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€15.8m terrain campaign

THE Junta de Andalucía regional government is offering developers the chance to buy land in Rincon de la Victoria.

The Ministry of Development and Housing is offering 105,976 square metres of land for sale, 47,410 square metres of which can be built on.

Developers could build 446 homes on the Victoria Park urbanisation across six plots which are being offered for €15.8 million. The Junta hopes the deal will help overcome issues of overcrowding, vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Francisco Fernandez, Delegate for Development and Housing, explained, "With this initiative we maintain the strategy of selling land owned by the Autonomous Communities, which has achieved such good results in recent years in terms of generating income that will allow us to strengthen our social actions in the field of housing, aimed at helping families with difficulties."

He added the Junta was putting "these assets on the market to service entrepreneurship to promote economic development, and the generation of employment, especially in the construction sector, one of the most damaged during the crisis."

Fernandez concluded the move would also help families in need of social housing, "since this project will give us the resources to resume this type of housing."



UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The controversial plant and (inset) protesters have their say.

Kicking up a stink

Residents rally over 'broken promises'

More than 700 people have protested over Nerja's unfinished sewage plant.

The demonstration took place in the town's main streets after patience over the stalled works grew thin.

The protest, organised by Nerja's tripartite council, saw locals walk from the town hall to the plant's site in the Fuente del Baden area.

Politicians from parties PSOE, Izquierda Unida and Ciudadanos took part in the rally alongside members of local business groups.

Not present at the protest were members of the Partido

Popular (PP) who called the event, "politically opportunistic and inadmissible."

A spokesperson for the PP added: "We take the opportunity to denounce, when it gets in the way of finding a solution, the nonsense that is this demonstration and the clumsy and incompetent municipal management on the part of the tripartite who deliberately, intentionally and unjustifiably caused the paralysis of vital works."

Works to Nerja's sewage treatment plant remain stalled at 95 per cent complete after the works' contractors, Isolux-

Corsan-Corviam, went bankrupt last April. Since then both the Junta de Andalucía and Spain's central government have stepped in to try to find a solution, holding meetings with Nerja's councillors as well as pressure groups and local businessmen.

No touching

A MAN has been banned from a street in Malaga after touching a woman's bottom.

The 30-year-old will not be able to visit the Antonio Machado promenade for two years after he slapped the bottom of a female runner. The accused assaulted the woman while he was on his bicycle before cycling away. The woman immediately called her husband telling him what happened and reporting the man was touching another woman.

When two police officers arrived, the man tried to throw his bicycle at them before he was arrested. After giving police someone

else's name, the man was eventually identified by his fingerprints.

After investigating, officers identified four victims, aged between 20 and 43 years old. On questioning, the man acknowledged his crimes and apologised to the women. He also maintained he had smoked a joint and did not know what he was doing.

The perpetrator was given a six-month ban per victim from visiting the street on which the attacks took place. He was also given a fine of €1,200 which would entail three months and 10 days of imprisonment if not paid.

Kidnapped!

TWO men have been convicted in Malaga for kidnapping a man and forcing him to pay off a debt. The brothers were each given three and a half years in prison for locking their victim in a house and threatening to throw him in a swamp if he did not pay €20,000.

The two were convicted for kidnapping, causing injury and violent robbery, and have been forced to pay the man €1,500 in compensation.

They have also been banned from being within 500 metres of the man or communicating with him for three years.

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NEWS EXTRA**€228m online money scam**

A COUPLE who allegedly swindled hundreds of millions of Euros in online currency are being investigated after buying a hotel in Periana. It is claimed the pair may have misled the notary when buying the site.

Street works

WORKS have begun to increase pedestrianised space in Rincon de la Victoria. The project will see Calle Comercio opened exclusively to pedestrians, as well as part of Calles Ronda and Cordoba.

Fast buck

WATER company Axargua has said it may raise water prices after its debts reached around €5 million. Politicians from all parties have criticised the move which would see residents in Velez- Malaga pay more.

Fit for a king

THE Duchess of Cambridge's children have been spotted wearing clothes made in Canillas de Aceituno.

It is expected the company's sale will sky-rocket after Prince George, four, and Princess Charlotte, two, were both photographed sporting cardigans made by Mi Lucero.

The design firm, owned by brothers Jose Manuel and Juan Daniel Martin, created the navy blue knitted cardigan which was made without seams to avoid chafing.

The brothers explained, "We sell to a client in London who has a store in one of the most exclusive areas of the British capital and apparently one of the assistants of the royal family is Spanish and she buys clothes for the children."

It is thought this assistant may be the royal couple's Spanish nanny, Maria Teresa Turrión, who has taken care of Prince George since 2014.

The brothers went on, "we only manufacture with Spanish



ROYAL SUPPLIERS: Mi Lucero is based in Canillas de Aceituno. (Inset) Prince George and Princess Charlotte.



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They concluded, "For Spanish textile companies it is very positive that well-known figures such as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge dress their children with our clothes," adding they are often asked about, "the designs that William and Kate Middleton's children have."

Hosepipe ban goes on

FARMERS must cut their irrigation by 60 per cent throughout February.

The Junta de Andalucía has said the subtropical fruit farmers will now be offered just 10 hectometres of water for irrigating this year compared to the 23 hectometres normally used after La Viñuela reservoir's water levels sank to just 22 per cent.

Alexander Clavero, a spokesman for Plataforma de Aguas de la Axarquía, praised the policy which has seen Viñuela's water levels maintained at their current level rather than decreasing as before. Clavero told one publication the 60 per cent reduction was more effective than the day-long watering bans in place last year as "the next day people consumed more."

Efforts to improve Viñuela's situation have included sending drinking water to the reservoir. Last month, Emasa explained it would be transferring 100 litres per second to the reservoir for as long as needed. If maintained at this rate, the move will contribute an extra three cubic hectometres a year to Viñuela.

Despite these efforts, farmers are concerned by dwindling water supplies. Benjamin Fauli, president of the Asaja farming group, told one publication his group was prepared to consider industrial action, "since we have been warning about this for several years and practically nothing has been done to avoid it."



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Hunting dog ban

AROUND 60 people have protested in Malaga to end hunting with greyhounds. Across Spain around 700 more people demonstrated to end the sport which sees thousands of dogs killed each February if they are not deemed quick enough.

Lock in

BAR OWNERS are criticising a council decision not to grant any more business licences. Malaga Council has been criticised over its decision to control the numbers of bars opening in the city after noise levels rose. Business-owners say the ban creates "legal insecurity."

Out of control

MALAGA Council is studying measures to control numbers of Argentine parrots taking over the city. The body is looking into ways to control the expansion of the bird population, which doubles every 4.7 years with around 2,300 specimens living in the city.

More taxis

MALAGA'S taxi drivers have struck a deal with the City Council to increase their numbers at Malaga Airport. There will now be around 204 cars at the airport compared to the previous 179 as well as between 13 and 14 adapted taxis each day.

Baby death

THE Junta de Andalucia has said it will cooperate with an investigation into the death of a baby at the Malaga Materno Hospital. Marina Alvarez, Minister for Health, said her department will offer "maximum collaboration," to make the investigation "as rigorous, effective and fast as possible."

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE n°49

With cheap, good quality beer and wine available by the gallon, what more could the Spanish want from their alcoholic drinks? Just a little je ne sais quoi with those reds, it would seem.

PACKETS of crisps, pints of lager and glasses of wine: typical British pub orders are outstandingly predictable.

Yet in Spain, the liquid accompaniments to a bowl of olives or tapas often come with a twist.

While sangria and tinto de verano are not exactly earth-shattering variations on a glass of wine, they do at least add a little diversity.

For the uninitiated - though there are probably not many - sangria is a sweetened and fruity spin off of your standard glass of red wine.

There are a number of variations - particularly regional ones - but traditionally, Spanish red wine is mixed with orange juice and a liquor before being served in a jug with plenty of citrus fruit and ice. Rioja is the red of choice.

Other recipes include sugar, lemonade and other spirits.

There is also sangria blanca - a variation featuring a white wine base.

European law only allows a drink to be called 'sangria' if it is made in Spain or Portugal. However, it could be called 'British Sangria' - for example - if made in another country.

But strangely enough, sangria is thought by some to have originated in the Caribbean, before being introduced to America. This earlier version was known as Sangaree, according to Andrew Smith's book about American food and drink.

Smith reportedly suggests that the iced drink was reintroduced to America around the middle of the 20th century, through Hispanic Americans and Spanish restaurants.

Yet most attribute the roots of sangria to early Greek and Roman culture. People from the ancient civilisations added various flavours to their wine, which was the drink of choice.

Known as 'hippocras,' this seems the most likely ancestor of sangria -

Wine, refined



CHEERS: A glass of sangria with a view.

CORDOBA: The city has a claim to tinto de verano's origins.

TINT: The summery wine-based drink is close to sangria.



and would explain its popularity across the Mediterranean and especially in Spain and Greece.

Tinted, not minted

Meanwhile, tinto de verano is another relatively cheap 'punch' with a resemblance to cold mulled wine.

Simpler than sangria - but similar -

it is one part red wine and one part lemonade (or similar), served on the rocks with a slice of lemon.

Literally meaning 'red wine of summer,' one theory links the drink's history to Cordoba, where a man called Federico Vargas allegedly created the mix in the early 1900s. He initially called it 'a Vargas' and served it in his lively bar called The Brilliant, according to one account.

Presumably the future success of the drink only added to his modesty.

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The light fantastic



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OUT OF THIS WORLD: Zodiacal light is said to be the largest feature in the solar system.

THIS is the stunning moment that Spain's highest mountain is bathed in a mysterious celestial light.

Captured by a photographer from the Canaries Astrophysics Institute, it shows Mount Teide, Tenerife, covered with snow and illuminated by a phenomenon known as zodiacal light.

Appearing above the peak as a roughly triangular glow, the light is most easily seen around an hour after sunset, and can be seen on the island for the next few weeks.

It is produced by sunlight reflecting off particles known as cosmic dust which lie in the so-called interplanetary

dust cloud, orbiting the sun around 600 million kilometres from Earth.

The dust is most likely formed from fragments of asteroids broken off by erosion or collisions, and comets, which release dust and gas when they travel close to the sun.

In the northern hemisphere the light is best seen in the western sky on clear, moonless nights in February, March and April, although it is easily rendered invisible by moonlight or electric light pollution.

And in September and October it can be seen by looking east an hour before dawn.

It appears when the ecliptic - the annual path which the sun appears to take in the sky throughout the year - lies at a steep angle to the horizon, hence the light's vertical appearance.

In this case the glow is accompanied by Mount Teide being covered in snow, creating an unearthly scene.

Teide is an active volcano that last erupted in 1909, and at 3,718 metres is the highest point in Spain.

If measured from its true base on the ocean floor, it is 7,500 metres high, making it the highest volcano in the world outside the Hawaii archipelago.

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Periana cats will have their own show

THE Helicats of Periana's cat sanctuary will be starring in a forthcoming documentary, directed and filmed by Sammi Dennard and her crew.

They spent five hours filming so they could capture the beauty of this cat colony. When the crew arrived to set up the cameras, there was not a kitten to be seen, until Fiona Bond appeared. Then, from every cave, rooftop, nook and cranny... the cast of cats flooded onto the set.

Having expected feral waifs and strays everyone was amazed by the sleek, friendly pride that prowled into the sunshine; tails held high, calling and purring to Fiona.

During the shoot the first of many more cat shelters was donated and installed by Adrian and Jean Kingsley Monks while musician, Robin George, who has been a long-standing supporter of this cat colony, was interviewed on set.

Sam Matthews McCartney from Axarquía Animal Rescue has been involved with the Helicats from the early days,



MEOW: Feeding the Helicats.

when cats were used as dog bait and hunted relentlessly for sport. Those days are now gone thanks to the mayor of Periana, Rafael Torrubia Ortigosa, declaring the Helipad a protected sanctuary.

Sam commented, "Having not been to Periana for well over a year I'm so im-

pressed with the difference to the general feel of the village regarding animal welfare. The example set by Fiona, Robin, Rafael and the Local Police, and their refusal to tolerate cruelty, is changing mindsets and giving more people a voice to be brave and stand up for animals."

OUR VIEW

Booming economy is welcome, for the rich

NEWS that the Spanish economy continues to grow should provide cheer for jobseekers.

But the sobering reality is that the working classes in Spain are worse off than ever, as cash continues to be funnelled to the top 1 per cent.

Critics say that Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is oblivious to the struggles of the man on the street, after he was recently quoted as saying that the political crisis in Cataluña is "the only shadow looming over the economy."

However a flourishing economy does not always make for a healthy society.

Last year ended with more than 611,000 new jobs having been created in Spain, but a new Oxfam report shows that wages have been more-or-less frozen since 2009, while a lack of investment in education has seen families pay almost 40 per cent more to send their children to school than a decade ago.

The rate of saving has dropped to its lowest ebb since 2008 as ordinary people battle to make ends meet, with retail sales affected and figures for the January sales failing to match forecasts.

It is a stark reminder that since the 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers and subsequent recession, a disproportionate percentage of the resultant costs have been foisted onto millions of blameless, low-income citizens.

And perhaps the most sobering aspect is that the trend shows no sign of slowing, with 7,000 new Spanish millionaires last year in a country where 10.2 million remain below the poverty line.

At some point, the balance will have to tip.

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Investigation into landfill abandoned

PROSECUTORS have dropped an investigation into a second landfill in Nerja.

The Partido Popular (PP) explained there will be no further action after the Public Prosecutor's Office completed its investigation into a dump in Barranco del Viejo in the north of Nerja.

Nerja's mayor, Rosa Arrabal, had filed a complaint against the PP after 4,000 cubic metres of waste was abandoned before being covered with stones and subsequently closed last year.

Following an investigation by prosecutors, spokesman for the PP said Mayor Arrabal's complaint had "backfired," adding, "it appears that there is no evidence of the commission of an environmental crime or any criminal offence."

In June 2014, Nieves Atencia, then Councillor for the Environment and now an opposition councillor, said the dump was the responsibility of the Junta de Andalucía regional government because it was, "on land owned by the regional administration."

The case is the second of its kind to hit the news in recent months, with a court case into a second illegal dump in Nerja still ongoing. Around 40 politicians and businessmen are currently being investigated for their alleged part in landfill in Nerja's Rio de la Miel, which saw waste dumped at the site between 2000 and September 2016.

The Public Prosecutor's Office labelled the landfill 'a genuine environmental disaster.'

NEWS EXTRA

Big hotel win

NERJA'S Parador hotel has once again received recognition from website TripAdvisor. The hotel has been named sixth best of its kind in Spain.

Free stay

TEN lucky couples will win a stay in Nerja after its council gave away weekend stays in a raffle. The town hall said the competition was designed to increase tourism to the town.

Bugs down

THE production of tiger mosquito eggs in Rincon de la Victoria has decreased by more than 90 per cent. The news is welcome, as it means fewer bugs invading the area when the weather heats up.



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Corrie blimey

SHE'S the glamour model who recently landed an acting job on Coronation Street.

But after allegedly being fired from the long-running ITV soap for 'leaking story-lines,' Bethany Morgan jetted to Spain for a sun-soaked winter break.

The 22-year-old was snapped in the midst of what appeared to be a furious argument with her agent as she lounged by the swimming pool.

And after appearing to blow her top while rocking a tiny swimsuit that barely concealed her ample curves, the blonde beauty later slipped into an equally skimpy multi-coloured number for a dip in the sea.

The racy model has been playing a lap dancer in a story-line involving teenage character Bethany Platt, but a source told UK media: "She's just been sacked from Coronation Street. There's been a bit of a big uproar about it."

WHAT A PAIR: Chyna and Danielle.



Photo credit Bethany Morgan/Instagram



CURY: Bethany Morgan.



NO GRID GIRLS, NO PROBLEM: Kylie and Alejandro strike a pose.

Minogue in vogue at E-race bash

HE'S married to the daughter of a former Spanish Prime Minister.

And Alejandro Agag, 47, showed he knows how to mix it with the stars as he was snapped alongside Australian songstress Kylie Minogue at a motor racing circuit in Santiago de Chile.

The *Can't Get You Out Of My Head* hit-maker was in the South American country as a guest at the latest round in the Formula E electric-powered racing championship.

The 12-race series was founded by the ex-Queens Park Rangers chairman Alejandro Agag, and his wife Ana Aznar was also snapped with Kylie as the three attended a gala dinner ahead of the event.

Other stars to appear at Formula E races in the past include actors Orlando Bloom and Antonio Banderas, models Alessandra Ambrosio, Paris Hilton, Naomi Campbell, and Irina Shayk, plus Oscar winner Leonardo DiCaprio, who co-owns the Venturi E-racing team.

Back in black!

THEY'VE become the best of friends after appearing together on ITV2 dating show *Love Island*.

And blonde bombshells Danielle Sellers and Chyna Ellis, both 22, certainly turned heads after slipping into tiny black bikinis and hitting the beach in Spain.

The pair were unlucky in love while in the famous villa, but appeared to be carefree as they frolicked in the shallows.

Strictly come petting

THE gossip surrounding their rumoured romance refuses to melt away.

And *Strictly Come Dancing* stars Gorka Marquez, 27, and Gemma Atkinson, 33, sparked the flames once more after being pictured on a night out in Nottingham.

The Spanish dancer posted a selfie of the English actress nuzzling his neck captioned "You say what...?" to send social media into overdrive.

Ball breakers

TWO of the hardest men in football have been pictured in Madrid.

Ex-Manchester United midfielder Roy Keane visited Atletico Madrid's training ground where he posed with defender Diego Godin, who a day later lost several teeth during a Spanish league battle with Valencia.

The Ireland assistant manager is thought to have been on a scouting trip.



JUST GOOD FRIENDS?: Gorka and Gemma.

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A NEW service on the Rincon de la Victoria Council website will allow visitors to watch and record footage of town hall sessions. The Videoacta tool will record all council sessions.

Carnival on

NEXT Saturday February 17, Mezquitilla is holding its annual carnival. The event will take place from 4.30pm in the town's pergola.

Civil war

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has organised an event to remember the victims of the Malaga-Almeria highway massacre during Spain's Civil War. The commemoration will take place tomorrow from 7.30pm at the Exile Centre.

Health tests made easier

PATIENTS will have quicker access to MRI scans after a new test centre was opened.

The new Resonance Room at the Axarquía Hospital is one of five in Malaga Province to be given an MRI machine, meaning patients will no longer have to travel outside of Axarquía for tests.

The new equipment, which costs more than €1 million, will be able to perform functional brain studies to help with surgical planning, as well as performing prostate and breast studies and tests on cardiac patients.

It is thought the cost of providing the centre will be cancelled out within a year of use due to savings made by not transferring patients out of the area for tests.

The move comes just months after two of Malaga's hospitals increased their MRI testing by 30

per cent.

The city's Carlos Haya Regional Hospital and University Clinic have started performing the tests on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 10pm, increasing the

amount of patients seen and reducing waiting times.

Dr Mercedes Acebal, director of the clinical radio diagnosis management unit and nuclear medicine at Hospital Clinico, ex-

plained some patients prefer to be tested at the weekends due to work and other commitments. She also said the move made better economic use of the expensive equipment bought by the hospitals.

Fire station finally opens

NERJA'S long-awaited fire station has finally opened.

The building, which was meant to open in 2016, will provide fire assistance for Torrox and Frigiliana as well as Nerja.

The move was made possible after the Provincial Council handed the property over to the construction company responsible for the works. Construction on the site finished in December 2017 but opening remained postponed until a licence could be obtained.

Before that the project had stood almost complete for nearly a year after an argument over billing brewed between Nerja Council and the Provincial Council.

The town's councillor for Civil Protection and Firemen, Oscar Jimenez, explained the delay was caused by a bill for modifications to the building's original design.

He added a conflict had broken out between Nerja's City Council and the government in Malaga, who are sharing the costs, over who should pick up the additional €90,000 bill.

The councillor insisted Nerja's own government had done everything it can, explaining, "we are waiting for the government in Malaga to open the new Park," and that "the council has done its duties and our priority is for the new station to be inaugurated and to be able to provide a good service for Nerja."

Assaults condemned

A NURSES UNION has criticised politicians for failing to protect health workers.

The SATSE Nursing Union has accused the Health District of Malaga East and Axarquía of not complying with health and safety legislation after a nurse at the Axarquía Hospital was threatened on January 26.

The union said the nurse had not been contacted by the Health District since the assault and accused the body of "total disinterest," in helping her, adding, "no one showed up." In response, a spokesperson for the Health District of Malaga East and Axarquía said it tries to deal with cases as quickly as possible.

Out of gas

NERJA Council has closed a petrol station following safety concerns.

Politicians ordered the closure of the site, next to the Lidl on Avenida Antonio Villalclaras, after concerns over its installation were not remedied.

Mari Carmen Gonzalez, councillor for Public Roads, Commerce and Openings, explained municipal technicians had compiled several unfavourable reports on the self-service station after its planning and construction licence had been granted.

She said these issues "have not been remedied," adding the petrol station's owner must make the appropriate changes before it could reopen.

RESIDENTS have complained school students are blighting the neighbourhood.

Locals have accused pupils of smoking, drinking, camping out and littering during school time and say it is ruining the area surrounding Rincon de la Victoria's Bezmiliana institute.

Juan Jose Carrillo, president of the residents' association, told one publication, "first they entered through the parking lot and on a plot of land they have set up a proper camp and have brought in chairs, tables, an awning ... where they spend their

Noise pollution

mornings, leaving trash and dirt."

He added, on several occasions he had called "the Local Police to request their help with this matter but for various reasons they have not been able to help us, what they have recommended is that we inform them of the problem in writing."

He explained the camp had been dismantled "on multiple occasions," adding, "but we have not

cleaned up because of the cost to the community."

The council has said it will meet with the school's administration and Local Police but explained some of the damage was on private property.

The case follows several others in which the behaviour of school children has been criticised by their local community. In November last year, Malaga's Lex Flavia Malacitana and Felix Revello de Toro schools were fined €12,000 for making excessive noise while children practised basketball.

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NEWS EXTRA**Karate kid competition**

THIS Saturday the junior provincial karate circuit will take place in Frigiliana. The competition, which will conclude in November, will also take in Torrox, Algarrobo, Nerja and Coin.

Step free

JOSE MARIA RIVAS, Nerja's councillor for Infrastructure, has said the town hall will continue to eliminate accessibility obstacles, including kerbs and steps.

Deep clean

WORKS to clear public roads in Maro and on the N340 continue. Workers from Nerja Council are removing weeds and litter.

Dirty protest

MALAGA'S cleaners are planning a series of protests.

Limasa's workers are meeting this Saturday as part of a schedule of protests after it was revealed the company is being divided in two.

The demonstration will take place in Malaga's Plaza de la Constitucion at 12pm where a larger protest against the precariousness of public sector workers' jobs is also taking place.

Limasa employees have said they will fight "to death" against the decision to divide the company.

Manuel Belmonte, president of the works council, explained, "we are willing to do whatever it takes to defend our rights, but what our colleagues want is for residents to know what savings there would be if the company was brought under municipal control and show them that the decision is



Credit: Chris O'Hare

LIMASA VEHICLES: Will still collect rubbish.

harmful not only for us, but also for the neighbourhoods that are going to be abandoned."

Following months of uncertainty over Limasa's future, last December Malaga's mayor, Francisco de la

Torre, announced the body would be partly privatised with waste collection services remaining publically run, but street cleaning being organised privately.

Politicians remain divided by the decision, with Daniel

Perez, a PSOE spokesman, calling it, "the most damaging decision for the city." Mayor Francisco de la Torre, maintained there were "no reasons" for the workers to take industrial action, however.

High speed connection

POLITICIANS are pushing for a rail connection to Nerja.

Members of the left-leaning PSOE party are urging Spain's central government to build a connection between Malaga and Nerja.

Miguel Angel Heredia, the deputy leader of his party in the Junta de Andalucia, explained, "14 years ago they began to talk about the project of a railway corridor connecting Nerja with Estepona, there was even talk of figures, but the crisis came and many of these projects had to be parked."

He added, "like any railway investment that is not a metro or tram, it is the exclusive responsibility of the central government," explaining, "when the crisis began to emerge, the time should have come for the Ministry of Public Works to promote projects of this nature and connect the eastern coast of Malaga on a railroad."

He concluded it was important to have a connection with Malaga, "whose epicentre is the airport."

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Bank raid too cheap

BANCO POPULAR - bought by rival Santander for €1 as part of a rescue package - could have been worth more than €1 billion.

A confidential report by consultancy firm Deloitte, now released into the public domain, valued the failed bank's equity at €1.3 billion in a 'best case' scenario.

Popular was the first bank to be wound down under new European directives blocking taxpayer bailouts, but the sale was contested by investors who lost an estimated €850 million.

Opel jobs fear eases

By Matt Ford

FRENCH carmaker Groupe PSA has unveiled a cost-cutting plan designed to keep production of the Opel Corsa in Spain.

The owner of Peugeot and Citroën bought Opel from US firm General Motors in 2016, but recently threatened to move production of the Corsa compact away from its Zaragoza plant due to spiralling overheads.

Chief executive officer Carlos Tavares said that the site is too expensive compared with the company's other Spanish factories in Madrid and Vigo.

It comes after he earlier criticised spending at Opel's Vauxhall plant in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, which he claims is twice as costly as its French counterparts.

But the company has now presented a five-year plan to workers' unions which it hopes will save jobs at the factory, which currently employs 5,300 people and last year ran at 80 per cent of capacity.

PSA said in a statement that it is "convinced that the employees will un-

derstand the need to secure the future of the site through the performance plan, which will pave the way for new investments and projects."

No specific details regarding the deal - which will need to be approved via a poll of workers - were given, but Spanish media report that it includes a freeze on salaries in 2018 to be followed by wage rises at half the rate of inflation, plus a 5 per cent reduction in overtime pay.

Union sources said that they have agreed to the package in principle following 12 hours of talks.

Catalan jobs go downhill

THE Spanish government has claimed that six out of every 10 jobs lost in the country since September were in Cataluña.

Social Security Secretary Tomas Burgos said that during the same period more people found work in Madrid than Barcelona for the first time in five years, although he emphasised that the two cities are "the main locomotives" of employment in Spain.

"This is a clear sign of the effect that the political situation in Cataluña is having on the economy," he added.

Quote of the Week

"I'm not going to answer that." Maria Elosegui Itxaso, the first Spanish female judge to be appointed to the European Court of Human Rights, when asked if she is in favour of gay marriage.



HUNGER GAMES: A new attraction for Madrid.

Studio reveals new attraction

AMERICAN-CANADIAN entertainment firm Lionsgate is to open a new indoor entertainment complex in Madrid.

The studio has joined forces with Spain's Parques Reunidos to sign a licensing deal that will see the attraction open in 2020, after the inauguration of its flagship Entertainment City in New York next year.

Lionsgate's first indoor project in Europe will be located at the Estacion Principe Pio rail and metro station, and will include a

restaurant and lounge inspired by hit TV series Mad Men plus themed Hunger Games and Divergent Series attractions.

Visitors will also be able to take part in a series of virtual reality experiences.

Lionsgate's senior vice-president Jenefer Brown said: "We are thrilled to continue our global partnership with Parques Reunidos with the opening of our second Lionsgate Entertainment City location and our first branded leisure centre in Europe."

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Financial firepower

CAIXABANK made record €1.68 billion profits in 2017, an increase of 60.9 per cent on 2016, while total revenue increased 5.1 per cent to €8.22 billion, the Spanish bank has revealed.

Claim game

SPANISH politicians have made 167 trips spending more than €2 million on travel and accommodation over the last 18 months, according to reports, with the lawmakers also paid an unspecified daily allowance for food and other expenses.

Stream on

TELECOMS giant Telefonica and online entertainment provider Netflix are close to striking a deal allowing the Spanish firm to include the US company's content as part of its Movistar+ television offering, which has 3.7 million subscribers.



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Rivalry sparks downturn

BRITISH telecommunications behemoth Vodafone has blamed competition in Spain for a drop in revenues. It comes after the world's second-largest mobile operator announced a lag in organic service revenue over the last three months of 2017.

Finance Director Nick Read told Spanish media: "It was a heavy promotional quarter, specifically Orange was pretty aggressive, and specifical-

ly targeting ourselves.

"We clearly had to respond and there was a degree of churn that we experienced. All of those promotions are now out of the market place."

The firm's main rivals in Spain are Orange and Telefonica, but despite the competitive market it still made €10.19 billion in group service revenue during the quarter.

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CLOSING PRICES FEBRUARY 5

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,672.70	24.70	1.50	23,738.00
Associated British Foods	2,723.00	0.00	0.00	21,715.62
Admiral Group	1,863.25	9.25	0.50	5,243.10
Ashtead Group	2,034.00	16.00	0.79	10,357.77
Antofagasta	914.90	13.50	1.50	9,087.63
Aviva	504.10	-10.30	-2.00	20,635.37
AstraZeneca	4,919.00	-117.00	-2.32	61,867.59
BAE Systems	591.80	0.60	0.10	18,895.98
Barclays	195.55	-0.01	-0.01	33,673.63
British American Tobacco	4,759.75	-0.25	-0.01	110,645.15
Barratt Developments	574.50	-0.10	-0.02	5,919.31
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,976.00	78.00	2.00	5,355.68
British Land Co	658.20	0.16	0.02	6,553.37
BHP Billiton	1,550.50	13.30	0.87	32,969.44
Bunzl	2,047.50	-13.50	-0.66	6,940.35
BP	489.45	6.84	1.40	99,980.24
Burberry Group	1,591.00	28.50	1.82	6,579.66
BT Group	232.68	-17.67	-7.06	25,400.07
Coca-Cola HBC	2,346.00	0.00	0.00	8,742.17
Carnival	4,998.50	59.50	1.20	10,412.15
Centrica	130.53	1.93	1.50	7,327.97
Compass Group	1,479.75	14.75	1.01	23,433.40
Croda International	4,419.50	65.50	1.50	5,779.97
CRH	2,489.50	-52.50	-2.07	21,601.79
DCC	7,455.00	110.00	1.50	6,583.02
Diageo	2,563.75	50.25	2.00	62,532.99
Direct Line Insurance Group	380.50	5.60	1.49	5,106.75
Evrax	349.15	-15.35	-4.21	5,428.91
Experian	1,604.25	8.25	0.52	14,753.66
easyJet	1,653.00	0.00	0.00	6,623.45
Ferguson	5,380.00	80.00	1.51	13,388.03
Fresnillo	1,355.00	20.00	1.50	9,940.70
G4S	285.00	4.20	1.50	4,415.84
GKN	417.40	2.10	0.51	7,273.52
Glencore	382.75	7.17	1.87	57,550.17
GlaxoSmithKline	1,310.80	-4.06	-0.31	64,929.29
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,811.50	-37.00	-2.00	8,879.25
Halma	1,267.50	18.50	1.48	4,802.46
Hammerson	493.25	7.25	1.49	3,858.36
HSBC Holdings	747.60	-2.60	-0.35	150,025.81
International Consoldtd Air Grp	657.90	28.30	4.49	13,246.78
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,726.00	70.00	1.50	8,956.14
3i Group	963.50	14.10	1.49	9,255.95
Imperial Brands	2,843.50	-14.50	-0.51	27,591.61
Informa	696.30	10.30	1.50	5,692.23
Intertek Group	5,046.50	74.50	1.50	8,058.23
ITV	168.85	1.00	0.59	6,957.92
Just Eat	814.20	4.00	0.49	5,591.94
Johnson Matthey	3,386.00	50.00	1.50	6,645.94
Kingfisher	349.40	1.50	0.43	7,627.51

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	986.35	-0.05	-0.01	7,363.34
Legal & General Group	274.60	5.80	2.16	16,111.62
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.75	0.05	0.07	49,891.65
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,076.00	60.00	1.49	13,852.13
Micro Focus International	2,145.00	7.00	0.33	9,275.85
Mediclinic International	594.40	8.80	1.50	4,364.48
Marks & Spencer Group	301.45	4.45	1.50	4,893.73
Mondi	1,895.75	-0.25	-0.01	9,196.39
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	225.85	3.35	1.51	5,260.31
National Grid	803.25	11.85	1.50	26,943.41
NMC Health	3,305.00	49.00	1.50	6,808.54
Next	5,101.00	75.00	1.49	7,322.35
Old Mutual Group	242.20	8.20	3.50	11,680.67
Paddy Power Betfair	7,962.50	-172.50	-2.12	6,884.35
Prudential	1,885.50	5.61	0.30	49,156.33
Persimmon	2,505.50	1.50	0.06	7,770.83
Pearson	702.40	10.40	1.50	5,519.83
Reckitt Benckiser Group	7,016.00	302.00	4.50	47,288.63
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	286.60	0.01	0.00	34,326.34
Royal Dutch Shell	2,443.50	48.00	2.00	110,630.08
Royal Dutch Shell	2,472.00	48.50	2.00	91,108.97
RELX	1,566.00	54.50	3.61	16,135.60
Rio Tinto	3,921.00	19.50	0.50	52,999.33
Rolls-Royce Group	865.00	6.38	0.74	16,133.85
Randgold Resources	7,361.00	317.00	4.50	6,638.05
RSA Insurance Group	625.00	3.00	0.48	6,314.98
Rentokil Initial	300.95	4.45	1.50	5,456.88
Sainsbury (J)	249.10	1.87	0.75	5,567.55
Schroders	3,756.50	55.50	1.50	8,389.95
Sage Group (The)	749.30	11.10	1.50	8,142.51
Segro	590.70	8.70	1.49	5,863.11
Shire	3,313.50	1.50	0.05	30,204.79
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,570.00	0.00	0.00	5,997.07
Sky	1,078.00	16.00	1.51	18,255.96
Standard Life Aberdeen	430.35	6.35	1.50	12,645.59
Smith (DS)	506.45	7.45	1.49	5,373.69
Smiths Group	1,567.50	6.00	0.38	6,290.24
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	452.90	-3.10	-0.68	6,346.30
Smith & Nephew	1,253.00	-1.38	-0.11	11,010.26
SSE	1,261.50	-0.02	0.00	12,949.54
Standard Chartered	813.90	4.27	0.52	27,151.68
St James's Place	1,206.25	17.75	1.49	6,335.71
Severn Trent	1,938.50	28.50	1.49	4,513.90
Tesco	202.18	-0.02	-0.01	16,899.29
TUI AG	1,588.50	3.21	0.20	9,430.50
Taylor Wimpey	188.25	-0.95	-0.50	6,303.54
Unilever	4,059.25	20.25	0.50	49,664.85
United Utilities Group	744.20	11.00	1.50	5,041.88
Vodafone Group	219.48	-0.02	-0.01	57,189.77
WPP Group	1,293.00	0.00	0.00	16,547.22
Whitbread	3,985.50	171.50	4.50	7,083.95

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3M	245,170	-1.12%	-2,770	146,371,27
AMERICAN EXPRESS	96,6800	-3.32%	-3,3200	83,494,80
APPLE	160,500	-4.34%	-7,280	822,321,08
BOEING CO	348,910	-2.25%	-8,030	208,598,40
CATERPILLAR	157,490	-2.93%	-4,750	93,511,66
CHEVRON	118,58	-5.57%	-6,99	226,101,47
CISCO SYSTEMS	40,930	-1.85%	-0,770	203,973,84
COCA-COLA	46,73	-1.52%	-0,72	199,527,05
DOWDUPONT	70,89	-3.55%	-2,61	166,256,31
EXXON MOBIL	84,53	-5.10%	-4,54	353,247,53
GENERAL ELECTRIC	15,6400	-2.37%	-0,3800	135,371,25
GOLDMAN SACHS	260,04	-4.48%	-12,19	98,752,10
HOME DEPOT	193,9700	-2.97%	-5,9300	227,360,66
IBM	159,03	-2.08%	-3,37	147,691,50
INTEL CORP	46,1500	-3.15%	-1,5000	217,900,80
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	114,2800	-2.22%	-2,5900	392,710,65
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	137,6800	-1.67%	-2,3400	371,250,21
MC DONALD'S CORP	169,3800	-1.47%	-2,5200	135,680,99
MERCK AND CO. NEW	58,56	-2.17%	-1,30	160,224,13
MICROSOFT	91,780	-2.63%	-2,480	711,670,93
NIKE	67,22	-0.64%	-0,43	87,087,40
PFIZER	36,6100	-0.60%	-0,2200	217,744,64
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	84,250	-1.86%	-1,600	212,571,03
TRAVELERS CIES	147,95	-1.37%	-2,05	40,728,68
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	134,61	-2.68%	-3,71	107,950,68
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	231,88	-1.42%	-3,34	225,763,64
VERIZON COMMS	52,98	-2.43%	-1,32	216,495,93
VISA	120,91	-3.83%	-4,81	219,692,68
WAL-MART STORES	104,4800	-0.99%	-1,0400	310,872,31
WALT DISNEY CO	108,7000	-1.62%	-1,7900	163,692,49

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CLOSING PRICES FEBRUARY 5

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
VelocityShares Daily 2x VIX Short-Term ETN	\$ 7.50	1.61 ▲ 27.33%
USA Truck, Inc.	\$ 24.99	4.91 ▲ 24.45%
Johnson Outdoors Inc.	\$ 74.48	13.46 ▲ 22.06%
Viavi Solutions Inc.	\$ 10	1.33 ▲ 15.34%
athenahealth, Inc.	\$ 142.25	17.34 ▲ 13.88%
VelocityShares VIX Short-Term ETN	\$ 13.89	1.63 ▲ 13.30%
VelocityShares 3x Inverse Silver ETN	\$ 25.10	2.67 ▲ 11.90%
Mobile Mini, Inc.	\$ 42.40	4.20 ▲ 10.99%
ARMO BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 33.32	3.23 ▲ 10.73%
Alkermes plc	\$ 63.42	5.09 ▲ 8.73%
VelocityShares Daily 2x VIX Medium-Term ETN	\$ 9.57	0.73 ▲ 8.26%
Most Declined		
Impinj, Inc.	\$ 12.16	10.70 ▼ 46.81%
Aceto Corporation	\$ 7.92	2.99 ▼ 27.41%
YRC Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 12.34	3.47 ▼ 21.95%
Varex Imaging Corporation	\$ 34.61	8.82 ▼ 20.31%
Arcturus Therapeutics Ltd.	\$ 5.93	1.38 ▼ 18.88%
OSI Systems, Inc.	\$ 54.60	12 ▼ 18.02%
Overstock.com, Inc.	\$ 56	10.65 ▼ 15.98%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.76	0.44 ▼ 13.75%
Menlo Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 30.56	4.44 ▼ 12.69%
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Spain's burning desire

COAL POWER BILL SLAPPED DOWN

THE Spanish government has been snubbed by its own energy regulator.

It comes in the wake of a recent announcement that the state intends to support policies encouraging utility firms to continue the use of highly-polluting coal-fired power plants.

But the Comisión Nacional de Mercados y la Competencia (CNMC) has now said that the country could lose a "significant part of the existing coal capacity" without threatening energy security.

The government last November issued a Royal Decree allowing it to prevent a company from closing down a coal power plant should the move be deemed a risk for the national energy supply, incompatible with energy planning, or detrimental for 'any other economic reason.'

This was widely seen as a response to Basque Country-based utility Iberdrola's announcement that it intends to axe its remaining two coal facilities.

Environmental groups panned the decree, claiming that it contravenes both Spanish and European Union (EU) law, and the CNMC has agreed, releasing a statement that said: "The Spanish electricity system will not have problems of security of supply in the medium nor the long term.

"(Even) in the worst scenario with demand peaking at 46,000 MW and low generation, a significant part of the existing coal capacity could be safely discarded."

The report also said that the decree could break European rules and prevent fair competition.

Spain produces around 30 per cent more energy than it needs, whereas the industry standard safety margin is 10-15 per cent.

The country has a long history of mining and burning coal, and political support for the industry within the conservative govern-



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SET FOR CLOSURE: The Iberdrola plant at Velilla, Palencia.

ment is strong.

Endesa - the country's largest electric company - recently revealed that it intends to sink €400 million into three of its existing coal plants to ensure they remain operational beyond 2030 despite new EU air pollution laws taking effect in 2021.

The CNMC's decision is not legally binding, but the main opposition political parties have also rallied against the decree. Electrical firms not in favour have threatened legal action if the government pushes it through, and EU lawmakers from the Climate Action and Energy Commission have launched a probe.

Police slam government cop out over pay promise

THOUSANDS of police officers took to the streets to protest over their wages.

The rally, which took place in Andalusian capital Sevilla, saw off-duty Guardia Civil National Police officers from cities including Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante, and Murcia demand that Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy keeps his promise to invest €1.5 billion into increasing salaries over a three-year period.

But according to an official "Interior Minister Zoido and the tax agency" have "still not reached an agreement" over how much money should be spent.

"Or maybe they don't want to," he added, before claiming that the government is now "only offering €600 million.

"It is an insult and shows a lack of respect."

Rich getting richer, report says

The haves and have nots

THE Spanish economy is on the up, growing by an average of 3.3 per cent from 2015 to 2017.

But a new report by Oxfam Intermón - a Spanish offshoot of international poverty-relief charity Oxfam, shows that financial inequality is greater than ever.

Entitled '99: An economy for the 99 per cent,' the study demonstrates how economic growth since the financial crisis of 2007-2008, has benefited the rich, with 1 per cent of the population now owning a quarter of the country's wealth.

According to the data, Spain is ranked third among European Union nations where inequality has grown since the crippling economic downturn in the wake of the global banking catastrophe.

The richest three people in Spain own a combined fortune equivalent to the wealth of the poorest 30 per cent of the population, around 14.2 million.



DESPERATE TIMES: A homeless woman begging in Barcelona.

While executive pay soars, with 7,000 new millionaires created in Spain during 2017, 10.2 million people remain below the poverty line.

An average of 16,347 people re-

quired the services of care centres for the homeless in 2016, with the figure having increased by 20.5 per cent since 2014.

Wages have virtually stagnated since 2009, increasing by around

0.6 per cent nationally, while inflation remains above 1 per cent.

Investment in education has fallen by 30 per cent over the same period, with families forced to spend 37.2 per cent more to cover the costs for their children.

Youth unemployment fell from a record 55 per cent in 2013 to 37 per cent at the start of 2018, but the average annual salary for under-25s in Spain is now 33 per cent lower than in 2008.

And the number of part-time contracts issued to young workers has grown at a rate three times faster than for other age brackets.

Seven out of every 10 people who receive the lowest wages are women, with only 34.5 per cent of the highest earners in Spain female.

A survey revealed that 68 per cent of the population believe that no matter how hard they work, it will be 'difficult or impossible' for them to save more money.

Rail revamp announced

STATE-OWNED train company Renfe has announced plans to convert six more disused trains into high speed AVE units.

The news follows an earlier commitment to transform 13 'hotel trains' at a cost of €107 million, with the total now to exceed €151 million.

Once the conversion by Spanish manufacturer Talgo is complete, the trains will be able to travel at 330 kilometres per hour and transport 405 passengers each.

This is the first phase of a scheme to spend €1.5 billion on revitalising the firm's fleet over the coming years, with the purchase of new trains and carriages to follow the current round of refurbishments.

NO BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR U2 FANS Ticket probe launched

THE Spanish government is probing how tickets for two upcoming U2 concerts sold out 'almost instantly.'

It comes after the Irish rockers announced a second September date in Madrid when those for the first gig ran out within minutes of going on sale.

And Minister of Culture Inigo Mendez de Vigo has ordered detectives to investigate after smelling a rat.

"It is not normal that a few minutes after tickets go on sale over the internet, there are none left," he told Spanish media.

He added that fans are being forced to pay over the odds with tickets being resold online "at a much higher price."

The band play the 16,000-seat WiZink Centre on September 20 and 21, and entrances are already being sold on Spanish classified websites for up to €500 after originally being



BOOTY-FUL DAY:
Tickets for Madrid gigs sold out within minutes.

Photo credit: Twitter

priced at €35-€195.

A new government commission was last year set up to investigate issues with concert tickets, with lawmakers suspecting that software bots are being used to sweep up tickets en masse.

Some adverts list pens or other items at inflated prices with offers of two 'free' tickets for one of the shows in Madrid.

Kicking off in the United States in May, the European leg of the star's eXPERIENCE + iNOCENCE world tour begins on August 31 and will see Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen Jr hit 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 as well as Spain.

The indoor shows follow last year's record-breaking Joshua Tree stadium tour, which saw the quartet perform 51 concerts across 16 countries and rake in an estimated €250 million with more than two million tickets sold.

U2 recently won a US court battle after Paul Rose - a British songwriter living in New York - accused the band of lifting a 13-second guitar riff from their 1991 hit The Fly from his 1989 instrumental Nae Slappin'.

Rose had demanded €4 million compensation, but the judge presiding over the case said that the sequence did not form a "sufficiently substantial" portion of his song to be legally protectable, and even if it did a reasonable jury would be unable to say whether the group copied it or not.

Takeover sees bank post loss

STATE-OWNED Spanish lender Bankia is back in the red.

The bank lost money during the fourth quarter of 2017 for the first time in three years, and blamed one-off 'restructuring costs' after it purchased rival Banco Mare Nostrum (BMN).

The purchase came as the company tried to boost profits after a fast recovery from its €22.4 billion rescue in 2012, and agreed to buy BMN in June, creating Spain's fourth-largest bank.

At the time Bankia said that it expected restructuring to set it back around €300 million, with most of the cash spent on closing branches and paying off redundant staff.

But it has now revealed that the final total was €312 million, with the bank making a €235 million loss in the last three months of 2017.



Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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



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Sweet and satisfying revenge

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



I TRUST you have all been poised on the edges of your seats, desperate to discover the outcome of last week's saga of 'stag party shenanigans'?

For the uninitiated, this involved our tale of the somewhat extreme party frolic, which resulted in the unfortunate groom, not only getting married, but subsequently leaving for his honeymoon wearing a plaster cast prepared by hospital colleagues. Our unsuspecting hero had been convinced that, while firmly under the influence, he had actually broken his arm.

Naturally, on his return, when the conspiracy was finally revealed, he had not exactly been a happy budge! As time passed however, all appeared to have been forgiven and forgotten. So, if you're all sitting comfortably, I'll begin.

We now move forward some six months, where we find his friend, the main instigator of the 'cast' incident, somewhat tentatively looking forward to his own betrothal! As the date became closer, he naturally became increasingly nervous, racked with trepidation as to what form of devious revenge his former 'victim' was almost certainly concocting.

By the time he arrived at his own stag night, he was practically a mental basket case - and still nothing untoward had occurred. To his amazement - and



SWEET REVENGE: What happens when the stag party prank tables are turned?

relief - the stag night also brought no unpleasant surprises and he duly retired, more than a touch relieved, that his friend appeared to be seeking no retribution for his somewhat ill-conceived party joke of yore.

His subsequent marriage day also passed without incident, but it was not until he and his new bride actually relaxed on the plane bearing them to Mauritius, that he truly felt he was in the clear. He decided to put all his fears behind him and enjoy his honeymoon to

the full; albeit perhaps remaining a little wary of anything they may be planning on his return.

Arriving at their luxurious hotel, they were duly shown to the honeymoon suite and proceeded to enjoy the beginning of their special holiday.

That night the newlyweds retired early. Sharing together all the dreams and intimate exchanges of the recently betrothed, they finally drifted off into happy contented slumber. The next morning they awoke bright and early.

After giving his bride a very special 'wake up call,' the new groom decided to ask for breakfast to be served in the room. Reaching for the phone he dialled room service. 'Hello' he enquired pleasantly. 'Could you please send us up breakfast and a pot of tea for two?' He then froze. 'You'd better make that three,' came a barely disguised triumphant voice from under the bed! Yep. You've guessed it. Beneath the marital bed is where his 'pre-plastered' friend had spent the whole of the previous night. All their most intimate thoughts and moments of passion had been shared with his unforgiving, but now euphoric, stag party victim! Doesn't that just warm the very cockles? Sweet and utterly satisfying revenge.

Back to normal next week.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



FORGET bringing back a sparkly plastic gondola or a carnival mask from Venice. On a recent holiday I discovered that today's most popular Venetian souvenirs are handmade wooden selfie sticks.

Taking photos is no longer part of the holiday - it IS the holiday. And given that most people never delete anything, right now captive audiences back home are being force-fed squillions of snaps of happy couples shooting themselves in St Mark's Square.

Going, going gone are the traditional photo albums we all used to keep when visitors needed to be bored. Now our whole lives are captured on our phones and cameras. The problem for many of us is that's where they stay.

Come your own personal digital apocalypse (pressing the delete button when you shouldn't, losing your phone, data corruption), and it's goodbye life.

Friends also lost their entire collection because their pictures were in some free photo album software with a lifespan barely longer than a

The face that launched a thousand pix?

With the world's store of photos growing by a 10th each year, where should we put them all, snaps Terence Kennedy.

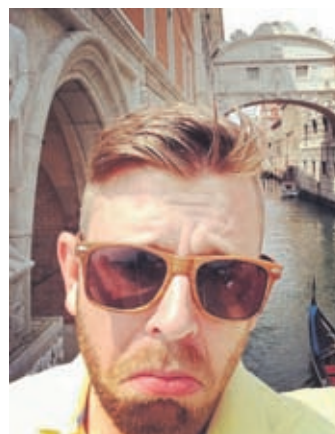
geriatric fruit-fly's, a program which is now long-gone to the great Recycle Bin.

So always save your photos in an industry-standard format which might just last as long as we do. The JPEG (or JPG) format is now ubiquitous, and serious photographers opt increasingly for the high-quality but huge RAW format.

(And here's a tip if you have old photos in an obsolete format: download the all-purpose free image reader IrfanView which might help).

Like anything else digital, photos should be subject to 'the rule of threes': the original copy, a backup copy on a different device, and a third copy off-site.

Keeping your photos on an ever-bigger SD card in your camera is as unwise as keeping all your wealth in



PHOTOGRAPHY: Point, shoot, save and save.

a big box under the bed (as I recall a former Sultan of Oman did with his country's assets, until mice discovered a fondness for shredding banknotes).

After every photo-session copy your pics to a computer, and ideally also to an external storage medium you keep somewhere else, like an external hard drive or flash stick.

Cloud storage sites are growing in popularity, with many offering free initial storage as an incentive, but be prepared for some purse pain if you're really prolific.

Most modern phones will actually back up your photos automatically 'to the cloud.' So at least you will still have your digital memories if your phone undergoes an unauthorised change of ownership.

Oh and by the way, did anyone ever tell you that St Mark's Square might occasionally be a little more beautiful when photographed without your undoubtedly-stunning mug obscuring it?

Photo-finish

THIS year an estimated 1.2 trillion photos will be saved to digital storage media. Increasingly, they will be shunted into 'the cloud.'

Plenty of well-known cloud services are vying for our custom, such as Apple iCloud, Google Photos, Amazon's Prime Photos and Dropbox. One good reason for using them is that they all share an important feature: automatic backups.

What you may need to know however is that some sites (notably Facebook) will 'downsize' the resolution of your photos to save space. That's not important for happy snaps, but it could be catastrophic for serious or professional photographers if that's your sole repository.

However you choose to save, remember one important thing: it's not illegal to zap the less-than-brilliant ones before you do your backup. It isn't, really.

Advertising Feature

AS we sit in the beautiful Spanish sunshine, whatever the time of year, sipping our pina colada or our cafe con leche and reading the latest liquidation scandal in the UK, are we immune to the effects of such a disastrous commercial collapse?

Unfortunately, we are not! Reading the latest news, there may be some readers today who are worried about their Carillion pensions in particular. Well, by law, in the UK, pension shortfalls are protected but, as we saw with the recent BHS debacle, it can take many months to sort out and in that time payments could be delayed, reduced or worse still stopped.

It brings us back to the ongoing problem of slow or reduced payments when our community management fee statements are sent out to expatriates, and those holiday homeowners residing in the UK in particular, whose income may be under threat from the travails of the UK economy, including the latest business collapses.

As we well know, reduced or de-

Why should the failure of Carillion affect me?

layed payments back to our communities can have a long-term effect on the well running and beautification of our Spanish homes.

On a wider note I keep asking myself: why does it keep happening? It seems always to point to the directors and how they run their companies, or perhaps how the rules and regulations governing corporate responsibility seem to be ignored, flouted or deliberately mismanaged.

In the case of Carillion, my own firm's (LPL) Corporate Collections Team saw, at least two years ago, signs that Carillion were heading into cash flow difficulties, brought about by contract arguments in the Middle East, impossibly low contract tenders for private and gov-



COLLAPSE OF CARILLION: Warning signs were there.

ernment projects in the UK and worse still, lax oversight by those in government when looking at the public contracts Carillion were al-

ready involved in.

Hundreds of our own clients instructing LPL to collect unpaid invoices from Carillion should have

given many the first warning signs that they were in trouble. The Stock Market knew two years ago and was actually betting shares on Carillion's imminent failure and made a small fortune doing so.

My firm warned many that their slow payments (Payment Lagging) were a sure sign of difficulties ahead.

The debate lingers on as to how our laws can make directors more responsible for their actions, particularly how pension funds are managed. Whilst there will certainly be new legislation, this will not be on the Statute books for at least another three years.

It is a sad fact that in an economy that relies upon credit, good fiduciary responsibility and at least a measure of prompt payment, all we can do is continue to be vigilant in the way we all run our businesses and here in Spain, our own communities.

From our own point of view, if management fees are late, don't ignore the warning signs, act quickly before some else does.

Enjoy your drink!

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In plain English please

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I WANT to discuss today the ins and outs of cryptocurrency - Bitcoin, blockchains, ASIC mining, block heights and block rewards - blah, blah, jargon, jargon.

I want to discuss how it works and how it's going to be the future. I want to discuss how it is going to make you all millionaires. I want to, but I can't because I haven't got a clue what it's all about!

I mean you can explain it to me until we are all blue in the face. I watched an hour and a half documentary explaining it all to me and still not a clue. It's something to do with algorithms. Even though I don't understand it I do know it was invented by a man called Satoshi Nakamoto who, by the way, doesn't exist!

Even though I don't understand it I think it's a Ponzi scheme or pyramid sales. I think that if you got in early you might have made loads of money. But I do know that about six weeks ago I put a survey on Twitter asking if you would prefer one bitcoin or 11oz of pure gold. All but one said gold.

Good call, I think, because today one bitcoin buys you 6½oz of gold. I don't know how or why it works but good luck to you if you want a punt. Just don't put your life savings into it. Just put in what you are happy to lose and I mean lose it all. I look forward to all the emails explaining it to me but it has to be in simple, plain English please.

Now on to real money. I applied to see if I was entitled to a Spanish pension as well as my English one because I had paid into the system here. I'm pleased to say that after eight months of toing and froing I was informed that I did indeed qualify and would be notified when I would get paid which turned out to be February 1.

Anyway the day came and went - nada - which got me thinking why?

Why do the banks have to hold on to money? Whenever I have to pay something on the first the money is taken on the first. If that date falls on the weekend they take the money the day before and never the Monday after.

I mean, it's not like someone is going down to the bank and standing in line to pay it in or even sitting in the office waiting to hit the 'pay' button on a computer.

It's all automated. So the message is simple - PAY ME ON TIME!

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We are all jet setters now

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JET SETTER, a tag that has been attached to the very rich in the popular imagination since the 1950's. There are however gradations or levels of jet setter.

There are those who turn left rather than right as they board an aircraft. Others who travel low cost and there is no option of right or left, we run for a spare seat. Some pilot their own aircraft, and several famous personalities have a pilot's licence, Tom Cruise, Carol Vorderman, Sir David Jason, Harrison Ford and Angelina Jolie among many others, including several heads of state, who pilot themselves in their own aircraft.

While there are some jet setters whose choice is to charter a smaller jet with pilots included, perhaps one with eight passenger seats, who can then kick back and enjoy a flight bypassing all of the trials and tribulations of the hub airports. Instead of fighting your way through the traffic to get to the airport on time, allow two hours, then through check-in and security allow another two hours.



HEIGHT OF LUXURY:
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Shopping? Another hour or more if the check-in and security was not as bad as usual. Followed by a crazed and frantic sprint to the gate, then wait because the aircraft is late, lost or being cleaned. Finally board and sit in a tight space next to a loved one or a vast and overweight fellow traveller who is intruding into your space, behind a person who on take-off promptly knocks your teeth out as they put their seat back.

Alternatively, with a private jet you walk from the car park to the lobby of the General Aviation Terminal, through security, immigration and check in and so to the apron and onto your aircraft, expending perhaps as much as five minutes of your very valuable time. The ambience, tone, welcome and service on board is worlds away from the typical hub airport or commercial jet.

Even if you own your own aircraft there are

good reasons to charter one. Perhaps your aircraft is not fit for the trip you anticipate? Range and/or capacity.

Perhaps you are travelling with family as you usually do, though on this occasion friends and their close family are travelling with you too. So you need a bigger and more capable aircraft to carry those closest to you all at once.

Now your choices narrow.

At the very tip of the peak there are a very select group of wide-bodied aircraft and among them is an aircraft operated by Deer Jet. Their VVIP Boeing 787 Dream Jet is capable of flying non-stop for more than 18 hours or 16,000-kilometres, that's equivalent to Madrid

to Perth, Australia non-stop in the lap of luxury. Even the cabin air pressure is better than commercial passenger jets, while the Dream Jet team of stewards and butlers provide seven-star service throughout the flight. The Dream Jet's interiors, style and colour are frequently changed to reflect the different feelings of the variety of customers the Dream Jet serves.

The cost of the Dream Jet bespoke flight is from just €63,000 per hour.

'Timid' Theresa May needs to get her act together ... fast

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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AS divisions within the Conservative Party deepen and plots thicken, the prospect of a leadership challenge increases daily for Theresa May.

But who could take over? The one thing that the Brexit negotiations have demonstrated is that we simply don't have the calibre of politician around who can deal efficiently and effectively with this vital, complex task.

They're all well-suited to dealing with matters of little consequence, but when it comes to major issues, they're way out of their league.

As for Theresa May, it's not

so much that she was a 'remain-er' (or was she just on the bandwagon?), it's that she seems over-promoted. She's been given plenty of time to show leadership skills.

She excels in hand-wringing, feet-dragging (in lovely kitten heels) and kowtowing to the EU. But it seems her heart just isn't in Brexit. This isn't a play or a game though.

This is about the future of the country - a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - and it mustn't be let down!

Which reminds me of something I read in *The New York Times* that succinctly sums it all up: 'Many Britons see their country as a brave galleon, banners waving, cannons firing, trumpets blaring. That is how the country's voluble foreign secretary, Boris Johnson, likes to describe it. But Britain is now

but a modest-size ship on the global ocean.

Having voted to leave the European Union, it is unmoored, heading to nowhere, while on deck, fire has broken out and the captain - poor Theresa May - is lashed to the mast, without the authority to decide whether to turn to port or to starboard, let alone do what one imagines she knows would be best, which is to turn around and head back to shore.'

According to a recent poll, 'timid' Theresa May's lost the support of three in 10 voters who supported her in the general election, but people aren't enthused by any of her potential rivals either.

So she gets to carry on because the alternatives are even worse. Great endorsement...

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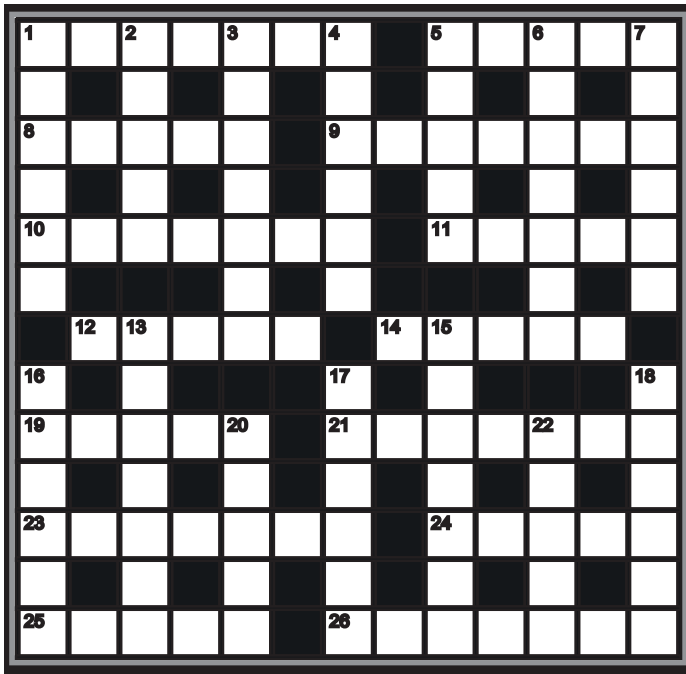
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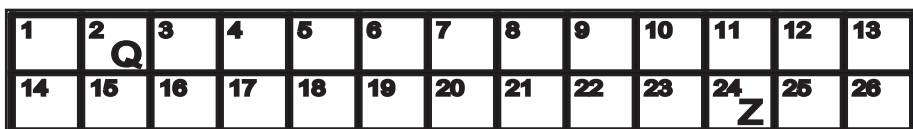
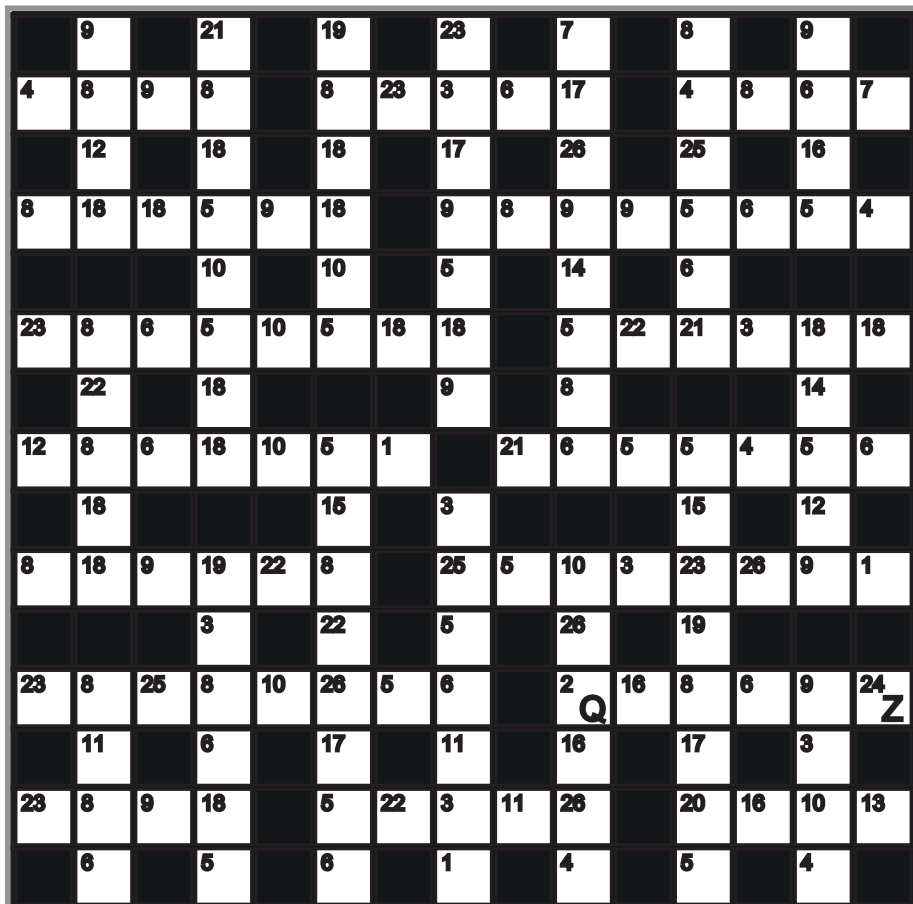
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- 5 Proposed food is injected with nitrogen (5)
- 6 Mischievous child learning to beg (7)



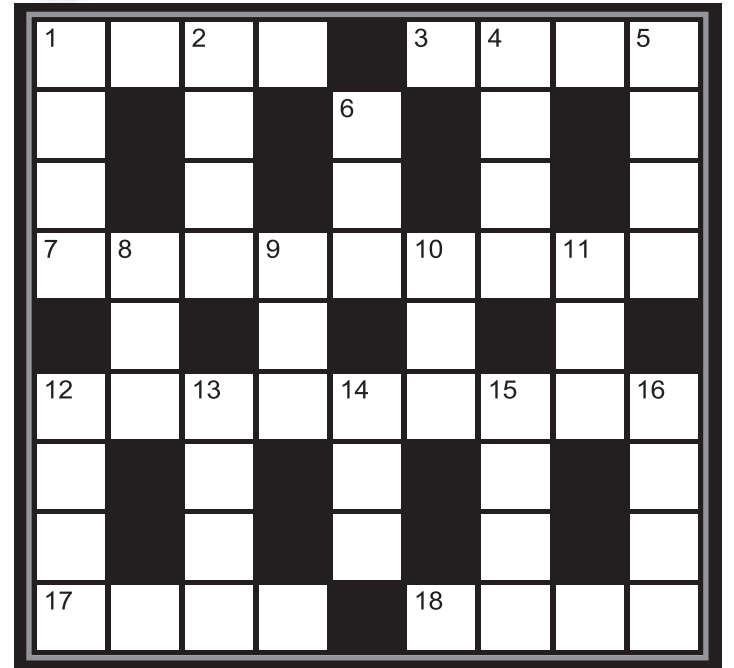
- 7 Light material can turn red (6)
- 13 Model soft angora dress (7)
- 15 Stops a Republican's lies (7)
- 16 Part of London damaged in gale (6)
- 17 Peel back as before, when not awake (6)
- 18 Doesn't give one's all in periods of work (6)
- 20 Puts down some runners' lap sessions (5)
- 22 Sea-air adds a little weight to one (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents Q and 24 represents Z, so fill in Q every time the figure 2 appears and Z every time the figure 24 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

- 1 Marine crustacean (4)
- 3 Lowest brass wind instrument (4)
- 7 Lacking a name (9)
- 12 Marked by eager anticipation (9)
- 17 Abominable snowman (4)
- 18 Automobiles (4)

Down

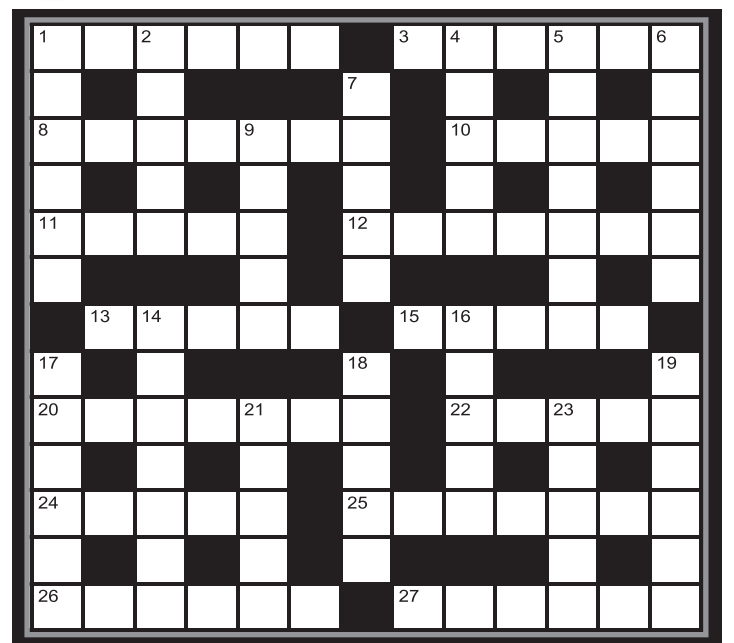
- 1 Spanish sparkling white wine (4)
- 2 Lowest female singing voice (4)
- 4 Cancel or annul (4)

5 Beers (4)

- 6/14 Reduction in salary (3,3)
- 8 Nothing (3)
- 9 Born (woman's maiden name) (3)
- 10 Attained (3)
- 11 Tall, rounded vase (3)
- 12 Deadly sin (4)
- 13 Accord (4)
- 14 See 6
- 15 Elaborate song for solo voice (4)
- 16 Gentle knocks (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Algodón (6)
- 3 Ground (coffee, spices) (6)
- 8 Church (7)
- 10 Pasillo (en avión, teatro) (5)
- 11 Bit (piece) (5)
- 12 Tip (gratuity) (7)
- 13 Vendavales (vientos fuertes) (5)
- 15 Cenizas (5)
- 20 Acróbata (6)
- 22 Nidos (5)
- 24 Pound (5)
- 25 Chestnut (7)
- 26 El más raro (6)
- 27 Grandmother (6)

Down

- 1 Joke (6)
- 2 Awning (5)
- 4 Opaque (5)
- 5 Inspirar (7)
- 6 Sheep (pl) (6)
- 7 Feliz (5)
- 9 Roncar (cuando se duerme) (5)
- 14 To approve of (7)
- 16 Canciones (5)
- 17 To dance (6)
- 18 Palo (de poco grosor) (5)
- 19 Broom (brush) (6)
- 21 Latón (metal) (5)
- 23 Mirar fijamente (5)

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'MEN CAN NO LONGER TOUCH, HOLD OR SAY NICE THINGS TO WOMEN - SO WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD PLAY SAFE ON VALENTINE'S DAY!'

Kakuro

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



Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case **T**) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



TARGET:

- Average: 6
- Very good: 13
- Good: 9
- Excellent: 16

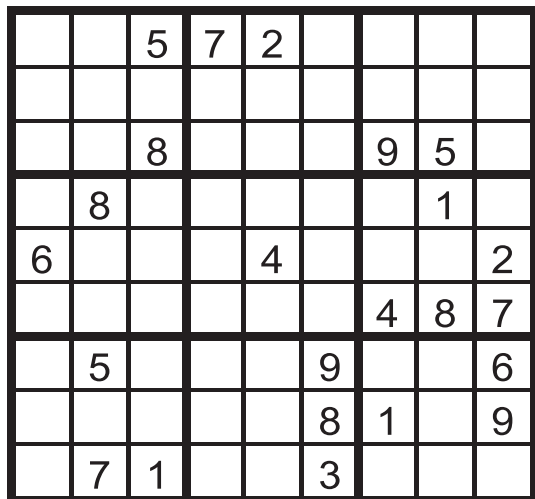
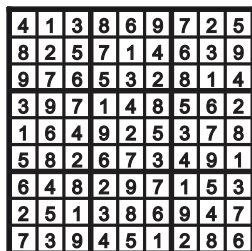
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Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday February 3



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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

A shopping trip with a friend makes you realise that there is more to them than meets the eye. Should you have underestimated them, encourage them to open up. Something you hear this week will be of immense value to you in the future. Decorating and changes at home really bring spring into your life and perk you up.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Something said to you in confidence should be respected this week. Should the beans be spilled, it will not be you who is feeling guilty. The need to help someone with legal forms or some other complicated matter will be much appreciated.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

A slow start to the week sees you full of beans come Wednesday. What is the cause of this change of attitude? Something you worked on last week shows signs of progress just when you thought it wouldn't.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Someone new to your circle of friends brings humour and a new lease of life, socially. When something outside your comfort zone is suggested, then be sure that it is not just faint heart that is stopping you. There is nothing wrong with saying 'no', unless there is heartache in doing so and then wishing that you had not.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

It is now that you may realise how right you were to keep something in reserve. Certainly, so far as a relationship is concerned, holding back has proved its worth. Financially, you are entering a period of frugality, but this is more for your own satisfaction than because of any money worries.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Are you in the mood for some retail therapy? There are bargains to be had this week. The trend also extends to your personal life where it is possible to negotiate much more easily with a loved one. Suggestions for a busy weekend may be resisted owing to overload.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Getting more sleep and fresh air last week may show dividends now. The results are a brighter mind and more willingness to be social. Young people will be particularly helpful and fun to be with. Asking for their help makes them feel important in your life and will also bring you great pleasure.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

The more sensitive side of your nature comes to the fore this week. You are likely to find yourself upset but, by looking on the bright side and keeping your sense of humour, brings a balanced view.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Keep a wide circle of friends and constantly seek to add to them. With such an active mind as yours, boredom is agitating and non-productive. Spring gives you the ideal opportunity to visit others and get out in the open. Both your health and finances gain from a day somewhere new as an inspired idea comes to you. An invitation you are tempted to refuse should be accepted if possible.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

This is a time to keep your mind sharp, so get plenty of sleep and exercise for sure. Legal matters may be paramount and need specialist advice. So long as you are doing your best in a certain situation, no more can be expected of you.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

News of someone close brings finances into your mind. Perhaps some juggling is needed to keep the balance. There is more than one way to conserve both energy and money, which will give you a head start. Getting involved with a charity, even on a small scale, can bring immense satisfaction and costs nothing.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

This is a time of the year when new starts and fresh ideas come to you, which is excellent news for those who are looking forward to changes. The weekend brings you courage and determination and you feel confident enough to speak plainly with people.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Arco, 3 Traslado, 9 Russian, 10 Etapa, 11 Cisne, 12 Actriz, 14 Tattoo, 16 Escoba, 19 Anoche, 21 Lugar, 24 Andén, 25 Azafraán, 26 Por favor, 27 Boss.

Down:

- 1 Apricots, 2 Cosas, 4 Runway, 5 Sweet, 6 Abanico, 7 Ojal, 8 Dinero, 13 Ladrones, 15 Tenedor, 17 Sillas, 18 Verano, 20 Cinta, 22 Gordo, 23 Damp.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Detroit, 5 Tacit, 8 Purse, 9 Neutral, 10 Abstain, 11 Tools, 12 Answer, 14 Fiasco, 17 Tunis, 19 Astride, 21 Entwine, 22 Reply, 24 Terse, 25 Results.

Down:

- 1 Dip, 2 Terms, 3 Operate, 4 Tenant, 5 Taunt, 6 Curious, 7 Telescope, 10 Apartment, 13 Senator, 15 Interns, 16 Career, 18 Spine, 20 Impel, 23 Yes.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Sorts, 4 Shrew, 7 Opt, 8 Erasers, 9 Trap, 10 Reggae, 13 Sweden, 14 Jail, 17 Baggage, 19 Son, 20 Rinse, 21 Oasis.

Down:

- 1 Short, 2 Rat race, 3 Seek, 4 Shares, 5 Roe, 6 Waste, 11 Glasses, 12 Deface, 13 Sober, 15 Links, 16 Zero, 18 Gun.

CODE BREAKER



KAKURO



QUIZ: LUCKY DIP

- According to the old superstition, how many years bad luck would you have for breaking a mirror?
- 'Don't want a four leaf clover. Don't want an old horse shoe' are the first lines of which UK number one hit single by Elvis Presley?
- First published in 1954, Lucky Jim was which celebrated English writer's first novel?
- Goodluck Jonathan was president of which African country from 2010 to 2015?
- Michael Barrymore's long-running quiz Strike It Lucky was renamed what in December 1996?
- The Santangelo novels are a series of novels written by which English romance novelist, which focus on the Santangelo family, particularly Gino Santangelo, an Italian-American former gangster, and his daughter Lucky?
- To who would you most likely wish someone good luck with the phrase 'break a leg'?

- Tucker's Luck, which ran from 1983 to 1985 was a spin-off from which BBC television school drama?
- Which 1950 Frank Loesser musical features the song Luck Be a Lady?
- Which famous English actor starred as the 'plantation thief' Mick Travis in the 1973 British comedy-drama fantasy film O Lucky Man!?

Not a lot of people know that... after the success of her debut single Locomotion in Australia, Kylie Minogue travelled to London to work with the songwriting and production team Stock, Aitken and Waterman. However, they had forgotten that she was arriving. As a result, they wrote I Should Be So Lucky in 40 minutes while she waited outside the recording studio.

Answers:

- SEVEN, 2. GOOD LUCK CHARM, 3. KINGSLEY AMIS, 4. NIGERIA, 5. STRIKE IT RICH, 6. JACKIE COLLINS, 7. ACTORS/MUSICIANS BEFORE THEY GO ON STAGE TO PERFORM, 8. GRANGE HILL, 9. GUYS AND DOLLS, 10. MALCOLM MCDOWELL

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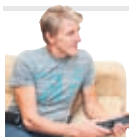
THURSDAY - 8 FEBRUARY

FRIDAY - 9 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am Countryfile Winter Diaries	4:00am This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>	9:30am Frasier	10:05am Mofy
12:00pm Wanted Down Under Revisited	9:00am MasterChef: The Professionals	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	10:00am Frasier	10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:45pm A1: Britain's Longest Road	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:30pm Top of the Pops	10:35am Frasier	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	9:00pm Hugh Masekela: Welcome to South Africa	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
2:00pm BBC News at One	1:00pm The Daily Politics Coast	10:00pm Forces of Nature with Brian Cox	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	1:15pm Cowboy Builders
2:30pm BBC London News	3:00pm Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape	11:00pm How We Got to Now with Steve Johnson	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Doctors	4:00pm A Place to Call Home	12:00am Calculating Ada: The Countess of Computing	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm Moving On	4:45pm This Wild Life	1:00am Top of the Pops	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers Countdown	3:15pm NCIS
4:00pm Escape to the Country	5:15pm New Zealand: Earths Mythical Islands	1:30am Elvis Costello: Mystery Dance	3:10pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith	4:15pm Abducted: The Carina White Story
4:45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown	6:15pm Flog It!	2:30am Welcome to South Africa	4:00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith	6:00pm 5 News at 5
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	7:00pm Eggheads	3:30am Forces of Nature with Brian Cox	5:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys	4:30am This is BBC Four	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News at Six	8:00pm Winter Olympics		6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
7:30pm BBC London News	9:00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure		7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
8:00pm The One Show	10:00pm Trouble at the Zoo		7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
8:30pm EastEnders	11:00pm The Mash Report		8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive
9:00pm Animals with Cameras	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	11:00pm Special Needs Employment Agency
10:00pm Death in Paradise	12:15am Dragons' Den		10:00pm Hunted	12:05am Elizabeth: Our Queen
11:00pm BBC News at Ten			11:00pm Derry Girls	
11:30pm BBC London News			11:35pm 24 Hours in A and E	
11:45pm Question Time			12:35am Shut-Ins: Britain's Fattest Woman	
12:45am This Week				

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7:00am Breakfast	8:15am Countryfile Winter Diaries	4:30am This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>	9:30am Frasier	9:35am Shimmer and Shine
10:15am Countryfile	9:00am MasterChef	10:35am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	10:35am Frasier	9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	12:00pm World News Today	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	10:05am Mofy
11:30am Winter Olympics	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:00pm Top of the Pops	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:30pm BBC News	1:00pm The Daily Politics	1:00pm Couples Come Dine with Me	1:00pm Channel 4 News	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
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3:45pm Moving On	3:30pm Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape	4:00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith	2:30pm News	2:15pm Home and Away
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6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Flog It!	7:00pm The Simpsons	4:30pm News	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys	7:30pm Hollyoaks	5:15pm News	3:15pm NCIS
7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Winter Olympics	8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm News	4:15pm Kidnapping Lizzie: Nightmare Visions
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure	9:00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	7:00pm News	6:00pm 5 News at 5
8:30pm EastEnders	10:00pm Trouble at the Zoo	10:00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	8:00pm News	6:30pm Neighbours
9:00pm Animals with Cameras	11:00pm The Mash Report	11:00pm The Last Leg	9:00pm Mastermind	7:00pm Home and Away
10:00pm Death in Paradise	11:30pm Newsnight	12:05am First Dates Hotel	9:30pm A Vicar's Life	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	12:15am Dragons' Den	12:30am Rock n Roll	10:00pm Nigel Slater's Middle East: Turkey	8:00pm The Wine Show
11:30pm BBC London News		1:05am Rock 'n' Roll Britannia	11:00pm QI	9:00pm Celebrity Five Go Bargaining with Jane McDonald
11:45pm Question Time		2:05am Classic Albums	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm Will and Grace
12:45am This Week		3:05am Rock n Roll	12:05am Looper	11:35pm Julie Walters: By Her Friends
				12:30am Lip Sync Battle UK

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TV COUCH CRITIC

INSIDE NO 9 (BBC2, Tuesdays, 10pm) is in its fourth series and arguably the best yet. Written by Reece Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton of League Of Gentlemen fame, it's a dark comedy anthology coming in self-contained 30-minute episodes.

I didn't take to the League Of Gentlemen so it was with much apprehension I gave No 9 a chance, I'm so glad I did. Stand out episodes so far were Bernie Clifton's Dressing Room (episode two) about a lost show business friendship between two estranged comedy partners reunited for one last show. Bittersweet throughout, I have to admit the finale brought a tear to my eye.

To Have and To Hold (episode four) was the darkest of the lot. The basic story of an unhappy middle-aged couple with a brittle relationship was funny in itself, but the story had hidden depths to explore which came to its dark conclusion at the end. I leave the details out so that those who haven't enjoyed this brilliant series can catch up. For those who enjoy this type of drama, you won't regret it.

Piers Morgan's interview with Donald Trump (ITV, Sunday, 11pm) was hardly what you would call insightful. Morgan's soft-soaping of the president made for quite bland viewing. Nuggets such as Trump admitting he wasn't a

Comedy is a cracker but Piers and the Donald avoid real issues



Photo credit BBC

INSIDE NO 9: Dark but hilarious.

feminist and his continuing scepticism over climate change was hardly headline news, and the pally interview style (Piers may as well have sat on Trump's knee) had me bored fairly quickly. I did stay to the end though.

Even though the interview was heavily advertised by ITV, it drew nearly a million less viewers than the BBC news at the same time. Even the previously publicised possibility of Trump apologising for re-tweeting far right

group Britain First stopped short of an actual apology. His claims that he didn't realise what Britain First stood for did speak volumes however about his Twitter vetting procedure. Piers Morgan's abrasive and often aggressive style on *Good Morning Britain* (ITV, mornings) would have at least been entertaining.

Hidden gem of the week was *Rhod Gilbert: Stand Up To Shyness* (BBC2, Tuesday, 10pm) which was an exploration of social anxiety of

which, surprisingly, Rhod has had since childhood. He described his own trials and anxieties and spoke to fellow comedian Greg Davies, a number of scientists and took part in activities meant to help his condition.

The finale was his mentoring of three fellow sufferers from South Wales in a challenge to perform stand up in front of a live audience. That they succeeded in putting two fingers up to shyness was a fitting climax and induced in me one of those 'feel good' moments.

A short plea for the BBC to bring back Miriam Margolyes', *Miriam's Big American Adventure*, (BBC1, Wednesdays, 10pm). Her final episode into Middle America to seek out alternative views to her own delivered in bucket loads.

From believers in creationism, the local altright group, to a visit to 'the most racist town in America', she encountered her opposites. The Ku Klux Klan refused to meet her but the pastor, who wouldn't meet face-to-face and instead relayed questions to her via a headset because she was Jewish, was stomach churning. The first female black sheriff in Texas was a positive end to the series. More please!

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SATURDAY - 10 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live <i>James Martin presents another menu of mouth-watering recipes, great chefs and celebrity guests.</i>	4:35am This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>	6:00am Coast v Country 6:55am Draw it!	6:35am HouseBusters 7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am Winter Olympics		8:00pm Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean	7:20am 3rd Rock from the Sun	11:05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
1:00pm Football Focus		9:00pm Winter Olympics Extra.	7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun	11:40am Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:00pm BBC News		10:00pm Modus	8:10am King of Queens	12:00pm Police Interceptors
2:10pm Weather		10:45pm Modus	8:35am King of Queens	1:00pm Police Interceptors
2:15pm Winter Olympics		11:30pm The Fall: The Wonderful and Frightening World of Mark E. Smith	9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond	2:00pm The A-Team
5:30pm Final Score		12:30am Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme.</i>	10:00am The Big Bang Theory	4:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:25pm BBC News		1:00am Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme.</i>	11:30am The Big Bang Theory	5:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:35pm Regional News		3:05am Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean	1:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm Rich House, Poor House
6:40pm Weather			2:30pm Come Dine with Me	7:00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
6:45pm And They're Off...For Sport Relief			3:30pm Coast v Country	8:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
7:25pm Pointless			4:30pm A Place in the Sun	9:00pm The World's Most Luxurious Cruise Ship
8:15pm All Together Now			5:30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	9:55pm 5 News
9:20pm Casualty <i>More realistic medical drama with love, life and emergency operations.</i>			7:30pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Football on 5 The Championship.
10:10pm BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>			8:00pm Great Canal Journeys	11:00pm Football on 5 Goal Rush.
10:25pm Weather			9:00pm Village of the Year	11:30pm The Silence of the Lambs
10:30pm Hard Sun			10:00pm Die Hard 4.0	
11:30pm Match of the Day			12:35am Ted	
12:50am Winter Olympics			2:25am The Last Leg <i>Another chance to see Friday's episode.</i>	
3:00am Winter Olympics				

SUNDAY - 11 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:00am Winter Olympics	8:00pm Only Connect	7:15am King of Queens	6:10am The Great Artists
8:40am Match of the Day	10:15am Winter Olympics	8:30pm University Challenge <i>The quarter-finals continue when two teams of university students do battle to reach the next stage in the competition.</i>	7:40am King of Queens	6:35am HouseBusters
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	1:30pm Saturday Kitchen Best Bites	9:00pm Winter Olympics Extra. <i>Radzi Chinyanganya presents further highlights from Pyeongchang, featuring the second day of the team figure skating event and cross-country skiing action from the men's skiathlon.</i>	8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	7:00am Milkshake!
11:00am The Big Questions	3:00pm Food and Drink <i>Back in Time for Tea</i>	10:00pm Dragons' Den	8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond <i>When Debra takes the kids to visit her parents, Ray can't get to sleep alone at home.</i>	7:00am Milkshake!
12:00pm Sunday Politics	3:28pm The Crane Gang	11:00pm The Mash Report	9:00am Frasier <i>An elusive chirping cricket drives Frasier crazy.</i>	Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.
1:15pm BBC News	4:30pm Winter Olympics	11:30pm Live at the Apollo	10:30am Sunday Brunch	11:05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
1:25pm Weather for the Week Ahead <i>Detailed weather report.</i>	5:30pm New York: America's Busiest City	12:15pm Cleverman	1:30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	Football on 5 The Championship.
1:30pm Winter Olympics	8:00pm Winter Olympics <i>Today at the Games.</i>	1:10am Women's Six Nations Highlights	2:35pm The Simpsons	12:35pm Football on 5 Goal Rush.
3:30pm Six Nations Rugby Union	9:00pm South Korea: Earth's Hidden Wilderness	1:40am The Deep <i>New five-part drama about a team of scientists are on a mission to find a renewable source of energy.</i>	3:35pm School of Rock	1:10pm Fail Army
6:00pm Songs of Praise	10:00pm The Mash Report	3:05am Question Time	5:45pm Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer	1:35pm Police Interceptors <i>Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.</i>
6:35pm Celebrity Mastermind	11:00pm BBC News		7:30pm Channel 4 News	3:30pm Johnny English Reborn
7:05pm BBC News	11:20pm Regional News		8:00pm Posh Pawn	5:25pm Earth to Echo
7:20pm Regional News	11:25pm Weather		9:00pm Lost Pyramids of the Maya	5:25pm 5 News
7:25pm Weather	11:30pm Match of the Day 2		10:00pm Spy	7:05pm Bulletproof Monk
7:30pm Countryfile	12:35am The Women's Football Show		11:00pm The Sky at Night	7:15pm The Punisher
8:30pm Still Open All Hours			11:30pm Mia Madre	
9:00pm Call the Midwife			1:15am ...Sings Musicals	
10:00pm Mcmafia			2:15am Horizon	
11:00pm BBC News				
11:20pm Regional News				
11:25pm Weather				
11:30pm Match of the Day 2				
12:35am The Women's Football Show				

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MONDAY - 12 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:00pm Escape to the Country	12:00pm Wanted Down Under	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	1:00pm Channel 4 News	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4:45pm Get Away for Winter	12:45pm Heir Hunters	8:30pm Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	1:10pm 5 News
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	1:15pm Bargain Hunt	9:00pm Winter Olympics Extra.	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:15pm Pointless	2:00pm Winter Olympics	10:00pm Robert Rauschenberg	3:10pm Countdown	2:10pm Access
7:00pm BBC News	7:00pm Eggheads	11:00pm Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	2:15pm Home and Away
7:30pm Regional News	7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys	12:00am China in Six Easy Pieces	5:00pm A New Life in the Sun	2:45pm Neighbours
8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Winter Olympics Today at the Games.	1:00am Top of the Pops: 1981	6:00pm Four in a Bed	3:20pm NCIS
8:30pm Inside Out	9:00pm Only Connect	2:00am Top of the Pops: 1981	6:30pm Extreme	4:20pm The Deadly Twin
9:00pm EastEnders	9:30pm University Challenge		7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News
9:30pm Panorama	10:00pm Collateral		7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours
10:00pm Julius Caesar with Mary Beard	11:00pm Two Doors Down		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away
11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Newsnight		9:00pm Dispatches	7:30pm 5 News
11:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Weather		9:30pm Holidays Unpacked	8:00pm Aviva Premiership
11:40pm Weather	12:10am Weather		11:00pm First Dates Hotel	9:00pm Rugby Highlights
11:45pm Have I Got Old News for You	12:15am Odyssey		12:00am Hunted	9:00pm Police Interceptors
	12:55am Odyssey			10:00pm The X Files
				11:00pm Neighbours
				12:05am When Kids Kill



7:00pm Local News and Weather	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	1:30pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	1:55pm Ironside	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30pm ITV Evening News	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:40pm Coronation Street Classic	2:55pm Quincy, M.E.	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
8:00pm Emmerdale	6:50pm Take Me Out	4:15pm Coronation Street	4:00pm Minder	11:00am Premier League Daily
8:30pm Coronation Street	8:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold	4:50pm On the Buses	5:00pm The Sweeney	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
9:00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show	8:30pm You've Been Framed! Gold	5:20pm On the Buses	6:05pm The Professionals	12:30pm Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
9:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	5:50pm Rising Damp	7:05pm Counting Cars	4:30pm Sky Sports News
10:00pm Trauma	9:30pm Superstore	6:20pm George and Mildred	7:35pm Counting Cars	5:00pm Sky Sports News
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm Survival of the Fittest	6:55pm Heartbeat	8:00pm Pawn Stars	6:00pm Sky Sports News
11:45pm James Bulger: A Mother's Story	11:00pm Family Guy	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	8:30pm Pawn Stars	7:00pm Sky Sports News
	11:30pm Family Guy	9:00pm Lewis	8:55pm River Monsters	8:00pm Football
	12:00am Family Guy	11:00pm The Widower	9:30pm River Monsters	1:00am Sky Sports News
		12:00am The Guilty	9:55pm River Monsters	
			11:00pm Blade	
			12:05am FYI Daily	
			12:10am Blade	
			12:05am Car Crash Global	
			1:25am Car Crash Global	
			2:25am Fifth Gear	

TUESDAY - 13 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:45pm Get Away for Winter	12:00pm Wanted Down Under	9:00pm Winter Olympics	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Fatal Fiancé
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	12:45pm Heir Hunters	10:00pm Garden: Life and Death on Your Lawn	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	6:00pm 5 News
6:15pm Pointless	1:15pm Bargain Hunt	11:30pm Tornado - the 100mph Steam Engine	3:10pm Countdown	6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	2:00pm Winter Olympics	12:00am Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm Regional News	7:00pm Eggheads	1:00am Love is All: 100 Years of Love and Courtship: Storyville	5:00pm A New Life in the Sun	7:30pm 5 News
8:00pm The One Show	7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys	2:15am Top of the Pops: 1981	6:00pm Four in a Bed	8:00pm Secrets of the National Trust
8:30pm EastEnders	8:00pm Winter Olympics Today at the Games.	2:50am Re-Meet the Ancestors	6:30pm Extreme	8:55pm Sselect Exclusive Preview
9:00pm Holby City	9:00pm Back in Time for Tea		7:00pm The Simpsons	9:00pm Cruise Ship, War Ship, Money Pit
10:00pm Shetland	10:00pm Flatpack Empire		7:30pm Hollyoaks	10:00pm Elizabeth: Our Queen
11:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Inside No 9		8:00pm Channel 4 News	11:00pm Ben Fogle: Return to the Wild
11:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm Joe Wicks: The Body Coach	12:05am Paddington Station 24/7
11:40pm Weather	12:10am Weather		10:00pm The Sex Robots are Coming	1:05am Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys
11:45pm Sex, Drugs and Murder: A Year in the Red Light Zone	12:15am Mum		12:05am Before We Die	
	12:45am Mum			
	1:45am Super League Show			



5:00pm Tipping Point	1:45pm Coronation Street	1:30pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	1:50pm Ironside	7:00am Cricket
6:00pm Local News and Weather	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	3:40pm Coronation Street	2:55pm Quincy, M.E.	10:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30pm ITV Evening News	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Coronation Street	3:55pm Minder	11:00am Premier League Daily
8:00pm Emmerdale	6:50pm Take Me Out	4:45pm On the Buses	5:00pm The Sweeney	12:00pm Cricket
8:30pm Save Money: Good Food	8:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold	5:20pm On the Buses	6:05pm The Professionals	8:00pm Cricket
9:00pm What Would Your Kid Do?	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	5:50pm Rising Damp	7:05pm Counting Cars	11:00pm The Debate - Live
10:00pm Trauma	9:30pm Superstore	6:20pm George and Mildred	7:35pm Counting Cars	12:00am Sky Sports News
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm Survival of the Fittest	6:55pm Heartbeat	8:00pm Pawn Stars	All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
11:45pm Girlfriends	11:00pm Celebrity Juice	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	8:30pm Pawn Stars	1:00am Sky Sports News
12:45am Sunday Night at the Palladium	11:50pm Family Guy	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special	2:00am Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
	12:20am Family Guy	11:00pm The Widower	10:00pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	4:00am Sky Sports News
		12:00am The Guilty	11:00pm The Killer Elite	
			12:05am FYI Daily	
			12:10am The Killer Elite	

WEDNESDAY - 14 FEBRUARY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
4:00am Winter Olympics	11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	6:35am Wildlife SOS
7:00am Breakfast	12:00pm Wanted Down Under	8:30pm Secret Knowledge	1:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00am Milkshake!
10:15am Winter Olympics	12:45pm Heir Hunters	9:00pm Lucy Worsley tells the story of Bolsover Castle in Derbyshire.	1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me	10:15am The Wright Stuff
2:00pm BBC News	1:15pm Bargain Hunt	10:00pm Queen Victoria's Children	2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers	12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:30pm Regional News	2:00pm Winter Olympics	11:00pm The Birth of Empire: The East India Company	3:10pm Countdown	1:10pm 5 News
2:45pm Doctors	7:00pm Eggheads	12:00am Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	1:15pm Cowboy Builders
3:15pm The Coroner	7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys	1:00am Love Songs at the BBC: A Valentine's Day Special	5:00pm A New Life in the Sun	2:10pm Access
4:00pm Escape to the Country	8:00pm Winter Olympics		6:00pm Four in a Bed	2:15pm Home and Away
4:45pm Get Away for Winter	9:00pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good		6:30pm Extreme	2:45pm Neighbours
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip	9:30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor		7:00pm The Simpsons	3:15pm NCIS
6:15pm Pointless	10:00pm Generation Gifted		7:30pm Hollyoaks	4:15pm Deadly Attraction
7:00pm BBC News	11:00pm Mock the Week		8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm 5 News
7:30pm Regional News	11:30pm Newsnight		9:00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it	6:30pm Neighbours
8:00pm The One Show	12:10am Weather		10:00pm £1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street	7:00pm Home and Away
9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming	12:15am Flatpack Empire		11:00pm Damned	7:30pm 5 News
10:00pm Earth's Natural Wonders	1:15am House of Saud: A Family at War		11:35pm 8 Out of 10 Cats	8:00pm Police Interceptors
11:00pm BBC News	2:15am Surgeons: At the Edge of Life		12:35am 24 Hours in A and E	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
11:30pm Regional News	3:15am Hairy Bikers Mediterranean Adventure			10:00pm Peyton and Polizzi's Restaurant Rescue
11:40pm Weather				11:00pm Sleepless in Seattle
11:45pm A Question of Sport				1:05am Julie Walters: By Her Friends
12:15am Live at the Apollo				2:05am Super Casino



9:30am Lorraine	12:15pm FYI Daily	8:55am The Royal Judge Judy	4:00am Teleshopping	6:00am Sky Sports News
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:20pm Honey	10:00am Judge Judy	7:00am Sporting Funnies	7:00am Total Goals
11:30am This Morning	1:10pm Emmerdale	10:30am Judge Judy	7:10am The Chase	8:00am Total Goals
1:30pm Loose Women	1:40pm You've Been Framed!	10:55am Judge Judy	7:55am Pawn Stars	9:00am Total Goals
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	11:25am Bargaining Round	8:20am Pawn Stars	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
3:00pm James Martin's American Adventure	3:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:55am Bargaining Round	8:40am Ironside	11:00am Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
4:00pm Tenable	4:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:25pm Love Your Garden	9:40am Quincy, M.E.	5:00pm Sky Sports News
5:00pm Tipping Point	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:30pm The Royal Heartbeat Classic	10:40am Minder	6:00pm Sky Sports News
6:00pm The Chase	7:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold	2:35pm Heartbeat	11:55am The Sweeney	7:30pm Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
7:00pm Local News and Weather	7:35pm Valentine's Day	3:40pm Coronation Street	12:50pm The Professionals	11:00pm The Debate - Live
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:50pm FYI Daily	4:15pm Classic	1:55pm Ironside	Catch up on all the latest news and talking points from around the world of football with this nightly debate show, as the panel discuss the hottest topics from the sport.
8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Survival of the Fittest	4:45pm On the Buses	3:00pm Quincy, M.E.	12:00am Sky Sports News
9:00pm Britain's Brightest Family	11:00pm Celebrity Juice	5:20pm On the Buses	4:00pm Minder	1:00am Sky Sports News
9:30pm Coronation Street	11:50pm Family Guy	6:20pm Rising Damp	5:00pm The Sweeney	2:00am Sky Sports News
10:00pm Trauma	12:20am Family Guy	7:55pm George and Mildred	6:05pm The Professionals	
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:45am American Dad!	8:00pm Heartbeat	7:05pm Counting Cars	
11:45pm UEFA Champions League Highlights	1:35am The Cleveland Show	8:30pm Pawn Stars	7:35pm Counting Cars	
12:45am Camera	2:05am The Cleveland Show	9:00pm Endeavour	8:00pm Pawn Stars	
		11:00pm The Widower	8:55pm River Monsters	
		12:00am The Guilty	10:00pm The Specialist	
		1:05am Inspector Morse	11:05pm FYI Daily	
			11:10pm The Specialist	
			12:15am Lethal Weapon	
			2:10am FYI Daily	
			2:15am Memphis Belle	
			3:15am Counting Cars	
			3:40am ITV4 Nightscreen	

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How stupid to criticise Spain when Brits are to blame

THE SUNDAY TIMES used to be a serious newspaper with some of the best journalists and photographers. It has been dumbing down ever since Murdoch took over and pointless articles such as this demonstrate how low it has sunk.

It is now just another tabloid. The Spanish know how to live and enjoy life taking advantage of the favourable climate. Even though there are too many bars, especially in Madrid, drinking is part of the Spanish culture, but I have never seen the binge drinking or people rolling about outside pubs fighting each other or peeing in the streets like you see in the UK. And the Brits are champions when it comes to swearing. I find the Spanish far more cultured and, despite the image of the passionate, explosive Latin character, very reserved and polite. Viva Espana!

Peter Fieldman, Madrid

Look behind you

HAVING for the first time taken part in an amateur pantomime production, I will never again have the nerve to criticise another amateur performance. I now totally appreciate just how much hard work, total commitment and dedication goes into pre-

Cyclists should learn to behave on the road

MUCH is being done to protect the cyclist from the wicked motorists. But nobody seems to understand that the cyclist is his own worst enemy! I'm sure many, many people can tell tales of woe about near misses brought on by the stupidity of some cyclists.

I thought I had seen most things, until the other day when I was confronted with a 30+ year-old cyclist shooting out onto the N332 in front of me and riding rapidly straight at me after he had ridden the wrong way up the slip road between La Zenia and Playa Flamenca.

He obviously did not see me as I swerved into the central lane because he was too busy with his mo-



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OBEDIENCE RULES: Don't cycle and text.

mobile phone on which he was writing a message whilst riding no hands!! This must surely be No 1 in crass idiocy!!!

I am a fairly keen cyclist myself so do not have an axe to grind, but the way a large majority of cyclists

(and skate-boarders plus other motorised board riders) behave is frightening and it is about time rules were introduced to protect the motorists against the stupidity of these people.

Barry Weston, Los Dolses

sending such a show. Not just the acting, but all the 'behind the scenes' involvement, ie scenery painting, designing and making of costumes, script writing, directing and the incredible camaraderie of the actors. The list is endless and, of course, all the months of rehearsals - yes, contrary to what the audience might think, we do rehearse! OK, there are always hiccups, but isn't that what makes it fun? OH YES IT IS! Thank you for supporting your local amateur panto groups. Without YOU it wouldn't be the same.

Margaret Stevenson, Costa del Sol

Hear Hear

I TOTALLY agree with the letter from JS in January (*issue 1699*) regarding the protection of our lovely village of La Cala de Mijas. Some 850 new builds are under construction at the present moment in the immediate vicinity of the actual village.

Where on earth are the people who are going to purchase these properties going to park, and eat for that matter? I too was sad to see the actual tree and seating area in the centre of the said 'Coronation Street' area disappear in the new construction of the 'Street.' Rather sad to see actually. And furthermore, the reconstruction of the road further down outside restaurant La Gambita, leaves me cold.

An amazing area, mainly Spanish, a couple of really good restaurants, road change means no seating areas outside these places. What about the owners? What about the regular clientele? So sad to lose intimate areas that are so important to our lovely village atmosphere. Come on, keep the space special.

Wendy Wolstenholme, La Cala de Mijas

Snail mail

FURTHER to problems with non-delivery of post over Christmas, my complaint concerns missing post. For the past three years, lottery tickets sent from La Coruña to Torreveja never arrived - a ticket sent to Mallorca, however was safely received. Complaints to Coruña postal authorities, resulted in €30 compensation for the loss of a €100 ticket.

A neighbour, who has a birthday before Christmas, has not received birthday cards from the UK for the past two years - complaints fall on deaf ears.

I know of no place to make an official complaint.

Ronaldo Hayward, Torreveja

Clean up

WONDERFUL as usual to holiday in Nerja and nearby places. But what a shame we have to keep our eyes firmly on the pavement to avoid all the dog mess. Come on Nerja, clean up your act!

John Hopes, UK

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Teen dies while playing football

Teen dies while playing football

My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family...so sad... RIP Nacho Polly Anna

So sad and so young RIP Eileen Toyne

How dreadful, condolences to family n friends

Susan Poole

Thousands of police protest over wages

Why the pay difference, both do the same job, can't get my head around this, should all be paid the same, but it's just like back in the UK as in Spain, the rich get richer while the poor get even poorer, same old story.

John Morris

I've no problem giving them a good wage they are worth it and so far not affected by pc like in UK.

Tim Northern

Yes they should and the Local Police they do a great job and brave with it.

Roy Hadley

Calls for limited alcohol in all-inclusives

Considering that all inclusive is killing bars and

Comments from EWN online

restaurants off and the trouble it causes it's about time the hotels stopped it.

Michael Hannis

If these people want alcohol they will find it somewhere. When they go on holiday getting drunk is their main aim. Hotel or supermarket they will find it.

June Waterhouse

I'd be very careful. Magaluf is a party town and if they start getting too strict tourists won't go.

Ricky Stewart

New pet protection laws

I'd like to see chaining a dog for days and weeks abolished too! These are social animals and it is cruel to tie them up for long extended periods of time.

Ming Louie Stein

Wish they'd tackle bullfighting as well!

Michelle Johnstone

Petition to reverse ban on walk-on girls

Definitely. The whole thing is getting right on my nerves. Don't buckle because of pressure - who exactly is calling for this ban?

Susan Roberts

Has anyone actually asked what the women want or are we too busy being offended for them? I thought the feminist movement was about giving women equal choices, not making choices for them but whatever suits the ones that don't actually do it I guess.

Vicki Anderson

If the models want to do it and they get paid well to do it, w*f has it got to do with anyone else, go get your own life.

Matt Coy

This is all about big business frightened of any sort of backlash from what appears to be a minority. Let the girls decide if they want to do it... If not then fine.

Peter Maden

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New fitness trends to look out for

ALTHOUGH just going for a good old fashioned jog is as good a way to get your heart rate going as any, there are several new fitness trends to look out for that could refresh your workout and make exercising fun again.

High-intensity interval training (or HIIT) is regaining popularity among exercise fiends and is a great option for those who prefer to keep their workouts short and sweet.

An HIIT training session involves short bursts of intense training - typically a minute or less - followed by a period of less intense recovery. The entire workout usually lasts around 30 minutes and is proven to be an effective way to do cardio and burn lots of calories.

Group training sessions are also rising through the ranks of popular workout options, as there's no better way to push



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WORKING IT: Smart watches are a great way to keep track of how you exercise.

yourself to your limit than a little bit of friendly competition, right?

They're also a great opportunity to hang out with friends or meet new people, so provide that extra motivation to drag yourself off that couch in the first place. Group classes aren't just limited to gyms, taking part in a salsa class or joining a running group are also great options.

Smart, wearable technology is also proving increasingly popular and helps provide a better insight into how our body functions and how well we exercise.

From Fitbits to smart watches - and now even a smart ring - these devices help you to know just how hard you're working during an exercise session by monitoring your heart rate and can even let you know how much sleep you get at night.

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RECENT research has revealed that many people are failing to consume the recommended daily intake of fibre, with the average Brit only reaching 18g of the suggested 30g a day.

A high intake of fibre helps to reduce the risk of diseases such as colorectal cancer, haemorrhoids and constipation

Prune power

and keeps the bowels functioning at a healthy rate.

It's easier to improve your fibre intake than you might realise. A new study by Kings

College London has shown that just eating 80g of prunes daily can increase fibre intake by up to 29 per cent, which could significantly improve bowel function.

Although the European Food Safety Agency has ruled that prunes can't be sold as a laxative, the fibre still acts as a boost for most digestive tracts.

Researchers found that those who consumed an additional 80g of prunes daily, along with 300ml of water, experienced a rise in the amount of 'good' health-enhancing bacteria in the

gut called Bifidobacteria.

The fibre they contain also helped to stabilise blood-sugar levels by slowing down the absorption of glucose.

Prunes are also an excellent source of phenols, which reportedly preserve cells from oxygen damage. They are also great sources of Vitamin K, which is needed to help blood clot and develop strong bones.

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Two of the most rocking bands play Axarquía

TWO incredibly popular Spanish rock bands will be playing at the Salon del Mar in Torre del Mar on Friday March 2 with three hours of the best of music.

Queen of Magic have been thrilling audiences for years with their tribute to Queen and their vocalist, Denyse Sanchez, who has an amazing voice and does justice to all of the songs originally sung by Freddie Mercury.

Dave Molina plays guitar and if you close your eyes and just listen you would swear that you were listening to Brian May, so when combined with two more great professional musicians they are guaranteed to perform a memorable Queen tribute.

Concert promoter Big M Promotions have put Stereo 80 on stages all over the coast more often than any other band because they are simply the best 80's cover band around. They have supported many top Spanish bands and headlines at festivals and auditoriums.

If you like popular rock from the 1980s it is almost guaranteed that Stereo 80 will feature at least one song from your favourite band and this is a gig where the audience will be up on their feet from the start.

For such a great event Big M Promotions are bringing in the best festival quality sound and lighting, ensuring that big concert atmosphere and sound.

Tickets are €22 in advance and €25 on the night but if you purchase from the Lux Mundi Centre, Torre del Mar between 10am to 2pm weekdays, €1 from each will be donated to the charity.

More great names for Beach Festival

by John Smith

THREE new international artists have been added to the Fifth Weekend Beach Festival to take place in Torre del Mar in July.

Wyclef Jean, the Haitian American rapper, songwriter, producer and singer will be a major addition to the bill.

First known as a member of the Fugees, the band had a number of very popular releases including *Killing me Softly* which was based on the famous Roberta Flack hit. He has had a very successful solo career.

Having just released a new album to coincide with the 20th anniversary of his first solo album *Carnival*, this will be his only gig in Spain where he will be performing *Carnival III* and *The Fall*.

The singer and now actor,



WYCLEF JEAN: Playing at a Nobel Peace Prize Concert.

who actually tried to stand as a candidate in the 2010 Haitian election, has worked with such diverse artists as Shakira, Eric Clapton, Cypress Hill, Santana and many others.

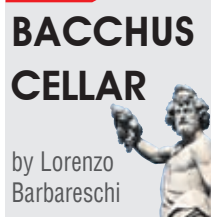
Grammy winning Reggae superstars, Inner Circle will be celebrating the fifth anniversary as a band with their only show in Andalusia.

Formed in Jamaica by brothers, Ian and Roger Lewis, they have gone through a number of

personnel changes but the current line-up headed by the two brothers has been stable for more than 30 years with the addition of one singer.

Also booked are British punk band the Toy Dolls who formed in 1979 and in keeping with the anarchistic spirit of punk have seen no less than 27 changes of line up including 12 drummers and 11 bass players, but the current trio includes one original member.

Waste not!



GRAPPA is one of Italy's most popular alcoholic drinks, with approximately 40 million bottles produced each year.

In 1989 the name Grappa became protected by the EU and can be used only if the drink is sourced and produced in Italy with alcohol content between 35-60 per cent.

Grappa is made by steam distillation of the skins, pulp, seeds, and stems (the pomace) left over from the wine-making process in order to extract remaining flavours before the waste is discarded.

It is then bottled at once to make Grappa Bianca, or aged in wooden casks to create the yellow or brown-hued riserva: Flavoured grappas are also produced with infusion of herbs.

If at least 85 per cent of the pomace comes from a single variety, grappa can be designated *di vitigno* or *varietale*, and the type of grape



GRAPPA: Popular and potent.

can be incorporated into the name, eg, grappa di moscato.

An aromatic, neutral spirit with great digestive qualities grappa is a wonderful way to end a meal drunk on its own or added to an espresso, when it is known as 'caffè corretto.'

Young and aromatic grappa should be served chilled, while aged should be served slightly below room temperature, but never ice cold as freezing affects the flavour, and drunk from small tulip-shaped glasses with an open rim.

The flavour of grappa depends on the type and quality of the grapes used, as well as the distillation process, though quality is not guaranteed as there is no DOC protection system as for wines.

There are more than 100 grappa producers in Italy, with several in Bassano del Grappa, the drink's historic home.

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Spain beats UK on property investment

SPAIN is ahead of the UK and second only to Germany as international investors' favoured destination in Europe, according to leading real estate consultancy Knight Frank.

Speaking at Property EU's Europe and Spain Investment briefing held at law firm CBS' offices recently, Carlos Zamora of Knight Frank Spain said:

"Our survey of major investors shows that 29 per cent favour Germany, 20 per cent prefer Spain, with the UK coming in third on 12 per cent.

"Spain, Germany and Ireland are the only three countries in Europe with positive forecasts for 2018 in all three main sectors - offices, residential and logistics."

The Spanish market built strength steadily in 2017, with transaction volumes of €9.2 billion in the first three quarters of the year, up 20.3 per cent on 2016.

In contrast, Portugal saw a 20 per cent fall in 2017, with Italy experiencing a 14 per cent decline.

Maurizio Grilli, Head of Investment Management at BNP Paribas Real Estate, "Spain is on the up, rents are

growing and confidence is high."

There is no doubt that its economic

growth is powering positive momentum across sectors, with residential

particularly strong in Madrid.

"We are in a recovery market, but we are not repeating the mistakes of the past,"

said Zamora.

"In 2017 80,000 houses were built, but in 2006 it was 700,000 so we are very far from the pre-crisis boom."

Both domestic and foreign investors are scouring the country for opportunities in residential.

Oscar Perez, Investment Director of Qualitas Equity Partners says, "There is interest across the board. There are Spanish family offices investing in build to rent, but we also have South Korean investors looking for farms in Extremadura."

The vacancy rate in Madrid is at an all-time low and rents will only increase as there is not enough space in the city centre to meet demand.

Meanwhile, online sales represent only 4.5 per cent of Spain's total, compared to 18 per cent in the UK and 15 per cent in Germany.

Many are therefore targeting an opportunity for growth in e-commerce. In addition, student housing and old people's homes are beginning to attract more investors.



AIMING HIGH: Spain is increasingly attractive for international investors.

Village life for sale

MUCH of rural Spain is up for sale, with around 15,000 entire villages on the market.

For example, Olmeda de la Cuesta is a tiny community in La Alcarria, an iso-

lated region of rolling farmland between Madrid, Guadalajara and Cuenca.

With just 35 residents on the electoral roll and barely 10 over winter, it is facing oblivion.

As a result, in a bid to attract newcomers the local council is selling off land at hugely discounted prices.

It has also begun to auction off plots with some success. Last year the mayor Jose Luis Regacho auctioned off 14 plots of land at €5 per square metre.

This summer, six or seven areas have been identified for sale and buyers are being attracted from abroad.

Some are looking to make a home in the community, including a British sculptor and an Iranian who works as a chef.

Countless villages throughout Spain are facing a similar existential struggle.

A Xesta, in the hills of

“There is demand for rural properties from city dwellers looking for a weekend retreat.”

the Pontevedra Province, has been offering rents of only €100 a month.

There is certainly demand for rural properties, especially from city dwellers looking for a weekend retreat.

Starting prices for properties are between €15,000 and €20,000, although the restoration work needed for them would cost double that.

If the trend continues, more people will be tempted to sell. Elvira Fafian, who runs a website special-



RUSTIC IDYLL: Esblada is on the market for €280,000.

ising in selling entire villages called *Aldeasaban donadas.com*, says:

"There are places where four or five villages are bought by a family, who then bring their friends and create a little community of their own.

"According to our data, this year half of buyers will be Spanish, and the other

half from abroad."

Of the 3,500 abandoned villages in Spain, around 1,500 are up for sale and they have previously proved popular with American, German and French buyers.

At the upper end of the scale are villages priced at €15 million, with renovated houses and located near woodland and rivers.



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IF you use garlic in your cooking or for anything else, with just a little preparation you can grow your own and have the freshest garlic possible, even if

you have only a spare metre of space.

The climate in Spain is ideal for growing garlic. It can be grown in containers with a good soil mix and it takes up very little space. One good bulb can give you around 20 cloves

that can be planted just eight centimetres apart in all directions.

A broad, shallow container is ideal as the roots do not need to go too deep if they are cared for correctly. A metre square container can give 100 new bulbs which could be enough for a year's supply in many kitchens.

A great way to have fresh garlic leaves, used in the way chive leaves are used in salads and soups, is to separate the smaller cloves from the bulbs being prepared to grow large bulbs.

Plant the biggest cloves in a larger container and the smaller cloves in another container. The smaller cloves will grow quickly, perhaps just weeks, and you can start harvesting the outer leaves for your favourite dishes to benefit from the fresh garlic taste while waiting for the bulbs to mature in the other container. It is best not to harvest the leaves of the larger growing bulbs as it may affect their size.

If you have a space in your garden you can start your garlic patch there. The soil should be

Gourmet garlic to garnish your Mediterranean goodies



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GARLIC: Easy to grow at home.

loose, with plenty of compost enriched with manure or other nutrients but not to excess. Garlic does not like wet feet so keep watering to a minimum to keep the soil just moist, and if

your soil tends to be waterlogged at any time, plant them in raised beds. They do best with plenty of sun and only very partial shade.

To obtain bulbs for planting,

it is a good idea to source them from organic shops or good market stalls so they are chemical free and fresh. Garlic stored for long periods does not grow as strongly as fresh cloves so it is best to look around for the freshest looking ones.

Once you get the bulbs home and your containers or plot prepared, break open the bulbs carefully, so that the plate at the base is intact on each clove, as otherwise they may not grow.

The bigger the clove planted, the bigger the new bulb that will develop.

They are ready to harvest when the leaves start to naturally die down, usually from summer to autumn. Maturity depends on the timing of planting.



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David retires from Talk Radio Europe

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IT is with great pride that I look back on my 30 years of broadcasting on this coast.

I am now over 80 and whilst I look forward to my journalistic endeavours at the *Euro Weekly News*, continuing the stresses of preparing and presenting a radio show are too much, so the time has come for me to hang up my microphone.

Over this very long period I have been supported by many knowledgeable colleagues and to name them individually would take far too long.

To my team I would like to extend a very big thank you to Nazli and Celia, who

**DAVID THE DOGMAN:
Looking forward to retirement.**

have been wonderfully supportive at all times, and I must also include Rona Brown, Val Boney, and Carolyn Menteith, Giles and of course my darling wife Susan who has always been

with me at the studio.

To my many friends I thank you for your support and to our latest contributor Boris the cat (a female!) I say thanks for the pleasure you have given us through Barry Nathan.

So to everybody a big thank you and I look forward to a happy retirement.

Tributes pour in

Dear David,

I confess you took me by surprise although I can well understand why you took the decision. Nobody outside radio can fully appreciate the work that is involved in producing a one-hour show and I think you have made the right decision to retire and keep your legacy intact. I wish you and Susan health and happiness for many years. Sincerely, *Martin (Talk Radio Europe)*

Dear David,

Enjoy your time retired with dear Susan.

I know you and I know you will always make yourself busy!

It was such an honour to be your very last guest. Thank you also for your friendship and professional guidance that you have freely given over the recent years that I have known you. Brotherly love, *Dave*

Dear David,

A great 30 years entertaining and informing your listeners, you should indeed be proud. We'll continue to follow you in the *EWN* and wish you a more relaxed life... which you and Susan have certainly earned. All good things to you both.

Warmest wishes, *Sheila and Alan Skinner, Parcent*

Dear David,

Oh, what a shame! I know many, many people who enjoyed your programme, myself included, although to be honest I do not know how you managed to keep it up for so long. There will never be anyone capable of replacing you.

Big hug, *Andrew*

Hi David, wishing you a long and happy retirement. No doubt you will still be keeping busy.

With very best wishes.

Fitz and Alice, Cosford Dog Training

Dear David,

Although understandable, I was very upset to hear of your retirement and will miss you and your team of experts enormously.

Over the years I have learnt so much and am incredibly grateful for all your hard work in providing so many interesting interviews and indeed producing so many programmes. Saturday mornings will not be the same without you.

With very best wishes for a happy retirement.

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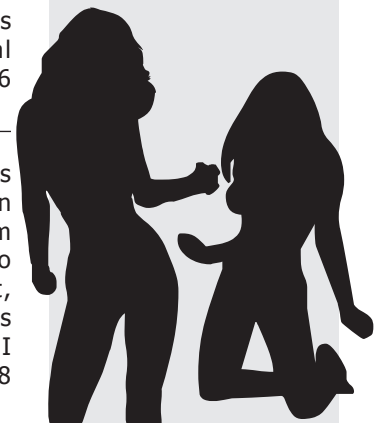
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Cashqai:

3 million UK sales gives Nissan further boost

NISSAN have sold their three millionth Qashqai in the UK, 10 years after the 4x4 model came onto the British market.

And Spanish sales of the car have also contributed to a profitable year for the company, with a near 10 per cent rise in sales in the country.

The news comes after Nissan announced their best ever annual sales figures in Europe - up 3.8 per cent on 2016.

Overall, they sold around 750,000 vehicles in 2017, including those from their sister company Datsun. They are now boasting a 3.7 per cent share of the continental car market.

The company attribute much of the success to the Qashqai, with 350,000 of the ‘urban crossover’ being made at the company’s plant in

Sunderland. Nissan believe the Qashqai is their ‘most successful model in Europe in Nissan’s history’, pointing out that the car has won more than 80 awards, including 19 ‘Car of the Year’ titles.

Paul Willcox, chairman of Nissan Europe, said: “2017 was another record-breaking year for Nissan Europe, and 2018 has started the same way.

“The Qashqai’s achievement of reaching 3,000,000 vehicles produced in 10 years is a significant milestone, while the October launch of the new and eagerly awaited Nissan LEAF has seen record-breaking pre-orders of one every 10 minutes.”

Willcox added that he expects the company to break further records in 2018.

MAKING WAVES:

The Qashqai’s success has been remarkable.

Rehired: Sugar gets old car back

APPRENTICE frontman Alan Sugar has been given flak on social media after buying back his first Rolls Royce.

Lord Sugar tweeted a picture of the car and wrote ‘All I need now is to get (sic) another classic number,’ sparking

teasing suggestions.

The billionaire businessman has a number of luxury cars - the most famous being a Rolls Royce with the number plate ‘AMS 1.’

Twitter users took the opportunity to suggest other number plates for Sug-

ar’s new Rolls, which he said he first bought in January 1982.

‘PI ERS’ commented one user, referring to an ongoing feud with Piers Morgan. ‘F1r3d’ added another.

Others were less polite, suggesting ‘G08 5H1TE’ and ‘B311 END.’

Ready for take-off?

DUTCH company Pal V said it will reveal a flying car at the Geneva International Motor Show next month.

Named ‘The Liberty’, the model resembles a motorbike sidecar topped with helicopter blades.

Pal V have dubbed the vehicle ‘the world’s first flying car’.

Now in the final stages of its development, the manufacturers say they will certify the vehicle for road and air use shortly, with the final safety certification due straight after the Geneva show.

The company say the internal combustion engine will deliver 100 horsepower. Top speeds will be around 100mph on land and 112mph in the air.

Fuel economy is remarkably reasonable - according to the company’s forecasts at least - given that the car is also an airplane. Pal V claim it

will do 31 miles per gallon while driving with a 284-mile range.

Consumption rockets to 6.9 gallons per hour in the air, with a total range of 310 miles, however. And that assumes only one person is inside the two-seater vehicle.

Aside from the price of fuel, punters will have to stump up some \$399,000 (currently around €320,000) to buy one of the forthcoming regular liberty sport models.

The company has spent years readying production and supply chains, meaning production could now begin later this year.

Pal V is confident the vehicle will meet all safety certifications this year and that deliveries will begin in 2019.

There are, however, various other companies vying for the honour and prestige of delivering the first flying car.



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30 is the new 25 for Classic Cars!



Motoring correspondent Ian Giles reports on the latest news from the Andalucía Classic Car Club, the most successful such society in the area and probably in Spain with over 600 members.

THE Classic Car Club is as busy as ever and many members enjoyed a visit to the retro Malaga show last weekend. Run over three days, it was a great place to look at old cars, buy old parts and meet up with old friends. Made me feel very old...!

The club also supported the rock-n roll weekend at Benalmadena the same weekend but, sadly, the BBQ had to be cancelled due to very poor weather conditions. However, the concerts with Ricky Lavazza and The Memphis Trio were quite superb and well worth going to see.

The CCCA, as a Club has associations with many useful bodies and trade outlets that can be very helpful to club members. The Club has, for some years now, recommended two bodies that can help with classic imports and historic registrations. One is Mauricio Yeo and the other, here in Mijas Costa in La Cala village, is the Lifestyle Group.

There are many changes coming through the pipeline this year including a redefinition of what, in Spain, constitutes a classic for historic registration purposes.

Here is the first of a number of articles from The Lifestyle Group relating to our beloved classic cars and the legalities we must deal with:-

30 is the new 25 for Classic Cars

Important news if you are the owner of a 25-year-old Classic Car that you're considering obtaining 'Historic' number plates for. Changes to motoring legislation in Spain that comes into effect from May 20 this year, mean that entitlement to register your Classic Car as 'historico' has been pushed back to 30 years old from the 25 that it currently stands at.

So, what might this mean for you if you are the owner of a Classic Car that qualifies now, but won't in May?

If your vehicle is already over 25 years old, or will be by May 20, you still can submit your application to get your 'resolución,' and your car will be awarded its Classic status and issued its historic number plates.

Apart from the prestige of your Classic Car being formally marked as such, Classic Cars with



MINI LOVE: No problems for this one. Already 'historico'



This lovely MGR V8 will miss the cut too. It won't be 30 years old until 2024!



CLASSY: No registration problems for this 1950's Beauty!

'historico' status can get cheaper insurance, have less frequent ITV checks and are exempt from road tax. 'IVTM - Impuesto sobre Vehiculos de Traccion Mecanica.'

After May 20 your cherished 'classic' will have to wait until its 30th birthday, to get historic number plates.

Even if this fundamental change does not affect you and your Classic Car, these changes are part of an array of motor vehicle and driving related legislative changes that will be coming into effect this year that may affect your Classic Car or other vehicles that you have in Spain.

Information supplied by LifeStyle Group, provider of 'On The Road' services to CCCA members are happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding this change, and anything relating to motoring and driving in Spain.

Chris Goodacre is the man to speak with, he of The Lifestyle Group can be contacted on :- (+34) 951 775 544 / (+44) 033 0001 0777 or

email classics@lifestylegroup.es

More information on these changes can be found on the website:

<http://lifestylegroup.es/classic-car-historical-rules-change>

That's it from me until the next issue.

BACK TO THE FUTURE: This one will have to wait too! Not 30 years old until 2019!



2018 Tour Sherry Triangle

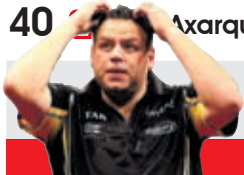
BY the time you read this the CCCA's 2018 Tour Sherry Triangle will be under way. Starting near San Pedro, the route will take in Arcos de La Frontera, stopping on the first night in Jerez, then moving on via Vejer de la Frontera to El Puerto de Santa Maria where there is a rest day to visit Cadiz. The last of the four days sees the route head across country then down to Tarifa before finishing near Gibraltar. We should have a full report in the next issue.

February Events

ALSO coming soon is the Club's regular dinner at 'Tree-tops' Restaurant in El Chaparral. Then, the monthly classic car run and lunch on Saturday February 10 which will start from Los Olivos commercial centre just up from Calahonda. Cars depart at 11am and visitors and non-members are most welcome to come along see the cars and chat to the crews participating.

Ian Giles
MOTORING

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucía events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com. Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con él.



TWO-TIME World Darts Champion, Adrian Lewis, was suspended from the UK Open after pushing Spaniard Jose Justicia in the chest during their recent match. The bizarre event occurred after Justicia allegedly accused Lewis of trying to trip him as he picked up his darts.

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TO READ MORE

TWO-TIME Formula One World Champion will race at the Le Mans 24 Hours in 2018 and 2019.

The Spaniard will race as part of a deal that will see him compete in all but one World Endurance Championship (WEC) race for Toyota this season.

Alonso's Formula One team McLaren officially revealed the news but confirmed that the 36-year-old's priorities continue to focus on the 'main target of Formula 1 with McLaren.'

Thirty-six-year-old Alonso has reportedly set himself the target of winning motor racing's infamous 'triple crown' of the Monaco Grand Prix, Le Mans and the Indianapolis

Fast and Fer-ious

Alonso confirmed for Le Mans

500, a feat that only Graham Hill has managed thus far.

He has already won the Monaco Grand Prix twice and raced competitively at last year's Indy 500 before his engine failed in the closing stages of the race.

Speaking after the announcement, Alonso said: "We tried for Indy last year, came close, but just missed out. This year, I have the chance, thanks

to McLaren, to race for the win at Le Mans.

"It is a big challenge, much can go wrong, but I am ready, prepared and looking forward to the fight."

Alonso will miss October's WEC round in Japan as it clashes with the US Grand Prix which begins with the Spa Six Hours on May 5.

The Japanese WEC race is reportedly the only one that

will clash with a Grand Prix during the 2018 season, while the 2019 F1 calendar is yet to be released but no clashes are expected.

McLaren executive director Zak Brown said: "It's no secret that Fernando has wanted to contest the Le Mans 24 Hours. I think everybody within our organisation appreciates that a motivated, hungry and happy world-class driver such as Fernando is a formidable asset for any team in F1.

"Last year, we came to the joint decision to go racing with Fernando at the Indy 500 rather than at the Monaco Grand Prix. But we've always said that we would consider

each opportunity on a case-by-case basis, and we both know that, in 2018, our core priority is

success in Formula 1.

"Like Fernando, at McLaren we're racers at heart, and our team is built on a brave heritage of competing and succeeding in different forms of the sport.

"Equally important is the confidence that nothing detracts from our number one goal of Formula 1.

"After proper evaluation, we are satisfied that this campaign does not do that, and that McLaren's best interests prevail."

CHANCE: Alonso will have two chances to win the Le Mans 24 hours in 2018 and 2019.



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