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Pet rescue!

Brave pooch saves owners

by Kat Ashton

A fearless dog saved its owners lives after a fire broke out at their Costa Blanca home.

Tania, 22, who owns Lola, an eight-year-old German shepherd, told Spanish media: "Lola started scratching at the bedroom door. She woke me up and when I went to open the door, I saw that the room was full of black smoke.

"She saved us, for sure. If

Lola hadn't warned us, the fire would have been much worse," she said.

Tania lives in a flat on Avenida Mediterraneo in Javea - above the Masia de la Sal restaurant which her family runs - with her 27-year-old partner.

The fire reportedly started in the living room, where Lola sleeps, when the TV caught alight.

The couple called the emergency services immediately, who swiftly arrived and put out the flames.

Although the walls of the flat were blackened by the smoke, the fire was relatively small and caused minimal damage, which Tania said was all thanks to Lola warning them about the blaze straight away.

"She scratches the door on other nights because she wants to come inside. I usually open it and let her come in. Thankfully she did the same thing that morning," she revealed.

Tania's family adopted Lola when she was a puppy and had been the only one left from the litter that hadn't found a home.

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NEWS EXTRA

Shotgun scam

FOUR men with a sawn-off shotgun and wearing fake Guardia Civil jackets asked to search a Playa de San Juan villa before tying up the owner and his son and stripping the property of valuables.

Gas scare

ELDA residents were advised to remain inside with closed doors and windows after a gas leak was detected in Calle Sargento Navarro and the mains supply had to be cut off for several hours.

Black spot

A DRIVING instructor was unharmed in Cocentaina after another vehicle ran into his car on the N-340, although hours later an elderly man was injured on the same section after running into a guardrail.

Son confesses to mother's death

by Linda Hall

A 37-YEAR-OLD man was arrested in Benidorm after confessing that he had killed his mother in Valladolid.

Earlier, a cleaner at Hotel Bali found a note in the hall that read, "Please don't help me, I want to die" which she showed to colleagues. Noticing the word Valladolid on the piece of paper, staff searched the hotel register and identified a male guest from Valladolid who arrived the previous day.

A staff member went to his room on the 14th floor and was finally admitted after repeatedly knocking at the door.

After the guest confessed that he had suffocated his mother and now wanted to kill himself, she persuaded him to call the police.

Full details have not emerged but some hotel sources claimed that he intended to throw himself from the balcony, while others maintained that he had taken an overdose of barbiturates.

He appeared to be drunk or



CRIME SCENE: Hotel Bali in Benidorm where the man was arrested.

Photo credit Google maps

drugged, witnesses agreed.

After confirming to the police that he had killed his mother, he was arrested and initially taken to the Psychiatric Unit at Villajoyosa hospital.

He was later remanded without bail after declaring before a Benidorm judge, who turned down his lawyer's request that he be held in a psychiatric centre. Although the accused's mother was found dead in their family home in Valladolid, there were no obvious signs of violence. A post mortem would shed light on the circumstance of her death and her son's involvement, police sources said.

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Kirsty pathologists defend actions

SPANISH pathologists confirmed that they destroyed the clothes worn by Kirsty Maxwell at the time of her death.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News*, Kirsty's family were appalled to learn that they had no chance of taking DNA samples that could shed light on the circumstances surrounding her death.

The 27-year-old Scots woman, who was in Benidorm for a hen weekend, plunged 10 storeys to her death from an apartment.

Her family are convinced that more details would have emerged with further analysis of her pink t-shirt and denim skirt.

According to Spanish media sources, a pathologist's report stated that DNA taken from Kirsty's hands and cervical area - 'amongst others' - has been retained.

'Personal objects found on her body' were originally collected and kept but once her clothes were analysed visually they were 'discarded and destroyed.' They provided 'no further elements of interest to the investigation' and the clothes were bloodstained 'with the consequent biological risk,' the report continued.

Kirsty's case has now reached the UK parliament where MP Hanna Burdell asked the government to intercede with the Spanish authorities to discover what happened.

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New name needed

CALLOSA residents will meet at the Municipal Library on February 23 to choose another name for Calle General Alvarez, named after a Franco-era soldier. The town hall is asking for ideas and suggestions linked to "democratic values, co-existence and respect," a spokesman said.

Going, going

THREE prospective buyers have shown interest in bidding for 8,000 square metres of municipally-owned seafront land on Villajoyosa's Paradis beach. The Calle Cervantes plot has permission for hotel-tourism development and the town hall hopes to raise €3.185 million for municipal projects from the sale.

Help pledged

PEDRO ANDRES MONTIEL, who took over as National Police commissioner in Elda-Petrer, commented on the town's low crime rate while emphasising his commitment to supporting the victims of gender violence. It was vital to make schools and associations aware of this social scourge, he said.

Merger clash

SEVENTEEN Caja Murcia branches and eight from Bankia have closed in Alicante Province following the recent merger. Their employees have been transferred to other branches until redundancy terms are agreed, but unions have called a strike for today, Thursday, owing to lack of progress in talks.

Vote note

FOLLOWING Benitachell's recent campaign urging foreign residents to register on the Padron, the Communications and Residents councillors stressed that this does not automatically bring voting rights in municipal elections. In order to vote, residents should register on the Electoral Roll before December 31, 2018, they said.

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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Consumer help

FORTY-TWO people sought help at La Nucia's Consumer Information Office (OMIC) since it opened last month, with enquiries centring on electricity and phone bills, insurance issues and refunds.

On track

SPAIN'S track operator ADIF agreed to pay €40,000, half the cost of damage to agricultural growers' irrigation infrastructure in Monforte del Cid during construction of the Alicante-Madrid high-speed AVE railway link.

Stage fright

LEAKS during the recent rainy spell have done further damage to the stage at Callosa's Casa de la Musica and municipal workers are working against the clock to be ready for this Sunday.

Cabbies to the rescue

A 19-YEAR-OLD was arrested and charged with sexually assaulting a girl he followed through the San Vicente streets.

He was arrested minutes later thanks to two taxi drivers who saw what was happening and intervened.

One of the cabbies who was waiting at the rank rang the Local Police at 4.37am, reporting that he had just seen what looked like sexual aggression while a colleague went to the aid of the young woman.

Later she told police that she had just left a nightclub and began to run after realising that she was being followed.

Her attacker also started running and after catching up with her, they both fell

as he threw himself at her. "Be quiet, be quiet," he ordered, covering her mouth as he lifted her from the ground.

She managed to escape and run for help when she saw an approaching taxi but although her assailant fled, he was soon intercepted by the police.

Although he claimed he had just left his home, one of his hands was covered in the girl's lipstick, his belt was unbuckled, both his hair and his clothes were wet, police said afterwards.

While he was being detained, by chance, another patrol car taking the young woman to the health centre passed by and she confirmed that he was her attacker.

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Violent patient arrested

A PATIENT tried to stab a security guard after staff discharged him from Denia hospital.

Earlier the 33-year-old Ukrainian had gone to A & E with stomach ache, but became violent after doctors told him he was well enough to go home, hospital sources said.

He ripped out the lines still attached to his

body and barricaded himself in his room, insulting medical staff and threatening to self-harm with some scissors.

The security guards advised the National Police and as they waited for the police, they succeeded in taking away the scissors but not before the patient tried to stab one of them.



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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



Photo credit Danielle Sellers/Chyna Ellis/Instagram

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.



CURY: Bethany Morgan.

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.



Photo credit Kylie Minogue/Instagram

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

Strictly come petting



JUST GOOD FRIENDS?: Gorka and Gemma.

Photo credit Gorka Marquez/Instagram

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.

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Dead dolphin washed ashore

TWO local fishing boats, Borea Segunda and Fliper, contacted Denia's Marine Environment and Fishing Service after sighting a dead dolphin.

Following the trawler's information, coastguards located the young, 1.85-metre mammal off the Els Molins beach and took it back to Denia port.

Valencia University and the Generalitat's Environment department, who were advised of the find, collected the striped dolphin which was sent to Valencia where experts will try to discover what caused its death.

"Unfortunately dead cetaceans and turtles are washed up on our beaches or seen floating off the coast every year, particularly during the winter storms," a Marine Environ-



Photo credit: Denia town hall

CASUALTY: Denia coastguards with the dolphin.

ment spokesman said.

"Year-round the Denia coast is one of the most-frequented by dolphins and other cetaceans, so it's inevitable that many are washed up on our beaches."

The spokesman also warned members of the public not to touch any dead

or unwell cetacean or turtle that they find on a local beach, as these can transmit disease.

"They should ring the 112 number which will launch the procedures for these cases and send experts to collect the beached creature."

Library put to the test

MORE than 3,700 people used La Nucia's municipal library in January, the town hall's Culture department announced.

As in previous years, the library remained open from 9am until 9pm, without a break for lunch, so that university and baccalaureate students could revise for their January exams.

As expected, the move has again proved a success, said La Nucia's mayor Bernabe Cano, with up to 210 students in the study room at one time.

The library's strategic position, easy parking and tranquility make it an ideal place for local students to study in, as well as those from neighbouring towns, Cano added.

The library has now reverted to its usual 9am-2pm and 4pm-8pm timetable, although this will again be extended to a through-day in May and June in time for the end-of-course exams.

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A CAR in a ball of flames sparked alarm when it suddenly started rolling downhill, out of control.

A shocking video shows the driver-less vehicle, with flames and black smoke billowing from it, narrowly missing a police car and pedestrians as it careered 100 metres down the road before coming to a halt. Luckily no-one was injured in the dramatic scene captured in Cocentaina in the province of Alicante.

It is believed the driver had parked the car and got out of the vehicle after a warning light came on.

'Lamentable' conditions for Podencos

RESIDENTS on an Orba urbanisation are indignant about the plight of 11 Podenco hunting dogs.

They are shut away in a garage, chained up all day, and taken out only when their owners need them for hunting. There are also ferrets, used for rabbiting, which are confined in an underground hole covered with a grill.

"I have been making official complaints about their dreadful conditions since 2016," said Nathalie, who lives on the Orbeta urbanisation.

She recently contacted the Guardia Civil's nature protection unit, Seprona again after complaining to the town hall, which she claimed turns a blind eye to the problem.

Nathalie also maintained that whenever the Local Po-

lice received a complaint, they advised the owners, giving them time to clear the garage.

Other residents, many of them British, are equally upset about the dogs, Nathalie told the local Spanish press.

In 2016 Seprona officers inspected the premises where the dogs are kept, Nathalie said, although the owners tried to remove the animals. They succeeded with the ferrets, for which it is necessary to have a permit, she alleged.

Seprona reported that the dogs were kept in 'lamentable' health and hygiene conditions, noting that their chains were so short the dogs could not reach their food and water and eight were not microchipped or vaccinated.

"But they weren't fined and worse still, the dogs are still tied up," Nathalie said.

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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High court awaits Polop accused

MORE than 10 years after it was committed, the Polop murder case should soon reach the Alicante High Court.

In October 2017 Alejandro Ponsoda, who was mayor of Polop at the time, was shot by a hired hitman as he arrived at his home in Chirles. He died in hospital eight days later.

Since then the case has been through the hands of seven different investigating judges as it was shelved and reopened. A substitute judge, the latest person to inherit the case, has finally taken action and announced a preliminary hearing at Villajoyosa's Number Two on February 23.

This will set in motion the formalities for sending the case to the High Court in Alicante City where the four men accused of planning Ponsoda's death and the three men supposedly involved in carrying it out will stand trial by jury.

The killing was allegedly planned at Club Mesalina, a Benidorm brothel, by Juan Cano, who succeeded Ponsoda as mayor, together with businessman Salvador Ros, the club's owner Pedro Hermosilla and the manager Ariel Gatto.

Two Czech nationals, Radim Rakowski and Robert Franek, together with Spaniard, Raul Montero Trevejo are accused of the shooting.

Swelling the Padron swells funds

BENITACHELL Town Hall is urging residents to register on the municipal Padron.

Councillor Myra van 't Hoff, who heads the Communications department and Residents' councillor Dirk Rheindorff recently launched the 'Benitachell grows with you' campaign.

They explained to residents not included on the Padron, the advantages that being on the Padron brings.

Registering automatically grants full citizens' rights that include discounts on municipal sports, educational and cultural services. There are also other benefits, van't Hoff and Rheindorff said, as registering on the Padron also entitles the town hall to more help, subsidies and supplements from the central government.

"The Padron's importance is fundamental, as the greater the number on the register, the greater the economic help that a town hall receives," the councillors said. "We are talking about health centres, upkeep of beaches and parks, municipal installations, schools and public transport."

The campaign also reminds residents



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PADRON CAMPAIGN: Dirk Rheindorff and Myra van't Hoff.

of the importance of renewing their Padron entry.

"Residents think that once you register you are on the Padron for life, but it does not work that way and it's necessary to renew," van't Hoff and Rheindorff said.

Failing to do so is the principal reason for disappearing from the Padron as residents from EU countries or those from outside the EU with long-term residence permits should renew every five years. All other non-Spanish residents need to renew every two years.

NEWS EXTRA

Daily drug dose

THE provincial Red Cross produced 486,092 doses of the heroin-replacement drug, methadone in its Alicante laboratory last year. This is then distributed via the Health service to the region's UCA addiction units and prisons.

Shut down

ALCOY's large stores and supermarket chains will close for three consecutive days during the Moors and Christians fiestas in April. City Hall thanked the firms for their 'great effort' and respect for the celebrations.

Big prize

A TICKET processed in Alfaz won the extra €1 million prize drawn each week in the Euromillions lottery, but as no one took the first category prize this rolled over to the next draw.

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Could Ismael still be alive?

FINESTRAT couple Sol and Angel want to know if their newborn son died or was a 'stolen baby.'

Sol, who already had two children, needed an emergency Caesarean and gave birth in what is now Alicante General Hospital on December 26, 1982.

Her baby, whom she and Angel named Ismael, died 10 days later. He weighed 1.4 kilos at birth and died due to heart failure, doctors told the couple.

Ismael was the second baby that Sol lost that year, the following premature

birth of another son, again by Caesarean, who died soon afterwards.

In 2014 the couple began to suspect that Ismael could have been given in adoption after seeing a television programme about Alicante City's 'stolen babies.'

They were never shown Ismael's body but told that he had suffered and it would be best not to see him, Sol said. The hospital also insisted on arranging his burial in a common grave in Alicante City cemetery but although the

death was recorded in the Civil Register, there was no death certificate.

Sol and Angel lodged an official complaint that was passed on to Madrid in 2015 and the mother's DNA has been entered on a national database.

Alicante cemetery has since turned down the couple's request to open the common grave to seek a DNA match, explaining that they would need a court order.

Undeterred, Angel called on any male born in December 1982 with doubts about his origins, to contact the Guardia Civil. "Until it's proved to the contrary, my son is still alive," he declared.

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Big budget relief

ALTHOUGH the Partido Popular and Ciudadanos voted against Altea Town Hall's €26.9 million budget for 2018, this went through thanks to the three-party Altea amb Trellat, PSOE and Compromis alliance.

Team work

BENIDORM's Municipal Design section, attached to the Urban Scene department, will transfer to the main town hall building to assist cooperation with other departments, particularly Town Planning.

Equal rights

OLIVA'S Infant Schools received the regional government's Iguals en Oportunitats stamp of approval awarded to companies and organisations for 'relevantly and significantly' applying and promoting policies of non-discrimination and equal opportunities.

Clear run

CONSTRUCTION began on a much-requested roundabout for the Collao intersection in Alcoy City that should be ready by mid-June. When completed this will improve the flow of traffic entering from Banyeres de Mariola.

Sky spy

THE Local Police in Benidorm will have wide-ranging powers, thanks to another drone with night-time settings enabling them to monitor massively-attended events like the Low Festival, held each July.

More trains

THE national government announced that, pending agreement with rail operator Renfe, there will be 10 trains each way on the neglected Alicante-Villena local line, with cheaper tickets for regular users of the service.

NEWS EXTRA

Pub party poopers

BENIDORM Town Hall's plans to allow pubs and bars to hold monthly street parties in Calle Bilbao on the Levante seafront were postponed after Ciudadanos councillors asked for details.

Going batty

VILLAJOSYA Town Hall and the Xoriguer Ecologist environmentalist group are installing 100 houses for bats whose traditional refuges are disappearing and insecticides destroy their traditional source of food.

Easy prey

A COCENTAINA man, 37, was arrested for threatening to kill a 73-year-old neighbour unless he paid him €1,000. The pensioner told the Guardia Civil who detained the extortionist as he collected the cash.

TEULADA-MORAIRA has announced it has become part of the 'jove oportunitat' (youth opportunities) programme.

The programme - financed by the European Social Fund - offers opportunities to young people aged between 16 and 21 who left school or who are in danger of dropping out.

Councillor Daniel Ibanco explained

Youth opportunity

that unfortunately the Valencian authorities register an extremely high number of young people dropping out of the education system. The figure is reportedly above the Spanish average and one of the highest in Europe.

The programme offers personal and

group advice to young people with low grades and no vision for their future.

It also offers intensive coaching for four month periods, in groups of between eight and 15 participants, for four hours a day. Participants interact with personal coaches who try to establish a

relationship based on trust during one-on-one conversations.

The programme has allegedly achieved positive results in other towns and anybody interested in the programme should contact the Teulada Department for Youth Services by sending an email to: juventud@teuladamoraira.org or by calling: 965 740 158 (ext. 1804).

New paths along the salt flats

THE mayor of Calpe, Cesar Sanchez, announced that the town council will allocate €80,000 towards creating new paths along the local salt flats.

The project, which has been sent to the local environment department for approval, proposes to create a sign-posted perimeter path that will allow citizens to enjoy this scenic part of the town.

The investment also includes regenerating an area that was once the dumping ground for waste from demolition works.

The aim is to signal the main

routes by using one-metre high beacons, as well as installing two footbridges that will cross over the two ditches which collect waste materials.

The council is also considering constructing a 163-metre-long walkway in the northern part of the salt flats, in order to direct the traffic of visitors and limit it in areas that need greater protection because they are breeding grounds for local species.

Informative posters will be installed and a bird lookout point will also be created.

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NEWS EXTRA**Don't bin it**

THE Casal Cultural association in Benissa started an online petition and published a manifesto to bring home to local politicians the need and urgency for a Municipal Archive.

Bank deal

ANTI-EVICTION group PAH halted the eviction of an Elda family of five, after persuading the foreclosing bank to give them three months to negotiate a social housing rental with them.

Life-savers

AN off-duty Local Police officer and a doctor saved the life of a Benissa man who had a heart attack at the Sant Antoni fair, maintaining his vital signs until an ambulance arrived.



ALCOY BRIDGE: Cables have now been replaced.

Bridge project ahead of schedule

THE remaining two cables of the Fernando Reign suspension bridge in Alcoy have been replaced.

The bridge, which took two years to build and was inaugurated in 1987, has been closed since July 2016 after one of the bridge's cables was found to be damaged. Closer inspection by the Ministry of Public Works confirmed that all

38 stays were corroded and it would cost €7.2 million to replace them.

The bridge is the city's principal exit to Alicante City and the Ministry undertook from the outset to carry out the repairs as quickly as possible to relieve the 'complicated' traffic situation inside Alcoy.

The contract to carry out the highly-specialised work was awarded in May last year and although the Ministry had calculated that the bridge would take 13 months to repair, work has gone smoothly and is ahead of schedule.

If all goes according to plan the bridge could reopen sooner than expected, the Ministry confirmed.

Business boost

THE organisation for the promotion of commercial innovation (AFIC) along with Creama, an agency that supports local development, has revealed that there will be a new source of aid available to local businesses in Javea. There are reportedly three different sources of funding available: 'Avalem Comerc,' to help new businesses open, 'Emprenem Comerc,' for those companies already established, and finally 'Avalem Artesania' which is aimed at artisans.

All those interested in applying for funding should pay a visit to the Afic-Creama office (Avenida Trenc d'Alba, 2) before February 15, and will be advised by the staff on how to proceed.

All funds needed to pay for office equipment are eligible for these subsidies, provided that the approved investment is more than €3,000. The aid can reach up to 45 per cent of the total cost and the limit per application is €20,000. Funds towards the purchase of computer programs and creation of web pages will only be taken into account when their purpose is to boost online sales.

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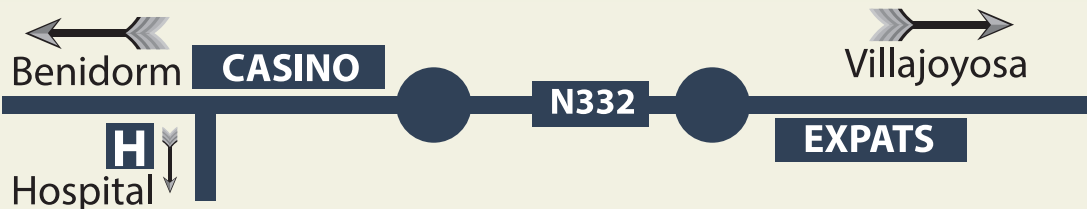
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AMP visit local venues

THREE HUNDRED entertainment promoters and impresarios will descend on Benidorm on February 28 for a three-day conference. All belong to the Association of Music Promoters (APM) and are responsible for putting on Spain's principal festivals and music events.

Benidorm councillor Jose Ramon Gonzalez de Zarate explained that the economic impact of the association's Assembly would be 'direct and indirect.' The APM members will stay overnight in Benidorm and visit public and private venues like the Aiguera Park, the Bullring and the Guillermo Amor municipal sports complex which are regularly used



Photo credit: Benidorm town hall.

LOW FESTIVAL: Organised each year by the APM.

for cultural and musical events. Under an agreement between the APM and Benidorm Town Hall, those attending the conference will lunch and dine in local restaurants and use local taxis and buses.

The APM represents more than 50 leading concert promoters, including Live Nation, Doctor Music, GTS Universal and RLM. It organises 80 per cent of private concerts and is responsible for Benidorm's Low Festival as well as Primavera Sound, held annually in Barcelona, Madrid's Mad Cool event and BBK in Bilbao.

Call to clean up toilets

FOLLOWING the Compromis party's complaints about Benidorm's unsavoury beach toilets, the council is looking for a solution to the problem.

The Ciudadanos party proposed that the concessionary company responsible for Benidorm's beaches should be also responsible for the toilets, a suggestion backed by councillors from all political parties at a recent meeting with Beach-

es councillor Lorenzo Martinez.

Juan Balastegui from Ciudadanos recommended that a member of the concessionary's staff should be on hand throughout the day on the Levante and Poniente beaches to keep the toilets clean.

"We can't skip on this because as well as spoiling the beaches' image, it is a hygiene issue," Balastegui said.

Bigger and better carnival

BENIDORM'S Carnival celebrations will be held this year between this Sunday and next Tuesday .

The Penyes Verge del Sofratge and the Fiestas department have agreed to ease restrictions on age limits for the adult parade, announced Dani Luque, who heads the association of fiestas' groups.

Formerly only 30 per cent of groups in the adult parade could be aged between 12 - the cut-off age for the children's parade - and 18, he explained.

Although the number of Carnival participants rises steadily, many groups were hindered because of this rule, Luque said: "But this year they should be bigger and better than ever."

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NEWS EXTRA

School health hazard

THE CCOO teachers' union warned of asbestos in Alicante Province schools built in the 60s and 70s. Twenty-three schools are being reformed and 22 have applied, but new cases are constantly appearing, CCOO said.

Gone fishing

CAMPELLO mayor **Benjami Soler** is now on the committee of the Spanish Association of Fishing Towns (AECIPE). Cooperation from fishing guilds and boat owners while diversifying with projects like Fishing Tourism is vital, Soler said.

Verbal spat

GENERALITAT plans to require all medical staff to be competent in Valenciano will drive doctors to other regions, warned the College of Physicians.

It never rains but it snows

SPAIN'S meteorological office AEMET predicted that the cold spell would continue at least until today, Thursday.

Temperatures plummeted some days ago in Alicante Province where inland snow fell as much-needed rain on the coast.

Mountainous inland areas, where below-freezing temperatures and snow are always expected during the winter, were ready for the blizzards that temporarily closed some roads on high ground.

Despite AEMET recommendations to remain at home or to drive with chains, emergencies arose and rescues were



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requested.

The Denia fire brigade and a snowplough had to assist a driver trapped on the CV-752 between Tarbena and Castell de Castells who was later towed to safety.

Not long after, the Emergency Services were needed again on the Agres-Alfajara road where 15 drivers found themselves snowed-in.

At the time of writing, no roads were closed although the General Directorate of Traffic (DGT) warned of problems at the Tudons and Confrides passes on Aitana as well as the Benifallim-Benilloba and Tarbena-Castell de Castells roads.

COLD SPELL: Altea saw snow from afar.

Spring clean

THE Villajoyosa Department of Historical Heritage has started to clean out an irrigation pool believed to date back to the 17th century

The pool, located next to the old railway bridge over the Amadorio River, is listed as one of the town's protected sites and collects water from the irrigation canal that used to supply the La Llobeta Mill.

Following the maintenance work, the council has revealed that it plans to carry out a comprehensive restoration project.

The project will involve an archaeological study that will examine the interior of the irrigation pool, to determine how the pool was built and which materials were used.

The Councillor for Historical Heritage, Maria Angeles Gualde, explained that "once this study has been carried out, it will be possible to eliminate any additional pollution and start the restoration work needed to preserve the site."

Gualde added that "this pool is a protected site and a relevant piece of the town's cultural landscape. For this reason, these maintenance tasks are essential to ensure its protection."

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Good turn

THE Alicante Province Fire Fighting Consortium has passed on suits, helmets and boots to Firefighters Without Borders volunteers in Chile.

The 38 sets of Consortium clothing, although still in perfect condition, had to be replaced in accordance with the EU's stringent health and safety directives.

The Chilean firefighters sent the Alicante Fire Department photographs of some of the occasions where the suits have already been used, including traffic accidents and house and forest fires, as tokens of their gratitude.

Francisco Catalán, from Firefighters Without Borders, explained there is a big contrast between different areas of Chile itself in terms of the quality of the equipment used, with some suits not even made of waterproof material.



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DELIVERED: No interruption to postal service.

A reprieve for mail

RELIEVED residents in 16 Calpe urbanisations learnt that postmen will deliver mail until September 3.

This affects residents in the Corralets, La Merced, El Sol, Ortenbach, Vallesa, Buenavista, Costeres, Los Pinos, Caleta, Bassetes, Pinamar, Carrio, Carrio Alto, Cometa III, Gran Sol and Empedrola urbanisations.

Earlier, Spain's postal service Correos wrote informing them that as these urbanisations lack centralised groups of postbox-

es, residents would have to pick up their own mail from Calpe's post office after February 5.

Instead, the town hall stepped in and persuaded Correos to postpone their plans until September, Citizens' Attention councillor Hilda Backaert said.

In the meantime the council will install multi-occupancy post boxes on each urbanisation to ensure that all homes continue to receive their mail after September 3.

"Although this is the residents' responsibility, we thought it would be better if the town hall carried out the initiative. A huge number of mailboxes are needed and many residents are foreign and absent at certain times of the year," municipal sources revealed.

"We wanted to take the part of residents and to make life easier for them, bearing in mind installing their own post boxes would have been an impossible task," Hilde Backaert said

NEWS EXTRA

Roman ruins warning

THE ACEC ecological group announced they would lodge a formal complaint if Roman remains beneath the demolished Casas Neptuno in Calpe were ignored or damaged during future development projects.

Show the way

FINESTRAT'S name should be added to Exit 65 and Terra Mitica on the AP-7 motorway, said the town hall, which would also like better signposting on the N-332 for the La Marina shopping centre.

Urban young

RESEARCH by the Miguel Hernandez University revealed that 11-year-olds in urban schools eat more factory-made cakes and practise less sport than those in rural areas but read more and do more homework.

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LOCAL TOY: Bartolome Bas's father in the late 1920s.

RESTORED: Bartolome Bas Segarra, his son, Rafa Carrio and Josep Antoni Gisbert.

Gifts for toy museum

THE Bas Perello family has presented two locally-made toys to Denia's Museu dels Juguets.

The cardboard horse, made around 1915, and the child's wooden wagon are typical of the toys produced at that time in Denia, explained the Toy Museum's director, Josep Antoni Gisbert.

The horse originally belonged to a well-off Javea family who owned a bakery and Bartolome Bas's father appears in a photo taken with the horse in the late 1920s.

Almost a century later, his son asked Denia expert Josepa Padin Devesa to restore the horse, which is similar to two others in the Toy Museum.

These would have been made by one of the

two Pego factories producing cardboard horses in the 20's and post-war years, despite appearing in the catalogues of Denia toy manufacturers.

"The horse is a gem and has been expertly restored by Josepa Padin," said Gisbert who announced that it has been selected as Exhibit of the Year.

The wooden cart, also restored on behalf of the Bas Perello family, is 'absolutely emblematic' of Denia toy production and was probably made in the 1940s, Gisbert said.

Denia's Culture councillor Rafa Carrio thanked the Bas Perello family, which is closely linked to Denia, for the donation. "This is how countries and history are made," Carrio said.

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ID delay

COMPLETING the formalities and paperwork necessary for renewing or taking out the Identity Card that is obligatory for all Spanish nationals takes, on average, 45 days in Alicante Province, compared to 30.9 days in Malaga.

Ploughed up

A WOODEN yoke once used for ploughing with farm animals appeared in a communal rubbish container on the Benissa coast, riddled with woodworm but with chains and traces still attached.

Car park qualms calmed down

OPINIONS are divided in Altea over the town hall's proposal to eliminate the the Paseo Maritimo car park.

The first phase of Altea's seafront regeneration has been completed but as the council embarks on the second, residents and business-owners are reluctant to see so many parking spaces disappear.

Aware of growing opposition, the town hall recently called a meeting at the Casa de Cultura to give full details of the project.

"We tried to explain that this is a unique opportunity which, out of sheer responsibility, we cannot pass up if we truly want a 21st century Altea," Town Planning councillor Imma Orozco said.

"It means going hand-in-hand with the Ministry of the Environment for the coastal regeneration project and remodelling the Paseo while saving on costs and disruption."

Doing otherwise would mean an



ALTEA: Seafront car park soon to disappear.

uncertain future for both projects, Orozco argued.

The councillor thanked all those who had attended the Casa de Cultura meeting and raised 'really important issues.'

Some issues, like the need for a service road, had already been taken into consideration, she assured those present.

"I think we've made it clear that we can find a viable solution for moving the car park," Orozco said. "During the meeting we managed to explain this and could see that even the reticent softened once they understood we are offering real options that fit in with the wider vision of our plans and development."

What a shower!

A BENISSA bar-owner defended allegedly troublesome customers after an upstairs neighbour threw water over them from her balcony.

"I did it to make them go away. They insulted me and I couldn't put up with it. In the end I called the police," Isabel Reyero told the regional Spanish press.

"My customers aren't ruffraff," the bar owner later responded. "They are decent hard-working people, from the five-year-olds who have their birthday parties here to the elderly."

In more than 30 years he has never had problems with anyone except Reyero, who moved in with her family 22 years ago, he said.

The wife of Isidor Molla, now a Benissa councillor and a former mayor, she maintained that her family was tired of 'disagreeable and even violent situations' caused by several customers.

"We are suffering something very similar to harassment," she said.

That night she and her family returned from a trip and were tired. "More than a problem of noise, we felt intimidated," Reyero explained.

Relations with the bar, which opened in 1986, have never been good, she said, but although the town hall started proceedings on three occasions, nothing ever came of the complaints.

Following the latest incident, she had once again asked the town hall to step in, Reyero said: "We can't take any more. We shall complain to the courts."



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No ticket to ride

LINE 9 passengers have had to complete the Calpe-Denia leg of their journey by coach since summer 2016.

Already due for modernisation that autumn, this section closed early on safety grounds and a coach linking Calpe, Benissa, Teulada, Gata, La Jara and Denia was provided for passengers.

This outsourced service cost the regional rail operator FGV €900,000 between August 2016 and the end of 2017 and will cost another €672,457 between now and the end of 2018.

Despite the outlay the number of passengers using the Benidorm-Denia line has slumped now that more than half of the journey must be completed by road.

Neither is the arrangement profitable, according to the SF railway employees' union, because only passengers leaving or joining the Trenet in Calpe or Denia are paying for tickets.

Those who take the bus in Benissa, Teulada Gata or La Jara rarely pay for the journey

because although there should be four ticket collectors, two are off sick and one has to double up as a train driver.

“Even those who want to pay, can't as there is no-one to pay and no vending machines,” a SF spokesman said.

A disappointing debut

HERMENEGILDA CEBRIAN from Alginet (Valencia) was recently in the news after passing her driving test at the age of 84.

Days later she made headlines again after her microcar ran off the road and plunged into a gully near the urbanisation where she lives.

She had to be freed by firemen and stretched back to the road using ropes and a ladder before being transferred to hospital for attention to her injuries.

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DISGRUNTLED: Some of the protesters in Sevilla.

Not a fair cop

THOUSANDS of National Police and Guardia Civil officers turned up to a protest over police pay in Spain.

The march, which took place in Sevilla, saw off-duty officers from Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante, Murcia and more demanding that Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy keep his promise to invest €1.5 billion into increasing wages over a three-year period.

According to a spokesperson it appears that

“Zoido - the Interior Minister - and Hacienda” have “not reached an agreement” over how much money should be invested.

“Or maybe they don’t want to,” he added.

The spokesperson claims the government is now “only offering €600 million. It is an insult and shows a lack of respect,” he said.

According to the group working towards better pay, Jusapol, there is “at least” an average of €600 difference between the different forces.



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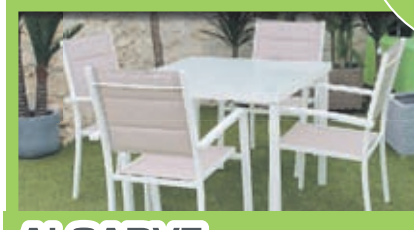
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MUSLIM murderer Darren Osborne used to be an underworld Fuengirola gangster, according to explosive allegations in the UK media.

The paper claims that Osborne - who was last week jailed for 43 years after driving a van into Muslim worshippers - was a violent drug dealer in the Costa del Sol town in his youth.

However, after making "hundreds, if not thousands" of pounds each night - according to unnamed friends cited by the paper - Osborne fled following a row with a rival gang.

He "allegedly spent his youth on the Costa Del Sol dealing ecstasy, speed and

Hate crime culprit was Costa dealer

party drugs while meting out violent attacks."

Last week, Osborne was convicted of murdering dad-of-six Makram Ali. He was also found guilty of attempted murder.

The attack in June injured a further 12 people.

The judge reportedly said: "This was a terrorist attack. You intended to kill."

Osborne drove a hired

van into a crowd of worshippers at a mosque in Finsbury Park.

Osborne, who is 48, unemployed and has four children, had allegedly watched a BBC documentary called the 'three girls,' before becoming radicalised.

He is believed to have visited numerous far right websites in later weeks, before Osborne reportedly

claimed that a "guy called Dave" was behind the attack.

"He's like Dynamo, an illusionist. He can make himself vanish, perhaps. I don't know," he reportedly added.

Osborne was deemed a serious risk to public safety 11 years ago after an attack which took place in Swindon, Wiltshire, according to British media.

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A need for speed

A MOTORIST has been held in northern Spain after watching a 32-inch flat screen television while driving on amphetamines.

He was spotted in Santacara, Navarra, by a Local Police patrol car which was attending to an overturned lorry on the NA-5330 road.

As they directed traffic past the scene of the accident they saw that a 40-year-old man from

nearby Melida had the enormous television switched on in his car.

And when they pulled him over they decided to test him for drugs after noticing his fidgety appearance and dilated pupils. He tested positive for amphetamines, with more of the drug found on his person, before being fined €1,000 and six penalty points put on his licence.

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Rained-off

PLANS for Tree-planting Day had to be cancelled owing to bad weather. Despite the setback, Environment councillor Rocio Guijarro stressed that Alfaz now belongs to the Global Network of Learning Cities and the town hall will continue to collaborate with the three local state schools' environmental education programmes throughout the academic year.

ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

Don't stop the music

CONCERTS organised by the Classical Music Society of Alfaz continue this month.

Alfaz's Culture councillor Mayte Garcia reminded residents and visitors that although the auditorium at the Casa de Cultura is currently being reformed, this did not mean that they would have to forego good music. The first concert on February 22 will be held in the Forum Mare Nostrum at 8pm with a recital by the Orihuela-born guitarist, Javier Llanes, announced the Classical Music Society's vice-president Joaquin Palomares.



Photo by Alfaz town hall

AUDITORIUM: Renovations are on schedule.

February 24 sees another concert, also at the Forum at 8pm, with the French guitar quartet, Aiguetta. This will be followed the next day, Sunday February 25, by another recital from the Aiguetta Quartet, but with a different programme, at the Frax Foundation on Albir seafront at 12 noon.

Renovations at the Casa del Cultura's auditorium are progressing as planned, the Culture Council revealed. The auditorium floors and stalls as well as the stage flooring have now been removed but these and other improvements in the €50,000 refit are on schedule for the March 14 reopening.



REASSURING: Martine Mertens, Alfaz mayor Vicente Arques and Councillor Mayte Garcia.

Putting British minds at rest

THE British Consul for Alicante, Sarah-Jane Morris is giving a talk on Brexit at Forum Mare Nostrum on February 21.

Martine Mertens, councillor for Residents of Other Nationalities, urged all members of Alfaz's British community to attend the talk where the Consul will bring the audience up-to-date on Brexit, keeping them informed of the latest developments in the British government's negotiations with Brussels.

She will also discuss the scenario once the UK has left the European Union, Mertens explained.

Ms Morris, accompanied by experts in interna-

tional law, will be also be answering the public's questions and allaying concerns, the councillor added.

She was aware that there was a certain amount of worry on the part of Alfaz's British community, owing to uncertainty about the future, Mertens said.

But she wanted to convey a message of tranquillity to British residents and said the town hall would continue to ensure their rights.

The meeting with Sarah-Jane Morris will be held from 12 noon until 2pm on February 21 at the Forum Mare Nostrum.

By no means a rubbish offer

ALFAZ Council recently voted in favour of cancelling rubbish collection bills for pensioners and the unemployed.

"This year we received around 100 requests for a grant and all received a favourable reply, since the applicants met all the conditions," Welfare councillor Vicenta Baldo announced.

The grants were introduced

in 2012 and are covered by a €12,000 budget allocation.

Those applying for the grants first settle the bill, after which the entire payment is returned, Baldo said. The scheme was introduced in 2012, in line with the town hall's commitment towards assisting the social integration of economically-disadvantaged sectors, the councillor explained.

Lighter lighting bill

ALFAZ Town Hall will pay €1.091 million for LED lighting inside the town.

The proposal to award a contract for supplying and installing the new system was approved recently at an extraordinary general meeting.

"This very advantageous tender is also consistent with the sustainable urban model that we want for Alfaz," said the town hall's spokesman Toni Such.

The LED technology will bring energy savings of more than 78 per cent, Such added.

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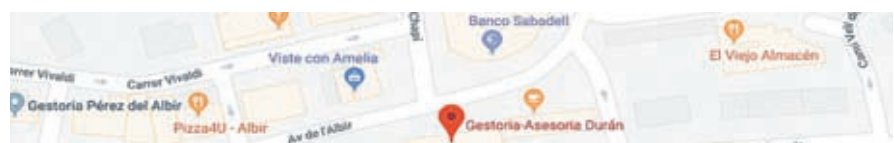
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Teulada Moraira

NEWS

Sweet stuff

THE Rosita bakery in Teulada has produced a giant two-metre 'Dama' cake, the ever largest baked in the town. More than nine kilos of dough was used to bake the sweet treat, which is traditionally made for the Sant Blai festival and is usually the size of a pancake.

Desperados put on a great show



ROCKING: The Desperados perform to a packed crowd.

THE Teulada - Moraira Lions were very pleased to have The Desperados perform once again in Espai La Senieta to a capacity crowd.

As promised, it was a stellar performance to a packed house, all the Eagles classics were performed flawlessly and with great harmony and the standing ovation at the end of the performance said it all. Lion President Brian Clarke thanked all involved especially the band and the town hall, but most of all the generosity and support of the audience.

The TM Lions have scheduled their next show for Wednesday February 28, featuring a fantastic Rolling Stones tribute band 'The Stoned.' The show promises to be a great evening's entertainment of Sir Mick and

the boys doing what they have done best for over 50 years. This is the first time that the Lions have found a Rolling Stones tribute band who meets their expectations so this is a show not to be missed!

The Beatles tribute concert scheduled for March 24 is proving very popular, indeed it is already sold out, so the Lions are adding a second show in the afternoon. The matinee performance on the same day, March 24, will commence at 4.30pm and will hopefully cater to all our loyal supporters who have not managed to secure tickets for the evening performance.

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JAVEA - XABIA NEWS

Planning a future

THE Javea Youth Department will host the annual 'Student Market' in the multi-purpose room in the Portal del Clot building from February 12 to 16. The market will help local teenagers to decide and plan their career paths following their secondary education with specific workshops relating to training resources and job hunting.

Brexit meeting

THE British Consul for Alicante, Sarah-Jane Morris, is visiting Javea for an open meeting to talk to Britons about any concerns they have about Brexit.

Anyone who wants to find out more about how Brexit might affect them and what they can do to prepare are welcome to attend this open meeting.

The meeting will be held from 4pm on February 20 at the Casa De Cultura.

A day for the birds

MEMBERS of Javea U3A's Birdwatching Group enjoyed a successful field trip to Pego Marsh.

The party, led by group leader Nigel Bentley and his wife Sue, spotted more than 30 species of birds on the outing.

Among the sightings was a group of seven booted eagles hovering around the hills overlooking the marsh as well as one dark-phase bird, two common buzzards and a common kestrel.

The twitchers' sightings also included around 60 lapwings and a similar number of glossy ibis, the latter put up by two



SPOTTED: A glossy ibis on Pego Marsh.

marsh harrier passing over the ibis's grassy feeding area.

Apart from the birdwatching,

the group also enjoyed a refreshing drink in a little bar beside hot-water springs.

New season

CORAL CLASICA JAVIENSE, an international choir in Javea, has just started its new season of rehearsals for spring 2018.

They're a hard-working, friendly group, who would eagerly welcome new members. All voices are welcome, but they have a special need for tenors! Choir practice is held each Friday from 4 to 6pm at the Instituto Musical, Avda Juan Carlos 1, in Javea.

Plans for this season are still in flux. At present they are learning some lovely musical settings by the composer Francisco Vila of poems by the iconic Andalusia poet Frederi-

co Garcia Lorca.

This will be their second season with musical director Asuncion Tarrasso. Asuncion is the cellist of the Orchestra of the Marina Alta (OMA), and is also engaged in further training as a choir mistress at the University Carlos III in Madrid. The warmth, skill, and energy of Asuncion's teaching style makes each rehearsal a pleasure.

The choir is based in Javea, but members come from all over Marina Alta, and even the Marina Baixa, from Altea in the south to Rafol d'Almunia in the north. They have an interesting cross-section of nationalities:

Crowds flock to open day

HUNDREDS flocked to Javea U3A's Open Meeting at the Parador Hotel to get a taste of the varied activities on offer. Apart from current members renewing their subscriptions, a total of 158 new members signed on.

Several of the 50-plus groups were represented at the meeting with a model railway layout and a wonderful selection of artwork attracting particular interest.

Among the groups on view were Spanish Culture and Cuisine, Painting in Watercolours, Petanque, Poetry for Pleasure, Walking, Family History, Mexican Train, Canasta and Cards for

Fun as well as a Books and DVDs swap table. The Travel team and Events co-ordinators were also on hand to advertise future trips and special events.

Group leaders were impressed with the interest from visitors, many of whom were eager to sign up for future activities.

Javea U3A president Eric Atkins, who greeted visitors and treated newcomers to complimentary coffees, was delighted with the attendance and gave a vote of thanks to group leaders and volunteer helpers who gave their time to make the morning such a success.

Architects outline concerns

THIS week, a group of concerned architects from Javea met with members from the local branch of the Partido Popular (PP) to reportedly express some of their concerns related to town planning.

One of their principal concerns was allegedly the inconsistencies revealed in the first outline of the General Structural Plan, which the town hall presented to the public last year, and worry that the plan may be approved without taking into account the advice offered by the Local Consultative Council on Urbanism and the Environment.

They are also concerned about the consequences resulting from the absence of a sewerage network in the town which often prevents building licences from being granted and said they cannot understand why the town hall does not plan to resolve the problem.

Finally, they emphasised the difficulties they constantly face with the town planning department in trying to obtain licences so they can carry out their assignments. They claim they have projects held up by the town hall, which leads to complicated conversations with clients when they ask why there are delays.

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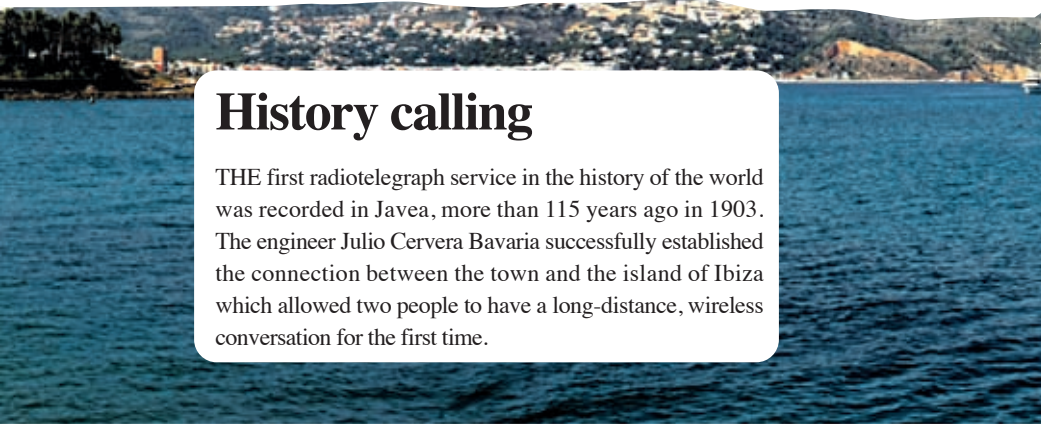
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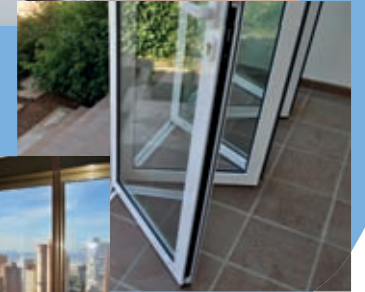


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GREAT SCOT: A great time was had at the Burns' Night Celebration.

Ukulele group at Burns' Night

A GREAT time was had by all at a recent Burns' Night Celebration.

With a big turnout at El Comercio, they were able to raise €225 for Help of Denia. Jim Carnichan looked a splendid sight as he piped in the haggis, and Susan Black was very entertaining as she 'addressed the haggis,' with the aid of an alarmingly large knife!

Guests were treated to a traditional meal of cock-a-leekie soup, then haggis, neeps and tatties followed by shortbread. Alistair

Peacock performed *The Immortal Memory* which was very informative for the many 'Sassenachs' present, as well as humorous. Allan Findlay gave a 'Toast to the Lassies,' to which his wife Anita responded with the 'Reply from the Lassies,' both very entertaining and provoking much laughter from the audience.

A sing-along of Scottish songs followed, performed by a combined group of 'The Ukaholics' of Denia U3A and 'The Jukes' of El Verger, which went down very well

with the audience.

Cazzie Millington sang *My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose* accompanied by Mike Burke, and Mairead Hurmann performed *Are You Right There Michael*.

They were then invited to try Scottish dancing, to much hilarity as things didn't quite go according to plan! To round off the evening they sang *Auld Lang Syne*, and the remaining guests danced to a disco of Scottish music. A great evening's entertainment!

Rock choir donates to three charities

DENIA Rock Choir is a thriving choir that sings contemporary music.

Following the success of their recent Christmas concerts, they are delighted to be able to make separate donations of €400 each, to three charities in the Marina Alta region; HELP of Denia, Guardian Angels and the AECC cancer charity. The choir is keen to support local charities and is open to requests for future fundraising events.

The charming Hostal Lore-

to was the setting for two consecutive concerts which were performed to full houses.

The choir sang several of their usual repertoires followed by popular festive songs, with some audience participation and was expertly led by the professional musical director, Jan Dewland.

New members are always welcome and no music reading skills are necessary. The choir meets on Thursdays, in the Salon Social of the Hostal Loreto, Calle Loreto, Denia, from 6 - 7.30pm. €5 per session.

Terra Natura Carnaval

ON Saturday, Carnaval will be celebrated in Terra Natura.

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ALL SMILES: U3A members at Mastroianni.

RECENTLY members of U3A Marina Baixa enjoyed their first 'Dining Out' of 2018. Organiser, Liz Parker, booked Mastroianni in Albir for lunch and an excellent meal was enjoyed by all as they caught up on the news since their AGM at the beginning of the month.

Liz arranges a restaurant meal every month in addition to a lunch after the monthly meetings and these are always well attended providing an opportunity to socialise as well as providing custom for local businesses.

Dining out

On February 9 the venue will be the Bamboo Restaurant in La Nucia providing an alternative to the traditional 'menu del dia.'



The next meeting of U3A Marina Baixa will be on Monday February 26 at Camping Villamar, after which meetings will resume at the Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi following the refurbishment of the Auditorium.



New members are always

welcome to come along to discover the host of activities available. Membership costs just €10 for a calendar year which includes a free Newsletter each month.

U3A Marina Baixa's membership comes from a wide area covering Orxeta, Villajoyosa, Finestrat, Benidorm, Altea, Albir, Alfaz, Polop, Callosa and even as far as Guadalest and Abdet.

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Amazing donations

CANCER CARE President, Lyn Buntrock, recently donated another €20,000 to Residencial Ana Maria Espinos Llopis, within the IMED hospital in Teulada.

This money will continue Cancer Care's commitment to totally fund Room 009 for the second year. Cancer Care gave the funds to the Director of IMED for Room 009, so it could be opened in February 2016 and this wonderful facility has been a lifeline for many ill people and those who need respite.

Cancer Care are determined to continue to support Room 009 and the dream is to open another much needed room within this residential home.

This generous donation was helped by the amount of €6,532 given to Cancer Care from the ticket sales from the Rocky Javea Picture Show and another recent donation from Free Spirits Harley Davidson Motor Cycle Club of €2,240 and Cancer Care were delighted to welcome their representatives to the presentation. Cancer Care thanked Jacquie Phillips for hosting the presentation during her coffee morning in the MABS centre.

Hitting the high notes

WHILST raising funds, mainly for the Alzheimer's association, the English choir of Teulada-Moraira have had a very busy but enjoyable year.

The first concert, after a well-earned summer break, was at Ermita San Jose and raised almost €1,000 for the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy.

Next came a cabaret style concert, held in the Pensionista Suite in Teulada. This was a new innovation for the English choir and contained a mixture of different styles and genres.

From Sullivan's Chucha to Bock's Fiddlers - ending up with tapas and wine being served - there was something for everybody.

The choir continued to entertain with several festive concerts during the run up to Christmas including an outdoor event in Moraira organised by the Lions and the Salvation Army on what must have been the coldest night of the year.

To keep everybody warm their talented musical director Jo Baldwin encouraged everyone to copy her dance moves whilst singing the



WELL DESERVED: Sylvia Tatnell receiving a cheque from the choir's President Susan Elles.

finale 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas.'

The year culminated with their popular Christmas carol sing-along in Moraira church. Another full house with a lot of money being raised for church funds and the Alzheimer's association.

However, the most enjoyable and greatly looked forward to by the choir members was their annual concert presented for members of the Alzheimer's day centre in Teu-

lada. The audience were happy to sing along with them whilst being backed by Mike Donovan on guitar and percussion. A very jolly afternoon was had by all.

Sylvia Tatnell, who is president of the Alzheimer's association was congratulated on receiving the British Empire medal and received a cheque from the choir's president Susan Elles.

The choir are now well into rehearsals for the next public perfor-

mance which will take place in May and is titled 'Musical Legends.' Further information will be publicised nearer the time.

For any further information about the choir or future events, or even if you want to come along and sing with them on a Thursday afternoon, please phone Judith on: 966 480 195.

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NORWAY



Royal jaunt

PRINCE WILLIAM and Kate Middleton visited Oslo to stay at the Royal Palace on the invitation of King Harald and Queen Sonja, visiting local beauty spots and meeting children, business people and soldiers during a whistle-stop tour.



Kensington Palace/Twitter

CROWN JEWELS: THE Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Oslo.

Far right slight

THE national ski team is under fire for using the Tyr rune character on its official Winter Olympics knitted jumper, with the ancient symbol having been used by neo-Nazis and other white supremacist groups since the Second World War.

Legal drugs

NORWAY appears set to become the second country in the world to decriminalise all drugs as it seeks to follow the successful model used in Portugal, where drug use is treated as a health rather than criminal issue.

Loose moose

AN Oslo metro line was closed for several hours after a moose plummeted from a bridge and landed in the middle of the track, with wildlife authorities forced to put the badly hurt animal down before removing it.

GERMANY



Toxic tests

CAR MAKER Volkswagen has suspended its head of external relations and sustainability, Thomas Steg, after it emerged that he was aware of tests during which monkeys were locked inside small chambers and forced to breathe diesel exhaust fumes.

new record low, falling to just 5.4 per cent of the population in January, its lowest level since the country reunified in 1990.

Killer caged

A EUROPE-WIDE manhunt has led to a 20-year-old man being jailed for life after he was found guilty of butchering a nine-year-old boy before writing online that 'killing the

neighbour's child didn't feel too bad to be honest.'

Human traffic

MORE than 200 police officers swooped on seven properties in the states of Berlin, Saxony, Bremen and North Rhine-Westphalia, with three men arrested in a crackdown against an international migrant trafficking ring.

FRANCE



Dolly gosh

THE country's first sex doll brothel has opened its doors in Paris, with a trio of silicone beauties named Lily, Sofia and Kim for clients to choose from at a cost of €89 per hour.

Two for none

'BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE' food offers are set to be axed as the government tries to ensure better income for struggling farmers, with the move following a string of mini-riots as shoppers battled to grab cut price chocolate spread.

Peak trouble

MOUNTAINEER Elisabeth Revol, who was rescued from the 8,125 Nanga Parbat peak - dubbed 'killer mountain' - has returned home suffering from frostbite after authorities were unable to save her Polish climbing partner.

Off the rails

RAIL operator SNCF will have to fork out €170 million after losing an appeal against a 2015 ruling that found it guilty of discrimination against more than 800 Moroccan workers, most of who arrived in the post-colonial 1970's.

BELGIUM



Bling ring

THE trial of 19 jewel thieves linked to a spectacular €40 million diamond heist at Brussels Airport is underway, with the gang accused of posing as police officers armed with machine guns before making off with the loot.

Boar war

THE country's wild boar population has exploded to such an extent that local lawmakers are demanding that the rampant swine are put on the contraceptive pill in what is being described as 'an elegant and animal-friendly solution.'

Eastern promise

START-UP airline Air Belgium has announced plans to fly from Brussels South Charleroi Airport to Hong Kong from March this year, although the route and schedule for the new route have yet to be confirmed.

Suspect handover

THE government has extradited to France Mohamed Bakkali, a key witness in the deadly terror attack on Paris in 2015 which left 130 dead, with the 30-year-old suspected of renting a Brussels apartment where some of the attackers stayed.

NETHERLANDS



Family affair

INDIA has ruled that three-year-old Insiya Hemani, who was violently kidnapped from Amsterdam on her father Shehzad's orders in 2016, must be returned to her mother Nadia by the end of March.

Sea sick

DUTCH fisheries minister Carola Schouten has asked UK environment secretary Michael Gove to provide a clear proposal for post-Brexit arrangements between the UK and European fishing communities, after a white paper promised by the end of 2017 failed to emerge.

Grave discovery

ARCHAEOLOGISTS in in Nieuwegein claim they have found the earliest example of a baby's grave in the country after unearthing the 6,000-year-old skeleton of a woman cradling the tiny infant, which was less than six months old when it died.

Unclean energy

THE country has been ranked second-bottom of a new ranking to determine green energy use in Europe, with only Luxembourg found to use less renewable energy as a proportion of total consumption.

SWEDEN



Stubbed out

THE government is considering plans to ban smoking in public places including outdoor restaurants, train platforms, and playgrounds, health minister Annika Strandhäll has revealed, with a formal proposal expected in February.

Port fail

CHINESE investors have scrapped plans to build the country's deep water port in the western town of Lysekil amid fears over the project's environmental impact and potential risk to national security.

Founder dies

INGVAR KAMPRAD, who rose from humble beginnings to become one of the world's richest men after founding the Ikea furniture empire - now with more than 350 stores in 29 countries - has died aged 91.

Grope attack

PHOTOGRAPHS of a teenager's bloodied face have gone viral after Sophie Johansson, 19, was hit with a glass bottle in a Malmö nightclub when she tried to defend herself from an unknown man who fondled her buttocks.

DENMARK



Cheesed off

DAIRY farms have sparked outrage after illegally labelling cheese as 'feta' to countries outside the European Single Market, with the name protected as a Greek product, according to reports.

Stork shock

BIRD enthusiasts have been left stunned after several white storks were spotted near the Danish border, with climate change blamed for the animals - which usually arrive in spring - migrating earlier.

Illegal arms

THE government has come under fire from the European Union, which has accused it of illegally buying tanks, vehicles and artillery, forcing suppliers to place orders with Danish firms in return for doing business with the military.

Hair today

A JUSTICE MINISTRY scheme to ban the wearing of burkas could be extended to include all 'comprehensively masking items,' meaning helmets, masks and false beards would become unlawful.



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LOCUST SWARMING: The insects may descend on green pitches during the summer.

A plague of locusts

HORDES of locusts could cause a 'global scandal' during the World Cup in Russia, an agriculture official has said. Pyotr Chekmarev, head of the agriculture ministry's crop department, warned the insects could attack green pitches. There are reportedly thousands of locusts currently living around Volgograd, the tournament's host city.

Snow plane delays

MORE than 20 flights travelling into and out of Moscow's airports have been delayed following heavy snowfall. The storms, the heaviest since the start of winter, also caused the cancellation of some 11 flights while runways were cleared and aircraft de-iced.

Election monitoring

RUSSIA is ready to accept observers from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) for its March presidential election, the country's foreign ministry has said. A total of 500 observers will visit Russia from Monday fol-

lowing an agreement with Lavrov and OSCE chairperson Angelino Alfano.

Opposition leader arrested

ALEXEI NAVALNY was arrested along with 15 others following a rally which called for a boycott of the country's March presidential election. The prominent opposition leader was tackled by police while walking up the Tverskaya road in Moscow, according to reports. Police fought off supporters who attempted to pull him free and also raided his headquarters to reportedly stop a broadcast.

Gas pipeline approved

A GAS pipeline worth billions of dollars and set to run into Europe has been approved by German authorities. Russian energy giant Gazprom's 1,200 kilometre long Nord Stream 2 project has been criticised by the United States and Poland who said it undermined Europe's energy security.

Leningrad siege remembered

AROUND 30,000 people gathered to mark the day that Soviet troops broke the Nazi blockade of Leningrad at St Petersburg's Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery. The crowd, which included government officials and Second World War veterans, commemorated the 74th anniversary of the lifting of the siege which lasted 872 days.



ANNIVERSARY:
Crowds gathered at the Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery to mark the end of the blockade.



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."

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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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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 Comision 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 + iNNOVENCE 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

Charlotte Macdonald

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

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

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What is an LPA?

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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.

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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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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.

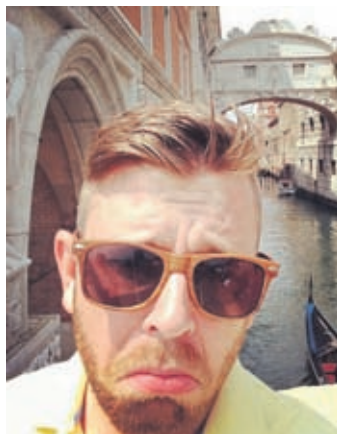
geriatric fruit-fly's, a program which is now long-gone to the great Recycle Bin.

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 prof

essional 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.

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9:00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
10:00pm Trouble at the Zoo
11:00pm The Mash Report
11:30pm Newsnight
12:15am Dragons' Den

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8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm Top of the Pops
9:00pm Hugh Masekela: Welcome to South Africa
10:00pm Forces of Nature with Brian Cox
11:00pm How We Got to Now with Steve Johnson
Documentary series.
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7:00am The Chase
Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.
7:50am Pawn Stars
8:10am Pawn Stars
8:30am Ironside
Drama series featuring wheelchair-bound cop Robert Ironside.
9:30am Quincy, M.E.
10:35am Minder
11:40am The Sweeney
12:45pm Snooker
6:30pm Counting Cars
6:55pm Counting Cars
7:25pm Hat-Trick Heroes
Short film celebrating three-goal football heroes.
7:45pm Snooker
It's snooker, but not as you know it.
11:45pm Exit Wounds
12:45am FYI Daily
12:50am Exit Wounds
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9:55am Smokey and the Bandit
11:35am John Wick: Chapter Two
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5:20am Easy Come, Easy Go
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8:40am Our Man Flint
10:35am The Cable Guy
12:20pm Don't Think Twice
2:00pm The Love Guru
3:35pm Bad Neighbours 2
5:15pm Election
7:05pm Dumb and Dumber
9:00pm Don Verdean
10:45pm Bad Neighbours 2
12:25am Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
2:05am The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
4:00am Jackass 3
5:40am Bicentennial Man

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4:45am My All American
7:00am Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
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7:30am Texas Blood
9:15am Chips
11:05am King Arthur
Rip-roaring reworking of the classic tale, with Charlie Hunnam as a roguish swordsman who discovers his birthright and takes on evil uncle Jude Law.
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2:05am Harmonium
4:25am Top Ten Show, the 2018

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 9:00pm Mastermind
 9:30pm A Vicar's Life
 10:00pm Nigel Slater's Middle East: Turkey
 11:00pm QI
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:05am Looper

BBC FOUR

4:30am This is BBC Four
BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.
 8:00pm World News Today
 8:30pm Top of the Pops
Richard Skinner and Simon Bates present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 4 April 1985.
 9:00pm Sounds of the Sixties
 9:10pm The Good Old Days
 10:00pm Classic Albums
 11:00pm Rock n Roll Guns for Hire: The Story of the Sideman
 12:30am Top of the Pops
 1:05am Rock 'n' Roll Britannia
Documentary about the history of British rock 'n' roll.
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 9:00pm Celebrity Five Go Barging
 10:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
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LA County's sleuthing Chief Coroner stakes his reputation on another case.
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 1:00am FYI Daily
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 1:55am Fifth Gear
 2:55am The Sweeney

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5:25am Rocky V
 7:15am True Lies
 9:45am Broken Arrow
 11:45am Top Ten Show, the 2018
 12:00pm The Italian Job
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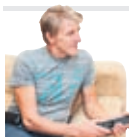
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 3:30pm Why Him?
 5:30pm Liar Liar
 7:05pm Calendar Girls
 9:00pm Get Him to the Greek
 11:00pm Why Him?
 1:00am Little Man
 2:45am Bruno

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4:45am My All American
 7:00am Escape Room
 8:45am Texas Blood
 10:30am King Arthur
 12:45pm Baywatch
 3:00pm Chips
 4:45pm My All American
True-life sports drama about Freddie Steinmark, an underdog American footballer who overcame his small stature to become a University of Texas legend
 6:50pm King Arthur
 9:00pm Baywatch
 11:10pm Chips
 1:00am Escape Room
 2:35am Frank and Lola
 4:15am Harmonium
A family man finds his quiet life thrown off balance by the arrival of an old acquaintance just released from prison.

sky sports football

10:30am La Liga Greatest Games
 11:00am La Liga Show
 11:30am EFL Matters
 12:00pm One2eleven
 12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games
 12:45pm SPFL Greatest Games
 1:00pm La Liga Show
 1:30pm EFL Matters
 2:00pm La Liga Icons
 3:00pm La Liga Show
 3:30pm EFL Matters
 4:00pm Football's Greatest
 4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
 5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
 6:00pm La Liga Preview
 7:00pm Ronaldo
 7:30pm EFL Matters
 8:00pm Football
 11:15pm The Debate - Live
 12:15am EFL Greatest Games
 12:30am Football Countdowns
 1:00am EFL Greatest Games



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!

Advertising Feature

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Winter Olympics
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Winter Olympics
5:30pm	Final Score
6:25pm	BBC News
6:35pm	Regional News
6:40pm	Weather
6:45pm	And They're Off...For Sport Relief
7:25pm	Pointless
8:15pm	All Together Now
9:20pm	Casualty <i>More realistic medical drama with love, life and emergency operations.</i>
10:10pm	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>
10:25pm	Weather
10:30pm	Hard Sun
11:30pm	Match of the Day
12:50am	Winter Olympics
3:00am	Winter Olympics

BBC TWO

7:00am	Winter Olympics
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live <i>James Martin presents another menu of mouth-watering recipes, great chefs and celebrity guests.</i>
12:30pm	Mary Berry Everyday
1:00pm	Winter Olympics
2:15pm	Hairy Bikers <i>Mediterranean Adventure</i>
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:00pm	Italy's Invisible Cities
5:00pm	Nigel Slater's Middle East: Turkey
6:00pm	Dragons' Den
7:00pm	Hugh's Wild West
8:00pm	Winter Olympics <i>Today at the Games.</i>
9:00pm	Dad's Army
9:30pm	Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
10:00pm	Charles I's Treasures Reunited
11:00pm	Truly, Madly, Deeply
12:40am	Love is All You Need

BBC FOUR

4:35am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>
8:00pm	Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean
9:00pm	Winter Olympics Extra.
10:00pm	Modus
10:45pm	Modus
11:30pm	The Fall: The Wonderful and Frightening World of Mark E. Smith
12:30am	Top of the Pops
1:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme.</i>
1:35am	Rock n Roll Guns for Hire: The Story of the Sideman
3:05am	Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean

CHANNEL 4

6:00am	Coast v Country
6:55am	Draw it!
7:20am	3rd Rock from the Sun
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00pm	The Simpsons
2:30pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	Coast v Country
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun
5:30pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
6:35pm	The Supernet
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Great Canal Journeys
9:00pm	Village of the Year
10:00pm	Die Hard 4.0
12:35am	Ted
2:25am	The Last Leg <i>Another chance to see Friday's episode.</i>

CHANNEL 5

6:10am	The Great Artists
6:35am	HouseBusters
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:00pm	Police Interceptors
1:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	The A-Team
4:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
7:00pm	The Wonderful World of Puppies
8:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
9:00pm	The World's Most Luxurious Cruise Ship
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5 The Championship.
11:00pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
11:30pm	The Silence of the Lambs

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7:00am	The Goldbergs
8:35am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:30am	Info not available
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	Info not available
2:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:15pm	The Big Bang Theory <i>Sheldon begrudgingly takes care of Amy when she is sick, but she loves the extra attention so much.</i>
5:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:45pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:45pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Info not available
12:15am	Gogglebox

sky sports main event

6:00am	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day three of the ISPS Handa World Super 6 from Lake Karrinyup Country Club in Perth, Australia.</i>
7:00am	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day three of the ISPS Handa World Super 6 from Lake Karrinyup Country Club in Perth, Australia.</i>
9:30am	Live Super League
11:45am	Super League Highlights
12:00pm	Info not available
1:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Cricket <i>The fourth ODI between South Africa and India at Bidvest Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg.</i>
6:15pm	Football
9:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
1:00am	Sky Sports News

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7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Dancing on Ice
2:15pm	Local News and Weather
2:20pm	ITV News and Weather
2:30pm	6 Nations Live: Ireland v Italy
5:20pm	6 Nations Live: England v Wales
8:00pm	Take Me Out
9:15pm	The Voice UK
10:45pm	Through the Keyhole
11:35pm	ITV News and Weather <i>A round-up of the latest news headlines and a national weather forecast.</i>
11:50pm	Lethal Weapon 2
2:00am	You've Been Framed!

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10:00am	Coronation Street Omnibus <i>More drama and turmoil from the residents of Coronation Street in the longest running TV Soap.</i>
12:55pm	Take Me Out
2:10pm	Mr Bean
2:45pm	Beethovens 2nd
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	Beethovens 2nd
4:30pm	Valentine's Day
5:45pm	FYI Daily
5:50pm	Valentine's Day
6:55pm	The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug <i>The dwarves, with the help of Bilbo, continue their quest to reclaim their homeland from Smaug.</i>
7:55pm	FYI Daily
8:00pm	The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
10:00pm	The Hangover Part II
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Hangover Part II
12:05am	Family Guy

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7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:15am	Murder, She Wrote
9:15am	Murder, She Wrote
10:20am	Lewis
12:25pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
2:20pm	Columbo <i>Classic murder mystery.</i>
4:00pm	Midsomer Murders <i>Barnaby and Troy have to solve a double murder.</i>
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	The Durrells <i>Drama series based upon Gerald Durrell's trilogy of Corfu memoirs.</i>
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	The Good Karma Hospital <i>Six-part medical drama set in southern India.</i>
1:00am	Lewis
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen

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7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	The Professionals <i>Action-packed drama series about two criminal-intelligence agents.</i>
8:20am	The Professionals
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show <i>Magazine show to complement coverage of the horse racing.</i>
11:30am	The Sweeney
12:35pm	Fishing Impossible
1:35pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Newbury
5:00pm	Lonely are the Brave
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	Lonely are the Brave
7:15pm	Storage Wars
7:45pm	Snooker
12:00am	Green Zone
1:05am	FYI Daily <i>Latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>
1:10am	Green Zone

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11:45am	Mission: Impossible III
2:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
4:30pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
4:45pm	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
6:45pm	Mission: Impossible II
9:00pm	Mission: Impossible III
11:10pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
1:30am	Kiss of the Dragon

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:50am	The Benchwarmers
10:20am	Any Which Way You Can
12:20pm	Ghost Town
2:10pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
3:50pm	Fist Fight
5:30pm	Big Daddy
7:10pm	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
9:00pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
10:40pm	Fist Fight
12:20am	48 Hrs

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:15am	Harmonium
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Texas Blood
8:45am	Chips: Law and Disorder
10:45am	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
12:30pm	Special <i>Sky Movies takes a special look at Marvel's superhero adventure.</i>
1:00pm	Baywatch
3:15pm	King Arthur
5:30pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
7:20pm	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:10pm	King Arthur
1:20am	Frank and Lola
3:00am	Escape Room
4:45am	My All-American

sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	Scottish Cup
10:30am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:45am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
12:45pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games <i>A chance to relive some classic action from the Scottish Cup.</i>
1:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Info not available
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Info not available
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	La Liga: The Story of Las Palmas
12:30am	EFL Goals: Championship

Video star stays at home

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

FUGITIVE MP's from the Catalan parliament, who fled to Brussels with Carles Puigdemont after he declared independence, fell on their swords and renounced their seats.

In keeping with the way that Spain's elections are organised, Esquerra Republicana (ERC) and two Junts per Catalunya (JxC) seats will be occupied by the next names down on the closed voting lists.

This exercise in self-sacrifice gives pro-independence parties JxC, ERC and CUP the overall majority they need to install Puigdemont as president.

Trouble is, the Catalan Speaker called off the first investiture debate because Madrid and the Constitutional Tribunal stepped in to prevent Puigdemont from indulging in the political equivalent of internet dating and accepting the job via videolink from Belgium.

"He refused to propose an al-



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THE PUIGDEMONT AFFAIR: The ex-Catalan President said he had been 'sacrificed' by his own.

ternative candidate", Roger Torrent said. Carles Puigdemont was the legitimate candidate with an overall majority.

"The president of the Generalitat will be chosen by the MPs in this Chamber, not a Tribunal or a minister 600-kilometres away," Roger Torrent said.

Meanwhile, according to the national daily *El Mundo*, Puigdemont's text messages the same day to Toni Comin - a former ERC counsellor now in Brussels

- proclaimed that the independence process was finished.

He had been "sacrificed by our own," he said, and insinuated that someone else would have to take his place.

The former president's Twitter account meanwhile spewed out the same old fighting slogans, but that's the usual routine for Puigdemont who all along the way has so often failed to say what he means or mean what he says.

Spokesman puts a spoke in

IÑIGO MENDEZ DE VIGO, minister of Education, Culture and Sport is also spokesman for the central government in Madrid.

Recently he apologised to the people 'who felt ill-treated' during the police charges of October 1 as Catalans were prevented from voting in the unauthorised independence referendum.

But at least no-one was seriously injured, Mendez de Vigo said, "Just one person who lost an eye after being hit by a rubber bullet."

So that's okay then. What a relief, just one eye lost. But for someone who is a spokesman, he doesn't exactly have the gift of the gab.

The dissembler

"DON'T let's get into that," said Mariano Rajoy when asked what he intended to do to balance the wage gap between men and women in Spain.

A matter of semantics

THE doomed 2006 Catalan Statute of Autonomy that was emasculated by the Constitutional Tribunal in 2010 recognised the region as a country.

This led to garment-rending amongst Spanish nationalists as well as the Partido Popular and the latter appealed successfully against the 'pais' label and several other clauses in the Estatut that didn't tickle the party's fancy, but touched on a nerve instead.

All of which begs the question, if the Basque region can be called the Pais Vasco without making the PP froth at the mouth, what's the problem with Cataluña?

A surprising answer when you bear in mind that on average a woman in Spain earns 85.1 per cent less than a male doing the same job, it would have been interesting to hear his views.

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Advertising Feature

How to drive safely in winter

THERE are many winter lovers who like visiting cities during cold periods or participating in snow sports. One must admit that it is not the same visiting, for instance, Sierra Nevada covered by snow, adding an extra attraction to these magical mountains, than without it. But if you go driving this can be harrowing, especially where blizzard and icy conditions crop up seemingly out of nowhere.

If, after all, you decide to drive, there are some recommendations to take into account:

• Check the weather before you go

If the weather is freezing, warm up the car before you drive it. If the forecast looks unpredictable, wait out the storm if possible. But if you must travel, make sure you share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave.

If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Place reflective triangles in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow,

mud or any other object.

• Prepare Your Car for Winter

Besides checking the weather, it's important to have a mechanic check the condition of the following vehicle systems before heading out on the road: ignition, brakes, wiring, hoses and fan belts, spark plugs, air, fuel and emissions filters, distributor, battery, tyre wear and air pressure and check the antifreeze level.

• Know What to Do to Avoid a Crash

Sometimes water or ice on the road can surprise drivers, even with little to no precipitation. So, if you don't want to be surprised and end up in a crash, here are some tips:

- Never mix radial tyres with other types of tyres
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather
- Do not use cruise control in wintery conditions
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Increase your distance to the car ahead



WINTER DRIVING: Know how to keep safe.

- If possible, don't stop when going uphill
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full
- Don't Leave Home Without These

In an emergency situation, there are a few things that you should have with you at all times such as, a properly inflated spare tyre, wheel wrench and tripod jack, shovel, jump leads, tyre chains, tool kit, flashlight and extra batteries, reflective triangles, first aid kit, ice scraper, non-perishable high energy foods, blankets and gloves.

Also do not forget to have your Roadside Assistance number at hand. Liberty Seguros Roadside Assistance is at your disposal 24/7 through a Free Phone Number, 900 101 369,

where you will be assisted by an English-speaking operator.

Winter road trips - even short ones - are a great way to celebrate with family and friends. As well as providing you with insurance to cover you for any unexpected accident or loss, Liberty Seguros would encourage you to be fully prepared when driving in adverse conditions. Being prepared can ensure a safe and happy time is had by all.

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
8:40am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	BBC News
1:25pm	Weather for the Week Ahead <i>Detailed weather report.</i>
1:30pm	Winter Olympics
3:30pm	Six Nations Rugby Union
6:00pm	Songs of Praise
6:35pm	Celebrity Mastermind
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Countryfile
8:30pm	Still Open All Hours
9:00pm	Call the Midwife
10:00pm	Mcmafia
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:35am	The Women's Football Show

BBC TWO

7:00am	Winter Olympics
10:15am	Winter Olympics
1:30pm	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
3:00pm	Food and Drink
3:28pm	Back in Time for Tea
4:30pm	The Crane Gang
5:30pm	Winter Olympics
7:00pm	New York: America's Busiest City
8:00pm	Winter Olympics <i>Today at the Games.</i>
9:00pm	South Korea: Earth's Hidden Wilderness
10:00pm	Dragons' Den
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Live at the Apollo
12:15am	Cleverman
1:10am	Women's Six Nations Highlights
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>
3:05am	Question Time

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>
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>
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. series 1</i>
10:00pm	Horizon
11:00pm	The Sky at Night
11:30pm	Mia Madre
1:15am	...Sings Musicals
2:15am	Horizon

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	King of Queens
7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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>
9:00am	Frasier <i>An elusive chirping cricket drives Frasier crazy.</i>
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
2:35pm	The Simpsons
3:35pm	School of Rock
5:45pm	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Posh Pawn
9:00pm	Lost Pyramids of the Maya
10:00pm	Spy
12:20am	Friends with Benefits
2:25am	The World's Most Expensive Food

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles <i>Underground crime-fighting escapades with the heroes in a half-shell.</i>
11:30am	Football on 5 <i>The Championship.</i>
12:30pm	Football on 5 <i>Goal Rush.</i>
1:00pm	Police Interceptors <i>Documentary series profiling the work of a high-speed police interception unit in Essex.</i>
2:00pm	Over Her Dead Body
3:45pm	What to Expect When You're Expecting
5:35pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
5:40pm	Sleepless in Seattle
7:25pm	Along Came Polly <i>Romantic comedy.</i>
9:00pm	Rom-Com Lol Special
10:00pm	Britain's Favourite Rom-Com
1:00am	Info not available

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7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:25am	Coach Trip
10:00am	Coach Trip
12:00pm	The Crystal Maze
1:00pm	The Crystal Maze
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory <i>This special ten-episode Saturday stack from the US comedy.</i>
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	Info not available
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	Gogglebox
2:00am	Celebs Go Dating

sky sports main event

7:00am	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day four of the ISPS Handa World Super 6 from Lake Karrinyup Country Club in Perth, Australia.</i>
10:00am	Total Goals <i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
11:00am	Info not available
12:00pm	Info not available
12:30pm	Football
3:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Newcastle United take on Manchester United at St James' Park in the Premier League.</i>
5:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Southampton take on Liverpool at St Mary's Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:30am	Premier League Highlights
1:00am	Sky Sports News

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7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	River Monsters
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
12:25pm	The Voice UK
1:55pm	ITV News and Weather
2:00pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
2:30pm	What Would Your Kid Do?
3:30pm	The Cruise
4:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
4:30pm	Tipping Point
5:30pm	Local News and Weather
5:40pm	ITV News and Weather
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Dancing on Ice
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:10pm	Peston on Sunday
12:05am	Rugby

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers
7:10am	Emmerdale Omnibus <i>More drama and turmoil from the residents of Emmerdale.</i>
10:10am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:00pm	Take Me Out
2:20pm	The Voice UK
3:50pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
4:50pm	FYI Daily
4:55pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
5:35pm	Despicable Me 2
6:35pm	FYI Daily
6:40pm	Despicable Me 2
7:40pm	Jurassic World
8:40pm	FYI Daily
8:45pm	Jurassic World <i>A new theme park is built on the original site of Jurassic Park.</i>
10:00pm	Survival of the Fittest
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Heartbeat
9:50am	Heartbeat
10:50am	The Railway Children
1:00pm	Columbo <i>Classic murder mystery.</i>
2:35pm	A Touch of Frost
4:50pm	Inspector Morse <i>Murder mystery series.</i>
7:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
9:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
9:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Tonight at the London Palladium
11:00pm	Birds of a Feather
11:30pm	Birds of a Feather
12:00am	Changeling <i>Crime film starring Angelina Jolie and John Malkovich, 2008.</i>
2:45am	Blue Murder <i>Police drama.</i>

itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:20am	The Sweeney
8:10am	The Sweeney
9:05am	The Car Chasers
9:40am	The Car Chasers
10:05am	The Car Chasers
10:40am	The Car Chasers
11:10am	Storage Wars <i>Reality series.</i>
11:40am	Snowquake
12:45pm	Snooker <i>Coverage of the Coral Snooker Shoot Out - a fast one-frame snooker knock-out event.</i>
5:20pm	Pawn Stars
6:45pm	Snooker <i>Coverage of the Coral Snooker Shoot Out - a fast one-frame snooker knock-out event.</i>
11:00pm	Executive Decision
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Executive Decision
1:45am	Minder

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7:15am	Tarzan
9:10am	The Desert Rats
10:45am	Central Intelligence
12:45pm	Death Race
2:45pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
5:00pm	Tarzan
7:00pm	Central Intelligence
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11:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
1:15am	The Hunter's Prayer
sky CINEMA COMEDY	
7:20am	Dude, Where's My Car?
8:50am	Dad's Army
10:35am	The Waterboy
12:10pm	Date Night
1:45pm	Shallow Hal
3:45pm	Dumb and Dumber
5:35pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
7:15pm	Mean Girls
9:00pm	Date Night
10:35pm	Shallow Hal
12:35am	Another 48 Hrs

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	King Arthur <i>Rip-roaring reworking of the classic tale about a roguish swordsman who discovers his birthright and takes on his evil uncle.</i>
9:20am	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
11:00am	Special
11:30am	Honey 3: Dare to Dance
1:15pm	Baywatch
3:30pm	King Arthur
5:40pm	Mune: Guardian of the Moon
7:15pm	Honey 3: Dare to Dance <i>An aspiring dancer forced to leave her prestigious school because she can't afford the tuition fees refuses to give up on her dreams</i>
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:10pm	Escape Room
12:45am	Chips: Law and Disorder

sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
8:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
8:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
9:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	Sunday Supplement
11:30am	EFL Goals: League
12:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm	Football
3:15pm	Live Scottish Cup
5:45pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
11:30pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:00am	La Liga Files
12:45am	La Liga Files

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 7:00am Breakfast
 10:15am Winter Olympics
 2:00pm BBC News
 2:30pm Regional News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm The Coroner
 4:00pm Escape to the Country
 4:45pm Get Away for Winter
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News
 7:30pm Regional News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm Inside Out
 9:00pm EastEnders
 9:30pm Panorama
 10:00pm Julius Caesar with Mary Beard
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm Have I Got Old News for You
 12:15am The Graham Norton Show
 1:05am Winter Olympics
 5:00am Winter Olympics

BBC TWO

5:10am BBC News
 7:00am Winter Olympics
 10:15am Animal Park Easter Special
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
 12:00pm Wanted Down Under
 12:45pm Heir Hunters
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
 2:00pm Winter Olympics
 7:00pm Eggheads
 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
 8:00pm Winter Olympics Today at the Games.
 9:00pm Only Connect
 9:30pm University Challenge
 10:00pm Collateral
 11:00pm Two Doors Down
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:10am Weather
 12:15am Odyssey
 12:55am Odyssey
 1:40am Countryfile
 2:35am Food: Truth or Scare
 3:20am Hugh's Wild West
 4:23am Weather for the Week Ahead
 4:30am BBC News

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
 8:30pm Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo
 9:00pm Winter Olympics Extra.
 10:00pm Robert Rauschenberg
 11:00pm Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit
 12:00pm Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth
 1:00am China in Six Easy Pieces
 2:00am Top of the Pops: 1981
 2:35am Top of the Pops: 1981
 3:20am Robert Rauschenberg

CHANNEL 4

7:00am Countdown
 7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun
 8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
 9:30am Frasier
 10:00am Frasier
 10:35am Frasier
 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 12:00pm Undercover Boss USA
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
 2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm A Place in the Sun
 5:00pm A New Life in the Sun
 6:00pm Four in a Bed
 6:30pm Extreme Cakemakers
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm Dispatches
 9:30pm Holidays Unpacked
 11:00pm First Dates Hotel
 12:05am Derry Girls
 12:40am Hunted
 1:40am It's a Weird World

CHANNEL 5

5:45am House Doctor
 6:10am Great Scientists
 6:35am Wildlife SOS
 7:00am Milkshake!
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 1:10pm 5 News
 1:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
 2:10pm Access
 2:15pm Home and Away
 2:45pm Neighbours
 3:20pm NCIS
 4:20pm The Deadly Twin
 6:00pm 5 News
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News
 8:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
 9:00pm Police Interceptors
 10:00pm The X Files
 11:00pm Neighbours
 12:05am When Kids Kill
 1:05am Traffic Cops
 2:00pm Super Casino
 4:10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 5:00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

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6:00am Sky Sports News
 7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
 7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 11:00am Premier League Daily
 12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
 12:30pm Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
 4:30pm Sky Sports News
 5:00pm Sky Sports News
 6:00pm Sky Sports News
 7:00pm Sky Sports News
 8:00pm Football
 12:00am Sky Sports News
 1:00am Sky Sports News
 2:00am Live WWE Late Night Raw
 5:15am WWE From the Vault
 5:30am WWE From the Vault
 5:45am WWE From the Vault
A classic match from the WWE Vault: Dolph Ziggler takes on Kofi Kingston in June 2011.

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4:50am ITV Nightscreen
 6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 7:00am Good Morning Britain
 9:30am Lorraine
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 11:30am This Morning
 1:30pm Loose Women
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
 3:00pm James Martin's American Adventure
 4:00pm Tenable
 5:00pm Tipping Point
 6:00pm The Chase
 7:00pm Local News and Weather
 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Emmerdale
 8:30pm Coronation Street
 9:00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
 9:30pm Coronation Street
 10:00pm Trauma
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:45pm James Bulger: A Mother's Story
 12:45am Caught on Camera

itv2

9:20am Coronation Street
 10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 11:10am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
 11:20am Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
 12:20pm FYI Daily
 12:25pm Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
 1:10pm Emmerdale
 1:45pm Coronation Street
 2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 6:50pm Take Me Out
 8:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold
 8:30pm You've Been Framed! Gold
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
 9:30pm Superstore
 10:00pm Survival of the Fittest
 11:00pm Family Guy
 11:30pm Family Guy
 12:00am Family Guy

itv3

7:00am Classic Coronation Street
 7:25am Classic Coronation Street
 7:55am Heartbeat
 9:00am The Royal
 10:00am Judge Judy
 10:30am Judge Judy
 11:25am Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant
 11:55am Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant
 12:25pm Love Your Garden
 1:30pm The Royal
 2:35pm Heartbeat
 3:40pm Classic Coronation Street
 4:15pm Classic Coronation Street
 4:50pm On the Buses
 5:20pm On the Buses
 5:50pm Rising Damp
 6:20pm George and Mildred
 6:55pm Heartbeat
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
 9:00pm Lewis
 11:00pm The Widower
 12:00am The Guilty

itv4

7:00am The Chase
 7:45am The Chase
 8:35am Ironside
 9:35am Quincy, M.E.
 10:40am Minder
 11:50am The Sweeney
 12:50pm The Professionals
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 8:30pm Pawn Stars
 8:55pm River Monsters
 9:30pm River Monsters
 9:55pm River Monsters
 11:00pm Blade
 12:05am FYI Daily
 12:10am Blade
 1:25am Car Crash Global
 2:25am Fifth Gear
 3:20am River Monsters
 3:45am ITV4 Nightscreen
 4:00am Teleshopping Shopping from home.

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4:40am Batman and Robin
 7:00am The 13th Warrior
 9:00am Behind Enemy Lines
 11:00am The A-Team
 1:00pm Point Break
 3:00pm Twister
 5:00pm The 13th Warrior
 7:00pm The A-Team
 9:00pm Point Break
 11:00pm Rambo
 12:45am Behind Enemy Lines
 2:45am Wanted
 4:50am Rocky II

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6:10am License to Drive
 7:45am The Night is Young
 9:20am The Tiger Hunter
 11:00am Kill Me Three Times
 12:40pm Get a Job
 2:10pm Groundhog Day
 4:00pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
 5:35pm Uncle Buck
 7:20pm Billy Madison
 9:00pm Groundhog Day
 10:45pm Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
 12:20am Police Academy

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7:00am Chips: Law and Disorder
 8:45am Mune: Guardian of the Moon
 10:15am My All-American
 12:15pm Honey 3: Dare to Dance
 1:55pm Baywatch
 4:00pm Mean Dreams
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 11:10pm Mean Dreams
 1:00am Chips: Law and Disorder
 3:00am Escape Room
Horror-thriller about four friends trapped in a Los Angeles escape room... with a demonically possessed killer. Can they solve the puzzles needed to get out alive?
 4:45am My All-American

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9:30am Football's Greatest Teams
 10:00am Scottish Cup Greatest Games
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 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
 5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
 6:00pm Football Years
 6:30pm Football Countdowns
 7:00pm La Liga Files
 7:45pm La Liga Icons
 8:00pm Soccer A.M.
 8:30pm La Liga Icons
 8:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
 8:55pm Info not available
 11:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 11:15pm SPFL Greatest Games
 11:30pm Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
 12:00am La Liga Icons

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Overtaking and speed limits

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



DANGEROUS: Overtaking is risky.

ACCORDING to Article 51 of the Reglamento General de Circulacion: 'The maximum fixed speeds for conventional roads, which do not pass through urban areas, may only be exceeded by up to 20kph by saloon cars and motorcycles whilst overtaking other vehicles travelling at lesser speeds.'

This clause first came about to allow cars to pass a slower moving vehicle in the shortest time possible, allowing an increase in speed in order to execute the move quickly. But overtaking is one of the most dangerous manoeuvres we can carry out.

In the event of a head-on collision, our speed is added to that of the oncoming vehicle, and so a crash where two vehicles are travelling at 90-kilometres per hour is the equivalent of crashing at 180-kilometres per hour, when the two speeds are combined.

But the rule does exist and does allow drivers to go over the speed limit, but only in certain circumstances.

Firstly, we see that it can only ever apply to cars and motorcycles.

Secondly, we need to look at the types of roads the clause can apply to. We can see that it

is not permitted on motorways. We can also see that it does not apply on dual carriageways. So we can exclude faster moving roads straight-away.

Next, we see that the clause does not apply in towns, or cities for that matter, so we can exclude those routes too.

Now all that we are left with is so-called conventional roads, single carriageway, with no central reservation and outside of towns. But, then we have to take away those for which a speed limit already applies, because that speed limit overrules this clause too.

In other words, if you see a sign (which is called the R-301) that limits the maximum speed of a road to 70-kilometres per hour, then the maximum is 70-kilometres per hour and this exceptional speeding clause does not apply. The same if the R-301 sign limits the speed to 50 or 40, or whatever the speed restriction, that sign overrules the clause. In other words, you are NOT permitted to exceed the speed limit for any reason, including overtaking.

The only road where this clause can apply is a conventional road, where no overruling speed limit applies and where overtaking is allowed.

For more news and articles visit www.n332.es or search N332 on Facebook.

Can they reimburse over-payers?

Q. After the financial crash, our new community had problems paying for essential services. The property developer still owned many units and was not paying the fees for these unsold units. The small group of original owners decided to pay more than their assigned share in order to keep the services running. Now, all of the units are sold and occupied and most of the

earlier unpaid fees have been fully paid up. We want to reimburse the original owners for the amounts they overpaid, which seems only fair. We voted at the AGM to pay the owners out of our healthy reserve fund. Only one owner voted against the idea. Now our administrator says it must be a unanimous vote. Is this correct?

S T (Costa del Sol)

A. MY sources say that, unless something is missing from the story, a simple majority should be sufficient. There are some restrictions on

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain



use of the reserve fund, but paying off a debt should be all right. Go ahead and make the payments. If someone wishes to protest in court, let him do it.

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

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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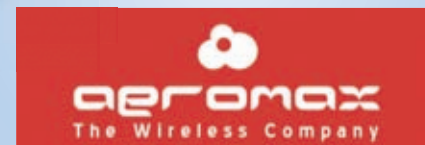
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Today at the Games.
9:00pm Back in Time for Tea
10:00pm Flatpack Empire
11:00pm Inside No 9
Dark comedy series from Reece Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton.
11:30pm Newsnight
Comprehensive coverage of the day's important national and international news stories.
12:10am Weather
12:15am Mum
12:45am Mum
1:45am Super League Show
2:30am Charles I's Treasures Reunited

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo
Michael Portillo examines the role of the railways in World War I.
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7:00am Cricket
New Zealand and England meet at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington in the 2018 Tri Series. England head into this match following two clashes with Australia.
10:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am Premier League Daily
12:00pm Cricket
8:00pm Cricket
New Zealand and England meet at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington in the 2018 Tri Series.
11:00pm The Debate - Live
12:00am Sky Sports News
All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
1:00am Sky Sports News
2:00am Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am Sky Sports News
5:00am Sky Sports News

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4:55am ITV Nightscreen
6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am Good Morning Britain
9:30am Lorraine
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am This Morning
1:30pm Loose Women
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm Tenable
5:00pm Tipping Point
6:00pm The Chase
7:00pm Local News and Weather
7:30pm ITV Evening News
8:00pm Emmerdale
8:30pm Save Money: Good Food
9:00pm What Would Your Kid Do?
10:00pm Trauma
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm Girlfriends
12:45am Sunday Night at the Palladium
1:35am Jackpot247
4:00am Loose Women
4:50am ITV Nightscreen

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7:20am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:45am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am Dress to Impress
8:55am Emmerdale
9:20am Coronation Street
10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
12:15pm FYI Daily
12:20pm Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
1:10pm Emmerdale
1:45pm Coronation Street
2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm Take Me Out
8:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm Two and a Half Men
9:30pm Superstore
10:00pm Survival of the Fittest
11:00pm Celebrity Juice
11:50pm Family Guy
12:20am Family Guy

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7:00am Classic Coronation Street
7:25am Classic Coronation Street
7:55am Heartbeat
8:55am The Royal
10:00am Judge Judy
10:30am Judge Judy
10:55am Judge Judy
11:25am Bargaining Round Britain with John Sergeant
11:55am Bargaining Round Britain with John Sergeant
12:25pm Love Your Garden
1:30pm The Royal
2:35pm Heartbeat
3:40pm Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm On the Buses
5:20pm On the Buses
5:50pm Rising Damp
6:20pm George and Mildred
6:55pm Heartbeat
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm Midsomer Murders
11:00pm The Widower
12:00am The Guilty
1:05am Inspector Morse

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4:00am Teleshopping Shopping from home.
7:00am The Chase
7:50am Pawn Stars
8:10am Pawn Stars
8:30am Ironside
9:30am Quincy, M.E.
10:35am Minder
11:40am The Sweeney
12:50pm The Professionals
1:50pm Ironside
2:55pm Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm Minder
5:00pm The Sweeney
6:05pm The Professionals
7:05pm Counting Cars
7:35pm Counting Cars
8:00pm Pawn Stars
8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
11:00pm The Killer Elite
12:05am FYI Daily
12:10am The Killer Elite
1:20am Tango and Cash
2:20am FYI Daily
2:25am Tango and Cash
3:20am Counting Cars
3:45am ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am Teleshopping

sky CINEMA HEROES

7:00am Rocky III
8:50am 2012
11:30am Days of Thunder
1:25pm 300
3:25pm The Great Escape
6:20pm 2012
9:00pm Days of Thunder
11:00pm 300
1:00am Universal Soldier
2:50am Armageddon
5:25am Superman IV - The Quest for Peace

sky CINEMA COMEDY
7:00am The Banger Sisters
8:45am Adult Beginners
10:25am Sausage Party
12:05pm Barbershop: The Next Cut
2:05pm Me, Myself and Irene
4:05pm This is Spinal Tap
5:35pm Loser
7:20pm Airplane!
9:00pm Paul
10:45pm Sausage Party
12:25am This is Spinal Tap
2:00am Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo
3:30am The Heartbreak Kid
5:30am Police Academy 6: City Under Siege

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7:00am Texas Blood
8:35am Honey 3: Dare to Dance
10:20am Mune: Guardian of the Moon
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7:20pm Mune: Guardian of the Moon
9:00pm Baywatch
11:10pm It Had to be You
12:35am Mean Dreams
2:25am Frank and Lola
3:55am Escape Room
Four friends trapped in a Los Angeles escape room... with a demonically possessed killer.
5:30am Texas Blood
Drama about an old-fashioned Texas cowboy and former sheriff battling to keep possession of his treasured family ranch.

sky sports football

12:45pm SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
1:15pm SPFL Greatest Games
1:30pm Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
2:00pm La Liga Icons
3:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
3:15pm SPFL Greatest Games
3:30pm Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
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6:00pm Football Years
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'Timid' Theresa May needs to get her act together ... fast

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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



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 'remainer' (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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- 4:00am Winter Olympics
- 7:00am Breakfast
The latest news, sport, business and weather from the BBC's Breakfast team.
- 10:15am Winter Olympics
- 2:00pm BBC News
- 2:30pm Regional News
- 2:45pm Doctors
- 3:15pm The Coroner
- 4:00pm Escape to the Country
- 4:45pm Get Away for Winter
- 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
- 6:15pm Pointless
- 7:00pm BBC News
- 7:30pm Regional News
- 8:00pm The One Show
- 9:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming
- 10:00pm Earth's Natural Wonders
- 11:00pm BBC News
- 11:30pm Regional News
- 11:40pm Weather
- 11:45pm A Question of Sport
- 12:15am Live at the Apollo

BBC TWO

- 10:15am Animal Park Easter Special
- 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
- 12:00pm Wanted Down Under
- 12:45pm Heir Hunters
- 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
- 2:00pm Winter Olympics
- 7:00pm Eggheads
- 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
- 8:00pm Winter Olympics
- 9:00pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
- 9:30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
- 10:00pm Generation Gifted
- 11:00pm Mock the Week
- 11:30pm Newsnight
- 12:10am Weather
- 12:15am Flatpack Empire
- 1:15am House of Saud: A Family at War
- 2:15am Surgeons: At the Edge of Life
- 3:15am Hairy Bikers Mediterranean Adventure

BBC FOUR

- 8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
The latest news, sport, business and weather from the BBC's Breakfast team.
- 8:30pm Secret Knowledge
Lucy Worsley tells the story of Bolsover Castle in Derbyshire.
- 9:00pm Winter Olympics Extra.
- 10:00pm Queen Victoria's Children
- 11:00pm The Birth of Empire: The East India Company
Dan Snow traces the rise and fall of the East India Company.
- 12:00am Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth
- 1:00am Love Songs at the BBC: A Valentine's Day Special

CHANNEL 4

- 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 9:30am Frasier
- 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen
- 12:00pm Nightmares USA
- 12:00pm Undercover Boss USA
- 1:00pm Channel 4 News
- 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
- 2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
- 3:10pm Countdown
- 4:00pm A Place in the Sun
- 5:00pm A New Life in the Sun
- 6:00pm Four in a Bed
- 6:30pm Extreme Cakemakers
- 7:00pm The Simpsons
- 7:30pm Hollyoaks
- 8:00pm Channel 4 News
- 9:00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
- 10:00pm £1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street
- 11:00pm Damned
- 11:35pm 8 Out of 10 Cats
- 12:35am Does Countdown
- 24 Hours in A and E

CHANNEL 5

- 5:45am House Doctor
- 6:10am Great Scientists
- 6:35am Wildlife SOS
- 7:00am Milkshake!
- 10:15am The Wright Stuff
- 12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
- 1:10pm 5 News
- 1:15pm Cowboy Builders
- 2:10pm Access
- 2:15pm Home and Away
- 2:45pm Neighbours
- 3:15pm NCIS
- 4:15pm Deadly Attraction
- 6:00pm 5 News
- 6:30pm Neighbours
- 7:00pm Home and Away
- 7:30pm 5 News
- 8:00pm Police Interceptors
- 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
- 10:00pm Peyton and Polizzi's Restaurant Rescue
- 11:00pm Sleepless in Seattle
- 1:05am Julie Walters: By Her Friends
- 2:05am Super Casino
- 4:10am Secrets of the National Trust

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- 9:00am Baby Daddy
- 9:30am Baby Daddy
- 10:00am Melissa and Joey
- 10:30am Melissa and Joey
- 11:00am How I Met Your Mother
- 11:30am How I Met Your Mother
- 12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- 12:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- 1:00pm The Goldbergs
- 1:30pm The Goldbergs
- 2:00pm The Big Bang Theory
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- 5:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- 5:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- 6:00pm The Goldbergs
- 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
- 8:30pm Coach Trip
- 9:00pm The Goldbergs
- 9:30pm The Goldbergs
- 10:00pm Celebs Go Dating
- 11:00pm Don't Tell the Bride
- 12:00am The Big Bang Theory
- 12:30am The Big Bang Theory

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- 6:00am Sky Sports News
- 7:00am Total Goals
- 8:00am Total Goals
- 9:00am Total Goals
Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.
- 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
- 11:00am Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
- 5:00pm Sky Sports News
- 6:00pm Sky Sports News
- 7:30pm Live ATP 500: Rotterdam
- 11:00pm The Debate - Live
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.
- 12:00am Sky Sports News
- 1:00am Sky Sports News
- 2:00am Sky Sports News

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- 4:50am ITV Nightscreen
- 6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 7:00am Good Morning Britain
- 9:30am Lorraine
- 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 11:30am This Morning
- 1:30pm Loose Women
- 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
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- 7:00pm Local News and Weather
- 7:30pm ITV Evening News
- 8:00pm Emmerdale
- 8:30pm Coronation Street
- 9:00pm Britain's Brightest Family
- 9:30pm Coronation Street
- 10:00pm Trauma
- 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
- 11:45pm UEFA Champions League Highlights
- 12:45am Caught on Camera
- 1:35am Jackpot247
- 4:00am Tenable
- 4:50am ITV Nightscreen

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- 10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 11:15am Honey
- 12:15pm FYI Daily
- 12:20pm Honey
- 1:10pm Emmerdale
- 1:40pm You've Been Framed!
- 2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 3:40pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 4:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 7:00pm You've Been Framed! Gold
- 7:35pm Valentine's Day
- 8:50pm FYI Daily
- 8:55pm Valentine's Day
- 10:00pm Survival of the Fittest
- 11:00pm Celebrity Juice
- 11:50pm Family Guy
- 12:20am Family Guy
- 12:45am American Dad!
- 1:10am American Dad!
- 1:35am The Cleveland Show
- 2:05am The Cleveland Show
- 2:40am Totally Bonkers
- Guinness World Records

itv3

- 7:00am Classic Coronation Street
- 7:25am Classic Coronation Street
- 7:55am Heartbeat
- 8:55am The Royal
- 10:00am Judge Judy
- 10:30am Judge Judy
- 10:55am Judge Judy
- 11:25am Bargaining Round
- Britain with John Sergeant
- 11:55am Bargaining Round
- Britain with John Sergeant
- 12:25pm Love Your Garden
- 1:30pm The Royal
- 2:35pm Heartbeat
- 3:40pm Classic Coronation Street
- 4:15pm Classic Coronation Street
- 4:45pm On the Buses
- 5:20pm On the Buses
- 5:50pm Rising Damp
- 6:20pm George and Mildred
- 6:55pm Heartbeat
- 7:55pm Murder, She Wrote
- 9:00pm Endeavour
- 11:00pm The Widower
- 12:00am The Guilty
- 1:05am Inspector Morse
- 3:05am ITV3 Nightscreen

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- 4:00am Teleshopping
- 7:00am Sporting Funnies
- 7:10am The Chase
- 7:55am Pawn Stars
- 8:20am Pawn Stars
- 8:40am Ironside
- 9:40am Quincy, M.E.
- 10:40am Minder
- 11:50am The Sweeney
- 12:55pm The Professionals
- 1:55pm Ironside
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- 6:05pm The Professionals
- 7:05pm Counting Cars
- 7:35pm Counting Cars
- 8:00pm Pawn Stars
- 8:30pm Pawn Stars
- 8:55pm River Monsters
- 10:00pm The Specialist
- 11:05pm FYI Daily
- 11:10pm The Specialist
- 12:15am Lethal Weapon
- 1:10am Memphis Belle
- 2:10am FYI Daily
- 2:15am Memphis Belle
- 3:15am Counting Cars
- 3:40am ITV4 Nightscreen
- Text-based information service.*
- 4:00am Teleshopping

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- 9:00am Beverly Hills Cop II
- 11:00am The A-Team
- 1:00pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
- 3:20pm Beverly Hills Cop
- 5:10pm Beverly Hills Cop II
- 7:00pm The A-Team
- 9:00pm Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
- 11:30pm Bad Boys
- 1:35am Bad Boys II

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- 5:30am Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
- 7:00am Juno
- 8:45am Ordinary World
- 10:20am Don Verdean
- 12:05pm Death at a Funeral
- 1:45pm Why Him?
- 3:45pm Stuck on You
- 5:50pm Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie
- 7:30pm Airplane II: The Sequel
- 9:00pm Why Him?
- 11:00pm Stuck on You
- 1:05am National Lampoon's Animal House
- 3:00am Dirty 30

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

- 5:30am Texas Blood
Drama about an old-fashioned Texas cowboy and former sheriff battling to keep possession of his treasured family ranch.
- 7:00am Mean Dreams
Teenagers Sophie Nelisse and Josh Wiggins discover love while on the run, but her corrupt and abusive cop dad isn't far behind.
- 9:00am Honey 3: Dare to Dance
- 10:45am Mune: Guardian of the Moon
- 12:20pm It Had to be You
- 1:50pm Baywatch
- 4:00pm Honey 3: Dare to Dance
- 5:50pm Mune: Guardian of the Moon
- 7:30pm It Had to be You
- 9:00pm Baywatch
- 11:10pm Monster Hunt
- 1:15am Mean Dreams
- 3:15am Escape Room
- 5:00am Top Ten Show, the 2018

sky sports football

- 11:00am Revista de la Liga
- 11:30am La Liga World
- 12:00pm One2eleven
- 12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games
- 1:00pm Revista de la Liga
- 1:30pm La Liga World
- 2:00pm La Liga Icons
- 3:00pm Revista de la Liga
- 3:30pm La Liga World
- 4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
- 4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
- 5:00pm Scottish Cup
- 5:30pm Greatest Games
- 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
- 6:00pm Football Years
- 6:30pm Football Countdowns
- 7:00pm Revista de la Liga
- 7:30pm La Liga World
- 8:00pm Eredivisie
- 9:00pm Magical Messi
- 10:00pm Revista de la Liga
- 10:30pm La Liga World
- 11:00pm Eredivisie
- 12:00am La Liga Icons
- 1:00am Eredivisie
- 2:00am One2eleven
- 2:15am One2eleven
- 2:30am SPFL Greatest Games

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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 Torre Vieja 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, Torre Vieja

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

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 delayed payments back to our

Why should the failure of Carillion affect me?

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.

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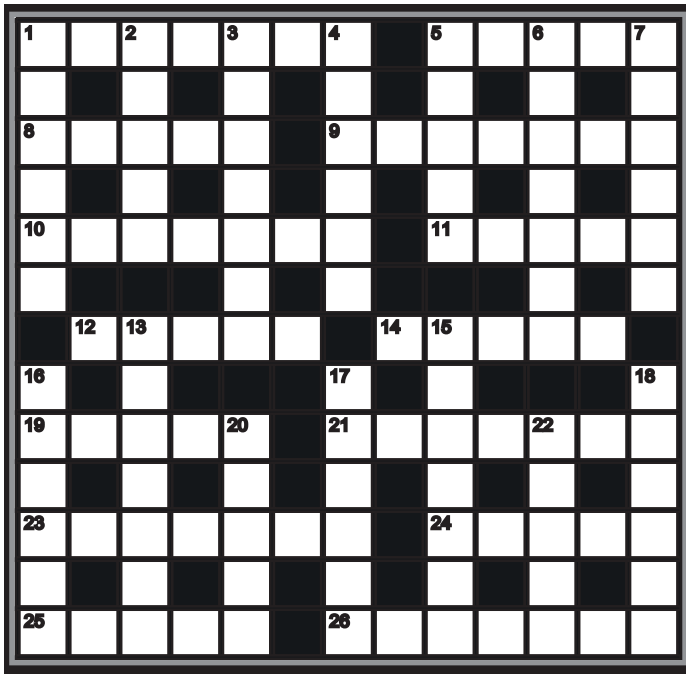
Cryptic

Across

- 1 A doctor I sent to bed drunk (7)
- 5 Love-in-a-mist is slightly wet (5)
- 8 City in pastrami land (5)
- 9 Inscrutable late Greek god (7)
- 10 Desperate rival at work (7)
- 11 Treasure discovered in a controversial place (5)
- 12 Overturned if set up incorrectly (5)
- 14 Stop a person including the Guardian, say (5)
- 19 Spotted in embarrassing tapestry (5)
- 21 Arrange trout so differently (4,3)
- 23 Thankless person from Tangier (7)
- 24 Contempt for a small cereal plant (5)
- 25 Jokes about northern mobs (5)
- 26 Have sheriff's helpers joined Nazi police? (7)

Down

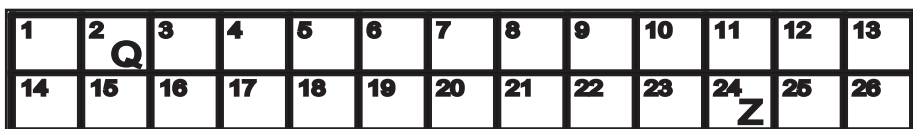
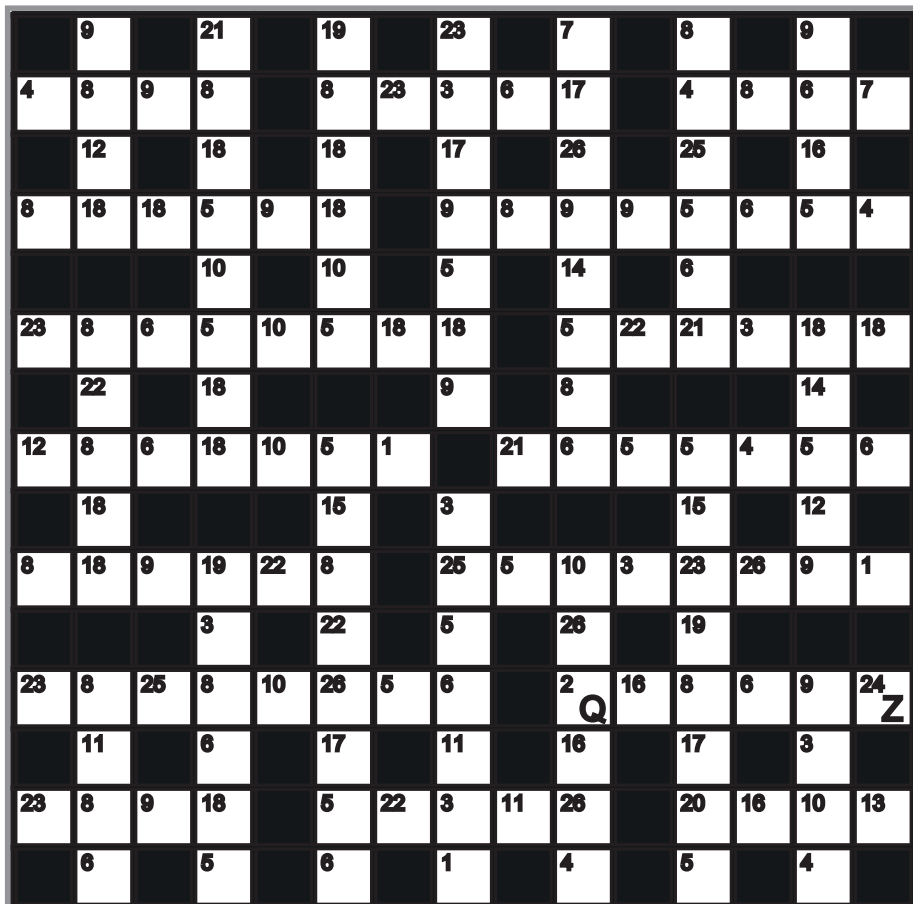
- 1 How chess game ends for prisoner (6)
- 2 Be all upset for a girl (5)
- 3 A long time after 007's detention (7)
- 4 It's easy keeping theologian in unemployment benefit (6)
- 5 Proposed food is injected with nitrogen (5)
- 6 Mischievous child learning to beg (7)



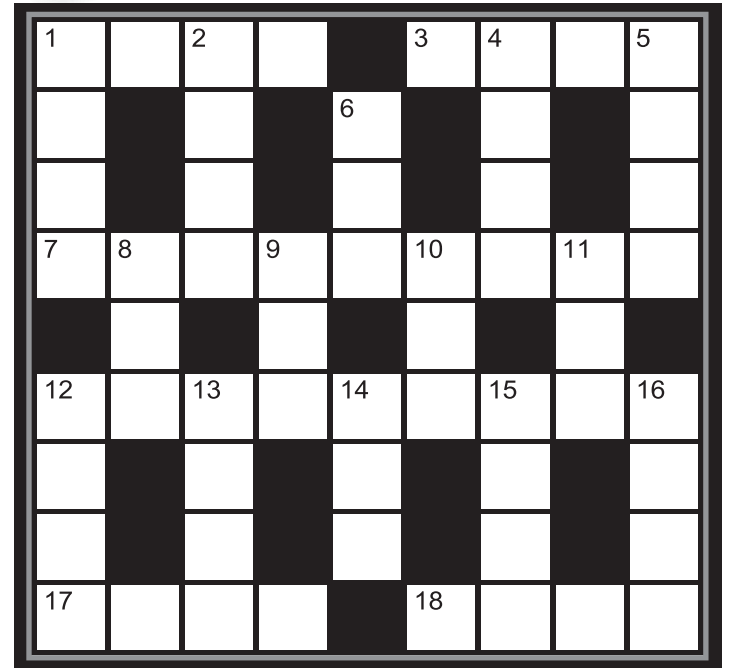
- 7 Light material can turn red (6)
- 13 Model soft angora dress (7)
- 15 Stops a Republican's lies (7)
- 16 Part of London damaged in gale (6)
- 17 Peel back as before, when not awake (6)
- 18 Doesn't give one's all in periods of work (6)
- 20 Puts down some runners' lap sessions (5)
- 22 Sea-air adds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

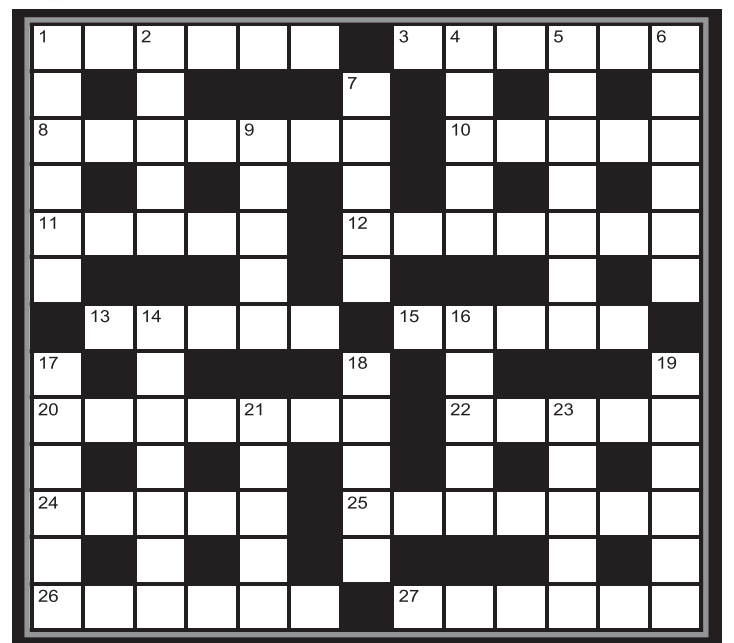
- 1 Spanish sparkling white wine (4)
- 2 Lowest female singing voice (4)
- 4 Cancel or annul (4)

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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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

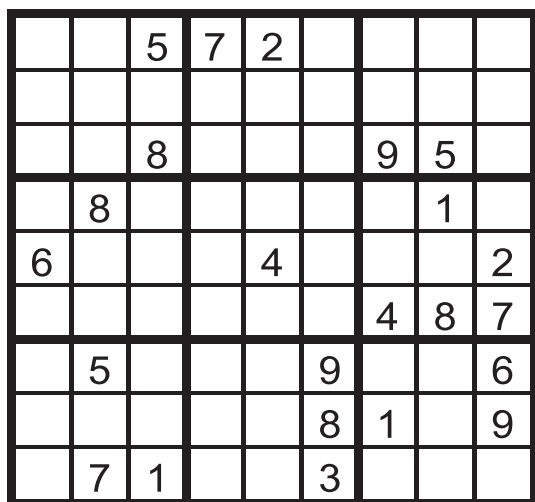
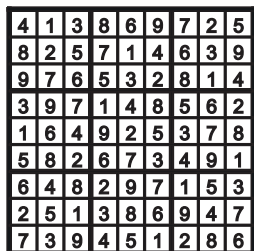
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Sudoku

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.

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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 A noche, 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

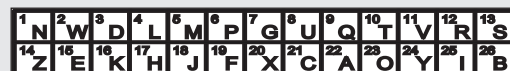
Across:

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

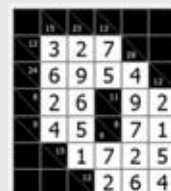
Down:

- 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!?

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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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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.



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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.

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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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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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Soon after he had completed his training in Sheffield he realised Spain not only offered a great lifestyle but also an opportunity for him to help those who were in pain and had difficulty

in explaining their needs.

Now well established in his own premises which he has occupied for the last five years, Dr Jones is able to offer a range of services from simple fillings to complicated implants.

Until 1991, training for Dentistry in Spain was somewhat haphazard as dentists had to qualify as medical doctors before they could start studying dentistry which meant that their training was often shorter than that undertaken by those who qualified as dentists in the UK.

In keeping with his committed professional status, he keeps up-to-date with latest discoveries and treatments and has been able to combine his

UK training with an understanding of what patients in Spain, both local and expatriate are looking for.

The doctor emphasises the fact that there are major benefits of being a British dentist in an area where so many expats live: "Although patients can go to any clinic they want to, I think British people feel more comfortable talking to someone from their own country in their own language. There is much less risk of misunderstandings."

His dental nurse Katia is also British, so there is never any problem in calling and arranging appointments.

Some of the most advanced

procedures available in dentistry are now available in Spain so he has continually trained and updated his skills during his professional life here with his clinic walls adorned with certificates in everything from bridges, implants and root canal treatment to surgery, aesthetics and cancer diagnosis.

Many people have also turned to Dr Chris for a second opinion when not happy with other treatment they have had elsewhere: "I had one woman who was told she needed implants costing thousands but she didn't need such extreme and costly treatment, she just needed a deep cleaning, and that was all," he explained.

Food poisoning vs stomach flu

WHEN you're locked away in the bathroom, feeling pretty ill and sorry for yourself, you're probably wondering whether food poisoning or stomach flu is to blame for your sudden woes.

Both illnesses have pretty similar symptoms, including vomiting, diarrhoea and gradual disdain for your own bathroom floor. (You may also get pains in your stomach, headaches, or a fever).

While food poisoning can be caused by a range of different culprits, stomach flu is caused when a virus causes an infection in the gut. Norovirus is one of the most common causes of stomach flu, and can be picked up by touching surfaces that someone else with the infection touched or by being in direct contact with them.

Stomach flu tends to strike between one to three days after you've been affected and lasts for one to two days. Food poisoning on the other hand, can strike almost straight away or weeks later, and the time frame it lasts for can be much more variable.

Food poisoning can happen when



NOT FUN: It can be hard to tell the difference between food poisoning and stomach flu.

food becomes contaminated with bacteria or other harmful substances such as salmonella, listeria or E coli. However, food can also be infected with the same viruses that cause stomach flu so then it can be pretty

hard to tell the two apart.

Either way, the most important thing is to keep hydrated the next time you're struck by either illness as the vomiting and other symptoms can dehydrate you.



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CLEAN eating has been the focus of many dieticians and health-food obsessives for a while now, but what does the term actually mean? Is it actually as good for you as it's made out to be?

Clean eating is defined by The Oxford Dictionary simply as: 'Relating to a diet consisting of unprocessed, unrefined, and nutrient-rich food, typically eaten as small meals throughout the day.'

Eating a diet of fresh, unprocessed food is undoubtedly important, and is the basis for the entire clean eating movement. However, the term has now been used to describe many recent diet trends such as organic, vegan or alkaline diets.

Some believe you have to cut out all gluten products to be eating 'clean,' others think the same for dairy.

While many of these diets have their benefits, it's important to make sure your diet is rich with all the essential nutrients your

Stay clean

body needs, and eliminating entire food groups sometimes defeats the purpose of healthy eating.

Although society as a whole is undoubtedly eating more processed food

than a hundred years ago, simply because there were less processed ingredients back then and it was more common place to eat from scratch, the clean eating movement has had a posi-

tive impact in that it's encouraging more people to get back to basics and consider what they actually put in their bodies.

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When a Chakra does not spin correctly it indicates that it is out of balance and this reflects in your own state of well-being and has consequential effects in the outside world.

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- **2nd Chakra:** You will have balanced emotions and enhance your sexuality and relationships as well as

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Sweet like cinnamon

THE festive season may indeed be over for another year, but that doesn't mean you should stop adding cinnamon to all of your favourite hot drinks and desserts.

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Benidorm dogs say Save My Life through music

THERE is a fantastic opportunity for visitors and residents of Benidorm to have a great day out and help save the lives of abandoned dogs.

Costing just €5 entry, no less than 13 acts will be performing at the Benidorm Palace from noon on Sunday March 4.

As would be expected there will be a fundraising raffle with some amazing prizes and all money raised from the raffle will be shared by two very important animal charities, Benidorm Dog Homing and Manos y Patas, both of which do all they can to house and look after abandoned animals.

Many easily recognised local entertainment faces will be taking part in this charity concert, including such names as Maggie May, renowned for her Shirley Bassey, Andy Wood who looks and sounds like Tom Jones, as well as uncannily accurate tributes to Meatloaf, Pink and the Blues Brothers.

These are just a few of the talented local artists who are giving up their time to entertain and to raise funds for such a worthy cause, so if you like plenty of music spanning more than 50 years and want to help local animals then this is the place to be.

Food is also available at the venue with chicken or fish and chips on sale for just €8.

by John Smith

THE Concert Society of Classical Music of l'Alfas del Pi is promoting two excellent concerts on Saturday February 24 and Sunday, February 25.

Each feature the internationally respected Aïghetta Guitar Quartet from France with the Saturday performance starting at 8pm at the Forum Mare Nostrum with free entry to members of the society and €10 for non-members.

The Sunday concert starts at noon at the Frax Forum, on the beach of l'Albir, this time with tickets (including a welcome aperitif) costing €5 for members and €10 for non-members.

The Aïghetta Quartet was



INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED: The Aïghetta Quartet on stage.

formed in 1979 in Monte Carlo and began its international career thanks to its interpreta-

tion of Joaquin Rodrigo's Concerto Andaluz in 1982, accompanied by the Philhar-

monic Orchestra of Monte Carlo.

They began touring France,

England, Italy, Hungary, Germany and also made numerous radio and television programmes. The success is not only due to a complete innovation, "like the singing of a bird with four heads, but also to the existence of a new and irresistible sound," said Anthony Burgess author of 'A Clockwork Orange,' on the release of their first album in 1987.

Since then, the quartet has recorded numerous CDs, including one with jazz/rock guitarist John McLaughlin.

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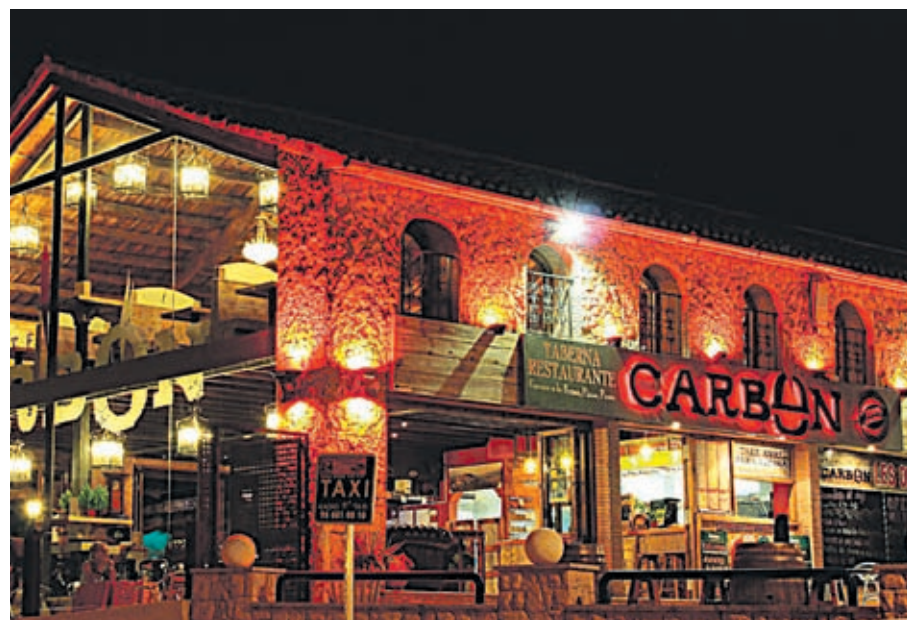
There are more than 1,500 animals from 200 different species in Terra Natura Benidorm

This Saturday the Benidorm zoo will be promoting a special event to celebrate Carnival with a two for one special entry offer, an animal camouflage mask workshop, animal face painting and a costume competition where photographs will be taken of participants and prizes include a child's season ticket.

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by Lorenzo Barbareschi



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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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Moraira author's fascinating journey

EXCLUSIVE

by Harrison Jones

LUCINDA E CLARKE is no ordinary author.

The Moraira-based 69-year-old has gone from toilet cleaner to giant teddy bear sewer to professional writer - via spells in nine different countries and a stint as a dog breeder. She has interviewed Nelson Mandela, met royalty and 'been abandoned in the African bush with a nine-year-old baby.'

But after a lifetime of adventure, the Dublin-born writer is settling down to focus on her award-winning work.

"For me writing is a kind of drug, I get twitchy when I don't write," she told *Euro Weekly News*.

Happily married to her second husband for 20 years, Clarke is now promoting her latest novel, 'Cut For Life' - the fourth in her Amie series.

The subject matter for the latest instalment, though, is dark.

"All my books carry a message - living as an expat in Africa and understanding different cultures, radical religious groups, human trafficking, and now Female Genital Mutilation

(FGM)," she said.

"When I researched FGM I was horrified and I wanted to raise awareness of the practice, which is growing not only in Europe, but in America as well. It's total abuse and subjugation of women."

Clarke had spells in the Cotswolds and Liverpool as a child but has since lived in Scotland, Kenya, Libya, Botswana, Swaziland, South Africa and now Spain.

Despite hopes to go into writing from an early age, her career route was unconventional.

She jokes: "as a precocious brat I devoured Enid Blyton and thought 'I could do this.'"

After a series of random jobs, she recalls: "I was dragged to the South African Broadcasting Corporation for an audition which I failed abysmally. I was then shunted to the drama department and I underwhelmed them there too, but it was suggested that I enter the playwright of the year award (she won). After that there was no stopping me!"

Along the way, she found interviewing anti-apartheid hero Mandela frightening.

"I pushed past Reuters, CNN, BBC, etc waving my microphone jauntily in their faces. However, the great man was in a foul mood. He was incredi-

An updated version of The Pirates of Penzance

THE Sounds Familiar group are presenting the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera *The Pirates of Penzance* concert version in Murla on Thursday March 1.

This concert version of the classic show is partially narrated and includes a re-worked musical score giving the concert a modern feel.

The story is set in Cornwall, where the famous *Pirates of Penzance* attempt to terrorise local shipping with very little success. Things are made worse after the pirate apprentice, Frederic, falls in love and leaves the pirate band, only to join the family of a Major General.

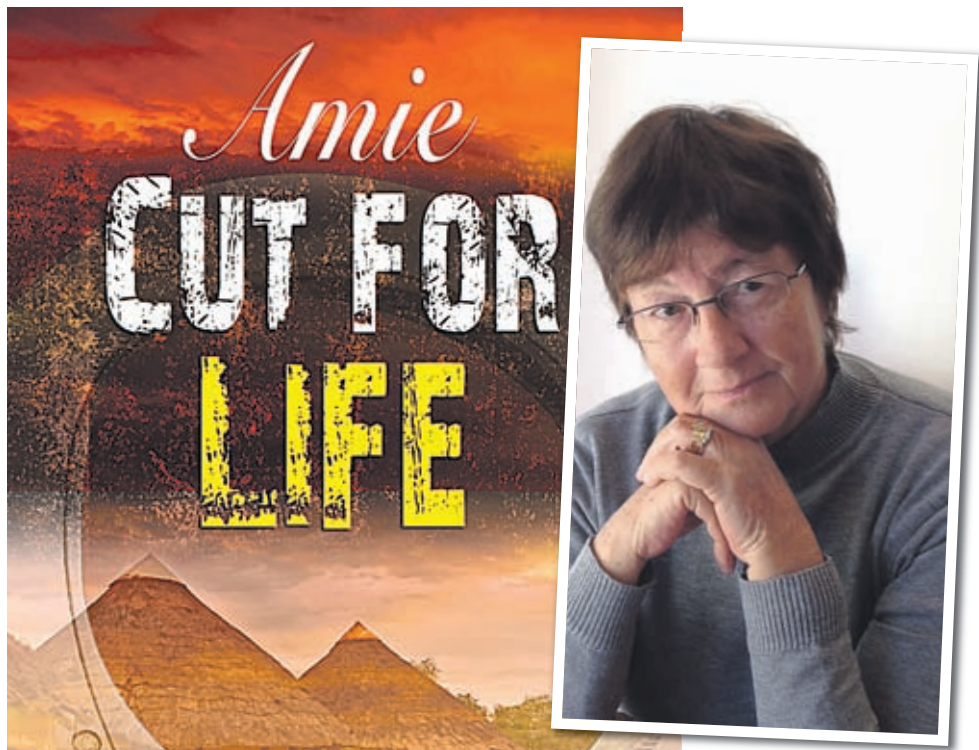
When the local constabulary of WPCs goes head to head with the pirates, and Frederic finds his loyalties torn, it's anyone's guess who will come out on top.



Two of the main performers in the operetta.

Tickets are priced at €12 for the performance at the Polivient in Murla and are available by phone on 965 581 483 or online at www.philipashley.com/boxoffice.php.

The show is also helping to raise funds for Jalon Valley HELP which is a volunteer charity founded in 1992 in order to help those in difficulty in the Vall de Pop area.



THOUGHTFUL: Clarke has had an adventure-filled life. (LEFT) The latest book explores FGM.

bly tall, which I wasn't expecting, and since he was fuming, and I'm not an important person, he did not turn on the charm, in fact he frightened me to death. He was kind enough to answer all my questions, but I remember thinking that I would never like to get on the wrong side of him."

She has warmer words for Prince Charles - and an anonymous African woman.

"He was not what I expected. The British media had given me the impression he was a bit of a

wuss. When we chatted he was charming, confident, friendly and easy to talk to. He had an aura of power, like Mandela.

"But perhaps the interview that I remember (most) was in a mud hut with a middle-aged black lady, who was dying of AIDS. What she had accomplished in her life, with little cash, few resources and immense courage showed me the true depth of the human spirit."

Clarke's book is available to buy online.



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Just one of the commercial stands from last year's fair.

Minerals and environment high on fair agenda

THE Oliva Council is supporting the sixth Mineral Fair which will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday in the council multipurpose centre.

Formally known as the Mineral, Fossil and Gem Fair this event is geared at motivating the young to get involved in conservation and the environment.

The fair is divided into four parts, with the main emphasis

being on the commercial activity as there will be some 20 national and international dealers whose stand rental helps to fund the other activities.

During the weekend, attendees will be able to view the travelling exhibition The Cleanest of the Mediterranean put together by a number of Spanish ecological groups which highlights the problem of discarded waste material and which hopes

to convert the Valencian Community into the cleanest region of the Mediterranean.

Other free activities which look at the sea and the general environment are aimed at children who are invited to participate in workshops, view interesting films and participate in competitions from 11am to 1.30pm and 5pm to 8pm on Saturday and just in the morning on Sunday.

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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, resi-

dential 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.

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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 isolated 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 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 specialising in selling entire vil-



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

lages called *Aldeasabandonadas.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.

You talkin' to me?

De Niro to open new luxury resort

HOLLYWOOD actor Robert de Niro and professional chef Nobu Matsuhisa are expanding their hotel empire with a new adults-only resort in Marbella.

The Nobu Hotel Marbella - part of the Puente Romano Beach Resort and Spa - boasts direct access to a pic-

ture-perfect beach while there will be plenty of bars and restaurants to choose from around the vibrant Plaza.

All of the rooms and suites boast their own private terrace and ensuite marble bathrooms with rainfall showers.

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The hotel will also offer its guests private VIP access to club La Suite, which has its own private outdoor terrace.

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Because the element is extremely efficient and is designed to have a



NEATER HEATERS: An economical and stylish choice.

huge surface area, a large quantity of air is heated very quickly. If your room has the correct sized heater it will take about 20 minutes to warm up from cold, after which the heater eases off and works at about two-

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However, last year we went one stage further. We are now sole agents in Spain for the Turkish made Vigo heater.

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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

Gourmet garlic to garnish your Mediterranean goodies

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



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GARLIC: Easy to grow at home.

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 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. Cloves with broken plates can be put to use in the kitchen.

The bigger the clove planted, the bigger the new bulb that will develop, but it depends on whether there is the right balance of nutrients and sun as to whether they will have the same size cloves in the new bulb when they mature.

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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



DAVID THE DOGMAN: Looking forward to retirement.

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.
Angela Webb

An inspiration to many - David the Dogman...

SOME dogs have bigger personality than others

We find that the pet stories we receive from our readers are mainly about dogs and cats. And it can be remarkable the big personalities some of them display whether just at home or indeed among their kind. Increasingly we hear stories of rescue animals, and especially dogs who take time to recover from the ill treatment they have received over the years. One gentleman people have listened to when asking for advice about their dogs is David the Dogman.

Who do you call in a crisis?

Since my first interview with David on TRE I've listened regularly to his advice.

One time I was housesitting for a client (yes, I housesit too!), and found I was struggling to manage one of my canine charges. She was a recent

rescue, who had been badly abused. The owner had asked me to make sure she came into the house every night. I found this task was taking longer each evening. I needed advice, and David was the man I called. The other three dogs in the family pack were established as a unit but Perle was still integrating as she was only recently adopted from a local shelter. It was clear she thoroughly mistrusted people. She would do

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thing to avoid proximity with humans.

I made the call

On the fourth evening I called David. He was wonderful, generous in time and spirit and needless to say his advice worked. Within two days the dog and I had an understanding, she came into the house with the other dogs as night fell. As he advised, I was kind to her with every word and gesture, but also firm, my instructions were clear with a reward. She accepted my treats and commands and I accepted her measured distance.

This year I returned to the same housesit, all the dogs remembered me and Perle seemed as excited as the others to have me back.
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Lazy dog days are over...

WHILE it goes without saying that many dogs enjoy fewer walks during winter, when adverse weather conditions can derail the plans of even the most dedicated pooch lovers, apparently some people pray that the weather doesn't hold out during these months so they have an excuse not to go out for a stroll.

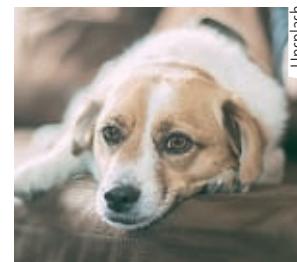
According to a new survey by *Tails.com*, one in six people admitted they hope it will rain so they have a reason to avoid taking their dog for a walk.

Meanwhile, a whopping 56 per cent of dog owners revealed their dogs get less exercise when it's cold out. As a result of their owner's aversion to bad weather, many dogs put on weight during winter and fall out of shape.

However, your dog is still probably just as enthusiastic about going for a walk when it is pouring down with rain as when it is sunny outside, so they can get out the house and burn off some energy.

Forcing yourself to go for

a walk in winter can be just as beneficial for owners as it is for their dogs as regular exercise is a proven mood booster, while 50 per cent of owners think their dog is happiest after stretching its legs, and 43 per cent believe regular exercise helps to keep their dog calm.



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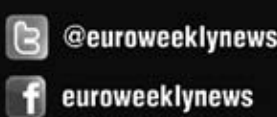
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NISSAN have sold their three millionth Qashqai in the UK, 10 years after the 4x4 model came onto the British market.

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.



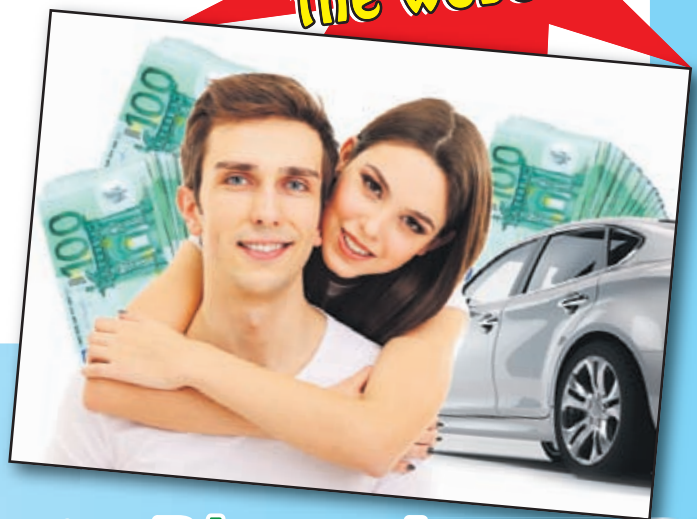
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Ready for take-off?

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 in-



Credit: Twitter/worldsfairmano

OFF ROAD: The vehicle can drive and fly.

side 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.

Mazda sign up to voluntary UN agreement

MAZDA has signed an agreement with the United Nations (UN).

By agreeing to the terms of the 'Global Compact', as the company say they did in January, they are now a member of the Global Compact Network Japan.

By joining, the Japanese car manufacturer agrees to a voluntary commitment to

'exercise responsible, creative leadership and (build) a global framework for sustainable growth'.

Mazda say it practises 'corporate social responsibility' in all of its operations, but will now work to uphold the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact. These include promises on human rights, the environ-

ment, labour and anti-corruption.

The UN Global Compact has nearly 10,000 members, from 161 countries, according to the organisation's website.

Last year Mazda announced a boost to its engine efficiency, which was widely hailed as a significant breakthrough in petrol engines.

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 Sugar's new Rolls, which he said he first bought in January 1982.

'P1 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'.

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Suzuki Vitara S Allgrip

THE latest Suzuki Vitara is a world away from the Jeep-style Vitara off-roader popular in the 1990's, it is now a chic SUV crossover with classy styling and car-like driving dynamics.

Well-equipped and with a sporty driving feel, the Vitara competes in a tough sector against the

likes of the Renault Captur, Peugeot 2008 and others, yet has its own plus-points to take on the best.

Priced from €18,225 (£15,999), the Vitara is available with a petrol or diesel engine, manual or auto transmission, and with the option of 4WD on the top-spec versions. Entry models get alloy wheels, Bluetooth, air conditioning and cruise control but you need to move up-

range to get touch-screen satnav and smartphone connectivity.

My test model was a top-spec S version with four-mode Allgrip 4WD and powered by a 138 hp 1.4 litre Boosterjet turbo-petrol engine and automatic transmission. Priced at €28,022 (£24,599), this version has a wealth of extra features including rear-view camera, black alloy wheels, roof rails, rear privacy glass, chrome detailing, adaptive cruise control, and suede seats.

It is a model that has visual cachet and also impresses with its sprightly driving dynamics. It has a responsive agile chassis, precise steering, nimble handling and a firm, yet still comfortable ride. The 0 - 100 kph time is 10.2 seconds, top speed 200 kph (124 mph). Fuel economy is good at 18.1 kpl (51.3 mpg).

Inside, the dashboard is rather dull-looking though it is logically arranged, and there are some personalisation options than can add some contrasting colour if you wish to brighten it.

A tall road stance means Vitara cabin accommodation provides good head and legroom in the rear, and seating is very comfortable. A deep tailgate gives good access to the 375-litre boot, which has a flat floor, and the capacity can be more than doubled by folding the rear seats.

It's hard to fault the Vitara, especially in S-specification, and it deserves to be on the shortlist of anyone looking to buy in the crowded SUV sector.



STATS PANEL

- **Model:** Suzuki Vitara S Allgrip
- **Engine:** 1.4 litre turbo-petrol
- **Transmission:** Automatic
- **Performance:** 0 - 100 kph 10.2 seconds, top speed 200 kph (124 mph)
- **Economy:** 18.1 kpl (51.3 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 128 g/km

Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.

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La Liga round-up

Levante leave it late to stun Real

by Benjamin Park

A LAST-MINUTE goal from substitute Giampaolo Pazzini gave Levante a well-deserved point against Real Madrid as Los Blancos stumbled to yet another point.

Last year's champions looked to be heading for victory when Isco put them ahead in the 81st minute after Emmanuel Boateng's first half equaliser had cancelled out Sergio Ramos' early opener.

But despite Real scoring late themselves, Pazzini, who was making his La Liga debut following a January move from Hellas Verona, nipped in behind the defence in the final minute to earn a memorable point against struggling Madrid.

The result sees Real remain in fourth place, who missed the chance to leapfrog third-placed Valencia after they lost 1-0 to Atletico Madrid.

Angel Correa scored the only goal of the game in the battle of second against third, as Madrid moved nine points clear of the Valencians.

Atletico moved to within nine points of Barcelona as it was honours even at in the Derbi Barceloni as Es-

panyol held the runaway leaders to a 1-1 draw.

Gerard Moreno gave the hosts a second-half lead in torrential conditions, but Gerard Pique rose highest from a late corner to ensure his side left the RCDE Stadium with a point and preserved their unbeaten La Liga record.

Elsewhere, Eibar humbled Sevilla 5-1 on Saturday, as they closed the gap on the top six.

Garcia Martinez got the hosts on their way in the first minute and further goals from Ivan Ramis, Arbilla and an Orellana double saw Eibar move to within a point of their opponents in the table.

It was a similar result for Real Sociedad on Friday, as they hammered struggling Deportivo La Coruna 5-0 to boost their own survival hopes.

An Asier Illarramendi double as well as goals from Willian Jose, Sergio Canales and Artiz Elustondo ensured Sociedad ended a run of four straight defeats and moved nine points clear of the relegation places.

Malaga's season went from bad to worse on Monday as they lost the 'relegation six-pointer' 1-0 to Las Palmas.

Croatian Alen Halilovic broke Malaga's hearts in the 90th minute as he lashed home the winner brilliantly past Roberto to ensure a huge three points for the Gran Canarian side.

The result leaves Los Boquerones well off the pace, seven points behind 17th placed Levante.

In the weekend's other results, Girona breezed past Athletic Bilbao with a double from former Middlesbrough midfielder Christian Stuani securing a 2-0 victory, Alaves were 2-1 winners against Celta Vigo, it was

the same result for Real Betis against Villarreal and Getafe drew 0-0 with Leganes.



STUNNED: Giampaolo Pazzini scored a last-gasp winner to earn Levante a point against Real Madrid.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE



TEAM	PJ	PG	PE	PP	GF	GC	PT
1 • Barcelona	22	18	4	0	60	11	58
2 • Atlético	22	14	7	1	33	9	49
3 • Valencia	22	12	4	6	42	26	40
4 • Real Madrid	21	11	6	4	45	21	39
5 • Villarreal	22	11	4	7	33	26	37
6 • Sevilla	22	10	3	9	28	34	33
7 • Eibar	22	9	5	8	31	34	32
8 • Celta	22	9	4	9	39	32	31
9 • Girona	22	8	7	7	31	29	31
10 • Betis	22	9	3	10	37	45	30
11 • Getafe	22	7	8	7	26	21	29
12 • Leganés	21	8	5	8	20	21	29
13 • Athletic	22	6	9	7	24	25	27
14 • R. Sociedad	22	7	5	10	41	40	26
15 • Espanyol	22	6	7	9	19	29	25
16 • Alavés	22	7	1	14	19	32	22
17 • Levante	22	3	11	8	20	32	20
18 • Deportivo	22	4	5	13	24	51	17
19 • Las Palmas	22	5	2	15	17	50	17
20 • Málaga	22	3	4	15	14	35	13

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Davis Cup: Spain pip plucky Brits in Marbella

TENNIS legend David Lloyd labelled Cameron Norrie's Davis Cup debuts "one of the most impressive of all time," despite Great Britain's loss against Spain.

The visitors to Marbella had strong support, but fell to a 3-1 loss in the Davis Cup tie.

In the absence of number one Andy Murray, the new-look side impressed.

On Friday, Norrie, 22, had come back from two sets and 3-0 down to beat world number 23 Roberto Bautista Agut - sparking hopes of an unlikely British win.

But Norrie - ranked 114 in the world - fell to Albert Ramos-Vinolas in four sets to give Spain victory. The youngster was given huge credit for his performance.

Lloyd said: "What a performance. To go against world-class players, with no experience, and to embrace this occasion like he has is quite extraordinary. We've got another player coming up now who is going to be tremendous."

Earlier in the tie, Ramos-Vinolas had beaten Liam Broady in the opening singles match.

Doubles pair Jamie Murray and Dominic Inglot lost to Pablo Carreno-Busta and Feliciano Lopez. They were dispatched in straight sets and two hours 28 minutes.

Spain, who were also without their star man in Rafael Nadal, still named a squad in-

cluding five players ranked in the world top 40.

Britain now have to win a play-off in September to stay in the World Group in 2019, while Spain face Germany in the quarter finals in April.

Despite the loss, Britain will take heart from Norrie's performance. Going into the tie, many expecting a white wash - and pinning some hope on Jamie Murray's doubles match for a possible consolation point. The victory was the youngster's first ever match on red clay - and the only time he had gone beyond three sets.

He was written off multiple times during a pulsating game, but came back for a sensational victory.

Leon Smith, the Great Britain captain, said: "I can't speak highly enough of what Cam has done all weekend.

"People might have thought Friday was a one-off but he did it again against another high-quality player. He pushed him really close and I'm really proud of him."

Hornets sting Chelsea to pressurise Conte

WATFORD earned a memorable 4-1 victory over Chelsea at Vicarage Road on Monday to add to the mounting pressure on Blues boss Antonio Conte.

Last season's Champions were all at sea the whole evening and were down to 10-men in the 30th minute after Tiemoue Bakayoko saw red, and quickly fell behind to a Troy Deeney penalty.

Chelsea equalised through a marvelous Eden Hazard goal, but went searching for the winner, and conceded three goals in the final six minutes to Daryl Janmaat, Gerard Deulofeu and Robert Pereyra as the Hornets inflicted Chelsea's second big loss in as many games.

The result leaves the champions a staggering 19 points behind leaders Manchester City, who could only manage a draw against Burnley.

Danilo got the runaway leaders on their way early in the first half but City missed a host of chances and was made to pay, as Johann Berg

Gudmundsson's late strike earned Burnley a point.

Manchester United closed the gap at the top to 13 points following the result, as Alexis Sanchez grabbed his first goal for the club in a 2-0 win over Huddersfield.

Arsenal continued to thrive following Sanchez's departure as they thrashed Everton 5-1.

New boy Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Laurent Koscielny and an Aaron Ramsey hat-trick saw Arsenal breeze past their Merseyside opponents on Saturday

Their North London rivals Tottenham scored a last gasp penalty to secure a 2-2 draw with Liverpool after a frantic last 10 minutes at Anfield.

Liverpool led from the third minute before Victor Wanyama's wonderstrike levelled the tie in the 80th minute.

Salah seemed to have won it for Liverpool in the 91st minute before Tottenham was awarded a 95th minute penalty, which Harry Kane dually dispatched following an earlier penalty miss.



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Carp-R-Us back with a bang



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10 of the 11 anglers managed to catch at least one carp.

AFTER the disappointment of Round 8 of the Winter Series, Carp-R-Us fished Round 9 on the Eden stretch of the Rio Segura.

Rain the previous week and the night before the match meant the water level on the stretch was up from our last visit and there was a steady flow.

The club had hoped that this would bode well for the fishing and so it proved. Ten of the 11 anglers caught and

all managed at least one carp.

First was Tom Marshall with 7.80 kg using a corn and bread 'sandwich,' second was Ann Fowles with 3.92 kg using corn, third was Dave Sutton with 3.54 kg using corn tipped with worm and fourth was Steve Fell with 2.80 kg using corn.

The club would like to thank whoever has spent time clearing a number of the pegs on this stretch. This is normally

a job undertaken by Carp-R-Us but someone has beaten them to it this time.

The club is always keen to get new members. For anyone interested contact the secretary, Steve Fell, on 634 379 081.

Further information about the club can be found on its website www.carp-r-us.weebly.com or on the Facebook page Carp-R-Us Fishing Costa Blanca.

Javea Green Bowls Club Winter League win big

JAVEA GREEN'S Winter League travelled to Monte Mar in bright sunshine with high hopes of returning with a winning score to keep them top of the league table.

With 14 matches played, eight remaining and San Luis nipping at their heels, it was imperative that a good result was achieved.

Early on, three rinks took command and they won comfortably, one rink lost and it was looking like an 8-4 win with the last wood of the match.

Nick Cole had what looked like an impos-

sible shot to turn a two shots down in the head to a five up to win the match and unbelievably to the delight of the onlookers managed to accomplish it, recording a final score 10-2.

“ With 14 matches played, and eight remaining, it was imperative that a good result was achieved. ”

With 14 matches played, a special mention is in order for the team skipped by Chris Evans, who have performed consistently well with an impressive 11 wins and one draw record.

Next match is away to Quesada.

Javea Green's Northern League team Quartz had a 6-4 win against Bonalba at home and Onyx beat their sister team Opal 6-4.



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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 500, a feat that only Graham

Fast and Fer-ious

Alonso confirmed for Le Mans

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 Fer-

nando, 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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