beat Real Sociedad and Sevilla, who continue to be linked with Liverpool's Daniel Sturridge, ran out 3-0 winners away to Espanyol.



Credit: @LucasCruz74/twiter

CELEBRATIONS: Sainz (right) celebrates his Dakar rally win with co-driver Lucas Cruz.

Age just a number Carlos Sainz wins Dakar rally

FIFTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Carlos Sainz has won the Dakar rally for the second time in his career.

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.

Accompanying a photo of the pair when Sainz Jr was a child, the 23-year-old wrote on Twitter: "Today I am probably the proudest son of his father in the whole world. Winner of the toughest Dakar ever done at 55 years of age and he did it in his own way. Congrats matador! Congrats Lucas Cruz!"

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