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BRUTAL AFFAIR: The 14-year-old said he "just couldn't take it any more."

Stab death probe

A police probe has been launched after a mum allegedly witnessed her 14-year-old son stab his brother, 19, to death in Alicante. The man - who has not been named - reportedly died after a blow to the heart from a kitchen knife.

According to reports in the local media, the Spanish pair had a fierce argument before the tragic escalation.

Spanish press say police caught the younger brother after he attempted to flee -

and he then confessed. A neighbour had reportedly called emergency services.

The mother and officers unsuccessfully attempted to revive the older brother, reports suggest. An ambulance soon arrived and confirmed that the man had died.

The incident took place in Calle Antares, in the La Florida neighbourhood, at around midday on Monday.

The boy has been remanded in National Police custody in Alicante.

Family affair

POLICE believe that a baby born to an 11-year-old girl in Murcia was fathered by her 14-year-old brother.

If true, it would make the pair father and mother - and auntie and uncle - to the baby. The girl - who the *Euro Weekly News* is not identifying - was taken to hospital on Saturday. Staff in the Hospital Universitario Virgen de la Arrixaca helped her give birth to a healthy boy.

At first, the girl and her family - who originate from Bolivia - reportedly claimed they did not know she was pregnant. But earlier this week, National Police reportedly said the family had suggested her elder brother could be the baby's father.

He would have been 13 at the time of the alleged sexual act, meaning he is immune from prosecution, Spanish reports say. Police are expected to perform DNA tests.

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NEWS EXTRA

Police probe sex claims

THREE Romanians have been arrested in Murcia, for coercing and forcing a 20-year-old girl into prostitution in various hostess clubs in the region, local media say. The woman and two men are reportedly accused of human trafficking.

Tragic crash

AN amateur motorcyclist died in hospital after a Circuit of Cartagena accident last week. The German police officer, 52, crashed at the same corner where Michael Schumacher was seriously injured in 2009.

Fake ID

GUARDIA CIVIL officers in Murcia have arrested two people, who allegedly impersonated others in an attempt to get a driving licence. The two men, aged 28 and 22, are Senegalese and Romanian.

Jail request

THE father of a girl rescued by firefighters from a sixth floor ledge in Alicante last year has reportedly asked for the girl's mother and stepfather to be given a three-year prison sentence.



ROYAL WAVE: The King, Queen and government officials head into the venue.

Counterfeit goods crushed



CRUSHING: Destroying the counterfeit goods.

LOCAL POLICE in Torrevieja have destroyed more than 20,000 items of counterfeit goods.

A total of 23,141 items were destroyed on Tuesday in the latest action to destroy fake goods seized over the past two years.

Items destroyed included various different material items, alongside thousands of watches, glasses, CDs and DVDs.

They have all been destroyed in order to prevent them from being resold.

However, almost 6,000 seized non-counterfeit items, mainly clothing and other accessories, have been given to the Department of Social Welfare, which will be distributed to those less fortunate.

Over the course of 2016 and 2017, more than 39,000 units were reportedly seized by the Local Police in Torrevieja in various operations, with 32,979 of them eventually destroyed.

Mayor, Jose Manuel Dolon, reportedly told Spanish media that the matter is taken "very seriously" by Torrevieja and also recognised the important work of the Operational Reinforcement Group (GRO) in charge of confiscating operations.

He said: "It is very difficult to repress this activity because there are many people from that world and the mafias use the need of people and their economic situation to do their business."

Made in Elda!
Queen opts for Alicante brand

by Matt Ford

THEY are considered one of the world's most elegant Royal couples.

And King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain did not disappoint as they headed to southern Spain for a state engagement.

Impeccably dressed as ever, the regal pair visited the Pompidou Centre modern art gallery in Malaga to present this year's Gold Medals of Merit in the Fine Arts.

While Felipe, 50, chose a dark suit with red patterned tie for the occasion, 45-year-old Letizia wowed in a two-piece Hugo Boss navy suit with matching polka dot silk blouse.

She completed the functional but stylish look with a pair of navy blue 'animal print' heels by Spanish luxury designer Magrit, one of the monarch's favourite

brands and made in Elda, around 30 minutes inland from Alicante.

Her accessories included a bicolour blue and red leather clutch by Caroline Herrera plus a pair of Tous earrings decorated with sapphires, pearls and white gold.

The awards, which honoured individuals and institutions excelling in the arts and cultures fields during 2016, were presented in front of around 300 guests.

And while the majority of those handed the accolade were Spanish, foreign recipients included French museum director Philippe de Montebello, 81, and Cuban-American singer Gloria Estefan, 60.

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Living in the fast lane

THE Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, says a third lane will be constructed on the A-7, according to Spanish media. Rajoy reportedly announced the 73km, €588 million project between Crevillente and Alhama de Murcia at a 50th anniversary of Alicante airport last week.

Bear aired

AN 18-year-old Brown Bear, called Tvisti, has been transferred from Murcia to an animal sanctuary in Germany, local press say. The bear previously worked in a circus but flew to his new home via Terra Natura Park. He was said to be in good health.

Driver death

A HORRIFIC La Manga traffic accident decapitated a driver at the weekend, reports say. The one-vehicle incident occurred on the Gran Via from La Manga to Cabo de Palos and witnesses told local media that the driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

Fire flurry

THREE people were hospitalised last weekend after the outbreak of four fires in less than 14 hours in Orihuela, Catral and Torrevieja, according to Spanish media. All of the fires are believed to have been in private homes. Two women and a baby reportedly suffered minor injuries.

Free charge

TORREVIEJA'S town hall have installed mobile phone chargers in Las Eras de la Sal, according to reports in the local press. When completed, the chargers will be operated by solar power and be free for users. The unit has six USB ports.

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE nº49

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



Photo by Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias

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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Would you prefer to see La Liga or Premier League coverage in the Sports section of the Euro Weekly print edition?

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 With the latest string of drink driving accidents occurring across Spain, is enough being done to tackle the problem?
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Boy, 14, thought to be father of 11-year-old sister's son

» From Front page

Relatives called an ambulance after the girl had severe abdominal pain and she was rushed to hospital.

Hospital authorities reported the case to police and social services due to the young age of the girl.

Officers were investigating if any crime of a sexual nature has been committed.

In 2013, Spain raised the age of consent from 13 to 16 and the minimum age for marriage from 14 to 16.

An exception is made in the case of consensual sex with someone under 16 'when the other party is of a similar age or stage of development and maturity.'

The Minister of Health for Murcia, Manuel Villegas, told Spanish press: "these are absolutely exceptional things, last year we had a case, this year is another, but they are totally exceptional and it is not usual."

Last November, a 12-year-old girl gave birth in

the same hospital.

Villegas added that onlookers should not "judge or blame anything until we know the characteristics of the case."

"We cannot blame the educational and health system on a specific issue that right now can even be a crime."



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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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What rubbish!

THE local council is allegedly ignoring resident's road safety concerns about their parking of rubbish vehicles on a busy road junction on Calle Abro in Entregolf, Villamartin.

One local resident, who does not want to be named because they are "seriously concerned about retribution from the council," said that after nearly 10 years of disruption, frustration, failed council promises, and illegal use of the rubbish site, residents feel that the council does not care how it treats the expatriate community.

"One day there will be a major, possible deadly accident here as a direct result of the council's refusal to move their dangerous site," he claimed.

He told *Euro Weekly News* the council fails to take into consideration the huge amount

of money the expats bring to the local shops, restaurants, bars, services, building companies and directly to the council in the form of local taxes.

"How would the council have reacted if the community were mostly Spanish people? We think that the local council does not care about expats" he said.

He claims that with all the income the council gets from the newly developed housing in the community they should give back to the residents by

investing in a new vehicle transfer or put the rubbish site in a more suitable location.

"I would have thought that it was in the council's interests to promote new overseas investment locally," he said.

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Daesh supporter held

THE Spanish Ministry of the Interior say a Daesh supporter has been arrested in Elche.

The 30-year-old Spanish citizen allegedly mocked victims of attacks on Barcelona and London and labelled jihadi terrorists 'heroes.'

Last year, a terrorist drove a van into pedestrians on La Rambla in Barcelona, killing 13 people. There were three attacks by Islamic extremists on London in the same year, at Westminster, London Bridge and Parsons Green. The Finsbury Park attack was committed by an anti-Muslim terrorist.

Ministry officials say the man had barely left his home for 10 years and did not communicate with his family.

But he was active on social media networks and encouraged terrorist acts, they say.

'God bless Allah, kill all the crusaders of this blessed planet,' he reportedly wrote in one post in Spanish, adding 'the end of the infidels' was coming.

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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Jobless increase

UNEMPLOYMENT rose by 1.68 per cent in January, according to reports in the Spanish media. Data suggests 1,828 people became unemployed in the region in the last month.

Cancer check

QUIRONSAIUD Hospital in Torrevieja will mark World Cancer Day by offering a second opinion for cancer patients, according to reports in the Spanish media. The initiative runs until tomorrow (Friday).

Nestling in

TORREVIEJA'S City Council has installed 110 nesting boxes in the city's gardens, following fears that many of the roofs on local houses - where the birds often nest - are not suitable.

POLICE in Murcia have arrested two alleged football fans on suspicion of attacking a group of rival supporters. The men, allegedly followers of local side Ciudad de Murcia, are accused of attacking supporters of rival side Real Murcia.

Officers were first called to the scene after a worried citizen had called the police

Hooligans arrested after assault

stating that a fight had broken out close to Calle Puerta Nueva.

When police arrived on the scene, they reportedly witnessed several young people running from the scene, while three individuals were kicking one man on

the floor and one was even allegedly hitting him in the face with a belt.

After noticing the police presence, the attackers reportedly decided to flee the scene, leaving the man on the floor.

According to Spanish me-

dia, the assaulted man claimed that he and several friends were approached by a group of Ciudad de Murcia fans who proceeded to insult and assault them.

He also allegedly claimed that they had attempted to run away from the attackers,

before describing them to police.

Shortly after, police were reportedly able to locate the suspected attackers, one of whom allegedly still had the belt wrapped around his hand, while another was also found close by, hiding under a car and arrested them on suspicion of assault.

Record rains
Drought relief hits region

ALICANTE saw 25 per cent of the precipitation expected for the whole year in 25 days, according to Spanish media.

About 90 litres per square metre was recorded in a 35-day period.

Citing the Climatology Laboratory of the University of Alicante, reports say the weather pattern mirrors what was recorded in the area at the same time last year.

The news comes as a relief to many in the area, who were worried about drought.

Rain and snow has now helped the aquifer levels, though they are still very low.

More cold weather but less rain is expected at the weekend, according to forecasts earlier this week.

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MARCHING ON: Cowen with the Irish military.

Ex Irish PM in Cabo Roig for Paddy's day

A FORMER leader of Ireland will lead the St Patrick's Day parade in Cabo Roig, reports say.

Brian Cowen - who was Irish Taoiseach from 2008 to 2011 - will be the parade marshal for the small town, near Torrevieja.

Frank Fahy - a former Irish

minister who served in Mr Cowen's government - is also reportedly joining the Taoiseach - and is said to have been a driving force behind getting him to agree to come.

Mr Cowen was a minister for various departments in the government before going on

to lead the country.

He was in charge after the economic crash, but eventually resigned following a highly controversial reshuffle.

The former mayor of Galway City, Martin Quinn, and Paudge Connolly, a veteran Irish politician, will also be attending.

A number of other personalities are due to be announced over the coming weeks, organisers say.

This year, St Patrick's Day takes place on Saturday, March 17. The parade begins at 2pm.

The event also coincides with a potentially crucial final match in the Six Nations Rugby Championship - England versus Ireland, at Twickenham.

In the run up to the parade, the organising committee say they will be hosting a number of events, including 'race night,' which will be held in O'Riordan's Irish bar in Cabo Roig, a 'golf classic' organised by the Trinity, and a Ladies' day, with a sparkle and shine dress code, at Milos Irish bar.

There are also prizes for the best floats - €500 for first, €300 for second and €200 for third - with organisers keen to involve local businesses, clubs, charities, groups and organisations.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade is asked to call 603 114 896, or 637 490 937 or to visit the Trinity Bar on Cabo Roig strip.

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Dogged by debt

Expat's friend's tragic death plunges charity, home and dogs' future into doubt

EXCLUSIVE

by Harrison Jones

THE death of a friend has left an expatriate facing a massive bill, which puts the future of her charity, home in Spain and nearly 100 vulnerable rescue dogs in doubt.

Irene Allan was hit with the €120,000 bill after the sudden death of her friend and business partner, Suzannah Stacey.

Their Hope for Podencos charity - and with it Mrs Allan's home - now faces being repossessed within three weeks if the money is not paid.

Suzannah, a charity benefactor, was tragically found dead inside her car two weeks ago. She had died of an aneurism, age 55.

"This was my good friend's dream and I just don't want our dream to die", Mrs Allan told *Euro Weekly News*, after being devastated by the death.

Mrs Allan is liable for the huge bill because Mrs Stacey's British will stands, in the absence of a Spanish one.

That means Mrs Stacey's money - earmarked to pay for half of a house for the charity - will now be given to two British charities for animals instead.

"If we don't raise the money the dogs and I are homeless and all our hard work over the years will be gone.



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TRAGIC LOSS: The sudden and unexpected passing of Suzannah Stacey has left the centre with a huge financial deficit.

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"By Spanish law we have three weeks to find the money or the original owner can come back and claim the house, resell it and keep the €100,000 already paid," Mrs Allan explains.

"For four or five days I went around in a daze, not believing this was happening. But I knew I had to get my fight back as Suzannah would not have wanted me to sit here and not fight for her podencos."

The Scottish 60-year-old is fighting to raise the money to keep the dog rescuing charity - which she founded with her husband Steve - afloat.

Podencos are a particular breed of Mediterranean hunting dogs, often brutally killed at the end of the Spanish hunting season. Seventy-three of them are in the charity's care in the Orihuela centre, with a further 23 in Gran Canaria and more set to arrive from elsewhere.

The charity rescues mistreated dogs from Gran Canaria and mainland Spain, before giving them thorough medical care and rehoming them with loving families.

If you can help in any way, visit the fundraising page Mrs Allen set up: <https://www.youcaring.com/hopeforpodencos-1084001> or email: hopeforpodencos@outlook.com.

NEWS EXTRA

Budgeting in

A €16.5 MILLION budget is set to be approved by the local authority in Guardamar del Segura, according to Spanish press. The council says they aim to help vulnerable people.

Bitter deal

THREE men - aged 34, 41 and 42 - have been arrested in Beniel on suspicion of defrauding a local businessman out of €32,000 worth of lemon sales, local media say.

Fools' gold

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FRANCISCO BERNABE: Chairs the new Provincial Road Traffic Subcommittee.

Driving for change

by Benjamin Park

GOVERNMENT delegate for Murcia, Francisco Bernabe has admitted his concern about current traffic stats in the region.

According to Mr Bernabe, "11 people have died in traffic accidents, nine in urban roads and two in interurban roads" in the region this year, which equates to approximately one death every three days. The staggering numbers has led to the creation of a Provincial Road Traffic Subcommittee, which will aim to decrease the figures through a number of accident prevention campaigns.

Bernabe himself will chair the committee, and will be accompanied by Provincial Head of Traffic, Virginia Jerez, councillor for Traffic and Public Safety for the City of Murcia, Lola Sanchez, along-

side a number of representatives of different organisations related to Security and Road Education.

Bernabe told Spanish media that the subcommittee must "reach everyone, not only children, but adolescents, young people, seniors, and disability or groups such as cyclists," in order for the numbers to decrease.

Provincial Head of Traffic, Virginia Jerez, reportedly highlighted that the excessive and inadequate speed used by drivers, alongside distractions, as the main reason why the number of traffic accidents occur in the region.

She told Spanish media: "The human factor is still present as a reason for mortal accidents.

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country alongside Asturias. The report compared anonymous data of more than 40,000 users of the app to present the findings.

In terms of the energy market, the report found that companies Holaluz and Podo grew their

market share the most in 2017, reportedly increasing 0.5 and 0.2 per cent respectively, while Iberdrola, Endesa and Natural Gas remain the market leaders, dominating 84.5 per cent of the market between them.

Coronado slams Ciudadanos for 'generating fear'

DOMINGO CORONADO, the Popular Party of Murcia's Executive Secretary of Health, has criticised the

Ciudadanos Party for causing 'unjustified alarm' among the public.

He singled out regional deputy Juan Jose Molina for exploiting the number of cases of influenza registered in the region, and for reporting the 'collapse of the emergency service of the Northwest Regional Hospital.'

By contrast, Coronado stated that healthcare in Murcia is "more agile and improving in quality" every day.

He explained that the

workforce of the Northwest Regional Hospital had been reinforced with 12 new professionals, and emergency physicians were providing round-the-clock care.

Coronado also pointed out that: "With the arrival of cold and flu, there are a range of major respiratory conditions that affect the elderly population or complex chronic patients."

The outbreak of influenza in the region is considered to be the most severe in 10 years.

NEWS EXTRA

Cleaning the streets

LORCA Town Council says they are to begin using new machines to clean streets more thoroughly. The Limusa fleet of cleaning vehicles has also increased dramatically, they add.

Literary lass

A LITERARY contest aiming to eliminate prejudice has been opened in Lorca, Spanish media said. Entries can be one to two sides long and it closes on February 23.

Old trips

ALICANTE'S City Council has announced a number of events for the elderly in February. Excursions are going to the Ereta Park, Urbanova Santa Pola and Saw Frost Altea Campomares.

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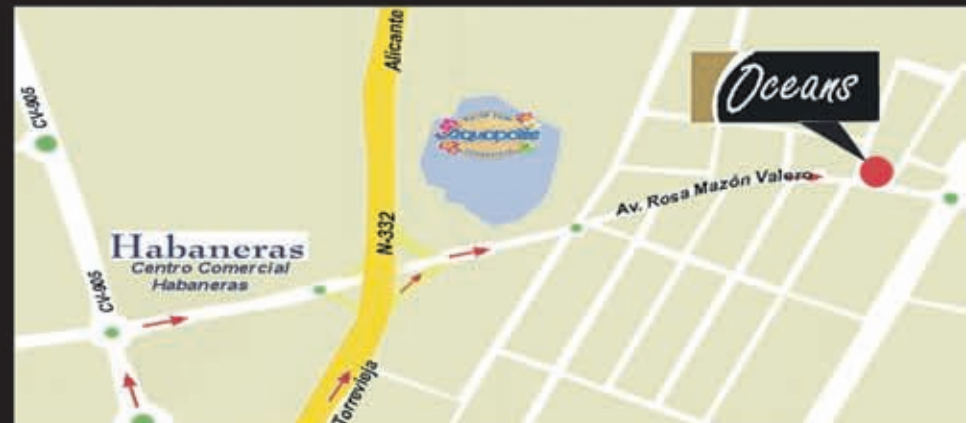
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€300,00 scam sees two seized



Credit: Guardia Civil

FINALLY TWIGGED: The Guardia Civil's operation has exposed the criminals.

TWO men have been detained in connection with crimes of fraud and misappropriation from agricultural companies amounting to €306,000.

The move comes in the wake of a meticulous operation by Murcia's Guardia Civil called RUTACEA, which was developed over seven months.

It began when the Guardia Civil became aware of alleged scams in the agricultural sector,

having received evidence from the affected companies.

Documents revealed the existence of a criminal network, masterminded by an entrepreneur in the sector who acquired large stockpiles of agricultural products while evading payment.

In-depth examination of commercial documentation allowed officers to establish that more than €300,000 had been

conned out of a dozen companies based in Alhama de Murcia, Jumilla, Cieza, and Orihuela (Alicante) among others.

Two males, aged 39 and 42 have been arrested in Sangonera la Seca-Murcia, and they both have a history of similar crimes. A third man is under investigation.

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"I just couldn't understand why their financial advisor had recommended that fund!"

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Chorus Financial to readers on the Southern Costa Blanca. Over the last couple of years, Chorus have dedicated ourselves to educating the Expat community here in Spain on how to invest your savings and pension funds safely and securely, using the UK model of transparent and ethical financial advice.

We have published countless articles on how to avoid those infamous hidden fees and poor-quality investments many financial advisors here sadly subject their clients to, which will now be featured weekly in both RTN and Euro Weekly News.

We are delighted to announce that with an associated office in Southern Costa Blanca, we are now able to offer trusted, fully regulated, financial advice and portfolio management to clients in the South.

A gentleman, we'll call him Mr Smith to protect his privacy, had a feeling all was not well with his portfolio. Around 18 months ago, Mr Smith's advisor here in Spain had recommended he sell all the funds in his portfolio and buy a fantastic 'exclusive' fund his financial advisory's company now had access to. To gain access to such a special fund would cost Mr Smith 5%, but Mr Smith was assured it would be worth it.

18 months later and Mr Smith hadn't even covered that 5% entry charge, and despite strong markets his portfolio has gone down in

value. So, what had happened? One tool I use to research funds is a website called Trustnet. This is the World's largest independent analyst of funds, and always a good place to start if you want to do a little research yourself. This 'fantastic' fund Mr Smith had had his retirement pot put into was in fact number 295 out of 314 funds in that particular fund

class... so in the worst 6% of funds available! Whilst the benchmark fund in that category had returned 45% over 5 years, this particular fund had only returned 14% over the same period. It also carried a risk factor around 20% higher than the average fund in this class, meaning the client had been taking 20% more risk to make less than a third of the returns. Even worse was that this

fund was costing a whopping 2% a year, with the average fund cost in that category around 0.5%. I just couldn't understand why their financial advisor had recommended that fund!

After our meeting, I decided to call the Fund-house offering this fund to find out what possible reason Mr Smith's current advisor had for recommending such a fund. It turned out that all of the 5% entry fee had gone to Mr Smith's advisor, and that of the 2% annual fee, half was being paid as a hidden 'trail' to Mr Smith's advisor each year. This practice is illegal in the UK, but sadly still practised by the majority of firms out here in Spain.

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Expensive works nearing completion

ORIHUELA Town Hall says a €200,000 renovation of its sewer and road network is nearly complete.

The Municipal Department of Infrastructure, led by councillor Juan Ignacio Lopez-Bas (Ciudadanos), is set to finish the work at Campamor shortly.

Mr Lopez said: "this work was necessary because the sewers of these roads consist of a single network, with concrete pipes having a diameter of 300mm and which are in a very bad condition, with an age of more than 40 years and which are already collapsing in some areas."

He added: "this deterioration in the materials causes numerous cracks in the sewer network, which then results in filtration and maintenance issues."

The work is taking place in Calle Ana María Matute, Ronda Ramón de Campamor, Avenida Las Adelfas



Credit: Orihuela Town Hall.

MOVING FORWARD: An official directs proceedings.

and Calle Miguel de Unamuno.

Luisa Boné, the councillor for coordinated services, said: "we are solving two problems in this way, on the one hand we are renewing the sewer network, which is in a very bad condition and on the other hand, we renew the asphalt of these roads, which is also in a poor condition.

"These roads were already pre-milled and the flooring will be renewed in all the roads affected by these works."

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‘Not safe to study’ Students protest

STUDENTS and teachers at Orihuela’s School of Art and Design protested about asbestos and rats in the building last week, reports say.

The rally - outside the school gates - took place on the same day that the Director of the Superior Institute of Artistic Education of the Generalitat, Josep Manuel Garcia, visited.

Demonstrators wore hard hats and carried banners.

Protesters said they were no longer prepared to watch the building fall into disrepair, according to the local press.

The student union president, Paula Garcia, reportedly labelled the infrastructure appalling.

“All we want as students are conditions where it is safe to study,” she reportedly said.

One teacher, Edu Grao, added that the school’s infrastructure has serious issues.



Credit: Google maps

STEP UP: The site of the protest.

“Only last Friday a palm tree fell over for the second time. We were very lucky that nobody was badly injured,” he told local media.

They said the centre needs new windows and better insulation for winter, “because at the moment, students have to sit in the classrooms wearing heavy coats and even gloves.”

Josep Manel Garcia explained that he was visiting the facility to confirm reports that had been submitted to his department.

He said that the Territorial Directorate has already hired contractors to remove the asbestos, repair the roof and reinforce the structure although he couldn’t say when the work was likely to begin.

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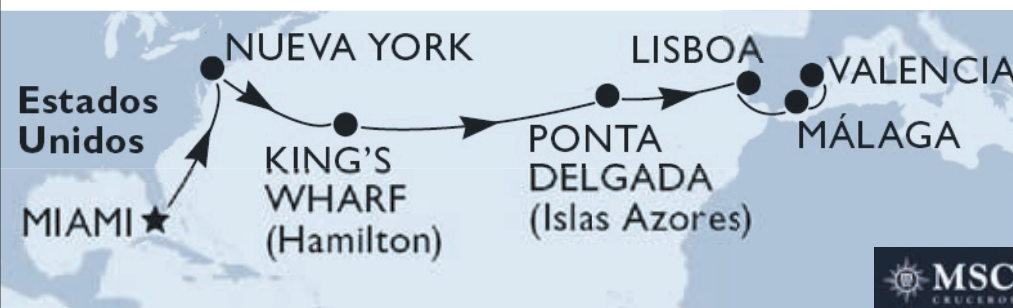


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TOWN WITH A VIEW: Orihuela as seen from a mountainside.

Tourists flocking in

ORIHUELA'S councillor for Tourism came away from the International Tourism Fair (FITUR) "absolutely delighted," according to the town hall.

Sofia Alvarez said the event had been "very satisfactory, with Orihuela now extremely well positioned in the world of tourism, with the aim of continuing to expand on the 20 per cent growth in visitors that our municipality has enjoyed."

The town hall said seven different tourist opportunities had been presented to visitors, and that there were positive indications for the future.

The organisation was keen to stress the value of local cuisine in the area, which Ms Alvarez said "highlighted the value of our regional produce through cooking demonstrations and wine tasting,

in addition to a thematic dinner which was held in collaboration with the Diputación de Alicante, and attended by many national personalities from the gastronomic sector."

She added: "We were also able to attract the attention of tour operators and many large companies that are dedicated to positioning holidaymakers and events in the municipalities."

The town hall said there is a proposal for Orihuela to host the first national congress of UNESCO in traditional cuisine.

At FITUR, there was also a draw for a free weekend for two in Orihuela. A man from Madrid won the prize and is set to enjoy 'a cultural and gastronomic experience' in Orihuela.

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The outpatient clinic of the Santa Rosa de Lima de Lorca also takes donations. These are on the first and third Thursday each month on the ground floor.

Photo credit: Ayuntamiento de Torre-Pacheco

Flight disruption

HEAVY snow in Madrid caused a flight to Alicante to be cancelled earlier this week, according to reports. The storm also caused a flight bound for London to be diverted, local press says. Flights in and out of Madrid Barajas International Airport faced widespread disruption due to the weather on Monday.

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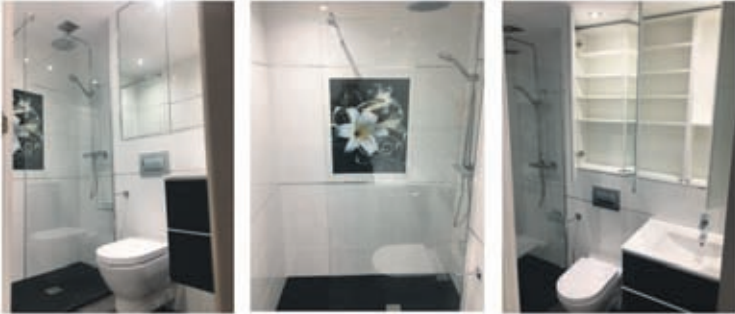
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The march, which took place in Sevilla, saw off-duty officers from Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante, Murcia and more demanding that Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy keep his promise to invest €1.5 billion into increasing wages over a three-year period.

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.

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Balloon space race is on

TWO companies in Spain are set to collaborate on a balloon system designed to lift cargo into orbit.

Indra, an IT company and the Barcelona-based Zero 2 Infinity announced the project yesterday. The plan is due to see Indra use its international presence and experience in satellite technology, telecommunications and ground centres to help Zero 2 Infinity's development.

Zero 2 Infinity has plans to develop Bloostar, a balloon launch system designed to carry 75 kilos into low earth orbit.

Jose Mariano Lopez Urdiales, the CEO and founder of Zero 2 Infinity, told the press that incorporating Indra's expertise would be one of the main benefits of the project.



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LIFT OFF: Indra and Zero 2 Infinity are working on a project to get cargo into orbit.

"We are going to be working with them on devising specific applications of high-altitude balloons.

"We will use some of the technology that Indra has so these high-altitude balloons can be used for more pur-

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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.

Hate crime culprit was Costa dealer

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 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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New pet protection laws after ‘years of waiting’

THE suffering of many animals should end with new protection laws that have come into effect in Spain from last Thursday.

The docking of tails, cutting of ears, removal of teeth and claws, and sectioning of the vocal chords have all been banned. It will also be against the law to offer pets as prizes.

Ratification of the European Convention on the protection of pets was proposed in Spain in 2007, two decades after Strasbourg approved the agreement in 1987.

The National Association for the Defence of Animals has celebrated that, ‘after 10 years of waiting,’ Spain has finally ratified the agreement to protect pets.

But it warns that now the autonomous communities must

check their legislation to ensure it complies with the law and adapt it where necessary.

“The regional legislations are diverse,” said the association’s spokesman, Alberto Díez.

Spain is now committed to promoting information programmes to promote the possession, breeding, training, trading and custody of pets.

The agreement also discourages the gifting of companion animals to children under 16 without the express consent of their parents.

It also regulates various aspects such as welfare and breeding of pets for commercial purposes and their use in advertising, shows, exhibitions or contests.

Surgical interventions without medical purposes are also

prohibited for example the amputation (docking) of dog tails and any operation in which the animal may suffer pain must be performed under anaesthesia administered by a veterinarian.

The agreement also states that a pet can only be put down by a veterinarian or ‘competent person,’ except to end the suffering of the animal in cases of emergency when the assistance of a professional cannot be obtained quickly.

And it must be undertaken with the least possible physical and psychic suffering and with the application of a general anaesthesia followed by a procedure that causes death in a certain way.

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Emissions ultimatum

SPAIN is among nine EU countries that have been asked to present proposals on reducing emissions by the European Commission.

The commission has told the nine member states to come up with solutions on fine particle emissions or face being taken to the bloc's Court of Justice.

Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, the Czech Republic, Romania, Britain and Slovakia are also among member states that have been told to act on diesel and other emissions.

Environmental groups have also called on member states to take action on pollution and have said countries have violated EU pollution legislation since 2010, according to reports.

Dr Aitana Calvo, of the Spanish Society of Medical Oncology (SEOM), said it was difficult to know how many people were affected by emissions.

"The products of diesel engines, both gases and par-



WARNING: The European Commission has told nine countries to act on pollution.

ticles, are carcinogenic. We know that they increase the risk of lung cancer and probably bladder cancer," he told Spanish media.

The Spanish environmental group Ecologists in Action said legislation that really tackled pollution was needed.

"The legislation on carbon dioxide has been violated since 2010. Laws on particle emissions have also been broken since 2005," a spokesper-

son for the group said.

Maria Garcia Rodriguez, the Spanish government's Environment Secretary, told a meeting in Brussels the Spanish government were encouraging the use of vehicles powered by alternative sources of energy.

"The solution to the problem of air pollution affects many sectors and requires the participation of all authorities and society," she said.

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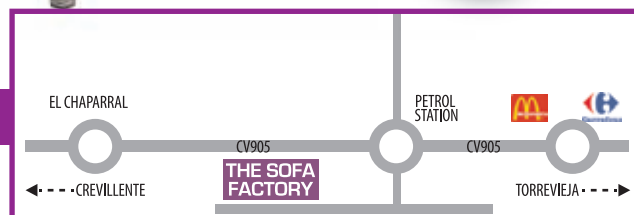
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HELP Vega Baja say thank you to Pat

ONCE again, HELP Vega Baja volunteer Pat Milligan went all out to raise funds for the charity. Frasquitin restaurant was the venue and those who attended were treated to a Rod Stewart tribute act, David John.

Over many years Pat has been raising funds for good causes, often in the Catral area and this latest event raised €350 for HELP Vega Baja which was received on behalf of the charity from new volunteer to the charity, Steve Arnold. Following a raffle held on the day, a donation will also be given to the Tasha fund.

President, Michele Masson said "Pat is a wonderful lady who quietly does so much in the background organising fundraising events on a regular basis in addition to visiting patients in hospital.

"I'm not sure where she



SUCCESS: Pat Milligan with Steve Arnold.

gets her energy from! We are extremely proud that Pat chose to volunteer with our charity and although Pat isn't

someone that likes to be in the limelight, it is important that the fabulous work she does is recognised."

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SMILE: Raising money for a good cause.

Fun and fundraising

JUST before Christmas, Smile Charity Group (Benjofar) had one of their fundraiser nights for the charities which they are supporting this year.

It was held at Restaurant Catorce with the wonderful group Diverse. Not only was there a wonderful buffet but dancing, singing and raffle and a lot of money was raised.

They are holding another fundraising night on March 2 at 7.30pm in Oasis Bistro Benjofar, this time it will be a Fancy Dress Night (prizes, etc).

The theme is 'School Dinners,' there will also be your favourite school games (quiz), end of term exams and food based on the theme.

Tickets are €9.50 available from the venue, Benjofar International Library or ring 665 222 974 to book your ticket.

World Cancer Day

MARIA and the Pink Ladies and Panthers staged their annual event to celebrate World Cancer Day at Zenia Boulevard for the fourth consecutive year. Zenia Boulevard management donated over 500 cactus plants for Maria and her group of fundraisers to hand out to members of the public for a small donation.

The event raised almost €1,400 on the day which brings the total raised by Maria and the Pink Ladies and Panthers since 2010 to almost €370,000 to help in the fight against cancer.

A minute's silence was observed to remember those who had lost their fight to the disease.

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CHAMPIONS: The winning team receive their prizes from Christine Watkins.

Quiz night success!

AN incredible €487 was raised for the Costa Blanca Branch of Huntington's Disease Association at Bar Catorce in Benijofar recently.

People put their brains to the test for the fun quiz organised by Martin and Christine Watkins, to raise much-needed funds for this local charity, which offers support to sufferers of HD and their families in the Costa Blanca area.

More fundraising events are planned for the year, details of which can be found on the website www.hda.org.es.

Huntington's Disease, which is often called HD, is a hereditary disorder of the central nervous system. It is a terminal illness affecting both men

and women, which destroys the pathways between the brain and the rest of the body, causing a very wide range of symptoms, including uncontrollable movements, loss of speech and ability to swallow, incontinence and loss of memory function, as well as depression and changes in personality. There is currently no cure.


Any child of an affected parent has a 50 per cent risk of inheriting the affected gene. Anyone inheriting the affected gene will develop HD.

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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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Claim game

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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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British Land Co	658.20	0.16	0.02	6,553.37
BHP Billiton	1,550.50	13.30	0.87	32,969.44
Bunzl	2,047.50	-13.50	-0.66	6,940.35
BP	489.45	6.84	1.40	99,980.24
Burberry Group	1,591.00	28.50	1.82	6,579.66
BT Group	232.68	-17.67	-7.06	25,400.07
Coca-Cola HBC	2,346.00	0.00	0.00	8,742.17
Carnival	4,998.50	59.50	1.20	10,412.15
Centrica	130.53	1.93	1.50	7,327.97
Compass Group	1,479.75	14.75	1.01	23,433.40
Croda International	4,419.50	65.50	1.50	5,779.97
CRH	2,489.50	-52.50	-2.07	21,601.79
DCC	7,455.00	110.00	1.50	6,583.02
Diageo	2,563.75	50.25	2.00	62,532.99
Direct Line Insurance Group	380.50	5.60	1.49	5,106.75
Evrax	349.15	-15.35	-4.21	5,428.91
Experian	1,604.25	8.25	0.52	14,753.66
easyJet	1,653.00	0.00	0.00	6,623.45
Ferguson	5,380.00	80.00	1.51	13,388.03
Fresnillo	1,355.00	20.00	1.50	9,940.70
G4S	285.00	4.20	1.50	4,415.84
GKN	417.40	2.10	0.51	7,273.52
Glencore	382.75	7.17	1.87	57,550.17
GlaxoSmithKline	1,310.80	-4.06	-0.31	64,929.29
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,811.50	-37.00	-2.00	8,879.25
Halma	1,267.50	18.50	1.48	4,802.46
Hammerson	493.25	7.25	1.49	3,858.36
HSBC Holdings	747.60	-2.60	-0.35	150,025.81
International Consoldtd Air Grp	657.90	28.30	4.49	13,246.78
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,726.00	70.00	1.50	8,956.14
3i Group	963.50	14.10	1.49	9,255.95
Imperial Brands	2,843.50	-14.50	-0.51	27,591.61
Informa	696.30	10.30	1.50	5,692.23
Intertek Group	5,046.50	74.50	1.50	8,058.23
ITV	168.85	1.00	0.59	6,957.92
Just Eat	814.20	4.00	0.49	5,591.94
Johnson Matthey	3,386.00	50.00	1.50	6,645.94
Kingfisher	349.40	1.50	0.43	7,627.51

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

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

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CLOSING PRICES FEBRUARY 5

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
VelocityShares Daily 2x VIX Short-Term ETN	\$ 7.50	1.61 ▲ 27.33%
USA Truck, Inc.	\$ 24.99	4.91 ▲ 24.45%
Johnson Outdoors Inc.	\$ 74.48	13.46 ▲ 22.06%
Viavi Solutions Inc.	\$ 10	1.33 ▲ 15.34%
athenahealth, Inc.	\$ 142.25	17.34 ▲ 13.88%
VelocityShares VIX Short-Term ETN	\$ 13.89	1.63 ▲ 13.30%
VelocityShares 3x Inverse Silver ETN	\$ 25.10	2.67 ▲ 11.90%
Mobile Mini, Inc.	\$ 42.40	4.20 ▲ 10.99%
ARMO BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 33.32	3.23 ▲ 10.73%
Alkermes plc	\$ 63.42	5.09 ▲ 8.73%
VelocityShares Daily 2x VIX Medium-Term ETN	\$ 9.57	0.73 ▲ 8.26%
Most Declined		
Impinj, Inc.	\$ 12.16	10.70 ▼ 46.81%
Aceto Corporation	\$ 7.92	2.99 ▼ 27.41%
YRC Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 12.34	3.47 ▼ 21.95%
Varex Imaging Corporation	\$ 34.61	8.82 ▼ 20.31%
Arcturus Therapeutics Ltd.	\$ 5.93	1.38 ▼ 18.88%
OSI Systems, Inc.	\$ 54.60	12 ▼ 18.02%
Overstock.com, Inc.	\$ 56	10.65 ▼ 15.98%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.76	0.44 ▼ 13.75%
Menlo Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 30.56	4.44 ▼ 12.69%
Xunlei Limited	\$ 12.83	1.83 ▼ 12.48%
VelocityShares 3x Long Silver ETN	\$ 10.62	1.35 ▼ 11.28%

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Spain's burning desire

COAL POWER BILL SLAPPED DOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

ment is strong.

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

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

Police slam government cop out over pay promise

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

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

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

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

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

Rich getting richer, report says

The haves and have nots

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

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

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

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

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



DESPERATE TIMES: A homeless woman begging in Barcelona.

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

An average of 16,347 people re-

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

Wages have virtually stagnated since 2009, increasing by around

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rail revamp announced

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

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

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

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

NO BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR U2 FANS Ticket probe launched

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Photo credit: Twitter

priced at €35-€195.

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

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

Kicking off in the United States in May, the European leg of the star's eXPERIENCE + iNOCENCE world tour begins on August 31 and will see Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen Jr hit the stage in Germany (Cologne and Hamburg), France (Paris), Portugal (Lisbon), Italy (Milan), Denmark (Copenhagen), the Netherlands (Amsterdam), the UK

(Manchester and London) and Ireland as well as Spain.

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

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

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

Takeover sees bank post loss

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

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

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

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

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



Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

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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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2:00pm BBC News at One
2:30pm BBC London News
2:45pm Doctors
3:15pm Moving On
4:00pm Escape to the Country
4:45pm The Farmers' Showdown
5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm Pointless
7:00pm BBC News at Six
7:30pm BBC London News
8:00pm The One Show
8:30pm EastEnders
9:00pm Animals with Cameras
10:00pm Death in Paradise
11:00pm BBC News at Ten
11:30pm BBC London News
11:45pm Question Time
12:45am This Week

BBC TWO

8:15am Countryfile Winter Diaries
9:00am MasterChef: The Professionals
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm The Daily Politics
2:00pm Coast
3:00pm Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
4:00pm A Place to Call Home
4:45pm This Wild Life
5:15pm New Zealand: Earths Mythical Islands
6:15pm Flog It!
7:00pm Eggheads
7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm Winter Olympics
9:00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
10:00pm Trouble at the Zoo
11:00pm The Mash Report
11:30pm Newsnight
12:15am Dragons' Den

BBC FOUR

4:00am This is BBC Four
BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.
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.
12:00am Calculating Ada: The Countess of Computing
1:00am Top of the Pops
1:30am Elvis Costello: Mystery Dance
2:30am Hugh Masekela: Welcome to South Africa
3:30am Forces of Nature with Brian Cox
4:30am This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

9:30am Frasier
10:00am Frasier
10:35am Frasier
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen
Nightmares USA
12:00pm Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm Channel 4 News
1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm Countdown
4:00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
5:00pm A Place in the Sun
6:00pm Four in a Bed
6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm The Simpsons
7:30pm Hollyoaks
8:00pm Channel 4 News
9:00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
10:00pm Hunted
11:00pm Derry Girls
11:35pm 24 Hours in A and E
12:35am Shut-Ins: Britain's Fattest Woman

CHANNEL 5

9:20am Rusty Rivets
9:35am Shimmer and Shine
9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am Mofy
10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm Cowboy Builders
2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm NCIS
4:15pm Abducted: The Carlina White Story
6:00pm 5 News at 5
6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm 5 News Tonight
8:00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
9:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
10:00pm Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive
11:00pm Special Needs
Employment Agency
12:05am Elizabeth: Our Queen

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9:00am Baby Daddy
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10:00am Melissa and Joey
11:00am How I Met Your Mother
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12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm Hollyoaks
8:30pm Coach Trip
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm The Inbetweeners
11:35pm The Inbetweeners
12:05am The Big Bang Theory

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6:00am Live European Tour Golf
7:00am Live European Tour Golf
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am Premier League Daily
12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm Sky Sports News
All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
2:00pm Sky Sports News
3:00pm Sky Sports News
4:00pm Sky Sports News
5:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf
Featured Grps
8:00pm Live Premier League Darts
11:30pm Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am Sky Sports News
1:00am Sky Sports News
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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
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3:00pm Judge Rinder
4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm Tipping Point
6:00pm The Chase
7:00pm ITV News London
7:30pm ITV Evening News
8:00pm Emmerdale
8:30pm Travel Chaos: The True Cost - Tonight
9:00pm Emmerdale
9:30pm The Cruise
10:00pm James Bulger: A Mother's Story
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
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11:45pm Car Wars
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7:25am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:55am Dress to Impress
8:45am Emmerdale
9:20am Coronation Street
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10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?
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1:10pm Emmerdale
1:45pm Coronation Street
2:15pm Coronation Street
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 Take Me Out
8:30pm You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm Two and a Half Men
9:30pm Superstore
10:00pm Release the Hounds
11:00pm Celebability
11:50pm Family Guy
12:15am Family Guy
12:45am American Dad!

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3:30am Teleshopping Shopping from home.
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
10:55am Judge Judy
11:25am Griff's Great Britain
11:55am Griff's Great Britain
12:30pm 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
5:15pm On the Buses
5:50pm Rising Damp
6:20pm George and Mildred
6:55pm Heartbeat
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm My Boy Jack
1:00am Inspector Morse
3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am Teleshopping

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4:00am Teleshopping Shopping from home.
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
1:50am Minder
2:55am The Sweeney
3:40am ITV4 Nightscreen

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9:55am Smokey and the Bandit
11:35am John Wick: Chapter Two
1:45pm The Dark Knight
4:20pm The Great Escape
7:15pm Smokey and the Bandit
9:00pm John Wick: Chapter Two
11:15pm The Dark Knight

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5:20am Easy Come, Easy Go
7:00am Dirty 30
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
Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world.
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.
1:15pm Escape Room
3:00pm Texas Blood
4:40pm My All American
6:50pm King Arthur
9:00pm Chips
10:45pm Escape Room
12:25am Frank and Lola
2:05am Harmonium
4:25am Top Ten Show, the 2018

sky sports football

10:30am La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am La Liga Greatest Games
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 Eredivisie
4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm Scottish Cup
Greatest Games
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm Football Years
6:30pm Football Countdowns
7:00pm La Liga Files
7:45pm La Liga Icons
8:00pm EFL Matters
8:30pm MLS Greatest Games
8:35pm Football
10:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
11:00pm La Liga Show
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12:45am La Liga Icons

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

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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

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

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

As for Theresa May, it's not so much that she was a '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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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
11:30am	Winter Olympics
2:30pm	BBC News
3:00pm	BBC London News
3:15pm	Doctors
3:45pm	Moving On
4:30pm	Escape to the Country
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Would I Lie to You?
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	Requiem
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	The Young Offenders
12:55am	Witless
1:20am	Winter Olympics
5:00am	Winter Olympics

BBC TWO

7:00am	My Life in Books
7:30am	Wanted Down Under Revisited
8:15am	Countryfile Winter Diaries
9:00am	MasterChef
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	This Wild Life
2:30pm	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
3:30pm	Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
4:30pm	A Place to Call Home
5:15pm	New Zealand: Earths Mythical Islands
6:15pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm	Winter Olympics
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 <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>
8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Simon Bates present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 4 April 1985.</i>
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 <i>Documentary about the history of British rock 'n' roll.</i>
2:05am	Classic Albums
3:05am	Rock n Roll Guns for Hire: The Story of the Sideman
4:35am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	First Dates Hotel
1:10am	Safe House
3:10am	Born to Kill

CHANNEL 5

9:35am	Shimmer and Shine
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	Cowboy Builders
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Kidnapping Lizzie: Nightmare Visions
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Wine Show
9:00pm	Celebrity Five Go Barging
10:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:35pm	Julie Walters: By Her Friends
12:30am	Lip Sync Battle UK
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	A Day Late and a Dollar Short
5:45am	House Doctor

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9:30am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	This Means War
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	Gogglebox

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6:00am	Live European Tour Golf
	<i>Day two of the ISPS Handa World Super 6 from Lake Karrinyup Country Club in Perth, Australia.</i>
7:00am	Live European Tour Golf
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Sky Sports News
5:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf Featured Grps
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	Barclays Premier League Preview
12:45am	Premier League Greatest Games
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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4:25am	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
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	River Monsters
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Through the Keyhole
12:45am	Take Me Out
1:45am	Jackpot247

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8:45am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Emmerdale
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10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
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12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:10pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Emmerdale
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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	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	22 Jump Street
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	22 Jump Street
12:15am	Family Guy

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7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:05am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Griff's Great Britain
11:55am	Griff's Great Britain
12:30pm	Love Your Garden
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:15pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme
10:00pm	Rosemary and Thyme
11:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital
12:00am	The Murder of Sadie Hartley

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase <i>Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.</i>
7:50am	The Chase
8:35am	Ironside <i>Police drama series set in San Francisco.</i>
9:35am	Quincy, M.E. <i>LA County's sleuthing Chief Coroner stakes his reputation on another case.</i>
10:35am	Minder <i>Comedy drama series about the shady dealings of a loveable rogue</i>
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:45pm	Snooker
6:30pm	Counting Cars
7:00pm	Counting Cars
7:20pm	Hat-Trick Heroes
7:45pm	Snooker
12:00am	Source Code
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Source Code
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
1:45pm	The Blue Max
4:30pm	True Lies
7:00pm	Broken Arrow
9:00pm	The Italian Job
10:55pm	Bad Boys
1:05am	Bad Boys II

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:40am	Bicentennial Man
7:55am	Click
9:50am	Liar Liar
11:25am	Bridesmaids
1:35pm	Get Him to the Greek
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	Brüno

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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

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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

Travel



BEACH LIFE: An aerial view of San Cristobal beach in Almuñecar.

Go tropical at the beach

THE village of Almuñecar on the Costa Tropical is often bypassed in favour of its popular coastal neighbour Nerja, but this picturesque fishing hotspot should by no means be overlooked if you happen to be in the area.

While the stunning beaches are a major draw, there is much more on offer in this little-known town to explore.

Many people aren't aware that the English writer Laurie Lee was well acquainted with Almuñecar; in fact he was staying in the town when the Spanish Civil War broke out in 1936 and it was even the subject of the final chapter of 'As I Walked Out One Midsummer's Morning.'

As a result, a statue paying homage to the writer

was unveiled in 1988, which sits at the end of a row of beach bars on the Paseo del Altillio and is worth a visit.

The old town is a quaint jumble of whitewashed houses and winding lanes, which are lavishly decorated with jasmine and geraniums. It may be a steep climb to get to the top, but the views over the bay are definitely worth it.

The impressive San Miguel Castle dates from the town's Moorish period and is more than 600 years old. It was used as a cemetery for over 130 years before restorative work on the castle began in 1986 and it is now home to an informative archaeological museum packed with historical artefacts.

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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 <i>Richard Skinner and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme.</i>
1:00am	Top of the Pops
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
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

itv

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!

itv2

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

itv3

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

itv4

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

sky CINEMA HEROES

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 <i>Sky Movies takes a special look at Marvel's superhero adventure.</i>
12:30pm	Special
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

TECH FOR THE TIMID



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

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

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

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

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

The face that launched a thousand pix?

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

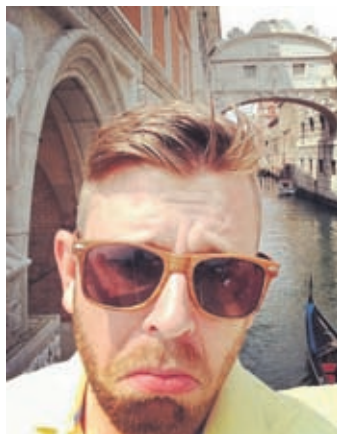
geriatric fruit-fly's, a program which is now long-gone to the great Recycle Bin.

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

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

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

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



PHOTOGRAPHY: Point, shoot, save and save.

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

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

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

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

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

Photo-finish

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

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

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

itv

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

sky CINEMA HEROES

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
9:00pm	Death Race
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
D'Movie	
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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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
12:00am 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

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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
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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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12:00am The Big Bang Theory

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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
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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

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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
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1:45pm Coronation Street
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11:00pm The Widower
12:00am The Guilty

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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
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.

sky CINEMA HEROES

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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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
5:50pm Mune: Guardian of the Moon
7:20pm Honey 3: Dare to Dance
9:00pm Baywatch
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

sky sports football

9:30am Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:15am Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am La Liga Greatest Games
11:05am La Liga 2017/18
5:15pm La Liga Icons
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 Soccer A.M.
8:00pm 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

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We are all jet setters now

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



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

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

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



HEIGHT OF LUXURY:
The Dream Jet offers seven-star service.

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

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

Even if you own your own aircraft there are

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

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

Now your choices narrow.

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

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

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



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7:00am Breakfast
10:15am Winter Olympics
2:00pm BBC News
2:30pm Regional News
All the latest local 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
All the latest local news.
8:00pm The One Show
8:30pm EastEnders
9:00pm Holby City
10:00pm Shetland
11:00pm BBC News
11:30pm Regional News
11:40pm Weather
11:45pm Sex, Drugs and Murder: A Year in the Red Light Zone
12:35am Info not available
1:05am Winter Olympics
4:00am Winter Olympics

BBC TWO

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 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.
9:00pm Winter Olympics
10:00pm The British Garden: Life and Death on Your Lawn
11:30pm Tornado - the 100mph Steam Engine
12:00am Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth
1:00am Love is All: 100 Years of Love and Courtship: Storyville
2:15am Top of the Pops: 1981
2:50am Re-Meet the Ancestors
3:55am Tornado - the 100mph Steam Engine

CHANNEL 4

7:00am Countdown
7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am 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 Joe Wicks: The Body Coach
10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E
11:00pm The Sex Robots are Coming
12:05am Before We Die
1:15am My Millionaire Migrant Boss

CHANNEL 5

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
3:15pm NCIS
4:15pm Fatal Fiancé
6:00pm 5 News
6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm 5 News
8:00pm Secrets of the National Trust
8:55pm 5select Exclusive Preview
9:00pm Cruise Ship, War Ship, Money Pit
10:00pm Elizabeth: Our Queen
11:00pm Ben Fogle: Return to the Wild
12:05am Paddington Station 24/7
1:05am Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys
2:00am Super Casino
4:10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

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7:00am Hollyoaks
7:30am Hollyoaks
8:00am Coach Trip
8:30am How I Met Your Mother
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8:00pm Hollyoaks
8:30pm Coach Trip
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm Tattoo Fixers
12:00am The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

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

itv2

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

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 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
4:45pm 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

itv4

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am Texas Blood
8:35am Honey 3: Dare to Dance
10:20am Mune: Guardian of the Moon
11:55am Baywatch
2:05pm Mean Dreams
4:05pm It Had to be You
5:35pm Honey 3: Dare to Dance
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
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5:00pm Scottish Cup
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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 Revista de la Liga
7:30pm La Liga Icons
8:00pm Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
8:30pm Info not available
11:00pm Revista de la Liga
11:30pm La Liga World
12:00am La Liga Icons
12:15am La Liga Icons



TV COUCH CRITIC

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

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

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

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

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



Photo credit BBC

INSIDE NO 9: Dark but hilarious.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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BBC one

4:00am	Winter Olympics
7:00am	Breakfast <i>The latest news, sport, business and weather from the BBC's Breakfast team.</i>
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 <i>The latest news, sport, business and weather from the BBC's Breakfast team.</i>
8:30pm	Secret Knowledge <i>Lucy Worsley tells the story of Bolsover Castle in Derbyshire.</i>
9:00pm	Winter Olympics Extra.
10:00pm	Queen Victoria's Children
11:00pm	The Birth of Empire: The East India Company <i>Dan Snow traces the rise and fall of the East India Company.</i>
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 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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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

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Total Goals
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals <i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
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 <i>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.</i>
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News

itv

4:50am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tippling Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	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

itv2

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

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Sporting Funnies
7:10am	The Chase
7:55am	Pawn Stars
8:20am	Pawn Stars
8:40am	Ironsides
9:40am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:50am	The Sweeney
12:55pm	The Professionals
1:55pm	Ironsides
3:00pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:00pm	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
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

sky CINEMA HEROES

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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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 <i>Drama about an old-fashioned Texas cowboy and former sheriff battling to keep possession of his treasured family ranch.</i>
7:00am	Mean Dreams <i>Teenagers Sophie Nelisse and Josh Wiggins discover love while on the run, but her corrupt and abusive cop dad isn't far behind.</i>
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
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3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
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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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bile phone on which he was writing a message whilst riding no hands!! This must surely be No 1 in crass idiocy!!!

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

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

Barry Weston, Los Dolses

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

Margaret Stevenson, Costa del Sol

Hear Hear

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

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

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

Wendy Wolstenholme, La Cala de Mijas

Snail mail

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

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

I know of no place to make an official complaint.

Ronaldo Hayward, Torreveja

Clean up

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

John Hopes, UK

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Teen dies while playing football

Teen dies while playing football

My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family...so sad... RIP Nacho Polly Anna So sad and so young RIP Eileen Toyne How dreadful, condolences to family n friends

Susan Poole

Thousands of police protest over wages

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

John Morris

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

Tim Northern

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

Roy Hadley

Calls for limited alcohol in all-inclusives

Considering that all inclusive is killing bars and

Comments from EWN online

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

Michael Hannis

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

June Waterhouse

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

Ricky Stewart

New pet protection laws

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

Ming Louie Stein

Wish they'd tackle bullfighting as well!

Michelle Johnstone

Petition to reverse ban on walk-on girls

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

Susan Roberts

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

Vicki Anderson

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

Matt Coy

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

Peter Maden

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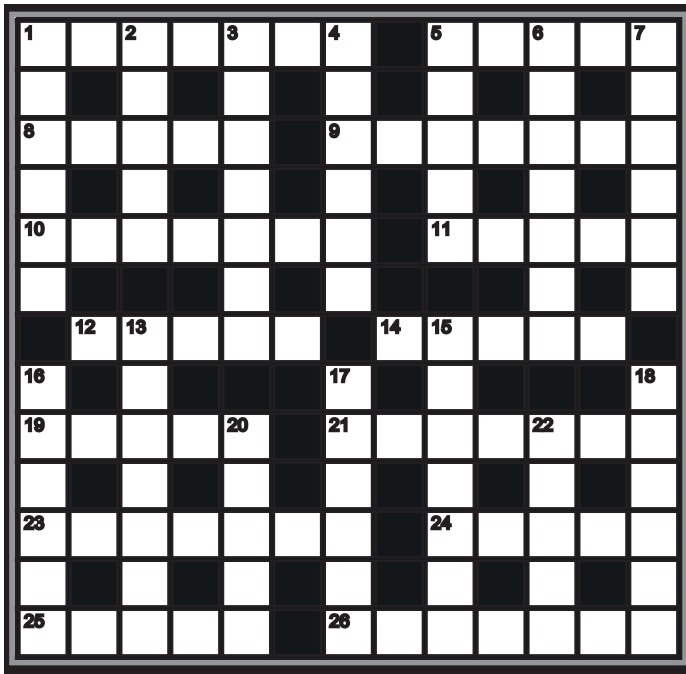
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Across

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- 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)

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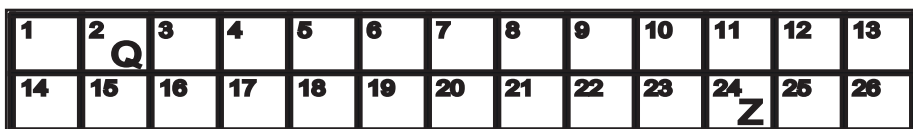
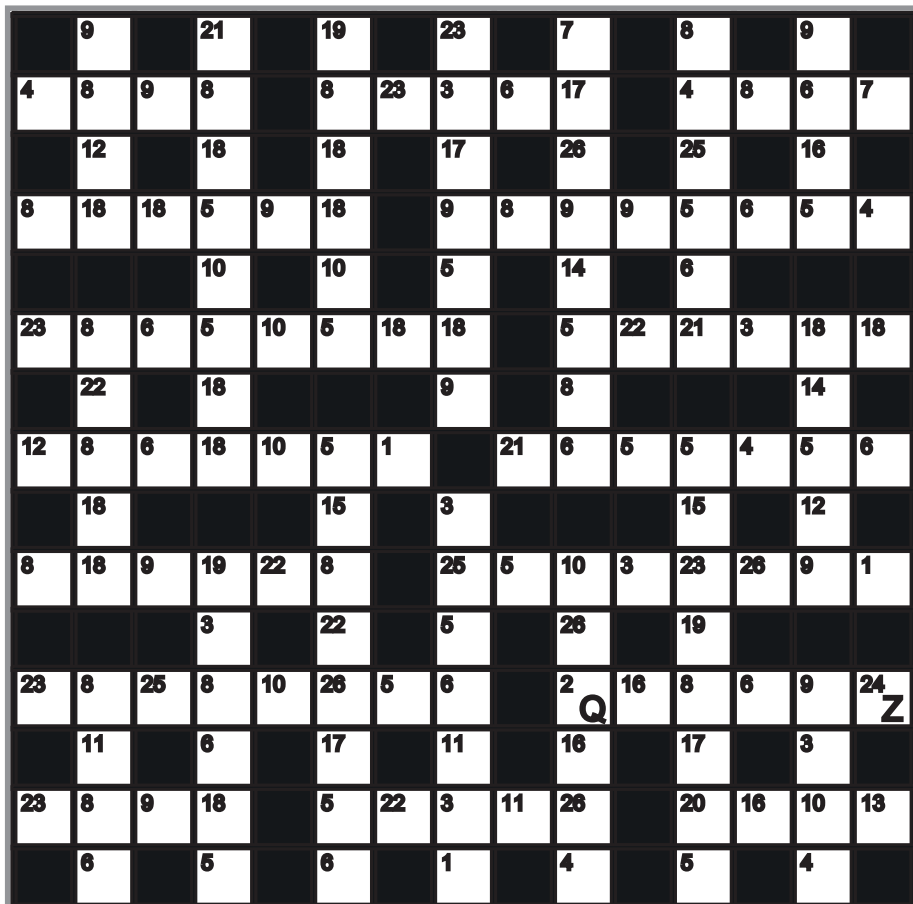
- 1 How chess game ends for prisoner (6)
- 2 Be all upset for a girl (5)
- 3 A long time after 007's detention (7)
- 4 It's easy keeping theologian in unemployment benefit (6)
- 5 Proposed food is injected with nitrogen (5)
- 6 Mischievous child learning to beg (7)



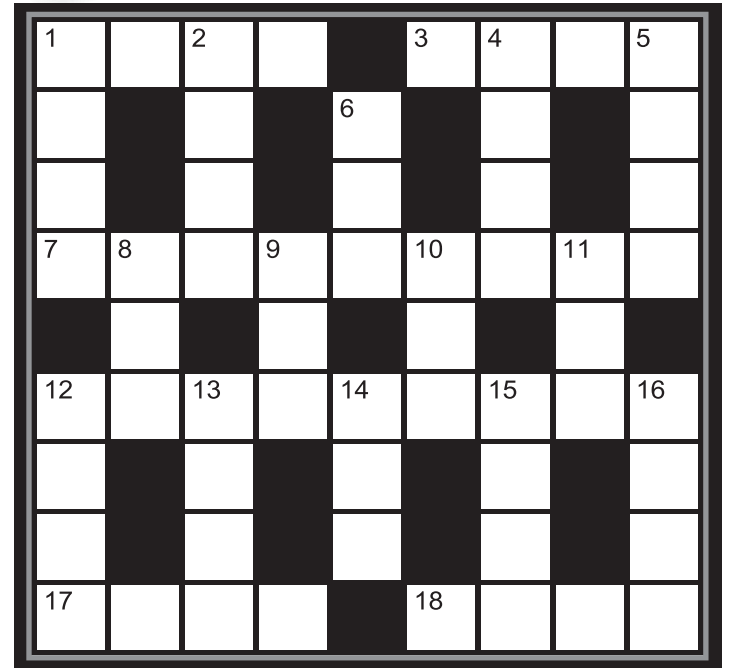
- 7 Light material can turn red (6)
- 13 Model soft angora dress (7)
- 15 Stops a Republican's lies (7)
- 16 Part of London damaged in gale (6)
- 17 Peel back as before, when not awake (6)
- 18 Doesn't give one's all in periods of work (6)
- 20 Puts down some runners' lap sessions (5)
- 22 Sea-air adds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

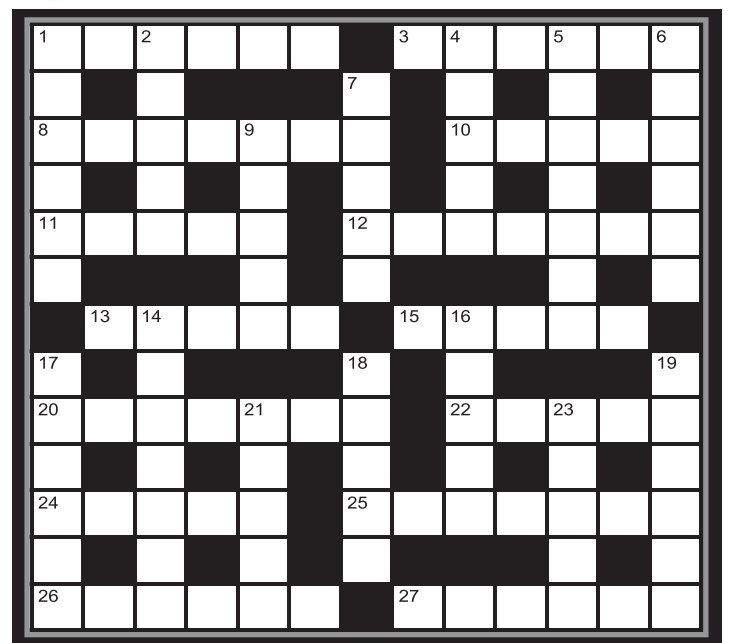
- 1 Spanish sparkling white wine (4)
- 2 Lowest female singing voice (4)
- 4 Cancel or annul (4)

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

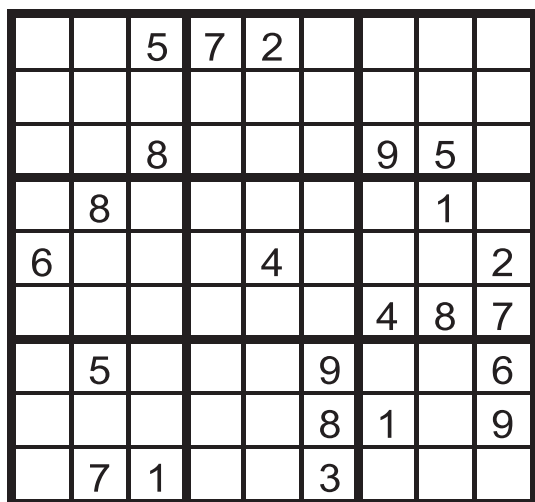
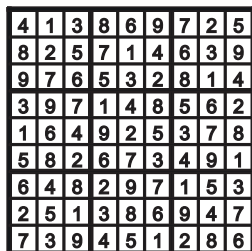
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Sudoku

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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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!?

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

Answers:

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

Advertising Feature

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

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

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

As we well know, reduced or de-

Why should the failure of Carillion affect me?

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

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

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



COLLAPSE OF CARILLION: Warning signs were there.

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

ready involved in.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enjoy your drink!

For more information, visit www.lplgroup.com or speak with the head of Spanish operations, Greg Bryan, who is based in Spain and can be contacted on +34 689 408 412. Tel: UK +44 (0) 208 551 4019.

Barcelona by train

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IT is hard to imagine a livelier, more vibrant city than Barcelona. There are so many places to visit in this marvellous city that it is difficult to know just where to start.

Perhaps a good place would be Plaza Catalonia. A delightful fountain-filled square situated in the very centre of the city and surrounded by impressively ornate buildings. From here you are literally seconds away from the most famous street in Spain - La Rambla.

You could almost spend a full day in this street alone, being entertained by buskers, street artists, flower stalls, pet stalls and much more. Acts range from the utterly spectacular to the absolute zany, but all great fun. After an exhilarating stroll down La Rambla, you come to the port area. Developed into a huge water sports and activities centre to host the 1992 Olympics, this is a great place to relax and people watch.

Overhead the famous Barcelona cable car system carries excited tourists across the skies, from the heights of Montjuic (Mountain of the Jews) down to the port area. Close to the cable car station, you can visit the Olympic stadium complex which was built for track and field events. Below this in Poble Espanyol (Spanish

village) you can wander through streets and past buildings which are built in the image of some of Spain's most famous places from other cities. The gates of Avila, Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and many more famous buildings of Spain are replicated here.

Beside this is the former Palace, which is now the museum of Catalonian art and in front of this are the famous illuminated dancing fountains of Barcelona. In other parts of the city you can visit the famous buildings designed by Antonio Gaudi. These include the spectacular houses of Batllo and La Pedrera which are found in the Gracia area. Then there is the fantasyland, Park de Guell, and his best known work, the unfinished Cathedral, Sagrada Familia.

In the Gothic district area you find the original cathedral of Barcelona. This is surrounded by lots of narrow cobbled streets which are often inhabited by up-market buskers. It is here that many of Barcelona's music students supplement their income, delighting passers-by with beautiful renderings of classical music on violin, cello and other such instruments.

An impressive open plan zoo with hardly a fence in sight opens out on to a lovely park,



LA RAMBLA: Strolling along.

Park de Ciutadella. An old palace - Pedralbes - sits next to two football stadiums, Espanyol and the more famous Barcelona. Their stadium, known as Camp Nou, has a seating capacity of 100,000 people and simply has to be the most impressive stadium in all of Europe.

If space permitted, there is so much more to tell you about this fabulous city. But really, you need to experience it for yourself.

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BEAUTIFUL: The Sagrada Familia.

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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the risk of diseases such as colorectal cancer, haemorrhoids and constipation and keeps the bowels functioning at a healthy rate.

It's easier to improve your fibre intake than you might realise. A new study by Kings College London has shown that just eating 80g of prunes daily can increase fibre intake by up to 29 per cent, which could significantly improve bowel function.

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

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

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

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Food poisoning vs stomach flu

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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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MEDITATION

Somewhere along our lives we have lost ourselves. It is very important for all of us to inner connect to our real personality to identify what our needs, passion, hobbies, likes, dislikes really are. Many people are in the wrong professions and are not happy. Work should be a passion and not a struggle. I teach meditation one to one or to a group of people. We make wrong choices that cause us heartache, pain, illness, sadness, the list can go on. Start by being more positive about everything around us. Meditation helps us to think and see everything differently and clearly. I am nothing but Energy (Atoms). Everything and everyone is connected. The whole universe is Energy and only Spiritual Energy.

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Stay clean

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 impor-



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GOOD STUFF: How clean is your plate?

tant to make sure your diet is rich with all the essential nutrients your 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 positive 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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With its homely feel and large glass patio doors leading to a spacious terrace, even in the coldest weather you can enjoy the feeling of space and comfort.

There is a regular three-course meal which includes a glass of wine for just

€15.95 in the restaurant although there is also a good sized a la carte menu and special arrangements can be made for celebrations and party groups.

Belgian hospitality is renowned which is why so many people, not just Belgians have made this a regular spot for a drink, an evening meal or a very reasonable Menu del Dia at lunch time as well as a variety of reasonably priced tapas dishes in the bar.

Naturally, there is a wide range of some of the best Belgian beers although there are plenty of other drinks to choose from.

Most weeks see special food offers and Friday night often sees live music so it is advisable to call to confirm what the entertainment is and to make a reservation.

The Bonanza Bar is open every Tuesday to Sunday from 12pm to 3.30pm and then again from 6pm until late whilst the restaurant opens Tuesday to Sunday from 7pm with a special Sunday menu.

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Marathon month planned

ORIHUELA boasts a full schedule of social events this coming month.

On Sunday, the area will host a half marathon. The event takes place from 10.30am at Glorieta Gabriel and is sure to be an enthralling watch for all the family.

At the same time, the city's '30th 8km Gran Premio Caja Rural Centre' will also take place.

Runners will take to the streets cheered on by fans from the community, on what is expected to be a cold day. A slick promotional video has been released online to support the event.

Earlier this week, a concert featuring 'ancient music' took place at Episcopal Palace Museum of Orihuela's Sacred Art.

Meanwhile, Friday will see 'a spectacle of bubbles for all the family' charm the Theatre Circus of Orihuela. Tickets cost €10 for the 7pm event, and more information can be found by ringing 966 740 104 or 966 744 657.

The following day, the same theatre hosts a screening of a cartoon film at 7pm. Tadeo Jones 2, The Secret of the King Midas is free for public viewing.

Perhaps the biggest event, however,



ROCKING: There is a lot going on around Orihuela.

is the Carnival Party earlier that day.

From 1pm on Saturday, the Civic of the Orihuela Costa is hosting the lively party.

Members get in for €6 and non-members for €7. Drinks are not included but there is pork loin stew with

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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.'

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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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A TRIBUTE act to Michael Jackson is set to arrive in Alicante next week, Spanish media say.

'I want you back' take to the stage in Teatro Principal in Alicante tonight (Thursday) and will remain on tour until February 11, according to reports.

After playing a gig in Madrid, the act will come to Alicante for a two-hour gig.

A dance corps led by a Jacko impersonator also feature in the show.

The performance begins with a life-size statue of the late American singer coming on stage, before his hits are played.

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.

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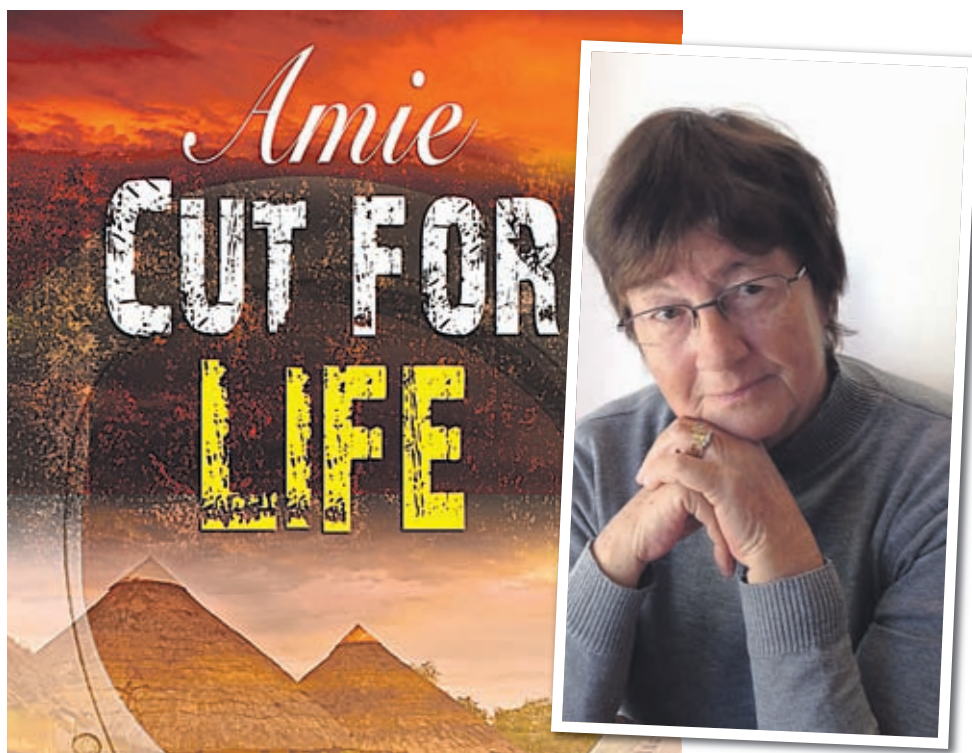
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THOUGHTFUL: Clarke has had an adventure-filled life. (LEFT) The latest book explores FGM.

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."

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Views of a **Grumpy Old Man**

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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.

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Overtaking and speed limits

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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.

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ST (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

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Spain beats UK on property investment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

growing and confidence is high."

There is no doubt that its economic

growth is powering positive momentum across sectors, with residential

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

said Zamora.

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

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

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

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

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

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



AIMING HIGH: Spain is increasingly attractive for international investors.

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gion 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 villages 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 picture-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.



HOLLYWOOD TO HOTELS: Robert de Niro and (inset) the new Marbella venture.

Spa aficionados are sure to love the soothing and

tranquil space of the Six Senses Spa that 'combines

the very essence of their philosophy with local Spanish charm and influence.'

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

Nobu Hotels attract a sophisticated clientele and are a magnet for A-listers, including models, celebrities, musicians, politicians and business leaders.

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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 grown in containers with a good soil mix and it takes up very little space. One good bulb can give you around 20 cloves that can be planted just eight centimetres apart in all directions.

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

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

Plant the biggest cloves in a

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

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

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 bal-

ance of nutrients and sun as to whether they will have the same size cloves in the new bulb when they mature.

They are ready to harvest when the leaves start to naturally die down, usually from sum-

mer to autumn. Maturity depends on the timing of planting, which can be from autumn to early spring in the Mediterranean climate. Planting in autumn and spring can give an extended harvest season.



GARLIC: Easy to grow at home.

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David retires from Talk Radio Europe

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

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

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

To my team I would like to extend a very big thank you to



DAVID THE DOGMAN: Looking forward to retirement.

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

Susan who has always been with me at the studio.

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

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

Tributes pour in

Dear David,

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

Dear David,

Enjoy your time retired with dear Susan.

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

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

Brotherly love, *Dave*

Dear David,

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

Warmest wishes, *Sheila and Alan Skinner, Parcent*

Dear David,

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

Big hug, *Andrew*

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

With very best wishes.

Fitz and Alice, Cosford Dog Training

Dear David,

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

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

With very best wishes for a happy retirement.

Angela Webb

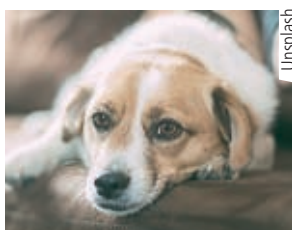
Lazy dog days are over...

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 re-



SLUMPED: Get your dog off the sofa this winter.

vealed 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.

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 a n y -

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.

Thanks David!



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Cashqai: 3 million UK sales gives Nissan further boost



MAKING WAVES:
The Qashqai's success has been remarkable.

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 vehi-

cles 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."

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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-

“The vehicle has been dubbed 'the world's first flying car.'”

mile range.

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

Aside from the price of fuel, punters will have to stump up some \$399,000

(currently around €320,000) to buy one of the forthcoming regular liberty sport models.

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

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

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

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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 honoured even at in the Derbi Barceloni as Espanyol 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, Arbillana and an Orellana double saw Eibar move to within a point of their opponents in the table.



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

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.



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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

by Harrison Jones

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 respectable 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 Roberta 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 in disap-

pointing fashion. 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 including 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 which drew praise from across the sport.

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. The only way is up for 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 marvellous 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.

Daniilo 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.

GERARD DEULOFEU:
Caused Chelsea
havoc in 4-1 win.

Photo by : gerarddeulofeu/Twitter





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

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TO READ MORE

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

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

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

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

Fast and Fer-ious

Alonso confirmed for Le Mans

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

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

Speaking after the announcement, Alonso said: "We tried for Indy last year, came close, but just missed out. This year, I have the chance, thanks to McLaren, to race for the win at Le Mans.

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

Alonso will miss October's WEC round in Japan as it clashes with the US Grand Prix which begins with the



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

Spa Six Hours on May 5.

The Japanese WEC race is reportedly the only one that will clash with a Grand Prix

during the 2018 season, while the 2019 F1 calendar is yet to be released but no clashes are expected.

McLaren executive director Zak Brown said: "It's no secret that Fernando has wanted to contest the Le Mans 24

Hours. I think everybody within our organisation appreciates that a motivated, hungry and happy world-class driver such as Fernando is a formidable asset for any team in F1.

"Last year, we came to the joint decision to go racing with Fernando at the Indy 500 rather than at the Monaco Grand Prix. But we've always said that we would consider each opportunity on a case-by-case basis, and we both know that, in 2018, our core priority is success in Formula 1.

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

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