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Hens and stags are facing a cull in Benidorm, as the resort hits back against rowdy pre-wedding booze-ups.

Hotels and venues are growing increasingly wary of single-sex groups, with

Stag do shame

Pre-wedding parties unwelcome

the town fighting to shake off its image of debauched

excess.

Tour operators claim ho-

tels are deterring large groups by pumping up prices and enforcing a minimum stay period.

Some businesses have reportedly banned groups they suspect of being stag or hen parties entirely, after growing tired of drunken antics.

That has led travel agents to suggest alternative destinations to the pre-wedding hotspot. However, the Eventa Group told *The Daily Record* while hen bookings were down 25 per cent on 2016, stags were up 17 per cent.

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NEWS EXTRA**Record deal**

ELDA General Hospital, where new and current patients' records are already on the computer system, will now spend €1.9 million on scanning and computerising all past case histories.

Jury duty

MAJE, the Elda woman who plotted the death of her husband Antonio Navarro, and Salva, who stabbed him to death on her behalf, will have a jury trial, a Valencia judge announced.

Hot cars

VEHICLE fires produced more callouts for Alicante Province firefighters than any other traffic incident last year, the Fire Brigade Consortium revealed, with 358 episodes compared to 136 in 2016.

Benidorm balcony death

Spain accused of 'not respecting' Kirsty Maxwell

THE grieving family of Kirsty Maxwell has criticised the police in Spain for the way they have handled the investigation.

Kirsty plunged to her death from the 10th floor of an apartment complex in Benidorm on the Costa Blanca in April last year.

The family have repeatedly asked the Spanish authorities what happened to the pink t-shirt and denim skirt the 27-year-old was wearing on the night of her death.

Today, at a press conference in Scotland, husband Adam revealed the clothes had been 'thrown out' without proper DNA testing that could have provided clues.

He said, "On Friday, we received this shocking news.

"It's very sad and shocking and another let down by the Spanish police.

"We cannot accept the way they have treated Kirsty's death. If Kirsty was to die in the

UK, would this be different? The answer is 'yes.'

"The clothing was a massive line of inquiry and the news is very upsetting and disappointing.

"They have not respected Kirsty."

Ex-policeman and private investigator David Swindle, also speaking at the press conference, added, "The clothing

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'SHOCKING': Kirsty's husband Adam says police have acted 'recklessly.'

worn by Kirsty was not tested for DNA and was destroyed by the Spanish forensic pathology department.

"How many more processes have not been done?"

"It's shocking there has been irretrievable loss of evidence.

"But it is more shocking the lack of empathy towards Kirsty and her family.

"It's a reckless act."

Last week Spanish police ordered to find witnesses from the fatal night said "none could be found."

The holiday apartment in Benidorm was occupied by five British bodybuilders from Nottingham who are all back in the UK as investigations into Kirsty's death continue.

Cliff rescue for Brit, 68

A 68-YEAR-OLD Briton with Alzheimer's reported missing in Benidorm by his family was found near the Tio Ximo cove.

He was discovered by chance after police received a call from a person who reported finding an elderly man on the cliffs above the beach.

He was unable to move and showed signs of hypothermia but the person who found him could not give more details as he had answered in English, which his rescuer did not understand.

Officers from Benidorm's Local Police went to the scene and found the man had fallen seven metres from the Sierra Helada path leading to Punta Caballo.

Owing to the steep and rocky terrain, police had to form a human chain to bring him up to the path where he received attention from paramedics before being transferred to Villajoyosa hospital.

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Poachers foiled

DENIA coastguards fined two men for poaching sea urchins in the Cabo de San Antonio Marine Reserve. One kept watch as the second collected the urchins, but both were intercepted as they prepared to drive off and instead saw their haul of 166 returned to the sea.

Ahoy Rajoy

THE SPANISH PRESIDENT, Mariano Rajoy, will visit Alicante airport tomorrow (Friday) in a belated celebration of its 50-year anniversary. The airport became a gateway to the tourist boom in the Costa Blanca years later. The first plane touched down from Madrid in May 1967.

Carrasqueta victim

A MAN of 47 was killed near Jijona after his motorcycle ran off the CV-800 leading to La Carrasqueta, a road popular with bikers but a notorious blackspot. The latest victim, a National Police officer from Alicante City, was known as a very experienced rider.

House solution

VILLAJOSYOSA Council will ask Spain's 'bad bank' Sareb to cede empty repossessed properties for social housing. The Partido Popular proposal had the backing of all parties on the local council, while the town also hopes to include Sareb properties that are up for sale.

Rain at last

MORE rain fell in 12 hours during Alicante Province's last rainy spell than throughout the four preceding months, said Spain's meteorological office AEMET. Rainiest place was Castell de Castells which had 170 litres per square metre, followed by Benigembla with 162 litres.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE n°48

Of all the cultural traditions in Spain, bullfighting is perhaps the most controversial and undoubtedly the most brutal, writes Harrison Jones.

Cut the bull



DARK ART: An immaculately dressed matador.

CONTROVERSIAL: The practice has caused protests.



TRADITION: Ronda's bullring is Spain's oldest.

Grabbing tradition by its horns

SPAIN is facing louder calls to ban the practice, but so far international condemnation has not told. Protests have hit the country's festivals and turnout is down, but the events - defined as cultural - show no signs of being outlawed imminently.

There has been a steady decline in the number of bullfights, but in 2014-15, nearly 10 per cent of Spaniards bought a ticket, according to Culture Trip. In 2010, a newspaper poll found that only 42 per cent of Spaniards wanted it banned.

That year, the Catalan parliament

attempted to outlaw the tradition, but the regional ban was overturned by the Supreme Court.

Much like fox hunting in Britain, the main defence of the practice is tradition. It certainly has a long history - Ronda, near Malaga, boasts one of the world's oldest bullrings, from the late 1700s.

Another side to the gore - which sees stadiums reminiscent of Roman gladiators filled with crowds - is the injuries to matadors. Deaths are now very rare, though the last was only in

summer 2017. Over 500 matadors have reportedly been killed in the past three centuries.

Bully for EU

IT is not just in Spain where bullfighting is practised. There are variations in many other countries, most notably in Latin America, France and Portugal.

'Bull wrestling,' meanwhile, reportedly takes place in Japan, the Balkans, Turkey and Southeast Asia.

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Up the isle



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BORDER CONTROL: View from the Spanish side of the river, a satellite image (bottom left) and the meeting on the island between Louis XVI of France and Spain's Felipe IV as depicted by French artist Jacques Laumosnier (bottom right).

SPAIN is about to reclaim 5,000 square metres of territory from France. But in the summer it will voluntarily hand it back.

In a rare agreement that has lasted for more than 350 years, the two countries hold joint sovereignty over Pheasant Island (Spanish: Isla de los Faisanes), an uninhabited tract of land in the Bidasoa River.

The island is among the oldest and smallest condominiums - political territories where two or more countries agree to share ownership and exercise rights jointly - in existence.

Controlled by Spain from February 1 to July 31 each year, it returns to France for the re-

maining six months, with the first handover of 2018 set to take place today (Thursday).

It lies in the middle of the Bidasoa, which forms a natural border between the Spanish town of Irun and its French counterpart Hendaye, and cannot be visited except on the occasional heritage open day.

Measuring just 215 metres long and 38 metres wide, it is thought to be the only condominium in the world which alternates sovereignty during the course of the year.

An old monument on the island holds the key to the island's bizarre status, since it pays tribute to the Treaty of the

Pyrenees, signed in 1659.

It came in the wake of a decade of violence and political interference after the Thirty Years War between France and Spain ended in 1648.

The two governments chose to negotiate on the island because it was considered neutral territory, and after three months of talks the peace agreement was signed.

Territories were swapped and new borders settled, while Maria Teresa of Austria, daughter of Spanish King Felipe IV, married French ruler Louis XIV. And the final part of the deal involved the island being shared by the two countries.

POLL OF THE WEEK

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ON SCREEN: Film crews visit the Rojales rescue centre and (inset) some of the cast.

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CRASH COURSE: Outside the Mascarat tunnel where the accident occurred.

NEWS EXTRA

Time to celebrate

ALCOY City Hall recently celebrated the 125th anniversary of the Alcoy-Gandia railway line, called the English Train owing to its British builders. It delivered coal to Alcoy factories and functioned until 1969.

No vocation

IN 2016, the Valencian Community had 107,318 registered owners of family-run smallholdings and plantations of whom 53,635 were over 65, as the younger generation increasingly shuns agriculture as a source of income.

Hot cars

VEHICLE fires produced more call outs for Alicante province firefighters than any other traffic incident last year, the Fire Brigade Consortium revealed, with 358 episodes compared to 136 in 2016.

Three die in horror pileup

THREE people were killed and five injured in a five-car collision on the AP-7 just before the Mascarat tunnel.

The accident occurred inside the Benissa boundaries as the vehicles involved travelled in the direction of Alicante.

The first car ran off the motorway and onto the hard shoulder at the 626-kilometre marker, probably because rain and hail had made the road surface treacherous and slippery, according to Emergency Services sources.

A Nissan van travelling behind almost ran into the first car but

managed to avoid it and stopped to help.

The van driver and his passenger, together with the other driver, were run down by a third car as they stood in the road.

The two men from the van were killed but the other suffered only minor injuries.

The driver of this third car had to be cut free from his vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene, the Guardia Civil's Traffic Unit confirmed to the provincial media.

Four more people were injured, two of them seriously, when another two cars ploughed into the first three vehicles.

36,000

People were rescued by Spain's Coast Guard in 2017, according to government figures.

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It comes after tickets for the Irish band's first gig in the Spanish capital for 13 years sold out in just 10 minutes. The two live shows - scheduled for September 20 and 21 - will take place at the WiZink Centre venue.

Kicking off in the United States in May, the European leg of the supergroup's eXPERIENCE + iNNOCENCE world tour begins on August 31 and will see Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen Jr take to the stage in Germany (Cologne and Hamburg), France (Paris), Portugal (Lisbon), Italy (Milan), Denmark (Copenhagen), the Netherlands (Amsterdam), the UK (Manchester and London) and Ireland in addition to Spain.

Tickets cost from €35-95 and go on sale tomorrow (Friday), with a maximum of four per person.

They are available from the websites livenation.es, www.doctormusic.com and ticketmaster.es.



SOLD OUT: U2's Bono.

HOT MAMA: Pilar Rubio and (right) her decorated bump.

Photo by You Tube



Photo by Pilar Rubio/Instagram



Work of art!

SHE is expecting her third child with Real Madrid and Spain footballer Sergio Ramos.

And TV presenter Pilar Rubio, 39, showed she is game for a laugh after cheekily painting her bump to resemble politically incorrect South Park character Eric Cartman.

The beauty captioned the shot: "Today we came up with a few ideas so that pregnant women can disguise themselves at carnivals. This is my favourite!"

Star responds to abuse allegations

DIY SOS star Nick Knowles' estranged wife has accused the presenter of failing to keep promises made 'when he walked out of our lives to have a string of girlfriends after abandoning us in Spain.'

The explosive social media outburst by Jessica Rose Moor, 30, follows earlier claims that the 55-year-old has pulled funding for their son Eddie's private school education and subjected her to years of 'emotional cruelty and physical abuse.' But

friends speaking to UK media on Nick's behalf strongly denied the allegations.

"These allegations are not true but Nick will not be responding publicly in an attempt to minimise the negative impact on his son." And an insider added: "It's just not true. Nick is one of the most generous men I know and has made substantial financial provision for Jess and Eddie as he does for other members of his family and his children."



HAPPIER TIMES: Nick and Jessica.



Who's the daddy?



BIG AND LITTLE MAC: Conor and his young son.

Conor McGregor/Instagram

HE'S the Ultimate Fighting champion who last year made his boxing debut. And having taken a break in the wake of his defeat to Floyd Mayweather, Conor McGregor, 29, showed he is enjoying his down time as he flew to Spain with his son Conor Jr.

Taking to Instagram the hardman wrote: "We are having lunch on the jet on our way to Ibiza."

Polar plea

HE'S the Spanish Oscar-winning actor who's married to Penelope Cruz.

But Javier Bardem, 48, showed he still has his feet on the ground after travelling to the Antarctic with environmental organisation Greenpeace.

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RECORD YEAR: Rosa Llorca and Benidorm mayor Toni Perez.

Lights, camera, action and cash

NINETY-FIVE productions were filmed in Benidorm last year, a 12 per cent increase on 2016.

There were only 15 days last year when a television programme, video or advertising spot was not being shot on a Benidorm beach or street, announced Rosa Llorca, who is in charge of the town's Film Office.

The long-running British television series returned for a 10th season and there was a two-week stint for the French series, Ad Vitam.

Award-winning French director Romain Gavras also spent five weeks in the resort, on location for his next full-length film, RG02.

An advertisement for sunglasses featuring British cycling champion Mark Cavendish used the Sierra Helada as a setting while Audi, Mercedes, Citroen chose the national park as well as the Poniente Beach promenade, the Film Office revealed. The H&M clothing chain and El Corte Ingles also returned to Benidorm for two campaigns.

There were more than 150 contracts for local companies as well as work for 75 technicians and approximately 3,000 extras, Llorca said.

Benidorm's hotel and catering trade also benefited as executives, directors, production crews and actors accounted for 8,700 overnight stays, spending €3 million on accommodation and meals.

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The sub-station in the Cocoll area is the winter base for the Forest Fire Brigade's helicopter unit and Angel visited the installation to see firsthand the repairs and improvements that are needed.

Pego's mayor Enrique Moll has now agreed to hand over the sub-station to the Generalitat within two months, after which the Agency will draw up plans for renovations that are scheduled to begin next year.

Ceding the station and making improvements at the base was a necessary step, Angel said, as it was situated in a location that enabled firefighting helicopters to control woodland and deal with forest fires in the area.

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AROUND 16,000 Alicante Province residents have more than €300,000 in cash or stocks and shares.

A survey by a firm of financial assessors calculated that wealthy Alicantinos have around €12 billion at their disposal, while the Valencian Community's overall population owns assets of approximately €35 billion.

Where the money is

Alicante's wealth is based on traditional businesses centring on industry and the tourist sector. Although some of the province's richest dabbled in property and construction during the boom years, these were in a minority and the majority

backed out with the arrival of the economic crisis, he said.

Alicante differs from other Spanish provinces because wealth is not concentrated in the capital but is spread over areas like Alcoy, Benidorm and Elche.

OUR VIEW

Is it time to end drunken tourism?

WILL 2018 be the year that Spain seriously cracks down on party mad holidaymakers' boozy antics?

With the country outstripping the United States to become the second-most visited country in the world after France in 2017, a string of traditional hotspots have announced plans to control what Spanish media has dubbed 'drunken tourism.'

In the Balearics, many bars and clubs will be forced to close their doors hours earlier this summer, with noise pollution laws set to be strictly enforced.

And new reports suggest that hotels in Benidorm on the Costa Blanca are turning down bookings from hen and stag parties.

It comes after groups of incensed locals last year staged anti-tourist protests in Barcelona, Mallorca, and San Sebastian.

The backlash continued on the Costa del Sol, Marbella tourism chiefs referring to 'cheap' British tourists as 'savages' before unveiling new rules with fines for nudity and rowdy behaviour.

Notorious party resort Magaluf in Mallorca issued 64 new laws to clamp down on unruly holidaymakers, with bar owners warned not to serve alcohol to visibly-drunk revellers, while in Palma happy hours and two-for-one drinks offers are set to be axed. With almost a quarter of the 82 million people visiting Spain last year coming from the UK, the country must clearly be careful not to alienate its largest tourist market.

But since tens of millions - including many Britons - flock to Spain each year with no intention of spending their two weeks in the sun knocking back cheap drinks and sleeping off hangovers, perhaps it is time the country shifts away from this kind of tourism altogether?

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Councillor shamed by video

IVAN OBRADOR, an Elda Partido Popular official appears in a 28-minute porn video currently doing the rounds on the internet.

Obrador, former secretary general of the PP's Elda branch and now vice-secretary, pointed out that the video was shot in 2013 before he occupied any post in the party.

The video, produced by a Tenerife production company, is one of a series which parodies the makeover reality shows that change the images of unappealing women.

In his defence, Obrador maintained that although he used explicit language in Tomasa, la zorra pescatera (Tomasita, the fishwife slag), he did not participate in any explicit scenes.

"The sketch was shot in Alicante when I was 25," said Obrador who is a journalist. "I didn't sign any contract and nor was I paid. It was a one-off collaboration that took a couple of hours at a time in my life when I enjoyed taking part in television programmes," he told the local Spanish media.

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'Defined contribution' or 'money purchase' pensions

With these pensions, what you are entitled to depends on how much you have paid into the scheme alongside employer contributions, tax rebates and investment growth. Examples include individual or group personal and employer pensions and Self-Invested Personal Pensions (SIPPs).

Since the pension freedoms of 2015, members of defined contribution schemes can usually do the following from age 55:

- Take the whole fund as cash - 25% (known as the 'Pension Commencement Lump Sum' - PCLS) will be tax-free in the UK.
- Make cash withdrawals when you want - unless you have already taken the PCLS, a quarter is usually free of UK tax each time.
- Take regular income through 'flexible drawdown,' leaving the remainder invested.
- Take a secure, regular income for life through buying an annuity.

What can expatriates in Spain do with their UK pension in 2018?



By Robert Croizat,
Senior Partner,
Blevins Franks

Expatriates can also transfer to a Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme (QROPS). QROPS benefits include more flexibility to pass pension benefits to chosen heirs and to take income in Euros instead of Sterling. Once in a QROPS, funds are protected from lifetime pension allowance penalties and future UK taxation.

However, QROPS benefits and rules vary between providers and jurisdictions. Also, a 25% UK tax charge applies on transfers to QROPS outside the European Economic Area

(EEA) or Gibraltar, with funds remaining liable for five UK tax years. Take professional advice to establish if transferring is suitable for you and navigate the complex options.

'Defined benefit' or 'final salary' pensions

Often called 'gold-plated' pensions, here your employer promises to pay a proportion of your salary for the whole of retirement.

While you cannot usually withdraw cash from these pensions, you can transfer to a defined contribution scheme or QROPS. Traditionally, this has been considered less attractive than drawing a guaranteed pension for life.

However, today, some providers are offering members 'transfer values' of up to 40 times the annual benefits due at retirement. Although a one-off sum could potentially provide a retirement income that exceeds the original annual payment, it is crucial to fully understand

the consequences before giving up 'gold-plated' benefits.

Considering your options

The freedom to withdraw or transfer your pension does not mean that you should. You may even be better off taking no action at this time. If you choose to take your benefits as cash, make sure you have a reliable plan to fund your long-term financial future. Also note that, while a quarter of cash withdrawals can be taken tax-free in the UK, they are usually taxable in your country of residence.

The threat of losing it all

Pension scams are more widespread than ever - Age UK estimates £43 million has been lost to scammers since April 2014. Generally, if an investment sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Also, beware of unregulated companies offering pension services. Whether they aim to defraud you or not, there is no recourse if things go

wrong. Even amongst regulated providers, check for quality. The UK Financial Conduct Authority found that under half of those cashing in final salary pensions received suitable advice.

Getting it wrong could have serious and unexpected consequences. Make sure your adviser considers your needs, objectives, personal circumstances and risk appetite to find a tailor-made, tax-efficient solution for you and your life in Spain.

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The tax planning vehicles you used in the UK are unlikely to be effective in Spain; ISAs are fully taxable here, for example. You need to set up new arrangements to make Spain a tax-efficient place to live. Likewise, Spanish tax planning may not work if you return to the UK. Blevins Franks specialises in cross-border tax planning and can provide solutions for both countries.

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LINE 9: Currently halts in Calpe.

Bus no substitute for Trenet

PASSENGER figures for the Line 9 Trenet between Benidorm and Denia last year were the lowest in a decade.

Only 424,317 people travelled on Line 9 in 2017, making it the least-used in FGV's Alicante Province Tram network.

The fall in users began in the summer of 2016 when the Calpe-Denia section of line,

due for a major overhaul and modernisation that autumn, was closed on safety grounds.

Rumours that it would never reopen proved groundless as work began as planned and has continued since then, although passengers have shunned the bus service connecting Calpe and Denia.

This makes stops in Benissa, Teulada,

Gata and La Jara, but the circuitous route along saturated main roads takes much longer than the Trenet and the buses are sometimes empty. The Calpe-Teulada section of the line, due to reopen this year will not do so until early or mid-2019, followed by the remaining Teulada-Denia stretch later the same year.

Bonfire restrictions eased

RESPONDING to complaints from agricultural growers and farmers, the Generalitat is lifting its indefinite ban on bonfires near woodland.

Owing to the continuing drought, the regional government's Agriculture and Environment department has imposed the same restrictions that are in place each summer to reduce the risk of forest fire.

All bonfires were vetoed within 500 metres of wooded areas, while farmers were banned from burning stubble and unwanted vegetation.

As the ban continued, accumulated prunings and other rural litter were liable to attract vermin and insects and, paradoxically, could also cause fires, local farmers pointed out.

"There is a real risk that these could become a tinderbox," agreed the Environment department's regional secretary, Julia Alvaro.

In view of the forecast rain and following a meeting with representatives from the La Unio farmers' union, Alvaro announced that the regional government was lifting the former restrictions.

She also emphasised that the department would reintroduce the ban if weather conditions made this advisable.

Legacy that can't be sold

FRANÇOISE and Jean Maurice loved Jesus Pobre so much that they decided to bequeath their land to the village.

Françoise, who survived her husband, died a year ago and their 20,000 square metres of woodland now belong to Jesus Pobre.

As the village depends administratively on Denia and lies within its boundaries, the last plenary council meeting formally agreed to accept the legacy.

The French couple's will imposed the condition that the land, with its pines, carobs and shrubs was for public use and could never be sold.

Both were concerned about the pressure to build in the area and had repeatedly turned down offers to sell the land.

Neither the legacy nor the condition came as a surprise, as Françoise and Jean had previously informed the municipal authorities that on their death, they would leave the land to the Jesus Pobre population.

Their plan began to crystallise when five years ago the woodland, known as Pinar de los Franceses, was included in the hiking route that links Jesus Pobre with the Sella golf course.

The Jesus Pobre administration notified Denia Council of Françoise and Jean's intentions and the town hall completed the formalities to include the land on the municipal inventory. This has now been transferred to the Jesus Pobre administration, the only other stipulation in the couple's will.

NEWS EXTRA**Straight swap**

ONDARA'S Youth Centre will occupy an unfinished building in Calle Picasso that the owners ceded to the town hall in exchange for €38,000 and land elsewhere inside the town.

Blue funk

VILLENA increased its Blue Zone parking fees to 75 cents an hour, while the fine for exceeding the time limit on the displayed ticket rose from €3.90 to €4.

At the ready

ALTEA'S Health and Youth departments announced that DYA ambulances will be on duty at the town's municipal sports installations each weekend during youth team matches and other juvenile events.

Net tightens on pirate apartments

THE Valencia Tourist Board (AVT) will inspect 3,000 tourist apartments to check that they comply with regulations.

Addressing the committee created to combat disloyal competition, Tourism chief Francesc Colomer explained that the AVT had only 10 inspectors.

To make up the shortfall it would be necessary to spend €55,000 on outsourcing inspections, Colomer said. "We want our guarantees to be more effective and ensure that the announced number of inspections tallies with those actually carried out."

The AVT has also printed a new guide for owners of tourist accommodation that details existing regulations and

has been produced with the collaboration of the College of Property Administrators.

"We want to tighten the net and focus on the issue from different angles," said Colomer, who acknowledged that this would also have to involve combating "wiliness."

His department is also making €600,000 available for campaigns to raise awareness of unfair competition amongst tourism associations and businesses.

"Through our work with the Federation of Municipalities and Provinces we are also seeking the involvement of town halls and the Local Police," Colomer told the committee. "This part of the project was begun in 2017 and we want to develop it in 2018."

Flu increase ousts ops

PATIENTS complained after Denia hospital temporarily suspended non-urgent operations as flu cases soared.

Speaking to the provincial media, Marina Salud, which runs the hospital, confirmed that operations requiring admission had been replaced with same-day surgery.

Beds were needed for flu cases, but only non-urgent cases had been "deprogrammed" the hospital explained. "Urgent surgery and cancer operations are as normal," a spokesperson added.

According to the regional government's Health department, the number of flu cases shot up by 23 per cent at the beginning of January.

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SAN JUAN: Amancio Ortega donation will pay for equipment.

Zara pays for isotopes

SAN JUAN hospital will again produce radioactive isotopes for the 10,000 nuclear medicine procedures required annually for 8,000 cancer patients.

Production ceased in 2002 when this service was outsourced to a private sector company based in Valencia, although San Juan was planned as a cancer-treatment hospital when it was built 25 years ago.

The €400,000 cost of the systems and strict security mea-

sures required for isotope production will be met by cash received from Amancio Ortega, president of the Zara empire who last June donated €320 million to Spain's state health system for cancer-treatment equipment.

Approximately €30 million of this was to be allocated to Valencian Community hospitals, the regional president Ximo Puig announced at the time.

San Juan is the provincial

hospital that will benefit most from the donation, receiving €6 million of the €10 million allocated to Alicante.

Already a reference point for nuclear medicine, San Juan hospital is the only state system hospital with a radiotherapy service.

As well as enlarging the Radiopharmacy Unit, the Zara money will provide the hospital with two Linear Accelerators (Linac) and bunkers, as well as a second MRI scanner.



ISIN – the 12 digits that could make or break your retirement plans...

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



As part of my current series of articles on portfolio management I wanted to offer my readers a window into one of the first things I do when a client asks me to review their existing portfolio.

An ISIN (International Securities Identification Number) is a code consisting of 12 numbers and letters, that identifies each individual investment you hold in your portfolio. When you receive a valuation, these codes should be clearly visible.

This combination of characters can tell me pretty much everything I need to know about your current financial advisor. Are they competent, are they working for your benefit or their own? Are you in expertly run, robust funds with long track records or simply a fund that has paid your financial advisor to recommend it?

It's relatively simple to check an ISIN for yourself, but that doesn't mean you'll have the experience or knowledge to know exactly what to look for. Here's something you can do at home – simply pick one of the

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Analysing funds isn't simple, but what you can do with an ISIN is at least get some initial information. Things to look out for:

1) Does the ISIN start with GB? If it doesn't,

this means your fund is an 'offshore' fund which means it isn't under the regulation of the FCA, and also has the potential to contain hidden charges, unnecessary entry fees etc.

2) Is the annual charge more than 1% or is there an entry charge? It's very unusual for high quality funds to charge more than 1%, many charge substantially less. An entry charge is almost unheard of. Be aware if you're paying high annual fees or an entry charge on a fund. It's highly likely this overcharging is funding hidden payments to your advisor.

3) Is the fund performing well against the benchmarks shown on the chart? If your advisor has specifically chosen that fund to benefit you, you'd expect it to be outperforming the benchmarks.

There's so much more to analysing funds than the simple steps above, but what they can do is help you identify if there's any potential concerns, so you can have them looked at by an expert.

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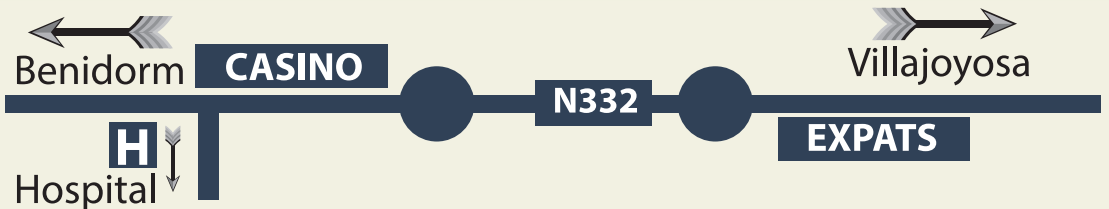
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Builders back on the job

THE regional government plans to finish the cultural centre within 15 months.

Work at the site on the corner of Avenida de Europa and Calle Lepanto halted when cash ran out in 2010 but regional president, Ximo Puig has now pledged €11m for the first phase.

He was speaking in Benidorm, where he presided over a board meeting of publicly-owned Valencian Community Themed Projects (SPTCV), responsible for the region's large-scale leisure projects.

The money was raised by selling SPTCV land ad-



Photo credit: Generalitat Valenciana.

NEW START: Ximo Puig and Benidorm mayor Tol Perez (third right). CULTURAL CENTRE: Could be finished in 15 months (inset).

joining the Terra Mitica theme park for €27m.

It will now be possible to finish the promised 540-capacity auditorium, a music and dance conservatory

and cafeteria. Puig also announced that cladding will be added to all of the building's facades and roofs, including those belonging to the second phase.

'Jobs for the boys' probe

A RETIRED Benidorm Town Hall employee failed to turn up to testify during an investigation into irregular municipal contracts.

Jose Asensio, now a councillor in Relleu, but formerly Contracts and Social Security chief at the town hall, explained afterwards that he did not appear because he was not notified previously.

The courts are scrutinising contracts awarded during the time that Agustin Navarro, now accused of cronyism,

was Benidorm mayor.

Unlike Asensio, a Personnel department official and the town hall's wages clerk kept their appointments with a Benidorm judge who is investigating Agustin Navarro, councillor responsible for Personnel, Juan Ramon Martinez, and the former head of the Personnel department.

All three face charges of irregularities in taking on staff, influence peddling and misappropriation of public funds.

More loos needed

THE Compromis party complained that there are not enough public toilets on Benidorm's beaches.

Those that are there are 'dirty, lamentable and unhygienic' according to Compromis spokesman Josep Bigorra. Worse still, there were too few of them, obliging the elderly to queue up to use them, he said.

The concessionary company that provides this municipal service is under contract to carry out a survey on increasing the number of toilets and their location.

Beaches councillor Lorenzo Martinez has announced that his department is working to increase the number of toilets and decide where they will be sited.

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Kick in the teeth

CLIENTS of a San Juan dental clinic only learnt that it would close the next day through the local media.

Many went to the surgery in the Rambla where according to media sources there were tense scenes as they demanded to see the owner whom they knew was on the premises.

The majority wanted their money back after paying in advance, while others demanded that staff hand over their dental records and x-rays so they could continue treatment elsewhere.

The dozens of affected patients included Sabrina Martinez who paid €10,000 in advance and has so far received €4,000 of dental care. She is now spokeswoman for the group of angry clients and told the local press that they have sought legal advice and will make an official complaint of embezzlement.

Although staff at the clinic later provided their records, these did not include x-rays, she complained.

San Juan's mayor Jaime Albero, expressed his concern and announced that the Municipal Consumer Information Office (OMIC), which normally opens every fortnight, would open the following day to advise the patients.

Belle of the ball

KING FELIPE VI of Spain has turned 50.

And as the monarch reached his half century, he presented 12-year-old daughter Crown Princess Leonor - who is first in line to the throne - with the Order of the Golden Fleece at The Royal Palace of Madrid.

Among the group of dignitaries watching the ceremony was Leonor's mother Queen Letizia, 45, who stunned in a bright red suit with deep scarlet blouse and her younger sister Sofia, 10.

The Order of the Golden Fleece dates back to 1430, when Duke of Burgundy Philip the Good founded it to commemorate his marriage to Princess Isabella of Portugal.

It has since become one of the most prestigious Roman Catholic knighthoods in Europe, and for Leonor represents a 'symbolic step



CROWNING GLORY: Princess Leonor receives the order and (inset) the Royal Family eat at home as Sofia cheekily raises her glass.



in her preparation and future.'

The ceremony on Tuesday came after the King and

his family posted a series of candid photos and videos showing them relaxing at home to mark his birthday.

NEWS EXTRA

Star teacher rewarded

CRISTINA RUEDA, a 64-year-old teacher at the Minerva state primary school in Paterna (Valencia) for more than 40 years, won the Educa 2017 prize for the Best Primary Teacher in Spain.

More rooms

TEN rooms can be added to the existing 25 at a landscape hotel in Benimantell in the Guadalest Valley after the Generalitat approved the findings of its Environmental Impact report.

Lighter bills

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All pumped up

THE Marina Baja Water Consortium is replacing a generator-water pump at the Algar pumping house.

The pump has functioned without interruption for 44 years to provide water for the Marina Baja towns that the Consortium serves. Installing its €400,000 replacement has now begun, as the Consortium continues its programme of renewing obsolete equipment.

The Algar installation is at the heart of water distribution in the Marina Baja, where natural resources are unequally distributed between the dry coastal strip and relatively water-rich inland areas.

Water from the Algar pumping house is sent to the Guadalest reservoir as well as distribution networks in Benidorm, Fines-trat, Alfaz, Villajoyosa, La Nucia and Polop, although the latter's drinking water comes from its own springs.

The pump, which can raise 1,500 litres of water per second to a height of 300 metres, is so high-performing that it will soon pay for itself, the Consortium's Technical Director Jaime Berenguer said.

There are four similar pumps at the station but these have caused fewer problems than now-removed pieces of machinery, which needed urgent renewal, he explained.



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Time is running out

STARTING today, Benidorm Town Hall's 700 municipal workers are using digital scanners to clock on.

The digital system was introduced last November but was not obligatory until now. Most of the staff at the town hall and municipal offices have been using the scanners to clock on, apart from one person who, municipal sources said, "sails past as though it does not exist."

Another 15 employees are registering digitally but the scanners cannot read their fingerprints and have not registered their arrival and departure correctly.

Overall, the pilot phase has been successful, said the Timetable Control and Moni-



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DIGITAL SCANNER: Impossible to beat the clock.

toring Committee whose members are representatives of the unions, employees, management and councillors

Problems would be ironed out so that the scheme could start as planned but this could be delayed for up to a month until solutions were found, a committee spokesman said.

Once the scanner is functioning, employees who fail to complete their 37.5 hours a week will not be fined.

Instead the unworked time will be docked from their pay, although Personnel councillor Jesus Carroble said this would be done as a "last resort."

Some fishy goings on

SEPRONA, the Guardia Civil's nature protection unit, impounded 316 kilos of fish in Altea.

During a routine check, the officers, accompanied by a Fisheries inspector from the Generalitat's Agriculture department, discovered three unlabelled consignments of fish.

After these were weighed and measured, they were found to be smaller than permitted by

environmental regulations that help fishing grounds to replenish. There was also a potential hygiene risk, as the fish had not passed the required health checks.

Seprona confiscated 220 kilos of octopus, 88 kilos of whiting and eight kilos of monkfish, fining the owners of the recently-caught fish as well as its prospective buyer.

The impounded fish was

put into cold storage and later distributed to local charities.

NEWS EXTRA

Naming names

RESIDENTS in Palma de Gandia (population 1,500) will vote on changing the town's name to Palma de la Safor or retaining the original name, but in its Valenciano version.

Plant life

THE Generalitat will spend €5.5 million on rebuilding the light plastics sorting and classification plant in Benidorm which burnt down during a forest fire in January 2009 and has been used for storage since then.

More homes

SAN VICENTE expects to build 8,200 new properties over the next 20 years to accommodate the 30,000 population increase envisaged in the town's Structural Plan, but will reclassify only 'strictly necessary' land.

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CABEZO REDONDO: Carmen Amoraga inspects the site.

Grant for Bronze Age site

THE regional government is sharing €50,000 amongst three Alicante Province archaeological sites.

One of these is Cabezo Redondo, Villena's Bronze Age archaeological settlement, which will receive €15,000. The remainder will be shared between the Bou Ferrer, sunken Roman galley in Villajoyosa and the Peña Negra site in Crevillente.

An Alicante University team is currently document-

ing the living, working and burial areas at the Cabezo Redondo site, which was occupied between 1300 and 1150 BC.

Twenty-eight stone built domestic buildings, which once had wooden rafters and thatched roofs, have been excavated at the important settlement, which occupied an area of 10,000 square metres on the slopes and top of Cabezo Redondo. Its importance and affluence at the time are demonstrated by the

35 pieces of gold jewellery discovered there in 1963.

Carmen Amoraga, the Generalitat's secretary general for Culture and Patrimony who visited the site recently, confirmed the regional government's continuing support for Cabezo Redondo.

The €15,000 grant will be used to improve access to the site and the excavated buildings, which until now have been inaccessible to visitors.

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SOLVED: No more water cuts in Tarbena.

Another well for parched village

TARBENA Town Hall is taking steps to prevent cuts in the water supply when the population increases each summer.

Another well has been sunk in the Picassaries zone, six kilometres outside the village.

The project is very important for Tarbena, which has a registered population of 636, said the mayor Thierry Mas who is also the Urban Development councillor.

Work will be carried out in two phases, the first of which has already been completed and was financed by the Generalitat. This entailed installing a pump to bring up water from a

depth of 500 metres.

The next step will be installing a pipeline that connects the well to the village six kilometres away, which Mas admitted was "rather a long distance."

This part of the €344,969 project has now been put out to tender and will be financed by the provincial council, the Diputacion.

The Picassaries water was located many years ago but no attempt was made to use it until now, Mas explained. "Now we shall have another well and more water by summer next year."

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First patera of the year

THE first immigrant patera known to have reached the Marina Alta this year was discovered on a Calpe beach.

The empty dinghy, which would have been set ashore from a larger 'mother ship,' was spotted early in the morning on the Arenal Beach's Pinos zone.

Less than an hour later the Local Police intercepted one of its passengers, a 20-year-old Algerian, in the town centre. He was taken to Calpe's Guardia Civil headquarters where he received food and warm clothing from the Red Cross.

Guardia Civil patrols searched for the boat's two other occupants, but located only one, another 20-year-old Algerian, and are still looking for the third occupant.

Headquarters come home

THE Guardia Civil's central command post for the Alcoy area, the Capitania, is returning to the city.

The headquarters were transferred to Ibi in the 90's and the Interior Ministry's decision to move the Capitania back to Alcoy was welcomed by the city's mayor, Antonio Frances.

The council is allocating €50,000 towards repairs to the old Guardia Civil headquarters in Plaza Al-Azraq which are in a bad condition after years without maintenance.

Renovations began last summer in the main part of the building and are now due to recommence at the back.

As well as the Guardia Civil's usual administrative sections, the Alcoy headquarters will also incorporate the Firearms Inspection department.

Ibi was less happy about losing the Capitania although the local mayor Rafael Serralta expressed satisfaction that the number of Guardia Civil officers assigned to the town would not be reduced.

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JUAN CARLOS MORAGUES (centre) congratulates investigators and (inset) an officer inspects some of the haul.

Drugs bus raid

TWO British men have been held for allegedly transporting millions of Euros worth of drugs on a luxury coach. It comes after 17 kilos of cocaine and 715 kilos of hashish were seized by police during a swoop in Sagunto, Valencia.

The two men, aged 39 and 59, have been accused of drug trafficking.

It is claimed the narcotics were hidden in secret compartments on the British-plated coach, which was on its way from Malaga to the UK and has

been used by a series of unnamed music groups during their European tours.

The vehicle was stopped on the AP-7 toll road by Guardia Civil officers from Puçol in the Valencia region.

An international arrest warrant has been issued for the owner of the company that owns the bus.

Juan Carlos Moragues, the Spanish government's delegate in the Valencian Community, visited investigators to congratulate them.



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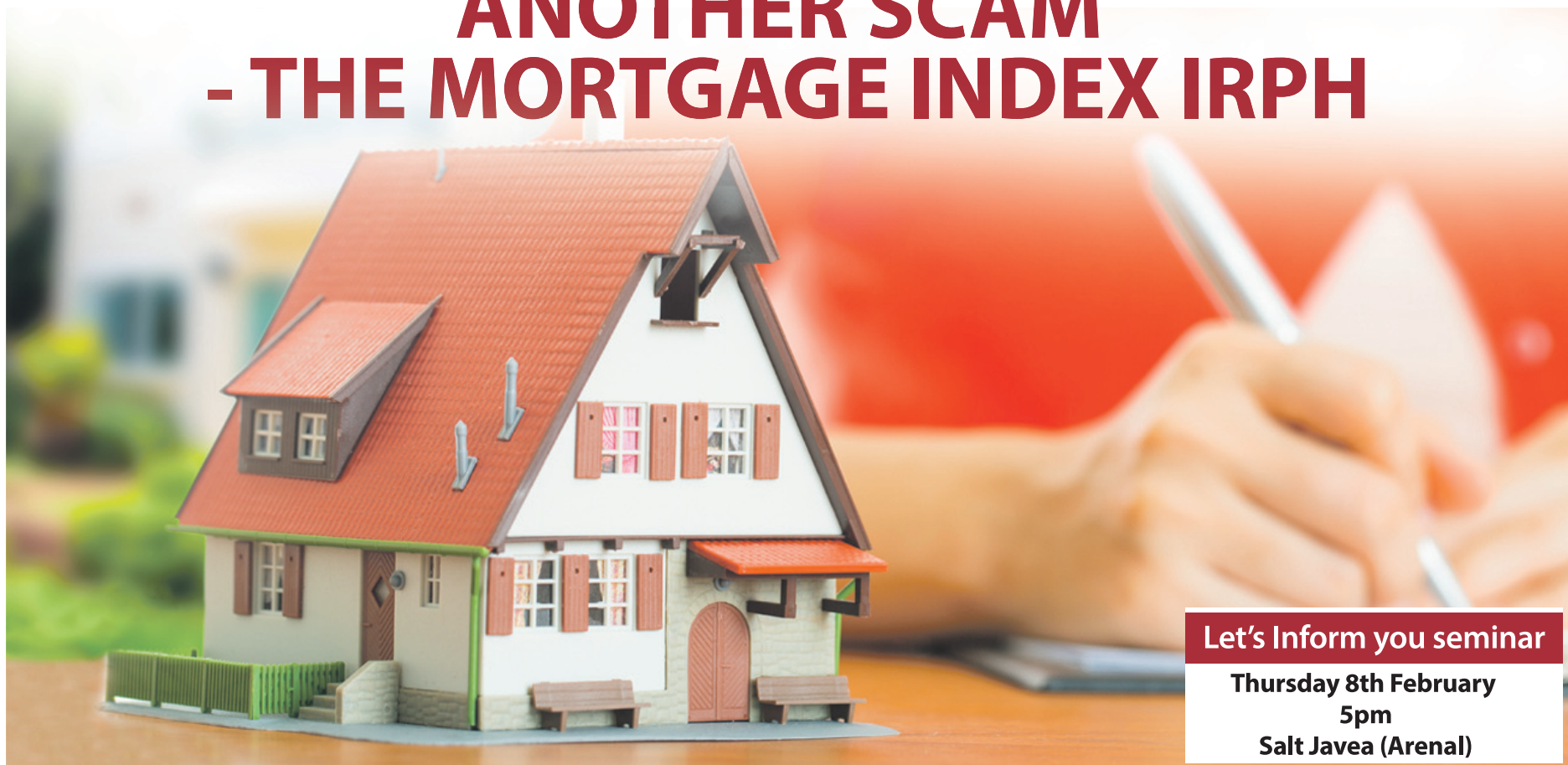


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We need to know how the assets out of Spain should be administered in accordance with Spanish Law and who the beneficiaries are.

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Intestacy rules for assets outside of Spain

If as you mentioned there is no other will and it refers only to assets in Spain, then, we must conclude that

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Applicable Law

I understand that as per the Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 about Jurisdiction and applicable law in succession matters and European Certificate of Succession, articles 21 and 22, that the applicable law to the inheritance will be a matter for Spanish Law, because Spain was the habitual residence of the deceased at the time of death and as far as the deceased did not make a choice of law in favour of the law of his own nationality.

Who are the beneficiaries of the assets out of Spain?

For the assets out of

Spain, as there is no valid will to cover them, the Spanish Intestacy Rules, will apply regulated in the Spanish Civil Code, articles 912 and following ones, and in this case, as per article 931 children and descendants inherit before any other relative, to their parents and other ascendants.

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The scheme is being trialled in three hotels from the end of February and will be available in 30 establishments this summer.

Two Spanish resorts in the Canary Islands will be amongst the first offering the new service.

The Sunprime Atlantic View Suites & Spa in Playa Del Ingles on Gran Canaria and the SEN-



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TIDO Aequora Lanzarote will be taking part.

Only a proportion of a hotel's sunbeds will be bookable to ensure there are still some available for those who do not want to pay the premium.

Thomas Cook say that if you're staying at a hotel where Choose Your Favourite Sunbed is available, and you're eligible to use the service, they will send an email six days before you travel with instructions on how to book.

They tell guests to 'simply follow the link in the email to see a map and pool plan of your

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Drowning horror

AN 80-year-old British pensioner died after suffering a heart attack while swimming at a beach popular with holidaymakers in the Canary Islands.

The unnamed man was pulled from the sea at Playa Flamingo beach in the south of Lanzarote.

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Pensioner's balcony rescue

A WORRIED neighbour alerted the police after a 72-year-old friend failed to respond while they chatted on their respective balconies. After Alfaz's Local Police and Guardia Civil who answered the call, found the apartment door locked, Guardia officers Jose and Francisco Javier climbed to the first floor balcony. There they found the elderly woman very weak and barely conscious.

She is now recovering in Villajoyosa hospital where sources said she was out of danger.

ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

Benefactor brings Red Cross to town

THE Red Cross now has an Alfaz head-quarters.

Located in Calle Francia, the premises were gifted to the organisation by Nas-sira Krache in memory of her daughter Hind Nouzha Nessma.

First to speak during the official opening was Mara Martinez, president of the Red Cross's Benidorm branch who thanked the generous donor.

The benefactor, unable to attend the opening, was represented by her sister who at this point was overcome with emotion, explaining that the occasion was so important for her family.

"This is a wonderful day that will always be in our hearts," said Antonio Navarro, president of the Alicante



RED CROSS: An emotional moment during inauguration.

Province Red Cross, who added that the organisation he represented intended to do justice to such a generous act.

Also present were Alfaz's mayor and councillors, the Norwegian consul and vice-consul, the British vice-consul and

the Danish consul.

Future projects include first aid instruction, job training for young people, assisting pupils at risk of social inclusion and volunteer activities that focus on the vulnerable.



AECC: Alfaz branch hopes for new members.

Recruiting call from AECC

ALFAZ'S branch of the AECC national cancer charity, hopes for new members this year.

Local president Pamela Dawson Tasker, vice-president Maribel Torres and the group's youngest volunteer Miriam Gonzalez, accompanied by La Vila's AECC president Pedro Llorca, recently met Alfaz's Health councillor Marisa Cortes.

"At present there are 10 of us but we would like many more by the end of this year," Pamela explained to Cortes.

The Espai Cultural Escolles Velles where the group met the councillor is the venue for a pop concert at 8pm on February 16.

As well as raising funds for the AECC, the Alfaz branch hopes to attract new members and volunteers, especially amongst the young.

"Their help is very important because it adds to the many people who believe it is possible to conquer cancer. They know that becoming a member is one way of winning," Pamela said.

Less far to go

STUDENTS of Norwegian no longer have to travel to Oslo to obtain the official Bergenstest qualification.

Following an agreement between the town hall, the UNED open university in Denia and the Folkeuniversitetet in Oslo, this can be

sat in Alfaz, the only place outside Norway where the oral exam is held.

As on previous occasions, the written and oral exams will take place at the Escuela Noruega Costa Blanca school.

Bergenstest qualification is essential for anyone needing to certify competence in Norwegian or intending to study at any university or educational institution in Norway. The written exam will be held on April 7 although the date for the oral in May has not yet been announced.

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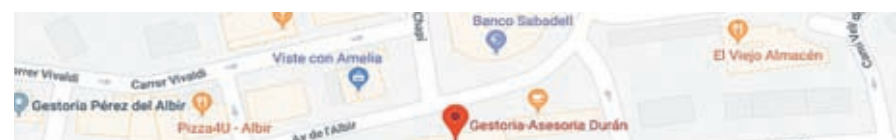
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Teulada Moraira NEWS

AECO donates €500 to Caritas

THE Association of Entrepreneurs and Businesses (AECO) Teulada-Moraira donated €500 to the non-profit organisation Caritas in Teulada.

The president of AECO Teulada-Moraira, Jose Garrigos, commented that the sense of solidarity among locals was one of the biggest successes of the campaign.

"We are very happy with the number of customers who participated. We knew people would engage and that the initiative would be worth our while. AECO cannot lose contact with the people in need and we hope to continue this kind of initiative for much longer," he said.

The donation took place at the Teulada Town Hall with Carlos Linares, the mayor of Teulada-Moraira, councillor Nieves Rodriguez, the parish priest D Vicente Solera, An-

tonia Vila, the president of Caritas Teulada-Moraira, Esteban Vacas, Caritas treasurer

and representatives from AECO Teresa Ferrer and Joanne Williams all in attendance.



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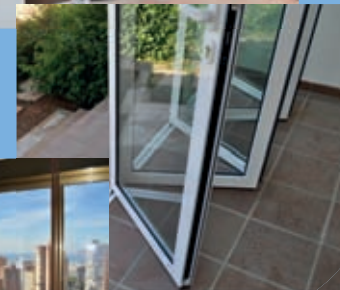


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JAVEA - XABIA

NEWS

Keeping locals safe

THE local Civil Protection agency in Javea has continued to be able to count on the support of the Carrusel charitable organisation, which donated 16 walkie-talkies to aid communication between their volunteers in the case of an emergency, improving the group's effectiveness at keeping citizens safe.

The charity, which raises money by selling second-hand goods, has become a great supporter of Civil Protection in recent months, as two months ago it paid for a new water pump for the fire department.

Pepa Gisbert, the councillor for Citizen Security and Emergencies, thanked the support of Carrusel in helping provide the Civil Protection agency with new equipment to make sure the town is ready to face any emergency.



GENEROUS: The walkie-talkies donated by Carrusel.

Dead shark washed up on shore

A 1.5-METRE-LONG shark has been found on the Cala Blanca beach near Xabia. The shark, thought to be a peregrine, was discovered following a storm. It was found with a large wound on one side and was marked from hitting rocks on the beach.

The shark was thought to be young as the species can typically grow to up to 12 metres in length. Its body, which was removed by a cleaning company on Monday, had reportedly not yet decomposed. The find comes as the corpse of a bottlenose dolphin was discovered on the Arenal beach, also near Xabia.

The two-metre long body is believed to have been an adult. It was found in an advanced stage of decomposition.

The corpse was covered with plastic to stop people who had come to visit the beach from seeing it.



Helping Grant a Wish!

GRANT A WISH receives donations from many different sources but recently they were delighted to receive a large donation raised thanks to an amazing initiative by Galeria Marquee in Javea.

The 86-year-old local artist, Billie Cook knew she had to move into sheltered accommodation which offered no space for her lifetime's work of paintings and ceramics. She couldn't bear the thought of just dumping this legacy, so reached out to Rod Davis and his wife and Gallery partner Maluh.

They visited her flat which was crammed with works of art and swiftly decided to mount an exhibition of Billie's work at the Galeria. There, instead of putting a price on each item, visitors interested in acquiring artwork were invited to donate whatever sum they thought appropriate. Funds raised in this innovative way would ultimately be divided between Grant a Wish and Aspanion, a charity for children with cancer.

Initially planned to run just throughout November,

interest in the 150 pieces of work was so great that the exhibition continued until Christmas. Altogether the astounding sum of €2,040 was raised and will be donated to the two nominated charities.

In mid-February they will be privileged to offer some of Billie's yet-unsold work for sale in their Javea boutique, Plaza de la Constitución. Please check their Facebook page for details for precise dates and to keep up to date with their latest initiatives.

Wine group raise a glass or two!

MEMBERS of Javea U3A's Wine Appreciation Group - affectionately known locally as WAGs - recently enjoyed a lively lunch at La Cocina restaurant in the Port.

Group leader Trevor Rush presented four excellent wines - three reds and a white - with a synopsis of each offering.

His presentation was well received by

members, who were only too pleased to raise a glass or two in appreciation!

Javea U3A has over 1,500 members, who enjoy numerous activities including walking, dining out, wine appreciation and travel presentations, as well as regular trips.

For full details of what the U3A has to offer, visit the website: www.u3ajavea.org.

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Museum visitors increase

NEARLY 25,000 people reportedly visited the Soler Blasco Museum in Javea in 2017, an increase of nearly 1,500 from the previous year. More than 25 per cent of the visitors allegedly came from abroad, while locals accounted for nearly 20 per cent and the rest came from other parts of Spain.

Pines hit by disease

SEVERAL Aleppo pines in Javea are allegedly affected by the 'soflamado' disease, with at least 20 trees in the area currently affected. This disease has affected different areas of the Valencia region and is known for giving leaves a 'burnt' appearance.



Choir concert cashes in for families in need

MONTGO CHORALE was delighted to see the huge appreciation at the choir's now-traditional Christmas concert at the Loreto church in Javea.

The largest ever audience for this occasion filled the beautiful building to overflowing and the warm Christmas spirit was reflected in the extremely generous donations to the Retiring Collection. Once again, the designated receiving charity was the Loreto Church's Caritas, which provides

financial and practical help and comfort to local families in need.

Consequently, on behalf of Montgo Chorale and those who attended the performance, the Choir Director, Jan Dewland, together with other steering group members, was this week delighted to present €1,500 to representatives of Caritas who in turn gave the choir a calendar with photographs of the Loreto Church and a framed Certificate to mark the donation.

MAKING A MARK: From left, Francisca Safir, Marcella Fitzgerald, Maria Jose, Treasurer of Caritas, Peter Lobb, Elly van der wel, Gill Atkinson and Jan Dewland.

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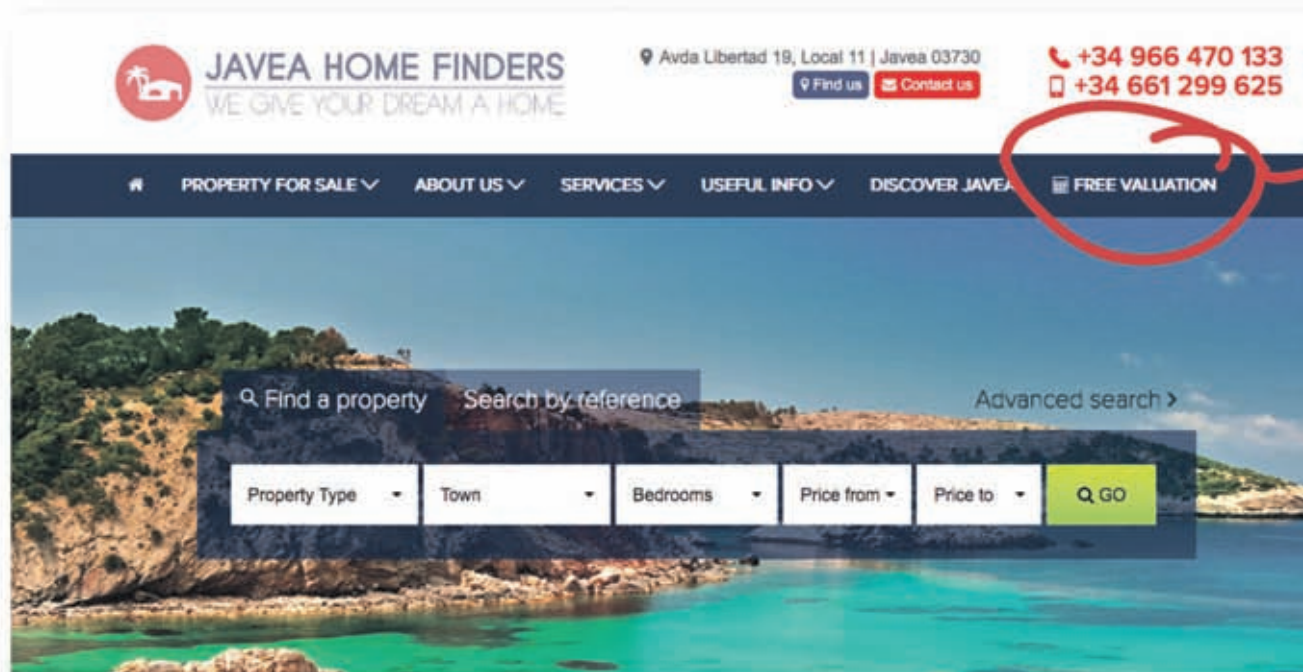
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Jalon Valley Help donation appeal

FOR many years, Jalon Valley Help has supported the local homeless men's hostel, and recently presented them with a cheque for €3,000. Up to 70 men can be accommodated and receive excellent care, but rely heavily on donations.

Currently, they are in desperate need of unused toiletries, medication and such things as detergent, bleach and the usual household cleaning products.

Donations can be taken to either of the two Jalon Valley Help charity shops in Jalon and Alcalali and will be taken to the hostel where they will be very gratefully received.

Jalon Valley Help also recently presented a cheque for €2,000 to the Preventorio with which to support their work with 'children in need.'

The charity handed over numerous hand knitted



HAPPY TO HELP: Elaine Horton, President of Jalon Valley Help, writing the cheque for €3,000.

jumpers made from donated wool and knitted by the charity's volunteers.

Good knitters are always required by the charity, and some wool is currently available. This can be turned into

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Down in the valley

AFTER the success of Valley Voices Christmas concert - in conjunction with the Spanish Orba choir celebrating their 30th anniversary - Valley Voices are now into the swing of their spring/autumn 2018 programme of music.

They are looking to celebrate another afternoon of tea and music at the Citrus Bar, Orba, where Jacqui and her team gave them such a warm welcome last year. Also planned is a May concert at the Lavender Gardens in Lliber where the audience can enjoy not just the new programme, but also the splendid Lavender Gardens which Susanne and her workforce create every year for their pleasure.

Valley Voices continue their support in 2018 for both Caritas and Jalon Valley Help. Thanks go to their sponsor for this year, Rob Park at Jacaranda in Jalon, their very own friendly Valley estate agent.

They are always looking for new members and anyone wishing to join their happy band of singers can contact Jennie on: 966 480 062 or: jenniewren38@outlook.com, or catch them on Facebook. They meet every Monday from 4-6pm at Animo (the old Bar Creu) in Alcalali.

Big cats hit the road

MEMBERS of the Costa Blanca Jaguar enthusiasts club came together from different areas of the Costa Blanca for a luncheon meeting at the popular restaurant Nugolat in Elche, and what a sight as one by one the cars rolled into the car park and lined up, creating a colourful show of various models all shining in the mid-day sunshine, as their owners were able to catch up with friends and fellow members.

This was their first mid-week meeting as they had been asked by some members if it was possible because it was difficult for them to attend weekends because of other commitments, so to please everyone they gave it a try and found it to be a success that



GLORIOUS: Members of the Costa Blanca Jaguar enthusiasts club bring out their cars for a run.

will be repeated as they had a very good turnout.

One of these members, Paul

Venables - a musician, kindly donated his time to entertain everyone throughout the meals so thank you Paul.

Their thanks also go to the staff of the restaurant Nugolat for providing good service, with a meal that included various starters, followed by a main course of four choices, a sweet and coffee with plenty of wine or soft drinks for those who were driving.

Their next meeting is some-

thing special as Mr Graham Searle - the general manager and founder member of JEC England with clubs worldwide - will be attending their inaugural meeting at the Hotel Parador in Javea on February 24 for a dinner dance, with availability for an overnight stay.

If you would like to join them please email: mikebikejec@gmail.com, you will be made very welcome.

Orba Warblers' ace donation

THE Orba Warblers Golf Society competed in the Charity Cup Day at La Sella and later held a raffle and auction. A grand total of €1,411.50 was raised and presented by Sylvia Mortensen to Pamela Dawson Tasker of the AECC Cancer Charity with a special request that it be especially for children with cancer.

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Name game

SOFIE and Jakob were the two most popular baby names for girls and boys last year, with 2016 favourites William and Nora dropping down the rankings, according to Statistics Norway.



DEFROSTED HISTORY: A researcher unearths an ancient ski complete with binding.

Peace keepers

THE government spent 1.59 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on defence last year, despite NATO rules that European countries must fork out at least 2 per cent of GDP on their respective militaries by 2024.

'Soft Brexit'

PRIME MINISTER Erna Solberg has said that the UK should aim for a "soft Brexit" and said that her country would not fight against a "bespoke deal" with the European Union, as she addressed international media World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

GERMANY



Horror crash

A SMALL plane collided with a rescue helicopter which was on a training flight near the south-western town of Philippsburg, killing four people, police said in a statement.

probe concluded that the social media giant is abusing its position of dominance in the market.

year from his private education business.

Moonlight mile

MORE than 40 politicians are under fire after an independent website revealed that they earn a second income on top of their parliamentary pay, with one raking in an extra €250,000 per

School stabbing

A 14-YEAR-OLD pupil at a secondary school near Dortmund was stabbed to death by a 15-year-old classmate, with police now probing the incident after earlier pledging to tackle youth violence in North Rhine-Westphalia state.

FRANCE



Pot luck

EMMANUEL MACRON'S government has indicated it may be willing to consider a softening of the country's cannabis laws, with smokers to be hit with €150-200 spot fines instead of being charged and potentially jailed.

Head to head

THE government has revealed that it aims to increase military cooperation with Japan as the two countries move to minimise Chinese activity in the Indo-Pacific region, with naval troops set to take part in a series of joint exercises.

Sexist sanctions

MEN could face €90 fines for making lewd comments about women in public after a government report advised sanctions for behaviour that impacts 'the freedom of movement of women in public spaces and undermines self-esteem and the right to security.'

Chewing the fat

A DRIVER in the western town of Laval has been fined €750 for tucking into a plate of foie gras on toast and watching a movie on his tablet while at the wheel.

BELGIUM



Truck off

A LORRY carrying 33,500 litres of a chemical derived from palm oil was stolen from the town of Zedelgem, although an official said that the product 'cannot be used as an explosive material.'

Crying wolf

A WOLF named Naya has become the first to be recorded in the country for more than a century, according to biologists tracking the female's journey after she left her family pack in Germany last October.

Deacon of death

A CATHOLIC deacon suspected of killing at 10 people - including his own mother and several other relatives - by injecting air into their bloodstreams, has gone on trial in Bruges.

No terror link

INTERIOR MINISTER Jan Jambon confirmed that a knife-wielding man shot by police at a train station in Ghent was an Afghan refugee with mental issues and had no link to terrorism.

NETHERLANDS



Devil's work

A DUTCH-MOROCCAN woman has been charged with child abuse in the southern city of Roermond after placing her nine-year-old son's hands in a hot oven and stuffing his ears with cotton wool in an attempt to drive out an evil spirit.

Business boom

MORE than 350 foreign companies invested €1.67 billion in the country last year, generating around 12,500 jobs, according to a new report from the ministry of economic affairs.

Having a gas

THE Dutch government has told 200 companies to stop sourcing natural gas from the Groningen field by 2022 in the wake of a series of increasingly strong earthquakes in the area.

Sunny outlook

THE number of solar panels for electricity generation increased by 40 per cent during 2017, according to a report published by *Solar Magazine*, with the rise far outstripping the 13 per cent jump in 2016.

SWEDEN



Snow bomb

SKI resort Kittelfjäll in Lappland Province registered the deepest snow cover yet this winter after more than 1.5 metres accumulated, according to national weather office SMHI.

Look, no hands

THE country's first driverless buses have hit the streets in the business district of Kista - north of Stockholm - with the six month experimental project led by bus firm Nobina in partnership with Ericsson and Stockholm City, among others.

Shelter plea

TWO members of Russian protest punk rock group Pussy Riot have applied to Swedish authorities for asylum after moving into a home in Lindesberg with their son, blaming persecution after fleeing their home country.

Kidnap claim

THE European Union has thrown its weight behind a campaign to release Swedish citizen and Hong-Kong based book publisher Gui Minhai, who was recently taken from a train by Chinese police in front of his own country's diplomats.

DENMARK



Feeling hot

WEDNESDAY January 24 was the hottest January day in Denmark since records began in 1874, as the mercury soared to 12.7°C, beating the previous record - set in 2005 - by 0.3°C.

Mum-believable

A GROUP of angry parents hired private security guards to join them in an attempt to force the headmaster of the Den Islamisk Arabiske Friskole school in Nørrebro, Copenhagen, to resign following a series of pupil expulsions.

Coining it

SCANDINAVIA'S largest bank, Nordea, announced it will ban employees from owning Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies by the end of February, sparking outrage in the financial sector and among human rights groups.

Bold as brass

A SPANISH Supreme Court judge has accused former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont of trying to 'provoke his own arrest' by travelling to Denmark, after Catalan parliamentary speaker Roger Torrent nominated him to head the new regional government.



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READY FOR LIFTOFF: The launch of the country's Luna-25 station is still set for 2019.

Moon landing

THE planned launch of Russia's Luna-25 station is still expected to go ahead in 2019 without delays, the manufacturer has said. The station is expected to be followed by the Luna-26 orbiter in 2021 and the Luna-27 lander in 2022. The statement comes as delays until 2020 for the Luna-25 were reported in the Russian press.

Stalin film pulled

RUSSIA'S Culture Ministry has revoked the licence for the British film *The Death of Stalin* two days before it was due to be released. The Kremlin has denied censoring the political satire of Dictator Josef Stalin's death and its aftermath which Russian cultural figures reportedly disapproved of.

Election meddling

FOREIGN interference in Russia's ongoing election campaign will be suppressed, an official at the country's Foreign Ministry

has said. The country has information suggesting there are plans for other nations to interfere and Russia would retaliate against any attempt to do so, the official added.

Moscow tourism

MOSCOW was visited by a record number of tourists and was one of the world's most popular destinations for travellers, its mayor has said. The city was visited by more than 21 million tourists and was one of the top five New Year's destinations internationally, he added.

'No more oligarchs'

OLIGARCHS in Russia are no more, according to the country's Deputy Premier. Arkady Dvorkovich said that oligarchs were a 1990's concept and that they have been replaced by 'responsible businessmen.' The comments come following US plans to blacklist more Russian businessmen with Kremlin ties.

Bears stay friendly

BEARS have remained friendly towards humans this winter despite their lack of hibernation. The bears, who live in the forests and mountains of Russia's southern Caucasus, struggled to sleep because of an unseasonal lack of snow and cold. Wildlife officials in the area were concerned the animals may become 'aggressive insomniacs' as a result.

BEARABLE: The animals were unable to sleep because of warm weather.



€2.9b stock market bid

SPANISH property company Metrovacesa is planning a €2.95 billion flotation.

Formerly the largest publicly traded real estate developer in the Eurozone, the firm was taken over by creditors when the country's property bubble burst in 2009, citing losses of €738 million the previous year.

Its current main shareholders, the banks Santander and BBVA, said the flotation - which is pencilled in for February - is designed to widen its base of shareholders to ease access to capital markets and financing.

Jobless stats boost

UNEMPLOYMENT in Spain is falling.

The number of jobless people in Spain plummeted in 2017 thanks largely to a record year for tourism, according to a year-on-year report by the National Statistics Institute.

Industry, agriculture and construction sectors also showed strong growth, with 471,000 fewer people out of work at the end of the year than in 2016.

The country's unemployment rate was 16.5 per cent as 2017 ended, compared with 18.6 per cent at the

By Matt Ford

end of 2016.

But Spain still has the second-highest rate of unemployment in the European Union behind Greece, with the average among the 28 member states just 8.7 per cent.

And while the service sector last year created 290,000 additional jobs, many of these only offer temporary contracts, which increased by 4.4 per cent.

"Unemployment is dropping, but the quality of jobs available contin-

ues to be below the minimum," said Pepe Alvarez, leader of Spain's UGT union. "Jobs are increasingly temporary and in December just four out of every 100 contracts signed were long-term and full-time."

Unemployment in Spain peaked at 27 per cent in 2013, when around six million people were out of work, but it has been recovering since as it continues to emerge from the financial crisis of 2007 and 2008.

The latest figures suggest that 3.76 million remain without a job.

Toll road mega deal

A DEAL that will see motorway operator Atlantia buy out Spanish counterpart Abertis has been approved by the government.

The Italian company will now compete with Hochtief, the German subsidiary of Spanish construction firm ACS, which in October launched a €17.1 billion bid to take over the toll road specialist.

If successful Atlantia - controlled by the Benetton family - would become the world's biggest toll road operator with a market value exceeding €40 billion.

Quote of the Week

Let's not get into that," Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy appears to rule out forcing private firms to pay men and women equal salaries during an interview on national radio station Onda Cero.



MOVING RON: The Pestana CR7 hotel in Lisbon.

Real deal for star's hotels

REAL MADRID footballer Cristiano Ronaldo is expanding into Africa.

And after teaming up with top Portuguese hotel chain Pestana, an ongoing joint venture between the pair will next year see a new hotel opened in Marrakech, Morocco.

It will be the fifth hotel to carry the Pestana CR7 branding.

Ronaldo follows other sports stars who have invested in hotels - including Andy Murray,

Gary Neville and Ryan Giggs - although his project has loftier ambitions.

"It is a brand that will grow... In the next three to five years we will quickly double the number of hotels," said Pestana CEO, Jose Roquette, citing Ibiza and Milan among potential new locations.

In December Roquette said that the partnership will help open new markets in Asia and the Middle East, where Ronaldo is a hero to millions.

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Bumper pay day

BANKIA - Spain's fourth largest bank - has announced the release of dividends worth €340 million to its shareholders on the back of its 2017 profits, with state-run bank bailout fund FROB to receive €207 million.

Top tech

SOUTH KOREAN conglomerate Samsung has revealed that Spanish consumers have spent more than €100 million via its mobile payment and digital wallet service, Samsung Pay, since the service was rolled out in 2016.

Mall the way

UNITED STATES investment management firm Barings has completed the €105 million purchase of the 34,000 square-metre Berceo shopping centre in Logroño, northern Spain from previous owner CBRE Global Investors Retail Property Fund Iberica.

Console sales switch on

SALES of Nintendo's new Switch games console have exceeded expectations in Spain.

There are already more Switch systems than Microsoft X Box Ones in the country, according to a report by online network Gamereactor.

It means that Nintendo has sold more units in 10 months than Microsoft has managed in

just over four years.

Although no official figures were given, at least 300,000 of the hybrid consoles are rumoured to have been snapped up.

It comes on the back of a successful Christmas campaign, with gamers attracted by titles including Super Mario Odyssey and The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild.

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Anglo American	1,732.50	-2.10	-0.12	24,344.76
Associated British Foods	2,787.50	-67.50	-2.36	22,649.80
Admiral Group	1,944.25	55.75	2.95	5,395.32
Ashtead Group	2,120.00	-4.00	-0.19	10,303.55
Antofagasta	944.00	3.00	0.32	9,345.92
Aviva	516.00	-5.60	-1.07	20,857.89
AstraZeneca	5,000.00	-95.00	-1.86	63,292.09
BAE Systems	572.50	-6.90	-1.19	18,027.56
Barclays	210.00	0.43	0.21	35,878.02
British American Tobacco	4,947.50	8.50	0.17	111,699.92
Barratt Developments	612.50	-5.70	-0.92	6,206.59
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,155.00	41.00	1.00	5,565.57
British Land Co	686.50	0.10	0.01	6,762.14
BHP Billiton	1,587.50	5.10	0.32	33,134.18
Bunzl	1,994.00	-65.00	-3.16	6,748.87
BP	515.55	-0.75	-0.15	102,606.38
Burberry Group	1,627.50	16.00	0.99	6,756.54
BT Group	270.75	7.85	2.99	25,851.32
Coca-Cola HBC	2,434.00	16.00	0.66	8,709.11
Carnival	4,935.00	-5.00	-0.10	10,206.56
Centrica	135.50	0.85	0.63	7,554.78
Compass Group	1,525.00	19.50	1.30	23,694.65
Croda International	4,514.50	0.00	0.00	5,810.19
CRH	2,719.50	-5.50	-0.20	22,507.81
DCC	7,557.50	1.68	0.02	6,667.77
Diageo	2,563.00	4.00	0.16	62,992.75
Direct Line Insurance Group	373.25	-1.75	-0.47	5,156.25
Evraz	375.50	-8.20	-2.14	5,404.57
Experian	1,571.00	-68.00	-4.15	14,882.43
easyJet	1,659.50	-29.50	-1.75	6,557.91
Ferguson	5,515.00	-57.00	-1.02	13,671.62
Fresnillo	1,375.00	6.50	0.47	10,099.13
G4S	291.90	3.00	1.04	4,437.56
GKN	435.50	-0.50	-0.11	7,434.96
Glencore	400.00	-1.90	-0.47	57,578.96
GlaxoSmithKline	1,355.00	0.00	0.00	66,188.60
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,883.50	-16.50	-0.87	9,040.51
Halma	1,257.50	-7.50	-0.59	4,832.83
Hammerson	499.00	2.80	0.56	3,898.86
HSBC Holdings	775.50	4.90	0.64	153,644.98
International Consldtd Air Grp	620.00	-30.00	-4.62	13,050.16
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,614.00	-164.00	-3.43	9,034.03
3i Group	934.80	4.60	0.49	8,839.56
Imperial Brands	2,890.00	-25.00	-0.86	27,315.03
Informa	698.30	14.10	2.06	5,651.03
Intertek Group	5,135.00	65.00	1.28	8,117.94
ITV	168.75	-2.95	-1.72	6,869.36
Just Eat	826.00	6.60	0.81	5,451.87
Johnson Matthey	3,255.50	-38.50	-1.17	6,241.45
Kingfisher	353.50	-0.60	-0.17	7,517.31

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	985.00	-25.40	-2.51	7,373.72
Legal & General Group	273.75	-1.45	-0.53	16,206.95
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	72.00	0.74	1.04	51,280.73
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,062.00	38.00	0.94	13,633.69
Micro Focus International	2,126.50	-67.50	-3.08	9,502.30
Mediclinic International	720.40	109.40	17.91	4,638.74
Marks & Spencer Group	310.60	-1.90	-0.61	5,041.58
Mondi	1,917.50	22.50	1.19	9,111.42
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	225.00	-1.90	-0.84	5,316.85
National Grid	825.00	18.00	2.23	26,875.85
NMC Health	3,173.00	-187.00	-5.57	6,909.53
Next	5,080.50	-137.50	-2.64	7,337.70
Old Mutual Group	237.30	-3.00	-1.25	11,858.25
Paddy Power Betfair	8,200.00	120.00	1.49	6,791.32
Prudential	1,935.00	15.50	0.81	49,570.28
Persimmon	2,492.50	-138.50	-5.26	8,036.44
Pearson	686.50	-7.50	-1.08	5,446.53
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,862.50	135.50	2.01	48,055.78
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	297.50	-4.10	-1.36	35,786.01
Royal Dutch Shell	2,490.00	-20.00	-0.80	115,434.09
Royal Dutch Shell	2,562.50	8.50	0.33	95,959.37
RELX	1,560.00	-1.50	-0.10	16,533.42
Rio Tinto	3,920.00	-22.50	-0.57	53,128.12
Rolls-Royce Group	881.50	25.70	3.00	15,615.79
Randgold Resources	6,850.00	-280.00	-3.93	6,771.63
RSA Insurance Group	646.20	23.80	3.82	6,343.62
Rentokil Initial	280.50	-16.50	-5.56	5,398.08
Sainsbury (J)	258.50	-2.60	-1.00	5,663.92
Schroders	3,695.00	-24.00	-0.65	8,297.28
Sage Group (The)	762.80	4.20	0.55	8,116.56
Segro	586.60	8.40	1.45	5,702.64
Shire	3,475.00	36.00	1.05	30,605.09
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,567.00	39.00	1.54	6,016.01
Sky	1,048.75	0.75	0.07	17,809.02
Standard Life Aberdeen	436.50	3.40	0.79	12,830.28
Smith (DS)	509.10	-1.37	-0.27	5,341.65
Smiths Group	1,624.50	8.00	0.49	6,395.11
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	492.50	21.50	4.56	6,498.00
Smith & Nephew	1,250.00	-42.00	-3.25	11,320.96
SSE	1,293.50	12.00	0.94	12,807.51
Standard Chartered	853.00	3.80	0.45	27,461.57
St James's Place	1,178.00	-46.00	-3.76	6,460.04
Severn Trent	2,020.50	10.50	0.52	4,748.99
Tesco	209.50	-2.00	-0.95	17,177.81
TUI AG	1,655.00	23.50	1.44	9,477.49
Taylor Wimpey	202.03	2.73	1.37	6,449.30
Unilever	3,980.00	-14.00	-0.35	49,221.41
United Utilities Group	740.50	-7.50	-1.00	5,047.34
Vodafone Group	227.00	1.40	0.62	59,857.20
WPP Group	1,295.00	2.50	0.19	16,528.17
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	99,6300	-0,06%	-0,0600	85.582,17
APPLE	171,510	+0,23%	0,400	870.217,23
BOEING CO	343,220	+0,03%	0,110	203.806,97
CATERPILLAR	167,060	-1,36%	-2,310	98.919,61
CHEVRON	131,19	+0,41%	0,54	248.514,08
CISCO SYSTEMS	42,560	+1,58%	0,660	208.684,13
COCA-COLA	48,53	+1,44%	0,69	206.408,03
DOWDUPONT	77,02	+0,48%	0,37	179.547,45
EXXON MOBIL	89,00	+0,71%	0,63	375.873,68
GENERAL ELECTRIC	16,1300	-0,31%	-0,0500	138.848,75
GOLDMAN SACHS	268,14	-0,33%	-0,89	101.040,96
HOME DEPOT	207,2300	+0,91%	1,8600	240.509,51
IBM	167,34	+1,13%	1,87	154.625,68
INTEL CORP	50,0800	+10,55%	4,7800	232.549,20
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	116,3200	+0,54%	0,6200	396.649,74
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	145,3300	+0,64%	0,9300	388.752,88
MC DONALD'S CORP	178,3600	+1,54%	2,7000	141.452,61
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,04	+1,21%	0,74	168.588,15
MICROSOFT	94,060	+1,87%	1,730	720.888,32
NIKE	68,04	+0,49%	0,33	88.346,34
PFIZER	39,0100	+4,78%	1,7800	232.348,37
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	87,730	-0,69%	-0,610	220.638,24
TRAVELERS CIES	149,42	+0,64%	0,95	40.857,32
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	137,98	+0,17%	0,23	109.619,69
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	248,47	+1,34%	3,29	239.999,24
VERIZON COMMS	54,72	+0,79%	0,43	222.880,25
VISA	126,32	+0,88%	1,10	227.660,44
WAL-MART STORES	108,3900	+1,68%	1,7900	318.781,87
WALT DISNEY CO	112,1900	+1,48%	1,6400	168.889,79

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CLOSING PRICES JANUARY 29

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
World Acceptance Corporation	\$ 117.31	19.63 ▲ 20.10%
ABAXIS, Inc.	\$ 75.71	11.27 ▲ 17.49%
MediciNova, Inc.	\$ 8.77	1.09 ▲ 14.19%
Restoration Robotics, Inc.	\$ 4.83	0.57 ▲ 13.38%
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 3.35	0.325 ▲ 10.74%
Rocket Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 16.64	1.60 ▲ 10.64%
Intel Corporation	\$ 50.08	4.78 ▲ 10.55%
Hovnanian Enterprises Inc	\$ 7.69	0.69 ▲ 9.86%
Rapid7, Inc.	\$ 25.01	2.14 ▲ 9.36%
Inseego Corp.	\$ 2.03	0.17 ▲ 9.14%
Forward Pharma A/S	\$ 5.36	0.44 ▲ 8.94%
Most Declined		
MannKind Corporation	\$ 2.79	1.01 ▼ 26.58%
Future FinTech Group Inc.	\$ 3.41	0.39 ▼ 10.26%
Wynn Resorts, Limited	\$ 180.29	20.31 ▼ 10.12%
Pacific Biosciences of California, Inc.	\$ 2.935	0.295 ▼ 9.13%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 2.54	0.24 ▼ 8.63%
Sientra, Inc.	\$ 11.74	1.08 ▼ 8.42%
Patrick Industries, Inc.	\$ 65.60	5.80 ▼ 8.12%
Ballard Power Systems, Inc.	\$ 3.01	0.26 ▼ 7.95%
Dime Community Bancshares, Inc.	\$ 20.10	1.60 ▼ 7.37%
Casa Systems, Inc.	\$ 17.50	1.37 ▼ 7.26%
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GBP/EUR rallies on Brexit speculation

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THE GBP/EUR exchange rate got off to a slow start to the year, but Brexit speculation has helped the pairing approach €1.1400, and further gains could be on the horizon.

The pound has been striking its best levels against the US dollar since the EU referendum thanks to broad-based US dollar weakness.

The softness in the US currency has also resulted in EUR/USD hitting the dizzy highs of €1.23.

What's been happening?

Over the last couple of weeks the pound has steadily strengthened on a mixture of upbeat commentary from a Bank of England (BoE) policymaker and hopes that the UK will be able to secure a softer Brexit.

Sterling received a shot in the arm as the BoE's Michael Saunders asserted that he expected UK wage growth to accelerate this year. As wage growth has been one of the main



THE POUND: Has steadily strengthened in the hope that the UK will secure a soft Brexit.

things preventing the central bank from increasing interest rates, Saunders' confidence lifted BoE rate hike expectations and boosted the pound.

Further GBP support came as Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, observed that the UK could always rejoin the EU once Brexit was completed by using Ar-

ticle 49 of the Lisbon Treaty.

French President Emmanuel Macron pressed home the idea of a Brexit reversal on Thursday, when an aide speaking on his behalf told reporters in Paris that France would look 'with kindness' upon the UK changing its mind over its decision to leave the EU.

At the same time, Lord Jim O'Neill, the for-

mer Conservative Treasury minister, was upbeat on the subject of the UK's future growth prospects.

The euro, meanwhile, came under pressure as a result of speculation surrounding the ongoing German coalition talks.

Bets that the European Central Bank (ECB) would maintain a dovish attitude on the subject of tightening monetary policy when it delivered its first interest rate announcement of 2018 also limited EUR demand.

What do you need to look out for?

Brexit developments will remain a key driver of GBP/EUR exchange rate movement over the next few weeks.

Investors will also be looking ahead to the BoE's first policy meeting tomorrow (Friday).

If policymakers are at all encouraging about borrowing costs being adjusted in 2018, Sterling could soar.

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Telefonica unveils 5G tech cities vision Next generation try-out

TWO Spanish cities are to take a leap into the future.

It comes as multinational broadband and telecommunications provider Telefonica unveiled its 5G (fifth generation) 'technological cities' scheme.

The project will lay the foundations for a full rollout of 5G technology across the country on an unspecified future date.

Telefonica is collaborating with European counterparts Nokia and Ericsson in the cities of Segovia, Castilla y Leon, and Talavera de la Reina, Castilla-La Mancha, respectively.

They will both be converted into 'living 5G laboratories' over the next three years, deploying the new technology simultaneously before performing a series of user trials including services, products, user experiences and business models.

"With the 5G technological cities project, Telefónica is turning the technology of the future into reality



TECHS APPEAL: Segovia is set to benefit from the trial and (inset) Luis Miguel Gilperez and Jose Antonio Lopez discuss the scheme.

and providing a constant service for people. This is why we will perform the technological deployment and use cases in parallel, so that we will serve people with the new technologies, one of Telefónica's clear objectives," said Luis Miguel Gilperez, CEO of Telefonica Spain.

Ericsson believes that a fifth of the world's population will be using 5G by 2023, and Jose Antonio Lopez,

chairman of Ericsson Spain, said: "5G technology will have an enormous impact on the user experience and the digital transformation of our cities and industries. Ericsson is already working with more than 35 partners throughout the world to develop use cases to prepare the connected cities of the future.

"The most important ones in Spain are related to tourism, which we have worked on with FITUR and which we are currently demonstrating.

"One of the key aims of this project, in which we are pleased to co-operate with Telefonica and the city council of Talavera de la Reina, will be to promote tourism, demonstrating 5G's contribution to economic growth and the benefits Spaniards will enjoy as a result," he added.

The 5G technology is designed to provide a higher capacity than the current 4G standard, allowing more people to use mobile broadband efficiently and improved device-to-device connectivity.

On Royal business

KING FELIPE OF SPAIN is patching up his country's brand.

The monarch swooped into the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, holding meetings with top brass from a number of multinationals before delivering a speech in front of hundreds of businessmen.

His schedule - described as 'frantic' by Spanish media - included appointments with the presidents of e-commerce platform Alibaba, technology firm Microsoft, Canadian investment fund CPPIB, and Temasek, the government of Singapore's national wealth fund. On his first visit to Davos, the ruler also met with Spanish business leaders from companies including El Corte Ingles and Santander.

The head of state's visit aimed to present Spain as an economically strong, institutionally stable nation in the wake of the Catalan independence crisis, according to reports.





NOT COMPETITIVE: Opel Corsas (inset) at the PSA plant in Figueruelas.

Union standoff could spark cuts

CAR manufacturer Opel has threatened to cut production of its Corsa compact model in Spain.

The warning comes amid tensions over wages and working conditions between workers' unions and the company, which was bought by Groupe PSA - owner of Peugeot and Citroën - from United States-based General Motors in 2016.

The French firm says that its 35-year-old plant in Figueruelas, near Zaragoza, Aragon, is less profitable than its other two Spanish factories due to wages, a lack of flexibility

and staff working fewer hours.

It has produced the Corsa for decades, employs around 5,300 people and ran at an average 80 per cent capacity in 2017, with 382,250 vehicles rolling off the production line.

But an Opel official said: "There will only be investment if a plant is profitable, and the Opel plant in Spain is at a disadvantage to other PSA factories in Spain."

Aragon's regional government said it has called for an urgent meeting to discuss the issue with PSA bosses.



Election campaigns were paid for with 'dirty money'

SPAIN'S ruling Popular Party (PP) is embroiled in another corruption scandal.

It comes after the conservative government was forced into an embarrassing climb down after a former official told a Spanish court that the party accepted 'dirty money' for election campaigns in the Valencian Community.

Ex-PP leader for the region, Ricardo Costa, was giving evidence in the ongoing 'Gurtel' cash-for-favours case, which is probing claims that campaigns were financed with cash paid in bribes over the award of public works contracts.

"It's true that the PP financed itself with dirty money in election campaign acts in 2007," he said, blaming ex-regional president Francisco Camps.

He added that Camps and former president of

the legislative Corts Valencianes body, Juan Cotin, in 2007 and 2008 ordered that regional and local election campaigns be financed by asking businessmen to pay money to a company in order to bypass a mandatory cap on electoral spending.

Costa went on to explain how he had been shown "envelopes with cash inside them and I was told it was money that businessmen had given and it had been at the request of Camps."

The trial is the latest in a lengthy series of corruption scandals to hit the PP, but when questioned by Spanish media, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said he knew "nothing" about it.

The party's spokesman, Rafael Hernando, tweeted: "I'm ashamed and I apologise for the bad conduct of some people, to those Spaniards who in good faith voted for the Popular Party (PP)."

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Revenge is the sweetest thing

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



NOT being a particularly vengeful person, this so called 'sweet' act of retribution is not particularly high on my 'to do' list. However, there are exceptions, and one example I heard recently certainly fits the bill. Our hero, in this intrepid Irish tale, was on the verge of getting married. He was a nurse by profession and most of his friends worked with him at the local hospital.

Just before the wedding, his colleagues organised a boozy stag do. The night was a rip-roaring success and the future groom, utterly inebriated, was taken home and passed out on his own sofa.

And this is when our devilish plot begins to thicken. In a pre-determined plan one of his 'friends' had raided hospital supplies and brought along all the paraphernalia needed to plaster up broken bones. With our hero duly out for the count, the party goers began their devious work. Careful not to disturb him, they plastered up one of his arms. And what a job they did of it.

Not only did they cover his whole arm, but they fitted one of those wire affairs that keeps the arm bent at the elbow and away from the body. They then all left, leaving him still out for the count and snoring peacefully. Early the next day



PLASTER DISASTER:
What happens when a stag party goes too far?



the bride on one arm and the other still uncomfortably stuck out in front of him! And still not one of the instigators said a word. Almost unbelievably, they actually let him, still blissfully unaware, have his reception and leave on his honeymoon. It wasn't 'til he returned that they finally let the cat out of the bag.

Naturally our beleaguered bridegroom went totally ape. Well you would wouldn't you? For some weeks he didn't even talk. As time went by, he appeared to put it behind him. They all began to look forward to the next big event. The marriage of his closest friend. The one who had been the ringleader of the stag night plastering 'joke'!

And on that juicy note, we'll have to leave it all till next week. Don't forget to tune in. The sweetest of revenge awaits.

Keep the faith.

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his closest friend received a hysterical phone call. It was our (naturally) panic stricken hero, pleading to know what had occurred the night before.

After calming him down, the 'friend' then managed to convince him that toward the end of the evening, when he was blind drunk, he had fallen over and broken his arm. They had visited the local hospital, had him X-rayed and subsequently plastered up. He was to go back in six weeks to

have it removed. With their victim, hardly able to remember anything at all, he finally accepted the story. Having no other choice, he then proceeded to carry on with the plans for his wedding the following day. Thinking it was all still a great joke, the stag party jesters still didn't let on.

On the morning of the wedding, still no one owned up. Subsequently they were then treated to our hero, walking up the aisle with his blushing

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An estate agent that puts the client first

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HomeEspaña has been operating in Valencia for more than a year and as the team has grown during that time, it has seen more and more people interested in buying in that area. The company therefore decided it was time to move to a bigger office.

The new office launch took place on Friday January 26 and from 5pm to 8pm, HomeEspaña directors, managers and employees from all branches arrived at the venue alongside local lawyers and builders from the area.

There was a large turn-out for the opening of the new office situated on the Gran Via Marques del Turia, 69, Valencia 46005.

Kerry Byrne, Marketing Executive



Celebrating the opening of the new, larger HomeEspaña office in Valencia.



spoke about the new Valencia office opening saying "We are responding to the growing demand of our international customers looking to buy homes in Valencia and its surrounding areas. After 16 years of successfully helping clients buy and sell property across the Costa Blanca and Murcia we are excited to continue growing HomeEspaña in a new region."

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**TECH FOR
THE TIMID**

LAST week I emailed a helpful Spanish colleague and called him a horse.

Well, not intentionally. He had been a true gentleman with his assistance, and I wanted to say so: 'un verdadero caballero.' I should have checked with Google Translate before I wrote instead 'un verdadero caballo.'

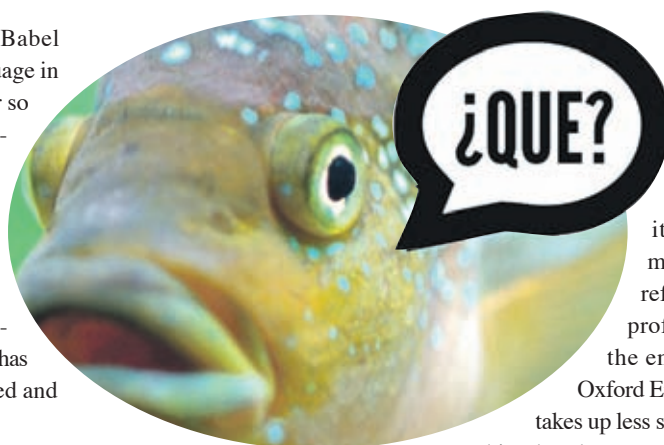
Douglas Adams' famous 'Babel fish' translator for every language in the universe (and the 5,000 or so here on Earth) is part of a hallowed sci-fi tradition, promising instant cross-culture communication. We're actually not that far off, with Google's new Pixel Buds which can translate between 40 languages - though one prominent reviewer has just called them 'overpromised and undelivered,' but it's early days.

It all calls to mind that classic Monty Python sketch where a lost tourist brandishing a Serbo-Croat phrasebook tells a London bobby: "I want to fondle your buttock!"

Today we have better and buttock-free digital phrasebooks. There are truly amazing tech aids ranging from Google Translate, to the much-lauded

Welcum We Spik English

Machine translation is still not good to go, Terence Kennedy regrets.



BABEL FISH: The universal translator.

new contender, DeepL Translator (<https://www.deepl.com/translator>).

When not rhapsodising about the latest techno-toys, I (mis-)translate for a living (no, not Spanish obviously, given the horse incident). That used to

involve shelves of weighty reference tomes, and expensive calls to native speakers. Now it's the click of a mouse, with digital reference works in profusion, and even the entire 20-volume Oxford English Dictionary takes up less space on my hard-drive than the average cat video.

Google Translate does of course have its limits, as I discovered when printing out its rendition of my illness symptoms for my non-English doctor. My few minutes of medical fame were the funniest thing she had read in ages and cabaret for her colleagues.

On a recent holiday in the Czech

Republic I broke the language barrier, with my smartphone as an interpreter, passed back and forth as we each spoke phrases in one language and the phone read them back with reasonable clarity in the other.

However rudimentary machine translation still is at this early stage, it can never be as bad as that fabled 'worst phrasebook ever' written by the legendary Portuguese author Pedro Carolina back in 1883.

Untroubled by not being able to speak any English, he turned classic proverbs into wonderful gibberish:

Nothing some money, nothing of Swiss. He eat to coaches. A take is better than two you shall have. The stone as roll not heap up not foam. The dog that bark not bite.

And my favourite, whatever it may mean: to craunch a marmoset.

Keep calm and translate

THE smartphone world is full of apps to help you across the linguistic divide, from the classic and free Google Translate which even has the hit-and-miss ability to translate a photo of foreign text.

There are more straightforward digital dictionaries than you could shake a Babel fish at. The free ones, like Reverso, are often every bit as good as their paid counterparts.

For entire chunks of translation, DeepL, mentioned earlier, is the new kid on the block. It in turn is based on a standby of word-and-phrase translation, Linguee in many main languages (try <https://www.linguee.com/english-spanish>).

As the inimitable Pedro Carolina insisted: "It may be worth the acceptance of the studious persons, of which we dedicate him particularly."

Couldn't have put it better myself.

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KEEP HEALTHY: Exercise your brain as well as your body.

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Why is it important to have a healthy mind?

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11:45pm	The Late Debate	9:30pm	Superstore	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	11:10pm	Thunderball					9:30pm	EFL Rivalries	
12:10am	Great Art	10:00pm	Release the Hounds	9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple	12:40am	Assault on Precinct 13					10:00pm	EFL Matters	
1:15am	Lethal Weapon	11:00pm	Celebrity Juice			1:40am	FYI Daily					10:30pm	EFL Rivalries	
2:00am	Jackpot247	11:50pm	Family Guy			1:45am	Assault on Precinct 13					11:00pm	La Liga Show	
		12:20am	Family Guy			2:55am	The Sweeney					11:30pm	EFL Matters	
		12:45am	American Dad!			4:00am	ITV4 Nightscreen					12:00am	La Liga Icons	
		1:15am	American Dad!				Teleshopping					12:15am	La Liga Icons	
							<i>Shopping from home.</i>							

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BBC one

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 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	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	Requiem
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Witless

BBC TWO

7:00am	My Life in Books
7:30am	Wanted Down Under
8:15am	Food: Truth or Scare
9:00am	MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Monty Halls' Great Escape
3:00pm	Coast Australia
3:50pm	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	Mastermind
9:30pm	A Vicar's Life
10:00pm	Nigel Slater's Middle East: Lebanon
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight.
12:05am	St. Stephen's Night Calvary
1:40am	Panorama

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:10pm	The Good Old Days
10:00pm	Hits, Hype and Hustle: An Insider's
11:00pm	Biggest Band Breakups and Makeups
12:00am	Agnetha: Abba and After
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:30am	Fleetwood Mac: Don't Stop
2:30am	Hits, Hype and Hustle: An Insider's
3:30am	Biggest Band Breakups and Makeups
4:30am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News <i>Includes sport and weather.</i>
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's
10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates Hotel

CHANNEL 5

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	The Hotel Inspector
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	Cowboy Builders
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Deadly Assassins
4:15pm	My Daughter is Innocent
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Wine Show
9:00pm	Celebrity Five Go Barging
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:30pm	Celebrity Big Brother
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Coach Trip
8:30am	All Star Driving School
9:00am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Inbetweeners Movie
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Gogglebox
2:10am	Tattoo Fixers <i>The parlour is open for business and the Tattoo Fixers are tooled up and ready for action.</i>

sky sports main event

7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Live European Tour Golf <i>The second day of the Maybank Championship, held at the Saujana Golf and Country Club.</i>
11:30am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
3:15pm	Live PGA Tour Golf-Featured Groups <i>The featured groups from the second day of the Waste Management Phoenix Open in Scottsdale, Arizona.</i>
8:30pm	Live Super League
11:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
1:00am	Sky Sports News

itv

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

itv2

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

itv3

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
12:25pm	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
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
7:55pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme
1:00pm	Foyle's War
1:00am	Inspector Morse

itv4

7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:25am	Minder
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:40pm	The Professionals
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals <i>Bodie's girlfriend discovers one of her ex-pupils is involved in a drug-smuggling operation.</i>
7:05pm	The Car Chasers
7:35pm	The Car Chasers
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Hornblower
11:05pm	Exit Wounds
12:05am	FYI Daily <i>Latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>
12:10am	Exit Wounds
1:10am	Green Street

sky CINEMA HEROES

10:40am	Doctor Strange
12:40pm	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
3:15pm	Ghostbusters II
5:10pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
7:10pm	Masters of the Universe
9:00pm	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice
11:35pm	Doctor Strange
1:35am	Ghostbusters II

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am	Groundhog Day
8:45am	Groundhog Day
10:30am	Groundhog Day
12:15pm	Groundhog Day
2:00pm	Groundhog Day
3:45pm	Groundhog Day
5:30pm	Groundhog Day
7:15pm	Groundhog Day
9:00pm	Groundhog Day
10:45pm	Groundhog Day
12:30am	Groundhog Day
2:15am	Groundhog Day
4:00am	Groundhog Day
5:45am	Dragnet

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:10am	The King's Choice
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	One More Time
8:45am	Moana: Special
9:15am	Wakefield
11:15am	Fear Inc
1:00pm	King Arthur <i>Rip-roaring reworking of the classic tale, with Charlie Hunnam.</i>
3:10pm	Ghost in the Shell
5:10pm	Viceroy's House <i>Hugh Bonneville stars as Lord Mountbatten.</i>
7:10pm	One More Time
9:00pm	King Arthur <i>Rip-roaring reworking of the classic tale.</i>
11:10pm	Ghost in the Shell
1:00am	Fear Inc
2:45am	Cardboard Boxer
4:30am	The King's Choice

sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	EFL Matters
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	La Liga Icons.
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview 2017/18
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	SPFL Matters



TV COUCH CRITIC

SATURDAY nights can be tricky things. I really don't want to light the fire and curl up to watch TV every week, but the coldish snap last week made me do just that and I started my viewing with *All Together Now* BBC1 Saturday.

The format here is relatively simple; you and 99 friends go to your local bar, set up a karaoke machine and ask random people to belt out a tune. If you like the singing you turn a light on and get up to sing along. If you don't like it you try to sit still and look grumpy.

The BBC have thrown in a former Spice Girl and assorted people from the music industry - you won't know most of them and host Rob Beckett, fresh from the Wedding Day Winners nightmare show with dazzling Lorraine Kelly, gives Ginger Spice the most air time. To be fair so would I. The prize is a chance to win £50,000 in the grand final.

Two performances stand out from week one. Michael Rice blasted out a brilliant version of Proud Mary by Tina Turner and got all of the 100 up singing along. He will go far in this competition. The other stand out for me was Alex who clearly isn't going very far, achieving a score of 11. The problem was the song choice. Alex can sing, has stage presence and if he ditched the comedy moustache was capable of going further. But he sang Your Song by Sir El-

All together on Saturday night, let's hope so



SPOT THE SPICE GIRL: All Together Now.

ton. This is Saturday night, the panellists are people who have more faith in their own talent than is safe and Alex sang Your Song. What a shame. I loved the social media references to the Muppet Show following the first episode.

Two Doors Down, BBC2 Monday nights has thankfully returned for a third series. You might remember that I am a fan of this Scottish come-

dy and not just because I am married to a Glaswegian and recognise some of my in-laws in the characters. The delivery is always on point and Doon MacKichan should get some sort of award from First Minister Sturgeon for her performance as Cathy. She is doing more to get people to visit the glens than Tourism Scotland.

I need to give a plug to *Next of Kin*, Monday

Night ITV. A brilliant concept, intelligent writing, two wonderful headliners in Archie Panjabi and Jack Davenport and yet ratings are sliding and critics being unkind, but I'm sticking with it.

Michael Portillo continued his *Great American Railroad Journey*, (BBC2, weekdays) with a trip through Canada's Quebec province - yes Canada, Great American Railroad, I'm just going with it. We need someone to get Michael to El Corte Ingles to do something about his blazers and pairing red trousers with a green shirt (is that part of the appeal?) but this is a smashing show, with wonderful scenery and informative pieces. Who doesn't want to learn more about maple syrup and Canada's Parliament?

Finally this week, I'm still confused by *A House Through Time*, (BBC2 Saturday); 62 Falkner Street in Liverpool is a nice Georgian terraced house, in a wonderful city but I just don't get the point of it all. There are much better history telling formats out there and would someone please get David Olusoga a different job, preferably off our screens!

Critique: Adam Whalley-Lewis, Casares, Costa del Sol

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live <i>James Martin presents another menu of mouth-watering recipes, great chefs and celebrity guests.</i>
12:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Six Nations Preview
2:45pm	Six Nations Rugby Union
8:00pm	BBC News
8:10pm	Regional News
8:13pm	Weather
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
12:50am	The NFL Show <i>Highlights from the fourth week of the NFL season.</i>
1:20am	Ill Manors

BBC TWO

8:10am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch
9:00am	The Dengineers
9:30am	Deadly Top 10
10:00am	Robot Wars
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Hairy Bikers Mediterranean Adventure
2:00pm	Tennis: Davis Cup Spain v GB
4:30pm	Nigel Slater's Middle East: Lebanon
5:30pm	Final Score
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Hugh's Wild West
8:00pm	A House Through Time
9:00pm	Dad's Army
9:30pm	Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
10:00pm	Live at the Apollo
10:45pm	QI XL
11:30pm	The Talented Mr. Ripley
1:40am	Albatross
3:05am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

4:30am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>
8:00pm	Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean
9:00pm	Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World
10:00pm	Spiral <i>Crime drama following criminal investigations in Paris from all the different points of view.</i>
11:00pm	Spiral
12:05am	Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme.</i>
12:40am	Top of the Pops
1:10am	Elvis: That's Alright
2:10am	Mama 60 Years on Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean

CHANNEL 4

6:00am	Location, Location, Location
6:55am	Kirstie's Handmade Treasures
7:15am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	King of Queens <i>Doug has a day off and decides to hang out with Richie, who is feeling bad about his divorce.</i>
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:55am	Frasier
11:25am	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
6:35pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Great Canal Journeys
9:00pm	Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
10:00pm	Suffragette
12:05am	About Time
2:20am	The Last Leg

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Fail Army <i>Comedy series taking a look at when things go wrong in the worst possible way.</i>
12:05pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	The A-Team
4:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
6:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
7:00pm	5 News
7:05pm	The Wonderful World of Puppies
8:00pm	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups
9:00pm	Blind Date
10:00pm	Football on 5 The Championship.
11:00pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
11:30pm	The X Files
1:15am	Super Casino

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8:30am	Don't Tell the Bride
9:30am	Toy Story of Terror
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
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8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Transformers: Dark of the Moon
11:55pm	Gogglebox
1:00am	Gogglebox
2:05am	Naked Attraction
3:10am	Rude Tube
4:05am	Gogglebox

sky sports main event

7:00am	Live ICC U19 Wc <i>The final of the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup in New Zealand.</i>
9:45am	My Icon
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Info not available
12:00pm	Info not available
12:30pm	Football <i>Burnley meet Manchester City at Turf Moor in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Info not available
6:15pm	Football <i>Wolves face Sheffield United at Molineux Stadium in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
8:40pm	Live Fight Night
12:30am	Live Rugby 7s: Hamilton <i>Day two of the Hamilton stage of the 2017-18 HSBC World Rugby Sevens series.</i>

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7:50am	Super 4
8:00am	Share a Story
8:05am	Ultimate Spider-Man v the Sinister Six
8:30am	Scrambled!
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:55am	Fangbone
9:10am	The Powerpuff Girls
9:30am	The Haunted Hathaways
10:05am	Wishfart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Dancing on Ice
2:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:30pm	Britain's Favourite Walks: Top 100
5:00pm	Tipping Point
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7:00pm	ITV News London
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9:00pm	The Voice UK
10:30pm	Through the Keyhole
11:30pm	ITV News
11:45pm	Lethal Weapon
1:40am	Jackpot247

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus <i>Rhona tries to move on. Moira is in turmoil but an ultimatum is given.</i>
	<i>Cain awaits a decision.</i>
10:05am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:00pm	Take Me Out
2:15pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
3:20pm	Yogi Bear
4:20pm	FYI Daily
4:25pm	Yogi Bear
5:00pm	Mr Bean's Holiday
6:00pm	FYI Daily
6:05pm	Mr Bean's Holiday
6:45pm	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
7:50pm	FYI Daily
7:55pm	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
10:00pm	Hercules
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Hercules
12:00am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Second part of the murder mystery episode.</i>
8:50am	Murder, She Wrote
9:50am	Lewis
11:55am	Foyle's War
3:55pm	Columbo: Dagger of the Mind
5:55pm	Midsomer Murders
7:55pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Foyle's War <i>Foyle takes on the might of the US army as racial prejudice erupts.</i>
2:00am	On the Buses <i>Classic sitcom. Stan's attempts to woo the inspector's niece at a dinner party end in disaster.</i>
2:25am	On the Buses <i>Sitcom about a bus company.</i>
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	The Professionals
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show <i>Magazine show to complement coverage of the horse racing.</i>
11:30am	Barcelona's European Glory <i>A short film looking at Barcelona's triumphs in Europe.</i>
11:40am	Pawn Stars <i>Reality series.</i>
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Sandown
5:00pm	Smokey and the Bandit
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	Smokey and the Bandit
6:50pm	Storage Wars
7:45pm	World Boxing Super
12:30am	Pale Rider
1:30am	FYI Daily <i>Latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>

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10:20am	Tarzan
12:20pm	Captain America: Civil War
2:50pm	Ghostbusters
4:50pm	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
7:00pm	Tarzan
9:00pm	Captain America: Civil War
11:30pm	Ghostbusters
1:30am	Troy

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:45am	Dragnet
7:40am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
8:00am	Sadie's Last Days on Earth
9:40am	Bridesmaids
11:50am	Dumb and Dumber
1:45pm	Get Him to the Greek
3:45pm	Table 19
5:25pm	Police Academy
7:10pm	Zoolander 2
9:00pm	Get Him to the Greek
11:00pm	Table 19
12:35am	Airplane!

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:30am	The King's Choice
7:00am	One More Time
8:45am	Cardboard Boxer
10:30am	Ghost in the Shell
12:20pm	King Arthur
2:30pm	Chips
4:15pm	Wakefield
6:10pm	Ghost in the Shell <i>Live-action reimagining of the classic animation about a cyborg government agent on the trail of a mysterious hacker.</i>
8:00pm	King Arthur <i>Rip-roaring reworking of the classic tale about a roguish swordsman who discovers his birthright and takes on his evil uncle.</i>
10:15pm	Chips
12:00am	One More Time
1:55am	Fear, Inc
3:45am	Three Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri: Special
4:05am	Viceroy's House

sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
12:55pm	Football
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	Magical Messi <i>Enjoy some of the best moments from the career of Argentinian football icon Lionel Messi.</i>
12:15am	EFL Goals: Championship <i>A round-up of all the goals and action from the weekend's games in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
12:45am	EFL Greatest Games
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid

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Running in blinkers

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

ACCORDING to Ricardo Costa, the Partido Popular's regional secretary general in the Valencian Community, the party was financed with black money on the orders of Generalitat ex-president Francisco Camps.

"I didn't know," Mariano Rajoy claimed on the same day that he announced he hopes to run for a third presidential term.

So Spain's next president either ignores corruption or is so inept that he was unaware of it. Take your pick.

Heading for a cul-de-sac

ROGER TORRENT, Speaker of the Catalan parliament, said before he was elected, that the Advisory Committee would pronounce on Carles Puigdemont's chances of be-

coming president while remaining exiled in Brussels.

The legal eagles gave that the thumbs-down as expected, but Torrent later confirmed the 'absolute legitimacy' of Puigdemont's potential investiture, although he was 'aware of the legal situation and the charges faced by the former regional president.'

But Torrent also wants conciliation, as he emphasised on taking his place at the Mesa. That's why he wants to meet Mariano Rajoy, so that he and Spain's president can 'explore all political avenues' to ensure that Cataluña has a president, whatever his name.

Good luck with that one, Roger, because political problems need political answers, but Rajoy's way of dealing with them is to pass the buck to the courts.

The only avenues to explore, especially those regarding the re-election of the man who insists he is already the one true president of the Catalan republic, will lead all concerned down a one-way street into a cul-de-sac.

Big fish supper for Montoro

IF politicians do it and if footballers do it, why shouldn't footballers' girlfriends do it? Shakira, partner of Gerard Pique - the pro-independence Barcelona FC star, who is regularly booed when he plays for the Spanish side - has been accused of not paying her taxes.

It's understandable that Hacienda must scrape up as much cash as it can in a country where, until comparatively recent times, paying tax was regarded as a quaint foreign custom.

All the same, it's satisfying for the small taxpayer who hasn't enough for evasion to see Cristobal Montoro go after the big fish instead of the tiddlers.

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Loyalty card torn up

THE Partido Popular (PP) condemned Ciudadanos (Cs), whining that the party is 'disloyal.'

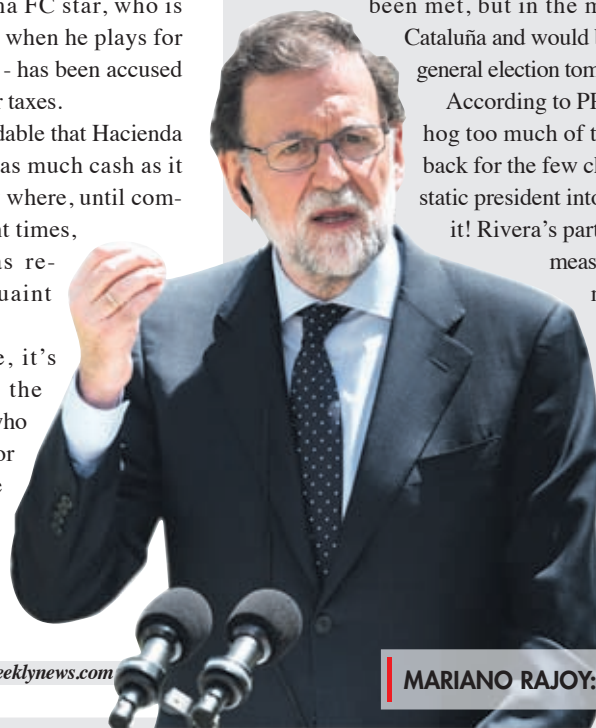
They seem to have forgotten that Spain has a government only because Ciudadanos agreed to support Rajoy's investiture bid in October 2016. In return Rajoy signed up to 150 unPP-ish measures that some insiders - without saying so aloud - believed could have helped to produce the renovation the party needed.

More than a year later, precious few of Albert Rivera's conditions have been met, but in the meantime Cs trounced the PP in Cataluña and would be in power in Spain if there were a general election tomorrow.

According to PP sources, Rajoy has allowed Cs to hog too much of the limelight, and pat itself on the back for the few changes it manoeuvred the usually-static president into effecting. And would you believe it! Rivera's party has sometimes voted against PP measures in parliament, his PP detractors maintain.

There is a Spanish saying about being a prostitute and providing the bed as well, which is what Rajoy expected from Rivera.

Not only has that not happened but the PP is now trailing Cs and there is nothing more infuriating in life, and above all in politics, than needing someone you dislike more than they need you.



MARIANO RAJOY: Hopes to run for a third time.

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
8:35am	Match of the Day
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	The Truth About Getting Fit
3:15pm	Wonders of the Moon
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Songs of Praise
5:20pm	The Proposal
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Countryfile Winter Special
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 2
12:15am	Super Bowl LII

BBC TWO

7:05am	Coast
7:35am	The NFL Show
8:05am	Gardeners World
8:35am	Countryfile
9:30am	Saturday Kitchen
	Best Bites
11:00am	Tennis: Davis Cup
	Spain v GB
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Orson Welles Talking Pictures
2:40pm	Jane Eyre
	Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel.
4:15pm	Info not available
5:15pm	Info not available
5:45pm	Elise Christie: In From the Cold
6:15pm	Ski Sunday
7:00pm	Six Nations Rugby Special
8:00pm	Yellowstone
9:00pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Dragons' Den
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Insert Name Here
12:00am	Cleverman
12:55am	Women's Six Nations Highlights

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect
	A show in which connections must be made between seemingly unconnected things.
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Wild Ireland
10:00pm	Scotland's Vital Spark: The Clyde Puffer
11:00pm	Arena
	A daily magazine programme which looks at the world of arts and entertainment.
12:15am	Stanley Spencer: The Colours of the Clyde
12:45am	Cuba with Simon Reeve
1:45am	The Story of Maths
	Series about the history of mathematics, presented by Professor Marcus du Sautoy.
2:45am	The Story of Maths

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	King of Queens
	Sitcom about a working man making what he can of family life.
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's
2:35pm	The Simpsons
3:35pm	Never Been Kissed
5:40pm	Shark Tale
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
	Includes sport and weather.
8:00pm	Posh Pawn
9:00pm	The Biggest Little Railway in the World
10:00pm	SAS: Who Dares Wins
11:00pm	Maltese
12:20am	Elizabeth
	Cate Blanchett received an Oscar nomination for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth
2:50am	The World's Most Expensive Food

CHANNEL 5

6:10am	The Great Artists
6:35am	HouseBusters
7:00am	Milkshake!
	Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Football on 5
	The Championship.
12:35pm	Football on 5
	Goal Rush.
1:10pm	Fail Army
1:35pm	Police Interceptors
	Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.
3:30pm	Johnny English Reborn
5:25pm	Earth to Echo
7:05pm	5 News
7:15pm	Bulletproof Monk
9:00pm	Batman Begins
11:45pm	The Punisher
	After a mobster slaughters his family, scarred FBI agent Frank Castle lives only for revenge.

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5:45am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:25am	Coach Trip
9:55am	Coach Trip
10:30am	Coach Trip
11:00am	Coach Trip
11:30am	Coach Trip
12:00pm	The Crystal Maze
1:00pm	The Crystal Maze
2:05pm	Toy Story Toons
2:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
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6:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:45pm	The Devil Wears Prada
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	This Means War
1:00am	The Big Bang Theory
1:30am	The Big Bang Theory
2:00am	Celebs Go Dating
3:00am	First Dates
4:00am	First Dates Abroad
4:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

sky sports main event

12:30am	Live Rugby 7s: Hamilton
	Day two of the Hamilton stage of the 2017-18 HSBC World Rugby Sevens series.
7:00am	Live Rugby 7's: Hamilton
9:15am	Cricket
	South Africa host India at SuperSport Park in Centurion in the second ODI in their series.
2:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
	Crystal Palace meet Newcastle United at Selhurst Park in the Premier League.
5:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
	Day four of the Waste Management Phoenix Open in Scottsdale, Arizona.
12:00am	Live NFL Super Bowl LII
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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7:50am	Super 4
8:00am	Share a Story
8:05am	Ultimate Spider-Man v the Sinister Six
8:30am	Scrambled!
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:55am	Ben 10
9:10am	Mr Bean: The Animated Series
9:30am	Spy School
10:05am	Wishfart
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
2:00pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:10pm	Britain's Brightest Family
2:40pm	The Cruise
3:15pm	Six Nations Live
6:30pm	ITV News London
6:40pm	ITV News
7:00pm	Dancing on Ice
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	ITV News
11:15pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	Next of Kin

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9:50am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:40pm	Take Me Out
2:00pm	The Voice UK
3:30pm	Beethovens 2nd
4:30pm	FYI Daily
4:35pm	Beethovens 2nd
	Warm-hearted comedy starring Charles Grodin and Bonnie Hunt, 1991.
5:10pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
6:10pm	FYI Daily
6:15pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
6:55pm	The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
7:55pm	FYI Daily
8:00pm	The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:05am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!

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7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Heartbeat
10:50am	Columbo: Dagger of the Mind
12:55pm	Lewis
2:55pm	A Touch of Frost
4:55pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
	A fan dies after drinking a poisoned cocktail at a Hollywood star's party.
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	Birds of a Feather
11:30pm	Birds of a Feather
12:00am	The Constant Gardener
	Thrilling drama.
2:25am	Blue Murder
	Detective drama series.
3:40am	George and Mildred
	70s sitcom.
4:10am	George and Mildred

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7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	The Sweeney
8:20am	The Car Chasers
8:50am	The Car Chasers
11:15am	Storage Wars
12:10pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Lonely are the Brave
3:00pm	FYI Daily
	Latest news from the world of entertainment.
3:05pm	Lonely are the Brave
4:15pm	Smokey and the Bandit
5:15pm	FYI Daily
	Latest news from the world of entertainment.
5:20pm	Smokey and the Bandit
6:05pm	Thunderball
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Thunderball
8:50pm	Hornblower
11:00pm	Source Code
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Source Code
12:55am	The Gauntlet
1:55am	FYI Daily

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6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Charlie's Angels
8:55am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
10:55am	The Incredibles
12:55pm	Iron Man 3
3:10pm	The Mask of Zorro
5:40pm	The Legend of Zorro
8:00pm	The Incredibles
10:00pm	Iron Man 3
12:15am	Rambo

sky CINEMA COMEDY

4:20pm	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
5:55pm	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
7:30pm	The Naked Gun 3 1/3: The Final Insult
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
10:45pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
12:35am	Airplane II: The Sequel

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	One More Time
8:50am	Cardboard Boxer
10:35am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
	Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world.
11:05am	My All American
	True-life sports drama about Freddie Steinmark an underdog American footballer
1:15pm	King Arthur
3:25pm	Chips
	A maverick FBI agent working undercover in the California Highway Patrol is partnered with a complete rookie
5:10pm	Ghost in the Shell
7:00pm	My All American
9:00pm	King Arthur
11:10pm	Chips
1:00am	Ghost in the Shell

sky sports football

9:30am	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
10:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Football
2:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
3:00pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
3:30pm	EFL Goals: Championship
4:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Football
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
11:00pm	EFL Goals: League 1 and 2
11:30pm	EFL Goals: Championship

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10:15am	Countryfile Winter Diaries
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	Moving On
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Silent Witness
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News <i>All the latest local news.</i>
11:40pm	Weather

BBC TWO

5:05am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	My Life in Books
7:30am	Wanted Down Under
8:15am	Food: Truth or Scare
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Women's Six Nations Highlights
2:30pm	Coast
3:00pm	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:50pm	This Wild Life
5:20pm	The Hunt
6:20pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Big Dreams, Small Spaces
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Horizon
11:00pm	Two Doors Down
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	NFL

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo <i>Five-part series focusing on how important the railways were in the conflict, and examining the trains used at the time.</i>
9:00pm	Wild Ireland
10:00pm	Hull Headscarf Heroes
11:00pm	Last Days of the Liners
12:00am	Horizon <i>Documentary series exploring topical scientific issues.</i>
1:00am	Rule Britannia! <i>Music, Mischief and Morals in the 18th Century</i>
2:00am	Top of the Pops: 1981
2:40am	Top of the Pops: 1981
3:15am	Hull Headscarf Heroes

CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
5:00pm	A Place in the 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	Supershoppers
10:00pm	Savers Special
10:00pm	The Bulger Murder: 25 Years on
11:00pm	First Dates Hotel
12:05am	Derry Girls
12:40am	Hunted
1:40am	SAS: Who Dares Wins

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Hotel Inspector
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Cowboy Builders
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Killer Assistant
5:00pm	NCIS
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	The X Files
11:00pm	The Silence of the Lambs
1:15am	Traffic Cops
2:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords <i>Documentary series about the victims and villains of the buy-to-let boom.</i>
5:00am	Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

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9:30am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
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
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
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	Football
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	My Icon
5:30am	My Icon
5:45am	My Icon

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Next of Kin
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Death Row 2018 with Trevor McDonald
12:45am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan

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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
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9:30pm	Superstore
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5:55am	Road to Avonlea
6:45am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
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7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
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11:20am	The Darling Buds of May
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11:00pm	Foyle's War
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5:25am	Superman IV - The Quest for Peace
7:00am	The Desert Rats
8:35am	Armageddon
11:10am	300
1:10pm	Beverly Hills Cop
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1:00am	Beverly Hills Cop III
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5:35am	Three Amigos!
7:25am	Drillbit Taylor
9:15am	Ordinary World
10:50am	Year One
12:35pm	This is Spinal Tap
2:05pm	The Boss
3:50pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
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sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:20am	Viceroy's House <i>End-of-Empire drama about Lord Mountbatten, the viceroy appointed to oversee Britain's peaceful withdrawal from India in 1947.</i>
9:25am	Cardboard Boxer
11:10am	My All American <i>True-life sports drama about Freddie Steinmark, an underdog American footballer who overcame his small stature to become a University of Texas legend.</i>
1:20pm	King Arthur
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sky sports football

9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:15am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
5:15pm	La Liga Icons
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Can I put a flag on my car?

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

PATRIOTISM may give us a warm feeling of belonging, and the notion that members of a country may stick together as one is something which has stood the test of time, but displaying that patriotism on a vehicle can lead to a whole range of problems, resulting in a situation becoming a danger to other road users, unless it is done correctly.

Whether it is of a country, a football team or just a group to which you belong, carrying a flag to show your support is something that many people may consider, but it can also lead to fines from the traffic police if your flag does not comply with the regulations, not because the flag may show support for another country, but because they can lead to danger.

Article 14 of the Reglamento Circulacion deals with the distribution of loads, under the heading 'Disposición de la carga.'

Although a flag may not be considered to be a load, because it is an element which is additional to the normal fixtures of the vehicle, then it qualifies as such.

As such, in the interests of safety, anything carried on a vehicle must not drag fully or partially, fall or move dangerously, interfere with vehicle stability, produce noise, dust or other problems that can be avoided and must

not hide the lighting and signals, number plates or anything else which could interfere with manual warnings of the drivers.

Quite clearly, if a flag is of a large enough size, it will produce considerable drag.

It may well interfere with the view of lights, number plates and other fixtures, and could blow or fall into the path of other road users, and is a risk in terms of becoming loose or entangles in either the vehicle carrying it, or others.

Therefore, quite clearly, large flags are not allowed. However, there are smaller, purpose built flags which are permitted. These are often seen attached to the windows of vehicles, or sometimes as part of the main structure.

Similarly, there are other accessories available which can be fitted to a vehicle safely, such as covers for the wing mirrors, so long as the active view of the mirror is not obscured.

A flag draped or tied across the bonnet or roof, or any part of the vehicle, would not be permitted, nor would covers to the sun visors, which could interfere with the visibility of the driver.



FLYING WITH PRIDE: But is it legal?

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Can they cut off his water?

Q. Can a community cut off the water supply of a debtor?

I am the President of an urbanisation of over 250 properties. We receive water from the macro-urbanisation, which is monitored through a master meter. We then supply water to all the houses in our community through indi-

vidual meters. The community then charges each owner for the water consumed.

As we have some debtors who are well in arrears with both community and water charges, can we cut off their water to stop them receiving what they are not paying for?

A. No, you cannot. If you cut off their water, they can bring a case against the community for denying them an essential service to community members even if they are behind

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



in their payments. Your only recourse is to claim the

unpaid community fees and water bills through the courts and I suggest you begin this process as soon as possible. Do not forget to claim court costs from them as well.

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

What a disaster!

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WELL what a week! I didn't know whether to touch on this subject or not but decided to be honest, it's making me a bit grumpy. Sexual harassment is wrong. That's it. No ifs, buts or whatever, it's wrong, period.

There was a men only charity do in London hosted by the Presidents Club. They, in turn, hired hostesses who were told what to wear including the colour of their underwear. Anyone spot the obvious problem that could occur here? Oh and the hostesses were told they could drink booze whilst working.

This all came to light after one of the hostesses, who was an undercover reporter for the *Financial Times*, attended the function and then did an article about a load of drunk, rich old men sexually harassing a bunch of scantily dressed, possibly tipsy, young women who were trying to extract as much money as they could for charity. A disaster waiting to happen.

The money being raised was for Great Ormond Street Hospital and was close to a million pounds. That has now been returned so the biggest losers are sick children which is

terrible. People have been fired and others resigned. What a disaster, all because a bunch of idiots don't know it's 2018 not the 60's, 70's or 80's or the beginning of time as that's how long this behaviour has been going on. The further fall out was several companies, charities and organisations have said they will not be using hostesses any more. One of the darts organisations will not have the walk on girls accompany the players on stage any more.

I remember going to the Motor Show in the UK and nearly every stand had young, pretty girls, some in bikinis, trying to get you to look at their cars. Will boxing get rid of the girls that parade in the ring with the round number?

You have to remember there are a lot of young ladies who earn a very lucrative living being hostesses and promotion girls or models which is their choice. In fact, I have a friend who did this work for many years and she told me unfortunately a few idiots spoil it for the rest. She loved her work and is retired now.

She was not assaulted on every job but there were a few where she had to put the punters very sharply in their place. It's just a terrible pity that because of a few morons, and I'm sure it wasn't every man there, GOSH and many other good causes will have to find money from other sources to continue their wonderful work.

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12:00pm	Wanted Down Under Revisited
12:45pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Moving On
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	Islam, Women and Me
12:25am	Shane

BBC TWO

7:30am	Wanted Down Under
8:15am	Countryfile Winter Diaries
9:00am	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Super League Show
2:45pm	Coast
3:00pm	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:50pm	This Wild Life
5:20pm	The Hunt
6:20pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Big Dreams Small Spaces
9:00pm	Back in Time for Tea
10:00pm	Flatpack Empire
11:00pm	Inside No 9
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Mum
12:40am	Mum
1:10am	Mum
1:40am	Stealing Van Gogh
2:40am	A House Through Time

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo <i>Five-part series focusing on how important the railways were in the conflict, and examining the trains used at the time.</i>
9:00pm	Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain
10:00pm	Art, Passion and Power: The Story of the Royal Collection
11:00pm	Behind Closed Doors
12:00am	The Incredible Story of Marie Antoinette's Watch with Nicholas Parsons
1:00am	Stories From the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited
2:00am	Top of the Pops: 1981
2:35am	Top of the Pops: 1981

CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawn
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
5:00pm	A Place in the 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	Secret Life of 5 Year Olds: Here Come the Girls
10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E
11:00pm	Clare Balding's Secrets of a Suffragette
12:05am	Before We Die
1:20am	The 2,000,000 Calorie Buffet

CHANNEL 5

6:35am	HouseBusters
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:10pm	The Hotel Inspector
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	Cowboy Builders
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Devil's Teardrop
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8:00pm	Secrets of the National Trust
9:00pm	Qe2: The Worlds Greatest Cruise Ship
10:00pm	Elizabeth Our Queen: A Life of Service
11:00pm	Return to the Wild
12:00am	Paddington Station 24/7
1:00am	Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
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8:00am	Coach Trip
8:30am	All Star Driving School
9:00am	Baby Daddy
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11:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	Gogglebox
2:00am	First Dates

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6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily Sportswomen
12:30pm	Sky Sports News
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
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8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
9:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
10:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
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2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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10:25am	The Oddbods Show
10:50am	Super 4
11:20am	Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures
11:50am	Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids
12:15pm	Almost Naked Animals
12:45pm	Horrid Henry
1:30pm	Horrid Henry
1:45pm	Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge
2:40pm	Make it Pop
3:00pm	Almost Naked Animals
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3:30pm	The Oddbods Show
4:00pm	Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures
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5:00pm	Mr. Bean
5:15pm	Fangbone!
5:30pm	Horrid Henry
6:00pm	Wishfart
6:30pm	Thunderbirds are Go
7:00pm	Transformers Robots in Disguise
7:25pm	Max Steel
7:56pm	Scooby Doo Mysteries Inc
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9:25pm	Wishfart

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9:20am	Coronation Street
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10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
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3:20am	River Monsters
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4:00am	Text-based information service.
4:00am	Teleshopping

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10:00am	Central Intelligence
12:10pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
2:30pm	Captain America: Civil War
5:00pm	Tarzan
7:00pm	Central Intelligence
9:00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
11:30pm	Captain America: Civil War
2:00am	Bloodsport

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8:05am	Rock the Kasbah
10:00am	Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging
11:45am	Fun with Dick and Jane
1:25pm	Get Him to the Greek
3:25pm	How to be a Latin Lover
5:25pm	Miss Congeniality
7:20pm	Zoolander
9:00pm	Get Him to the Greek
11:00pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
1:00am	Happy Gilmore
2:45am	Airheads

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:15am	One More Time <i>Amber Heard stars as the struggling, thirtysomething daughter of an over-the-hill crooner hoping to make a comeback.</i>
6:10am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Cardboard Boxer
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What's ahead this month

Welcome to your February 2018 forecast. Every month I write about how the Astrology, Numerology, and Tarot for the month ahead affect you. Below is your forecast for February 2018:

Sally Trotman

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Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.

ASTROLOGY: What's your vision?

Sun in Aquarius: The airy influence of this sign throughout most of February helps you to develop a vision for the year ahead. What do you desire?

Consider your passions, talents and natural abilities to help you become clearer about your goals this month. Talk about your dreams with friends and ask for help. This is not the time to go it alone. Offer support and ask for guidance where you need it.

On February 18 the sun moves into the sign of Pisces. This sensitive and intuitive sign will help you to know in each moment what is right for you, so stay present and tuned into your feelings. Now would be the perfect time to develop a daily meditation practice to

help you stay centred and calm.

Get in tune with the moon:

The new moon on February 16 is helping you to make new connections. Aspire to oneness with all humanity. Give thanks for your more challenging relationships which are helping you to grow.

Surround yourself with those who uplift and inspire you. Be the change you want to see in others. Keep your thoughts positive, as this air sign influences the way we think, and perceive the world. See the good in everyone and everything.

Numerology: Find balance

Number 2: This number is helping you to bring more balance to your life, creating a balance between work and play, rest and action. When we find balance between our mind, body and spirit, our energy flows. Consider perhaps which areas of your life you need to bring more balance to.

The High Priestess: Trust your vibes

The High Priestess in the Tarot Deck is



depicted as a spiritual woman, with her foot on the new moon, and a black and white pillar either side of her. She uses her insight to make choices from a place of stillness. She reminds us to have faith and that this is a powerful quality which moves mountains.

Trust yourself and the universe when making choices. Then act as if your desire has already manifested. Becoming more accepting of yourself will help you to develop more faith. When you truly accept every aspect of yourself you will feel centred and confident.

Your 2018 forecast

Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot are ancient tools of divination which aid self-awareness.

By looking at the unique numbers and planets in your date of birth, I can guide you to become clearer, calmer and more confident about your direction for the year ahead. Contact me at sally.trotman@btinternet.com.

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FEBRUARY: A time to consider your goals.

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1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	12:30pm	The Daily Politics	9:30pm	A Stitch in Time	12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	2:10pm	Access	11:30am	How I Met Your Mother	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
2:00pm	BBC News	2:00pm	Coast	10:00pm	Queen Victoria's Children	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:15pm	Home and Away	12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	Regional News	3:00pm	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape		<i>Documentary exploring Queen Victoria's reign through her personal relationships with her husband and children.</i>	1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me	2:45pm	Neighbours	1:00pm	The Goldbergs	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:45pm	Doctors	4:00pm	A Place to Call Home	11:00pm	Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs	2:05pm	Posh Pawn	3:10pm	Midnight Stallion	1:30pm	The Goldbergs	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
3:15pm	Moving On	4:50pm	This Wild Life	12:00am	The Killer Wave of 1607	3:10pm	Countdown	5:00pm	NCIS	2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory	11:00am	Premier League Daily
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	5:20pm	New Zealand: Earths Mythical Islands	12:50am	Time Shift	4:00pm	Village of the Year with Penelope Keith	6:00pm	5 News	3:00pm	Melissa and Joey	12:00pm	Cricket
4:45pm	The Farmers' Country Showdown	6:20pm	Flog It!	1:50am	Top of the Pops: 1981	6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers	7:00pm	Home and Away	3:30pm	Melissa and Joey	8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip	7:00pm	Eggheads			7:00pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	Police Interceptors	4:00pm	Baby Daddy	8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:15pm	Pointless	7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors	5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		<i>A chance to relive some of La Liga's best moments.</i>
7:00pm	BBC News	8:00pm	Wild Cameramen at Work			8:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	Alex and Oliver's Restaurant Rescue	5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	8:45pm	Football
7:30pm	Regional News	8:30pm	Eurovision: You Decide			9:00pm	Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it	11:00pm	Frozen-From Dusk Till Dawn	6:00pm	The Goldbergs	10:45pm	My Icon
8:00pm	The One Show	10:00pm	The New Builds are Coming: Battle in the Countryside			10:00pm	The Millionaire Migrant	12:05am	Balmoral: A Hidden History	6:30pm	The Goldbergs	11:00pm	The Debate - Live
8:30pm	Match of the Day Live	11:00pm	Mock the Week			11:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?	2:00am	Super Casino	7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory	12:00am	Sky Sports News
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:25am	Classic Coronation Street	7:50am	Pawn Stars			7:00am	Cardboard Boxer	10:30am	La Liga World
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5:00pm	Tipping Point	6:50pm	Take Me Out	1:35pm	The Royal		<i>Modern-day re-imagineering on the classic comedy-drama.</i>			9:00pm	King Arthur	2:45pm	La Liga Icons
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7:00pm	ITV News London	8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street	6:05pm	The Professionals				<i>A family man finds his quiet life thrown off balance by the arrival of an old acquaintance just released from prison.</i>	3:30pm	La Liga World
7:25pm	Party Political Broadcast	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street		<i>Action-packed drama series about two criminal-intelligence agents.</i>	8:00am	Wild Oats	2:50am	One More Time	4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
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8:00pm	Emmerdale	10:00pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin	5:20pm	On the Buses	7:35pm	Counting Cars	10:10am	Dad's Army		<i>True-life sports drama about Freddie Steinmark, an underdog American footballer who overcame his small stature to become a University of Texas legend</i>	5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
8:30pm	Coronation Street	11:00pm	FYI Daily	5:50pm	Rising Damp	8:05pm	Pawn Stars	12:00pm	The Night is Young			5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
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9:30pm	Coronation Street	12:20am	Family Guy	6:55pm	Heartbeat	9:00pm	Snowquake	3:40pm	Norbit			6:00pm	La Liga Icons
10:00pm	Girlfriends	12:55am	Family Guy	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	10:00pm	Tango and Cash	5:30pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous			6:20pm	Football
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather			9:00pm	Endeavour	11:00pm	FYI Daily	7:30pm	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan			8:30pm	MLS Greatest Games
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Snuck off, we don't want American slang here

DEAR Leapy,

I am a great fan of yours but in your article, dated January 4, you used that awful US word SNUCK. We English don't SNUCK, we SNEAK!

Much of what we remember of England has sadly now gone, but at least the beautiful English language which we gave to the world, still remains.

That's all for now, please, excuse my scrawl, I have a disabled hand.

Keep up the good work, I will now SNEAK away!

John Frensham, Quesada, Rosales

Plane stupid

THE budget airlines expect their customers to print their own boarding passes, but unhelpfully prevent it happening earlier than a month before each flight.

Anyone visiting Spain for more than a month can therefore find it difficult to get a boarding pass for the return journey. If locutorios, cyber cafes or tourist offices are willing to help, they could display notices offering to

Supermarket Sweep a constant problem

ON the last three occasions I have shopped at a Spanish supermarket in the Aguilas Plaza I have encountered exactly the same problem.

The store is festooned with special offers such as 'buy one get the other one at half price.' When I have selected these and presented them for payment at the checkout, the computer tills have in many cases not been programmed to reflect the offers and the full price is charged.

When I try to explain to the checkout girl what the problem is she doesn't really understand, she just scans the items and does



| SPECIAL OFFERS: Often not programmed at the tills.

what the computer tells her. I then have to go back to the displays and physically remove the special offer labels and bring them to the checkout, where the assistant has to then manually override the computer to input

the correct prices.

This is very frustrating for both myself and the checkout girl and very irritating for other customers waiting in the queue whilst all this is taking place.

Don Mather, Aguilas

print boarding passes and stating their price for this valuable service.

Derek Eyles, Alicante

Confused Cartagena

CAN anyone really tell us what is happening with San Javier airport? Corvera is supposed to be opening this year, but we have heard that before, and when that opens San Javier is supposed to close.

However during the last week, AENA have given a four-year contract to ADELTE, a company specialising in airport boarding, for better assistance to passengers with reduced mobility or mobility issues.

Does this perhaps mean that San Javier won't close and they will keep both open, which would be nice, especially as we and lots of other passengers will have double the journey time to Corvera?

Richard Prowse, Cartagena

Different strokes

THE difference between sensible print and dross was highlighted in last week's *Euro Weekly*.

In the sensible corner we had Mike Senker highlighting Donald Trump's total lack of diplomacy, his racism and his tweet endorsements from that bastion of peace the KKK.

Then in the opposite corner we had good old Leapy, bleating on as if Trump was some sort of latter day saint. Mr Lee, get your facts right, Mr Obama was not responsible for the embassy move.

I sometimes worry, Leapy about your feelings towards Trump. It's plain to see what sort of President he is. Why don't you read Mike Senker's column first, nail and head come to mind.

Philip, San Fulgencio

Kitchen sink

MUCH was made of a recent police crackdown on older cars, with motorists being stopped and having their vehicles checked for safety.

That is very laudable but why don't the authorities seem to do anything about the constant parade of foreign cars totally overlaid en route to and from ports connecting with Morocco? The police seem to ignore these really dangerous vehicles, perhaps because they don't want the hassle of dealing with potentially non-Spanish speakers.

Brian Jones, Manilva

HAVE YOUR SAY

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

Nothing against immigration (Leapy Lee)

WELL, for once Leapy you've tried (but failed) to write a balanced opinion. You ignore that you migrated of your own free will. Maybe your self-inflicted prison sentence influenced your decision, but Britain was not a war zone. Your home was not bombed to rubble. You had electricity, water, food and free medical care if you needed it. You had choice. Ninety-nine per cent of the migrants you are so opposed to have NO CHOICE! They are faced with appalling conditions you would not tolerate for one moment! They are enduring years of proxy wars inflicted on them by OUR OWN disastrous policies in the Middle East. IF they stay, they face starvation and death! You would be fleeing with them! I don't buy your bleating. As Shakespeare's Hamlet might say, the Leapy doth protest too much.

Brian Eagleson

How can Brian Eagleson possibly know that 90 per cent of immigrants are fleeing starvation and death. Has he counted them? Anyway, Leapy is not talking about them. He is talking about the ones that come to take advantage of our better way of life with their Nike trainers and iPhones. The ones who leave their womenfolk and children behind. The ones who hate us and want to change our way of life.

As usual an inciteful and well written piece Leapy.

Erica P

Comments from EWN online

Three dead in AP-7 crash

How awful we were on that road going the other way about that time! There was snow for about one mile!

Jean and John Rowlands

So sad RIP to all who lost their lives.

Donna Connors Hughes

Robert De Niro opening new resort in Spain

I'm waiting for my invitation!

Barbara Stallwood

Hope he's polished up his Spanish? Last I heard he was talking Italian...

Terence Sheehan

Plans to remove toll road charges

I just read between the lines and I just wish they would stop overdeveloping the coast, it will soon end up as a conglomerate of urbanisations, the only bit left is Duquesa to La Linea.

It's such a shame. All those apartments will have cars belonging to them that further clog up the towns when you want to park and do your jobs. And all the extra tourists on the roads, nightmare. I'll be off if it gets much busier down here, I left Barcelona and that coast for the same reason.

Leigh Hobson

Best idea they have had in a long time.

Trisha Rodgers

Five detained over 4,000 kilo orange theft

Did the 'peel-ers' apprehend the jaffa stealers?

Tim McMahon

I think they should appeel.

Stewart Kingsley

More than just porridge on these criminally tasty menus

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.euroweeklynnews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

LAST week I wrote about a restaurant that was briefly rated number one on TripAdvisor - this week about another three that are similarly top rated by TripAdvisor. So what's the difference?

Well, the first one, the Shed, was a total fake, whereas these three are genuine restaurants, set up in jails and run by prisoners, its inmates becoming top chefs from doing 'porridge'!

The Clink restaurant, a charity rehabilitating prisoners by training them in food preparation, operates at four

secure prisons.

According to TripAdvisor, three of the four restaurants (HMP Styal, in Wilmslow, Cheshire; HMP Cardiff, in Wales and HMP High Down, Surrey) are top rated in their area, while HMP Brixton is London's third-best restaurant, beating Restaurant Gordon Ramsay (No 51) and Michel Roux's Le Gavroche (No 60).

Great news!

Helping prisoners turn their lives around while they're in prison.

Giving them a sense of self-worth, instead of locking them up most of the day, with no access to training or education, and then dump-

GOING GOURMET:
Prison porridge beats Gordon Ramsay's fare.



ing them back on the street.

How soon, I wonder, can they start getting them into NVQ healthcare assistant training etc etc?

Great news, that is, until the latest inspectors' report, that diners at The Clink, Brixton, have been smuggling drugs and mobiles to inmates working in the kitchen. I mean, who'd have thought inmates would have dreamed up a wheeze like that?

It's enough to drive us all crazy! Which reminds me of an old joke.

This guy goes to see a highly recommended psychiatrist. The doctor shows the man an inkblot and asks, "What does

this remind you of?" The guy replies, "A naked woman." Then the shrink shows the man another inkblot and asks him the same question. The guy responds, "A naked woman on a bed." This goes on and on, inkblot after inkblot. The psychiatrist said to him, "You're a sick pervert." The guy replies, "I'm not the pervert here. You're the one who keeps showing me all these dirty pictures."

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

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The original wristwatch - updated!

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England

EACH year watch manufacturers reveal something of what their designers are developing in their research and development workshops. A new year is the opportunity for designers of extremely small engines to amaze, charm and seduce the fine watch collector.

Cartier - French and founded 171 years ago, a byword for luxury and the luxurious. Creators of unique watches and fabulous jewellery, reveals the updated Santos de Cartier. First created in 1904, through a collaboration between the Brazilian aviation pioneer Alberto Santos-Dumont and Louis Cartier.

The updated Santos de Cartier wristwatch is designed to be a perfect fit on the wrist. The design studios updated the wristwatch, focusing on comfort, wear and respecting the original aesthetic, from the square shape to the eight bezel screws. Sleeker lines unify the innovative strap system and the watch case. The strap system ensures all straps are interchangeable with a 'QuickSwitch' system which dispenses with the need for a tool.

MB&F - Maximilian Busser conceived of

Wait for one new wristwatch and hundreds turn up at once. Four distinctive pieces, revealed by four distinctive watch manufacturers, Cartier, MB&F, Officine Panerai and Richard Mille at the SIHH 2018, the annual fine watch exhibition held in the Swiss city of Geneva.



EXCLUSIVE: The Moonmachine 2.

a brand and manufacture dedicated to developing radical horological concepts, working in small hyper-creative groups.

Following a career working for important manufacturers - Jaeger LeCoultre and Harry Winston - in 2005 Busser realised his dream and launched MB&F. The Moonmachine 2, is offered in three editions, each limited to 12

ITALIAN PASSION: The Astonomo.

examples, one in full titanium, with white gold moons and a light-blue sky, one in blackened titanium, with white gold moons and a dark-blue sky, and one in red-gold and titanium with red-gold moons and an anthracite sky.

Officine Panerai - Italian design and Swiss craftsmanship. Rooted in Florence,

founded 160 years ago, its maritime heritage, established by Officine Panerai's connection to intrepid Italian submariners during the Second World War, for whom highly specialised time pieces were developed.

L'Astronomo Luminor 1950 Tourbillon Moon Phase Equation of time GMT - 50mm. Updated and enhanced, an example of Officine Panerai's technical mastery. Like its predecessor, the new L'Astronomo is made to order, and the skeletonised movement, the P.2005/GLS (standing for Galileo Luna Scheletrato) is personalised to operate in accordance with the geographical place chosen by the wearer.

Richard Mille - the eponymous Swiss luxury brand was founded in 1999. Its first creation the RM-001 went on sale in 2001. The RM 53-01 is claimed to be the result of an encounter between Richard Mille and the polo player Pablo MacDonough. This watch reveals a suspended tourbillon calibre, visible through the laminated sapphire glass of its Carbon TPT® case, a complex armour of an entirely new kind for this high-risk sport and limited to 30 pieces in Carbon TPT.

These exclusive time pieces may be acquired through select networks of dealers and boutiques. Search them out. They deserve to be seen, held and worn.

65 years as a cartoonist and painter

by John Smith

AS he heads towards his 90th birthday, cartoonist and Costa del Sol resident, Peter Maddocks took the time to reminisce with *Euro Weekly News*.

We are delighted that Peter supplies a weekly cartoon on an exclusive basis to the paper, as he has retired from commercial illustration and only paints for fun and the excitement of creating a new artistic work.

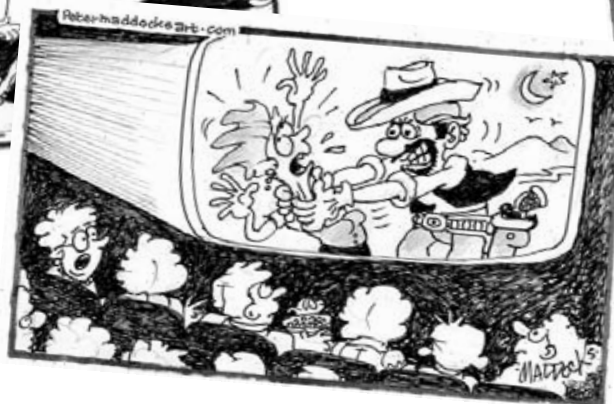
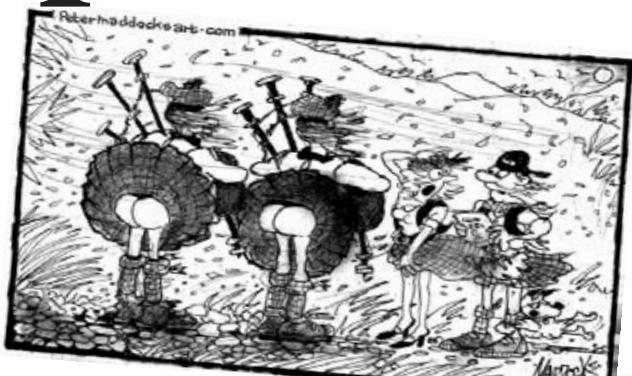
Having joined the Merchant Navy at the age of 15 in 1943, he not only braved the dangers of war, but says that he actually had a great time travelling the world and discovering new experiences and adventures.

This was quite a change for a young man from Birmingham, who had first started drawing at the age of six, before winning a scholarship at the age of 11 to attend the Moseley School of Art.

With a wicked glint in his eye and a smile on his face, Peter said "My tutor was Norman Pett, who drew the risqué Jane cartoon strip for the *Daily Mirror*, which saw the heroine out of her clothes as often as she was in them. There I was drawing daffodils whilst he was drawing naked women in the classroom!"

After swapping the sea for a land based job, Peter set up his own advertising agency and started designing cinema posters, as well as writing Kit Carson stories.

When he was very young, his teacher told him that whilst his art was good, his lettering needed improvement. Having studied fonts, he was determined to be involved in letter-



ing the cowboy stories as well.

Whilst he had a love of painting, when he was invited to draw a sample cartoon for the *Daily Sketch*, his was delighted to be accepted as one of their main contributors and as this was in 1953, he is now celebrating 65 years as a cartoonist.

"I preferred to paint, but with cartoons I could take a thought, transfer it to paper quickly with a pithy comment and get paid almost immediately" he said, explaining why he had never become a commercial artist.

He quickly became much sought after by all of the major newspapers of the time including the *Mail*, *Telegraph*, *Express*, *Mirror*, as well as *Mayfair* and *Private Eye*. He eventually became Cartoon Editor for Express Newspapers and regularly produced a satirical look at events in 10 Downing Street.

During that time, he helped

to found the British Cartoonists' Association and travelled back to the UK in 2016 to help celebrate its Golden Anniversary.

With two of his three sons (there is also a daughter) he decided to set up an animation studio and attracted interest from the BBC for three cartoon series. *The Family-Ness*, which centred on the life of the Loch Ness Monsters, *Jimbo and the Jet Set* and *Penny Crayon* featuring the voice of Su Pollard.

He also worked with legendary animators Halas and Batchelor and spent a number of years working for them in Berlin, but admits that this wasn't the best time of his life.

Eventually, after writing a number of self-help books on



PETER
MADDOCKS:
In his own
eyes.



year-old.

Peter is a pleasure to chat with and confided that he stopped riding his motor scooter just two years ago. He is still driving his car on a daily basis, although he had been a little surprised with the ice that had formed on his vehicle the other day.

Although he has been living by himself in Spain for all of these years, he admits that he struggles with the Spanish language.

But he has developed a perfect arrangement with local shopkeepers saying "If I can't make myself understood, I whip out my drawing pad and produce a picture of what I want to buy. It seems to work pretty well and the people in the shops seem happy to keep the sketches."

Many people living by themselves could be lonely, but not Peter Maddocks as he simply loves to paint. As long as he manages to be creative at least once a day, then he considers himself a happy man.

He has the gift of being able to follow the news, think up a few funny lines, produce an accompanying image and then invariably change the words to make the cartoon even funnier. Readers enjoy seeing Peter's work each week in the Time Out section of the six *Euro Weekly News* editions.

And we, at the newspaper, want to thank him for his continued decision to prepare a new and amusing cartoon exclusively for us, week in, week out and congratulate him for his 65 years of professional work.

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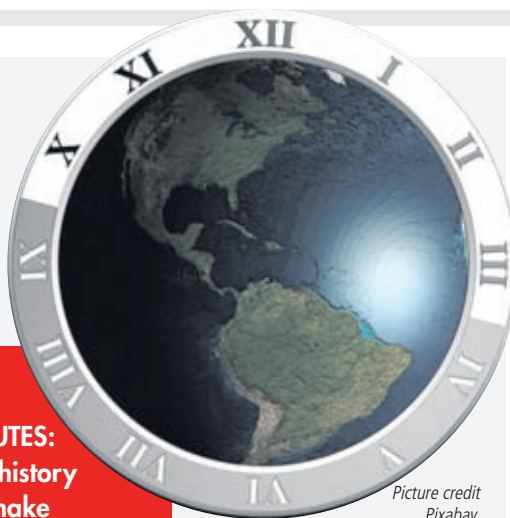


'IT MUST BE AN ENGLISH BURNS NIGHT - THAT DUMMY LOOKS LIKE NICOLA STURGEON!'

Trivia from around the world

*** About €3,000 in change is thrown into the Trevi fountain in Rome, Italy every day.
*** China used more cement in three years between 2011 and 2013 than the US used in the entire 20th century.
*** A rhinoceros from the Sao Paulo zoo in Brazil was turned down as a candidate for the city's council elections in 1958. Cacareco still won 100,000 votes.
*** Nearly half of all the gold ever mined was dug up in the Witwatersrand Basin in South Africa. Around 50,000 tonnes were dug up in the basin in more than 100 years.
*** Around 1,000 letters addressed to God arrive in Jerusalem every year.
*** Shark Bay in Victoria, Australia changed its name to Safety Beach in order to attract more visitors.

IN MINUTES:
Human history would make up just one minute 17 seconds if the earth was 24 hours old.



Picture credit Pixabay.

DID YOU KNOW?

If the history of the earth is condensed into 24 hours then the dinosaurs would have become extinct at 11.41pm and human history would have begun at 11.58.43pm.

Women's wit

"We as women, we have to understand that we know more, just even instinctively than we think we do."

Michelle Obama, former US First Lady



Famous quote

"If you can talk brilliant about a problem, it can create the consoling illusion that it has been mastered."

Stanley Kubrick, filmmaker

World of English

Zaitech - An investment by a company in financial markets in order to boost profits.

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
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Being at the forefront of a learning experience is pleasurable this week. An unexpected offer seems small but could have a big effect. A friend in need may go over the top and annoy you. It may be necessary to distance yourself and give help through others.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Mutual plans are exciting but make sure that others know your needs exactly. As a Leo, you will never willingly accept second best but how can others know your standards? Your needs and desires are close to your heart but are sometimes held so close that others cannot see and respond to them.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Even as you prepare to go on a trip or start something new this week, the future beckons. In small things there are clues to the way forward. A chance encounter brings humour and opens your eyes to a friendship lately neglected.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Putting your thoughts and feelings on a par with someone else will help you to understand their point of view. As painful as it seems, there will need to be some compromise if everyone is to be happy.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Emotional and monetary wealth go hand in hand at the beginning of this energetic week. Someone is likely to make demands that you find unacceptable and you will need all your tact to avoid unpleasantness, but any resistance by you will, in the longer term, only gain you respect.



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Sometimes, you retreat into your shell and your normally gregarious personality takes a back seat. Although you may not have received the expected response to a question recently, it is no reason to brood. Show yourself in your true colours this week.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

You may feel a bit like Sherlock Holmes when you solve a tricky dilemma. With your intellect soaring, it is little surprise that others come to you with their problems. A natural agony aunt because of your interest in others, this suits you well enough.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

The way to bring energy levels up this week is to spend time with energetic people. You may feel a little on the fringes initially but, at the end of the day, your spirit will be lifted. Fresh air and group activities bring the most satisfaction, although a one-to-one task proves particularly fruitful.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Someone with a romantic interest in you starts buzzing around. This is all very well if you are willing, but if not keep your distance. As thoughts turn to summer, it is not surprising that a holiday is on your mind. There is, however, a question mark over with whom you want to go.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Look ahead to see how exactly you can make this spring extra special. Making your plans clear to others means a smooth journey as opposed to unnecessary delays. A particular place brings back memories of a love long past. However, this love is not truly lost because it will always be a part of who you are.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Small matters start to clog up the emotional works. You would rather be somewhere else, but grit your teeth and deal with necessary matters. Finances certainly must be watched most carefully. Get your glad rags on at the weekend and really let your hair down. Of course, there are more serious matters to be considered but not all the time.



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

There is an incredibly romantic week ahead if you only enter into the spirit of it. Let your feelings be seen and felt, showing appreciation for loved ones. You do not need the excuse of a birthday or anniversary to give a gift, just a heart full of love. Contentment surfaces several times this week and is down to your own past efforts.

LOTTERY

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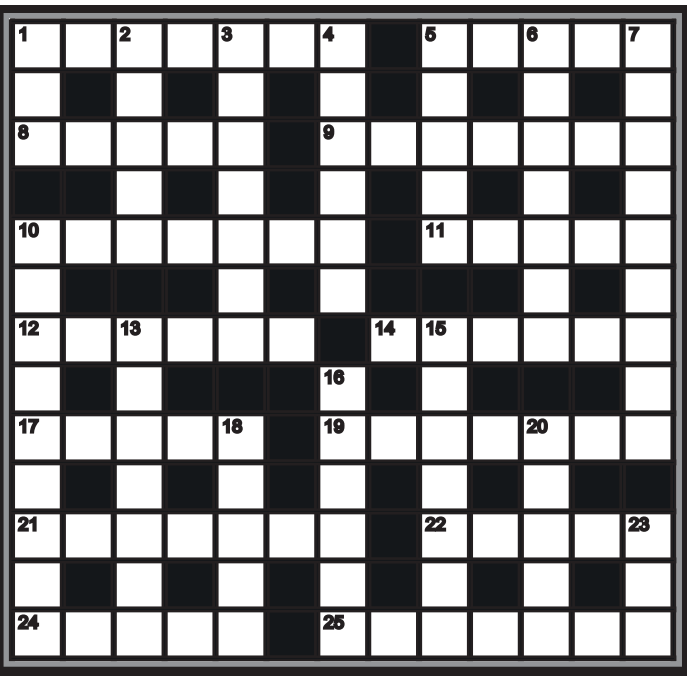


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Cryptic

- Across
- 1 Tried to work out in Michigan (7)
 - 5 Silent diplomacy includes Italy (5)
 - 8 Super sort of money bag (5)
 - 9 Renault changing gear? (7)
 - 10 Refrain from voting for sailor Mark (7)
 - 11 Money returned by skinhead for implements (5)
 - 12 From Americans we rely on solution (6)
 - 14 Return if a self-starter company is a disaster (6)
 - 17 Units deployed in an African capital (5)
 - 19 Sit and read novel with legs apart (7)
 - 21 In descent win, expect wind (7)
 - 22 The answer is about The Strand (5)
 - 24 Clipped trees replaced (5)
 - 25 Ulster's builders are the consequences (7)

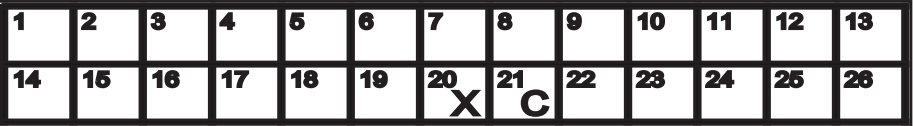
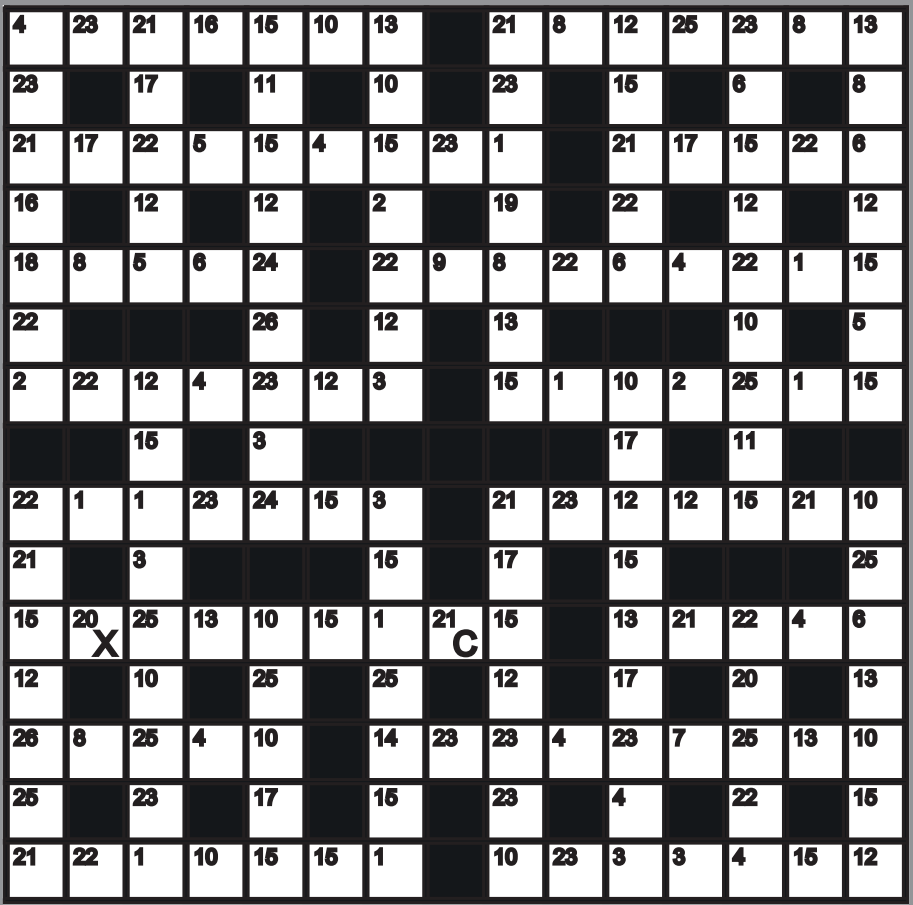
- Down
- 1 Princess and prince will name pickpocket (3)
 - 2 Calls the conditions (5)
 - 3 Make a speech about gym function (7)
 - 4 Occupier of temporary shelter around centre of Canada (6)
 - 5 Tease the first relative (5)
 - 6 Odd trinkets containing uranium (7)



- 7 Note the French range of optical equipment (9)
- 10 Broke? Rent Tampa flat (9)
- 13 Legislator's form of treason (7)
- 15 Hospital doctors bury bridge partners (7)
- 16 Rush into a profession (6)
- 18 It's in the back or middle of the book (5)
- 20 Force the Spanish after the little devil (5)
- 23 Some lucky escapes, of course (3)

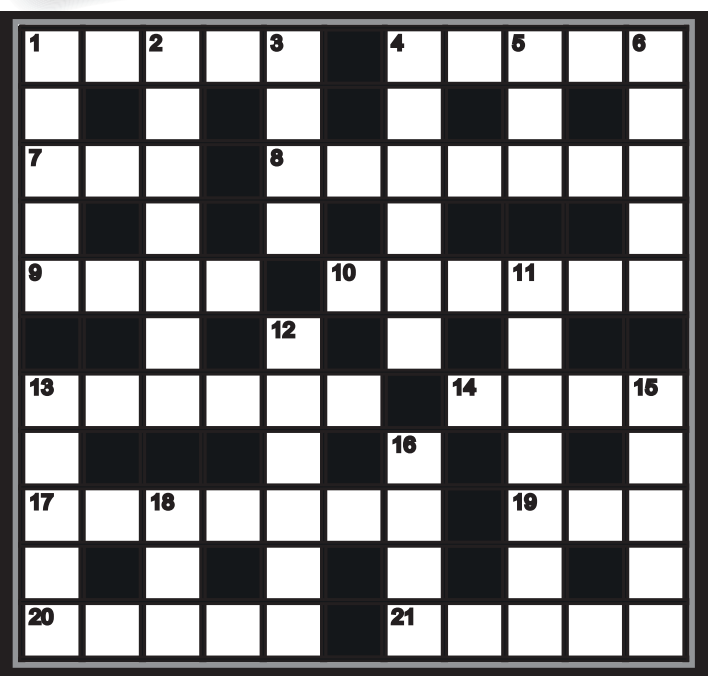
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 20 represents X and 21 represents C, so fill in X every time the figure 20 appears and C every time the figure 21 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick

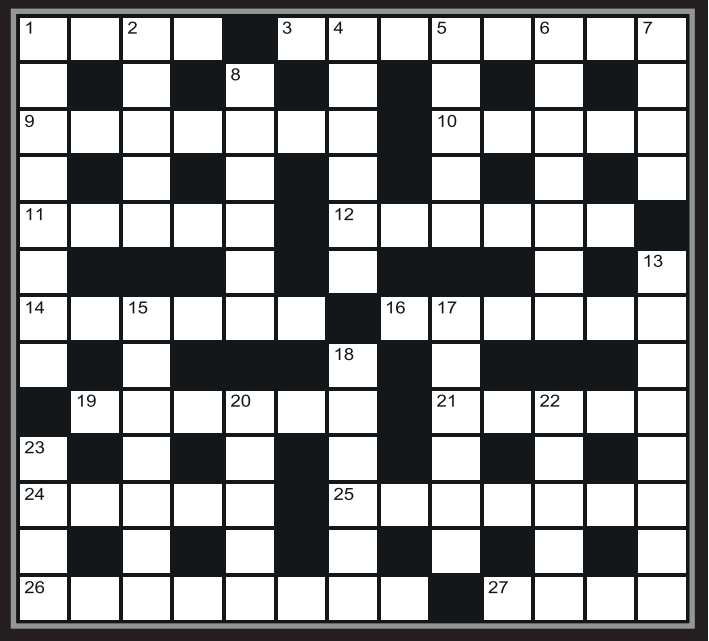


- Across
- 1 Arranges (5)
 - 4 Small mouse like mammal with a long snout (5)
 - 7 Select as an alternative over another (3)
 - 8 Rubbers (7)
 - 9 Snare (4)
 - 10 Popular music originating in the West Indies (6)
 - 13 Scandinavian country (6)
 - 14 Prison (4)
 - 17 Travellers' luggage (7)
 - 19 Male child (3)
 - 20 Wash off soap or remaining dirt (5)
 - 21 Fertile spot or tract in a sandy desert (5)

- Down
- 1 Brief (5)
 - 2 Continual round of hectic and futile activity (3,4)
 - 3 Look for (4)
 - 4 Divides up (6)
 - 5 Eggs of female fish (3)
 - 6 Spend thoughtlessly (5)
 - 11 Spectacles (7)
 - 12 Mar or spoil the appearance of (6)
 - 13 No drunk (5)
 - 15 Connections (5)
 - 16 Nothing (4)
 - 18 Firearm (3)

English - Spanish

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



- Across
- 1 Arch (4)
 - 3 Transfer (move) (8)
 - 9 Ruso (7)
 - 10 Stage (phase) (5)
 - 11 Swan (5)
 - 12 Actress (6)
 - 14 Tatuaaje (6)
 - 16 Broom (brush) (6)
 - 19 Last night (6)
 - 21 Spot (location) (5)
 - 24 Platform (railway) (5)
 - 25 Saffron (7)
 - 26 Please (3,5)
 - 27 Jefe (4)

- Down
- 1 Albaricoques (8)
 - 2 Things (5)
 - 4 Pista de aterrizaje (6)
 - 5 Dulce (5)
 - 6 Fan (hand held) (7)
 - 7 Buttonhole (of garment) (4)
 - 8 Money (6)
 - 13 Thieves (8)
 - 15 Fork (cutlery) (7)
 - 17 Chairs (6)
 - 18 Summer (6)
 - 20 Tape (5)
 - 22 Fat (person) (5)
 - 23 Húmedo (clima) (4)

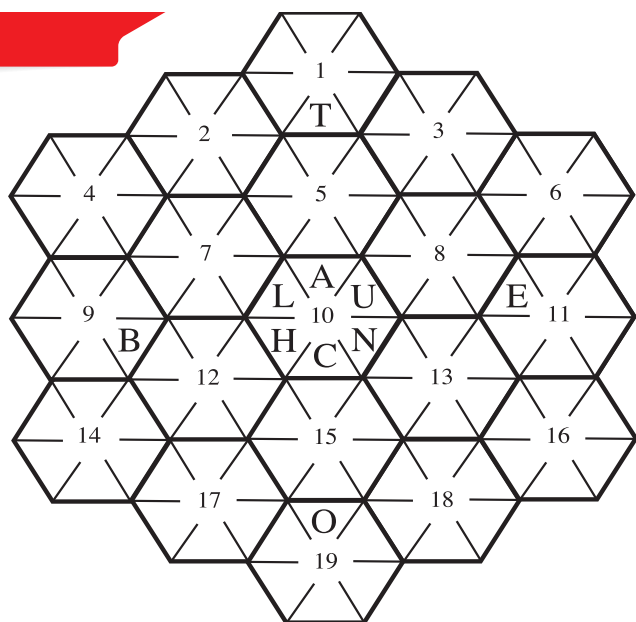
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Hexagram

BATEAU
BEHIND
BEREFT
DECODE
DETENT
EFFETE
ETHANE
FILLET
GENTRY
HUDDLE
LAUNCH (10)
LOADED
NOTICE
REGENT
RELIEF
SPREAD
THRALL
THROES
TURTLE



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 (**LAUNCH**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

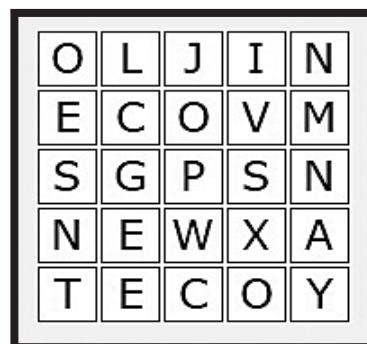
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Figure 2 Double 3 Ragout 4 Murder
5 Droopy 6 Queasy 7 Oyster 8 Stooze
9 Defray 10 Sponge 11 Survey
12 Soften 13 County 14 Rotate
15 Fungus 16 Quince 17 Sunset
18 Poison 19 Infirm

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: 28
- Very good: 55
- Good: 39
- Excellent: 72

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

coops copse copter copes robot roost
ropes rotates oboes opera boors boost
swoop story stoop stern strap straps
peats paste pates pares panes spoor
spear sperm spate spare start stare
sateen saner taper tarts teapot tease
tenet tenets worst torso teats treat eaten
erase apter aspen meows meats repast
reset reaps rapes napes

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



TARGET:

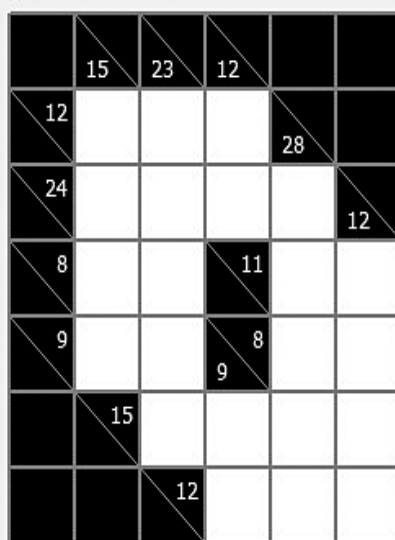
- Average: 7
- Good: 10
- Very good: 14
- Excellent: 18

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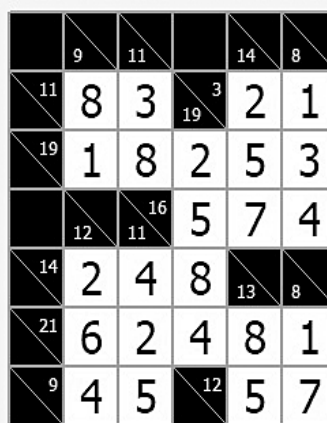
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from moor more mort odor oreo redo reft retf rode rood roof
room root rote term torc tore tref trod coder comer cored credo
croft decor doter fetor force forte metro motor recto rodeo
deform doctor doofer footer forced formed moored roofed
roomed rooted comfort motored COMFORTED

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 Sharp, 4 Scrub, 7 Tarantula,
8 Task, 10 Genius,
12 Cornet, 13 Begg,
16 Premature, 18 Dense,
19 Timid.

Down:

1 Skirt, 2 Ant, 3 Pork,
4 Singer, 5 Routine, 6 Brass,
9 Surgeon, 11 Debate,
12 Cupid, 14 Squad, 15 Just,
17 Elm.

CODE BREAKER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
T	M	C	W	P	H	G	K	S	V	B	Z	U
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Y	D	J	I	X	R	E	F	O	N	Q	L	A

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Despair, 4 Gloss, 7 Solve, 9 Slating,
10 Inspire, 11 Extra, 12 Rocket,
14 Random, 18 Draft, 20 Abandon,
22 Tribune, 23 Slang, 24 Dates,
25 Sprints.

Down:

1 Dossier, 2 Sells, 3 Rasher, 4 Grace,
5 Omitted, 6 Sigma, 8 Elite, 13 Chariot,
15 Amass, 16 Manages, 17 Valets,
18 Dated, 19 Thugs, 21 Drain.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Chubasco, 4 Ball, 8 Glove, 10 Amapola,
11 Estadio, 12 Rude, 14 Apagar,
16 Straws, 19 Lata, 21 Rescate,
24 Apology, 25 Tides, 26 Lead,
27 Prisoner.

Down:

1 Cigüñías, 2 Ahead, 3 Clavos, 5 Avoid,
6 Leal, 7 Carrot, 9 Ostra, 13 Ascensor,
15 Asador, 17 Ataud, 18 Prayer,
20 Ahora, 22 Setas, 23 Fall.

App of the week



Tapt 2

A musical memory game which tests players' ability to remember their favourite songs. The new edition of this app features better sounds, two-part harmonies and a new user

QUIZ: TAKING A GAMBLE

- Gamblers Anonymous (GA), the 12-step programme for people who have a gambling problem, was established in Los Angeles in which decade?
- Hotel magnate Sol Kerzner created which golf and gambling resort in the so-called 'homeland' of Bophuthatswana in South Africa in 1979?
- In gambling slang, what is the value of a monkey?
- In poker, what is the highest ranked hand?
- In the UK what name is given to a bet placed on a series of races (or other events), the winnings and stake from each being placed on the next?
- 'My daddy was a gambling man way down in New Orleans' is a famous line from which traditional folk song that was a UK number one hit single for The Animals in 1964?

- When gambling on horse-racing, what term is used for a bet on four selections and consisting of 11 separate bets?
- Which famous American folk hero was shot and killed by gambler 'Black' Jack McCall at Nuttal and Mann's Saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory on August 2, 1876?
- Which item of footwear shares its name with the box from which cards are dealt in casinos at baccarat or some other card games?
- Which singer, along with his Skiffle Group, topped the UK singles charts in 1957 with 'Gamblin' Man'?

Not a lot of people know that... the Venetian Macau (Macau, China) is the world's largest casino complex, covering 546,000 square feet with 4,200 slot and table games and 53 bars and restaurants.

Answers:

- 1950s (September 13, 1957).
- SUN CITY, 3. £500, 4. ROYAL FLUSH (ace, king, queen, jack and 10, all the same suit).
5. ACQUILATOR (also known as a PARLAY), 6. THE HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN.
7. YANKEE, 8. WILD BILL (James Butler) HICKOK.
9. SHOE, 10. LONNIE DONEGAN

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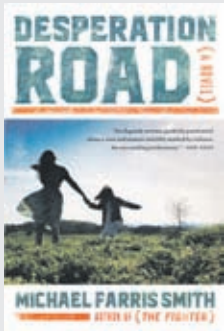
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TIME OUT

BOOKS



Road of regret

RUSSELL GAINES has spent 11 years in the Parchman Penitentiary in the Mississippi Delta waiting for the end of his sentence.

His release sees him head for home where he discovers his debt is far from paid and that revenge is all around him.

Maben and her daughter spend their last dollars on a room for the night the same day Russell is released. The night ends with Maben running with pistol in hand and a dead police officer lying by his car.

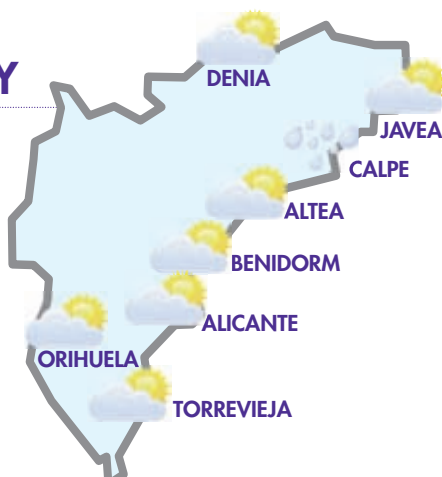
Russell is forced to choose between his own life and Maben's in Michael Farris-Smith's story of shared destiny in a land filled with secrets and regret.

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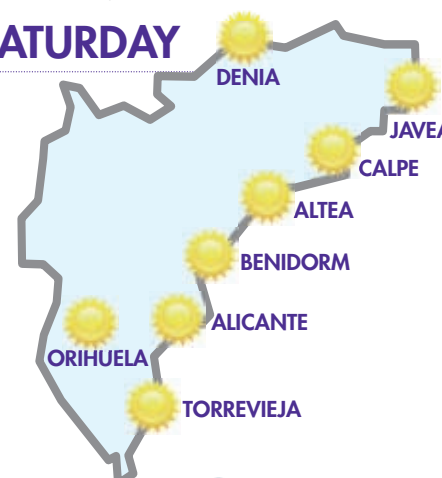
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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



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S: Sun Cl: Clear C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Th: Thunder Sn: Snow

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BIRTHDAYS

• Cristiano Ronaldo, Footballer; February 5, 33

The footballer became captain of the Portuguese national team in 2008. He was bought by Real Madrid from Manchester Utd in 2009 for around £80 million.

• Harry Styles, Pop singer; February 1, 24

Styles rose to fame with the band One Direction after competing in the X Factor. Born in Redditch, he worked in a bakery at 14, went on to top the charts, making his acting debut in the 2017 film Dunkirk.



C Ronaldo.

• David Jason, Actor; February 2, 78

The Only Fool and Horses star originally trained as an electrician before pursuing an acting career. Jason starred as Del Boy in John O' Sullivan's comedy series. He also featured alongside Ronnie Barker in Open All Hours and played Detective Jack Frost in A Touch of Frost.

• Amal Clooney, Lawyer; February 3, 40
Born Amal Alamuddin in Beirut, Lebanon, Clooney now works at the Doughty Street Chambers and has represented clients such

as WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. She married actor George Clooney in September 2014 and the couple have two children.

• Alice Cooper, Rock Singer; February 4, 70
Cooper rocked the 1970's and 1980's with hits such as *Poison*, *School's Out* and *Eighteen*. Born in Detroit in the US, he was raised by a preacher and turned down a college acceptance to pursue a career in music. He also appeared in the 1992 film *Wayne's World*.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT

Partly cloudy skies forecast for today (Thursday) with highs of two degrees. Temperatures will drop over the weekend however with lows of up to -10 in the mornings and will not go above freezing throughout the day. No snow is expected to fall over the course of the week.



Sudoku

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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.

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

Word Ladder

WHIP

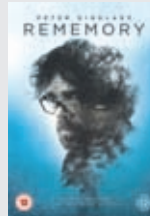
Move from the start word (WHIP) to the end word (TORN) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

TORN

TORN
CORN
COIN
CHIN
CHIP
DIHW
Solution

DVD

Extracting the past



GORDON DUNN is a scientist who has spent months creating a machine to extract peoples' memories so they can be watched.

When he dies mysteriously Sam Bloom (Peter Dinklage) sets out to solve the case with the help of the new memory device.

Bloom soon uncovers a web of intrigue surrounding the death of Dunn and the machine he has created. 'Rememory' is a science fiction thriller which explores the character's connection to their past and each other.

This week in history

1488 - Mossel Bay landing
Bartolomeu Dias from Portugal lands at Mossel Bay after rounding the Cape of Good Hope. He became the first known European to travel that far south after making the journey.

1555 - John Rogers martyred
John Rogers becomes the first English Protestant martyr after being burned at the stake during the Catholic Queen Mary I's reign.

1789 - Washington elected
George Washington is unanimously elected as President by the US Electoral College in the country's first presidential election after it gained independence from Britain.

1830 - Greek Independence
The London Protocol establishes Greece as an independent country following its victory in its War of Independence against the Ottoman Empire.

1861 - First Civil War Union victory
The Union Army wins its first victory in the American Civil War. Ulysses S Grant and Andrew H Foot lead their force to capture Fort Henry in Tennessee in the Battle of Fort Henry.

1909 - Synthetic plastic invented
Leo Baekeland, a Belgian chemist, announces the creation of the world's first synthetic plastic Bakelite.

1990 - Communists lose power in USSR

The Central Committee of the Soviet Union's Communist Party agrees to give up its monopoly on power in the country. The move marks the end of Communist rule which began following the 1917 revolution.

2013 - The Shard opens
The Shard in London opens to the public. It is the tallest building in the European Union, at 310 metres.

The colour purple

ULTRA VIOLET:
Blueberries are packed
with antioxidants.

IT'S safe to say the colour purple is having a moment, in fashion, beauty and interior design.

However, it's the purple-food trend that is perhaps becoming the most popular. Many naturally purple foods are closely associated with healthy eating, as they are known to have a high nutritional content and be packed with antioxidants.

Fruit such as blackberries, blueberries and blackcurrants contain the antioxidant 'anthocyanin' which has been linked to a whole range of health benefits, such as lower insulin levels and less risk of inflammation. It can also be found in cranberries, cherries, aubergines and cabbage.

Purple cabbage is also a great source of essential nutrients such as manganese, potassium, magnesium and calcium. It also contains vitamin K, vitamin C, vitamin B1 and vitamin B6. The anthocyanins found in red or purple cabbage are also believed to protect the heart and red blood cells from wear and tear.

Antioxidants found in purple and blue fruits

could also be the key to young and healthy-looking skin as they help prevent damage caused by free radicals in the body.

Other purple foods such as aubergine and purple onions reportedly help to reduce the risk of cancer as they contain flavonoids which have been proven to boost immunity to certain cancers and help keep blood pressure under control.

Purple sweet potatoes are packed with fibre, as well as iron, potassium and vitamin B6, so are great for improving digestion. Studies have shown them to help improve blood sugar levels and they also have antibacterial properties, so protect against contracting certain diseases.

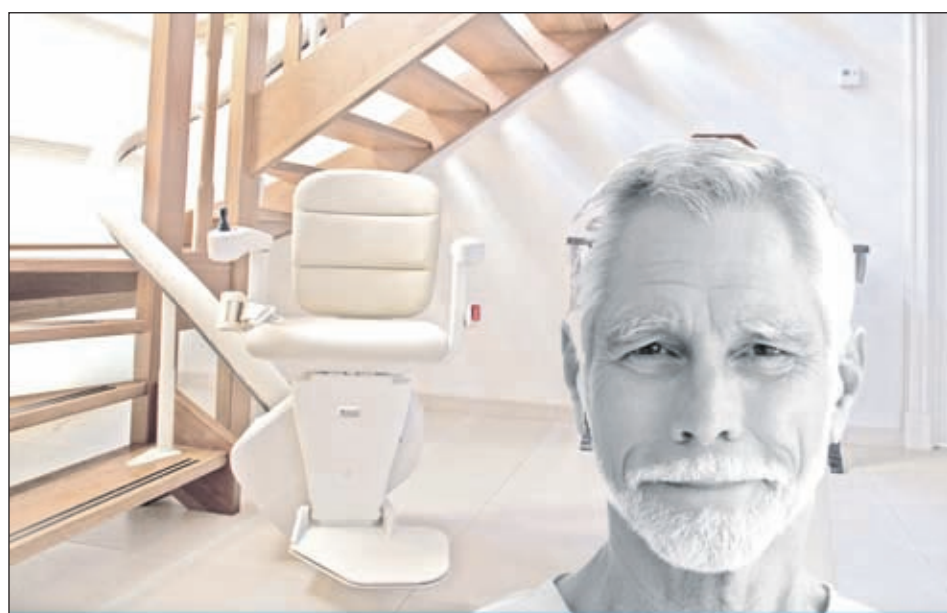
Beetroot, perhaps the most famous purple vegetable of them all, is jam packed with essential nutrients such as iron, potassium, B vitamins, magnesium and manganese. It is also a great detox food as it contains compounds called glutathiones which help to cleanse heavy metals, toxins and waste from the system.

They have also been proven to help your

muscles recover following a workout as they are full of nitrates which release oxygen into the bloodstream and boosts circulation to the places that need it. This can also help to lower blood pressure.



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Keeping motivated throughout winter

IT'S easy to put off venturing outside for a bit of exercise when the temperature starts to drop and the days grow darker. However, it's important to keep up your routine throughout winter, otherwise your body may be in for a bit of a shock when spring rolls back around and you decide to pick things up again.

You don't have to punish yourself by embarking on a 10-mile run in cold and wet weather though. There are plenty of ways to workout indoors that will also keep your body strong during winter. Yoga, pilates and zumba are all great ways of raising your heart rate and keeping your body supple when your muscles start to stiffen as a result of the cold weather.

Another great way to keep yourself motivated is by making the prospect of exercising exciting again. Invest in some new workout clothes, especially some warmer items if you still plan on venturing out in the cold, and maybe even a new pair of trainers if the old ones are starting to look battered. You could also try out a new class or sport to help mix things up a bit.

It's also more difficult to put off getting out of bed in the morning when you have a friend waiting for you at the door so get a workout buddy. Set weekly goals with a friend or your better half and try to stick to them. You're much less likely to blow off that class if it means letting someone else down.



JUST DO IT: There are plenty of ways to make workouts exciting.

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Garlic: the health benefits

INCREDIBLY potent and packed with flavour, garlic is often a key ingredient in cuisine across the globe.

However, garlic is perhaps the world's most underrated super food, and has been linked to helping prevent a whole host of illnesses, including the four causes of death: stroke, cancer, heart disease and infections.

The root is high in certain sulphur compounds which scientists believe are responsible for its scent and taste, but also may have a positive effect on human health.

Garlic is at its most beneficial when eaten raw as it is still packed with antimicrobial, antiviral and antifungal properties that can help relieve colds as well as other infections.

One of garlic's most amazing abilities is that it's been shown to help reverse the symptoms of early heart disease as a 2016 study published in the *Journal of Nutrition* revealed that garlic extract reduced the build-up of plaque in arteries supplying blood to the heart for patients diagnosed with metabolic syndrome.

It also has been shown to help control high blood pressure as it contains polysulfides that aid the opening or widening of blood vessels, reducing blood pressure.

Garlic is a great addition to your diet in winter especially as it has also been shown to help prevent and combat the common cold. Certain chemical compounds found in garlic are effective at killing the microorganisms that cause infections and studies have shown those who eat raw garlic taken on a regular basis are less likely to get a cold, and recover faster if they do.



BULB BEAUTY: Garlic is packed with good stuff that keeps illness at bay.

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Detoxing: decoded

THE phrase 'detoxing' is never more overused than it is at this time of year, when people decide it's time to cleanse their bodies of all the bad stuff consumed over the holiday period. After all, new year, new you right?

However, not many people know what 'detoxing' really means and it has be-

come something of a fad phrase in recent years, used to describe everything from staying away from alcohol for a month to doing a full-on juice cleanse.

Detoxing is basically the body's way of getting rid of toxins and pollutants, which it does naturally anyway. The body's or-



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GOOD STUFF: Don't rely on juice to cleanse your system.

gans are constantly working to neutralise and remove harmful substances,

with the liver filtering one and a half litres of blood every minute alone.

Harmful substances encompass much more than booze and junk food; they are in everything and are impossible to avoid. Pesticides, pollution and pharmaceutical drugs are just some of the things the body works hard to purge.

A good detox plan involves consuming more good stuff, not just cutting out the really bad stuff.

Adding more anti-inflammatory foods, such as fresh fruit and veg, to your diet and drinking more water will help your body to flush out the toxins and you could start noticing the difference almost immediately.

It can help make your skin glow, boost your energy levels, and improve your mood, your sleep, and your sugar cravings. Go on, give your body a break.

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Scottish showers

THERE'S something about plunging yourself head first into freezing cold water first thing in the morning that really gets you going in the morning.

As off-putting as it sounds, a cold shower - often referred to as a 'Scottish Shower' or even the 'James Bond Shower' - can do wonders for getting your morning off to a good start, especially if you're one of those people who take several hours to fully wake up.

Research suggests that plunging yourself into freezing water may also be good for your physical and mental health. An article published in *The North American Journal of Medical Sciences* revealed that cold water can provide relief from pain and inflammation, as well as aiding and abetting al-

most all of your body's systems. A Dutch study also revealed that taking cold showers increases alertness and productivity and reduces sick days.

This is believed to be due to the fact the shock causes us to breathe deeply, increasing our oxygen intake to help us keep warm. Therefore our heart rate also increases, sending a rush of blood through the entire body and providing a natural energy boost.

They have also been shown to help relieve symptoms of anxiety, as a study from Virginia Commonwealth University revealed that cold showers send electrical nerve impulses to the brain, providing an uplifting effect.

So the next time your boiler breaks down don't panic, just brace yourself and embrace the cold.



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FEELING FRESH: Cold showers do more than just wake you up in the morning.

Low Back Pain: Did you really try everything?

The bulk of our patient base consists of people with a long history of low back pain. People often suffer from these kinds of complaints for many years and are progressively getting worse.

The majority of these patients have already had all kinds of scans, examinations and therapy and more than often have heard that they have to live with the complaint, that there is no identifiable cause or the pain is caused by "old age" and that they just must start exercising.

Finding the cause of low back pain is often difficult, but certainly not impossible. The cause of back pain is often searched on a local level, while the cause of this common complaint is often located in a completely different area of the body like the pelvis, knees and feet.

Furthermore, the cause of low back pain is almost always caused by several components, including bad posture. The usual methods used to diagnose the cause of low back pain are not sufficient. X-ray images and scans are used to diagnose a problem without even touching or examining the spine. On these recordings all the anatomical structures are clearly visible and also any defects therein. This does not mean that these abnormalities are the cause of the complaints.

People without any back pain can have slipped discs, decreased intervertebral disc



height and arthritis as well. To give an example: 45% of all people who have undergone a hernia operation have the same symptoms after surgery as before. This is not just because the operation failed, but because the hernia was not the cause of the original complaint. Local low back pain which doesn't radiate into the leg is seldom caused by a herniated or slipped disc....

Extensive research of the SI joints (joints

of the pelvis) and joints in the back (facet joints) notes that 80% of the examined persons had back pain due to the inflammatory changes present in these joints. Whenever there has been injected an anti inflammatory drug into the CAUSE of the pain (the joints), the pain disappears. This means that 80% of the low back pains are caused by strain in these joints.

This method of diagnosis (which is NOT

a treatment method) is unfortunately hardly ever used in regular hospitals. This is regrettable, especially since these two frequent inflammatory reactions do not show on any X-ray or scan.... Clearly injecting these joints cannot be used as a therapy, because it only covers the pain, but doesn't treat the cause of the problem.

Our clinic is specialised in detecting the real cause of low back pain with special tests. Our diagnostic techniques are developed to examine the SI and back (facet) joints. Our main goal is not only to discover the inflamed joint, but to get to the cause of the problem which might be in a different part of the body.

These two types of low back pain which are the most common causes of low back pain can be very successfully treated in our clinic.

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Russian knowhow at Caviarshops, Calpe

THERE is a unique shop and tapas bar in Calpe which offers some of the finest caviar and much more at prices everyone can afford.

Caviarshops is the official representative of two of the largest Scandinavian companies involved in salmon farming, production of salmon caviar as well as smoked salmon.

In addition, the company offers a complete range of the traditional and legendary caviar obtained from sturgeon as well as versions from other fish.

The family behind this business moved from St Petersburg to Calpe nearly nine years ago and have two children aged six and 11 who are being brought up steeped in the Spanish way of life, but are being educated in one of the best International schools in the Costa Blanca.

As St Petersburg is relatively close

to the borders of Finland, and one of the owners is a great fisherman, he has for many years had the opportunity to see for himself how natural and environmentally friendly fish from that country has been.

The shop itself offers a wide range of caviar-based products as well as some smoked and preserved fish with deliveries initially being made from Murcia to Valencia, but now they can supply customers in all parts of Spain via courier.

With a representative in Madrid and a growing number of wholesale customers in hotels and restaurants, this Calpe company is becoming a major force in all matters caviar and is proud to be offering such a wide range of healthy Scandinavian fish products which are gluten free, ecologically sound and have no addi-

tives and preservatives.

Owners Kirill (who is a passionate angler) and Victoria opened a gastro tapas bar last October to let people in the town discover the wide range of great handmade tapas, pinchos and canapés.

The couple love to chat about their experiences in Russia as well as fishing experiences and with customers from all over Europe dropping in to enjoy a drink and a snack, this is fast becoming a meeting place for a range of different nationalities who soon become friends.

There is also a choice of salads, pancakes, sandwiches and salmon dishes with some fantastic wines which have been chosen specifically to complement the hot and cold food.

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This two-hour performance which is presented in four acts with two intermissions is the most acclaimed of the Verdi works, set as it is in the Land of the Pharaohs telling a tragic love story which is tinged with passion and jealousy.

More than 80 artists including the orchestra and choir of the Opera House of Moldova will be involved in this spectacular performance which will be accompanied by simultaneous translation.

Moldova is one of the poorer former Russian states and its capital of Chisinau is a strange mixture of Communist utilitarianism and fine old Tsarist buildings but like many of its neighbours has a fine history of classical music and has generated a number of exceptional musicians and singers.

The main soloists in this presentation are from a variety of different countries including Moldova, Italy, Korea, Bulgaria and Taiwan who between them present this tragic tale.



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AIDA: The mystery of the pyramids and ancient Egypt.

The story is simple, as it tells how the Egyptians have captured and enslaved Aida, an Ethiopian princess. An Egyptian military commander, Radamès, struggles to choose between his love for her and his loyalty to the Pharaoh.

To complicate the story further, the Pharaoh's daughter Amneris is in love with Radamès, although he does not return her feelings.

Tickets for this performance cost €30, €35 and €40 and may be booked from the Benidorm Palace box office.

Celebrate World Wetlands Day

IT will be World Wetlands Day on Sunday and in recognition of this, residents in Denia have the opportunity to undertake a free visit to Les Salines de Calpe.

Organised by the Denia department of environment and climate change in partnership with the Denia Magic & Nature company, a bus will leave at 9.30am from Torrecremada.

After having a chance to be involved in the ringing of some of the birds, the bus will return to Denia at 1.30pm.

Bookings must be made by email to magicandnature16@gmail.com.



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SERGIO DALMA: Entertaining on stage.

A major pop-rock act coming to town

ONE of Spain's most successful singers, Sergio Dalma is back on the road touring his latest album Via Dalma III.

The 53-year-old will be appearing at the Auditori Teulada Moraira on Saturday May 19 with tickets costing from €35 to €70.

The former Eurovision song contest competitor has built a huge following not only in

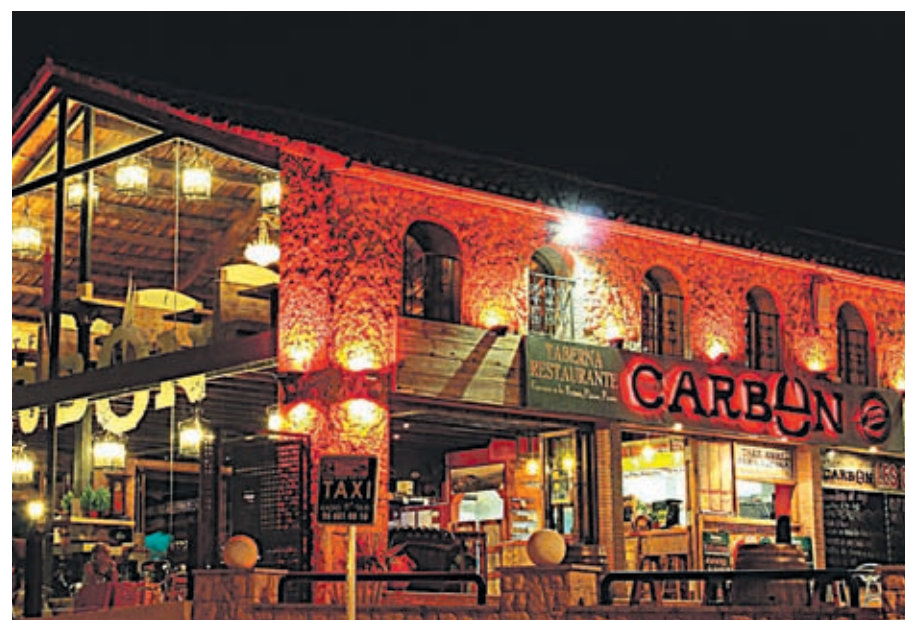
Spain but in the USA where his 18 albums have all been successful with the Spanish speaking audience there.

Each album has sold increasingly large numbers and he is a multi-platinum disc winner.

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by Lorenzo Barbareschi



WINES in Spain are classified into 69 major regions or Designation of Origin (DO) with their own set of laws and quality standards.

The best known national regions are Rioja, Ribera del Duero, Penedés, Navarra, Rueda, Cava, Rias Baixas, Jerez, and La Mancha.

Grape names are not often used, with restaurants and shops classifying wines according to their origin, therefore it is quite common to confuse the grape name with the region.

A clear example is that Rioja refers to the DO as there is no such grape; though Albariño refers to the grape variety from the Rias Baixas region.

Here are the most common Spanish red grape varieties.

Tempranillo: The best known red also known as Tinto Fino, Cencibel and Ull de Llebre producing fruity young wines that age well in oak.

Garnacha (Grenache): Though of Spanish origin and produced in La Rioja, Navarra, Aragón and Cataluña is also found in several wine countries. It is normally blended with Tem-



RED OR WHITE: What's your tippie?

Grapes and regions

pranillo to produce fruity wines, with raspberry aromas.

Bobal: Cultivated mainly in Valencia it produces full bodied wines.

Monastrell: The typical grape of Murcia producing powerful wines with structure and strength.

Cabernet Sauvignon: Not a Spanish grape varietal but grows well here and is often blended with other grapes to produce more complex wines. Cabernet is found in La Mancha, Catalonia and Navarra.

Merlot: Another French grape variety and again found in many regions.

Syrah: Relatively popular in La Mancha and in the Mediterranean areas, it produces full bodied wines high in alcohol.

Tinta de Toro: Of the Tempranillo grape family and most typically grown in Zamora.

Carinena: Widespread in Spain and in other wine-producing countries around the world. Other red wine grape varieties

include Manto Negro from the Balearic Islands, Negramoll and Listán Negro from the Canary Islands, Prieto Picudo from León, Brancellao and Caíño from Galicia, and Garnacha Tintorera found in Galicia, Alicante, and Albacete.

The most common Spanish white grape varieties.

Verdejo: Typical from Rueda-producing wines that are aromatic with a tropical character.

Albariño: Produced in Rias Baixas, Galicia; aromatic and crispy with a distinctive aroma and silky texture.

Godello: From Northwest Spain producing aromatic wines.

Palomino: Mainly used for Fino production in Andalucía.

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Eva Naranjo, director of commerce and Juan Andrés Montiel of AECNU with the winners.

Lucky shoppers win €500 vouchers for buying local goods

FOUR lucky shoppers in La Nucia received a total of €500 in prizes thanks to their purchases made in the town before Christmas.

Sponsored by the Association of Entrepreneurs and Merchants of La Nucia (AECNU) together with the department of commerce, all customers who pur-

chased goods in participating shops between December 11 and January 5 were entered into a special draw.

With more than 50 shops and restaurants involved, the idea behind the promotion was to try to persuade residents to spend their money in the town rather

than go elsewhere.

The prizes consisted of vouchers worth €250, €150 and two at €50 which can then be spent in any of the shops and businesses participating in the promotion.

So pleased is the AECNU with the programme that it is now actively planning its Christmas 2018 campaign.

Improving the environment this Sunday

TAKING advantage of the fact this Sunday has been declared local Arbor Day, the Alfes del Pi Council is arranging for the planting of 500 plants and trees.

Since 2016, the council together with local politician Vicente Arques have been promoting the regeneration of the old quarry of Serra Gelada where native plants and trees will be added to the landscape.

Local families and interested parties are invited to arrive by 10.30am to help in the planting which has a special picnic area, a fantastic view and a 30-metre via ferrata (iron path) which the adventurous can scale.

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Celebrating the role of women in the community

VILLAJOSYOSA Council intends to participate actively in the preparations for the 17th Regional Meeting of 'Dones de la Marina Baixa.'

This is being undertaken as part of the commemoration of International Women's Day (IWD) in the area of Marina Baixa which is made up by the municipalities of Benidorm, La Nucia, Villajoyosa, Altea, Callosa d'En Sarria, Polop, L'Alfas and Finestrat.

Although the actual date of IWD is March 8, it has been



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Local women representatives getting ready for IWD.

decided that the celebrations will take place this year in Finestrat on Friday March 9 when women from different

towns will come together to celebrate the social and advocacy work that they undertake in the community.

Walk against cancer

THE Third Solidarity March of families against cancer will be held on Sunday in Callosa d'En Sarria.

The initiative commemorates World Cancer Day and aims to raise funds for the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC), and also for the Association Anemone (Self-help group for

women with breast and gynaecological cancer).

The walk will start at 11am from the Plaza del Convent and will proceed through the streets of the town.

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by Harrison Jones

ENGLAND footballer, Raheem Sterling, is reportedly set to buy a stunning new six-bed Spanish villa.

The Manchester City star is believed to be paying around €5.45 million for the luxury Marbella pad, which comes complete with a cinema room, pool and wine cellar. Located close to the beach at Puerto Banus, the area is a haunt for millionaires - and the 23-year-old is keen to add to his property portfolio there, according to reports.

The villa's description says: 'It offers open-plan living, that flows effortlessly between beautifully designed interior and exterior spaces, each filled

with bespoke furniture, commissioned exclusively for the property, giving it a modern and highly unique look.

'The ground floor entrance leads onto a light, open plan living and dining space, complete with a state-of-the-art custom kitchen. Sliding glass windows give access to the garden with its covered terrace and bespoke zero edge swimming pool area.'

Sterling already lives in a £3 million, five-acre mansion in Cheshire, England, with girlfriend Paige Milian and their one-year-old son, Thiago.

He signed for City for £49 million from Liverpool and earns roughly £200,000 a week.

The attacking midfielder, has been in superb form this season, netting 14 times in the Premier

League to make him the divisions fourth top scorer. He also has four assists.

But now he wants a holiday home to visit when he's not playing. He has visited the area twice already, according to British media.

The description continues: 'The villa boasts a stylish outdoor living area. In addition the ground floor also has a double bedroom with en-suite bathroom, leading out to a private terrace garden area. The first floor features a magnificent master bedroom, and a truly sensational en-suite bathroom.

'There are a further two bedrooms with bathroom on the first floor, and access to two large sun terraces looking over the pool and gardens.

'The basement level, benefiting from independent access and floor to ceiling natural light, is in excess of 400m2. This incredible space has purposefully been left partially finished. It can be designed for bedroom and bathroom accommodation, as well as a multi-entertainment space, cinema room, wine cellar or gym, offering a unique turnkey opportunity.'

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Your garden in February

The value of trees

THE importance of trees within, and surrounding, villages and towns is now taken seriously worldwide. February marks the start of the season of 'Days of the Tree' (Dias del Arbol), leading up to the United Nations Day of the Tree on Wednesday March 21.

On such days, local residents of all ages join forces to support the local environmental protection (Medio Ambiente) teams. They plant up new trees, to replace those lost by fires or the drying out of mountainsides or valleys, review and improve the quality and density of tree plantings in village and town streets and squares and at home in their private gardens.

A much-needed day in our village, La Drova, has been organised by the local Residents Association for Sunday March 11. In other locations it has been gardening clubs and local councils that have taken the initiative.

In each case the main objectives are, to improve the range of trees useful for creating interesting views, improve the balance between shaded and sunny areas, protect and stimulate the growth of wildlife populations, create local supplies of medium and long-term commercial supplies of wooden fencing posts and construction beams, lop or remove dangerous trees, establish local sources of leaves and fruits for healthy infusions and to enhance personal privacy and security.



TREE-MENDOUS: Trees perform a number of useful functions in both private and public gardens.

Selections of useful native and imported trees are provided in my books 'Your garden in Spain' and 'How to use less water in your gar-

den - a practical guide to waterwise Mediterranean style gardening worldwide.'

What is planted and when it is planted needs to

match local seasonal climates, soil depths and qualities, eventual heights and widths, and, in some cases, historical customs. Two of the longest existing tree planting days in Spain are those of the villages Alameda de los Remedios, started in 1594 and Villanueva de la Sierra, started in 1805.

It is obvious that these plantings were taken seriously, as the results are apparently still to be seen. However, in our village for instance, many plantings die within a few years due to poor planting practices, poor provision of protection from hungry animals and playful dogs, and irregular watering and weeding of young trees.

Fortunately, surviving ancient trees are now given official protection in many areas of Spain, but in others they are felled within private gardens by new owners, to reduce the need to rake or vacuum up fallen leaves and dead flowers.



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SWEET POTATOES are a perfect vegetable to grow in Spain, as they thrive in sunny conditions.

However, they're not picky about where they're planted and also grow well in other parts of the garden. They also work well on a trellis or a patio planter, as

they produce beautiful tubers in the autumn that add to the lovely foliage and flowers.

In order to create the perfect environment for them to grow, build several, wide, 25cm-high ridges, spaced about a metre apart. A row that is three metres long will produce about 4kg of potatoes. Make sure you add lots of organic compost, but avoid nitrogen-rich fertilisers which can stunt growth.

To get the best results, plant root sprouts - or 'slips' - which can be bought from nurseries or you can save a few roots from a previous crop. Plant the slips 15 centimetres deep and about 30 centimetres apart, so they have space to spread out, then press the soil down firmly, and water well.

The potatoes usually mature in 90 to 170 days but are very frost sensitive, so make sure you plant them three to four weeks after the last frost if you live in a particularly cold area.

If it is dry, provide a few centimetres of water each week until two weeks before they're due to be harvested, then allow the soil to dry out.



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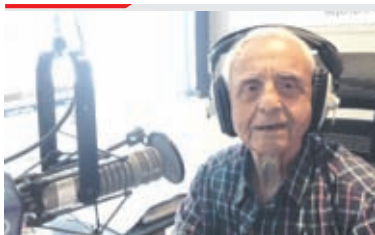
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GOOD BOY: Negativity can be disastrous if used on its own.

AS the name suggests, negativity is never good. Used with people or animals it can have a disastrous effect.

When teaching and exercising 'sit', you pull up on the check chain, hand on your dog's rump and tell him to 'sit'. No reward is given. Is that good for the dog? Yes, he will automatically sit in time when you stop walking. He has learnt the exercise

with the repetition of the action being used.

This goes for all exercises you train him in, but something is lacking. He's learnt of course, but where is the joy and the outgoing exuberance. Remember you do have to train to the stage where just a quick 'good dog' is sufficient. He needs to

work every time, not just sometimes.

Punishment of a dog should never be used. However correction of a dog should be done when it is necessary. I am not talking about if it makes a mistake in training. That's usually your fault. You may not have taught it properly.

You only have about four seconds to make any correction. Usually a growl can be sufficient. Sometimes, if the reason for the correction is sufficient, you may need to physically grab the dog either side of the neck, and even lift it off the ground using a firm grip and an even firmer voice.

You would use something like this if the dog snarls at you, goes to bite you or some other action which is more than a misdemeanour. Again, remember you only have about four seconds after the event to make the corrections. After that you are too late. Think about two dogs mixing it up. They don't hesitate to retaliate if challenged. They are instant creatures.

What is important here is that afterwards you have to correct the dog, whether it just be with 'ah.. ah' or you have to handle the dog. You must give it a command it can achieve quickly like 'sit' and then reward it immediately.

You have corrected (not punished) for the misdemeanour, and you are immediately rewarding for the command of sit, which it has done well. It's now all over. Never hit your dog or use your feet on it. All corrections must be followed by praise. Never finish on a negative, always on a positive and happy note.

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HOLIDAYS planned? But what about the pets?

Most of us like to go away on holiday at least once a year, it's a great way to revitalise our energies. But what do we do with our pets?

There are only so many times relatives want to visit from England to look after the furry tribe.

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Pet protection gone too far?

THERE'S reportedly a growing community of people who believe it's dangerous to vaccinate your pets.

The advocates behind the campaign claim that immunising domestic animals can cause various diseases and disorders - including autism - that could shorten your pet's life.

While the alleged risks of vaccinating children have been broadcast for many years now, the supposed danger vaccines pose to animals is a relatively new talking point.

The website www.doglisten.co.uk alleges an American veterinary paper revealed around 22,000 cats develop cancer at the point of vaccination every year in the USA.

Immunisation also reportedly causes thyroid disease, arthritis and parvovirus, according to various anti-vaccine protestors.

Others claim that pets are being over-vaccinated, as most injections are designed to last for at least seven years, and many fear smaller animals are subjected to injections that are stronger than they need.

However, immunologists claim large and small dogs require the same dosage.

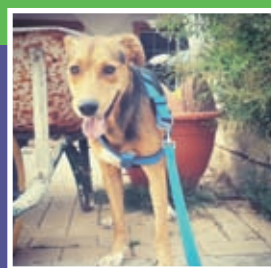


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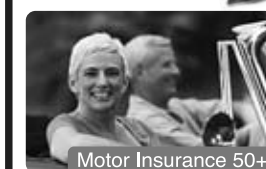
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The teams will return to the same circuit on May 13, for the Spanish Grand Prix, ahead of two days of in-season testing, on May 15 and 16.

The 21-race season finishes in late November in Abu Dhabi, though Lewis Hamilton had sewn up the World Championship long before the final race last season.

The 33-year-old Brit - who has recently faced difficulties about his tax arrangements - is odds-on favourite to retain his title with Mercedes.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, followed by Red Bull pair Max Verstappen and

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Di Resta will be hoping to feature in the British Grand Prix, scheduled to take place on July 8 at Silverstone. All the top teams have unchanged driver line-ups, but there are a number of changes further down the grid.

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Slick Yamaha buggy out in June

YAMAHA have released a new 'utility' golf buggy.

And the company boast that the latest stylish model has 'superior comfort and increased productivity.'

The Yamaha UMX light utility vehicle - which they say is 'built for work' - will soon be available in 400cc petrol and 5.0kW electric versions.

Set for release at Yamaha dealers in June, the company describes the new vehicle as 'a strong, stylish and compact utility vehicle that is equipped to transport two people and their cargo quickly and effortlessly around farms, parks, factories and airports.'

The aluminium cargo bed is a spacious 104.6cm long x 116.6cm wide x 30.2cm deep. There is also a one-touch tailgate, giving instant access to tools, equipment or supplies.

They company add: 'Its rugged design enables the UMX to be driven over a variety of road and non-extreme off-road terrain to give access to all areas, both indoor and outside - and the smart suspension and two separate seats ensure a comfortable and confident ride.'

'Equipped with a large rear cargo bed and convenient front storage compartment, the UMX is an asset to any business - and with its easy to use controls and ergonomic design, this new Yamaha utility vehicle ensures that every member of the workforce gets the job done more efficiently.'

The price of the vehicle is not yet known.

Yamaha is one of the best established brands in the golf car segment but now says it is aiming to diversify

its range.

The company's line up includes a wide range of models aimed at different segments of the market.

From the hard working YTF2 and Super Hauler Utility models through to the stylish Drive2 Golf Cars and the Concierge Personal Transportation vehicles, Yamaha offers a diverse range of golf cars and utility vehicles.

Now they say their focus is on 'diversifying and expanding its line-up in the Utility vehicle segment.'


Though they look like stylish golf carts, the Yamaha Utility vehicles claim to offer the 'versatility, user-friendliness and durability that professional operators require, and are designed to handle everything from site maintenance duties and light farming through to gardening and housekeeping chores.'



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Beemer for BMW Company scoop double win at Best Cars Award

THE BMW 5 Series and X1 won prestigious awards at the German Auto Motor and Sports magazine's Best Car Awards 2018.

The readers' polls saw the pair win the Upper Midrange and Compact SUV categories. It's the second year in a row that the 5 Series has won the former class, to add to a collection of other awards.

The awards were announced during a ceremony at the International Congress Centre in Stuttgart. Over 117,000 readers voted for the 42nd annual awards, which saw 378 models compete in 11 categories.

In an impressive haul for the German manufacturer, BMW placed in six other categories.

The BMW i3 came second in the Small Cars category, while third place positions came for five other cars - the 2 Series Coupe (Compact Class), 4 Series



Photo by BMW

MAKING A SPLASH: The X1 won the Upper Midrange class.

Gran Coupe (Midrange Class), i8 Coupe (Sports Cars), X3 (Large SUVs) and 2 Series Active Tourer/BMW 2 Series Gran Tourer (Vans).



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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Volvo S90 D4 Inscription

WITH the growing popularity of hatchbacks, SUVs and estate cars, the market for luxury saloons is declining, but it is still an important sector served by brands such as Mercedes-Benz, Audi, BMW and Jaguar. And Volvo, of course.

The Swedish manufacturer brings a fresh look and sophistication to the sector with its latest S90, with particular emphasis on extensive equipment and safety features, and driving refinement.

The S90 I tested is the largest saloon in the company's line-up and prices start at €38,568 (£33,865), though my test model was a mid-range D4 Inscription version priced at €44,268 (£37,115).

Powered by a 2.0 litre 190 hp diesel engine with eight-speed auto gearbox, it has a quick 0-100 kph time of 7.9 seconds and top speed of 225 kph (140 mph). Fuel consumption is 22.7 kpl (64.2 mpg).

There is plenty of room for five adults, and the 500-litre boot is more than adequate for normal requirements. The cabin - described by Volvo as 'a sanctuary' - has a cooler, more modern look than

most rivals, a significant factor in an image-conscious sector.

Latest styling gives the S90 a sleek, distinctive, more elegant appearance than some of its German opposition and while not quite as agile as some, it is smooth, quiet and effortless in overall driving and is an excellent motorway cruiser.

Standard kit includes heated leather seats, large touch-screen infotainment system with sat-nav and connectivity, alloy wheels and arguably best-in-class safety equipment which includes various crash-preven-

tion features including roadside animal detection and Pilot Assist, a semi-autonomous system which aids acceleration, braking and lane-keeping.

Volvo aims to bring new vision to the traditional luxury saloon class, offering more svelte, more intelligent and more innovative styling. With the S90, it has certainly succeeded.

STATS PANEL

- **Model:** Volvo S90 D4 Inscription
- **Engine:** 2.0 litre diesel
- **Transmission:** 8-speed automatic
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 7.9 seconds, top speed 225 kph (140 mph)
- **Economy:** 22.7 kpl (64.2 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 116 g/km



VOLVO S90: A sophisticated fresh look.

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

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| MAGIC: Messi saved the day for Barcelona with a late free-kick.

La Liga roundup

Messi magic spares Barcelona's blushes

by Benjamin Park

LIONEL MESSI scored a late free-kick to secure all three points for Barcelona after a second-half fight back saw them win 2-1 against struggling Alaves.

The runaway leaders fell behind to a shock first-half opener through former Manchester City and Celtic striker John Gudetti's strike and the 17th placed side held the lead for most of the match before Luis Suarez broke their resolve in the 72nd minute.

Alaves seemed to be heading for a memorable draw against the runaway leaders, but that man Messi stepped up to score a trademark free-kick, albeit not his best, to break Alaves hearts.

The result leaves Alaves sitting dangerously just two points above the relegation zone, while Barcelona retained their 11 point lead at the top of La Liga after Atletico had cruised past Las Palmas earlier in the day.

Second half strikes from Antoine Griezmann, Fernando Torres and Thomas Partey were enough to see the 2013/14 Champions past Las Palmas at the Wanda Metropolitano and keep some pressure on Barca.

Elsewhere, Real Madrid moved to within two points of third placed Valencia as they brushed the Valencians aside 4-1 to ease pressure on boss Zinedine Zidane.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored two first half penalties before Santi Mina replied for the hosts, but two late strikes from Marcelo and Toni Kroos saw the current champions move to within two points of third place with a game in hand.

Last year's Champions remain just a point ahead of Villarreal though, as they continued their good form to beat

While Villarreal pushed on, Sevilla stumbled as their quest for Europa League qualification hit a snag with a 1-1 draw against Getafe.

Sevilla seemed on course for victory after Lucas Muriel's 72nd minute strike opened the scoring, but Angel replied for the away side with a 93rd minute equaliser to secure a point as Getafe moved into the top 10.

Following their historic Copa del Rey quarter-final victory over Real Madrid, Leganes continued their red hot form as they beat Espanyol 3-2 on Sunday.

Espanyol's Mario Hermoso scored possibly one of the strangest hat-tricks in history as he managed to score two own goals, before getting one back for the side in the final minutes.

Ten-man Deportivo La Coruña let a 2-0 lead slip in the final 10 minutes as Ivan Ivi scored a quickfire double for Levante who staged a dramatic late comeback to salvage a 2-2 draw.

Deportivo looked set to leapfrog their opponents out of the relegation zone after Adrian Lopez and Florin Andone put the hosts firmly in control, despite playing with a man less from the 34th minute after Celso Borges saw red.

But they let the lead slip in the final 10 minutes as Ivi made the

most of some slack defending to ensure that Deportivo remain in deep trouble.

In the weekend's other fixtures, bottom side Malaga managed to grab another point as they drew 0-0 with Girona, while Athletic Bilbao drew 1-1 with Eibar, and in the Monday night game, Celta Vigo overcame Real Betis 3-2 thanks to an Iago Aspas double.

Results		
Friday, January 26		
Athletic Bilbao	1-1	Eibar
Saturday, January 27		
Villarreal	4-2	Real Sociedad
Malaga	0-0	Girona
Valencia	1-4	Real Madrid
Deportivo La Coruña	2-2	Levante
Sunday, January 28		
Leganes	3-2	Espanyol
Atletico Madrid	3-0	Las Palmas
Sevilla	1-1	Getafe
Barcelona	2-1	Alaves
Monday, January 29		
Celta Vigo	3-2	Real Betis
Fixtures		
Friday, February 2		
Real Sociedad	vs	Deportivo La Coruña
Saturday February 3		
Eibar	vs	Sevilla
Real Betis	vs	Villarreal
Alaves	vs	Celta Vigo
Levante	vs	Real Madrid
Sunday February 4		
Getafe	vs	Leganes
Espanyol	vs	Barcelona
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Spain are European Handball Champions



CHAMPIONS: Spain won their 1st European Handball Championship.

SPAIN has been crowned European Handball Champions for the first time after a 29-23 win over former World Champions Sweden in the final.

In what turned out to be a thrilling match, the Swedes raced into a three goal lead early in the first half and dominated the remainder, deservedly taking a 14-12 lead into the half-time interval.

Spain's Alex Dujshebaev, who was named in the team of the tournament, told media after

the match: "After four losses in finals of the European championships, we knew we had to give everything in our power and play the best we can."

"In the first half, they were the ones that outplayed us, they were better, but we talked in the break and told ourselves we are about to play the last 30 minutes of the tournament."

Their talk during the break clearly worked as Spain, who defied the odds to reach the final, soon put on an 8:1 goal

spree to turn the match on its head.

Ferran Cole and David Balaguer scored five goals each, while backs Raul Enterrios and Alex Dujshebaev pitched in with four apiece.

Spain were also indebted to their stand-in goalkeeper, 38-year-old Arpad Sterbik, who pulled off some crucial saves in the second half.

to ensure that the 2013 World Champions were crowned European Champions for the first time.

England "one of the favourites" for Six Nations, says Redfern

FORMER England international Steve Redfern believes that England will be "one of the favourites" for this year's Six Nations.

The Red and Whites ran away with last year's trophy, but were edged out 13-9 by Ireland in the final game and narrowly missed out on the Grand Slam.

And ahead of this year's tournament, former England international and Leicester Tigers front row Steve Redfern believes that Eddie Jones' men have more than enough to win the title once again and will also have an eye on the Grand Slam.

He told the *Euro Weekly News*: "I think they've got to be one of the favourites."

"Eddie Jones is developing and the players are as well."

"We have to be up there again and the players will be thinking about that Grand Slam."

The side head into this weekend's tournament second in the world in the World Rugby rankings, just behind New Zealand, and will be confident of winning their third successive Six Nations title.

England begins their campaign on Sunday as they travel to Italy with the kick off at 4pm.



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BARCELONA star Lionel Messi has hit the post an incredible 13 times already this season. The Argentinian hit the post again during his side's win against Alaves at the weekend, surpassing the 12 times he hit the woodwork in the 2014/15 season.

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Los Bandidos take prize in Javea Green comp

SATURDAY saw the conclusion of the annual Javea Green Healthy Lifestyle trips, always a popular and well attended competition held over three months.

Ten teams, totalling 100 players, took part in the round robin format which resulted in a last day tense battle with the team of 9UP just pipping Bring it On for third place with 10 points.

Second place was awarded to Siette Arriba+1 with 13 points but the aptly named Los Bandidos were declared the winners with an impressive maximum 18 points and a shot difference



THE WINNERS: Los Bandidos with sponsors Specsavers.

of +136 which was more than all the other teams put together.

Los Bandidos team of Jan and Paul Brown, Jan and Alan Phillips, Chris Evans, Clive English, Chris Salter, Velia Wood and Trefor Ifans picked up a trophy and €500 from Mike and Louise Stone of Specsavers Javea.

Keith Hamilton the competition organiser thanked the addi-

tional sponsors from KRU Hairdressers, Clinica Assistel and Laude Lady Elizabeth School for taking the time to attend and present prizes.

On the Winter League front, Javea remain top of the table with a 10-2 win against La Sies-ta while in the Northern league, Quartz met their sister team Onyx and lost 4-6 and Opal lost 4-6 to BBC Lions.



ALL SMILES: Beijing Renhe's time in Spain 'has been a success' according to coach Luis Garcia.

Beijing bid goodbye

CHINESE Super League side Beijing Renhe have finished their pre-season training at the Ciutat Camilo Cano in La Nucia.

The team, managed by the Spanish coach Luís García, trained at La Nucia Ciudad Del Deporte, from January 9 to 25 in preparation for the new season.

Hundreds of people turned out to watch the team train over their 17-day stay in the Costa Blanca, as they prepared for their return to the Chinese Super League, which begins on March 2.

Previously, La Nucia has hosted other professional teams including Utrecht of the Dutch Eredivisie, the Spartak of Moscow, Shakhtar Donetsk, the Zenit of St Petersburg, Schalke 04 of Ger-

many and the England National Team. And selections of lower categories such as the sub 17 of Spain both male and female, sub 19 female Spain or the sub 16 of Mexico and the US.

Luis Garcia said: "We are very happy with the facilities of La Nucia, where we have trained very comfortably in its complete facilities, since in addition to the grass field, we have a pool, beach soccer, gym... etc.

"The weather has accompanied us, now in Beijing we would be -6 degrees, so the weather has been perfect here in La Nucia.

"There is the possibility that we will return to La Nucia in June to train for the World Cup, which shows that this pre-season concentration has been a success."

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